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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- Fire investigators and gas company officials went door to door to check on gas lines in Fairport Harbor, Ohio, January 25 after a gas leak led to fires that destroyed 10 buildings, including an apartment complex. (See item [3](#))
- Authorities warned about 2,000 Madison Township, Ohio, residents to stay inside because of potentially hazardous fumes from a chemical warehouse fire January 25. (See item [6](#))

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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 25, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **3 caught stealing copper from coal mine.** Authorities in the Hazard, Kentucky, coalfields have arrested three suspects in the theft of copper from an underground mine. WYMT-TV in Hazard reported the arrests of the three men. Police said the three were caught trying to steal 450 feet of copper cable, valued at \$10,000, from Alden Resource Mine No. 3 in Knox County. The mining company president said officials knew the theft discovered January 21 involved someone familiar with the mine because the thieves traveled about 2,000 feet

into the mine to steal the copper. The president told the TV station that one of the thieves worked at the mine for a month about a year ago. The suspects are charged with theft over \$10,000 and criminal mischief.

Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/2011/01/25/1610410/3-caught-stealing-copper-from.html>

2. *January 25, Rome News Tribune* – (Georgia) **2 arrested after Kingston Hwy propane leak, evacuation.** Two men believed to have caused a propane leak on Kingston Highway in Floyd County, Georgia, that caused 200 people to be evacuated from their homes were arrested January 24, police said. According to a captain with the Floyd County Police Department: The first man, identified as the owner of the business, and his accomplice were charged with reckless conduct. The first man was using a forklift to try to load the 1,000-gallon propane tank onto a truck, driven by the second man. The men had been told by a local gas company earlier in the day not to move the tank. The two men remained in jail late January 24. Officials from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division were expected to be on the scene January 25 to investigate. Meanwhile, all residents were allowed back into their homes shortly after 11 p.m. January 24.

Source: http://romenews-tribune.com/view/full_story/11114516/article-Propane-tank-leak-prompts-evacuation?instance=home_news_lead_story

3. *January 25, Willoughby News-Herald* – (Ohio) **Investigators going door to door in Fairport Harbor checking gas lines.** Officials from the state fire marshal's office were on scene in Fairport Harbor, Ohio, January 25 as fire officials continued to investigate a high pressured gas leak that led to nearly the whole village being evacuated. The Fairport Harbor Fire Investigative Unit worked January 25 with the state fire marshal's office, and employees from Dominion East Ohio Gas Company will continue to go door to door with a locksmith to check on people's gas lines, an official from the fire department said. The gas leak resulted in 25 fire departments from all over Ohio responding to multiple structure fires and odor investigations. No one was injured and officials have still not yet released any sort of damage amount, although it's expected to be significant. Ten buildings — eight homes, one garage and one apartment complex — were rendered uninhabitable. A Public Utilities Commission of Ohio spokesman said a pressure regulator failed to open due to ice forming in a sensor line. "This resulted in the over-pressurization of the residential gas lines, leading to the subsequent fires," he said. "We have three inspectors on the scene today, two in the field and one in the lab where they are taking apart the equipment in question."

Source: <http://news-herald.com/articles/2011/01/25/news/doc4d3ef352508d1624006267.txt>

4. *January 24, KREM 2 Spokane* – (Washington) **Fourth suspicious package found in Spokane within a week is harmless.** Police investigating a suspicious package left at a Spokane, Washington, gas station determined it was harmless. Officers blocked off part of Highway 2 January 23 while they investigated the backpack left at a Chevron station near Holland. The highway was shut down for about an hour while crews set up a command center nearby. After careful inspection, police said there was nothing

dangerous in the backpack. The backpack was the fourth suspicious package reported in Spokane within the last week. On January 21, a suspicious device was reported near Sprague and Washington. It turned out to be a false alarm. Authorities said it was a tall metal coffee mug. A suitcase was spotted January 19 in downtown Spokane. It was full of women's clothing. But January 17, a backpack with wires poking out of it was found along the Martin Luther King Jr. parade route. That bag did in fact contain a bomb. The FBI is investigating that device.

Source:

<http://www.nwcn.com/home/?fId=114470734&fPath=/news/local&fDomain=10222>

5. *January 22, Florida Today* – (Florida) **Dental records to ID 2 killed in fiery crash.** A traffic collision and the resulting explosion of a 2,000-gallon fuel tanker killed two drivers January 21 and caused such severe burns to a Beachline overpass in Brevard County, Florida, that it might be closed for a month and rebuilt. At 3:30 p.m., 30-foot flames curled from the wreck between the tanker and a pickup on State Road 528 above North Courtenay Parkway. An hour-long barrage of heat seared concrete off beams supporting the eastbound side of the overpass, exposing and charring the rebar that bolsters them. A Florida Department of Transportation spokesman said state engineers planned to work the weekend of January 22 and 23 to determine what repairs would be necessary. The around-the-clock project is anticipated to take 30 to 35 days, with the overpass closed throughout that period. It is an undertaking of a magnitude that the state hasn't seen in years. Money for it will be drawn from an emergency fund. "The bridge is badly damaged," a Florida Highway Patrol sergeant said. "Whenever a structure is burned like that, it could be compromised. Nobody will be allowed to travel under the bridge. We just want to make sure it is safe for drivers to be on it and under it."

Source:

<http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20110122/NEWS01/101220317/1006/Dental+records+to+ID+2+killed+in+fiery+crash>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *January 25, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Warehouse fire prompts stay-inside warning in Ohio.** Authorities have warned about 2,000 southwest Ohio residents to stay inside because of potentially hazardous fumes from a warehouse fire. A spokesman for the Butler County Emergency Management Agency said several toxic chemicals were inside the Marflex Building Solutions warehouse. The fire broke out around 1:30 a.m. January 25. A dispatcher told the Cincinnati Enquirer no injuries were reported. Fire officials are letting the fire burn itself out. The Madison Township fire chief said dousing it with water could spread toxins into the ground. He said residents could leave for work, but school buses have been kept out of the area. The Marflex Web site said the company makes foundation waterproofing and concrete building products.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/01/25/AR2011012501535.html)

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7. *January 24, Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* – (Virginia) **None hurt, minimal damage at Suffolk chemical plant fire.** No one was injured January 24 in a fire in the Acrylamide processing plant at BASF, the chemical company, in Suffolk, Virginia. The Suffolk Department of Fire & Rescue responded to the fire just before 11 a.m. The fire started in a thermal oxidizer pollution-control device when the temperature rose, triggering an alarm. The plant's personnel evacuated, and the BASF Emergency Response Team responded immediately. The situation was brought under control shortly before 1 p.m., and damage was minimal.

Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2011/01/none-hurt-minimal-damage-suffolk-chemical-plant-fire>

8. *January 24, KIMT 3 Mason City* – (Iowa) **Chemical spill near Manly.** Emergency crews, including a haz-mat team, responded to a chemical spill near Manly, Iowa, January 24. The Worth County sheriff said they learned a train car was spilling sulfuric acid around 11 a.m. He said a small amount of the chemical ended up on the ground.

Source: <http://www.kimt.com/content/localnews/story/Chemical-Spill-Near-Manly/NCTNxzWM7ESYE7h9HAyy7g.csp>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

9. *January 24, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Nuclear plant in Mich. shuts down from full power.** Entergy Corp. said its nuclear power plant in southwestern Michigan was automatically shut down from full power over the weekend of January 22 and 23, and a faulty cable that supplies a transformer was found. The New Orleans-based power generator said the Palisades Nuclear Plant in Van Buren County's Covert Township was being returned to service January 24. Tests over the weekend found the faulty cable. The company said the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and state and local authorities were notified.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-01-24/nuclear-plant-in-mich-shuts-down-from-full-power.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *January 25, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan; Ohio) **Ford truck plant to shut for week.** A 1-week shutdown at Ford's truck plant in Dearborn, Michigan, is a symptom of a broader issue facing parts suppliers who are struggling to keep up with increased production demands as the auto industry recovers, Ford and industry sources said. The 3,000 hourly and salaried workers at Ford's Dearborn plant will be off the week of January 24 because of a parts shortage affecting engine production for Ford's F-Series pickups at the company's engine plant in Brook Park, Ohio. Although the Brook Park plant is not shut the week of January 24, the president of UAW Local 1250 that represents the engine plant workers said there have been sporadic 1-day shutdowns

because of parts shortages from a handful of suppliers. The Brook Park plant makes a 3.7-liter V6 engine and a 3.5-liter turbocharged EcoBoost engine for Ford's pickups. Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20110125/BUSINESS01/101250327/1204/Ford-truck-plant-to-shut-for-week>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. *January 25, CNN* – (National) **Engineer gets 32 years in jail for selling defense designs to China.** A former B-2 Bomber engineer has been sentenced to 32 years in prison for selling secret defense designs to China. The 66-year-old of Maui, Hawaii, was sentenced January 24 for sharing classified defense information with China, illegally exporting military technical data, money laundering, filing false tax returns, and other offenses. He worked as an engineer with Northrop Grumman Corporation for about 17 years. There he helped develop features for the B-2 Spirit Bomber. Between July 2003 and June 2005, the man made six trips to China to provide design, data analysis, and test support services needed to develop a stealthy exhaust nozzle for a cruise missile system. Prosecutors said he pocketed at least \$110,000 from China. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/01/25/hawaii.spy.sentenced/>
12. *January 24, Wired* – (National) **Air Force's 'all-seeing eye' flops vision test.** In a draft report dated December 30 and obtained by a rogue military analyst, the 53rd Wing at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida declared Gorgon Stare — the U.S. military's new "all-seeing" camera system for aerial drones — "not operationally effective" and "not operationally suitable." Alleged problems include poor-quality video, glitches in the process for downloading video streams, and a small problem of the drone blinding itself with a laser. Source: <http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2011/01/air-forces-all-seeing-eye-flops-vision-test/>
13. *January 24, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Disassembly of nuke parts in progress at Y-12.** Efforts are under way at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to disassemble parts from an unspecified quantity of U.S. B-53 and B-83 nuclear gravity bombs, the Knoxville News Sentinel reported January 24. The site is expected to disassemble the parts from the decades-old bombs it had originally constructed, including the weapons' second stages. Source: http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw_20110124_9176.php

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Banking and Finance Sector

14. *January 25, San Bernardino Press-Enterprise* – (California) **Murrieta men agree to prison in fraud case.** The accused ringleader of a \$142-million mortgage and securities fraud centered in Southwest Riverside County, California, agreed January 24

to spend nearly 20 years in state prison rather than go to trial. The suspect, who prosecutors said masterminded the scheme, and his alleged second in command both agreed in court to negotiated guilty pleas. The two men, both from Murrieta, were arrested with five other defendants more than a year ago for their roles in what authorities described as a series of complex investment scams that enabled the top organizers to live lavishly and defraud hundreds of investors in California and Arizona, pushing 201 Riverside County homes into foreclosure. After a day of negotiations at the Riverside County courthouse in Corona, the Riverside County district attorney's office reached settlements with lawyers for the two men.

Source:

http://www.pe.com/localnews/stories/PE_News_Local_D_stonewood25.113a472.html

15. *January 25, ComputerWorld* – (National) **Govt may soon force banks to impose new online authentication steps.** The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) could soon release new guidelines for banks to use when authenticating users to online banking transactions. The new guidelines will clarify the FFIEC's existing guidelines on the subject and more explicitly inform banks about what they need to do to bolster online authentication, an analyst at Gartner said. The analyst recently met with the FFIEC's IT subcommittee to discuss the updates. The FFIEC is an interagency council that develops standards for the federal auditing of financial institutions by bodies such as the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC). In 2005, it issued a set of guidelines, titled "Authentication in an Internet Banking Environment." They called on banks to upgrade their single-factor authentication processes — typically based on user name and passwords — with a stronger, second form of authentication by the end of 2006. The guidance left it largely up to the banks to choose whatever second form of authentication that they felt was the most appropriate for their needs. The FFIEC listed several available authentication technologies that banks could choose from, including biometrics, one-time passwords and token-based authentication.

Source:

http://www.pcworld.com/article/217637/govt_may_soon_force_banks_to_impose_new_online_authentication_steps.html

16. *January 25, WLEX 18 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Escapee recaptured.** On January 24, the Eastern Kentucky Fugitive Task Force arrested an escapee on Lunenburg Court in Louisville. Authorities said the male had fled a halfway house near Paducah. He was arrested on a Kentucky probation warrant, but is a suspect in numerous bank robberies in Fayette, Jefferson, Kenton, Boone, and Campbell Counties. The male is also a suspect in the recent robbery at the Kroger in Shelby County. Shellyville PD, Taylorsville PD, Boone County SO, Covington PD, Kenton County SO, and Campbell County PD partnered with the FBI and U.S. Marshals to recapture the suspect.

Source: <http://www.lex18.com/news/escapee-recaptured/>

17. *January 25, Softpedia* – (International) **Numerous phishing emails with HTML attachments in circulation.** Security researchers from Websense warn of several new phishing campaigns that instruct recipients to open rogue HTML files attached to the

fake e-mails. Some of them are taking advantage of the U.K. and U.S. tax seasons and spoof the taxation authorities in those countries. A wave of e-mails purporting to come from the HM Revenue & Customs masquerade as tax refund alerts. The e-mails are similar to the common tax return phishing scams, but instead of directing recipients to a malicious page, they instruct them to open the attached HTML form. A separate tax refund phishing campaign spoofs the IRS and tells recipients they are eligible to receive stimulus payments. These fake IRS e-mails also carry a form and instruct people to open it in a JavaScript-enabled browser. Other recent phishing attacks target the customers of several banks and have rogue HTML documents attached to them.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Flurry-of-Form-Based-Phishing-Emails-in-Circulation-180322.shtml>

18. *January 22, Toronto Sun* – (International) **Terror cells suspected in Canada.** A professor said most terrorist activity uncovered in Canada involves raising money there for operations overseas. The professor said in some cases, extremists will infiltrate legitimate charitable groups and skim money from them, then launder the cash through shady overseas banks in places like Cyprus or Russia. If there was one terrorist plying his trade in the city of Edmonton in Alberta, Canada, there are likely more where he came from, the local professor said. “Terrorist cells typically have four to seven people in them,” said the former Mountie who now teaches at Grant MacEwan University. The professor said the Canadian Security Intelligence Service suspects every major city in Canada likely has a couple of cells working for a variety of terrorist causes around the world. After the Royal Canadian Mounted Police arrested a suspect earlier the week of January 17 on suspicion of orchestrating deadly suicide bombings in Iraq in 2009, they were quick to say the accused posed no threat to anyone in Edmonton.

Source: <http://www.torontosun.com/news/canada/2011/01/22/16990841.html>

19. *January 21, USA Today* – (National) **Chase spends \$2M to fix errors on military mortgages.** JPMorgan Chase (JPM) is issuing checks totaling \$2 million to 4,000 U.S. military service members after discovering overcharges and errors in their mortgages. Fourteen service members were improperly forced into foreclosure. Chase has resolved 13 of cases and is working on the remaining one, a Chase spokeswoman said. The errors were made in the loans of service members who requested their rights under the Servicemembers’ Civil Relief Act and came to light after a Marine fighter pilot filed a lawsuit in federal court. The law provides a number of protections to service members, including the right to require a bank to reduce interest rates to 6 percent on loans entered into before active-duty service or mobilization. “We made mistakes, we deeply regret them and are working to fix it in the hopes that this does not happen again,” the Chase spokeswoman said.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/money/economy/housing/2011-01-21-military-mortgage-blunder_N.htm

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Transportation Sector

20. *January 25, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Part of Detroit airport evacuated after box found.** Authorities said part of a terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Michigan was evacuated after a suspicious box was found at an area for loading cargo and luggage onto planes. An airport spokesman said the box was found about 7:15 a.m. January 25, and passengers were removed from part of Concourse B at the McNamara Terminal. The concourse at the airport in Romulus primarily is used by regional aircraft. The spokesman said details about why security officials determined the box to be suspicious were not immediately available.
Source: <http://www.wfrv.com/news/michigan/114562314.html>
21. *January 25, CBS News* – (International) **Alleged U.S. smuggler sold guns to U.K. gangs.** An American man has been arrested after allegedly smuggling more than 80 handguns into Great Britain in his checked baggage on commercial flights, according to a report in the London Times. According to U.S. court documents obtained by the Times, a former U.S. Marine who holds U.K. citizenship, was confronted May 3, 2010 by Transportation Security Administration agents at Raleigh-Durham Airport in North Carolina after scanners revealed “multiple firearms” in his checked bags. The newspaper said the guns had been disassembled and were packed among other items of luggage. The man allegedly smooth-talked his way past the TSA agents, telling them he was a legitimate arms dealer returning from the Raleigh Gun Show and that the weapons in his bags were “engineering samples,” not functional firearms. They were apparently satisfied with his response and let him board the short flight to Atlanta, Georgia, from where he continued on to Manchester in northwest England.
Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-503543_162-20029425-503543.html
22. *January 25, Associated Press* – (International) **Explosion on Philippine bus kills 4, wounds 14.** A powerful blast from a suspected bomb ripped through a bus in the financial district of Manila, Philippines, January 25, tearing a huge hole in the vehicle and spraying shrapnel at the passengers. Four people were killed and 14 wounded. The force of the explosion, believed to have come from a remotely detonated mortar round, also punched fist-size holes in a concrete wall of a nearby upscale compound in Makati City, officials said. The Philippine president and other officials have not named any specific suspects but suggested they included al-Qaida-linked militants, who have been blamed in past attacks on passenger buses.
Source:
<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iOX3m3niQ4t2q67nKCf4pVxz mVIg?docId=c9cd62db781b4827bebeb2dc10468bf3>
23. *January 25, Joliet Herald-News* – (Illinois) **Haz-Mat crews clean up after trucks, train collide.** A semi-truck was hit by a train after colliding with another semi January 24 on Route 53 in Elwood, Illinois. No injuries were reported. A state police master sergeant said the incident occurred at 10:51 a.m. as a southbound semi with an oversized load from a “permit move” prepared to turn right onto Explosive Road. “The truck had been in the right lane and entered into the left lane to make the wide turn,” the police master sergeant said. “(Another) approaching truck changed lanes and struck the truck preparing to turn” Neither driver was injured, and both were able to get out of

their trucks, but part of the truck that had changed lanes extended over the adjacent Union Pacific railroad tracks. “A couple of minutes later, it was struck by an Amtrak train,” the master sergeant said. “The train did not derail but came to a controlled stop.” No injuries were reported on the train. Leaking fuel required a hazardous materials team to clean up the scene. The railroad tracks were reopened at 12:50 p.m.
Source: <http://heraldnews.suntimes.com/news/3468848-418/story.html>

24. *January 24, Wenatchee World* – (Washington) **Amtrak train delayed by engine fire.** An Amtrak passenger train was delayed for about 2 hours January 22 after the train’s locomotive caught fire near Rock Island Dam near Wenatchee, Washington. The Empire Builder had just left Wenatchee for Spokane when the engineer saw the fire in the locomotive, and stopped the train at about 9:10 p.m., the assistant fire chief for Douglas County Fire Department 2 said. He said the fire was out and all passengers had evacuated by the time firefighters arrived. The assistant fire chief said the fire did not spread to any other cars. He said the train had two locomotives, so it was able to continue on.
Source: <http://www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/2011/jan/24/amtrak-train-delayed-by-engine-fire/>
25. *January 24, Government Computer News* – (International) **FAA issues aircraft GPS disruption advisory because of DOD testing.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has issued a warning to pilots to expect unreliable performance from Global Positioning System (GPS) instruments in the Southeast and Southwest United States, resulting from tests being done by the Defense Department. The Register, a news outlet in the United Kingdom, reported the Notice To Airmen (NOTAM) advisories about the impending tests. The Southeast will have two series of tests, the first from January 20 to February 11, and another round from February 15 to 22. Pilots are being told that GPS may be unreliable or unavailable during the testing periods. “Several test events will be conducted and will be active for 45 minutes, followed by 15 minutes of off time,” the FAA NOTAM states. “These tests may not be concurrent so pilots are advised to check NOTAMs frequently for possible changes prior to operating in the area.” The test is based off the coast of Georgia, centered at coordinates N304906 by W0802811 and has a radius of 370 nautical miles. A spokesperson at the FAA said there will be “no impact to ground vehicle GPS.” That means that smart phones, automobile guidance systems and other civilian GPS functions will not be affected by the tests.
Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2011/01/24/faa-gps-aircraft-warning-dod-testing>
26. *January 21, Homeland Security Today* – (National) **Coast Guard safety plan lacks performance info, measurable goals: IG.** The U.S. Coast Guard has produced a good plan to guide its maritime safety efforts but it further should incorporate data for measuring its effectiveness and detail resources required by the plan, the Inspector General (IG) of the Department of Homeland Security said in a recent report. The Coast Guard developed its Marine Safety Performance Plan for fiscal years 2009-2014 in response to concerns from the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee that the agency had not identified the people and expertise it would require

to safeguard the maritime industry, recounted the IG report, Revisions to the Marine Safety Performance Plan and Annual Update Supplement Will Facilitate Improved Management. While the plan contains many good elements, it does not sufficiently describe some key factors, the IG said. Specifically, it does not spell out “baseline information against which to measure performance indicators, performance targets and milestones to show progress and completion dates for action items, resources needed, and measurable goals and objectives,” the report concluded.

Source: <http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/today-s-news-analysis/single-article/coast-guard-safety-plan-lacks-performance-info-measurable-goals-ig/ff843cebf63551d3f2bd29c6dd261379.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

27. *January 24, Ohio State University Lantern* – (Ohio) **‘Poof!’ Powder scare vanishes.** A report of a white substance found inside the Ohio State University (OSU) Physics Research Building was a false alarm, Columbus Division of Fire officials said shortly after noon January 24. The Columbus Fire Hazardous Materials Response Unit, Columbus Fire Department trucks and OSU Campus Environmental Health and Safety response team were on the scene shortly before noon to investigate. “Basically it just was a concern,” a haz-mat captain said. “It’s a non-issue.” A professor in the building received a letter containing a suspicious substance, the deputy chief of OSU police said. “The man said he received a letter, opened it and saw a ‘poof,’ “ the police official told the Lantern. “He described it as the kind of poof one may see when they take a tissue out of a box.”

Source: <http://www.thelantern.com/campus/poof-powder-scare-vanishes-1.1914832>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

28. *January 25, Food Safety News* – (National) **More evidence of non-O157 STEC in ground beef.** Tests conducted on commercial ground beef identified disease-causing E. coli that could be considered significant food safety threats, according to the authors of a new study. Results of these latest tests support earlier studies that have shown the presence of non-O157 Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC) in the retail meat supply, particularly in ground beef. According to estimates by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, these non-O157 STEC cause more than 160,000 illnesses each year. Only E. coli O157:H7 has been classified as an adulterant in U.S. beef, but these non-O157 STEC also can harm human health and have become an increasing concern, the study noted. “The data clearly show that clinical and public health laboratories should routinely screen human and environmental specimens for the presence of non-O157,” the scientists conclude. Currently most labs do not. The study, by researchers from the

U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Research Service and the College of Food and Agriculture at King Saud University, was published January 21 in the American Society for Microbiology's Applied and Environmental Microbiology journal.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/01/another-study-shows-stec-contamination-of-beef/>

29. *January 24, Mt. Vernon Register-News* – (Illinois) **Fish consumption advisory announced.** The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has announced consumption advisories for sport fish caught in the Big Muddy River and its tributaries, as well as other areas in the state. “The advisories are not meant to discourage people from eating fish, but should be used as a guideline to help people decide the types of fish to eat and how often,” the IDPH director said. The Illinois Fish Contaminant Monitoring Program screens fish samples from about 40 bodies of water each year for contamination from 14 banned pesticides and industrial chemicals. The program is a joint effort of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the departments of agriculture, natural resources, and public health. Fish are collected by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and tested by IEPA. Under the category of methylmercury, Big Muddy River and its tributaries located in Jefferson, Franklin, Hamilton, Jackson, Marion, Union, Washington, and Williamson counties have been issued advisories. All sizes of largemouth bass should be limited to one meal per month for sensitive populations, such as children and pregnant women; one meal per week for all others. Crappie, all sizes, should be limited to one meal per week for sensitive populations; unlimited for all others. Carp, all sizes, should be limited to one meal per month for sensitive populations, and unlimited for others.

Source: <http://register-news.com/local/x316475260/Fish-consumption-advisory-announced>

30. *January 24, Associated Press* – (National) **Recalls: slimming capsules, gluten-free products.** The following recalls have been announced: An undisclosed number of Celerite Slimming Capsules from Shaping Beauty Inc. of Southampton, Pennsylvania, because the weight loss dietary supplement contains an undeclared drug ingredient, Sibutramine, used as an appetite suppressant for weight loss. The Food and Drug Administration said the product poses a threat to consumers because Sibutramine is known to substantially increase blood pressure, pulse rate or both in some patients and may present a significant risk for patients with a history of coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, arrhythmias, or stroke. The product was sold nationwide via the Internet. Another recall involves 492 8-ounce boxes of Ian's Natural Foods wheat free, gluten free mac and no cheese and wheat free, gluten free French bread pizza because they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Source: <http://www.kivitv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13900844>

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Water Sector

31. *January 25, Washington Post* – (District of Columbia) **Pr. George’s water caution thru Thurs.** Residents and businesses in part of Prince George’s County, Maryland, were told to continue to boil their drinking water until at least January 27 as a precaution following the January 24 major water main break near the Capital Beltway, a Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) official said. The boil-water advisory affects 400,000 WSSC customers in parts of Prince George’s south of Central Avenue (Route 214) and Landover Road (Route 202). Two samples taken at least 18 hours apart must come back clean before the advisory will be lifted, he said. It takes 18 hours for each test to show results. All water service was restored the afternoon of January 24 after WSSC officials diverted water to other pipes. Because of that, the speed of the pipe repairs will not affect water service, according to an official.
Source: <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/local-breaking-news/pr-georges-water-caution-thru.html?hpid=newswellwater>
32. *January 24, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Nebraska) **EPA warns the public served by public water system in Macy, Neb., to boil the water.** On January 24, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 advised customers of the Omaha Tribe’s Macy, Nebraska, Water System to boil water provided by the tribally owned and operated water utility. The notice was issued concurrently with the Omaha Tribe. As soon as sufficient water sampling data indicates the public’s health is protected, the boil order could be lifted. For several months, the Omaha Tribe’s Macy public water system has experienced multiple and widespread losses of pressure in the distribution system caused by line breaks and intermittent operation. When this occurs, there is a potential for fecal contamination or other disease-causing organisms to enter the distribution system. In addition, the water utility did not collect water samples in December 2010 to test for contamination.
Source:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/9E55CD3F3E92BCF285257822007DD5FA>
33. *January 24, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Five more sewage spills reported in DeKalb.** Problems with the sewer system in DeKalb County, Georgia, resulted in five more raw sewage spills the weekend of January 21. The spills resulted in a total of about 16,000 gallons of sewage spilling into Snapfinger Creek, Peachtree Creek, and Fowler Creek. In December, the federal Environmental Protection Agency mandated DeKalb upgrade its sewer system after the county reported more than 800 sewage spills in 5 years.
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/dekalb/five-more-sewage-spills-814132.html>
34. *January 24, Homeland Security Newswire* – (California) **San Diego completes major water pipeline project.** San Diego County, California, has completed the San Vicente pipeline which will provide residents with fresh water in the event of a disruption; San Diego receives 90 percent of its water from distant sources thousands of miles away; the pipeline is part of a larger \$1.5 billion project designed to provide San Diego county with water for up to 6 months if supplies are cut off by a major earthquake or natural disaster; these projects are becoming increasingly important as San Diego’s two

primary sources of water, the Colorado River and the San Joaquin-Sacramento river delta begin to dry up.

Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/san-diego-completes-major-water-pipeline-project>

35. *January 21, Clark County Columbian* – (Washington) **Corps releases report on pollution at dam.** The Army Corps of Engineers has released a voluminous investigation of contamination at an old landfill that had been leaching pollution into the Columbia River from Bonneville Dam in Washington. The Corps is soliciting public comment, then will formulate long-term cleanup plan. The landfill, at the upriver tip of Bradford Island, had been used for household waste as well as project-related debris between 1942 and 1982. Materials dumped in the landfill include household garbage, petroleum products such as oil and grease from dam turbines, paint, solvents, insulators, mercury vapor lamps, sealed buckets of grease, blast grit, scrap metal, switch gear, and cables. In 1999, workers surveying the shoreline for groundwater seepage spotted three electrical capacitors poking out of the river. The new report concluded the remaining contaminants on land and in the water exceed risk-screening levels. It proposes a feasibility study to identify remedial actions to reduce contamination.

Source: <http://www.columbian.com/news/2011/jan/21/corps-bonneville-report-pollution-dam/>

36. *January 21, KATU 2 Portland* – (Oregon) **Landslide could threaten Lincoln City water.** A small landslide reported January 21 on Skinner Creek Road in Lincoln City, Oregon, damaged the road and threatened the main waterline of Lincoln City. There was a possibility it could slide more and damage the waterline, according to a Lincoln County dispatcher. If that happened, the city would place residents on a limited water-use plan and draw from its reservoir. Police advised people to store some water as a precaution and limit water use just in case the waterline is damaged. If it is damaged, a reverse 9-1-1 call would go out to alert residents. The slide was not very big and did not threaten any buildings. Crews were working to stabilize the area.

Source: <http://www.katu.com/news/local/114406089.html>

37. *January 20, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Town posts nitrate warning.** Officials in Creighton, Nebraska, said they hope to have treatment-plant repairs made soon so they can lift a nitrate warning about the city's tap water. The water was tested at 14 milligrams of nitrate per liter of water in two recent samplings, exceeding the federal maximum of 10 milligrams. The city administrator blamed the problem January 20 on a malfunction at the treatment plant. He said he hoped to have the problem fixed within a few days.

Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20110120/NEWS01/701209803/0>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

38. *January 25, Softpedia* – (Missouri) **Health benefit statements of University of Missouri employees misdelivered.** As many as 750 University of Missouri (UM) employees had their personal information exposed after their health benefit statements were delivered to the wrong addresses in January. The data breach incident occurred between January 6 and 10, and was caused by a computer error at Coventry Health Care, the company administering the university's health insurance plans. UM learned of the problem January 14 when one of its employees alerted it about receiving someone else's health benefit statement, health services letter, and new ID card. The university raised the problem with Coventry, which January 20 confirmed a computer malfunctioned and aligned names with the wrong addresses. UM began notifying affected employees the following day, warning them to carefully review their future statements and advising them to ask health providers to confirm the identity of individuals seeking services under their insurance numbers. The data breach involved names, member numbers, and birth dates of Choice Health Care Program members. Participants in the Catastrophic Medical Program or the Retiree Indemnity Medical Program were not affected.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Misdelivery-of-Health-Benefit-Statements-Affects-University-of-Missouri-Employees-180287.shtml>
39. *January 24, Next Gov* – (National) **Hacker attacks Defense pharmacy site.** One or more hackers attacked the Web site and Internet domain of the Defense Department's prescription drug database, the PharmacoEconomic Center, the security firm Imperva reported January 21. The site and domain remained inaccessible into January 24. Attempts to reach the site resulted in the message: "www.pec.ha.osd.mil is temporarily unavailable; We're working to resolve this issue." Programs on the PharmacoEconomic Center site and domain include the Prescription Medication Analysis and Reporting Tool, which maintains a medication profile for troops slated for deployment. It also includes a version of that tool developed to track drugs prescribed for soldiers in warrior transition units. Both programs remained inaccessible January 24. The PharmacoEconomic Center, in partnership with the Veterans Affairs Department (VA) and the Defense Supply Center-Philadelphia, manages national pharmaceutical contracts for Defense and VA as well as a prescription formulary describing the types of drugs that can be prescribed to active-duty military personnel, retirees, and their families. The PharmacoEconomic Center maintains the U.S. Central Command Central Nervous System Drug Formulary. Imperva said the hacker offered full control and root access to the domain for \$399. A security blogger reported the hacker also offered to sell personally identifiable information from the sites hacked for \$20 per 1,000 records.
Source: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110124_7617.php?oref=topstory
40. *January 21, Global Security Newswire* – (International) **WHO board backs retention of smallpox strains.** The executive board of the World Health Organization January 20 supported the U.S. and Russian argument the two nations should be allowed to retain their smallpox strains for biodefense research purposes, the Wall Street Journal reported. Gathering in Geneva, the 34-member board agreed more study is needed of the highly virulent disease before the last known smallpox cultures are destroyed. Moscow and Washington asserted their work would produce new vaccines and other

countermeasures against an act of biological terrorism or an outbreak caused by a previously unknown supply of the virus, according to informed sources. The U.S. and Russian position received backing from African and European states, sources said. The board's recommendation will be considered by the entire World Health Assembly for a final decision in May on whether to establish a deadline for the smallpox strains to be destroyed. There are worries some states might have retained illicit samples of the deadly smallpox virus, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty reported. However, there is intense debate within the international community over whether these fears are overblown and whether the real danger lies in the accidental release of a U.S. or Russian-held strain. The United States stores 451 specimens with the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, while Russia houses 120 different strains at its Vector laboratory in Siberia.

Source: http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20110121_5430.php

41. *January 21, Associated Press* – (National) **FDA wants stricter testing for defibrillators.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is recommending stricter safety measures for heart-zapping defibrillators after years of increasing problems with the emergency medical devices. Under the agency's proposal posted online January 21, makers of external defibrillators would need to submit more data and undergo manufacturing inspections before launching a new product. The tighter regulation is aimed at curbing design and manufacturing flaws with the devices, which are found everywhere from hospitals to schools to airports. Medical device manufacturers have issued 68 recalls of defibrillators in the last 5 years, the FDA said. The agency has received more than 23,000 reports of device malfunctions, "including some where the device failure occurred during a rescue attempt and may have contributed to patient harm or death." On January 25, the FDA will ask an expert panel to provide recommendations. Currently, makers of defibrillators are approved through an accelerated approval pathway designed for low-risk devices. The so-called 510(k) system allows speedy approval of devices similar to products already on the market. But the FDA argues stricter measures are needed because defibrillator makers have failed to fix problems that have led to the recall of hundreds of thousands of devices.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jDGQ1wCSEPxGeJPsBAmTTGjYO4Dw?docId=fecb9f285446412c98b5a6d1a20aba05>

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Government Facilities Sector

42. *January 25, Help Net Security* – (International) **Man tries to work for CIA in order to spy for China.** A man from Michigan was sentenced to 48 months in prison for conspiring to provide national defense information to intelligence officers of the People's Republic of China (PRC). The man pleaded guilty October 22, 2010 to a one-count criminal information charging him with conspiracy to communicate national defense information to a person not entitled to receive it. While living in Shanghai in October 2004, the man developed a relationship with three individuals whom he came

to learn were PRC intelligence officers. At the request of these foreign agents, he agreed to return to the United States and apply for positions in U.S. intelligence agencies or law enforcement organizations. The man admitted in court that he knew that his ultimate objective was to obtain a position with a federal department or agency that would afford him access to classified national defense information, which he would then transmit to PRC officers in return for cash payments.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10484>

43. *January 24, KXXV 25 Waco* – (Texas) **Security concerns raised after disturbing break-in at the McLennan County Courthouse.** A man who allegedly broke into a McLennan County Courthouse January 23 in Waco, Texas, damaged an office inside and urinated over the balcony, has raised serious concerns about security. The McLennan County chief deputy said an alarm went off, but it did not notify all of the deputies. A county employee made the call about the break in. Deputies said the 35-year-old suspect used a two-by-four piece of wood to bust into the courthouse just after 5 a.m. The suspect shattered the glass on one of the doors, then broke into the mental health court services office on the second floor. “He basically turned the office upside down by tearing up equipment to include computers, scanners, copiers, and other items throughout the office,” the chief deputy said. The suspect also reportedly urinated over the balcony onto the bottom of the rotunda. Waco police arrested the suspect shortly after he left the courthouse when they caught him urinating in public. He is charged with disorderly conduct, and burglary of a building.

Source: <http://www.kxxv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13899708>

44. *January 24, WCAU 10 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Police arrest student for online threats, false reports.** A 16-year-old Clearview Regional High School student in New Jersey was arrested January 23 for allegedly making online threats and falsely reporting incidents to police. Investigators said the teen, who lives in Harrison Township, New Jersey, first created a fake facebook page for himself on October 8. The student allegedly claimed that he was a new Clearview student while making physical threats toward other students and teachers in the school. Investigators said he encouraged others to make racially abusive remarks online toward different individuals. The Harrison Township Police Department first became aware of the fake account October 18. They contacted the Gloucester County Prosecutor’s Office High-Tech Crimes Unit for assistance. The Mantua Township Police Department also investigated separate incidents involving the same student. Police said he made three calls to Gloucester County’s 911 center using Voice Over Internet Protocol while concealing his identity. The calls all required a police response while one falsely reported a shooting at the Telford Inn in Mantua Township. Authorities said the student made the false report October 16 and that it required a response from five municipal police departments. The FBI assisted in the investigation of the student, which took more than 3 months. The teen is charged with bias intimidation, two counts of causing false public alarms, two counts of harassment, disorderly conduct, and conspiracy.

Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local-beat/Police-Arrest-Student-for-Online-Threats-False-Reports--114512764.html>

45. *January 24, IDG News Service* – (New Jersey) **Hackers get access to N.J. school data system.** Users of the 4chan online message board managed to get access to the online student information system used by a New Jersey school district after the school’s administrative password was posted to 4chan January 18. According to the Plainfield Board of Education, which serves a small school district west of Newark, somebody posted a link to the log-in page and the administrative username and password of the district’s Genesis Student Information System to 4chan, a popular but anarchic message. The Web-based Genesis software is used by about 160 New Jersey schools to manage their student records and communicate with students and parents. It is not clear how much damage was caused, but 4chan members soon started posting screenshots showing how they were able to mess with the school’s system. One screenshot shows school lunch prices reset to \$9,000 per meal. Another post claims “every class is now an elective, and requires only 1 credit to graduate.” The district’s interim superintendent confirmed the breach in a statement posted to the district’s Web site January 22. There were “unauthorized breaches of one of the district’s computer systems in an attempt to vandalize electronic data and to disrupt school district operations,” she said. Any damage to the system’s data was, at worst, only temporary, she said. Genesis fixed the problem January 19 after discovering the stolen password, the company said. A criminal investigation into the incident has been opened.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9206178/Hackers_get_access_to_N.J._school_data_system

46. *January 22, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Orange County officials decry hateful graffiti, threats to kill Jerry Brown.** Officials in Orange County, California, are decrying a string of hateful graffiti, including some that threatened to kill the governor on Valentine’s Day. “It’s more than just a little graffiti,” the executive director of the Orange County Human Relations Committee said. “This is graffiti that has the intent of terrifying and scaring a specific group of people. ... It’s being targeted at people in an effort to pick them out and bully them.”

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/01/orange-county-official-decry-hateful-graffiti-threat-to-kill-jerry-brown.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

47. *January 25, Associated Press* – (California) **Laser pointed at San Jose plane, suspect arrested.** A man has been arrested after a pilot reported his small plane was targeted by a green laser beam during takeoff from a California airport. A San Jose police helicopter responding to the January 24 report was also targeted by the laser and the suspect’s house was located. The man was arrested and could face felony charges. The San Jose Mercury News said the small plane was taking off from Reid-Hillview Airport at 6:36 p.m. when the laser struck the aircraft. Experts said pointing pen-sized lasers at

cockpits can temporarily blind pilots or even permanently damage their eyesight.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_17192642?nclick_check=1

48. *January 25, WPMT 43 York* – (Pennsylvania) **Harrisburg Police Station and city government center evacuated due to gas leak.** Front and Second Streets, between Market and Walnut Streets in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, were closed for a lengthy period of time January 24 because of a gas leak. The Harrisburg Police Station and the city government center were also evacuated because of the gas leak. The city communications center along with prisoners waiting for night court were moved to the county communications center. No one was injured and crews were able to make repairs.
Source: <http://www.fox43.com/news/wpmt-harrisburg-pd-evacuated,0,6802176.story>

49. *January 24, KNSD 7 San Diego* – (California) **County studies evacuation routes.** San Diego County, California is spending \$250,000 to study how easily some East County residents can evacuate in the event of an emergency. The study will focus on Valley Center where there are just a few roads offering 18,000 residents a way out in a hurry, according to the North County Times. The paper reported a local company, Fehr & Peers, has been hired to complete the study. The transportation consultants have identified 14 corridors across Valley Center where new roads would help residents get out of the area in the event of a fast-moving brush fire or other emergency. The next step is for the consultants to report on how difficult it would be to acquire land and build a new road in each of the 14 corridors, according to the paper. That portion of the study is expected by March.
Source: <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local-beat/County-Studies-Evacuation-Routes-114494424.html>

50. *January 24, Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier* – (Iowa) **Officials: Former Union man part of Fort Madison prison attack.** A former Union, Iowa, man who is serving life in prison for murder was involved in a prison attack January 21. Officials with the Iowa Department of Corrections said the 44-year-old man was involved in an incident at the Iowa State Penitentiary's Prison Industries building in Fort Madison. Another 22-year-old inmate was seriously injured. According to corrections officials, an alarm sounded at the Prison Industries building because of a report of an assault at about 10:40 a.m. The facility was placed on lockdown, and the 22-year-old man was transported to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City for treatment. He returned to the prison January 23 and is recovering from his injuries, officials said. The Iowa State Penitentiary Investigations Department is looking into the attack. The 44-year-old inmate is serving a life sentence in connection with a June 2000 slaying in Conrad.
Source: http://wfcourier.com/news/local/article_920305ae-27e9-11e0-b796-001cc4c002e0.html

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Information Technology Sector

51. *January 25, H Security* – (International) **Fedora infrastructure hacked – no damage done.** The Fedora Project has confirmed there was an intrusion into its infrastructure January 22, but investigations have shown “no impact on product integrity.” The Fedora Project is a general purpose collection of free and open software including an operating system based on the Linux kernel, sponsored by Red Hat. The announcement of the intrusion by a Fedora Project leader states the project became aware of a problem when a contributor received an e-mail from the Fedora Accounts System, saying his account details had been changed. The Fedora Infrastructure Team investigated and confirmed the account had been compromised. After locking down systems, snapshotting file systems, and auditing logs, it was found the account, which was only authorized for SSH to fedorapeople.org, push packages into Fedora’s SCM, and perform builds of Fedora packages, had only changed the account’s SSH key and logged into fedorapeople.org.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Fedora-infrastructure-hacked-no-damage-done-1176358.html>
52. *January 24, Computerworld* – (International) **Carberp malware sniffs out antivirus use to maximize attack impact.** The authors of the new information-stealing Trojan “Carberp” have added a feature that detects which antivirus program is running on victimized PCs, said the chief technology officer at Seculert, an Israeli security start-up. He said criminals added security software detection to make sure they are spending their money wisely. “Cybercriminals for quite some time have paid for ‘antivirus test’ services,” he said. “So they collect the antivirus information from the infected machines in order to check whether the tests they paid for actually work, and that they indeed evade the [software] successfully.” The test services he mentioned are similar to legitimate scanning services such as VirusTotal, which lets users upload suspicious files for scanning by scores of for-a-fee and free antivirus programs. Suspect samples that evade detection are shared with the anti-malware community for use in creating new signatures.
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9206140/Carberp_malware_sniffs_out_antivirus_use_to_maximize_attack_impact
53. *January 24, Softpedia* – (International) **New Buzus distribution campaign generates wave of fake emails.** Security researchers from antivirus vendor Sophos warn of a new wave of e-mails distributing a new variant of the Buzus malware, which masquerade as official communications from major Web sites. Some of the rogue e-mails pose as a job application response from Google and purport to come from a resume-thanks@google(dot)com address. The message instructs recipients to open the attached file which is allegedly a review of the submitted application. The file, called CV-20100120-112.zip, contains an installer for the Buzus worm which spreads by sending the e-mails through an external SMTP server and copying itself to removable USB devices. The malware, detected as W32/AutoRun-BHX by Sophos, is also known to create copies of itself within folders usually shared by P2P applications with names

suggesting cracks for popular applications.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-Buzus-Worm-Distribution-Campaign-Generates-Wave-of-Fake-Emails-180235.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

54. *January 25, Cypress Times* – (National) **Two individuals plead guilty to defrauding FCC video relay service program.** Two individuals pleaded guilty for their participation in a conspiracy to defraud the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Video Relay Service (VRS) program. The suspects pleaded guilty before U.S. District Court in Trenton, New Jersey, to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and mail fraud. The suspects were indicted in the fall of 2009, along with others alleged to have been involved in the criminal conspiracy. The defendants and their co-conspirators are alleged to have caused the FCC to pay millions of dollars in fraudulent reimbursements. Thompson and Hutchinson both conspired with others to generate illegitimate VRS call minutes for reimbursement by the FCC.

Source:

http://www.thecypresstimes.com/article/News/National_News/TWO_INDIVIDUALS_PLEAD_GUILTY_TO_DEFRAUDING_FCC_VIDEO_RELAY_SERVICE_PROGRAM/39322

55. *January 24, Softpedia* – (International) **Vodafone Australia shuts down dealer following data breach.** Vodafone Australia has terminated business relationships with one of its primary dealers after evidence showed the company engaging in unethical business practices and violating customer privacy. The Sydney Morning Herald recently obtained internal e-mails from Communications Direct Pty Ltd, a company calling itself Vodafone's "largest premium partner," which showed senior managers instructing employees to impersonate customers and exploit the dealer's privileged access to the operator's database. According to a report in the newspaper, Comms Direct engaged in a number of dubious practices one of them called "Siebel farming," after the name of the customer relationship management application used by Vodafone. Siebel farming involved Comms Direct staff searching the operator's database for customers whose contracts were about to expire and calling them to offer better deals. If they agreed, the company's employees called Vodafone's hotlines and impersonated them in order to cancel their contracts before signing them up for new ones. The purpose of this was to earn higher commissions, as the payout for new contracts is double that for renewals.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Vodafone-Australia-Shuts-Down-Dealer-over-Dubious-Practices-179994.shtml>

56. *January 24, Softpedia* – (International) **Fake CCTV websites infect Chinese users with adware.** Security vendor Websense warns cybercriminals are infecting Chinese users with adware by spoofing the China Central Television (CCTV) Web site and Internet TV application. “First, the hackers create an imitation CCTV site that has a name that is close to CCTV.COM (e.g. CCTVxxx.COM),” the Websense researchers explained. The malware distributed in this attack has a very low detection rate on Virus Total, with only 6 from 43 antivirus engines picking it up as malicious. CCTV Box allows users to watch the network’s programming over the Internet and is very popular in China, giving attackers a large pool of potential victims.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fake-CCTV-Websites-Infect-Chinese-Users-with-Adware-180080.shtml>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

57. *January 25, Associated Press* – (New York) **Fire destroys lodge at western NY ski area.** Authorities said a fire has destroyed the landmark lodge at a western New York ski resort. The Post-Journal of Jamestown and Buffalo media outlets report the fire was spotted by a Chautauqua County Highway Department plow driver around 10:30 p.m. January 24 at the Cockaigne Ski Center in Cherry Creek, 45 miles south of Buffalo. Several fire companies battled the blaze at the resort’s Austrian World’s Fair Pavilion for about 4 hours before extinguishing the flames. No one was inside the building and no injuries were reported. The cause of the blaze is being investigated.
Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP07aa9b5dd30943eeb369452e21339d30.html>
58. *January 25, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Arson damages tour boat used for shark tours.** Honolulu, Hawaii fire investigators have determined a fire that heavily damaged a 30-foot shark tour boat January 24 at Haleiwa Harbor was intentionally set. It was the second suspicious fire involving a North Shore Shark Adventures boat in January. The fire occurred at 12:11 a.m., and firefighters extinguished the fire within 10 minutes, fire officials said. The blaze damaged the front end and cabin of the boat. No one was on board the boat or in the area when firefighters arrived. Damage was estimated at \$225,000. The case was turned over to police. There were no arrests as of January 24, according to a police spokeswoman. The fire came 3 weeks after an intentionally set fire destroyed another shark tour boat owned by North Shore Shark Adventures. That blaze occurred at about 12:40 a.m. January 7. Heat from the fire also damaged a nearby vessel. Damage to the shark tour boat was also estimated at \$225,000. The company’s two damaged boats, Kailolo and Kolohe, were dry-docked on the Waimea side of the harbor.
Source:

http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/hawaii/news/20110125_Arson_damages_tour_boat_used_for_shark_tours.html

59. *January 25, Canadian Press* – (International) **Experts say Moscow airport attack may cause security rethink worldwide.** The suicide attack on Moscow's Domodedovo airport may prompt a re-evaluation of how to protect airport terminals, but is unlikely to result in tougher security measures, pilots, and aviation security, experts said January 24. Analysts warned that the large crowds that gather at airports' public areas are an easy target for terrorists. But it is virtually impossible to screen them because many airports have been turned into commercial centers, with shops, food courts, train stations, and other facilities. "Like any crowded public space, be it a subway station or a shopping mall or a football stadium, an airport will always have inherent vulnerabilities," a commercial airline pilot and aviation author said. Most airports in the West do not restrict access to the terminals, which are considered public areas. Security screening only takes place once the passengers enter the departure areas. Analysts said the Domodedovo attack appeared to be the first time terrorists have tried to exploit unrestricted public access to the terminals since the failed bombing of an airport in Glasgow, Scotland, in 2007. Attackers there tried to crash a Jeep loaded with explosives through the entrance doors, but the bomb did not go off.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5jvipVBI6VcC0LMk82MceKIoWQzFg?docId=5753423>

60. *January 24, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Aircraft from EPA conducting anti-terrorism tests over Tarrant County ahead of Super Bowl.** A twin-engine aircraft from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is monitoring for any chemicals and radiological materials that could be a sign of terrorism in the run-up to Super Bowl XLV. "We're hoping for zeros all around," said an emergency management coordinator with the Tarrant County, Texas administrator's office. The state requested the tests, and the data will be compared with conditions during the game February 6. Residents in the Fort Worth, Texas, area may see the small plane flying in straight lines at 500 to 2,800 feet. Tests will take 30 minutes to an hour to complete. The bottom of the plane is marked "U.S. EPA."

Source: <http://www.dallasnews.com/sports/super-bowl/local/20110124-aircraft-from-epa-conducting-anti-terrorism-tests-over-tarrant-county-ahead-of-super-bowl.ece>

61. *January 21, American City and County* – (National) **DHS and TSA offer parking anti-terrorism training.** Terrorists often use parked cars or trucks to carry, conceal, or serve as bombs, so the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) are offering a free parking-specific training program for local government officials. The training comes in the form of DHS and TSA's First Observer software module. The First Observer training program, which is entirely funded by the federal government, trains parking professionals to address five critical security areas: on-street, surface parking lots, garages/decks, special events, and shuttle operations. First Observers recognize and report potential threats using a concise, accurate, and simple communications process. First Observer

was developed with the help of the Fredericksburg, Virginia-based parking industry trade association International Parking Institute (IPI). “Since the program was launched, more than 2,000 parking professionals have earned First Observer certificates, and we expect this number to increase significantly,” said IPI’s Executive Director. The program supports DHS’s National Preparedness Guidelines. It is available three ways: as an online training module; as an onsite classroom-style training session; or as a train-the-trainer workshop.

Source: <http://americancityandcounty.com/pubsafe/parking-terrorism-training-20110121/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

62. *January 25, WLEX 18 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Grenade discovered at Fleming County campsite.** Kentucky State Police continue to investigate after a hunter discovered a live hand grenade January 23 in Fleming County. State police, U.S. Forestry, and Fish and Wildlife officers accompanied the hunter to a small camp site in a wooded area off Johnson Road. They found military gear and what appeared to be a live grenade at the campsite. Officers from the KSP Special Operations Hazardous Materials and Explosives Division rendered the grenade safe. Investigators said they do have a suspect and charges may be pending.

Source: <http://www.lex18.com/news/grenade-discovered-at-fleming-county-campsite>

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Dams Sector

63. *January 25, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **New phase begins on Folsom Dam face lift.** The Sacramento, California, region’s biggest flood control project entered an important phase the week of January 24 as construction will begin on giant gates that will allow Folsom Dam to handle bigger storms. The project is an enormous new spillway being built next to the existing dam. It will allow water to be released more quickly from Folsom Reservoir into the American River before the lake reaches its brim. Last week, Martin Brothers Construction of Sacramento completed a \$63 million project to excavate the spillway channel in the hillside adjacent to the dam. As long as eight football fields, it took 18 months to complete. That project was overseen by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which owns and operates the dam. Now the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers takes the lead on the project. It is charged with finishing the spillway and building flood-control gates that will release water into it. The Corps awarded a \$126 million contract for the job to Granite Construction of Watsonville, which took over the site January 21 and is expected to start work the last week of January. Both agencies view the modification of Folsom Dam as one of the nation’s top flood-control priorities because of the potential risk to 1 million people downstream in

the greater Sacramento area.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/01/25/3348867/new-phase-begins-on-folsom-dam.html>

64. *January 25, Australian Broadcasting Corporation* – (International) **‘Faulty river gauge’ behind evacuation bungle.** The New South Wales State Emergency Service (SES) in Australia said a faulty river gauge led to some residents in the Clarence Valley being told to evacuate after water had already flooded their homes. Residents of Brushgrove said floodwater was already a meter deep when the evacuation order came through.

Source: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/01/25/3121017.htm?section=justin>

65. *January 23, Thibodaux Daily Comet* – (Louisiana) **Levee construction rolls forward in Terrebonne.** More than \$250 million in levee construction and design work will get under way this year in Louisiana as part of an overhaul of Terrebonne Parish’s flood protection systems. The parish government is upgrading older drainage levees, while the Terrebonne Levee District is building a scaled-down version of the Morganza-to-the-Gulf hurricane-protection system. When complete, 10-foot levees will stretch across the southern reaches of the parish, from Pointe-aux-Chenes in the east to Dularge in the west. The system will include 18-foot floodgates in the Houma Navigation Canal, bayous Grand Caillou and Pointe-aux-Chenes, and the Bush and Placid canals. Within 2 to 3 years, a layered system of levees will be complete at an estimated cost of \$500 million in state, federal, and local tax dollars, the biggest commitment to flood protection in parish history. The improved drainage levees combined with Morganza will provide a double layer of protection officials said would help block storm surges like the ones that flooded parts of Houma and bayou communities during hurricanes Rita and Ike. A floodgate that will go to construction this year on the Houma Navigation Canal will be the biggest public-works project in Terrebonne’s history, and the largest flood-control structure built in the country without federal help.

Source: <http://www.dailycomet.com/article/20110123/ARTICLES/110129787/-1/APWORLD?p=all&tc=pgall>

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