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Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- An overnight lockdown, triggered when a vial of the deadly VX nerve agent went temporarily missing, was lifted January 27 at Utah’s sprawling, 801,000-acre Dugway Proving Ground. (See item [13](#))
- A snowstorm walloped the East Coast, stranding thousands of air, road and air travelers, knocking out power to more than 500,000 households, and closing down schools, government offices, and courts. (See items [21](#), [1](#))

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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 27, Washington Post* – (Maryland; District of Columbia; Virginia)
Washington stumbles to its feet after hard-hitting storm. The Washington, D.C. metro region struggled to regain its footing January 27 after a winter storm that caused at least one death and left the area icy and snowed-under, prompting local governments and schools to close for the day, public transportation to limit service and repair crews to scramble to restore electricity for hundreds of thousands left in the dark by snapped

power lines. Though the day dawned to clear skies, morning brought an unwelcome chill to about 422,000 households without power in the region served by Pepco, Dominion Virginia and Baltimore Gas and Electricity (BGE). The Virginia Department of Transportation encouraged people to stay home the morning of January 27 until the roads could be cleared of snow, abandoned cars, trees, and power lines. Major highways, such as Interstate 66 westbound, became filled with cars, trucks and SUVs abandoned on the shoulder, some stuck out into traffic lanes just enough to pose a danger. After a drizzly, dreary start January 26, the storm struck with fury beginning at mid-afternoon, causing whiteout conditions across the region and casting a wintry glaze on roads and sidewalks that sent cars spinning and people tumbling. It is unknown when all power will be returned to customers.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/01/26/AR2011012603960.html?hpid=topnews>

2. *January 27, Hazleton Standard Speaker* – (Pennsylvania) **Snow-covered roads lead to crashes.** On January 26 in Drums, Pennsylvania, a home heating fuel delivery truck wrecked and leaked oil, prompting calls to hazardous materials crews for cleanup. The Sugarloaf Township Fire Company chief said the truck slid and crashed into an unoccupied Jeep. The truck's tank ruptured in the collision, causing about half of its fuel between 600 to 750 gallons, to spill onto the roadway. Emergency responders built a dam to contain the leaking fuel until a hazardous material cleanup crew from Datom Products Inc., Dunmore, Pennsylvania, arrived at the scene to pump the remaining fuel out of the tank, and clean up the spill on the roadway. A passenger in the fuel truck was evaluated at the scene by Sugarloaf Ambulance personnel. There were no other injuries, the chief said.

Source: <http://standardspeaker.com/news/snow-covered-roads-lead-to-crashes-1.1096008>

3. *January 27, St. Petersburg Times* – (Florida) **Gas leak fixed as downtown St. Petersburg evacuation ends.** A gas leak that shut down a block of Central Avenue in St. Petersburg, Florida, January 27, was repaired and evacuees allowed back into their buildings. The leak was first reported at Crowley's Downtown, 269 Central Ave, about 8 a.m. January 27. Another pilot light went out at Fortunato's Italian Market, 259 Central Ave. Fire crews evacuated buildings along the north side of Central and south side of First Avenue N between Second and Third streets after the leak was reported, authorities said. Fire crews also shut down gas to the buildings. Gas was reported in all the buildings along the north side of Central and the south side of First Avenue N between Second and Third streets, a St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue spokesman said. Central was blocked off to traffic as firefighters investigated the leaks. Fire crews opened windows and doors to let the gas out. It was unclear why the pilot lights went.

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/fire/gas-leak-prompts-evacuation-of-downtown-st-petersburg-buildings/1147926>

4. *January 27, Utah Valley Daily Herald* – (Utah) **Tanker truck rolls in Leland.** About 2,000 gallons of propane had to be burned off after a Freeway Propane truck rolled over January 24 in Leland, Ohio. The truck was moving when the driver's cell phone

and paperwork fell onto the floor. When he reached down to grab the items, he steered left and crossed the center line. The propane tank was compromised in the accident and began leaking propane. Because of the angle at which the truck rolled, the tank could not be offloaded, so emergency crews brought a burner unit to the scene, hooked a hose to the tank and burned off approximately 2,000 gallons of propane. The Spanish Fork Fire Department and hazardous materials crews from Orem and Provo responded. There were no injuries.

Source: http://www.heraldextra.com/news/local/south/spanish-fork/article_f06389df-130a-5900-9d24-c0d066866b93.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *January 26, Reno Gazette-Journal* – (Nevada) **Hazmat team still at scene of Sparks chemical spill; streets closed in area.** A haz-mat unit, along with Sparks and Reno, Nevada, firefighters and the Washoe County Health Department, were on the scene of a chemical spill on Coney Island Drive, January 26. The spill happened when a local chemical disposal company, Advanced Composite Technologies, was consolidating chemicals into a 55-gallon drum when they reacted, causing them to smoke and fume, the Sparks Fire battalion chief said. The cause of the reaction is still under investigation, he said. The business was evacuated, and surrounding businesses were advised about the situation. At 2 p.m. the city of Sparks was requesting streets be closed down in the area of Coney Island Drive and Linda Way because of a hazardous materials incident.

Source: <http://www.rgj.com/article/20110126/NEWS/110126042/1321/NEWS/Update-Hazmat-team-still-at-scene-of-Sparks-chemical-spill--streets-closed-in-area>

6. *January 26, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Authorities serve search warrant at Freeport plant.** Texas authorities carried out a criminal search warrant January 26 on the Shintech chemical plant in Freeport. They said while the allegations involve health and safety issues, the public is not in danger. Shintech, the country's largest producer of PVC, is accused of discharging unknown amounts of pollutants and contaminants into the water from its Freeport facility. The company also allegedly tampered with a government record, and failed to notify the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) of the discharges. Shintech is also being investigated for improperly using pollution control measures. The Greater Houston Regional Computer Forensics Lab, Harris County Precinct 1 Environmental Crimes division, the Travis County District Attorney's Office, and other agencies are involved with the investigation. Shintech issued a statement saying in part: "We are unaware of any violations related to the items listed in the Travis County search warrant." A command post has been set up at the main gates of the facility. There is no word on how long the investigation will take.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=7920466>

Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *January 27, Seacoastonline.com* – (New Hampshire) **Nuke commission denies effort to delay Seabrook licensing decision.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has denied a request to postpone a decision on whether to extend the operating license of the Seabrook Station nuclear power plant in Seabrook, New Hampshire, until a challenge to a current NRC rule has been adjudicated. An official with Maryland-based Beyond Nuclear, one of the organizations that sought the delay, said his group wanted to stop the extension of Seabrook’s operating license from happening 20 years before the extension would take effect in 2030. He felt the group feels there should be more time to examine the need for the plant and its environmental impact. NextEra Energy Seabrook LLC, the operator of Seabrook, has requested a 20-year renewal of the license that authorizes it to operate Seabrook Station Unit 1. The current license expires March 15, 2030, and the extension would allow operations through 2050. The petition asked the NRC to change its rules so nuclear plants in the country could not apply for a license extension more than 10 years before that extension was to take effect. The commission, in its January 24 order, decided to allow the license extension process for Seabrook to go forward while the rule change is being considered.

Source:

<http://www.seacoastonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110126/NEWS/101260369/-1/NEWSMAP>

8. *January 26, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **State slaps companies, space agency for illegal waste.** State regulators have accused four companies and NASA of sending to EnergySolutions’ site radioactive waste that is too hot for Utah. The Radiation Control Board announced January 26 violation notices issued during the week of January 17. During the week of January 31, the board is expected to issue another such notice against Salt Lake City-based EnergySolutions for accepting the waste in violation of Utah’s ban on class B and C waste. The division director and executive secretary for the board said EnergySolutions reported the violations after an internal audit. He said regulators are also talking to the company about doing “an environmental project that will benefit the citizens of Utah” in lieu of fines and penalties. But it is not clear yet if the state will ask the company to dig up the too-hot waste. “We need to know what kind of potential [hazard] exists,” the division director said. The five organizations already cited face fines and penalties of several thousand dollars each. They have 30 days to respond to the allegations. Some of the suspect waste came to Utah from U.S. Energy Department cleanups and facilities, including the K-25 Building nuclear enrichment building cleanup in Oak Ridge, Tennessee; the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico; and the cleanup at former Manhattan Project facilities in Washington state.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/home/51130778-76/waste-companies-control-radiation.html.csp>

9. *January 26, New London Day* – (National) **NRC to adopt safety culture policy.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering adopting a policy on safety culture designed to minimize human error and managerial problems at reactors. The NRC chairman said the federal agency’s draft, 3 years in the making, irons out key issues. It is not, however, an enforceable regulation, but rather a guide to “expectations” about how reactor employees should conduct themselves to enhance safety and security, he said. The draft is available at [http://www\(dot\)nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/secys/2011/2011-0005scy.pdf](http://www(dot)nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/secys/2011/2011-0005scy.pdf). The proposed policy defines safety culture as “the core values and behaviors resulting from a collective commitment by leaders and individuals to emphasize safety over competing goals to ensure protection of people and the environment.”

Source: <http://www.theday.com/article/20110126/BIZ02/301269926/1044>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *January 27, Associated Press* – (National) **Ford recalls more than 400,000 minivans.** Ford Motor Co. recalled more than 400,000 Windstar minivans in cold-weather states January 26 to fix brackets and mounts that could separate from the vehicle’s subframe and cause a driver to lose control. The recall, the latest quality issue to afflict older Windstars, covered 425,288 minivans from the 1999-2003 model years sold or registered in 22 states and the District of Columbia. Ford said there had been seven crashes and five minor injuries connected to the recall.
Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/41290763/ns/business-autos/>
11. *January 26, Sunbury Daily Item* – (Pennsylvania) **Herndon blaze site continues to smolder today.** Flames and thick smoke continued to billow out of the remains of the Herndon Reload Co. warehouse in Herndon, Pennsylvania, January 26, more than 12 hours after the building loaded with lumber burned down. About 1 million board feet of lumber was stored in the 50-foot by 300-foot building between Route 147 and Railroad Avenue. The owner said two people were working inside the building at about 8:15 p.m. January 25 removing scrap metal with a torch when the fire accidentally started. Firefighters were at the scene throughout the night and day. The county public safety director, who conferred with members of the hazardous materials team, said he told the fire chief the air quality would not be affected by a controlled burn. Flames were so high they melted siding on a garage and broke windows on a home about 50 yards away. The burned building was the former site of Herndon Manufacturing and later Creative Playthings, Inc., before the current owner purchased it about 5 years ago.
Source: http://dailyitem.com/0100_news/x316477909/Spectacular-fire-destroys-plant-in-Herndon
12. *January 26, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Feds still unsure what set off deadly W.Va. blast.** The U.S. Chemical Safety Board believes either metal shavings or dust were the source of an explosion that killed three men in a West Virginia factory December 9, but the investigator in charge said January 26 his team has yet to

determine which form ignited or how. The chief investigator said his team will return to AL Solutions in New Cumberland the week of January 31 to interview and re-interview at least nine managers and employees, and learn about procedures and training for handling hazardous materials. AL Solutions recycles titanium and zirconium, and the victims were processing both when the blast happened.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-01-26/feds-still-unsure-what-set-off-deadly-w-va-blast.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

13. *January 27, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Missing vial of nerve agent triggers Dugway shutdown.** An overnight lockdown, triggered when a vial of the deadly VX nerve agent went temporarily missing, was lifted January 27 at Utah’s sprawling, 801,000-acre Dugway Proving Ground. Officials at the remote Army installation, 90 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, ordered gates closed at 5:24 p.m. January 26. Up to 1,500 employees of Dugway — military personnel, contractors and civilian workers — were forced to stay the night. A Dugway spokeswoman said the lockdown was ordered after a “routine inventory of sensitive material in the chemical laboratory ... discovered a discrepancy between the records and the agent on-hand. As a precaution, the commander immediately locked down the installation and began efforts to identify the cause of the discrepancy.” The vial was located, uncompromised, at 3 a.m. January 27 within the facility. Dugway officials did not specify exactly where the vial, containing less than 1 milliliter, or roughly a quarter-teaspoon of the agent, was found — nor did they detail how the vial had gone missing in the first place, or whether anyone was being disciplined as a result of the incident. Dugway houses small amounts of various chemical and biological warfare agents for defense testing purposes; it also is a prime Army base for testing of an array of conventional military weaponry and ammunition. Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/home/51134945-76/dugway-vial-agent-thursday.html.csp>

14. *January 27, Macon.com* – (Georgia) **WRALC cited for up to 50 safety violations.** The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center in Macon, Georgia, will work to address and correct safety violations it was cited for by a federal workplace inspection agency, base officials said January 26. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) notified the center the week of January 23 it would issue up to 50 violation citations. The center commander said the violations would be dealt with on a case-by-case basis, improvements would be made, and added safety would be a high priority. Serious violations include workplace areas with high concentrations of lead on surfaces, chemicals such as chromium in the air, expired medical supply kits, and workers who lacked knowledge about specific hazardous materials, according to OSHA documents. Source: <http://www.macon.com/2011/01/27/1425694/wralc-cited-for-up-to-50-safety.html>

15. *January 26, Reuters* – (National) **Chinese man sentenced in US military export case.** A Chinese national was sentenced January 26 to 97 months in prison after being convicted in 2010 of illegally exporting U.S. military equipment to China for several years, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) said. DOJ officials said the man traveled to the United States on an annual basis using business visas, and exported to China an array of goods. These included military electronics components and sensitive electronics used in military phased array radar, electronic warfare, and missile systems, they said. Several Chinese military factories and military research institutes were among those to whom the defendant exported the equipment, they said. The man made illegal exports to China 14 times between 2004 and 2007, and filed false shipping documents with the U.S. Department of Commerce from 2005 through 2007.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN2620589820110127>
16. *January 25, DoD Buzz* – (National) **AF: Some Gorgon Stare probs fixed.** The U.S. Air Force has reacted quickly and strongly to the report that its Gorgon Stare program is troubled and unfit for deployment. The Air Force said in a statement that three of the seven problems cited in the testing memo it released at the end of December have been fixed, and that it will not field the system until theater commanders say they will accept it.
Source: <http://www.dodbuzz.com/2011/01/25/af-some-gorgon-stare-probs-fixed/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

17. *January 27, Port Clinton News Herald* – (Ohio) **Perrysburg man charged with eight robberies at five banks.** The FBI's Violent Crimes Task Force has concluded its investigation into a series of bank robberies in the Toledo, Ohio, area and charged a Perrysburg man with robbing five banks a total of eight times. The U.S. Attorney's Office in Cleveland announced January 26 that the 45 year-old male was charged with the robberies, two of which were committed at the Huntington National Bank branch on Main Street in Genoa. The suspect was already at the Lucas County Jail when the charges were filed. According to the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, the suspect robbed the bank in Genoa May 21 and September 23 last year. The U.S. Attorney said the suspect began robbing Toledo-area banks in November 2009. According to an indictment issued January 24, the suspect took \$100,436 in the first seven robberies, including \$19,194 during the first Genoa heist. The sum taken from the Genoa bank during the second robbery was not disclosed. The suspect was charged with robbery and kidnapping in Lucas County in November, and pleaded guilty to both counts last week, according to Lucas County Clerk of Courts records. He is scheduled to be sentenced February 1.
Source: <http://www.portclintonnewsheald.com/article/20110127/NEWS01/101270302>
18. *January 27, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Man robs 3 SoCal banks in 30 minutes.** A suspect dubbed the "fuzzy-face bandit" held up three banks in Anaheim in about a half-hour January 26, but only came away with cash from one of the heists,

authorities said. The man's crime spree started about 10:45 a.m. at the Wells Fargo branch at 1135 N. State College Blvd., an FBI special agent. The suspect walked into the bank, gave the teller a note saying he had a gun, and demanded money, the Special Agent said. When the teller did not provide the money fast enough, the robber stormed out and went next door to a Bank of America at 1141 N. State College Blvd., the Special Agent said. He did the same thing at that branch, leaving empty-handed when the teller did not give up the money fast enough. The suspect then went to a Chase bank branch at 5791 E. Santa Ana Canyon Road at 11:17 a.m., and this time left with an undisclosed amount of cash. He was described as a light-skinned Latino man with a husky build, in his late 20s or early 30s and standing 5-foot-7. He was wearing a dark-colored hooded sweatshirt and some sort of dark head covering such as a hat or cap.

Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_17216129?nclick_check=1

19. *January 27, WGME 13 Portland* – (Maine) **Long-time credit union employee accused of embezzling \$519K.** A female credit union employee, recently honored for being an outstanding employee by Atlantic Regional Federal Credit Union, is now accused of stealing over a half a million dollars from that same employer. The suspect has been named in a civil suit filed by her former employer that accuses her of stealing \$519,000 from the credit union where she worked for 23 years. Court papers said the suspect was allegedly taking money belonging to the credit union and putting it in her account and accounts of her friends and family members. She is accused of taking \$519,000, but as the FBI investigates, that total is expected to increase. The credit union CEO believes the suspect was embezzling money for at least 6 years, but possibly even longer, dating back to 1990. The CEO also says internal changes have been made to ensure something like this does not happen again.

Source: <http://www.myfoxmaine.com/good-day-maine/Long-Time-Credit-Union-Employee-Accused-of-Embezzling-519K-114712509.html>

20. *January 26, WTXF 29 Philadelphia* – (New Jersey; Pennsylvania) **Former cop accused of 7 bank heists.** Authorities said a former Bridgeton, New Jersey, police officer who served prison time for official misconduct is in federal custody for allegedly committing at least seven bank robberies in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The list of suspected heists includes the December 9 robbery of a TD Bank on the 1400 block of Valley Forge Road in Towamencin, according to police in that Montgomery County township. The 33-year-old suspect, who resides in Vineland, New Jersey, was stopped and taken into custody by police in White Haven, Pennsylvania. A witness to a bank robbery in that area November 18 identified a suspect vehicle and contacted police. He reportedly fit the physical description of the suspect in the previous White Haven robbery, and confessed to the other robberies as well, Towamencin police reported in a news release. The suspect was turned over to the FBI and transported to the federal courthouse for the Middle District of Pennsylvania in Scranton to be arraigned. The suspect remains in federal custody, and the U.S. Attorney's Office is prosecuting the case.

Source:

http://www.myfoxphilly.com/dpp/news/local_news/Bank_Robberies_Suspected_Former_Officer_Arrested_012611

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Transportation Sector

21. *January 27, Associated Press* – (National) **Snowstorm wallops Northeast, piling on the misery.** A storm that had been predicted for days caught much of the East Coast off guard with its ferocity, January 26 and 27, tearing through with lightning, thunder, and tons of wet snow, stranding thousands of road, rail, and air travelers. New York got 19 inches, while Philadelphia received 17 inches. In Massachusetts, travel was made trickier with high winds. Gusts of 46 mph were reported in Hyannis, 45 mph in Rockport, and 49 mph on Nantucket January 27. New York declared a weather emergency for the second time since the December 26 storm, which trapped hundreds of buses and ambulances. The city shuttered schools and some government offices, and federal courts in Manhattan closed. New York's Long Island Rail Road, the nation's largest commuter rail line, operated on a reduced schedule. At Penn Station, about half the trains listed on the Amtrak departure board were delayed or canceled. Two major New York-area airports, Newark and Kennedy, closed for snow removal but were scheduled to begin taking flights at 10 a.m. Hundreds of flights were canceled at both airports. LaGuardia Airport had 168 cancellations. About 1,500 passengers were stranded overnight at Philadelphia International Airport. Northeast of New York in New Canaan, Connecticut, a Metro-North commuter train ran off the tracks, suspending service. Its two passengers and crew members were not injured. The Philadelphia area's transit agency, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, suspended nearly all bus service, and road crews worked through the night to get tons of snow off major arteries.

Source: <http://www.wset.com/Global/story.asp?S=13917227>

22. *January 27, Davenport Quad-City Times* – (Iowa) **Crew works to get derailed train cars back on track.** A crew was expected to put two derailed train cars back on the track across the Crescent Bridge January 26, a spokeswoman for the rail bridge's owner, Burlington Northern Santa Fe, said. The cars derailed about 7:30 p.m. January 25 on the Iowa side of the moveable span. By January 26, the other train cars had been removed from the bridge. The spokeswoman said the repairs might affect local river navigation, but barge traffic is halted for the season. The bridge crosses the Mississippi River between Rock Island, Illinois, and Davenport, Iowa. The incident caused no injuries, and no hazardous materials were involved, the spokeswoman said. The Rock Island Police Department was notified.

Source: http://qctimes.com/news/local/article_4bc4f4e0-29cd-11e0-9878-001cc4c03286.html

23. *January 27, Associated Press* – (International) **Volcano in central Indonesia disrupts flights.** An Indonesian volcano is spewing towering clouds of ash, forcing several international airlines to cancel flights to the popular resort island of Bali. Mount Bromo, which sprang back to life in late 2010, did not cause any injuries or serious

damage when it unleashed its powerful burst January 27. But an airport official said concerns about visibility prompted Jetstar, Virgin Blue, and Cathay Pacific to cancel several flights to Bali, 210 miles to the east. She said schedules are expected to return to normal by January 28. Indonesia, a sprawling archipelago of 235 million people, has more active volcanoes than any other country in the world.

Source: <http://www.kionrightnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=13917512>

24. *January 26, Associated Press* – (International) **Cruise ships canceling Mazatlan stop, citing crime.** Some cruise ship companies are canceling stops in the Pacific port of Mazatlan, Mexico, and others are considering it due to crime against tourists. Disney Wonder has dropped calls to Mazatlan from its seven-night Mexican Riviera tour and replaced them with an additional stop in Cabo San Lucas on the Baja, California peninsula. “Safety is very important to us and we believe this change is necessary to provide the best family vacation experience for our guests,” a spokeswoman said January 26. Mazatlan officials had touted Disney’s decision in 2010 to resume stops at the port as a sign of growing confidence in the city. The Disney Wonder had planned 27 port calls in Mazatlan in 2011, according to the Mazatlan port authority Web site. Mazatlan has continued to thrive as a tourist destination despite drug-gang violence in other parts of Sinaloa state, where it is located. The state is the cradle of several Mexican cartels and has one of the highest homicide rates in the country.
Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jiLSAb-AuT9vaLkUCnclNPkUT5AQ?docId=32c5f75c42d449d5b8b7e88170d75915>
25. *January 26, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Plane hit by lightning makes emergency landing.** US Airways said an airplane with 16 people aboard made an emergency landing in Virginia after being struck by lightning January 26. An airline spokeswoman said nobody was injured. Flight 4376 operated by the US Airways subsidiary Piedmont was en route from Charlotte, North Carolina, to Lynchburg, Virginia, when it was struck by lightning 20 miles south of its destination. She said the pilot declared an emergency and landed at the Lynchburg airport without incident. There were 13 passengers and 3 crew members aboard the Dash 8-300 twin turboprop aircraft. A Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spokesman said the pilot reported an electrical failure. The FAA will investigate.
Source: <http://www.newswest9.com/Global/story.asp?S=13913628>
26. *January 26, South Florida Sun Sentinel* – (Utah) **Man accused of in-flight tantrum en route to Fort Lauderdale.** A man en route to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, his former home, was arrested after disrupting the flight and shouting, “I will take this plane down!” according to the FBI. The individual was flying from San Francisco, California to Fort Lauderdale on JetBlue Flight 278 January 24, but wound up under arrest in Salt Lake City, Utah. His reported tantrum forced the captain to make an unscheduled landing there. FBI agents took the suspect into custody on a charge of interference with a flight crew, a federal complaint said. Soon after takeoff, he became belligerent over not being allowed to buy headphones with cash, the complaint said. The airline accepts only credit card payments. Flight crew members decided the passenger was intoxicated and declined to sell him an alcoholic beverage.

Source: <http://www.whnt.com/news/nationworld/fl-irate-flier-fort-lauderdale-20110126,0,2466355.story>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

27. *January 26, CBS News* – (Texas) **Sen. John Cornyn’s Dallas office evacuated for suspicious packages.** At least one of a Republican Senator’s Dallas, Texas-area offices was evacuated January 26, his staff confirmed to CBSNews.com, after two suspicious packages arrived in the mail. Bomb squad technicians detonated the two devices. An FBI official in Dallas told CBS News the Dallas Police Department “disrupted” the package, but there were no explosives, nor was there any threat. The Senator’s office said his staff has been given the all-clear.

Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-503544_162-20029695-503544.html

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Agriculture and Food Sector

28. *January 26, Peoria Journal-Star* – (Illinois) **Freon leak forces restaurant evacuation.** A restaurant in Peoria Heights, Illinois, was closed January 26 when refrigerant gases entered its ventilation system during renovation work in a vacant business next door. Six people reported headaches and dizziness after their evacuation from Basta Mangiare Italian Cuisine, police said. Police said refrigerant gases leaked into the business while a man was tearing out an air conditioning system at about 12:30 p.m. Peoria Heights firefighters helped clear out the chemical gases. An ambulance crew also was called to the scene, though police said it appeared there were no serious injuries. The restaurant was closed for the rest of the day.

Source: <http://www.pjstar.com/news/x1235863300/Six-treated-after-reported-freon-link-at-Prospect-Road-restaurant>

29. *January 25, Brownsville Herald* – (Texas) **Vegetable oil spills in ship channel.** A broken pipeline January 25 caused vegetable oil to spill into the Brownsville Ship Channel at the Port of Brownsville in Texas. The Port of Brownsville chief of police said he received a call at about 1:30 p.m. that a spill had occurred at old dock No. 2. Personnel from the Texas General Land Office and the U.S. Coast Guard responded, along with port staff. The area manager with the GLO’s Oil Spill Response Team said the spill occurred at the TransMontaigne facility while oil was being transferred from one container to another. When the pipe ruptured, oil ran down an abandoned pipe that goes under the channel and leaked into the water, the police chief said. The quantity of the spill was unknown, but the oil was quickly contained with a 1,000-foot containment boom. The area manager said cleanup contractor R.M. Walsdorf responded and was

prepared to deploy a skimmer boat to clean up the spill.

Source: <http://www.brownsvilleherald.com/news/port-122049-brownsville-oil.html>

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30. *January 27, Concord Monitor* – (New Hampshire) **Water main bursts; boil order in effect.** Residents in Pembroke and Allenstown, New Hampshire, will remain under a boil order January 27 and 28 after a water main break was discovered January 26 at the intersection of Pleasant and Exchange streets in Pembroke. The leak in an underground water pipe was found about 2 a.m. after a drop in water pressure was detected. The Pembroke Water Works serves about 2,200 customers in Pembroke, Allenstown and a small portion of Hooksett along Pleasant Street, the utility's business manager said.
Source: <http://www.concordmonitor.com/article/236587/water-main-bursts-boil-order-in-effect>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. *January 26, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Officials: Fla. man makes bomb threat in hospital.** Authorities said a man made a bomb threat after a nurse at a Gulf Coast, Florida, hospital told him he could not smoke. Police said the 23-year-old man faces one felony count of possession of a hoax bomb. He was arrested January 22 and was still in the Hillsborough County Jail January 26. Authorities said he suffered head injuries in a fight January 22 and sought treatment at Tampa General Hospital. Officials said he asked a nurse if he could step outside and smoke and became upset when she cited a new policy that prohibits smoking on hospital property. The nurse told police the man put his oversized bag on the counter, and told her he had a bomb inside. No bomb was located and he was arrested.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/01/26/2035216/officials-fla-man-makes-bomb-threat.html>
32. *January 26, WBTV 3 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Medical records tossed into landfill during office renovation.** North Carolina health officials said some computer disks containing clients' medical records were accidentally tossed into a landfill. According to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, a set of computer disks belonging to the Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (DSDHH) may have been discarded at a landfill during a recent office renovation. The disks contain personal information of clients who applied for services from the Equipment Distribution Service within DSDHH from January 2005 through December 2008. Officials said the only way to access the information is by using special software. Meanwhile, letters have been sent to each of the individuals whose

personal information may have been tossed in the landfill. The letter explains what happened and provides guidance on how victims can protect themselves from identity theft or scams. DSDHH has added a link to consumer protection information on its Web site at [www\(dot\)ncdhhs.gov/dsdhh](http://www(dot)ncdhhs.gov/dsdhh).

Source: <http://www.wbtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13911469>

33. *January 26, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (New Mexico) **Albuquerque woman receives prison sentence for ID theft and health care fraud.** On January 26, a U.S. district judge sentenced an Albuquerque, New Mexico resident to a 24-month term of imprisonment to be followed by 4-years' supervised release based on her guilty pleas to aggravated identity theft and health care fraud. She was also ordered to pay \$24,679.48 in restitution to Medicaid and Presbyterian Health Care Services (PHS). She was charged in a 26-count indictment filed April 14, 2010. The indictment charged her with 15 counts of mail fraud, three counts of health care fraud, and eight counts of aggravated identity theft. The indictment alleged that, between May 2008 and June 2008, the woman, then employed at a PHS pharmacy, devised a scheme to defraud PHS by causing fraudulent prescription reimbursements checks to be issued to her friends and relatives who turned the proceeds over to her. According to the indictment, she used the names of legitimate PHS customers and their identification information to create the fraudulent checks. It further alleged she used this scheme to generate 17 fraudulent checks in the aggregate amount of \$27,129.63 and obtained \$24,679.48 in proceeds from 15 checks that were cashed.

Source:

http://7thspace.com/headlines/370842/albuquerque_woman_receives_prison_sentence_for_id_theft_and_health_care_fraud.html

34. *January 26, Fremont Tribune* – (Nebraska) **Gas leak leads to partial evacuation in West Point.** A gas leak led to the partial evacuation of St. Francis Memorial Hospital and three West Point, Nebraska, schools January 25. The leak occurred when a backhoe hooked a temporary gas line at the construction site of the hospital's new addition, the superintendent of Beckenhauer Construction of Norfolk, Nebraska, said. Waldinger Corp. of Omaha, a subcontractor which operated the backhoe, then started digging behind the broken line so it could be crimped off, he said. The gas supplier, Black Hills Energy, arrived on the scene quickly. Black Hills, with the help of Waldinger, crimped off the line. For safety reasons, the West Point Volunteer Fire Department was called to the scene.

Source: http://fremonttribune.com/news/local/article_ad405f70-2969-11e0-8ec9-001cc4c002e0.html

35. *January 25, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Ex-Pa. medical school official charged with fraud.** A federal indictment accuses a former top official at Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with having submitted more than \$3 million in false medical claims. The doctor was charged January 25 with health care fraud and making false statements between 2002 and 2007, when he was ophthalmology department chairman and an assistant dean. The 144-count indictment alleged the 61-year-old defendant caused thousands of claims to be submitted with

charges for services to patients that he did not evaluate. A Temple spokesman told the Philadelphia Inquirer that the school “severed its relationship” with the doctor in November 2007 after an internal investigation.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/01/25/2034075/ex-pa-medical-school-official.html>

36. *January 25, Akron Beacon Journal* – (Ohio) **FBI Hazmat teams called to Coventry Township home for suspected ricin.** Federal agents in special protective gear entered a Coventry Township, Ohio, home January 25 to remove a “hazardous substance.” For most of the day, federal agents, Summit County sheriff’s deputies, and firefighters from three area departments gathered outside of the home for the arrival of a special FBI hazardous materials teams from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Quantico, Virginia. Local law enforcement and the FBI personnel received a tip January 24 about the substance, which authorities would not identify on the record. “The substance told to us is hazardous to humans,” an FBI spokesman said. “We’re not going to speculate because we don’t know what it is.” A law enforcement official at the scene cited ricin as a possibility. The spokesman said the material inside of the home was only a small amount. Authorities sealed off the large brick house and property after receiving the tip around 4 p.m. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers facility next door was used as a staging area. A special FBI team dressed in hazmat gear and carrying a metal box entered the home around 3 p.m. By 3:41 p.m., the extraction was complete. The FBI dispatched a plane to fly the material to a special laboratory in Maryland for analysis.

Source: http://www.ohio.com/news/break_news/114580384.html

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Government Facilities Sector

37. *January 27, KCTV 5 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Facebook bomb threat gets student suspended.** A comment posted on a Facebook account January 23 by a special education student at West Platte High School in Weston, Missouri, led to an out-of-school suspension. Weston police said the principal called them January 24 to report the comment a freshman had posted. Police would not quote the comment, but said the report characterized it as a bomb threat. The Weston School Board president said the district needs to treat seriously anything construed as a potential threat. The editor of the Platte County Citizen said the superintendent acknowledged the child was a special-education student who was suspended for 5 days after posting that he intended to blow himself up.

Source: <http://www.kctv5.com/news/26629095/detail.html>

38. *January 26, WDIV 4 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Shots fired outside Detroit school.** Police in Detroit, Michigan, were searching January 26 for the person who fired shots outside Westside Christian Academy. Police said a young man went into the school on Bramell Street looking for a student, with whom he has a child, but was turned away when the school said the student was absent. Police said the man, who is not a student, then went

outside of the school and fired several shots into the air. The school was put on lockdown as a precaution, but parents were allowed to pick up their children. Police said they know the identity of the shooter and are trying to locate him.

Source: <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/26624424/detail.html>

39. *January 26, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Threat at Schriever AF base shuts down Ellicott schools.** Schools in Ellicott, Colorado, were locked down January 26 after an explosive was found at Schriever Air Force Base. Base officials received information January 26 about the potential threat to families who live on their base. The schools east of Colorado Springs were locked down as a precaution because Air Force members' children attend the schools. It was not known what type of explosive was found or where it came from. Schriever is the home of the 50th Space Wing, Space Warfare Center, and the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/26631842/detail.html>

40. *January 26, Lansing State Journal* – (Michigan) **Mason High School evacuated for a short time due to fire.** A 17-year-old student at Mason High School in Mason, Michigan, is suspected of setting a fire January 26 that led to the school being evacuated. The student was removed from the school, and the case was forwarded to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office. A review of school surveillance camera footage led to the suspect being identified. The school was evacuated at about 12:15 p.m. after several posters in the science hallway were found burning. The school's superintendent said staffers evacuated about 980 students from the building after a custodian noticed the fire and pulled a fire alarm. Police and fire departments responded. Three paper posters were removed from the building and fans were used to clear smoke before students were allowed to return. They were outside for about 20 minutes.

Source:

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20110126/NEWS05/101260354/Mason-High-School-evacuated-for-a-short-time-due-to-fire>

41. *January 26, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **Man charged with making threats against Washington governor.** A 51-year-old Pierce County, Washington, man who allegedly threatened the state's governor and her family after learning that his state benefits were being reduced was charged January 26 with a felony. The suspect was tracked down by the state patrol through the e-mail address and phone number he provided on the Web site where he is alleged to have posted threats, according to court documents. He was charged with making a threat against the governor or her family. Bail for the suspect, who pleaded not guilty at his arraignment January 26, was set at \$500,000, according to court documents. The suspect left the first threat on the governor's Web page around 6:15 a.m. January 25, prosecutors alleged.

Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2011/01/26/1836866/man-charged-with-making-threats.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

42. *January 26, Emergency Management* – (National) **Formidable Footprint exercise series an opportunity to assess neighborhood preparedness.** A series of virtual tabletop exercises between January and June will test the capacity of neighborhood groups to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a natural disaster. A January 29 earthquake exercise will address the response to an earthquake. Disasters to be taken up in succeeding months are floods, wildfires, tornadoes, a flu pandemic, and a hurricane scenario. The Web-based Formidable Footprint exercises ask participants to answer a series of questions about their capacity to respond to a variety of situations they may be faced with following a disaster. The exercises also prompt the teams to consider what information they should report to their local emergency management officials, how to do that, and what to do in other instances, such as if a member is injured. At the end of the exercise, each of the teams completes a Web-based review and receives a copy of its responses to the prompts. The questions lead teams to develop incident action plans (IAP) even though the exercise is written in plain language. There is no cost to community groups to participate in the exercises, but registration is required so participants may receive exercise materials beforehand. So far groups representing sectors from across the economy in 38 states have registered to take part in the upcoming exercise series, according to the Formidable Footprint Web site. Source: <http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Formidable-Footprint-Exercise-Series.html>
43. *January 25, Associated Press* – (International) **Justice Dept settles over faulty Zylon body armor.** A Justice Department (DOJ) investigation into the use of defective Zylon fiber in bulletproof vests has led to a settlement with a Japanese importer. The body armor company now will cooperate in the probe of the material's manufacturer, Toyobo Co. Ltd. of Japan. The United States will collect \$1.5 million from N.I Teijin Shoji Co. Ltd and an American subsidiary. DOJ said the two Teijin companies were aware the Zylon fiber would degrade quickly, rendering bulletproof vests unfit for use. The government has sued Toyobo and several vest manufacturers, and has settled previously with eight other body armor companies for more than \$59 million. DOJ's civil division chief said providers of defective material in the vests have jeopardized the lives of law enforcement officers. Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/01/25/AR2011012505216.html>
44. *January 24, WTRF 7 Wheeling* – (Ohio) **Employee computer misuse investigation at correctional institution.** The Ohio State Highway Patrol has launched an investigation into three officers at the Belmont Correctional Institution in St. Clairsville. According to the investigation supervisor with the Cambridge Division, allegations of computer misuse are being investigated. He said the investigation was initiated after they received information privileged data may have been released. Investigators are looking into computer records and working with other agencies that may have been involved.

“Any state computer where there is privileged information is tightly controlled. We have checks and balances to make sure that information is kept secure,” he said. After the investigation is completed, the Ohio State Highway Patrol will forward results to the prosecutor’s office and they will determine if charges will be filed.

Source: <http://www.wtrf.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=93154>

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Information Technology Sector

45. *January 27, IDG News Service* – (International) **Hackers turn back the clock with Telnet attacks.** A new report from Akamai Technologies showed hackers appear to be increasingly using the Telnet remote access protocol to attack corporate servers over mobile networks. Akamai, which specializes in managing content and Web traffic, issues quarterly reports on Internet traffic trends. The latest report, which covers the third quarter of 2010, showed that 10 percent of attacks from mobile networks are directed at Port 23, which Telnet uses. That marks a somewhat unusual spike for the aging protocol. Telnet is a remote access tool used to log into remote servers, but it has been gradually replaced by Secure Shell (SSH). Administrators are generally advised to disable Telnet if the protocol is not used to prevent attacks targeting it, but some forget. Although those attacks originated from mobile networks, Akamai said it did not appear mobile devices were the source.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9206622/Hackers_turn_back_the_clock_with_Telnet_attacks

46. *January 27, IDG News Service* – (International) **Smart cards no match for online spies.** The U.S. government has been stepping up its use of smart cards to help lock down its computer networks, but hackers have found ways around them. Over the past 18 months, security consultancy Mandiant has come across several cases where determined attackers were able to get onto computers or networks that required smart cards and passwords. In a report released January 27, Mandiant calls this technique a “smart card proxy.” The attack works in several steps. First, the criminals hack their way onto a PC. Often they will send a specially crafted e-mail message to someone at the network they are trying to break into. The message will include a malicious attachment that, when opened, gives the hacker a foothold. After identifying the computers with card readers, the criminals install keystroke logging software on them to steal the password typically used in concert with the smart card. When the victim inserts the smart card into the hacked PC, the criminals then try to log into the server or network that requires the smart card for authentication. When the server asks for a digital token from the smart card, the criminals redirect that request to the hacked system, and return it with the token and the previously stolen password.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9206620/Smart_cards_no_match_for_online_spies

47. *January 27, Help Net Security* – (International) **Multiple vulnerabilities in Symantec products.** Multiple vulnerabilities have been reported in Symantec products, which can be exploited by malicious people to cause a Denial of Service attack and compromise a vulnerable system, according to Secunia. The first is an error in the Intel AMS2 component when processing certain messages can be exploited to cause a buffer overflow via specially crafted packets sent to TCP port 38292. The second is an error in the Intel AMS2 component when processing certain messages can be exploited to run arbitrary commands via specially crafted packets sent to TCP port 38292. The third is an error in the Intel AMS2 component when processing certain messages can be exploited to create arbitrary events (e.g. launch a program or send an e-mail) via specially crafted messages sent to TCP port 38292. Successful exploitation of the vulnerabilities may allow execution of arbitrary code. The fourth is an error in the Intel AMS2 component when processing certain messages can be exploited to crash the Intel Alert Handler service via specially crafted packets sent to TCP port 38292. The vulnerabilities are reported in Symantec AntiVirus Corporate Edition Server 10.x. and Symantec System Center 10.x.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10503>
48. *January 27, H Security* – (International) **Opera 11.01 closes critical hole.** The new version of the Opera Web browser closes the critical hole reported early the week of January 23; this vulnerability allows attackers to gain control of a computer. The problem was caused by a flaw in the code for processing HTML documents that contain select elements with a large number of child elements. In combination with further tricks, this flaw allows arbitrary code to be injected and executed. The vulnerability affects not only the Windows version, but also those for Mac and Unix, and has been closed in all versions. The updates for all operating systems also correct a browser configuration click-jacking vulnerability and a another that allows Web pages to read out local files.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Opera-11-01-closes-critical-hole-1178229.html>
49. *January 27, Help Net Security* – (International) **5 men busted in relation to Anonymous DDoS attacks.** Five men believed to have taken part in recent Anonymous' DDoS attacks were arrested in the United Kingdom January 27, during a series of raids coordinated by the Metropolitan Police Service's Police Central e-Crime Unit. The arrested males — aged 15, 16, 19, 20, and 26 — have been taken to their local police stations in West Midlands, Northants, Herts, Surrey, and London, and are currently in custody, police said. The suspects are likely to be charged with offenses under the Computer Misuse Act 1990. They were probably tracked down by the police because they were using Anonymous' LOIC tool to DDoS various sites — a tool that actually does not completely anonymize its users' involvement. The arrests are the results of a months' old investigation the Metropolitan Police has mounted with the help of law enforcement agencies from the United States and various European countries.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10504>

50. *January 25, Network World* – (International) **Low-cost SSL proxy could bring cheaper, faster security; defeat threats like Firesheep.** Researchers have found a cheaper, faster way to process SSL/TLS with off-the-shelf hardware, a development that could let more Web sites shut down cyber threats posed by the likes of the Firesheep hijacking tool. The technology, dubbed SSLShading, shows how SSL proxies based on commodity hardware can protect Web servers without slowing down transactions, according to a presentation scheduled at the USENIX Symposium on Networked Design and Implementation in Boston March 30 through April 1, 2011. SSL/TLS — the cryptographic protocols used to protect online Web transactions — encrypts traffic from visitors’ machines all the way to Web servers. That makes it impossible to pick up data such as session cookies by preying on unencrypted wireless networks, which is what Firesheep does. Based on an algorithm devised by researchers in Korea and the United States, SSLShading is software that directs SSL traffic being proxied either to a CPU or a graphics processing unit, whichever is most appropriate to handle the current load. The researchers will discuss the algorithm in their paper “SSLShader: Cheap SSL Acceleration with Commodity Processors.”
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9206482/Low_cost_SSL_proxy_could_bring_cheaper_faster_security_defeat_threats_like_Firesheep

51. *January 24, Darkreading* – (International) **Active ‘Darkness’ DDoS botnet’s tool now available for free.** A free version of a fast-growing and relatively efficient DDoS botnet tool has been unleashed in the underground. The so-called Darkness botnet is best known for doing more damage with less — its creators boasting that it can take down an average-sized site with just 30 bots. Researchers are keeping a close eye on the botnet, which has been very active the past few months. In just the past 3 weeks, for example, Darkness has attacked an average of 1.5 victim sites per day, and about 3 per day in the fourth quarter of 2010, according to data gathered by a research analyst with Arbor Networks’ Asert team. The DDoS botnet appears to originate out of Russia. “It tends to go after targets primarily in Europe, and to a lesser extent, the U.S.,” he said. The director of Shadowserver, revealed January 23 that an older version of the bot code, version 6m, had become available for free in various underground forums as of late December 2010, and that Shadowserver was already seeing new Darkness botnet command and control servers waging DDoS attacks. “Darkness requires fewer infected systems, which makes it more efficient,” he said.
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/insider-threat/167801100/security/attacks-breaches/229100144/active-darkness-ddos-botnet-s-tool-now-available-for-free.html>

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 26, Reuters* – (National) **Verizon struggles with BlackBerry data traffic.** Some Verizon Wireless customers using BlackBerrys have been limited to making voice calls on Research In Motion's (RIM) smartphone for as long as a week, but Verizon said January 26 the issue was fully resolved. Contributors to a BlackBerry support forum said they had trouble connecting to the Internet, using Internet-based apps and had delayed e-mail delivery since January 25. RIM routes BlackBerry data traffic through its own servers via a carrier's network, a method not replicated by other smartphones. The company said its service has been operating normally. "There is no outage, and there hasn't been one," a Verizon Wireless spokesman said. "Our engineers discovered that a small number of customers in a limited geographic area had technical glitches that resulted in their e-mail being delayed up to an hour," he said. The Verizon glitch was fully resolved January 25, he said, declining to provide further technical details or say how many customers were affected or where they were located.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE70P9N120110126>
53. *January 26, Wall Street Journal* – (National) **Smartphones get more airwaves.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved a request January 26 to allow a satellite broadband start-up funded by investment firm Harbinger Capital Partners to lease its airwaves for traditional mobile phones. The agency approved a request by LightSquared to drop a requirement that airwaves set aside for satellite-phone use aren't primarily used instead for ground-based phone networks. The FCC's action means LightSquared can lease its airwaves to companies that offer normal smartphones such as the iPhone, and not pricier satellite-enabled phones.
Source:
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703293204576106293753233196.html>
54. *January 26, WTNH 8 New Haven* – (Connecticut) **Wallingford building evacuated after roof sags.** Fire crews in Wallingford, Connecticut, are on the scene of an AT&T building January 26, where there were concerns about the safety of the roof. The building, located on Research Parkway, was evacuated as fire personnel and engineers looked at the sagging roof structure. Other workers were told not to come in to work January 26. Crews were raking the snow off the roof to lighten the weight load. Engineers said the building was structurally safe, and workers could return to their jobs January 27.
Source: http://www.wtnh.com/dpp/weather/winter_weather/wallingford-building-evacuated-after-roof-sags
55. *January 24, Aviation Week* – (International) **Errant satellite to be back in business soon.** Intelsat appears poised to recoup use of Galaxy 15, the wayward "Zombie Sat" that terrorized telecom satellite neighborhoods around the globe until it was brought under control in late December. Intelsat reported January 13 that Galaxy 15 appeared to be in good health following recovery of control in late December, after a 6-month trek that took it past 15 geostationary communications spacecraft. The incident, which

occurred April 5, did not lead to substantial interference or service loss. Galaxy 15 arrived at 93 deg. W. Long. January 15 for a complete checkout, including validation of three control-and-command software patches uploaded in December to ensure the incident did not recur. Intelsat said engineers are focusing on firmware in the baseband equipment (BBE) command unit as the source of the Galaxy 15 incident, and they hope further testing will enable them to narrow down and complete the failure review board inquiry initiated under the control of Orbital Sciences Corp., which built the spacecraft. OSC has also uploaded the software patches, which were validated in orbit in October, on other Intelsat spacecraft that use the same Star 2 bus employed in Galaxy 15.

Source:

[http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_generic.jsp?channel=awst&id=news/awst/2011/01/24/AW_01_24_2011_p38-284481.xml&headline=Errant Satellite To Be Back In Business Soon](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_generic.jsp?channel=awst&id=news/awst/2011/01/24/AW_01_24_2011_p38-284481.xml&headline=Errant%20Satellite%20To%20Be%20Back%20In%20Business%20Soon)

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Commercial Facilities Sector

56. *January 27, Press of Atlantic City* – (New Jersey) **More than 300 residents evacuated after fire at Atlantic City apartment building.** An electrical fire forced the evacuation of more than 300 residents from an Atlantic City, New Jersey apartment building January 26. The fire began after 8:30 p.m. at Metropolitan Plaza, located along South Rhode Island Avenue near Pacific Avenue in the city's South Inlet section. The fire chief said one of the main electrical feeds into the building overheated, causing fire to spread through a corner of the building's parking garage to a parked car. That fire was extinguished quickly, he said, but electricity repair crews deemed it unsafe to keep the building's power on. Workers tried to isolate the electricity to the floors affected by the fire — the third and fourth floors — but could not reach the building's owners or engineers. So the entire building was evacuated, with residents allowed to return to their rooms to grab medicine, valuables, and clothing.

Source: http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/press/atlantic/article_182be084-29ba-11e0-9d55-001cc4c002e0.html

57. *January 27, Associated Press* – (International) **Swiss police: blast at Davos hotel, no injuries.** A small blast shattered two windows but caused no injuries at a hotel used by top business and political leaders attending the World Economic Forum, Swiss police said January 27. The incident occurred on the day the French president, British deputy prime minister, and a former U.S. President were due to take the stage at the annual gathering in the Swiss Alpine town of Davos. Forum organizers said in a statement the explosion was caused by a firework. An anonymous posting on the Web site indymedia.ch claimed responsibility for the attack on the Posthotel Morosani, saying it was directed at Swiss government officials and senior executives of Swiss bank UBS staying at the hotel. Its authenticity could not immediately be confirmed. Swiss federal prosecutors office said in a statement that it is investigating the incident but provided no further information "for tactical reasons." The explosion happened in a hotel storage room shortly after 9 a.m., a regional police spokesman told the Associated Press. The

anonymous claim of responsibility said “two pyrotechnical devices and sugar” were used to cause the blast. There was little disruption to the hotel and its activities beyond an increased security presence at the hotel’s entrance. There is tight security at the World Economic Forum as left-wing groups plan to hold a protest against the annual meeting of political and business leaders and social activists.

Source:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/eu_davos_forum_explosion;_ylt=Ap9KQdF6w.cZIpUK398wM3Cs0NUE;_ylu=X3oDMTNzM2doNGQyBGFzc2V0A2FwLzIwMTEwMTI3L2V1X2Rhdm9zX2ZvcnVtX2V4cGxvc2lvgRjY29kZQNtb3N0cG9wdWxhcgRjcG9zAzQE9zAzEEcHQDaG9tZV9jb2tlBHNIYwN5bl9oZWFKbGluZV9saXN0BHNS

58. *January 27, KXAS 5 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Eight apartments destroyed in 4-alarm fire.** A 4-alarm fire at a Dallas, Texas apartment complex destroyed eight units in one building January 27. Fire broke out shortly after 4 a.m. at the Park Towne Villas Apartments on Holly Hill Drive near Greenville Avenue and Park Lane. Firefighters put out the flames before 5 a.m., but remained at the scene for several hours keeping hot spots under control. Smoke billowing from the roof could be seen from U.S. 75. No one was injured.

Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local-beat/4-Alarm-Fire-Destroys-8-Apartments-114716144.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

59. *January 26, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Study ties pine beetle to severe Wash. wildfires.** A new study mapping the mountain pine beetle outbreak in north-central Washington State showed infested areas were more likely to experience larger, more destructive forest fires. The study, which was a collaboration between NASA and the U.S. Forest Service, aimed to detect bark beetle infestations and to evaluate the link between them and forest fires in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Satellite data showed regions of the forest experiencing water and vegetation stress, and analysis tied these regions to beetle infestations. Additional review showed highly infested areas that subsequently burned had more intense forest fires than areas without infestations. The forest has experienced severe wildfires in recent years, including the Tripod Fire, which burned on more than 273 square miles.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2014042718_apwafirefires.html

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Dams Sector

60. *January 27, Associated Press* – (International) **Indonesia plans dike to protect sinking capital.** Indonesia wants to build a huge dike to protect its sprawling capital from rising seas. The Jakarta governor said January 27 that construction should be finished by 2025, though details of its exact size and cost will be hammered out during meetings next month. Flooding in the city of 13 million kills dozens every year. Indonesia, a former Dutch colony made up of more than 17,000 islands, is at risk of becoming one of the biggest victims of rising seas accompanying global climate change. Rising sea waters especially pose a threat to coastal cities such as Jakarta — which is sinking 2 inches per year, in part because pumping out underground water for irrigation and industry has eroded the city’s foundation.
Source: <http://www.whbf.com/Global/story.asp?S=13917127>
61. *January 27, KMTR 16 Springfield* – (Oregon) **Failed levees near Oakridge.** A rush of heavy rains and melting snow created a levee headache for a fish hatchery and the town of Oakridge, Oregon — a town near Salmon Creek, January 26. Excessive amounts of rain and melting snow filled the creek more than a week ago, carving out several levees and putting the Willamette Fish Hatchery and Oakridge’s drinking water supply in jeopardy. Crews were clearing the way at the hatchery for dump trucks. The hope is to rebuild the levee in the next 2 weeks with donated rock from the U.S. Forest Service. Just down the highway another failed levee which is threatening Oakridge’s well field. Crews hope to have the damaged repaired by early the week of January 31.
Source: <http://www.kmtr.com/news/local/story/Failed-levees-near-Oakridge/0rHF2aqNXkqdl0I4P-GltQ.csp>
62. *January 26, Orange County Register* – (California) **Obama signs O.C. disaster declaration.** The U.S. President signed a disaster declaration January 26 for Orange and nine other California counties that suffered significant damage from recent storms. The declaration will help free up federal funds for cleanup and repair, although it was not clear exactly how much. County officials said heavy December downpours, including a week’s worth of storms that dropped more than 10 inches on some parts of Orange County, caused an estimated \$36 million in damage to public and private property. The storms left beaches strewn with debris, wiped out wilderness trails and bridges in county parks, inundated canyon roads with mud, washed out levees, and clogged storm drains.
Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/news/declaration-285793-disaster-federal.html>

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