



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 1 March 2011

**Current Nationwide Threat Level**

**ELEVATED**

*Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks*

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- BankInfoSecurity.com reports a preliminary draft of new online authentication guidance from the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council puts greater responsibility on financial institutions to enhance their security and prevent fraud. (See item [20](#))
- According to the Associated Press, public health officials are warning travelers and workers present at four U.S. airports on two recent days that they may have been exposed to measles. (See item [34](#))

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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. *February 28, St. Louis American* – (Illinois; Missouri) **More than 40K without power following storm.** Two electrical companies, Ameren Missouri and Ameren Illinois, are reporting more than 40,000 power outages due to the overnight storms February 27 into February 28. Ameren Illinois reported 11,700 customers were without electricity, the hardest hit areas were Madison County and St. Clair County, with at least 25 power lines being down. Ameren Missouri said crews were still assessing the damage

February 28, noting that more than 31,000 customers were affected.

Source: [http://www.stlamerican.com/news/local\\_news/article\\_00252e80-4352-11e0-a099-001cc4c002e0.html](http://www.stlamerican.com/news/local_news/article_00252e80-4352-11e0-a099-001cc4c002e0.html)

2. *February 28, Battle Creek Enquirer* – (Michigan) **More study urged on oil types run through U.S. pipelines.** A report was released February 21 around the 7-month anniversary of the 843,000-gallon oil spill that contaminated the Kalamazoo River. It cites the type of oil that was running through Enbridge Inc.'s ruptured oil transportation pipeline, Line 6B, as a possible cause for the spill and reason for difficulties after the spill. The report, "Tar Sands Pipeline Safety Risks," was prepared as a collaborative effort between the Natural Resources Defense Council, the National Wildlife Federation, the Pipeline Safety Trust and the Sierra Club. The report said it could be more dangerous to transport tar sands oil (the type that was flowing through Line 6B when the spill occurred July 25) than other forms of crude oil. Officials with the National Transportation and Safety Board and Enbridge still have not denoted an official cause for the 6.5-foot-long rupture found in Line 6B after the oil spill. The tar sands report also claims to account for the length of time (about 12 hours) it may have taken Enbridge to shut down Line 6B after the spill was detected.

Source: <http://www.battlecreekenquirer.com/article/20110228/OILSPILL/102280313>

3. *February 26, Independence Examiner* – (Missouri) **Police investigating possible explosives in car.** Independence, Missouri police have taken into custody a man who reportedly had ammunition and a pipe bomb on his person. According to the Examiner's newspartner, KMBC, explosive experts in Independence arrived on scene February 26 at the corner of Lee's Summit Road and U.S. 24. A dispatcher for police confirmed police and fire were sent to a car fire near the corner at about 3 a.m. at a gas station. Following their arrival, they discovered what they thought was a pipe bomb in the vehicle. One man was taken into custody at the scene, and police were keeping motorists and passerby at bay. The bomb squad and its accompanying robot was called to the scene to investigate, but weather made it difficult for the robot to investigate the vehicle.

Source: <http://www.examiner.net/news/law/x148134093/Police-investigating-possible-explosives-in-car>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. *February 28, GoBlueRidge.Net* – (North Carolina) **US 221 Reopened.** US 221 at the Avery, McDowell line in North Carolina reopened February 28. The highway was closed after a wreck that claimed one life, and caused another serious injury the afternoon of February 27. The state patrol report said the truck carrying car batteries crashed after running off the road to the right, then was pulled too strongly back on to the road, crossed over and off the left side, where the truck struck a bolder. The crash covered the road with acids from the batteries. Authorities covered the chemicals with lime to neutralize the acids.

Source:

[http://www.goblueridge.net/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=11342](http://www.goblueridge.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=11342)

5. *February 27, WCVB 5 Boston* – (Rhode Island) **Mill fire forces evacuation of several homes.** A fire at an abandoned mill in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, forced the evacuation of several homes February 27. The fire at the First Avenue building broke out at about 1 p.m. Worried about chemicals stored inside, fire officials evacuated six homes in the area. “They are of great concern because there are a lot of chemicals we have used in the past in this building,” said the Woonsocket deputy fire chief. “We’re not quite sure what they are but they’re all burning in conjunction with each other so we’re not quite sure what it’s giving off.” It was unclear when residents would be allowed back inside their homes. By early evening, firefighters had the blaze under control but were still at the scene trying to douse the hotspots. The cause of the fire was unknown.

Source: <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/r/27017000/detail.html>

6. *February 27, Spokane Spokesman-Review* – (Washington) **Chemical spill from derailed train in Pierce County under control, officials say.** Hazardous chemicals that spilled from a derailed freight train onto the banks of the Puget Sound in Washington February 26 could have produced an environmental catastrophe in Pierce County, according to a state Department of Ecology official. But only 50 gallons of highly corrosive sodium hydroxide, or lye, hit the shore in University Place near Tacoma, a state hazardous-materials specialist said the next day. He said the lye would be diluted as it comes in contact with water, and any damage to aquatic life would “probably not be obvious.” Four tank cars, each containing about 15,000 gallons of lye, were derailed near the shore. Only one car leaked, from two places, a valve and a hatch, he said. Emergency crews were able to seal and reduce those leaks to a drip by the morning of February 27. Fourteen cars from two trains derailed, and most were empty. The chemical is used in industry to unclog drains and regulate the pH levels of water, but it can be hazardous and cause breathing problems and burns. No one was injured in the derailment, which occurred about 8:30 p.m. 13 miles south of Tacoma. None of the cars went into the water, and none of the lye appeared to have spilled directly into the water.

Source: [http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2014348599\\_derail28m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2014348599_derail28m.html)

7. *February 26, Occupational Health and Safety* – (Ohio; Indiana) **Hazmat violation carries \$227,500 penalty for Dover Chemical.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is proposing a \$227,500 civil penalty against Dover Chemical Corporation of Dover, Ohio, for alleged violations of federal hazardous materials regulations. FAA alleged Dover offered sulfur monochloride, a hazardous material, to United Parcel Service for transportation by air from Hammond, Indiana, to Dover, Ohio, June 15, 2010. The hazardous materials regulations prohibit carriage of sulfur monochloride aboard any type of aircraft. The chemical’s vapors are poisonous if they are inhaled. Dover allegedly offered the material when it was not packaged, marked, classed, described, labeled, or in condition for shipment as required by regulations. UPS workers at the carrier’s sorting hub in Louisville discovered the shipment because it

had leaked. According to its Web site, Dover is a producer of chlorinated paraffins, polymer additives, liquid and solid antioxidants (including organophosphites), flame retardants, and additives for water-based and oil-based metalworking fluids. Dover has 30 days from receipt of FAA's enforcement letter to respond to the agency.

Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2011/02/26/hazmat-violation-carries-227500-penalty-for-dover-chemical.aspx?admgarea=news>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

8. *February 28, Brattleboro Reformer* – (Vermont) **VY delays well test.** Vermont Yankee (VY) engineers and technicians had to delay drawing water from a sampling well because the well was not high enough to support purging. The company has been testing wells in the area around the Vernon, Vermont nuclear power plant to find the source of a potential new tritium leak. The VY manager said the delay would probably last a few days while the company's hydrogeological contractor worked to purge the silt and increase the production rate at the well. The spokesman said the well was sitting inactive for about a year and silt probably accumulated in the water-producing bedrock fractures. "Drinking water samples are being drawn from other on site wells on a bi-weekly frequency," the spokesman said. "To date, no tritium has been detected in any drinking water sample." The spokesman said the well is expected to be put back into operation by March 2.

Source: [http://www.reformer.com/localnews/ci\\_17498645](http://www.reformer.com/localnews/ci_17498645)

9. *February 26, Pottstown Mercury* – (Pennsylvania) **One unit at Limerick station shut down due to malfunction.** A unit at Exelon Nuclear's Limerick generating station in Limerick Township, Pennsylvania was shut down February 25 as the result of malfunctioning equipment. According to information provided by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the problem was with a system that uses water to cool motors for the pumps which recirculate water through the reactor. An Exelon spokesman said "the pumps operated exactly as they are designed to do" and shut down, which began the shutdown of the reactor in Unit 2. In an e-mail to the Pottstown Mercury, the NRC spokesman wrote, "the reactor scram was uncomplicated," using the industry term for an unscheduled shutdown. He said NRC inspectors housed at the station were on hand for the shutdown to monitor the company's action.

Source: <http://pottsmmerc.com/articles/2011/02/26/news/srv0000011023480.txt>

10. *February 25, WTVO 17 Rockford* – (Illinois) **Illinois' oversight of nuclear power plants falls through the cracks.** Four of Illinois' nuclear power plants, including the facility in Byron, were not properly inspected by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). That is according to a report by the state auditor general. The IEPA said many of their workers simply did not know how to do the inspections. "We didn't have staff trained in how to do this, we now do have fully trained staff and have added another staff person and all the inspections are being done, per the new law," an IEPA spokesman said. In 2008, a new law required the IEPA to do quarterly safety

inspections. Their role, to check records and see if wells containing radioactive material are leaking any of the toxic liquid. A danger the IEPA spokesman said never panned out. “I’m not aware of any danger or even any contamination of wells,” the IEPA spokesman said. While the state failed to do their inspections, the crew that operates the Byron facility did not. A Byron power plant spokesperson released this statement: “Byron Station had zero reportable environmental events in 2010 and our records are always available at any time for state inspections.”

Source: [http://mystateline.com/fulltext-news?nxd\\_id=233006](http://mystateline.com/fulltext-news?nxd_id=233006)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

11. *February 28, Panama City News Herald* – (Florida) **Local business damaged by fire.** The Panama City Beach Fire Department and investigators with the state fire marshal’s office responded to a fire at Smith’s Sheet Metal in Panama City, Florida, February 28. No injuries were reported in the fire at 17742 Ashley Drive. The flames were reported at about 2:50 a.m. When crews arrived on scene, the captain said the front half of the 300-by-300 feet building was fully involved. The initial response included 1 ladder truck, 2 fire engines and 9 firefighters, but Bay County Fire Districts 1 and 6 were called to assist resulting in a crew of about 28 firefighters working on the flames. The captain estimated it took 30 minutes to an hour to contain the blaze because of windy conditions. Firefighters then began an interior assault until the fire was extinguished, he said. At this point, no one was thought to be in the building when the fire ignited and a cause is unknown, he said.

Source: <http://www.waltonsun.com/news/fire-91346-newsherald-ashley-drive.html>

12. *February 27, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Fire destroys St. Nazianz foundry.** Authorities said a fire that destroyed Heritage Aluminum & Brass Foundry in St. Nazianz, Wisconsin, February 25, probably caused up to \$2 million in damages. Twelve eastern Wisconsin fire departments sent nearly 100 firefighters to the foundry around 8:30 p.m. No one was inside at the time. The village fire chief said fire was coming out of three sides of the building when firefighters arrived, while heavy smoke and bright orange flames were coming out of the top. He said investigators know where the fire started and have an idea of the cause, but the investigation is continuing. No foul play is suspected.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-wi-foundryfire.0,893483.story>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

13. *February 26, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **Army review faults Ala. contractor for 2 deaths.** A U.s. Army investigation is blaming improper procedures for an explosion

that killed two men at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama in 2010. A review released February 25 concluded a Huntsville-based military contractor, Amtec, was using the wrong type of equipment and poor safety practices in the blast that killed two Amtec employees. Employees were working with a chemical used in solid rocket propellant, ammonium perchlorate, when the explosion occurred May 5, 2010. The review found in part that workers should have been performing the work with remote equipment rather than working with the material hands-on.

Source: <http://www.wrcbtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=14146175>

14. *February 25, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (International) **Broomall man convicted of shipping equipment to Iran.** An Iranian national who has lived in the United States for more than 20 years was convicted February 24 of exporting banned material to his homeland, including sophisticated laboratory equipment, laptop computers, and fuel cells. The verdict against the man, 43, followed 6 days of deliberations over 2 weeks, and a lengthy trial that started in January. The man and a partner, 44, who pleaded guilty in 2010, operated Saamen Co. L.L.C. in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, which exported the equipment to Dubai, where coconspirators shipped it on to Iran. In 2003, The man's Iranian contacts asked the 2 men to try to obtain 134 American helicopter pilot helmets. The case involved investigators from the FBI, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Department of Commerce. The men also shipped items such as ultrasonic liquid processors and hydrophones, according to prosecutors.

Source: [http://articles.philly.com/2011-02-25/news/28629792\\_1\\_illegal-exports-broomall-man-iran](http://articles.philly.com/2011-02-25/news/28629792_1_illegal-exports-broomall-man-iran)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

15. *February 28, NBC New York* – (New Jersey) **Brazen bank bandit branches out to NJ.** The audacious bank bandit who robbed 7 New York City, New York banks in the last 3 months, including 2 in one week in February, has struck again — this time across the Hudson River. The bank robber — dubbed “the Holiday Bandit” because of the season in which the robberies began – robbed a Sovereign Bank in Woodbridge, New Jersey, February 25, the FBI confirmed. While cops said the February 25 heist marked the man's first robbery in the Garden State, he has allegedly menaced tellers throughout the Big Apple since December. And police believe he is getting bolder.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Brazen-Bank-Bandit-Branches-Out-to-NJ--117055108.html>

16. *February 26, Softpedia* – (International) **New banking trojan targets all major browsers.** Spanish security firm S21sec has identified a new banking trojan capable of injecting HTML into all popular browsers which uses a rootkit to hide its components. Dubbed Tatanga, the trojan is written in C++ and is organized in modules with different functionality which are decrypted in memory as needed. Like other banking trojans, Tatanga executes Man-in-the-Browser (MitB) attacks in order to perform unauthorized transactions from the accounts of its victims. The trojan currently targets

banks from Western European countries, particularly the United Kingdom, Germany, Spain, and Portugal. It currently has a very low detection rate. A signature-based Virus Total scan revealed that only 9 in 43 antivirus engines currently detect the infector as malicious and most of them do it under generic names. Microsoft calls it Trojan:Win32/Mariofev(dot)B and first added detection for it in September. However, the definition was updated the week of February 21, probably to account for new variants. According to S21sec researchers, the trojan comes with an e-mail harvesting module, one that handles encrypted communication, another for the removal of competing trojans, including ZeuS, a module for blocking antivirus programs, one handling the encrypted configuration file, the HTML injector, and a file patcher. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-Banking-Trojan-Targets-All-Major-Browsers-186443.shtml>

17. *February 25, Los Angeles Daily Breeze* – (California) **Suspicious package leads to evacuation of San Pedro bank.** A suspicious package found in a San Pedro, California bank's night-deposit drop prompted a bomb squad response and forced people to evacuate February 25 from neighboring businesses, police said. The package turned out to be benign. An employee at the Bank of America branch at Ninth Street and Pacific Avenue contacted police about 8:30 a.m. after discovering a small package that contained no name or return address on it. "It seemed suspicious, so she notified us," a spokesman said. Police called for a bomb squad, and asked bank employees to evacuate. Residents at neighboring apartment complexes and businesses also were forced to evacuate. Bomb squad officers X-rayed the box and determined it was not an explosive, the spokesman said. Business returned to normal at 11 a.m. Source: [http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci\\_17485772](http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_17485772)
  
18. *February 25, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **NM real estate executive faces federal charges.** A prominent New Mexico businessman was arrested February 25 on numerous charges stemming from an alleged multi-million-dollar Ponzi scheme that involved several hundred investors, the U.S. Attorney said. The 63 -year-old suspect was taken into custody without incident at a home in Albuquerque's north valley after a federal grand jury returned a 30-count indictment that accused the former real estate executive of wire fraud, mail fraud, money laundering, and other charges. The indictment came after more than a year of investigation by state and federal authorities. If convicted, the suspect faces up to 20 years in prison on some of the counts, and as many as 10 years on others, the U.S. Attorney said. The indictment also seeks forfeiture of a home in Las Vegas, Nevada, as well as a money judgment in excess of \$74 million. Federal investigators allege in the 34-page indictment that the suspect began a promissory note investment program in 1993 to generate revenue to grow his real estate business. The typical note had a 3-year term, an interest rate ranging from 8 to 40 percent and provided for interest to be paid in monthly installments. The indictment covers the suspect's actions from 2005 through 2010, when the alleged scheme collapsed. Federal investigators said at that time, the suspect owed more than \$76 million in unpaid principal and interest payments to approximately 600 investors. Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9LK36180.htm>

19. *February 25, Softpedia* – (National) **Fake ACH transfer failure notifications spread ZeuS.** A new wave of spam e-mails are targeting business users and attempt to infect them with a variant of the ZeuS banking trojan by posing as ACH transfer failure notifications. According to researchers from antivirus vendor Trend Micro who analyzed the campaign, the e-mails purport to come from NACHA — The Electronic Payments Association, the regulatory agency for the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network. The ACH network is commonly used by companies to process large volumes of credit and debit transactions, such as payroll or vendor payments, in batches. According to the director of research in computer forensics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, the e-mails have subjects such as “ACH transaction cancelled”, “ACH Transfer rejected”, “Your ACH transaction,” and other such variations.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/ACH-Transaction-Failure-Notifications-Spread-ZeuS-186368.shtml>
20. *February 22, BankInfoSecurity.com* – (National) **FFIEC draft puts more responsibility on banks.** A preliminary draft of new online authentication guidance from the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) puts greater responsibility on financial institutions to enhance their security and prevent fraud. The FFIEC has yet to formally unveil its long-awaited update to 2005’s authentication guidance, but a December 2010 draft document entitled “Interagency Supplement to Authentication in an Internet Banking Environment” was distributed to FFIEC’s member agencies — the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, National Credit Union Administration, and Office of Thrift Supervision — for review and comment. Copies of this draft circulated within the banking and security communities recently, and two were sent separately and anonymously to Information Security Media Group. While it is likely this draft will be amended before the final release of the new guidance, the current document calls for five key areas of improvement: (1) Better risk assessments to help institutions understand and respond to emerging threats, including man-in-the-middle or man-in-the-browser attacks, as well as keyloggers; (2) Widespread use of multifactor authentication, especially for “high-risk” transactions; (3) Layered security controls to detect and effectively respond to suspicious or anomalous activity; (4) More effective authentication techniques, including improved device identification and protection, as well as stronger challenge questions; (5) Heightened customer education initiatives, particularly for commercial accounts.  
Source: [http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art\\_id=3374](http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art_id=3374)

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## **Transportation Sector**

21. *February 28, CNN* – (Virginia) **Continental flight diverts to Dulles after it reports striking birds.** A Continental flight departing Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport in Arlington, Virginia for Houston, Texas, February 28, diverted to nearby Dulles International Airport in Dulles, Virginia after the crew reported the plane struck



birds, damaging its left engine. The incident happened shortly after Continental flight 1559 departed Reagan airport a Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman said. The plane reported an engine problem, the FAA said. The FAA did not immediately have a cause for the problem, but in air traffic control radio conversations apparently recorded by LiveATC(dot)net, the crew of the Boeing 737 contacted the airport and said, "Ah, we just hit some birds. We're losing our left engine." When the controller asked the plane to confirm, the crew responded, "We're losing our No. 1 engine. We're going to have to go over to Dulles." In a later radio transmission, the crew said the engine was still running, but was "rough." The plane landed without incident at Dulles, and taxied to the terminal under its own power, the FAA said. The Boeing 737 is designed to operate on one engine if necessary. Bird strikes are relatively common and do not always damage jet engines, although large birds or flocks of birds can seriously harm planes and engines.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/02/28/washington.dulles.birdstrike/#>

22. *February 27, Reuters* – (Alabama) **Airport in Alabama reopens after security scare.** Authorities reopened the airport in Birmingham, Alabama, February 27 after closing it for several hours due to a suspicious package, an airport spokeswoman said. "The site has been secured and we are open again. The terminal is safe. Passengers are allowed to leave and others are allowed to drive to the airport and pick up arriving passengers," a spokeswoman said. The airport was closed for around 4 hours. The suspicious package was found in a car by an airport worker when the car was about to be parked, Birmingham police said. "The device was removed along with the vehicle. The person who parked the car is in flight and will be met by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) (on arrival)," a sergeant told Reuters. The FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, the local bomb squad, and police were involved in the incident, he said.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/02/28/us-usa-airport-birmingham-idUSTRE71R0C220110228>
23. *February 27, WKYC 3 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Cleveland: RTA resumes after gas leak fire.** The Regional Transit Authority (RTA) in Cleveland, Ohio resumed normal operation of the Blue and Green train lines of the rapid transit system February 27, after being shut down due to an ignited gas leak. The fire was contained just before 6 p.m., February 27 when crews were able to shut off gas to the line. Fire Department crews responded to the scene in the area of E. 90th Street and Holton Avenue in the early afternoon. The leak occurred in an area where an RTA train passes. The RTA trains was shut down in that area for many hours. The gas line is located about 6 to 8 feet below ground. Gas workers do not know what caused the leak to ignite. Dominion East Ohio gas is continuing their investigation into what may have ignited the gas leak, which the company said it first became aware of February 26.  
Source: <http://www.wkyc.com/news/article/177579/33/Cleveland-Gas-Leak-explosion-RTA-stopped>
24. *February 26, KOMU 8 Columbia* – (Missouri) **Two big rigs jack-knifed overnight at busy intersection.** After 4 hours of clean-up efforts, road crews reopened the

eastbound lane of I-70 about 6 a.m. February 25. Five vehicles were involved in a pile-up at the site of the Highway 63 interchange. Two 18-wheelers ended up in a ditch in the wreck. One rig was moving diesel fuel and patchy ice conditions caused the truck to veer off the roadway. Fuel from the truck then spewed into the ditch. The driver was unharmed in the accident. Emergency crews, including the Columbia police and fire departments, took part in the rescue effort. Due to the extreme condition of the wreck, police declined to comment on the incident.

Source: <http://www.komu.com/KOMU/d7e2017e-80ce-18b5-00fa-0004d8d229cb/5d6cd4a4-80ce-18b5-00bc-23c36d88ff57.html>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

25. *February 28, Watauga Democrat* – (North Carolina) **Roby Greene Road resident finds explosive chemical device in mailbox.** A potentially dangerous device found in a Boone, North Carolina, mailbox led authorities to seek help from a Wilkes County explosives team and close Roby Greene Road for more than 2 hours February 27. A resident in the 3000 block of Roby Greene Road opened the roadside mailbox to find an unusual item, prompting a call to 911 at about 4 p.m., according to an e-mail from the sheriff. Officers from the Watauga County Sheriff's Office who arrived at the scene sought help from the Meat Camp Volunteer Fire Department and the Wilkes County Explosive Ordinance Division. The team determined that the object was a chemical catalyst/reaction vessel similar to others that have surfaced in Wilkes and Caldwell counties, the sheriff said. The items are very dangerous and use several highly reactive chemicals. The road was closed to traffic until about 6:30 p.m. while the officers removed the device, which is being processed for evidence.

Source:

[http://www2.wataugademocrat.com/story/Roby\\_Greene\\_Road\\_resident\\_finds\\_explosive\\_chemical\\_device\\_in\\_mailbox\\_id\\_004866](http://www2.wataugademocrat.com/story/Roby_Greene_Road_resident_finds_explosive_chemical_device_in_mailbox_id_004866)

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

26. *February 28, Rochester Post-Bulletin* – (National) **St. Paul distributor recalls cheese dip.** A St. Paul, Minnesota distributor recalled about 87 pounds of buffalo chicken cheese dip because the label does not list MSG that is contained in the product. J&J Distributing is recalling 16-ounce metal containers of "Cub Fresh Buffalo Chicken Cheese Dip" and 16-ounce metal containers of "Kowalski's Markets Buffalo Chicken Cheese Dip." The dip was shipped to retailers in the Minneapolis, Minnesota area and

has sell-by dates ranging from February 23 to February 25.

Source: <http://www.postbulletin.com/news/stories/display.php?id=1446346>

27. *February 28, Marion Star* – (Ohio) **Fire damages General Mills warehouse in Martel.** A fire February 27 in the General Mills warehouse in Martel, Ohio, caused extensive smoke and water damage to the building. The fire burned two stacks of pallets at about 5:30 p.m. the First Consolidated Fire District chief said. With aid from several area departments, more than 50 firefighters had the flames put out by about 8 p.m., and were then working on cleaning up the area and investigating the cause. The whole building filled with smoke, activating the warehouse's sprinkler system. Investigators were assessing the fire and water damage and trying to pinpoint a cause. Fort Morrow Consolidated Fire, Pleasant Township Fire, Salt Rock Township Fire, Iberia Fire, Mount Gilead Fire, Marion Township Fire, Marion City Fire, and Bucyrus City Fire provided aid in the form of engines, tankers, and ladder trucks.  
Source: <http://www.marionstar.com/article/20110228/NEWS01/102280317>
28. *February 28, FoxNews.com* – (Missouri) **20-ton mayonnaise spill shuts down part of Missouri interstate.** A stretch of Interstate 44 in Springfield, Missouri, was closed for several hours from February 26 to February 27 when a tractor-trailer crashed, spilling 20 tons of mayonnaise onto the road, the Kansas City Star reported February 27. Police closed the eastbound lanes of the section of the Interstate while crews worked to clean up the 40,000 pounds of mayonnaise that spilled after the driver of the tractor-trailer lost control and drove into the median. No injuries were reported.  
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/02/28/20-ton-mayonnaise-spill-shuts-mo-interstate/?test=latestnews>
29. *February 27, Associated Press* – (International) **14 killed in Mexico bar attacks.** At least 14 people were killed in three separate attacks in bars in northern Mexico, authorities said February 27. In Coahuila state, across the border from Texas, nine men died February 26 when gunmen opened fire inside two bars in separate attacks, state prosecutors said in a statement. Eleven others were wounded. Assailants killed another five men February 26 in a bar in Ciudad Juarez, a Chihuahua state prosecutors' spokesman said.  
Source: [http://www.wral.com/news/national\\_world/world/story/9183976/](http://www.wral.com/news/national_world/world/story/9183976/)
30. *February 25, Food Poison Journal* – (Virginia; New York) **New Market Poultry recalls chicken.** New Market Poultry, a New Market, Virginia establishment, is recalling about 3,339 pounds of ice-packed, whole chicken products that may be adulterated due to leaking cooler condensate, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced February 25. The problem was identified February 24 when the company discovered products under the USDA retention had been shipped. FSIS personnel observed February 23 standing water with unidentified black specks pooling on the box lids of the packed chickens stored in a company cooler. The palletized boxes, which contain drainage holes, were retained by FSIS and should not have been shipped. Each box bears the establishment number "P-4602A" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The chicken products were

produced on February 23 and inadvertently shipped the same day to six distribution centers in the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Farmington, New York.

Source: <http://www.foodpoisonjournal.com/food-recall/new-market-poultry-recalls-chicken/>

31. *February 25, Associated Press* – (National) **Appeals court overturns sugar beet injunction.** Environmental groups failed to show that seed plants for sugar beets genetically modified to withstand the popular weed killer Roundup would cause irreparable harm, a federal appeals court said February 25 in overturning an injunction that called for the destruction of the plants. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, California said it disagreed with a federal district court decision last fall granting the injunction against the planting of the seed plants, also called stecklings. “We conclude the district court abused its discretion in granting a preliminary injunction requiring destruction of the steckling plants,” the court wrote. “Plaintiffs have not demonstrated that the ... plants present a possibility, much less a likelihood, of genetic contamination or other irreparable harm. The undisputed evidence indicates that the stecklings pose a negligible risk of genetic contamination, as the juvenile plants are biologically incapable of flowering or cross-pollinating before February 28, 2011, when the permits expire.” The decision was the latest in the ongoing dispute over the genetically altered sugar beets, which were developed by Monsanto.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/nation-world/appeals-court-overturns-sugar-853733.html>

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## Water Sector

32. *February 28, WTAM 1100 AM Cleveland* – (National) **Wastewater treatment plant is flooded.** The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District’s Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio was up and running again the afternoon of February 28, after it experienced flooding in the morning that limited its capabilities to treat wastewater entering the plant. The Southerly WWTP experienced damage to buildings, equipment and service tunnels. The Bar Rake Building — where flow initially enters the WWTP — flooded by 4 feet of water. This is between East 49th Street and I-77. “The sewer district’s water quality and industrial surveillance department has a policy in place to limit flow from area industrial customers. As a precautionary measure, the district is encouraging residential customers to limit water usage. In addition, three interceptor sewer pipes – the Cuyahoga Valley Interceptor, Big Creek Interceptor and Southwest Interceptor – were shut down to further reduce flow entering the WWTP. An interceptor sewer is a large sewer that collects wastewater and delivers into the WWTP. Wastewater flow was diverted to the Cuyahoga River. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency was notified of this action. The Southerly WWTP typically handles 125 million gallons of wastewater each day. The plant can fully treat up to 400 million gallons per day; an additional 335 million additional gallons can receive primary treatment (solids removal).

Source: <http://www.wtam.com/cc-common/news/sections/newsarticle.html?feed=122520&article=8227912>

33. *February 23, Middletown Times Herald-Record* – (New York) **Revere Smelting to pay \$450,000 for environment violations.** Revere Smelting & Refining Corp. (RSR) has agreed to pay \$450,000, construct new safeguards and study polluted areas of its property as part of a settlement with environmental regulators. The settlement, announced February 23, came 4 months after the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) found a bevy of violations at the battery recycling plant on Ballard Road in Wallkill. During inspections in 2009 and 2010, authorities found lead-contaminated water had leaked into the Wallkill River and contaminated soil around the plant. RSR was also accused of violating air emission standards, storing contaminated concrete improperly, and failing to update a fund that would be used to close the plant in case of an emergency. As part of the settlement, RSR agreed to do the following: Pay a \$150,000 penalty and set \$300,000 aside for a DEC-approved project to benefit the environment; remove hazardous waste from the site; construct a new floor system in the main containment building where batteries are recycled; post a financial guarantee for closing the plant in case of an emergency or permit revocation. The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration also fined RSR \$30,000 this year for a workplace accident. RSR has operated since 1972. The plant crushes car batteries 24 hours per day. It siphons off the chemicals, melts down the lead inside and sells it back to battery makers.

Source:

<http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110223/NEWS/110229900>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

34. *February 28, Associated Press* – (National) **Air travelers may have been exposed to measles.** Public health officials are warning travelers and workers present at four U.S. airports on two recent days that they may have been exposed to measles from a traveler arriving from London, England. Authorities said February 26 that a New Mexico woman later confirmed to have measles arrived at Washington Dulles International Airport in Dulles, Virginia late in the afternoon of Feb. 20. Two days later, the measles-infected traveler departed from BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport near Baltimore, Maryland on an evening flight to Denver, Colorado, and then on to Albuquerque, New Mexico. The traveler became sick and was subsequently diagnosed with measles in New Mexico, a spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said. He said February 26 that authorities in those states are trying to notify travelers who sat close to the infected passenger on the flights. The New Mexico Department of Health's scientific laboratory division said the traveler was a 27-year-old Santa Fe woman who had not been immunized against measles. "The appropriate steps are being taken to reach out to those passengers on the plane that were in close enough

proximity,” the CDC spokesman said of those seated five rows in front or behind the infected passenger. Although most Americans have been vaccinated for measles or are immune because they’ve had the disease, public health officials are concerned about those not immunized, including babies. Pregnant women and those with weakened immune systems are also more at risk. Authorities say people who were at the airports at the same time as the infected traveler and develop a fever or other symptoms should contact their doctors. An infectious disease specialist at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville said the potential exposure of so many travelers in airport terminals is a cause for concern. He said measles is “highly communicable” and can be associated with complications leading to death. “We don’t want measles to be imported back into the U.S. once it gets a foothold.”

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/02/28/travel/main20037210.shtml>

35. *February 26, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Patient at Liberty Hospital had small explosive device in clothing.** Staff at Liberty Hospital in Liberty, Missouri called authorities February 24 after they found a small explosive device in clothing worn by an emergency room patient. Liberty police were called to the hospital after staff members found the explosive device and drugs in the patient’s clothing. The 19-year-old Holt man had been involved in a rollover car accident near Kearney. Officers told the Kansas City Star the device was cylinder-shaped and about 6 inches long. It was covered in yellow tape and had a small fuse.  
Source: <http://www.kspr.com/sns-ap-mo--hospital-explosive.0.5046408.story>
  
36. *February 25, Reuters* – (International) **Boston officials testing three more for measles.** Three cases of measles are now suspected in Boston, Massachusetts among residents who may have crossed paths with a 24-year-old woman whose diagnosis was confirmed in February, health officials said February 25. Measles is a highly contagious airborne virus spread person to person. Officials have advised that the original carrier ate out regularly and rode the subway to work. One of the suspected cases, a woman in her 30s, ate at a restaurant in the same office building where the carrier worked at the French consulate and sometimes ate. The second suspected case, a woman in her 20s, lives near the consulate worker. Links to the third possible case are still being investigated, officials said. Test results on the three are expected the week of February 28.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/02/25/us-measles-boston-idUSTRE71O6IE20110225>
  
37. *February 24, Health and Human Services* – (Massachusetts) **Massachusetts General Hospital settles potential HIPAA violations.** The General Hospital Corporation and Massachusetts General Physicians Organization Inc. (Mass General) has agreed to pay the U.S. government \$1 million to settle potential violations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy Rule, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced February 24. The incident giving rise to the agreement involved the loss of documents consisting of a patient schedule containing names and medical record numbers for 192 patients, and billing encounter forms containing the name, date of birth, medical record number,

health insurer and policy number, diagnosis and name of providers for 66 of those patients. These documents were lost forever March 9, 2009, when a Mass General employee, while commuting to work, left the documents on a subway train. The incident involved patients of Mass General's Infectious Disease Associates outpatient practice, including patients with HIV/AIDS.

Source: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2011pres/02/20110224b.html>

38. *February 24, WHIO 7 Dayton* – (Ohio) **Contaminated water at Miami Valley; 4 patients sick.** Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio said four patients over the age of 60 have confirmed cases of Legionnaire's disease, possibly from contaminated water in a new hospital building. One of the patients remains hospitalized while the other three have been discharged, according to hospital officials. The hospital was investigating whether the bacteria came from plumbing in its new \$135 million patient tower, which began admitting people in December. Dozens of other patients in the tower were notified February 23. Legionnaire's is a potentially deadly form of pneumonia caused by waterborne bacteria.

Source: <http://www.whiotv.com/news/26970252/detail.html>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

39. *February 27, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **More students arrested in Storm Lake school bomb threats.** Eight students were arrested in a series of bomb threats at Storm Lake Middle School in Storm Lake, Iowa. The students, ranging in age from 11 to 16, were arrested after written notes containing the threats were found in the school February 24 and 25. The school was evacuated because of the three rounds of threats. A school board member said each threat has to be treated seriously even if officials suspect a prank or copycat. He said the students do not understand how much damage they did. The students face various charges, including terroristic threat and harassment. Some were released by police to their parents; others were placed in a juvenile detention center.

Source:

[http://www.kgan.com/shared/newsroom/top\\_stories/videos/kgan\\_vid\\_5103.shtml](http://www.kgan.com/shared/newsroom/top_stories/videos/kgan_vid_5103.shtml)

40. *February 27, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **Fire at Andrews Air Force Base.** Fire broke out February 27 in a building at Andrews Air Force Base in Camp Springs, Maryland, authorities said. The fire was in a residence in a housing area on the base, which is the home of Air Force One, the U.S. Presidential aircraft. A base spokesman said the residence was unoccupied at the time of the blaze, and no injuries were reported.

Source: <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/local-breaking-news/fire-at-andrews-afb.html>

41. *February 26, CNN* – (California) **Navy police shoot one sailor in gut after chase at San Diego base.** U.S. Navy police shot one sailor in the abdomen and took another into

custody February 26 after their vehicle smashed into two police cruisers following a chase at San Diego, California's naval base, a military spokesman said. The wounded sailor is in stable condition at the University of California San Diego Medical Center after undergoing surgery, said the Navy's public affairs officer for the southwest region. The other sailor was uninjured. The public affairs officer said the men had been stopped around 1:30 a.m. at a gate outside the San Diego Naval Base on strong suspicions of drunken driving. In a statement, the Navy said its police decided to use "deadly force" after determining "the driver represented a threat to the lives of officers." Formal charges — which have not yet been specified — are likely to be filed February 28 against the car's driver and possibly its passenger, the military spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/02/26/california.sailors.shot/index.html>

42. *February 25, ABC News* – (National) **Immigration officials: Tri-Valley U. and students involved in Visa scam.** Tri-Valley University (TVU) in Pleasanton, California is being investigated by federal officials who suspect it made millions of dollars by luring hundreds of foreign students to enroll by promising to take care of their Visa problems. Investigators also believe many TVU students shared in the possible fraud by collecting a share of the tuition of other students they recruited to the school. "Once enrolled at TVU, each foreign national may also collect up to 5 percent of the tuition of any new student that his or her referred student refers. A large percentage of foreign nationals at TVU participate in this referral/profit-sharing statement," court documents alleged TVU was shut down January 19 and labeled a "sham university" by immigration officials. When the school was shut down, more than 1,000 foreign students were stripped of their student status that allows them to stay in America to study. Since January, at least 18 students were required by Immigration and Customs Enforcement to wear ankle bracelets so their locations could be tracked.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/immigration-officials-tri-valley-university-sham-selling-student/story?id=12974636>

43. *February 25, Raycom News Network* – (International) **U.S. Embassy in Libya closed, Americans evacuated.** The U.S. State Department announced February 25 that it had closed the U.S. Embassy in Libya in response to increasing violence there. According to a White House spokesman, a ferry with about 200 U.S. citizens arrived safely in Malta. "The State Department has suspended embassy operations in Libya and will temporarily withdraw all embassy employees from Tripoli," the spokesman said. Remaining embassy personnel and American citizens who requested evacuation were flown via charter plane to Istanbul, Turkey. Other nations from Britain to China were also scrambling to get their citizens out of the country as Libya's leader struggled to hold on to his slipping grip on power.

Source: <http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=14143715>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**



44. *February 28, KJRH 2 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Officers engage in high-speed chase after man steals police car.** Law enforcement officers from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Rogers County worked together to apprehend a man who led a high-speed chase after stealing a police car February 27. The theft began at 51st and Sheridan where the suspect argued with officers. He then gained entry to the police car and took off. He nearly hit a sheriff's car head on before the Oklahoma Highway Patrol was stopped the driver near Inola. The suspect continued to be uncooperative, leading a trooper to fire a shot, hitting the suspect in the arm. No other injuries were reported. Officers arrested the suspect and he was being held in the Tulsa County Jail. This is the second time in just 24 hours an emergency vehicle was stolen. Two men were arrested in Tulsa February 25 after stealing an ambulance.  
Source: [http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/officers-engage-in-high-speed-chase-after-man-steals-police-car](http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local_news/officers-engage-in-high-speed-chase-after-man-steals-police-car)
45. *February 28, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Milwaukee police system pinpoints gunfire.** A high-tech, federally funded system of sensors and software now allows Milwaukee, Wisconsin police to pinpoint exactly where in one violent area of the city shots have been fired — and to get officers there in a hurry. The system, supplied by a Mountain View, California company, detects the shock waves from a bullet being fired and can sort that information out from all the other noise in the area, company officials said. It then transmits the data to dispatchers in the police department's communications center, who see the location of the shooting on a screen, hear the shots, and can immediately send officers to the scene. The sensors are attached to buildings in the area, with permission of the owners. The system has picked up 101 shots over the past 30 days in the neighborhood, according to police — and generated 200 dispatch calls to officers since it was first tried December 24.  
Source: <http://officer.com/online/article.jsp?siteSection=1&id=57035>
46. *February 27, KMBC 9 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Cars hit Mo. police car, fire truck at scene.** Police in Lee's Summit, Missouri, said a fire truck and police car were hit while responding to a car accident on U.S. Highway 50 and Missouri Highway 291 February 26. Investigators said the crash started when emergency crews came to the scene after a car slid into a guard rail. The pumper truck had just parked near the scene when another vehicle hit it. Firefighters were in the process of getting out of the truck when it crashed, but no firefighters were hurt. Emergency crews said a second car hit a parked police car that had arrived to help with traffic control. The drivers of the cars that hit the two emergency vehicles were taken to an area hospital with injuries not considered life-threatening. Investigators said slick surfaces from freezing drizzle likely caused all three crashes.  
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/cars-hit-mo-police-car-fire-truck-scene>
47. *February 24, KGBT 4 Harlingen* – (Texas; International) **National guardsmen among McAllen drug, guns bust.** A National Guardsman is among several people arrested in a drug bust in McAllen, Texas, where authorities also found guns and bulletproof vests headed to Mexico. Investigators told media sources that the guardsman allegedly

supplied those items and other military articles to the suspects in a gun and drugs ring. Police said they raided two different locations in McAllen, where they arrested a total of 11 people. During their search, police seized assault rifles, guns, ammunition, and grenades. All were headed to Mexico. Police also recovered several tons of marijuana and over 1,000 pounds of cocaine. The McAllen police chief said the investigation is still not complete and more arrests could be made.

Source: <http://www.valleycentral.com/news/story.aspx?list=195030&id=585549>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

48. *February 28, H Security* – (International) **Security update for Foxit Reader.** Foxit Software has announced the release of version 4.3.1.0218 of its PDF Reader product, a maintenance update that addresses a “highly critical” security vulnerability. According to Foxit, the patch corrects an issue that could, when opening a specially crafted document, cause an integer overflow error when processing specific ICC profiles, in turn leading to a heap-based buffer overflow. This could be used, for example, by an attacker to compromise a user’s system by terminating the application or executing arbitrary code. Versions up to and including Foxit Reader 4.3.1.0118 and Foxit Phantom 2.2.3.1112 are reportedly affected. Foxit said it plans to release an update for its Phantom PDF Suite later the week of February 28 – the latest version is 2.2.3. All users are advised to upgrade.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Security-update-for-Foxit-Reader-1199247.html>
  
49. *February 28, Softpedia* – (International) **Popular Websites hit by malvertizing attack.** Internet users were prompted by security alerts when browsing popular Web sites the weekend of February 26 and 27 because of a malvertizing campaign pushed exploits onto their pages. It is unclear where the attacks originated, but many reports seem to focus on a domain called stripli(dot)com from where the malicious advertisements were loaded. This domain is currently blacklisted by Google’s Safe Browsing service, which means Web sites trying to load content from it could end up being blocked in Chrome and Firefox. The site in this case was www(dot)londonstockexchange(dot)com, and attempting to visit it from Google Search and these two browsers resulted in a Safe Browsing error. The diagnostic page for stripli(dot)com stated “this site has hosted malicious software over the past 90 days. It infected 7 domain(s), including reviewcentre(dot)com, londonstockexchange(dot)com, viamichelin(dot)com/.” But, according to reports on Yahoo! Answers, the impact was much more extensive, with IMDb(dot)com and eBay(dot)com being among the affected domain names. Google’s Safe Browsing service did not have time to blacklist these domains until they resolved the problem, but some users were alerted by their antivirus programs about malicious code being served from them. On some forums people reported being infected with a fake antivirus program after browsing through the affected sites.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Several-Popular-Websites-Hit-by-Malvertizing-Attack-186660.shtml>

50. *February 28, Help Net Security* – (International) **150,000 Gmail accounts reset and contents deleted.** Word about the accidental resetting of G-mail accounts has been spreading on the Internet in the last 2 days as users Tweeted that their e-mail accounts were stripped clean of all e-mails, attachments, and chat logs collected in them over the years. Google confirmed the glitch and its results, saying that less than 0.08 percent (around 150,000) of the Google Mail user base has been affected. The issue has still not been resolved and some users still cannot access their accounts. Google confirmed “users may be temporarily unable to sign in while we repair their accounts”, but did not say if the content would be restored.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10671>

51. *February 25, IDG News Service* – (International) **Hacker writes easy-to-use Mac Trojan.** Researchers at Sophos said they have spotted a new trojan horse program written for the Mac. It is called the BlackHole remote access trojan, and it is easy to find online in hacking forums, a Sophos researcher said. Sophos has not seen the Trojan used in any online attacks — it is more a bare-bones, proof-of-concept beta program now — but the software is easy to use, and if a criminal could find a way to get a Mac user to install it, or write attack code that would silently install it on the Mac, it would give him remote control of the machine. BlackHole is a variant of a Windows Trojan called darkComet, but it seems to have been written by a different developer. The darkComet source code is freely available, so it appears BlackHole’s author took it and tweaked it so it would run on the Mac, the researcher said.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9211659/Hacker\\_writes\\_easy\\_to\\_use\\_Mac\\_Trojan](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9211659/Hacker_writes_easy_to_use_Mac_Trojan)

52. *February 25, Softpedia* – (International) **Spear phishing attacks leverage Libya crisis to deliver exploit.** Security researchers from Symantec warned of highly targeted attacks that leverage the crisis in Libya to deliver an exploit via e-mail and infect computers. The e-mails pose as replies to previous messages about the current situation in the Arab country. Their body contains a very short message reading “I agree with this point,” however, a formatting error results in a broken html tag to also appear at the end. The short message has the purpose of diverting recipients’ attention towards the attached document called “EconomicStakes in Libya’s Crisis(dot)doc.” If opened, the document tries to exploit an Office RTF stack buffer overflow vulnerability, identified as CVE-2010-3333 and patched by Microsoft in November. Successful exploitation allows the attacker to execute arbitrary code on the system. In this case a piece of malware is installed. According to Symantec, the attacks intercepted by the company targeted 27 individuals within 6 different organizations involved in human rights activism, humanitarian aid, or the analysis of foreign affairs and economic development.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Spear-Phishing-Attacks-Leverage-Libya-Crisis-to-Deliver-Malware-186441.shtml>

## Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [sos@us-cert.gov](mailto: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

Nothing to report

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### Commercial Facilities Sector

53. *February 28, Kansas City Star* – (Missouri) **Mosque in Northeast area destroyed in early morning three-alarm fire.** A fire destroyed a 3-story building that housed a mosque in the Northeast area of Kansas City, Missouri, February 28. There were no injuries. The fire was reported about 3 a.m. at 4614 St. John Avenue, a spokesman for the Kansas City Fire Department said. Arriving firefighters reported seeing smoke coming from the commercial-style building. As they entered the building, the fire flashed from the front to the back, he said. A portion of the northwest corner and east side of the building collapsed. The fire also spread to an unattached garage on the northeast side of the building. Bomb and arson investigators were called in to investigate. The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was also contacted. The mosque was located on the first floor. The second and third floors of the building were boarded up and vacant.  
Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2011/02/28/2687488/three-alarm-fire-destroys-building.html>

54. *February 28, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Police probe explosions near Marshfield church.** Police in Marshfield, Massachusetts were investigating two explosions in front of a church they think were caused by homemade bombs. The devices exploded in front of Trinity Episcopal Church February 26, leaving what police call “basketball” sized holes in the grass. There was an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting inside the church at the time, but no one was hurt and police do not believe anyone was targeted. A police spokesman told the Patriot Ledger the explosions were probably caused by Internet-educated pranksters. The state police bomb squad and the state fire marshal’s office are assisting in the investigation.  
Source:  
[http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20110228police\\_probe\\_explosions\\_near\\_marshfield\\_church/srvc=home&position=recent](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20110228police_probe_explosions_near_marshfield_church/srvc=home&position=recent)

55. *February 27, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Spring Walmart evacuated after suspicious package found inside restroom.** Bomb squad agents were investigating after a suspicious package was found February 26 inside a Spring, Texas Walmart restroom. Deputies said the Walmart located in the 21150 block of Kuykendahl was evacuated around 9 p.m. after someone found the device inside the men’s restroom. Authorities said bomb squad investigators later determined the item was a hoax made to appear like an explosive and did not pose any danger.  
Source: <http://www.khou.com/home/Spring-Walmart-evacuated-after-suspicious-package-found-inside-restroom-117012053.html>
56. *February 25, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **2 arrested in Vegas casino heist of \$33K in chips.** Police searched February 25 for a man suspected of donning a fedora, fake mustache, and sunglasses in a stickup that netted more than \$33,000 in chips from a Las Vegas, Nevada casino. Police said a 45-year-old suspect went to the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino February 24 and grabbed the chips from a pai gow poker table. He also pointed a gun at a card dealer who tried to stop him before he escaped in a cab, a police spokesman said. Police arrested the 61-year-old cab driver within hours of the robbery. The two men worked together at the same taxi company, according to an arrest report. Also taken into custody was a 41-year-old man, who police said met the suspect at another casino after the robbery and received \$17,000 in stolen chips. He told police the suspect owed him \$15,000 and robbed the casino as a way to pay back the debt, the report said. Authorities recovered nearly \$18,000 in Rio chips, plus a silver revolver and wig suspected to have been used in the robbery.  
Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20110225/ap\\_on\\_re\\_us/us\\_rio\\_robbery\\_vegas](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20110225/ap_on_re_us/us_rio_robbery_vegas)

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

57. *February 28, Associated Press* – (Texas) **West Texas wildfires scorch 80,000 acres; 1 death.** Wildfires sweeping across West Texas destroyed dozens of homes, forced evacuations, and closed an interstate after heavy smoke caused a fatal accident February 27, and winds fueling the fires were not expected to weaken overnight. The fires blackened almost 88,000 acres and destroyed 58 homes from the Texas Panhandle to the southern plains, a Texas Forest Service spokesman said. Heavy smoke from a wildfire near Midland, about 330 miles west of Dallas, was blamed for an 8-vehicle accident along Interstate 20 that killed a 5-year-old girl. The roadway was shrouded in smoke when a tractor-trailer hit the pickup truck she was riding in, said a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper. A man and another child were injured. One firefighter suffered second-degree burns fighting a blaze near Colorado City, about 250 miles west of Dallas, but no other injuries were immediately reported. The largest fire burned about 30,000 acres in the Panhandle northeast of Amarillo, destroying 27 homes and damaging 7 others, the forest service spokesman said.  
Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5ijHTObBP0cTNTTjUxvR8y5UcMmYQ?docId=bc64949192f04b1483ae11100959bbda>

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## **Dams Sector**

58. *February 28, WTAM 1100 AM Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Major flooding in Eastlake.** The National Weather Service (NWS) in Cleveland, Ohio issued a flash flood warning February 28 for Gates Mills Dam on the Chagrin River in Cuyahoga County and Lake County. At 10:07 am the failure of gates at Gates Mills Dam was reported by the dam operator. Once it was established that not a lot of water was released, the warning was canceled. NWS said this may add a few inches to major flooding along the Chagrin River. The amount of additional rise is unclear. Residents along the Chagrin River were advised to take action in the event of rapidly rising water.  
Source: <http://www.wtam.com/cc-common/news/sections/newsarticle.html?feed=122520&article=8228950>
  
59. *February 27, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **New DM levee to provide strong flood protection.** Officials said a new levee protecting a Des Moines, Iowa neighborhood that flooded twice since 1993 should be more reliable, but it still does not eliminate the flood risk. Officials said construction work on the Birdland levee is on pace to be finished this summer. Once complete, the \$11 million levee will provide the neighborhood with the strongest flood defense it has ever known. A spokesman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which is in charge of the project, said while the levee is superior to the old levee, it should not give people a false sense of security.  
Source: <http://www.kcci.com/news/27013446/detail.html>
  
60. *February 26, United Press International* – (International) **Judge blocks Amazon rain forest dam.** A Brazilian judge has blocked plans to build what would have become the third-largest hydroelectric dam in the world, officials said. The federal judge said Brazil's environmental agency, the Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources, approved the Amazon rain forest project without ensuring 29 environmental conditions were met, the BBC reported. He said the dam would disrupt the flow of the Xingu River, one of the Amazon's main tributaries. The Brazilian president said the dam was needed to upgrade the country's energy infrastructure. But critics said the dam would damage the world's largest rain forest and displace tens of thousands of indigenous people. Bidding on the proposed dam was stopped three times before the contract was awarded last year. The government said the dam would create thousands of jobs and provide electricity for 23 million homes. The 11,000-megawatt dam would have become the largest in the world after the Three Gorges in China and Itaipu, which is operated by Brazil and Paraguay.  
Source: [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/World-News/2011/02/26/Judge-blocks-Amazon-rain-forest-dam/UPI-31571298728374/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2011/02/26/Judge-blocks-Amazon-rain-forest-dam/UPI-31571298728374/)

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