



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 4 March 2011

**Current Nationwide Threat Level**

**ELEVATED**

*Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks*

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### Top Stories

- WABC 7 New York reports an airport security official has provided evidence the perimeter fence at John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens, New York, is in complete disrepair. (See item [17](#))
- According to CNN, a German official said the man who shot and killed two American troops March 2 at an airport in Germany was a radicalized Muslim whose aim was to kill American troops. (See item [36](#))

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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. *March 3, Reuters* – (International) **Gaddafi strikes oil areas, Arabs weigh peace plan.** The Libyan leader’s forces struck at rebel control of oil export hubs in Libya’s east for a second day on March 3 as Arab states weighed a plan to end turmoil Washington D.C. officials said could make the nation “a giant Somalia.” A leader of the uprising against the Libyan leader’s 41-year-old rule said he would reject any proposal for talks with him to end the conflict in the world’s 12th largest oil exporting

nation. Witnesses said a warplane bombed the eastern oil terminal town of Brega, a day after troops loyal to Libya's leader launched a ground and air attack on the town that was repulsed by rebels spearheading a popular revolt against his four-decade-old rule. Rebels called on March 3 for a no-fly zone, echoing a demand by Libya's deputy U.N. envoy, who now opposes the Libyan leader. A rebel officer said government air strikes targeted the airport of Brega and a rebel position in the nearby town of Ajdabiyah, referring to two rebel-held locations. Opposition soldiers also said troops loyal to the Libyan leader had been pushed back to Ras Lanuf, home to another major oil terminal and 600 kilometers east of Tripoli.

Source:

<http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/wfsu/news.newsmain/article/0/0/1770307/World/Gaddafi.strikes.oil.areas..Arabs.weigh.peace.plan>

2. *March 2, Abilene Reporter-News* – (Texas) **Wildfires threaten turbines, oil fields in West Texas.** The Texas Forest Service (TFS) worked at three sites March 2 in Erath, Howard, and Brewster counties. The Erath County fire, dubbed the School Hill Cemetery fire, burned an estimated 80 acres near Desdemona in adjacent Eastland County and threatened some wind turbines. TFS aid was requested at 2 p.m., and the fire was 75 percent contained by 3:30 p.m., according to the public information officer for the incident management team. A 350-acre fire in Howard County near Highway 137 and Sulphur Draw Road was contained by 2 p.m. One vehicle was destroyed and nearly a dozen oil field sites were threatened at one time. The largest fire was in Brewster County. It covered 1,200 acres and was only 45 percent contained as of March 2. A heavy air tanker stationed in Abilene was called to assist. It landed in Alamogordo, New Mexico, several times to reload with fire retardant. That fire was the result of a controlled burn that escaped its boundaries. A fire manager was on-site and all proper precautions had been taken, but an unexpected wind gust blew burning embers over the fire control line.

Source: <http://www.reporternews.com/news/2011/mar/02/wildfires-threaten-turbines-oil-fields/>

3. *March 2, DNAINFO.com* – (New York) **Transformer explodes at Con Edison plant in East Village.** A transformer exploded at an East Village, Manhattan, New York, power station March 2, setting the facility on fire, officials said. The fire started around 2:19 p.m. at the Con Edison substation on East 14th Street and Avenue D, the New York City Fire Department said, sending smoke, debris and ash over the adjacent FDR Drive. No injuries were immediately reported, fire officials said. Flames could still be seen on the transformer about an hour after the fire began.

Source: <http://www.dnainfo.com/20110302/lower-east-side-east-village/fire-breaks-out-at-con-ed-plant-east-village>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. *March 3, Fort Myers News-Press* – (Florida) **State Road 776 in Charlotte County reopens after chemical spill.** Charlotte County, Florida, deputies have reopened McCall Road/State Road 776 after a two-vehicle crash caused a chemical spill near the intersection at David Boulevard. The accident involved a pool cleaning service pickup truck and an SUV, according to the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP). The FHP report stated the pickup drove into the path of the SUV after stopping on David Boulevard. The truck overturned after it was struck on its side by the SUV. The driver of the pickup was taken to Lee Memorial Hospital. The 32-year-old suffered serious injuries. A large amount of chemicals, mainly muriatic acid and chlorine in his pickup, spilled onto the roadway. Haz-mat teams responded to neutralize the spill. It is estimated that less than 30 gallons of liquid were spilled. The driver of the SUV was treated for minor injuries at Englewood Community Hospital.  
Source: <http://www.news-press.com/article/20110303/NEWS0121/110303007/0/BUSINESS/Chlorine-spill-shuts-down-State-Road-776-Charlotte-County?odyssey=nav|head>
  
5. *March 3, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* – (Indiana) **Ex-latex plant to be cleaned.** Hazardous materials left in the wake of a shuttered latex mold company in Columbia City, Indiana, are now being cleaned up by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It will take 10 to 12 weeks to package and remove the waste inside the old Testworth Laboratories Inc. building at 401 S. Main St., EPA said. The cleanup, which requires workers to wear protective gear and began the week of February 28, will cost \$700,000. Testworth, which opened in 1941 and closed last year, made rubber-based adhesives, coatings, molding, and sealers. A recent EPA inspection of the building revealed drums and containers filled with flammable, corrosive, and hazardous materials. The containers were in poor condition — many were open or leaking — and there were signs of trespassing inside the building, EPA said. EPA will also monitor the air around the Testworth site and the surrounding area during the cleanup as a safety precaution. In 2006, the Indiana State fire marshal and the Indiana Department of Environment Management first inspected Testworth. Officials found 3,000 drums of various products and waste materials, prompting an order from EPA for the company to clean up its site. In 2010, more inspections showed Testworth was operating in unsafe conditions, according to EPA.  
Source: <http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20110303/LOCAL/303039957/1002/LOCAL>
  
6. *March 2, Washington Department of Ecology* – (Washington) **New spill from overturned BNSF rail car cleaned up.** Test results are expected March 2 to confirm the effectiveness of a cleanup of an additional spill stemming from a weekend train derailment near Chambers Bay Golf Course in Pierce County, Washington. The new spill of sodium hydroxide happened March 1 when contractors for BNSF were working on one of the overturned rail cars that had been removed from the beach near the golf course. As it was being stabilized on the upland side of the railroad tracks, it rolled over and released about 100 gallons to the access road adjacent to the upland side of the rail bed. The tank car — which did not leak in the derailment — had most of its contents pumped off before being moved. But some of the sodium hydroxide remained inside

because it had solidified due to the cold weather. BNSF's contractors cleaned up the chemical solution and excavated the spill area. Samples have been collected to ensure the cleanup is complete. The cleanup of the beach, where an initial 50 gallons of sodium hydroxide leaked in the February 26 derailment, continued March 1. Environmental agencies approved efforts to neutralize the sodium hydroxide by applying citric acid to the beach. Samples are being collected to make sure the neutralization work was successful.

Source: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2011/070.html>

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

Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

7. *March 3, Livonia Observer* – (Michigan) **Firefighters extinguish blaze at Ford Transmission Plant.** The Livonia Fire Department extinguished a fire inside the Ford Transmission Plant in Livonia, Michigan, February 27. No one was hurt in the blaze, which started in a machine used to clean parts, the Livonia fire marshal said. The fire broke out at about 6:15 p.m. when the plant was closed. It activated the fire alarm and overhead sprinkler system, which contained the fire to the machine area. The machine was located deep inside the building so firefighters drove the fire engine inside the plant to the area of the machine and put the fire out within 15 minutes. The fire marshal said one of the heaters for the machine may have been left on and that may have overheated one of the containers inside the machine that holds acid-like liquid used to dip parts.

Source:

<http://www.hometownlife.com/article/20110303/NEWS10/103030619/Firefighters-extinguish-blaze-Ford-Transmission-Plant?odysey=mod|newswell|text|Livonia|s>

8. *March 3, CNNMoney* – (National) **Spiders lead to Mazda recall.** Mazda is recalling about 52,000 Mazda6 sedans, because spiders like to build their nests in part of the fuel system. "A certain type of spider may weave a web in the evaporative canister vent line and this may cause a restriction of the line," Mazda said in a letter to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The evaporative canister vent line runs from a charcoal-filled canister that cleans air coming out of the gas tank. Blockage of the line can prevent air from getting into the gas tank as the gasoline is used, resulting in negative air pressure inside the tank. That can lead to a crack in the gas tank and the possibility of a fire. No actual fires are known to have been caused by the spiders, according to Mazda's letter. Dealers will inspect and, if necessary, repair the fuel

system in the cars. A spring will also be installed to prevent spider intrusion, according to the letter. Letters will be mailed to owners of affected vehicles beginning at the end of March.

Source:

[http://money.cnn.com/2011/03/03/autos/mazda6\\_spider\\_recall/index.htm?hpt=T2](http://money.cnn.com/2011/03/03/autos/mazda6_spider_recall/index.htm?hpt=T2)

9. *March 3, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **GM shifts shortened in Lansing after supplier fire.** General Motors is running short shifts March 3 at its crossover plant in Lansing Delta Township after an overnight fire destroyed part of a dashboard factory in Livingston County, Michigan. Employees at Magna International’s Howell Township plant have been told not to return to work until further notice. The factory employs 460 workers, who also make consoles and other interior items. The facility is part of Canadian-based Magna International. According to the director of Livingston County EMS, nobody was injured in the fire that broke out at about 5 p.m. March 2. He said the cause of the fire was not immediately known. Two employees said chemicals are stored in the area of the building where the fire broke out. Crews battling the blaze were joined by a hazardous-materials crew member and personnel from the Livingston County Department of Human Services. The EMS director said the facility’s natural-gas connection was shut off as firefighters from several tankers doused the blaze from ladders raised to 60 feet in the air. Smoke from the fire rose high into the air and was visible for several miles.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20110303/NEWS05/110303029/Livingston-Co-auto-supplier-closed-workers-after-fire>

10. *March 2, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Kentucky) **Man critically injured in plant explosion in Kentucky.** A man working at a metal fabrication plant in Burkesville, Kentucky, is in critical condition March 2 after an explosion left him with serious head trauma. Authorities said the accident happened in at Premium Air Systems in the downtown area. The 31-year-old was cutting the end off a 55 gallon drum with a torch when paint thinner fumes ignited, blasting the drum into his face. The explosion was so powerful it knocked out all the windows of the business. The man was hospitalized at the University of Kentucky Medical Center where he is listed in critical condition.

Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/14176928/man-critically-injured-in-plant-explosion-in-kentucky>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

11. *March 3, Softpedia* – (International) **Banking trojan hijacks SSL connections.** Security researchers from Symantec warn of a new banking trojan capable of hijacking the SSL connections between browsers and online banking sites in a way that is hard to spot. Variants of the trojan, detected as Trojan(dot)Tatanarg, have been in circulation since last October, but its code is believed to be based on an older threat called W32(dot)Spamuzle. The trojan has a modular architecture, with separate components handling different tasks, and the functionality of most banking malware. It can inject rogue HTML code into pages (man-in-the-browser attacks), disrupt antivirus software, uninstall other banking trojans and enable Windows remote access. It also features a backdoor component through which attackers can issue commands to control the infected computers. Another functionality of this trojan is its ability to function as a proxy between browsers and SSL-secured Web sites. This is achieved by hijacking the legitimate SSL connection and establishing a new one on the browser end using a self-signed certificate. Users are advised to always keep antivirus programs up to date to ensure they have the latest protection available. Also, if possible, online banking should be performed from a dedicated computer.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Banking-Trojan-Hijacks-SSL-Connections-187286.shtml>
  
12. *March 3, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Everett bank robber gets cash and then leaves fake pipe bomb behind, police say.** The man who robbed a bank in Everett, Massachusetts, March 3 left behind what appeared to be a pipe bomb equipped with a timer, forcing authorities to spend nearly 3 hours investigating before they learned the bomb was a fake. The police chief said a white male walked into the branch of the East Boston Savings Bank on Revere Beach Parkway shortly after 9 a.m. He walked up to a teller, demanded cash, and then pulled out what looked like a pipe bomb, the chief said. After the teller handed over some cash, the thief ran out of the bank but left the realistic looking device on the counter. Bank employees and customers were evacuated and the state police bomb squad was summoned. At noon, Route 16, which had been closed in both directions while the suspicious package was examined, was in the process of being fully reopened. During the investigation, bomb squad technicians dispatched multiple robots into the bank, and appeared to monitor what the robots were observing on a laptop computer.  
Source:  
[http://www.boston.com/news/local/breaking\\_news/2011/03/everett\\_bank\\_is.html](http://www.boston.com/news/local/breaking_news/2011/03/everett_bank_is.html)
  
13. *March 2, Associated Press* – (New York; National) **Ex-Goldman director charged.** Federal regulators have charged a former Goldman Sachs board member with insider trading, saying he gave confidential information to the key figure in what prosecutors call the largest hedge fund insider-trading probe ever. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) announced the civil charges against the man March 1. SEC said an insider told the founder of the Galleon Group hedge fund, that Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway planned to invest \$5 billion in Goldman before it was publicly announced at the height of the financial crisis. The insider also is charged with giving the former board member confidential earnings information from Goldman and Procter & Gamble (P&G). The insider served on Goldman's board from 2006 until last

May. He was a P&G board member from 2007 until resigning March 1, after the charges were announced. The insider was an investor in some of the Galleon hedge funds when he passed the information along, and he had other business interests with the former board member, SEC said. The former board member used the information from the insider to illegally profit in hedge fund trades, SEC alleged.

Source:

<http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20110302/BUSINESS/103020410/0/WCT08/Ex-Goldman-director-charged?odyssey=nav|head>

14. *March 2, The Sacramento Bee* – (California) **‘Poodle bandit’ pleads guilty to six bank robberies.** An El Dorado County, California, man, dubbed the “Poodle Bandit” by investigators, has pleaded guilty to six counts of armed bank robbery. The man, who is from Somerset, entered the plea March 1 in federal court in Fresno. The man was dubbed the Poodle Bandit because of the curly gray wig he wore during each of the alleged robberies. According to a U.S. Department of Justice news release, he admitted he robbed six banks in five counties in the Eastern District of California between March 8, 2010 and May 6, 2010. The man also admitted that during each robbery, he entered the bank and armed with a handgun ordered tellers to give him all the money. As part of the plea agreement, the man also admitted he robbed a bank in the Northern District of California April 5, 2010. He was apprehended after a citizen saw him leaving the Oak Valley Bank in Modesto and called authorities.

Source: <http://blogs.sacbee.com/crime/archives/2011/03/poodle-bandit-p.html>

15. *March 2, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Discarded computer parts spark police response.** Computer components inside a package left inside a West Loop bank in Chicago, Illinois, March 2 resulted in a major response from Chicago police and fire officials. The item was found just before 8 a.m. at a Bank of America branch in the 500 block of West Madison Street, across from the Presidential Towers complex. Fire department officials called for a precautionary hazardous materials response as police bomb and arson detectives responded to the scene. An X-ray of the package found it was filled with computer parts and did not pose a threat, said a police spokesman. A Bank of America spokeswoman said the incident did not disrupt bank operations. Police shut down several surrounding streets, as police secured the package, but they were reopened at about 10:10 a.m.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chibrknews-suspicious-package-at-west-loop-bank-branch-20110302,0,5947848.story>

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## **Transportation Sector**

16. *March 3, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation* – (International) **Montreal airport passengers arrested with object.** Two men have been taken into police custody after a suspicious object was found in a piece of luggage at Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport in Montreal, Canada. Montreal police determined the object was not dangerous. However, police are still considering if the men will face criminal charges. The men

were passengers booked on a flight leaving the airport March 3. A Montreal police spokesperson said security agents found the object at a screening checkpoint at around 5 a.m. The men were taken into custody and questioned by police. Montreal police dispatched its canine unit and the SWAT team to the airport as part of the investigation. A security perimeter was set up around one of the security screening areas where the object was found. As a result, some international flights were delayed.

Source: <http://ca.news.yahoo.com/suspicious-object-found-montreal-airport-20110303-024047-662.html>

17. *March 2, WABC 7 New York City* – (New York) **Perimeter fence security concern at JFK Airport.** A source from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey concerned about security gave WABC 7 New York photographs showing the perimeter fence at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) in Queens, New York in complete disrepair. An aerial view from NewsCopter 7 showed at least a quarter mile of the perimeter fence is down, leaving a gaping hole in security along a main JFK runway. A memo from a Port Authority police officer warned “higher-ups” that “There is nothing to prevent a vessel or person” from entering the runway, and added that it is a “severe security risk.” “This cannot stop anyone,” said the former director of security for Israel’s EI AI Airline. The broken fence is the latest set-back in a \$100 million project to ring the perimeters of all four Port Authority airports with surveillance cameras and motion sensors. But several sources familiar with the project said there has been little progress and Eyewitness News confirmed the anti-terrorism monitoring system is still in the testing phase, monitoring equipment still in boxes, a command center is still not installed. Meanwhile, regular police perimeter patrols were eliminated in anticipation of the new electronic fencing system which is now 3 years behind schedule.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/investigators&id=7991168>

18. *March 2, CBS; Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Feds offer \$5,000 reward in BWI laser incident.** Federal officials are offering a reward in the case of a laser beamed at a commercial aircraft approaching Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport in Baltimore, Maryland. The FBI posted a \$5,000 reward February 28 for information leading to the arrest of the person who beamed the laser into the cockpit of the Southwest Airlines flight from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with more than 130 people on board, as it passed over Millersville around 6:45 p.m. Officials said the pilot and first officer took their eyes off the instruments February 20 during final approach, but the aircraft landed safely. The FBI said the eyes of the pilot and first officer were injured and they were treated at Johns Hopkins Hospital and released. The FBI reward comes in the wake of a report released by FAA in January documenting the record number incidents involving lasers pointed at airplanes in 2010.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/03/02/national/main20038394.shtml>

19. *March 1, Associated Press* – (International) **Airline worker aimed to ‘kill hundreds’ on jet.** A jury convicted a former British Airways computer specialist of plotting with U.S.-born extremist cleric to blow up an airplane in an attack intended to kill hundreds of people. The suspect, a 31-year-old Bangladeshi man, was found guilty February 28



of four counts of engaging in preparation for terrorist attacks. He already had pleaded guilty to five other terrorism offenses, but denied plotting an attack in Great Britain. A jury deliberated for 16 hours before agreeing with prosecutors who said the suspect used his position at the airline to conspire with a notorious radical preacher associated with al-Qaida and thought to be hiding in Yemen. A counterterrorism lawyer for the Crown Prosecution Service said the man “was plotting with the cleric to use his job at BA to kill hundreds of innocent people.”

Source: [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/41843871/ns/world\\_news-europe/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/41843871/ns/world_news-europe/)

20. *March 1, Land Line* – (National) **Final rule targets texting for intrastate hazmat haulers.** A ban on texting while driving a commercial vehicle has been in effect since September 2010. A new final rule issued February 28 by federal regulators casts the net wider to include hazmat haulers that do not cross state lines. The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a final rule February 28, to prohibit texting while driving a commercial vehicle hauling hazardous materials. The rule takes effect March 30, according to the Federal Register announcement. The PHMSA rule expands on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA) final rule for interstate commercial drivers. The agencies cite the same studies, one by Virginia Tech in particular, to justify the regulatory actions.

Source: [http://www.landlinemag.com/todays\\_news/Daily/2011/Mar11/030411/030111-02.shtml](http://www.landlinemag.com/todays_news/Daily/2011/Mar11/030411/030111-02.shtml)

21. *February 28, Associated Press* – (National) **Bill to criminalize laser pranks advances.** People who knowingly aim laser pointers at aircraft — which can distract or temporarily blind pilots — would be committing a federal crime subject to up to 5 years in prison under a measure passed by the U.S. House of Representatives February 28. The Senate approved the measure 1 month ago. The two chambers must now decide whether to send it to the President as separate legislation or an amendment to another bill. The Federal Aviation Administration said 2,836 people pointed lasers at planes and helicopters in 2010.

Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/01/us/01brfs-BILLTOCRIMIN\\_BRF.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/01/us/01brfs-BILLTOCRIMIN_BRF.html?_r=1)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

22. *March 3, Sealy News* – (Texas) **Man charged with rash of mail thefts.** A Wallis, Texas man was arrested and linked to a rash of U.S. mail thefts in Austin and surrounding counties for more than 8 months, Sealy News reported March 3. He was arrested by Austin County Sheriff’s Office (ACSO) investigators, with assistance from the Waller County Sheriff’s Office, and charged with 13 counts of fraudulent use/possession of identifying information or identity theft, a second degree felony, in Austin County. Investigators said the suspect is tied to mail thefts that date back to at

least July 2010. He has also been charged with credit card abuse and possession of marijuana. He was arrested after a Waller County resident observed him going through his mail, an ACSO spokesman said. The resident followed the suspect and was able to stop him and hold him at gunpoint until deputies arrived. A search of his vehicle revealed mail from at least 40 homes in 4 counties. The suspect was also in possession of numerous credit and debit cards and blank checks stolen from mailboxes.

Source: [http://www.sealynews.com/news/article\\_1973e13c-4529-11e0-81e8-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.sealynews.com/news/article_1973e13c-4529-11e0-81e8-001cc4c03286.html)

23. *March 3, Occupational Health & Safety* – (National) **DOT issues tougher hazmat shipping rule.** The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration announced March 3 department inspectors will now have greater authority when it comes to ensuring the safety of hazardous materials in the stream of transportation. The new rule, which implements authority granted by Congress, allows inspectors to investigate shipments of hazardous materials during transport and take tougher enforcement action against companies shipping in an unsafe manner. The new authority allows department inspectors to close down shipping companies with poor safety records. It also specifically authorizes inspectors to take immediate action when there is a significant safety problem with a package in transit. This includes ordering restrictions, bans, or immediate recalls of faulty packages. With these new provisions, inspectors will be able to temporarily detain and inspect packages that may pose a serious threat to life, property, or the environment. Department inspectors will also be able to immediately open packages even if the request to open them is refused.

Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2011/03/03/dot-issues-tougher-hazmat-shipping-rule.aspx?admgarea=news>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

24. *March 3, Food Safety News* – (National) **USDA inspector general questions E. coli testing.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Inspector General (IG) questioned the validity of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) E. coli O157:H7 sampling program, raising questions about meat safety at a time when Congress is considering cutting the FSIS inspection budget. In testimony March 2 before the House Agriculture Appropriations subcommittee, the IG told lawmakers her office completed an audit to assess FSIS’ sampling program for beef trim — currently inspectors take 60 samples from large lots of beef trim to test for E. coli O157:H7 — and determined the current method “does not yield a statistical precision that is reasonable for food safety.” The IG noted FSIS “generally agreed” with her office’s findings and recommendations. She said her office had also begun a review of FSIS E. coli testing protocols to ensure beef trim is “effectively collected and analyzed.”

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/03/usda-inspector-general-questions-e-coli-testing-program/>

25. *March 3, Food Safety News* – (Ohio; National) **Ohio Fresh shipped contaminated eggs.** Ohio Fresh Eggs, of Johnstown, Ohio, knew its product had tested positive for Salmonella Enteritidis (SE), but 798 cases of eggs that should have been treated for the bacteria were instead shipped to the nation’s largest distributor of shell eggs, Cal-Maine Foods. The egg producer February 25 received a warning letter from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Ohio Fresh, in a response published in the Des Moines Register said eggs from one barn had been shipped accidentally. FDA investigators, who arrived at Ohio Fresh November 2 discovered the contaminated eggs had been shipped and alerted Cal-Maine, a company that produces, grades, packs, and sells table eggs in 29 states. By that time Cal-Maine, which received the contaminated eggs for processing and re-packaging between October 9 and 12, 2010, had already distributed the bad eggs to Arkansas, California, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. It was forced to recall 24,000 dozen eggs November 5, 2010.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/03/ohio-fresh-shipped-eggs-it-knew-where-contaminated/>
26. *March 2, Food Safety News* – (National) **GAO report calls for single food safety agency.** In a sweeping report on how to carve as much as \$200 billion out of the federal government, the General Accountability Office (GAO) said there should be just one federal food safety agency, even if consolidating the now fragmented system does not save much, if any, money. GAO, in its first annual report to Congress to identify federal programs, agencies, offices, and initiatives that have duplicative goals or activities, led off with the inefficiency of supporting 15 federal food safety agencies. The sponsor of the legislation that called for the new report, released March 1, was an Oklahoma Senator, a critic of the recently enacted Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Food Safety Modernization Act who emerged as the Senate’s biggest deficit hawk. “Fragmented food safety system has caused inconsistent oversight, ineffective coordination, and inefficient uses of resources,” GAO reported. “The Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service and the Food and Drug Administration are the primary food safety agencies, but 15 agencies are involved in some way.” GAO said it takes 15 federal agencies to collectively administer at least 30 food-related laws, with budget obligations for USDA’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and FDA totaling over \$1.6 billion in fiscal year 2009.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/03/call-for-one-food-safety-agency-leads-historic-gao-report/>
27. *March 2, Lincoln Journal-Star* – (Nebraska) **ADM spokesman: Chlorine leak left workers with ‘scratchy throats’.** A chlorine leak at an Archer Daniels Midland plant March 2 in Lincoln, Nebraska left seven workers hospitalized for exposure to the gas. The exposure levels were not life threatening the Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR) battalion chief said, and only one of the seven people remained at a hospital into the evening. Rescue workers evaluated an eighth person at the scene who did not want to be hospitalized. In a release, an ADM spokesman said the workers complained of “scratchy throats.” A supervisor discovered the leak after an alarm sounded near a chlorine storage area just before 2:30 p.m., an ADM spokesman said. The entire building — a wheat flour mill, according to ADM’s Web site — was evacuated. The

supervisor was able to stop the leak, caused by a failed regulator on a chlorine storage cylinder. A LFR hazardous materials team checked the building to make sure the leak stopped and the gas dissipated before allowing workers back inside. ADM will investigate the incident to determine what caused the regulator to fail.

Source: [http://journalstar.com/news/local/article\\_a512d389-020c-5f93-a2ee-5a267a1868ae.html](http://journalstar.com/news/local/article_a512d389-020c-5f93-a2ee-5a267a1868ae.html)

28. *March 2, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **Beetle threatens growers of iconic Kona coffee.** A beetle smaller than a sesame seed is boring its way into Kona coffee beans and threatening the nation's only coffee-growing region's premiere crop. More than 600 farmers in North Kona and South Kona, on the west side of Hawaii's Big Island, are preparing to coat their fields with a suffocating fungus, and are taking other measures to save their livelihoods and protect the world famous Kona coffee brand. The beetle, a bug known as *Hypothenemus hampei* that is native to Africa, was formally identified in Hawaii in September, but farmers have reported spotting it for 2 years. No one knows how it arrived in Hawaii, but growers said they are not surprised because it is seen in other coffee-growing regions throughout the world. If the situation is not handled effectively, the bug could devastate one of Hawaii's top exports. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, farmers in Hawaii last year grew 7.9 million pounds of coffee, a drop of 800,000 pounds from the year before and down from nearly 10 million pounds in 2000. That figure includes coffee grown in other Big Island districts, as well as on the islands of Kauai and Maui. Only beans grown in North and South Kona can be sold as Kona Coffee.
- Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9LN7GMO1.htm>

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## Water Sector

29. *March 3, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Water tests for radiation to be done in coming weeks.** Two western Pennsylvania water companies said they will begin testing water supplies for radiation, citing treated gas-drilling water that was discharged into streams and rivers. The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority and Pennsylvania American Water Co. said they expect tests to be conducted in the coming weeks. The natural gas drilling process known as fracking produces chemically tainted and sometimes radioactive wastewater. The industry now recycles more than half the tainted water produced in Pennsylvania, but some of those gains are being offset by the expansion of drilling in the lucrative Marcellus Shale formation. In the last half of 2010, at least 2.8 million barrels of well wastewater were sent to Pennsylvania treatment plants that discharge into rivers and streams.
- Source: [http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s\\_725601.html](http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_725601.html)
30. *March 2, SouthCoastToday.com* – (Massachusetts) **Marion wells serving Rochester contaminated.** Marion, Massachusetts, has found higher than normal levels of a toxic chemical in two town wells that serve Rochester homes. The good news Rochester selectmen heard February 28 is Marion is footing the bill to further analyze and fix the

problem and that Rochester wells showed only trace amounts of the chemical. Perchlorate, an inorganic chemical that can affect a human's thyroid gland or brain development, were found in samplings from Marion's east and west wells in September 2010, leading the town to shut down both wells while it investigates further. These samplings showed a 2.2 parts per billion (ppb) concentration, which is higher than the 2.0 ppb considered safe under state law. Marion's immediate actions have included sampling of private wells within a 1,000-foot radius of the west well, the well with the highest sampling concentration. Seven wells on Walnut Plain Road in Rochester were tested and none was above a 2.2 concentration. One well, at 30 Mary's Pond Road, tested the highest, at 2.1 ppb. There will be an investigation to determine the cause of the contamination.

Source:

<http://www.southcoasttoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110302/NEWS/103020345/-1/NEWSMAP>

31. *March 1, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Virginia; West Virginia; Kentucky) **Arch coal to pay \$4 million to settle Clean Water Act Violations in Appalachian mining operations.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Justice Department announced March 1 that Arch Coal Inc., the second largest supplier of coal in the United States, has agreed to pay a \$4 million dollar penalty for alleged violations of the Clean Water Act (CWA) in Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Under the settlement, Arch will implement changes to its mining operations in Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky to ensure CWA compliance. Arch has agreed to take measures that will prevent an estimated 2 million pounds of pollution from entering the nation's waters each year. Arch will also implement a treatment system to reduce discharges of selenium, a pollutant found in mine discharges. Selenium runoff from mining operations can build up in streams and have an adverse impact on aquatic organisms. Arch has agreed to implement a series of inspections, audits and tracking measures to ensure treatment systems are working properly and that future compliance is achieved. The company is also required to develop and implement a compliance management system to help foster a top-down, compliance and prevention-focused approach to CWA issues.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/1e5ab1124055f3b28525781f0042ed40/79408bbed97535f0852578460059fb97!OpenDocument>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

32. *March 3, Delaware News-Journal* – (Delaware; Florida) **Information for 113 Beebe patients stolen in Fla.** The names and Social Security numbers of 113 Delaware patients were stolen from a Beebe Medical Center employee who took the documents on vacation to Disney World in Florida by mistake. Seven weeks after the robbery, the

Lewes hospital sent letters to the patients and, in some cases, next-of-kin because 35 of the patients whose records were stolen are dead. Beebe did not disclose the security breach to the general public until news media began calling. All the patients were on Medicare, the federal health insurance program for the elderly and disabled. The hospital employee, who worked in financial services, was handling a multipage Medicare cost report when she took it home, a Beebe spokesman said. The employee's car was broken into January 1, while she was eating breakfast at a restaurant on the family's return trip.

Source:

<http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20110303/NEWS01/103030361/Information-113-Beebe-patients-stolen-Fla->

33. *March 3, FiercePharma* – (New York) **Forest Pharmaceuticals sentenced to pay \$164 million for criminal violations.** Drug manufacturer Forest Pharmaceuticals Inc. was sentenced March 3 by a U.S. District Judge to pay a criminal fine of \$150 million and forfeit assets of \$14 million following the company's guilty plea in November 2010 to one felony count of obstructing justice, one misdemeanor count of distributing an unapproved new drug in interstate commerce, and one misdemeanor count of distributing a misbranded drug in interstate commerce, the Justice Department announced. The company, a subsidiary of New York City-based Forest Laboratories Inc., pleaded guilty to charges related to obstruction of an FDA regulatory inspection, to the distribution of Levothroid, which at the time was an unapproved new drug, and to the illegal promotion of the anti-depressant drug Celexa for use in treating children and adolescents.

Source: [http://www.fiercepharma.com/press\\_releases/forest-pharmaceuticals-sentenced-pay-164-million-criminal-violations](http://www.fiercepharma.com/press_releases/forest-pharmaceuticals-sentenced-pay-164-million-criminal-violations)

34. *March 2, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **FDA orders 500 cough and cold drugs off the market.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) March 2 ordered the makers of about 500 unapproved prescription cough and cold medicines to get them off the market because they have not been proven safe and effective. The drugs have been linked to a few relatively minor problems, such as drowsiness and irritability, but the FDA is concerned medical problems associated them may be significantly underreported. Some of the targeted drugs are labeled as suitable for infants and children but contain ingredients covered by a 2008 FDA advisory that warned against using over-the-counter medications in children under age 2. Others are billed as timed-release products. Such medications are difficult to manufacture and, if quality controls are inadequate, some may release drugs too slowly, too quickly or not at all. The FDA also moved against several unapproved products that contain possibly dangerous combinations of drugs, such as two antihistamines, which can cause oversedation. The FDA included Cardec, Lodrane 24D, Organidin, and Pediahist as brands consumers may have encountered. Many of the drugs came on the market before a 1962 law that required makers to prove their effectiveness. It is not clear how much of a public health threat they may pose.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/health/la-na-unapproved-drugs-20110303,0,4370223.story>

## **Government Facilities Sector**

35. *March 3, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **21-year-old arrested in Clanton, Ala. after threats of school shooting posted.** A 21-year-old man was released on \$15,000 bond after being charged with making terrorist threats involving Chilton County schools in Alabama. The sheriff said the suspect posted threats of a school shooting on a social network site. The sheriff said the threats did not specify a school or say who was targeted. The suspect was arrested March 2 after the sheriff's department received a tip about the threats. Schools were put on lockdown and officers went to every school in the county.  
Source: <http://www.whnt.com/news/sns-ap-al--schools-threats,0,5002740.story>
36. *March 3, CNN* – (International) **Killer of U.S. airmen is radical Muslim, German official says.** The 21-year-old man who shot and killed two American troops March 2 in Germany was a recently radicalized Muslim whose aim was to kill American troops, a German official said March 3. The suspect seems to have been acting on his own but had spent time on local radical Islamist Web sites, said the interior minister of the German state of Hesse, where the shooting took place. The man from Kosovo is in custody after two U.S. airmen were killed and two others were wounded in the shooting on a U.S. military bus at Frankfurt Airport, authorities said. The suspect is from the northern town of Mitrovica, Kosovo's interior minister told CNN, citing the U.S. Embassy in Pristina as his source. He went up to the service members to make sure they were American troops, then opened fire, the Hesse interior minister said March 3. At some point, the 9 mm handgun jammed and the suspect fled, the official added. The gun was illegally purchased. The gunman was a postal worker at the Frankfurt airport, but he worked outside the secure area.  
Source:  
<http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/europe/03/03/germany.shooting/index.html?hpt=T2>
37. *March 3, WHTM 27 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Harrisburg mayor receiving harassing letters.** The mayor of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania reported she is getting harassing and threatening letters, e-mails, and phone calls. Police are investigating but have not identified those behind the various messages. Some of the printed notes make reference to the FBI and CIA. Harrisburg's police chief called the notes harassment, but he was not sure what they meant. A hand-written letter, hand delivered to the mayor's secretary in February read: "Be aware. West Point's first African-American graduate is buried in Thomasville." The mayor is Harrisburg's first African-American mayor, and police think there is a possible link in the letter. The mayor's staff reported they have received about 50 harassing or racially derogatory messages since she took office.  
Source: <http://www.abc27.com/Global/story.asp?S=14175612>
38. *March 2, Anderson Independent Mail* – (South Carolina) **Man charged with theft of military explosives.** Military authorities have ended an investigation into the theft of

explosives and have charged a 22-year-old Anderson, South Carolina, man with the theft. The suspect was an active-duty U.S. Marine in October when the investigation began. The explosives were stolen from a military installation. According to a statement from the Anderson County Sheriff's Office, Anderson authorities are not pursuing any charges against the man. Sheriff's deputies assisted Naval Criminal Investigative Service officials and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives officials with an October search of an Anderson business. The investigation involved "stolen explosives from a U.S. military installation," according to the sheriff's office statement. Investigators found a gas grenade and a spool of initiator material in a safe at a tree service during the October search, according to a statement from the sheriff's office. According to the sheriff's office, the owner of the business cooperated with authorities and there was no evidence showing he had knowledge of the stolen explosives. The sheriff's office was not able to release information about the case until military officials concluded their work, the statement said.

Source: <http://www.independentmail.com/news/2011/mar/02/man-charged-theft-military-explosives/>

39. *March 2, KTUL 8 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Man arrested on NSU-BA campus for making terroristic threats on Facebook.** Wagoner County Deputies in Oklahoma arrested a man for making terroristic threats March 2 at the Broken Arrow campus of Northeastern State University (NSU). According to the Wagoner County sheriff, "We were asked to assist the FBI at 1:30 this afternoon because some threats were made at NSU." The vice president of university relations said the threat was not specific to a person or place. He said it was made through a Facebook message from one student to another. He also stated the threat was essentially that the student would take action and that action would be significant. The suspect is being held without bond inside the Wagoner County Jail.

Source: <http://www.ktul.com/Global/story.asp?S=14173186>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

40. *March 3, Belleville News-Democrat* – (Missouri) **'Crimes of opportunity': Guns stolen from 2 ESL cops.** Two East St. Louis, Missouri police officers have had their police-issued guns stolen from their personal vehicles in 2011, with the most recent theft happening February 26 in Belleville, Illinois. The other theft occurred in January in Cahokia. Neither weapon has been recovered. An East St. Louis police sergeant reported to Belleville police February 26 that several pieces of equipment, including a .40-caliber pistol, bulletproof vest, and two pistol magazines that held extra ammunition were stolen from his Chevrolet Tahoe and Chrysler 300 that had been parked at his residence. Other items stolen were a portable police radio, duty belt with handcuff holster pouches, a collapsible baton and case, two sets of handcuffs, an East St. Louis police sergeant's badge, a Stinger brand flashlight and case, a Global Positioning System device, several cell phone chargers, and a large key ring that contained various keys. Officials said both vehicles were left unlocked. In the Cahokia



theft, an East St. Louis police sergeant reported his weapon was stolen between January 21 and January 22 from his vehicle.

Source: <http://www.bnd.com/2011/03/03/1614483/two-east-st-louis-police-officers.html>

41. *March 3, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* – (New York) **Mohamed Diallo, Kwamell Smith try to pass as FBI agents, city police say.** Two men were charged March 2 after they allegedly attempted to impersonate FBI agents while possessing stolen weapons in Rochester, New York. The men were charged with three counts of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, and two counts of fourth-degree criminal possession of stolen property. An officer was on patrol near East Main Street and Culver Road March 1 when he observed a sport utility vehicle being operated with a blue LED dash light. Two officers followed the SUV and tried to stop it. A brief chase ended when the driver lost control of the vehicle. The passenger ran away but was apprehended after a brief chase. Police recovered an “FBI” jacket and three handguns, two of which were reported stolen. The jacket was not authentic. Police are investigating whether the two men could have been involved in connection with a similar incident on Cedarwood Avenue. During the arrest, a Rochester resident called 911 to say he had been followed by an SUV on Cedarwood Avenue, where two men dressed as FBI agents approached him and ordered him to stop. The Rochester resident ran into a home and the men drove away. The FBI has been notified and may pursue further charges at a later date, an official said.

Source:

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20110303/NEWS01/103030334/1003/news01/Mohamed-Diallo-Kwamell-Smith-try-pass-FBI-agents-city-police-say>

42. *March 2, KYW 3 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **10 firefighters injured in north Philadelphia high-rise fire.** Ten firefighters were injured while battling a high-rise fire in North Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 2. Three residents were also injured in the blaze. The fire broke out at about 5:45 a.m. in an eighth floor apartment of a Philadelphia Housing Authority building at 24th and Jefferson Streets. Authorities said the fire reached two alarms just before 6:30 a.m. and was placed under control shortly after 7 a.m. Hundreds of residents were safely evacuated from the building, but 10 firefighters were injured. One firefighter suffered severe injuries and was hospitalized, the other firefighters were said to have suffered non-life-threatening injuries and several have already been treated and released. Fire officials said the cause of the fire appears to be non-permanent electrical wiring described as an extension chord.

Source: <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2011/03/02/firefighters-injured-in-north-philadelphia-high-rise-fire/>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

43. *March 3, H Security* – (International) **iTunes 10.2 addresses multiple security vulnerabilities.** Apple has released an update, version 10.2, to the popular iTunes

media player software, closing a number of security vulnerabilities in its product. According to Apple, iTunes 10.2 corrects five vulnerabilities in ImageIO, as well as two issues in the libxml library, many of which could possibly be used by an attacker to execute arbitrary code. The update also fixes a total of 50 bugs in the WebKit browser engine which could also lead to arbitrary code execution via a man-in-the-middle attack while browsing the iTunes Store.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/iTunes-10-2-addresses-multiple-security-vulnerabilities-1201288.html>

44. *March 3, Help Net Security* – (International) **Potentially deadly trojan is a modified security solution.** An interesting tactic for hiding a trojan was recently spotted by Symantec researchers. Instead of using their own malicious code, the malware authors decided to take advantage of the code belonging to the KingSoft WebShield browser protection software (part of the KingSoft Internet Security solution). A researcher explains, “Kingsoft WebShield has the ability to lock the home page to a specific domain as well as to redirect URLs based entirely on plain text configuration files. This means that a person with malicious intent can repackage it using malicious configuration files and use this as a home-made Trojan package.” The new package contains the legitimate software and its support components, but also two configuration files that practically modify it into the trojan. Once the apparently legitimate software is installed and running, one of these files makes it so that the home page is changed to one of the designated URLs — which house advertisement link farms — and locked so that the user cannot change it. The other one makes sure that if a user wants to visit one of a number of popular domains listed in it, he/she is also redirected to one of the aforementioned designated URLs.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=1654](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1654)

45. *March 3, Help Net Security* – (International) **Twitter crime rate rises 20 percent.** Barracuda Labs analyzed more than 26 million Twitter accounts in order to measure and analyze account behavior. The analysis enabled researchers to model normal user behavior and identify features that are strong indicators of illegitimate account use. Key highlights from the Twitter research include: In general, activity continues to increase on Twitter: more users are coming online; true Twitter users are tweeting more often, and even casual users are becoming more active. As users become more active, the malicious activity also increases. The number of real Twitter users increased to 43 percent, up from only 29 percent in June 2010. For every 100 Twitter users, 39 have between 1 and 9 followers, while 50 percent of Twitter users have more than 10 followers. Approximately 79 percent of Twitter users tweet less than once per day. After decreasing at the end of 2009, the Twitter crime rate increased 20 percent from the first half of 2010 to the second half of 2010, going from 1.6 percent to 2 percent. Attackers are distributing malware and exploiting vulnerabilities to achieve their malicious goals.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=1652](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1652)

46. *March 2, H Security* – (International) **Wireshark updates close critical vulnerabilities.** The Wireshark developers have announced the release of version

1.2.15 and 1.4.4 of their open source, cross-platform network protocol analyser; maintenance updates address two highly critical security vulnerabilities that could cause the application to crash. The first issue (CVE-2011-0538), discovered by a member of the Red Hat Security Response Team, could lead to memory corruption when reading a .pcap file in the pcap-ng format — this could be used by a remote attacker, for example, to effect a denial-of-service (DoS) attack. The other (CVE-2011-0713) is a bug that could lead to a heap-based buffer overflow when reading a specially crafted Nokia DCT3 trace file, possibly leading to the execution of arbitrary code. Further changes include fixes for 32-bit systems when reading a malformed 6LoWPAN packet and updates to various dissectors.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Wireshark-updates-close-critical-vulnerabilities-1200985.html>

47. *March 2, Help Net Security* – (International) **PDF-Pro multiple vulnerabilities.** Several vulnerabilities in PDF-Pro can be exploited to compromise a user's system, according to Secunia. Among the vulnerabilities: the application loads libraries (e.g. dwmapi(dot)dll) in an insecure manner, which can be exploited to load arbitrary libraries by tricking a user into e.g. opening a PDF file located on a remote WebDAV or SMB share; a boundary error in the bundled PDF Reader ActiveX control (ePapyrusReader(dot)ocx) when handling arguments passed to the "open()" method can be exploited to cause a stack-based buffer overflow; two boundary errors in ePapyrusReader.ocx when handling arguments passed to the "open\_stream()" method can be exploited to cause heap-based buffer overflows. The vulnerabilities are confirmed in version 4.0.1.758 bundling ePapyrusReader(dot)ocx version 1.6.2.1874. Other versions may also be affected.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10686>

48. *March 2, IDG News Service* – (International) **FTC, DOJ crack down on money-making schemes.** A yearlong sweep targeting bogus employment and money-making schemes has resulted in more than 90 law enforcement and civil actions, including a restraining order against a company that made \$40 million by promising customers it would help them build Web-based businesses, U.S. agencies announced March 2. The Operation Empty Promises enforcement effort has led to 3 new cases and developments in seven other cases at the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC), 48 criminal enforcement actions at the U.S. Department of Justice, 7 civil actions at the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and 28 actions by state law enforcement agencies, the agencies announced. Among the companies targeted was Ivy Capital, which promised customers assistance in setting up Web-based businesses in exchange for fees of up to \$20,000, the FTC said. Ivy Capital's business coaching services offered "worthless babble," and customers encountered "endless technical difficulties" with software the company sold, the director of the FTC's Business Protection Bureau said.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9212679/FTC\\_DOJ\\_crack\\_down\\_on\\_money\\_making\\_schemes](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9212679/FTC_DOJ_crack_down_on_money_making_schemes)

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### Communications Sector

49. *March 2, Associated Press* – (National) **FCC to study rules on cable-broadcast negotiations.** The Federal Communications Commission is set to vote March 3 to launch a review of the federal rules that govern negotiations over the fees that cable, satellite, and other video services pay TV stations to carry their signals in channel lineups. To supplement advertising revenue, broadcasters have begun demanding cash for signals they used to give away for free, and that contributes to rising cable bills. The FCC's actions follow a series of high-profile standoffs that left some consumers without their local stations. In October, a breakdown in negotiations between Cablevision Systems Corp. and News Corp.'s Fox network left 3 million Cablevision subscribers in the New York area without Fox programming for 15 days — including through two World Series games — after the broadcaster pulled its signal. The FCC wants to examine its existing rules to determine if there are other ways to prevent impasses by ensuring that both sides negotiate in good faith.

Source:

[http://www.boston.com/business/technology/articles/2011/03/02/fcc\\_to\\_study\\_rules\\_on\\_cable\\_broadcast\\_negotiations/](http://www.boston.com/business/technology/articles/2011/03/02/fcc_to_study_rules_on_cable_broadcast_negotiations/)

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### Commercial Facilities Sector

50. *March 2, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **2 hurt in Anaheim residential motel explosion.** An explosion at a residential motel in Anaheim, California left two people hospitalized with burn injuries. Authorities said they got a call of an explosion at the Evergreen Royale complex on the 1900 block of East Center Street March 1. Officials were still investigating but said when they arrived, they found a narcotics extraction lab inside the room that exploded. No one else was injured in the blast.

Source:

[http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/orange\\_county&id=7989434](http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/orange_county&id=7989434)

51. *February 28, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Man's body found in Rose Bowl parking lot.** A man in his 30s was found shot to death February 28 near the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. The body was discovered in parking Lot I about 5 a.m., said officials with the Pasadena Police Department. Neighbors in the area reported hearing shots fired about 3 a.m. near the 1000 block of Armada Drive, not far from the scene,

said a spokeswoman for the police department. A city worker found the man's body lying face up on a grassy area of the lot near Seco Street, authorities said. Paramedics arrived shortly afterward and pronounced him dead. Police were treating the man's death as a homicide and were searching for physical evidence, including a vehicle with Ohio license plates that was parked 200 feet from the body.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/02/mans-body-found-in-rose-bowl-parking-lot.html>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

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## **Dams Sector**

52. *March 3, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (Ohio) **Century-old dam in Gates Mills collapses on Chagrin River.** The 105-year-old Gates Mill Dam on the Chagrin River in Gates Mills, Ohio, completely failed at 10 a.m. February 28 due to heavy rains and melting snow. As of March 3, roads were still closed, detours were posted, and the water started to recede. A village engineer was in the area when the dam collapsed. He and the service director were in the area checking the bridges and the dam. The engineer said the turbulence at the site collapsed as well, a sure sign the dam was gone. No other damage was apparent as of March 1, he said, although village officials will not know for sure until the water recedes more. He was on scene until 4 p.m. February 28, when officials could see the water in the yards near the river was receding. The engineer said environmental benefits would include cleaner water upstream, or south of the bridge, and increased wildlife to the upper river, meaning more fish for the fishermen and wildlife of all kinds. He and the service director will meet with Chagrin Watershed Partners to look for grants to help clean up the remains of the dam.

Source: <http://www.cleveland.com/chagrinsolonsun/index.ssf/2011/03/century-old-dam-in-gates-mills.html>

53. *March 3, Dover Times-Reporter* – (Ohio) **Dam operators prepare for significant rainfall.** About a dozen Dover-area residences in Ohio are being affected by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' efforts to prepare for potentially heavy rains this weekend. The operations manager for the Muskingum Area of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said March 2 the Dover Dam outflow was increased 6 inches — thus raising the Tuscarawas River level from 7.5 to 8 feet. Because of the higher river level, he noted, some water is flowing onto several properties, east of Dover, off Route 800. He said the steps taken are being employed because weather reports for the weekend are showing the potential for significant rainfall. The action was taken to make additional

water storage available behind the dam. He said that while much of the water from the February 28 heavy rainfall has cleared out of small streams, there still is a great deal of water backing up on the major tributaries. “And it will take some time for that water to recede.” He said maximum water flows are occurring at the Walhonding River Basin, in the Stillwater area, and with the Tuscarawas River.

Source: <http://www.timesreporter.com/news/x2022442777/Dam-operators-prepare-for-significant-rainfall>

54. *March 2, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (Ohio) **Most Ohio dams survive widespread flooding, but experts see future storm putting them to the test.** Ohio State inspectors scrambled March 1 to ensure small dams in Geauga County and two east-central Ohio counties were not in danger of washing away in the way a Gates Mills dam did during widespread flooding February 28. All three of the structures, including a 9-foot-high wall holding back water in the Burton Lakes subdivision in Geauga, had overflowed that day following a massive rush of water from weekend snowmelt and up to 3 inches of rain. But inspectors determined that none of the three dams was “compromised significantly,” an official from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources said later on March 1. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulates and inspects about 1,650 of the 50,000 small dams in Ohio. The agency focuses primarily on dams that are in the worst condition or upstream of large populations.

Source:

[http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2011/03/most\\_ohio\\_dams\\_survive\\_widespr.html](http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2011/03/most_ohio_dams_survive_widespr.html)

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