



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 14 March 2011

**Current Nationwide Threat Level**

**ELEVATED**

*Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks*

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- Associated Press reports a massive earthquake in Japan caused a power outage that disabled a nuclear reactor’s cooling system, and led the nation for the first time ever to declare a state of emergency at a nuclear plant. (See item [9](#))
- According to the Anchorage Daily News, five people in the Fairbanks, Alaska, area were arrested on charges connected with a plot to kidnap or kill state troopers and a Fairbanks judge. (See item [48](#))

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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 11, Anchorage Daily News* – (Alaska) **Jet fuel spills from storage tank near Aniak.** An estimated 23,000 gallons of jet fuel leaked out of a storage tank near Aniak, Alaska the week of March 7, possibly through a partially open valve, according to the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), which is overseeing the cleanup. The spill at a tank farm owned by Crowley Petroleum Services occurred sometime between March 7 and March 8, when it was discovered, according to a DEC

situation report. Aniak is on the south bank of the Kuskokwim River about 320 miles west of Anchorage. The tank farm is about a mile west of the village near the Kuskokwim River. A worker conducting an inspection noticed fuel pooling outside the tank within a lined, secondary containment area, said Crowley' communications director. The fuel leaked from a 220,000-gallon tank that contained about 80,000 gallons before the spill, a spokesman said. It is being collected in a low area and pumped into a recovery tank. By March 10, crews were expected to have recovered 4,500 to 5,000 gallons. The containment area is surrounded by 8-foot-high berms. While the tank farm is within a few hundred feet of the river, there is no evidence any fuel escaped the bermed area or contaminated the river. Crowley said it is investigating the cause of the spill.

Source: <http://www.adn.com/2011/03/10/1748628/jet-fuel-spills-from-tank-near.html>

2. *March 11, Bergen County Record* – (New Jersey) **Portion of Washington Avenue in Dumont closed as gasoline leak is investigated.** A portion of Washington Avenue in Dumont, New Jersey was closed until further notice as officials investigate an underground tank that leaked gasoline into the sewer system, spreading fumes to nearby properties. Borough officials began investigating gas in the sewer line the week of February 28 after the Silverberg Organization, an insurance company at 401 Washington Avenue, reported smelling fumes, the borough administrator said. The Bergen County Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team traced the leak to the Gulf gas station at the intersection of Washington and Grant avenues, which was closed while the leak is addressed. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was called to monitor the cleanup and was still on site March 10. Washington Avenue was closed between Grant and Cresskill avenues March 11 while Cumberland Farms, which owns the service station, ventilated the sewer. A DEP spokesman said Cumberland Farms installed monitoring wells, was ventilating the sewer, and is putting a groundwater treatment system in place.

Source:

[http://www.northjersey.com/news/117766428\\_Portion\\_of\\_Washington\\_Avenue\\_in\\_Dumont\\_closed\\_as\\_gasoline\\_leak\\_is\\_investigated.html](http://www.northjersey.com/news/117766428_Portion_of_Washington_Avenue_in_Dumont_closed_as_gasoline_leak_is_investigated.html)

3. *March 10, KFYP 5 Bismarck* – (North Dakota) **Oil well continues to burn in McKenzie County.** The oil well fire in McKenzie County, North Dakota continued to burn for the fourth day, March 10, and it could keep burning for several more days. The Jaynes well caught fire March 7 in Arnegard. SM Energy, along with Sanjel and Boots and Coots are working in unison to put out the fire. Currently, they have been cleaning away metal and debris from the scene. No one has been killed or injured, but SM Energy is requesting that the McKenzie County ambulance be on standby while they work. "I think the intent is to get in there close, dig a trench, and then using their equipment, cut off the well head and that way they would be able to control the flame," said a spokesman for McKenzie County Emergency Services (MCES). MCES has also been working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state health department. The environmental chief said there is no immediate threat.

Source: [http://www.kfyrtv.com/News\\_Stories.asp?news=47217](http://www.kfyrtv.com/News_Stories.asp?news=47217)

4. *March 10, Omaha World-Herald* – (Nebraska) **72 train cars derail near Thedford.** Over 70 coal cars derailed from two Burlington Northern Santa-Fe Railway (BNSF) trains March 10 in Thedford, Nebraska. One witness said there were coal cars piled up in the river, one on top of another, with wheels lying in a pile next to them. The cars in the river were 20 empty cars from the train eastbound on one of two parallel tracks. The 52 cars from the westbound train were loaded with coal. As a result of the derailment, other trains using the tracks were halted in both directions. The superintendent of operations for the Powder River Division of the BNSF Railway Co. said he hoped to have the tracks opened back up for traffic some time March 11.  
Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20110310/NEWS01/703119875/0>
  
5. *March 10, Wall Street Journal* – (National) **TransCanada agrees to extra safety steps for proposed pipeline expansion.** TransCanada Corporation will voluntarily add extra safety features to a proposed oil sands pipeline expansion that is causing concern among environmentalists and U.S. officials, a company executive said. The pipeline expansion, called the Keystone XL project, would dramatically increase the amount of Canadian crude flowing into the United States and is pending federal approval. The TransCanada executive vice president of operations and major projects said the company agreed to 57 safety measures beyond what is required by law in a deal with the United States.  
Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20110310-717078.html>
  
6. *March 10, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Patriot Coal evacuates, idles West Virginia mine.** Patriot Coal Corporation said it temporarily closed a Wharton, West Virginia, mine to deal with flooding in a sealed, mined-out area. Patriot reported the problem in a Securities and Exchange Commission filing March 10. The company said it got everyone out of its River Edge underground mine March 7 after an employee found excess water behind seals after heavy rain. Patriot has about 75 miners at Rivers Edge, but it did not say how many were evacuated. Patriot said it notified the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration, which cited the company for having an imminent danger citation. Patriot said it plans to contest the citation and hoped to resume production the week of March 14. St. Louis-based Patriot operates mines in West Virginia and Kentucky.  
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9LSKL582.htm>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

7. *March 11, Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter* – (Wisconsin) **Employees evacuate smoke-filled Thermo Fisher Scientific plant.** Employees evacuated the Thermo Fisher Scientific plant in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, March 10 after an air-handling compressor failed, filling the building with smoke. One person was transported to Aurora Medical Center for smoke inhalation, then released and returned to work. The

department was called in to check on the failed compressor, which was causing the building to fill up with an oily, smoky haze. The haze was caused by oil on hot components of the compressor. Firefighters helped to shut off power to the compressor and ventilated the building so employees could return to work. They were on the scene about 45 minutes.

Source: <http://www.htrnews.com/article/20110311/MAN0101/110311022/Employees-evacuate-smoke-filled-Thermo-Fisher-Scientific-plant?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

8. *March 11, Santa Rosa Press Democrat* – (California) **Crash, chemical spill closes Highway 101 lane.** A multi-vehicle crash at southbound Highway 101 and Highway 116 closed one southbound lane in Santa Rosa, California, March 11 and left pest chemicals spilled across the other lane, according to early reports. A SIG alert was issued at 8:23 a.m., about 35 minutes after the collision involving 5 to 7 vehicles, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) said. One of the vehicles was a termite control truck that apparently spilled some kind of chemical across the slow lane. There were no immediate reports of injuries, but an ambulance was dispatched to the scene, CHP stated.

Source:

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20110311/ARTICLES/110319900?Title=Hwy-101-lane-in-Cotati-reopen-after-crash-chemical-spill>

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

9. *March 11, Associated Press* – (International) **Nuke plant trouble after Japan quake; 3K evacuated.** Japan's massive earthquake March 11 caused a power outage that disabled a nuclear reactor's cooling system, triggering evacuation orders for about 3,000 residents in Onahama City as the government declared its first-ever state of emergency at a nuclear plant. Japan's nuclear safety agency said pressure inside one of six boiling water reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi plant had risen to 1.5 times the level considered normal. Hours after the evacuation order, the government announced the plant in northeastern Japan will release slightly radioactive vapor from the unit to lower the pressure in an effort to protect it from a possible meltdown. The agency said the radioactive element in the vapor would not affect the environment or human health. After the quake triggered a power outage, a backup generator also failed and the cooling system was unable to supply water to cool the 460-megawatt No. 1 reactor, though at least one backup cooling system was being used. The reactor core remained hot even after a shutdown. The agency said plant workers were scrambling to restore cooling water supply at the plant but there was no prospect for immediate success. Speaking at the White House, the U.S. Secretary of State said U.S. Air Force planes were carrying "some really important coolant" to the site. She said "one of their plants came under a lot of stress with the earthquake and didn't have enough coolant." This plant is just south of the worst-hit Miyagi prefecture, where a fire broke out at another nuclear plant. The blaze was in a turbine building at one of the Onagawa power plants;

smoke could be seen coming out of the building, which is separate from the plant's reactor, Tohoku Electric Power Co. said. The fire has since been extinguished. Another plant at Onagawa is experiencing a water leak.

Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2011/03/11/world/asia/AP-AS-Japan-Quake-Power-Plant.html?\\_r=2&ref=world](http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2011/03/11/world/asia/AP-AS-Japan-Quake-Power-Plant.html?_r=2&ref=world)

10. *March 11, Reuters* – (California) **Calif. nukes take precautions after Japan tsunami.** PG&E Corp declared an “unusual event” at the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant in Avila Beach, California due to a tsunami warning, which is a normal operating procedure, a Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) spokesman told Reuters March 11. The warning followed the massive earthquake and tsunami off the coast of Japan. The spokesman said there was nothing wrong with the plant, but a tsunami warning is something that requires the plant to issue an unusual event. The same thing would happen if, for instance, there was a tornado in the general area or an earthquake in Mexico. It merely puts plant workers on alert to prepare for the unusual. Both reactors at Diablo Canyon were operating normally and at full capacity. The NRC spokesman said the reactors were designed to deal with the big wave expected to reach California later March 11. NRC also said Edison International's San Onofre nuclear plant near San Clemente, was monitoring the tsunami but was only under a tsunami watch.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/11/utilities-pge-diablocanyon-idUSN1124170220110311>
  
11. *March 10, Platts* – (Vermont) **US NRC approves 20-year license renewal for Vermont Yankee.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) March 10 dismissed final regulatory and legal challenges to issuing a 20-year license renewal to Entergy's Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant in Vernon, Vermont. NRC will issue the license “within a very few days,” the NRC chairman said in a telephone news conference after the commissioners' vote. NRC sided with a recommendation by an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to dismiss a challenge by the New England Coalition that alleged Entergy's plan to ensure the safe operation of underground cables at the Brattleboro, Vermont, plant is faulty. The agency also voted not to accept a motion filed by the coalition March 10 asking the NRC to stay any decision until it investigates the underground cable issue. A legal advisor to the coalition said the anti-nuclear group will not appeal NRC's license renewal decision in federal courts.  
Source:  
<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/ElectricPower/6899471>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

12. *March 11, Bloomberg* – (International) **Sony, Toyota halt plants as quake damages Japanese factories.** Companies including Sony Corp. and Toyota Motor Corp. halted output at plants after an 8.9-magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Japan, damaging production facilities and causing power outages, Bloomberg reported March 11. Honda Motor Co. closed two factories, a spokesman said. Nissan Motor Co. closed

four factories including car plants in Tochigi and Kanagawa and engine factories in Kanagawa and Fukushima, according to a spokesman. Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd., the maker of Subaru cars, closed five factories, a spokesman said. Sony halted and evacuated six factories in northeastern Japan, a spokesman noted. He said the company was assessing the impact of power outages and damage to its facilities in the region, which make Blu-ray discs, magnetic heads, and batteries.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-03-11/sony-toyota-halt-plants-as-quake-damages-japanese-factories.html>

13. *March 11, Associated Press* – (International) **Kia recalls 70,000 Optimas for transmission defect.** Kia Motors is recalling more than 70,000 Optima midsize sedans to fix transmission problems that can cause the cars to roll even while they are in park, Associated Press reported March 11. The cars are from the 2006 through 2008 model years and were built from September 29, 2005 to June 13, 2007. In documents filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Kia said that on some of the cars, a transmission shifter cable was installed incorrectly and can become detached from the shifter. If the cable comes off, the car would stay in the last gear used even if the driver puts the transmission in park, the documents said. “If the driver leaves the vehicle without engaging the parking brake, there is a possibility that the vehicle can roll, creating the risk of a crash,” Kia said. No injuries have been reported, but Kia concluded that under “extraordinary circumstances” the cars could roll inadvertently. Kia plans to start the recall in March and will notify owners by mail.  
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2011/03/11/state/n051947S27.DTL>
14. *March 10, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Alabama) **Imperial Aluminum facility in Scottsboro, Ala., cited by US Labor Department’s OSHA for 20 safety violations carrying \$76,500 in penalties.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) March 10 cited Imperial Aluminum’s Scottsboro, Alabama smelting plant for 20 safety violations following an October 2010 inspection. Proposed penalties total \$76,500. OSHA found 17 serious safety violations, including failing to: use lockout/tagout procedures of energy sources; guard open-sided floors and platforms; provide standard railings for fixed stairways; mark doorways or passages along an exit route; ensure fire extinguishers were readily available; provide machine guarding; remove a front end loader from service when repairs were needed; perform periodic inspections of crane hoists; keep aisles clear and free from debris; protect electrical conductors from abrasions; ensure unused openings in electrical panels were effectively closed; and provide covers for junction boxes.  
Source: [http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=19386](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=19386)
15. *March 10, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **‘Camp Nod’ lantern nightlights recalled due to shock and fire hazard.** The Land of Nod, of Northbrook, Illinois, has issued a recall March 10 for about 9,700 “Camp Nod” lantern nightlights. An electrical short circuit can occur in the nightlight’s wiring, posing a risk



of fire or shock hazard. The firm has received 16 reports of incidents, including 1 report of minor shock to a woman and her son, and 1 report of minor property damage to a wall, bed, and blanket near the lantern's power source. The lantern nightlights were sold exclusively at The Land of Nod stores in Illinois and Washington, and The Land of Nod catalog and Web site from September 2004 through October 2010.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11726.html>

16. *March 10, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **American Suzuki Motor Corp. recalls KingQuad ATVs due to fire hazard.** Suzuki Manufacturing of America Corporation has issued a recall March 10 for about 29,000 Suzuki KingQuad ATVs. The ATVs were distributed by American Suzuki Motor Corp., of Brea, California; Montgomery Motors Ltd., of Honolulu, Hawaii; and Suzuki del Caribe Inc., of Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. Some KingQuad ATV's plastic fuel tanks were improperly manufactured and can develop a fuel leak, posing a fire hazard. American Suzuki has received 19 reports of fuel leaking from the recalled ATVs. No injuries have been reported. The vehicles were sold at Suzuki ATV dealers nationwide from July 2007 through February 2011.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11727.html>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

17. *March 10, Nextgov* – (National) **Key Army radio system has a 72 percent failure rate.** The Defense Department's (DOD) top weapons tester told lawmakers at a hearing March 9 a key component of the Army's battlefield network now in development failed 72 percent of the time in tests in 2010. The network is the centerpiece of the service's modernization strategy, according to testimony by Army Vice Chief of Staff at the same hearing. The Ground Mobile Radio version of the Joint Tactical Radio System worked so poorly in secure voice mode that the combat unit conducting the tests in 2010 at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico had to rely on runners for communications, according to the DOD's director of operational test and evaluation. The Army plans to install the Boeing-developed Ground Mobile Radio in its tactical vehicles, as well as use it to transmit broadband data across the battlefield along with voice communications, according to the Army Vice Chief of Staff.

Source: [http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng\\_20110310\\_9571.php](http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110310_9571.php)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

18. *March 11, Reuters* – (Florida; International) **British man pleads guilty in U.S. stocks fraud.** A British man pleaded guilty March 10 to committing mail and wire fraud in an investment scam selling worthless stocks of dormant and sham U.S. companies that bilked investors of more than \$40 million. The man, along with several others, hijacked the trading symbols and other key information of publicly traded companies that had

run afoul of U.S. regulators and gone “dormant,” the U.S. attorney’s office in Tampa, Florida, said. Using telemarketers based mostly in Spain, the group sold shares of the stocks, primarily to investors in the United Kingdom, urging them to wire their money to investment funds with bank accounts in Florida, according to prosecutors. The convict faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. He was extradited from Spain to face prosecution in the case. As part of a plea agreement, he was ordered to pay restitution to the investors and forfeit properties linked to him in the Turks and Caicos Islands and the Dominican Republic, along with money found in numerous bank accounts in Europe and the United States.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/yourmoney/sns-rt-business-us-usa-flortre72a06y-20110311,0,7965337.story>

19. *March 11, WCMH 4 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Suspect pulls gun on Fifth Third Bank employees.** FBI investigators said a man pulled a gun on several bank employees March 10 in Columbus, Ohio. They have released surveillance pictures of the robbery at the Fifth Third at 3460 S. High Street. Witnesses said the man waited in a line, then went to the counter and pulled out a small, silver-colored semi-automatic pistol from his coat pocket. Investigators said the suspect threw a bag over the counter and ordered employees to put money in the bag. The employees gave the suspect cash, and the suspect fled, agents said. According to a witness, the suspect got into a gray, four-door sedan with duct tape over the rear driver’s side window.

Source: <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2011/mar/10/3/suspect-pulls-gun-fifth-third-bank-employees-ar-420107/>

20. *March 10, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (California) **Orange County couple arrested on federal charges of bilking banks out of \$130 million in line of credit scam.** A Newport Coast, California couple were arrested March 10 after being indicted on federal charges of defrauding a consortium of 8 banks, including Bank of America, out of approximately \$130 million. The husband and wife were arrested without incident at their residence by federal authorities. A federal grand jury returned a 9-count bank fraud indictment against the couple March 9. The couple owned an Anaheim company called Galleria USA, Inc., which imported home decor items manufactured in China. The couple obtained a \$130 million revolving line of credit for Galleria from a consortium of 8 banks, and they borrowed on this line of credit by exaggerating — allegedly as much as 100 times — the company’s in-transit inventory and accounts receivables. The couple also allegedly fabricated bills of lading and invoices to support the exaggerated numbers and hide Galleria’s true financial status. Each charge of bank fraud carries a statutory maximum sentence of 30 years in federal prison. The case was investigated by the Office of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, the FBI, and the U.S. Secret Service.

Source: <http://losangeles.fbi.gov/dojpressrel/pressrel11/la031011a.htm>

21. *March 10, KATU 2 Portland* – (Washington) **Police find ATM skimmer at credit union; suspect sought.** Police in Vancouver, Washington, were searching for a man who allegedly put a skimming device on an ATM at a local credit union. At approximately 10:30 p.m. March 6, Vancouver Police responded to the Lacamas Credit



Union at 19200 SE 31st Street after someone reported a suspicious device on one of the ATMs, saying he believed there was some type of device located over the card slot. Vancouver police arrived and located a credit card skimming device attached to the ATM as well as a pinhole camera mounted just above the key pad. According to police, it does not appear any financial information was compromised at the ATM where the skimmer was found. The credit union ATM was also equipped with surveillance capability and an image of the suspect was captured.

Source: <http://www.katu.com/news/117769798.html>

22. *March 10, KWGN 2 Denver* – (Colorado) **102 victims now ID'd in eastern Colo. credit card skimming case.** So far 102 cases have been reported in a credit card crime spree in Deer Trail, Colorado. On March 8, one victim said the King Soopers gas station in Bennett, Colorado was the only place she had ever used her credit card. Authorities have checked out the credit card readers at that station as well as another local business within the last 2 weeks. No skimming devices were found. Authorities warned the lack of a device does not mean thieves did not install the skimmers and then remove them. King Soopers has continued to deny their machines are the source of the problem and has even said their internal security procedures prevent the use of skimming devices, but authorities now confirm they have 64 active identity theft cases. Their bigger concern is new victims continue to pop up every day. Authorities said credit card skimmers are often installed and then removed, the data downloaded from a chip and then sold on the black market.

Source: <http://www.kwgn.com/news/kdvr-more-victims-of-credit-card-skimmers-found-20110309,0,6534066.story>

23. *March 10, Wilmington News Journal* – (Ohio) **Bank employee charged with embezzling \$15k.** A Clinton County, Ohio woman was arrested March 9 and charged with embezzling \$15,000 from the Blanchester bank where she worked, police said. The woman is accused of pocketing “nearly \$15,000” from payroll and employee profit sharing accounts at First National Bank of Blanchester, according to the Blanchester police chief. Bank officials alerted police in February that someone had stolen the money over a 6-month period between July 2010 to January 2011. Because the woman was a bank officer and responsible for managing employee accounts, bank officials suspected she was involved in the theft. She was arraigned March 10 and charged with one felony count of grand theft. The bank hired a forensic accountant to investigate. Police also contacted the FBI’s White Collar Crimes unit for help, but decided to let the accountant finish the investigation. The suspect, a 10-year employee promoted to bank officer in 2009, was fired from her position shortly after police were notified of the theft.

Source:

<http://www.wnewsj.com/main.asp?SectionID=49&SubSectionID=156&ArticleID=188507>

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## **Transportation Sector**

24. *March 11, USA Today* – (National) **Aircraft collisions with birds increase.** Severe collisions between airborne jetliners and birds have soared the past 2 years, a USA Today analysis of the latest federal data shows. The report was issued March 11. The trend, driven by a growth in the population of large birds, has unnerved some of the field's leading experts and prompted calls for new efforts to reduce the dangers. The number of severe bird strikes suffered by airline flights above 500 feet reached a new high of 150 in 2009, federal data show. That represents a 40 percent increase in the rate of bird strikes compared with the average from 2000 through 2008. The trend continued in 2010, which was on a nearly identical pace of serious strikes through November, according to the most recent data available from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The most severe collisions were those most likely to cause a catastrophic accident: those causing serious damage, or impacts with large birds or large flocks. FAA is looking at several measures to reduce risks, from ways to make aircraft more resilient to birds to technology that will keep birds away from aircraft, an agency spokeswoman said.  
Source: <http://travel.usatoday.com/flights/story/2011/03/Aircraft-collisions-with-birds-increase/44758682/1>
25. *March 11, MarketWatch* – (International) **Some airlines cancel, divert Tokyo flights: reports.** Some international airlines canceled or diverted flights to Tokyo in the wake of the massive earthquake in Japan, according to reports received by MarketWatch March 11. Tokyo's Narita airport was closed and passengers as well as visitors were evacuated from its buildings, while the city's Haneda airport did not use two of its four runways, according to a Kyodo news report. Singapore Airlines diverted two Tokyo-bound flights — one each from Singapore and Los Angeles, California — that landed safely at Fukuoka and Haneda, respectively, after Narita Airport was temporarily shut, Dow Jones Newswires cited an airline spokeswoman as saying. A British Airways plane headed for Tokyo's Haneda airport did not take off, according to a U.K. Press Association report. British Airways also canceled its daily service from Heathrow to Narita airport, the report added.  
Source: <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/some-airlines-cancel-divert-tokyo-flightsreports-2011-03-11>
26. *March 11, USA Today* – (Hawaii) **Hawaii on tsunami alert: Flights diverted, hotels evacuate to higher floors.** Hotels across Hawaii were evacuating tourists to higher floors March 11 as the islands braced for a 3 to 6-foot tsunami in the wake of an 8.9 earthquake in Japan. Some flights were diverted from Honolulu International Airport but it remained open; airports on Maui, Kauai and the Big Island were shut down as a precaution. The tsunami hit Hawaii around 3 a.m. local time.  
Source: <http://travel.usatoday.com/destinations/dispatches/post/2011/03/hawaii-on-tsunami-alert--hotels-evacuate-to-higher-floors/147223/1?csp=hf>
27. *March 11, Augusta Chronicle* – (Georgia; North Carolina) **Augusta flight threatened.** An Augusta, Georgia man could face federal charges after he made a threat against a plane he was waiting to board March 10 at Augusta Regional Airport in Augusta, Georgia, a Richmond County sheriff's sergeant said. The suspect, 22, of

Morgan Road, was waiting for his 8:25 p.m. flight to Charlotte, North Carolina, inside the airport terminal when he phoned someone he knew and made the threat, the sergeant said. He would not disclose the exact threat or say who the call was made to, just that it was “terroristic” in nature. Authorities searched the plane after it landed, and the entire airport, but they did not find anything. The suspect was arrested on a charge of terroristic acts and threats. The FBI is assisting in the investigation, the sergeant said. He said the Augusta man indirectly made a threat against the pilot and airline through a text message sent while he waited in the airline terminal. The person the man was texting notified the sheriff’s department with concerns.

Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/latest-news/2011-03-10/augusta-flight-threatened?v=1299804167>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

28. *March 10, WHDH 7 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Hazmat crews in Medford after delivery truck scare.** Hazardous materials crews were called March 10 to Medford, Massachusetts, after a scare in a delivery truck. Crews were not sure what chemical they were dealing with, but they focused their attention on a FedEx truck. The driver was on the interstate when he suddenly felt ill. He became nauseous and light headed, and he pulled over in a Medford parking lot, where he called police. Police, fire, and paramedics arrived on scene. They transported the driver to the hospital and brought in hazmat teams. Emergency crews then crawled all over the delivery truck searching for what made the driver sick. Crews removed a box from the truck, put it in a hazardous materials container, and took it for more testing. The driver suffered non-life threatening injuries.

Source: <http://www1.whdh.com/news/articles/local/12003750950653/hazmat-crews-in-medford-after-delivery-truck-scare/>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

29. *March 11, WTSP 10 St. Petersburg* – (Florida) **Collapsing equipment crushes worker at Tampa Pepsi plant.** One man was crushed and killed and another man sustained serious leg injuries March 11 after equipment collapsed at a Pepsi Bottling Group warehouse in Tampa, Florida. The incident occurred about 1:20 a.m. The warehouse, where cases of soda are stored, rises more than 100 feet high. Firefighters said the robotic lift system, which is used to move whole loaded palettes around, collapsed from about 20 feet overhead. People are not normally in the area where this equipment is working, a Tampa Fire Rescue captain said, but the automated lift was having maintenance done on it when it dropped onto the two workers. The men were employed by an outside contractor and are from Pennsylvania. Special heavy-lifting equipment

was deployed by Tampa Fire Rescue to move the collapsed machinery and reach the body of the deceased man. His body is now in the custody of the Hillsborough County Medical Examiner's Office. Tampa Police and the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration have been contacted.

Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/news/local/article/180325/8/Collapsing-equipment-crushes-worker-at-Tampa-Pepsi-plant>

30. *March 11, Food Safety News* – (National) **Violations spotted at seafood processors.** Refrigerated tuna salad and raw shucked scallops in Grand Rapids, fish sauce and frozen salted fish in San Jose, and refrigerated pasteurized crabmeat and fresh tuna in Boston are among the latest seafood products not being processed properly, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). During inspections of three seafood processing facilities, FDA found enough violations to determine their products were adulterated, as defined by federal law. Those conclusions were found in warning letters sent to the three seafood processors since last February 24, and made public the week of March 7 by FDA. Inspections of seafood processors frequently result in warning letters. The violations FDA identifies must be corrected within 15 working days to avoid future actions by the agency.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/03/violations-spotted-at-seafood-processors-importer/>

31. *March 11, Associated Press* – (California) **Calif. fertilizer firm chief indicted for fraud.** The president of a Bakersfield-area company in California was indicted March 10 on charges of defrauding customers by selling fertilizers with synthetic ingredients he claimed were entirely organic, prosecutors said. A U.S. attorney said a federal grand jury indicted the president of Port Organic Products Ltd. on 28 counts of mail fraud for misrepresenting fertilizer ingredients to the agencies that certified the products as organic. Prosecutors said he faces up to 20 years in prison on each count if convicted. Port Organic's factory was the target of a January 2009 search by FBI and U.S. Department of Agriculture officials after county environmental health experts found thousands of gallons of aqueous ammonia, an ingredient used in synthetic fertilizers, at the site. The indictment accuses the company's president of telling the Washington State Department of Agriculture and the Organic Materials Review Institute, which reviewed and certified his products as organic, that they contained only fish meal, bird guano, and other organic components.

Source: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20110311/APF/303119996/1002/business>

32. *March 10, Associated Press* – (Montana) **Cleanup continues at site of train derailment near Glacier National Park in Montana.** A BNSF Railway Co. freight train derailed March 9 near Glacier National Park in northern Montana. A BNSF spokesman said March 10 crews have re-railed 10 cars while 9 will be scrapped on site or removed. Crews hoped to have the line open by 10 p.m. that evening. Nineteen cars of the 115-car train derailed before noon March 9 near Essex, about 45 miles east of Whitefish. Nine of the cars carried freight, including lumber products, tractors, oatmeal, and frozen turkeys and chickens. The cause of the derailment is still under investigation. No one was injured. Amtrak Empire Builder passengers were being

bused between Havre and Whitefish. Some freight trains were being re-routed to the Montana Rail Link in southern Montana.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/a42c589660754d088e3920c57be67dea/MT--Montana-Train-Derailment/>

33. *March 10, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **SUV crashes into pizza restaurant; woman arrested.** A 63-year-old woman was arrested March 10 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, after a sport utility vehicle plowed into a Domino's Pizza next door to the dog grooming school where the driver was headed with her pet bichon frise. The woman was arrested on complaints of driving under the influence, driving under suspension, and driving without insurance. She was taken to a hospital to be examined before she was taken to jail, an Oklahoma City police sergeant said. The parking spaces in front of the American School of Dog Grooming were empty, but the SUV went left of the open spots and hit the Domino's building. It appeared the brakes were never applied after the SUV turned into the parking lot, the sergeant said. The restaurant was closed when the accident happened about 8:50 a.m. but there were people and dogs at the school. The owner of the restaurant said it appeared a heavy oven behind a counter stopped the SUV, but the oven and other equipment were moved out place by the crash.

Source: [http://www.newsok.com/driver-crashes-suv-into-front-of-okc-pizza-restaurant-woman-arrested/article/3547538?custom\\_click=masthead\\_topten](http://www.newsok.com/driver-crashes-suv-into-front-of-okc-pizza-restaurant-woman-arrested/article/3547538?custom_click=masthead_topten)

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## Water Sector

34. *March 11, Maui Weekly* – (Hawaii) **Schools, wastewater plant, pumping stations to close due to tsunami.** In response to the threat of a tsunami from an earthquake in Japan hitting Hawaii, the Hawaii Department of Education closed all schools in Maui, March 11. Maui County also planned to shut down the Kahului, Kihei, and Lahaina wastewater treatment plants at 1 a.m., because they are located in tsunami inundation zones. This coincides with the water department shutting its pumping stations. As a result, residents were asked to use water only when necessary, and to conserve drinking water. Maui police and fire officials assisted with evacuation in affected areas. Estimated time of arrival of a potential tsunami at Kahului Harbor was 3:23 a.m. Maui County Civil Defense said it planned to sound emergency sirens every hour on the hour in preparation for the potential tsunami.

Source: <http://www.mauiweekly.com/page/content.detail/id/502933/Schools--Wastewater-Plant--Pumping-Stations-to-Close-Due-to-Tsunami.html?nav=13>

35. *March 11, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon; Washington) **Coast Guard figures at least 75 more days, \$7.5 million to get derelict barge Davy Crockett out of the Columbia River.** Getting the derelict barge Davy Crockett out of the Columbia River will take at least 75 more days, Coast Guard officials said, with costs probably topping \$7.5 million. The Coast Guard, Oregon and Washington officials and contractor

Ballard Diving & Salvage were trying to stabilize the 431-foot-long vessel, remove debris and machinery, patch holes, and drain fuel before it leaks. Tentative plans include cutting the rusting hulk at least in two and towing the pieces to a shipyard or dry dock for dismantling. The work has cost \$5.3 million to date, with a total of \$7.5 million anticipated to stabilize the ship and cut it in pieces. That figure does not include costs of further dismantling the barge and disposing of it. In January, Coast Guard inspectors responded to reports of an oil sheen around the barge and declared the problem fixed. But a week later, on January 27, the barge buckled in half, probably as a result of the owner removing parts for scrap. That led to an 11-mile-long “mystery sheen” of fuel that regulators traced from Vancouver to the ship, likely lubricating oil with low levels of toxic chemicals. Since then, workers have deployed nearly 20,000 feet of oil containment and absorbent booms around the ship, according to Davy Crockett response updates from Washington’s Department of Ecology.

Source:

[http://www.oregonlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2011/03/coast\\_guard\\_figures\\_at\\_least\\_7.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2011/03/coast_guard_figures_at_least_7.html)

36. *March 9, boston.com* – (Massachusetts) **Cleanup, investigation continue after Wellesley High oil spil.** As the cleanup continues, state and local officials are investigating how a faulty gauge on a basement oil tank at Wellesley High School failed and caused an oil spill that ended up in the Charles River in Massachusetts. “We’ll probably never be able to estimate exactly how much of the oil made it into the brooks, the skating pond, or the Charles River,” a spokesman for the state department of environmental protection said. “Our concern is that cleanup continue as quickly as possible.” There were no estimates of how long the entire cleanup would take or how much it would cost. A pressure release valve blew on an external line from an oil storage tank coming into the school March 6, spilling about 400 gallons of oil onto the boiler room floor, according to the Wellesley fire captain. The oil leaked from at least one drain on the boiler room floor into a nearby pond. From there the oil spilled into Fuller Brook, which runs through Nehoidan Country Club, toward the Charles River. Techniques being used to control the spill include a device used to separate oil from water, which will be installed at the intersection of the foundation of Wellesley High School and Caroline Brook. The device is one of many measures being taken to mitigate the effects of the spill, including using video analysis on the pipes leading to the brook and a series of booms to catch the oil.

Source: [http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/wellesley/2011/03/oil-water\\_separator\\_to\\_be\\_inst.html](http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/wellesley/2011/03/oil-water_separator_to_be_inst.html)

37. *March 9, KING 5 Seattle* – (Washington) **Study measures contaminated Gasworks Park sediment, groundwater.** Environmental investigators received their first look at groundwater moving through Seattle’s heavily contaminated Gasworks Park in Seattle, Washington. Washington Department of Ecology (WDE) hydrologists have been waiting for the first round of results from last September’s study measuring the flow and direction of the groundwater under the iconic park. The report shows a slow seep moving in a southeasterly diagonal direction across the park. The concern is the groundwater is picking up highly toxic materials trapped in the offshore sediment of the



park and releasing it into Lake Union. “At the bottom of the water, the sediment is very contaminated,” a WDE spokesman said. “At some places up to 16,000 parts per million polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).” PAHs are suspected cancer-causing chemicals left over from the 60 years of coal, oil and gas burning at the gasworks plant. Much of the park’s toxic legacy is buried under a thick layer of clean dirt, but it occasionally surfaces in the form of oozing tar, and the sediments around the park got direct exposure to toxins that fell from loading docks. The study shows groundwater is moving through the sediment at a rate of about 1 gallon or 2 per day. The City of Seattle and Puget Sound Energy will review the findings as part of their obligation to clean up sediments that threaten the health of the lake, animals, and the people who use it.

Source: <http://www.king5.com/news/environment/New-Study-Measures-Gasworks-Groundwater-117703838.html>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

38. *March 11, msnbc.com* – (National) **Under pressure, firm closes line that made tainted wipes.** A Wisconsin medical supplier that made millions of recalled alcohol prep products now blamed for serious infections and at least one death is shutting down the line that produces the wipes — at least for now. The Triad Group of Hartland, Wisconsin, plans to “move away” from its health care division, which produced contaminated alcohol pads and lubricating jelly, and focus instead on its private label and contract brands, according to an internal letter obtained by msnbc.com. The letter was prompted in part by a series of msnbc.com reports detailing potentially life-threatening problems with contamination at the plant. Triad officials made the move voluntarily and did not notify the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) about their plans to halt production of alcohol prep products named in a January 3 recall because of potential contamination, an FDA spokeswoman said. Triad will also stop production of sterile lubricating jelly, which was the focus of a December 27, 2010 recall and has been tied to reports of vaginal infections that required medication for dozens of women. The prep pads and jelly are the two largest product lines in that division, Triad’s chief operating officer said. FDA has issued no sanctions, despite government documents that identified ongoing problems with contamination and sterilization at the Triad plant dating back to at least 2009. FDA inspectors detected microbial contamination in wipes and jelly, and problems with validation of Triad’s sterilization process, documents show.

Source: [http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/42018220/ns/health-infectious\\_diseases/](http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/42018220/ns/health-infectious_diseases/)

39. *March 11, Homeland Security Today* – (National) **CDC develops crisis response toolkit for public health response authorities.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) National Center for Environmental Health, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effect Health Studies Branch has produced the

Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) Toolkit to address challenges public health and other emergency response officials confront in identifying, preparing for, responding to, and mitigating disasters, such as large-scale outbreaks. CASPER was specifically designed to help epidemiologists and public health authorities in the collection of important health intelligence during a large-scale, potentially mass casualty disaster. CASPER, also referred to as Rapid Need Assessment (RNA), Rapid Epidemiologic Assessment (REA), and Rapid Health Assessment (RHA), “will assist public health practitioners and emergency management officials in determining the health status and basic needs of the affected community,” the guidance explained, noting “gathering information about health and basic need data by using valid statistical methods allows public health and emergency managers to prioritize their responses and to rationalize the distribution of resources.” “Personnel from any local, regional, state or federal public health department, emergency management officials, academicians or other disaster responders who need to assess household-level public health needs following a disaster may use this toolkit.” The main objective of CASPER is to rapidly assess the present and potential health effects and basic needs for a population affected by a disaster.

Source: <http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/today-s-news-analysis/single-article/cdc-develops-crisis-response-toolkit-for-public-health-response-authorities/3ceaf7dea2c853033ec6aa0e8f963df4.html>

40. *March 10, Becker’s Hospital Review* – (Massachusetts) **UMass Amherst data breach affects 942 patients.** The University of Massachusetts (UMass) Amherst is notifying University Health Services patients their protected health information was possibly breached after a workstation was inadvertently infected with a malware program, according to a UMass news release. The malware infection occurred June 30, 2010, and the vulnerability on the workstation was corrected October 28, 2010. A subsequent investigation by UMass Amherst’s Office of Information Technologies found no evidence suggesting any data was copied from the UHS workstation, which contained patients’ names, health insurance company names, medical record numbers, and information on prescriptions dispensed between January 2 and November 17, 2009, including the medication, dispensing pharmacist, quantity, length of prescription, and physician’s name.

Source: <http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/healthcare-information-technology/umass-amherst-data-breach-affects-942-patients.html>

41. *March 10, Reuters* – (National) **FDA to oversee J&J plants after flood of recalls.** U.S. health authorities will take over supervision of three Johnson and Johnson manufacturing plants after the healthcare giant failed to stem a flood of recalls for consumer medicines such as its Tylenol painkiller. The company’s McNeil unit has recalled more than 300 million bottles and packages of Tylenol, Motrin, Roloids, Benadryl, and other products in the past year over faulty manufacturing. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said the action, called a consent decree, prevents McNeil from making consumer medicines at a large plant in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, until the agency certifies quality lapses there have been corrected. It also sets a strict timetable to rectify manufacturing problems at McNeil’s plants still operating in

Lancaster, Pennsylvania and Las Piedras, Puerto Rico. J&J said two company executives were named as defendants in the consent decree. They are the vice president of quality at J&J's McNeil Consumer Healthcare unit, and the vice president of operations at McNeil. Some of the lapses led to metal particles entering liquid medicines, and also included mislabeling and moldy odors.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/10/johnsonjohnson-idUSN1017286320110310>

42. *March 10, Associated Press* – (California) **Man arrested in attacks on Calif. clinic, mosque.** The FBI has arrested a 37-year-old school bus driver suspected of vandalizing a central California mosque and firebombing a Planned Parenthood clinic last year, authorities said. The Madera man was to be arraigned March 10 on two federal arson charges in the September 2 attack on the Madera Planned Parenthood, local and federal officials said. The clinic was damaged and had to remain shut for 2 days after someone threw an explosive device through a window. During the previous 2 weeks, a brick was thrown at the front of the Madera Islamic Center and several cardboard signs with the message "Wake up America, the enemy is here" were left outside the mosque, the complaint stated. A United Methodist Church also had threatening paper notes taped to its windows in September. The signs at the clinic, mosque, and church all were signed with the initials "ANB," and some at the mosque read, "American Nationalist Brotherhood." The Madera County Sheriff's Department recovered a fingerprint from one of the placards and linked it to the suspect. An FBI agent said in a declaration accompanying the complaint the suspect admitted throwing a beer bottle with a cloth soaked in diesel fuel at the Planned Parenthood clinic and creating all the signs labeled "ANB."

Source: [http://napavalleyregister.com/news/state-and-regional/california/article\\_d53aed57-438d-518f-a5e3-d874bae609f3.html](http://napavalleyregister.com/news/state-and-regional/california/article_d53aed57-438d-518f-a5e3-d874bae609f3.html)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

43. *March 11, The Hill* – (District of Columbia) **Library of Congress building evacuated; the fire is now out.** U.S. Capitol Police in Washington D.C. evacuated the Library of Congress's Madison building March 11 because of a transformer fire, which has since been extinguished. More than 6 D.C. Fire engines screamed up to the building with 2 ladder trucks, as firefighters sprinted into the structure. Capitol Police K-9 teams were on hand as well. The fire was isolated to the sub-basement of building, according to Capitol Police. Police closed several streets, including: Independence Ave between First St. and Second St. SE; C St between First St. and Second St. SE; Second St. between Independence Ave. and C St SE. Employees who were in the building said right before the fire alarms sounded, the lights went out and Internet went down. Employees have been allowed back into the building.

Source: <http://thehill.com/homenews/news/148925-reports-of-fire-in-library-of-congress-building>

44. *March 11, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Wisconsin GOP death threats probed.** The Wisconsin Department of Justice is investigating an e-mail threatening the lives of some Republican state senators. A justice spokesman said the agency is investigating threats from several sources. The senate majority leader said all threatening messages were forwarded to capitol police. The majority leader's spokesman said the address of the person who sent one of the e-mails was apparent, but police told him not to disclose it. The e-mail said the senate majority leader and his "Republican dictators" must die because of their actions. The majority leader said a protester was arrested the week of March 7 for trespassing at his Dodge County home after she walked onto his porch and banged on the window.  
Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/nation/4248800-418/wisconsin-gop-death-threats-probed.html>
45. *March 10, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Army reprimands 9 officers in Fort Hood shooting.** Nine U.S. Army officers were reprimanded for leadership failures in connection with the shooting rampage in November 2009 at Fort Hood, Texas, and their failure to detect and report problems with the accused shooter as he moved along in his medical career. Saying that although no single event led to the tragedy, an Army Secretary found certain officers failed to meet expected standards, an Army statement said March 10. The officers — all lieutenant or above — will receive punishments ranging from an oral reprimand to the far more serious written letter of censure that is considered a career-ender. The shooting suspect is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the November 2009 shooting spree on the Texas military post. A 2010 Pentagon review found the suspect's supervisors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center where he worked expressed serious concerns about his questionable behavior and poor judgment, but failed to heed their own warnings. It said the Army psychiatrist's supervisors continued to give him positive performance evaluations that kept him moving up through the ranks despite worries about his strident views on Islam and worries about his competence.  
Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5i-Bcv3Y9JEMPzyQOt7Xaez32cwNQ?docId=808da4698c734288a404c99b73a5a3c0>
46. *March 10, Reuters* – (New Jersey) **N.J. state computers nearly sold with sensitive data.** Child abuse reports, Social Security numbers, and other sensitive data were discovered on a batch of government computers headed for the auction block to be sold by the State of New Jersey, authorities said March 10. Data was found on 79 percent of the computers that were already shrink-wrapped on pallets at the state's surplus property warehouse and bound to be sold to the highest bidder, said a spokesman for the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller. The auction plans were put on hold while state workers remove the information, he said. State workers preparing the equipment for sale had opted not to use a device designed to magnetically erase sensitive data from hard drives because it was noisy, the comptroller's office said in a news release. The Department of Treasury now has 90 days "to develop a new policy to ensure that confidential information will not be put up for auction," he said.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/10/us-computer-snafulidUSTRE7296KC20110310>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

47. *March 11, CNN* – (New Mexico; International) **Federal gun raid leaves border town without mayor, police chief.** The mayor, police chief, and a village trustee in the New Mexico border town of Columbus have been charged along with 8 other defendants with buying firearms for illegal export to Mexico, federal authorities said March 10. An 84-count indictment accuses the 11 of being what authorities describe as a gun-trafficking ring. They bought guns “favored by the Mexican cartels,” such as American tactical 9 mm pistols and so-called “AK-47 pistols,” the U.S. Attorney of New Mexico told CNN. He said authorities seized 200 firearms, allegedly purchased illegally using “straw” buyers, and intended for sale in Mexico. He said 1,500 rounds of ammunition were also seized. The indictment alleges 12 firearms previously purchased by the defendants were found in Mexico and were traced back to them, authorities said. The indictment came after a year-long federal investigation and was part of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, a program targeting the most serious drug trafficking, weapons trafficking and money laundering organizations, and those responsible for the nation’s illegal drug supply, authorities said. No weapons were knowingly permitted to cross the border, authorities stated.

Source:

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/03/10/new.mexico.columbus.raid/index.html?hpt=T2>

48. *March 11, Anchorage Daily News* – (Alaska) **Five charged in alleged plot to kidnap or kill troopers, judge.** Five people in the Fairbanks, Alaska, area were arrested March 10 by state and federal law enforcement on charges connected with a plot to kidnap or kill state troopers and a Fairbanks judge, according to the Alaska State Troopers. The Fairbanks police chief said the operation involved multiple police actions related to Fairbanks-area members of the “sovereign citizen” movement. The movement is characterized by a rejection of U.S. laws and taxes. In general, participants believe federal, state and local statutes and laws do not apply to them. The suspects are accused of conspiring to commit murder, kidnapping, and arson, as well as weapons misconduct, hindering prosecution and tampering with evidence, a trooper spokeswoman said in a written statement March 10. An investigation “revealed extensive plans to kidnap or kill Alaska state troopers and a Fairbanks Judge,” the statement said. The plans included “extensive surveillance” on the homes of two Fairbanks troopers, the statement said. “Investigation also revealed that extensive surveillance on troopers in the Fairbanks area had occurred, specifically on the locations of the homes for two Alaska state troopers,” the statement said. “Furthermore, [the suspects] had acquired a large cache of weapons in order to carry out attacks against their targeted victims. Some of the weapons known to be in the cache are prohibited by state or federal law.” Along with troopers and Fairbanks police, the FBI,

and U.S. Marshals Service carried out the arrests.

Source: <http://www.adn.com/2011/03/10/1748613/man-who-threatened-judge.html>

49. *March 10, Corpus Christi Caller-Times* – (Texas) **Three men indicted in stolen Corpus Christi police explosives case.** A federal grand jury indicted three men in connection with explosives stolen last year from a Corpus Christi, Texas, police storage facility. Three individuals were indicted March 9 on charges of stealing about 3 pounds of TNT and 4 pounds of C4, according to a news release from the U.S. attorney's office. One of the men arrested was also indicted on a count of receiving or possessing explosives while being under a felony indictment. If convicted, the men each could face as long as 10 years in prison, as much as a \$250,000 fine, and as long as 3 years of supervised release. They are accused of stealing the explosives that were being kept in storage containers at an old shooting range in the Annaville area. Officers later recovered the explosives and other stolen items from the Nueces River near the Labonte Park boat ramp. All three men are being held without bond. Their arraignment has not yet been set. The case was investigated by Corpus Christi police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Source: <http://www.caller.com/news/2011/mar/10/three-men-indicted-stolen-corpus-christi-police-ex/>

50. *March 10, Deseret News* – (Utah) **Carbon monoxide leak at Logan jail sends 15 to hospital.** A carbon monoxide leak March 10 at the Cache County Jail in Logan, Utah, sent 15 people to the hospital, including many inmates. Inmates and staff began complaining of nausea and headaches around 2 p.m., prompting a nurse to remove everyone from the kitchen area, the Cache County Sheriff's Office said. Paramedics arrived and confirmed everyone who had been in that location had been exposed to carbon monoxide, leading to 3 staff members and 12 inmates being transported to an area hospital for treatment. It is believed they would all be treated and released. The cause of the leak was apparently a stove burner that was not fully burning.

Source: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/705368476/Carbon-monoxide-leak-at-Logan-jail-sends-15-to-hospital.html>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

51. *March 11, Trend Micro* – (International) **'Most recent earthquake in Japan' searches lead to FAKEAV.** According to Trend Micro March 11, blackhat SEO attacks began appearing almost immediately after an 8.9 magnitude earthquake hit Japan and then was followed by a tsunami, causing massive damage. The company began to monitor immediately for any active attacks as soon as the news broke out. Results found Web pages inserted with key words related to the earthquake. One of the active sites used the keyword "most recent earthquake in Japan" and led to FAKEAV variants currently detected as Mal\_FakeAV-25. Users were advised to get the latest



news from trusted media outlets to prevent being victimized by this blackhat SEO.

Source: <http://blog.trendmicro.com/most-recent-earthquake-in-japan-searches-lead-to-fakea/>

52. *March 11, Help Net Security* – (International) **Zeus toolkit with ‘ghost’ panel for better evasion.** The last version of the Zeus builder before its author gave up its source code to the author of the SpyEye toolkit is 2.0.8.9, and it is still being offered on the online black market by resellers. This last version has new and improved features when compared with the previous one, such as support for almost all Windows versions, an injection module for Firefox, and multi-user session session infection. According to Trend Micro researchers, the control panel has remained practically the same. Named “Ghost” panel by the authors, it supposedly has two features that allow it to remain hidden from analysis with automated tools and researchers that search for it in the usual places. One is by using unusual file and folder names, and the other is to block IP addresses of malware-monitoring sites such as Zeus Tracker when they try to access the Web panel by using a configurable script located in the .htaccess file. The panel presents other advantages such as optimizing PHP scripts for smaller file sizes (to make their upload to hosting sites easier), filtering that only allows the storage of financial information, and an easy and automatic update of the configuration file.  
Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=1664](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1664)

53. *March 11, The Register* – (International) **InterWorx admits password security FAIL led to attack on users.** Web-hosting administration outfit InterWorx warned users to change their passwords following a penetrating hack attack. The assault on the firm’s support desk database exposed log-in credentials because the support desk software was storing e-mail and password data in plain text. Users were strongly advised to change their passwords on any site they accessed using the same log-in credentials as they used with InterWorx. The compromise — which ran between February 28 and March 5 — gave hackers admin control of Web sites administered through InterWorx, a facility they soon began abusing to distribute malware. In a notice warning of the breach, InterWorx said a “few clients” had their servers “modified to distribute malware javascript, as a direct result of this attack”. InterWorx provides a Web-hosting control panel designed to make work easier for Web site administrators.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/03/11/interworx\\_password\\_breach/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/03/11/interworx_password_breach/)

54. *March 11, Softpedia* – (International) **Anonymous attacks Broadcast Music Incorporated.** Anonymous hacktivist group has revived Operation Payback by launching distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks against bmi.com, the Web site of Broadcast Music Inc. (BMI). BMI is a U.S. organization which collects music license fees and represents the interests of songwriters, composers, and publishers. The attacks started earlier the week of March 6, and BMI announced it has taken its Web site offline willingly. In a manifesto posted online, Anonymous announced the resurrection of Operation Payback, its several-month-long DDoS campaign that targeted anti-piracy organizations in 2010. The harsh copyright laws that media organizations lobby for worldwide are at the center of Anonymous’ agenda as the group feels they have a negative impact on creativity and freedom of information. The

BMI Web site remained down March 11.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Anonymous-Attacks-Broadcast-Music-Incorporated-189043.shtml>

55. *March 10, Help Net Security* – (International) **Most sites are exposed to at least one vulnerability each day.** The average Web site has serious vulnerabilities more than 9 months of the year and data leakage has overtaken cross site scripting as the most common Web site vulnerability, according to WhiteHat Security. The average Web site falls into the “always” and “frequently” vulnerable categories – meaning they were exposed more than 270 days of the year. When looking at window of exposure across industries it becomes apparent there is a vast difference in the approach to Web site security. Heavily regulated industries such as healthcare and banking have the lowest rates, yet still 14 and 16 percent (respectively) of the sites had a serious vulnerability throughout the year. Social networking and retail have two of the largest windows of exposure, potentially reflecting the rate at which they update sites and introduce new code. The education industry leads the category with 78 percent of sites being vulnerable at least 9 months of the year.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10730>

56. *March 10, Help Net Security* – (International) **Cloud streamlines efficiency of identity theft.** Phishers are leveraging cloud-based form management sites, such as Google docs or formbuddy.com to collect information from unwitting victims, according to Commtouch. With this technique, the phisher does not have to worry about creating/managing/storing back-end form data and can more easily scale the harvesting of phished data. Those tricked into divulging their personal information will not be aware of this nuance.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10727>

57. *March 10, IDG News Service* – (International) **With hacking, music can take control of your car.** Researchers at the University of California, San Diego, and the University of Washington have spent the past 2 years combing through the myriad computer systems in late-model cars, looking for security flaws and developing ways to misuse them. In a new paper, they said they have identified several ways a hacker could break into a car, including attacks over the car’s Bluetooth and cellular network systems, or through malicious software in the diagnostic tools used in automotive repair shops. One method of attack focused on the car stereo. By adding extra code to a digital music file, they were able to turn a song burned to CD into a Trojan horse. When played on the car’s stereo, this song could alter the firmware of the car’s stereo system, giving attackers an entry point to change other components on the car. This type of attack could be spread on file-sharing networks without arousing suspicion, they believe. In 2010, the researchers described the inner workings of the networks of components found in today’s cars, and they described a 2009 experiment where they were able to kill the engine, lock the doors, turn off the brakes, and falsify speedometer readings on a late-model car.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9214167/With\\_hacking\\_music\\_can\\_take\\_control\\_of\\_your\\_car](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9214167/With_hacking_music_can_take_control_of_your_car)

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## Communications Sector

Nothing to report

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

58. *March 11, WITN 7 Washington* – (North Carolina) **Motel explosion injures four in Wayne County.** Four people were injured after an explosion ripped through a Wayne County, North Carolina, motel room March 11. A major with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office said they investigated the possibility of a meth lab explosion at the old Goldwater Motel in Dudley. It happened around 4:20 a.m. with one of the rooms having its front walls blown out. A police spokesman said four people who were either in or around the room were injured. Three of those victims were flown to the burn center in Chapel Hill, including the person who deputies said rented the room. The North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation has been called in to help investigate. Source:

[http://www.witn.com/news/headlines/Motel\\_Explosion\\_Injures\\_Four\\_In\\_Wayne\\_County\\_117798104.html?ref=104](http://www.witn.com/news/headlines/Motel_Explosion_Injures_Four_In_Wayne_County_117798104.html?ref=104)

59. *March 11, Huffington Post* – (Hawaii) **Hawaii tsunami: Hotels implement 'vertical evacuation'.** In the wake of the massive earthquake that struck Japan March 11, tsunami warnings were issued for the west coast of the United States (the tsunami was expected to hit Hawaii around 3 a.m. local time; and the National Guard was on standby). Hawaii hotels were "implementing a vertical evacuation," the president and CEO of the Hawaii Tourism Association told the Honolulu Star-Advertiser. "We are in touch with all hotels and they have an evacuation process in order," he added. In a "vertical evacuation", hotel guests are moved to the higher floors. While Honolulu International Airport remains open, seven or eight jets headed towards the Hawaiian islands have turned around, according to local KPUA Radio. Tourism officials say that hotels in Waikiki are nearly full in preparation for the Honolulu Festival meant to start

on March 11.

Source: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/03/11/hawaii-tsunami-airports\\_n\\_834398.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/03/11/hawaii-tsunami-airports_n_834398.html)

60. *March 11, KXII 12 Sherman* – (Texas) **1 injured in Denison apartment fire.** A fire at a 2-story apartment complex in Denison, Texas, destroyed one apartment and possibly damaged a few others March 10. The fire broke out just after 6 p.m. at “The Meadows” apartment complex on Crawford Street, right across from B. McDaniel Middle School. Denison and Sherman fire departments responded. One woman was taken to the hospital for smoke inhalation, primarily as a precaution. One block of Crawford Street was shut down while firefighters were on the scene. The cause of the fire is still being investigated at this time, and the other apartments in the complex were being examined for smoke damage to make sure they were safe for residents.  
Source: <http://www.kxii.com/home/headlines/117779789.html>
61. *March 10, Grand Rapids Press* – (Michigan) **Police questioning two students about ‘hoax’ bomb box at Job Corp Center on Hall street.** A box left in a portable classroom at the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center, labeled with wording indicating explosives were inside, turned out to be a hoax, police determined. The classroom building at 110 Hall Street SE was evacuated as the Grand Rapids police bomb squad investigated. Police questioned two students who admitted they were aware of the box, with one acknowledging shortly after police arrived that it was a hoax. Job Corps is a career technical training and education program for students ages 16 through 24. A Grand Rapids police lieutenant said he did not know the motive for the hoax. Police were investigating the case as a possible felony. The bomb squad was able to verify the box was not dangerous and cleared the scene about 11 a.m.  
Source: [http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2011/03/police\\_questioning\\_two\\_student.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2011/03/police_questioning_two_student.html)
62. *March 10, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Police arrest suspect barricaded in Bonaventure Hotel.** Police apprehended a suspect who was barricaded inside the famed Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles, California, March 10. Authorities said the incident began at about 7:30 p.m. March 9, after a security guard reported an armed man holed up inside a room on the 31st floor of the high rise. The man had apparently been told by security to leave the hotel, after it was determined his credit card was not valid. The man refused to leave, and told security he had been smoking marijuana and doing narcotics all day. The suspect also threatened that he had a gun. A SWAT team was called to the hotel. Guests on at least one floor of the hotel were evacuated as firefighters set up a command post in the lobby downstairs. Authorities tried to negotiate with the man, but were not successful, according to the Los Angeles Police Department. Police finally shot some tear gas into the room and apprehended the suspect around 4 a.m. No one was hurt.  
Source: <http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-downtown-hotel-barricade,0,2119488.story>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

63. *March 10, KAIT 8 Jonesboro* – (Arkansas) **2 arrested for vandalizing after pictures posted on Facebook.** Police arrested a 19-year-old and a 20-year-old suspect after the men posted pictures of themselves vandalizing a historic bridge in Baxter County, Arkansas. According to the Baxter County Sheriff's Office, an anonymous tip came in with pictures of two people vandalizing the R.M. Ruthven Bridge, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The men are charged with second-degree criminal mischief. The suspects told police they found the spray paint can underneath the bridge and decided to paint the bridge, including spraying their names. A female juvenile was also cited for the same offense after being implicated as the one who took the pictures. Source: <http://www.kait8.com/Global/story.asp?S=14227298>
64. *March 10, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **Idaho plane crash in Sawtooth forest kills 2.** Officials in Idaho's Twin Falls County said the 55-year-old and 47-year-old passengers on board an airplane that went down in the Sawtooth National Forest were killed. The sheriff's office said search crew members discovered the bodies in the aircraft March 9. The victims were from Rexburg. The plane crashed about a mile north of the Idaho-Nevada border and the wreckage was spotted by Civil Air Patrol pilots March 9. The Idaho Transportation Department said the 1952 Korean War-era airplane left Wendover, Utah, at about 4 p.m. March 8 and was expected in Idaho Falls by 5 p.m. The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the cause of the crash. Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/top/all/7465666.html>
65. *March 10, Washington State Department of Natural Resources* – (Washington) **Illegal dumping on Washington State trust lands costs hundreds of thousands of dollars to taxpayers annually.** The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced March 10 a new interactive online map showing locations of more than 200 sites that experienced illegal dumping in 2010 on state trust lands. DNR, along with the department of ecology and other agencies, spend hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to clean up household trash, junked vehicles, and commercial and hazardous waste dumped illegally on state trust lands. Illegal dumping often occurs near forest roads on the 2.1 million acres of forestland DNR manages to generate revenue for public schools and local services. Hazardous sites, such as discarded industrial solvents or meth labs, can cost thousands of dollars each to clean up. Sending trucks to remote locations to remove abandoned vehicles also is costly. DNR's chief of law enforcement services said the online map is intended to show the extent of illegal dumping. The map shows locations of the 49 abandoned vehicles, 32 commercial and hazardous waste dumps, and 113 household dumping sites DNR's Law Enforcement Service investigated in 2010. Source: [http://www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEducation/News/Pages/2011\\_03\\_10\\_dumping\\_nr.aspx](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEducation/News/Pages/2011_03_10_dumping_nr.aspx)

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## Dams Sector

66. *March 11, Alexandria Daily Town Talk* – (Louisiana) **‘Without levee’ rule dropped.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will not erase the levee system that protects much of northeastern Louisiana from its new flood maps, a U.S. Representative said March 10. The Representative had been fighting that prospect through legislation for months as FEMA considered whether to re-certify the Tensas Basin Levee District System. He said he received notification from the FEMA administrator that he has directed his staff to halt its “without levee” practice when drawing the new maps, at least temporarily. According to the letter, “FEMA will temporarily withhold issuing Final Determinations for those communities whose levees do not meet accreditation requirements and would clearly benefit from this new approach.” If the new maps were drawn as if the levee system did not exist, it would force any business or homeowner with a mortgage to buy expensive flood insurance. The administrator’s decision would have a nationwide impact.

Source:

<http://www.thetowntalk.com/article/DI/20110311/NEWS01/103110323/0/SPORTS/-Without-levee-rule-dropped?odyssey=nav|head>

67. *March 11, Baxter Bulletin* – (Arkansas) **Officials: Corps dams are rock solid.** The Norfolk Dam in Arkansas has not budged an inch during the few temblors and many floods that have jostled and pushed against it since it began service 67 years ago. If it had moved an inch or at all, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would have measured that movement in increments of 28/1,000ths of an inch, said the dam’s senior mechanical engineer. He said the dam did not move even during a rash of earthquakes in recent weeks centered near Greenbriar ranging from 1.7 to a 4.7 on the Richter Scale. The 4.7 quake February 27 rumbled through the Twin Lakes Area hard enough to alert many area residents. The impact to Corps dams was zero, as shown by tilt meters that stretch the height of the dams and visual inspections of features built into the dams for the sole purpose of showing movement. The Corps has been at work during the past 5 years to bring the latest laser technology to the business of surveillance for changes in the shapes of the dams. The Corps is at work to understand how existing data, plus findings from rock core samples taken from underneath and around the dams, may help to determine a seismic threshold for activation of an emergency engineer response plan.

Source:

<http://www.baxterbulletin.com/article/20110311/NEWS01/103110339/1002/rss/Officials-Corps-dams-rock-solid?odyssey=nav|head>

68. *March 11, Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **FEMA rejects Iowa’s appeal for aid to fix Delhi dam.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) said March 10 it has denied Iowa’s appeal for millions of dollars to help rebuild the Lake Delhi dam



destroyed by flooding last July. FEMA's regional administrator in Kansas City, Missouri, said in a letter to state officials March 10 the agency had "rightfully denied" the nonprofit Lake Delhi Association's request for federal assistance. She agreed with a decision made by FEMA administrators last August that the Lake Delhi Association, which owns the dam, is not eligible for federal aid. That is because it is a private organization that does not provide any essential government services to the general public, she stated. The northeast Iowa dam was breached July 24 after a 14- to 16-inch downpour fell upstream in the Maquoketa River watershed. The lake, surrounded by hundreds of homes and cabins, was drained by the disaster and cannot be refilled until the dam is repaired at a cost of about \$5.8 million.

Source: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20110311/NEWS10/103110355/-1/GETPUBLISHED03SCRIPTS/FEMA-rejects-Iowa-s-appeal-aid-fix-Delhi-dam>

69. *March 11, Times of India* – (International) **Dam breaks in northeast Japan, washes away homes.** A dam in Japan's northeast Fukushima prefecture broke and homes were washed away, Kyodo news reported March 12, after the biggest earthquake in the nation's history wreaked death and havoc. The 8.9-magnitude quake — the seventh biggest ever recorded — generated a monster wall of water that pulverized the northeastern city of Sendai.

Source: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/rest-of-world/Dam-breaks-in-northeast-Japan-washes-away-homes-Kyodo/articleshow/7681832.cms>

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