



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 16 March 2011

**Current Nationwide Threat Level**

**ELEVATED**

*Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks*

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### Top Stories

- Associated Press reported dangerous levels of radiation leaked from the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant in Japan after an explosion and a fire, after which authorities ordered 140,000 people to seal themselves indoors March 15. (See item [8](#))
- Computerworld reported March 14 that scammers are leveraging Japan’s earthquake and tsunami disasters to spread multiple-style Internet scams at record speed. (See item [39](#))

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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 15, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Indiana firm faces safety fines at Louisiana refinery.** The Labor Department has proposed more than \$200,000 in fines for a north Louisiana oil refinery it accuses of exposing workers to the threat of fires, explosions, and other hazardous conditions. The department’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced March 14 that it has cited Calumet Lubricants Co. in Cotton Valley for 58 alleged safety violations. Its proposed penalties totaling \$207,500. The company, a subsidiary of Indianapolis, Indiana-based Calumet Specialty Products

Partners, has 15 business days from receipt of the citations to contest the proposed penalties.

Source:

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20110315/BUSINESS/103150384/1003/BUSINESS/Indy-firm-faces-safety-fines-Louisiana-refinery?odyssey=nav/head>

2. *March 15, Republican-American* – (Tennessee) **No one injured in Bristol trash plant blast.** A trash-to-energy plant in Bristol, Tennessee, that was evacuated March 14 after a steam tube ruptured is again accepting garbage. The plant, which burns 650 tons of trash daily, generating 16.3 megawatts of electricity, was evacuated shortly after noon March 14 when a high-pressure steam tube erupted, filling much of the six-story building with superheated steam. The Bristol fire marshal said there was no fire and no serious injuries. Two people were transported to the hospital for minor injuries, he said. Source: <http://www.rep-am.com/articles/2011/03/15/news/local/545128.txt>
3. *March 15, Dayton Daily News* – (Ohio) **I-75 ramp shut down due to crash, oil spill.** The exit ramp from I-75 southbound to First Street in downtown Dayton, Ohio, was still closed during the mid-morning commute March 15. The ramp was shut down March 14 while fire and Hazmat crews cleaned up a large amount of fuel leaking from a semi tractor trailer that crashed there just before midnight. According to a Dayton police sergeant, the driver, who suffered a minor hand injury in the crash, appeared to have missed the lane markings for the exit lane and then over-corrected trying to get back into the southbound interstate lanes. The truck did not tip over, but struck a concrete barrier and a guard rail, puncturing the vehicle's gas tank. The driver, who was hauling auto parts to Kentucky, may be cited for failure to control his vehicle, the chief said. Source: [http://m.daytondailynews.com/dayton/db\\_101693/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2GICoqut&detailindex=1&pn=0&ps=4](http://m.daytondailynews.com/dayton/db_101693/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2GICoqut&detailindex=1&pn=0&ps=4)
4. *March 15, WUSA 9 Washington, D.C.* – (District of Columbia) **Fire at DC gas station snarls traffic.** A fire at a gas station in the northwest part of Washington, D.C. had traffic backed up in the morning March 15. A D.C. Fire and EMS spokesman said it took firefighters 15 to 20 minutes to put the fire out at the Lowest Price Gas Station at the corner of Wisconsin Ave. and Q St., NW. The fire caused significant damage to the building, a car inside the building, and one car outside the building. Two nearby restaurants also suffered damage from the fire. The spokesman said investigators believe the fire was accidental. They said technicians were working on a gas tank in a vehicle with a space heater nearby, and it is believed the fumes from the space heater ignited the gasoline fumes. Three people were evaluated, one for smoke inhalation, but all three refused transportation to the hospital. Source: <http://wusa9.com/news/article/141569/77/Fire-At-DC-Gas-Station-Injures-One-Snarls-Traffic>
5. *March 15, WRAL 5 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **One trapped after explosion at Wilmington electric plant.** A small explosion at the L.V. Sutton Steam Electric Plant

in Wilmington, North Carolina, trapped one person March 15, the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office said. The explosion happened in a part of the plant where repairs were being done, a spokesman for Progress Energy, the owner of the plant, said. There were no reports of power outages. The Sutton plant has three coal-fired steam units and is located off U.S. Highway 412 north of Wilmington. It is one of four coal-fired power plants slated by Progress for retirement over the next few years as the utility converts to cheaper, cleaner gas power.

Source: [http://www.wral.com/news/news\\_briefs/story/9272106/](http://www.wral.com/news/news_briefs/story/9272106/)

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

6. *March 15, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **Pipe bombs, chemicals found in towed car.** A towing company was evacuated after employees found explosive chemicals and a small pipe bomb in the trunk of an impounded car in Charlotte, North Carolina. Employees at the Southern Star towing company on Orr Road called 911 March 15 to report the finding. The explosives were stabilized and no one was injured, though the towing company was evacuated and Orr Road was briefly closed, police said. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's bomb squad, the fire department's hazardous materials team and paramedics all responded to the scene. Police said the car was towed from the 7100 block of Winding Cedar Trail near Albemarle Road and East W.T. Harris Boulevard. A police spokesman said it did not appear that any building or location had been targeted. The car's owner was not the subject of an investigation. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives is aiding in the investigation.  
Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2011/03/15/2142716/pipe-bombs-explosive-chemicals.html>
7. *March 14, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Chemical spill in LaGrange sends 8 to hospital.** Eight workers at a LaGrange, Illinois manufacturing plant March 14 suffered nausea caused by a chemical spill and were taken to a local hospital for observation, officials said. The workers were taken to Adventist LaGrange Memorial Hospital, fire officials said. All were released by noon March 14. The LaGrange fire chief said ink was spilled shortly before 6:30 a.m. at Grayhill Inc., 541 W. Hillgrove Avenue, which makes keypads for electronic devices. A worker cleaning the spill used a chemical thinner called "VD Thinner," which released fumes and sickened eight workers, the fire chief said. He said the spill was small and did not contaminate local sewer systems. Firefighters and paramedics responded to the west suburban plant at about 6:30 a.m.  
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chibrknews-chemical-spill-in-lagrange-sends-8-to-hospital-20110314,0,7460751.story>

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *March 15, Associated Press* – (International) **Radiation level soars after Japan nuke plant fire.** Dangerous levels of radiation leaking from the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant forced Japan to order 140,000 people to seal themselves indoors March 15 after an explosion and a fire at the plant along the country's northeastern coast. In a nationally televised statement, the Japanese prime minister said radiation had spread from the four stricken reactors. Japanese officials told the International Atomic Energy Agency the reactor fire was in a fuel storage pond and "radioactivity is being released directly into the atmosphere." After the fire was extinguished, a Japanese official said the pool might still be boiling, though the reported levels of radiation had dropped dramatically by the end of the day. That reactor, Unit 4, had been shut down before the quake for maintenance. Experts noted much of the leaking radiation was apparently in steam from boiling water. It had not been emitted directly by fuel rods, which would be far more virulent, they said. Less clear were the results of the blast in Unit 2, near a suppression pool, which removes heat under a reactor vessel, said plant owner Tokyo Electric Power Co. The nuclear core was not damaged but the bottom of the surrounding container may have been, said a spokesman for Japan's nuclear safety agency. On March 15, the complex was hit by its third explosion since March 11, and then a fire in a separate reactor. Some 70,000 people had already been evacuated from a 12-mile radius from the Dai-ichi complex.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gNOeRzCW105oyzi8VrtqR938MH6g?docId=193d394f40c2464191e6595bf37c1e10>

9. *March 15, Tacoma News Tribune* – (National) **U.S., Japan use same design for reactor containment.** As Japan copes with multiple crises at its Fukushima Daiichi nuclear complex, federal records indicate almost a quarter of America's nuclear reactors in 13 states share the same containment system design of the ill-fated Japanese reactors. The boiling water reactor plants were designed by General Electric (GE) and use its Mark I design for containing radioactivity. GE said March 14 it was too early to assess what caused the problems at the complex after it was hit by the tsunami, knocking out its backup power system. Five of the six reactors at the Japanese plant, which suffered a third explosion March 15, use the same General Electric Mark I reactor containment design used at 23 nuclear plants in North Carolina, Georgia, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Alabama, Nebraska, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Massachusetts, and Vermont, according to a database maintained by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. All but two of them began operating in the 1970s. The Energy Northwest nuclear plant north of Richland, Washington, also is a GE boiling water reactor, but uses a newer Mark II containment design and newer GE 5 reactor design.

Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2011/03/15/1584892/us-japan-use-same-design-for-reactor.html>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

10. *March 14, Associated Press* – (International) **Automakers shut plants after earthquake, tsunami.** Toyota, Honda, and Nissan halted production in Japan for most of the week of March 13 after an earthquake and tsunami. However, all three companies build most of their U.S.-sold cars in North America, so Americans should not see a shortage. The companies are suspending production to assess damage to plants, ports, and roads following the natural disaster. U.S. supply of some fuel-efficient cars such as the Toyota Prius hybrid, Toyota Yaris, and Honda Fit, may be affected because they are built exclusively in Japan and could become more desirable if U.S. gasoline prices reach \$4 per gallon. The director of strategic review at consulting firm IHS Automotive noted that shipping vehicles from Japan to the U.S. can take weeks. In Japan, Toyota Motor Corp. said it was shutting down production at its 12 wholly-owned factories through March 16 and also suspending factories that it partly owns. The closures are expected to affect production of about 40,000 vehicles. Nissan Motor Corp. said it will shut down production at four Japanese plants until March 16 and will suspend production at two plants until March 18. All of Nissan's American plants are operating and will continue normal production until further notice, the company said March 14. Honda Motor Co. said it was suspending production at six Japanese plants through the end of the week of March 13. Mazda Motor Corp. said it was suspending production March 14 and 15 at plants in Hiroshima and Hofu due to a shortage of parts supplies.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/03/14/AR2011031403976.html>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

11. *March 14, WCTI 12 New Bern* – (North Carolina) **Military helicopter makes emergency landing.** An engine fire caused a military helicopter to make an emergency landing in a field in Onslow County, North Carolina, WCTI reported March 14. Officials said the helicopter is from New River Air Station, but it is unknown what type of mission it was flying. The number of Marines on board has not been released, but there are no reports of injuries. The engine blew and caught fire, officials said, and the aircraft had to land near 1258 Gould Road in Jacksonville in the vicinity of Pony Farm Road.

Source: <http://www.wcti12.com/news/27190983/detail.html>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

12. *March 14, Reuters* – (California) **Bomb house suspect pleads guilty to bank robbery.** An unemployed computer software engineer originally from Serbia and living in Escondido, California, faces up to 30 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to

two counts of brandishing a firearm in the commission of a robbery March 14. As part of the plea deal, federal prosecutors agreed to dismiss five other charges against the man, including one count of possessing explosive devices and one count of illegally manufacturing explosives. But he admitted in court to possessing explosives and the materials to make them, as well as to committing two additional bank robberies, while verifying the plea agreement before a U.S. district judge. Federal investigators said they uncovered evidence linking the man to the robberies after the rented house he shared with his spouse was found stuffed with high explosives, bomb-making chemicals, homemade grenades, guns, and ammunition mixed with paper and other debris piled floor to ceiling.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/15/us-bombhouse-robbery-idUSTRE72E0NP20110315>

13. *March 14, Bloomberg News* – (National) **Former mortgage executive pleads guilty in TARP fraud.** The former president of Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage pleaded guilty March 14 in an Alexandria, Virginia, court in connection with a \$1.9 billion fraud that included trying to deceive the federal bank bailout program. The 45 year-old Atlanta resident admitted to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, bank fraud, and securities fraud and one count of making false statements. He agreed to cooperate with prosecutors' investigation of the company. Federal prosecutors filed a criminal case against the man before a U.S. district judge a week prior to his guilty plea. The former executive faces a maximum of 5 years in prison on each count, plus a fine of as much as \$500,000 and full restitution to victims, according to prosecutors. Two other Taylor Bean executives, including its former chairman were charged previously in the scheme by covering up shortfalls at the company. Taylor Bean was once the largest non-depository mortgage lender in the United States, the Securities and Exchange Commission said in a statement.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/15/business/15mortgage.html?src=busln>

14. *March 14, WJXT 4 Jacksonville* – (Florida) **15 charged in tri-county mortgage fraud.** Eleven people were arrested March 14 and 4 others are still being sought in connection with a mortgage fraud case that spanned Flagler, Volusia, and Lake counties in Florida. The case involved 23 homes and resulted in more than \$9 million in losses. Investigators said those arrested were charged with one count of criminal racketeering and one count of conspiracy to commit racketeering, both first-degree felonies. The 2-year investigation, named "Operation Fast Cash Kickback," focused on a complex scheme involving home buyers, realtors, appraisers, and mortgage brokers, investigators said. They said the suspects artificially raised home prices, falsified appraisals, and pocketed large amounts of cash by facilitating a series of fraudulent home sales. The scam involved using straw buyers to purchase a home, investigators said. They said the straw buyer's realtor then asked the seller to raise the price of the home in order for the difference to be provided back to the straw buyer for renovations. Investigators said the appraiser would then inflate the price of the home to meet the contract sales price. At closing, a designated third party individual or shell company received the proceeds for renovations, which ranged from \$25,000 to \$320,000 for each sale, investigators said. They said the third party recipient then returned a majority of



the money back to the straw buyer via check or wire transfer. No renovations were ever conducted on the homes, and each of the properties foreclosed a short time after the sale.

Source: <http://www.news4jax.com/news/27191298/detail.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

15. *March 15, Associated Press* – (California) **Tsunami damage estimate for Santa Cruz rises.** Damage estimates have risen for the California harbor hardest hit by the tsunami during the week of March 6, as most docks in Santa Cruz reopened and workers recovered sunken boats. The Santa Cruz Sentinel reports that port director revised her estimate late March 14 to \$22.5 million in tsunami-related harbor damage, up from \$17 million. The estimate does not include \$4 million in damage to private vessels. The figure includes expected costs of rebuilding damaged docks and other infrastructure. Surging waters caused by Japan’s massive earthquake hit this harbor along the state’s Central Coast March 11. At least 18 boats sunk and another 100 were damaged, with 10 more missing and possibly lost at sea. Crews spread boom to contain any spilled oil, but officials say they have seen little environmental impact.

Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci\\_17618188](http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_17618188)

16. *March 14, CNN* – (New Jersey) **Bus accident kills 2, injures 42 in New Jersey.** A bus accident along the New Jersey Turnpike near East Brunswick killed 2 people and injured 42 others March 14, state police said. The 50-year-old bus driver was killed when he was ejected through the front window, according to state police. A second person died at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Brunswick. Five others are in the hospital’s trauma unit. The “driver for some reason lost control ... struck a guide rail and a concrete abutment,” said state police. The bus “appears to have entered grass on center median and hit overpass support, then hit embankment on right of road,” according to the official Twitter account of the state police. The accident involving a Super Luxury Tours bus took place near Exit 9 on the turnpike, according to state police. The bus was traveling from New York’s Chinatown to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Source:

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/03/14/new.jersey.bus.accident/index.html?hpt=T2>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

17. *March 14, KMOV 4 St. Louis* – (Illinois) **Man indicted after allegedly sending white substance, threatening letter to Madison County family.** A man is facing two charges after police say he sent a white substance and threatening letter to a family in

Madison County, Illinois, officials announced March 14. The 67-year-old allegedly sent the substance June 19, 2010. The letter stated the family's hands were on fire, they had been infected with disease, and they should report to the hospital immediately. The man was indicted for mailing a threatening communication and making a false threat. If convicted, he could serve up to 10 years in prison, pay a \$250,000 fine, and serve 3 years of supervised release. The case was investigated by the FBI, the United States Postal Inspector, and the Illinois State Police.

Source: <http://www.kmov.com/news/crime/Man-indicted-after-allegedly-sending-white-substance-threatening-letter-to-Livingston-family-117937384.html>

18. *March 14, Newport News Daily Press* – (Virginia) **Newport News courthouse to re-open after letter suspicious white powder found.** The Newport News, Virginia federal courthouse reopened March 14 after emergency crews responded when a suspicious letter arrived in the morning containing an unidentified white powder. Police are questioning a man incarcerated in Florida in connection with the incident though no charges have been filed. Traffic was re-opened on West Avenue between 23rd and 25th Street according to an official with the Newport News Police Department. A U.S. Marshal said preliminary tests showed the substance was not harmful.

Source: [http://articles.dailypress.com/2011-03-14/news/dp-nws-white-powder-at-courthouse\\_1\\_white-powder-newport-news-courthouse-federal-courthouse](http://articles.dailypress.com/2011-03-14/news/dp-nws-white-powder-at-courthouse_1_white-powder-newport-news-courthouse-federal-courthouse)

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

19. *March 15, WSMV 4 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Farmer finds pipe bomb in pasture.** A farmer in Wilson County, Tennessee, contacted authorities when he found a pipe bomb in his pasture, WSMV reported March 15. The sheriff said the fuse was damaged, which was why it did not detonate. But the pipe was packed with as much black powder as two sticks of dynamite. “You find a lot of halfway-done pipe bombs,” the sheriff said. “This one was very well made, and the person whose farm it was found on, there’s no reason to think he’s having issues with anybody. We think it was an experimental one where they maybe tried to discharge it and this one just didn’t go off.” The components have been shipped to the FBI crime lab for analysis. The sheriff said there was an explosion reported in that same part of the county 2 weeks ago. Authorities do not yet know if the two incidents are related.

Source: <http://www.wsmv.com/news/27195469/detail.html>

20. *March 15, CNN* – (California) **Scientists: Powerful neurotoxin drove millions of fish to deaths.** Scientists said a powerful neurotoxin likely drove millions of sardines to their death the week of March 7 in King Harbor Marina in Redondo Beach, California. A University of Southern California professor of biological sciences said his team took samples and found traces of a toxin that caused the fish to become disoriented and swim chaotically into the marina. At the time, local authorities and scientists said the fish were washed into the harbor by strong winds and waves, then died from oxygen deprivation — there were too many fish and not enough oxygen for all of them. The



professor agrees that lack of oxygen was the ultimate cause of death. He said the domoic acid poisoning may have exacerbated the stress the fish were under due to the low oxygen, or the poisoning could have contributed to the huge congregation of fish near King Harbor. A week after the massive kill, public works crews and volunteers were still trying to clean up the stinky mess and keep the toxins from getting to the water from the rotting sardines.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/03/15/california.fish.kill/index.html?hpt=T2>

21. *March 14, KTKA 49 Topeka* – (South Carolina; National) **South Carolina firm recalls spaghetti and meatball entrees.** Nestle Prepared Foods Company, of Gaffney, South Carolina, recalled approximately 10,260 pounds of frozen spaghetti and meatball entrees that may contain foreign materials, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced March 14. The products subject to recall include: 9.5-oz. packages of “Lean Cuisine Simple Favorites, Spaghetti with Meatballs.” The spaghetti and meatball products were packaged October 25, 2010, and shipped to distributors and retail stores east of the Rocky Mountains. The problem was discovered after the company received complaints from consumers in Minnesota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin, upon finding hard plastic in the product. FSIS has not received any reports of injury at this time.

Source: <http://www.ktka.com/news/2011/mar/14/south-carolina-firm-recalls-spaghetti-and-meatball/>

22. *March 14, Food Safety News* – (California) **Health inspector scam hits LA restaurateurs.** The L.A. Police Department (LAPD) and County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) in California have issued a news release warning local dining establishments that they may be the target of a scam, Food Safety News reported March 14. Recently, several restaurant owners have reported receiving calls from individuals claiming to be health inspectors. These “inspectors” request personal information, such as employee phone numbers, claiming that the information is necessary for a forthcoming inspection. They then provide owners with an identification number and the date and time of the inspection. However, when that date arrives, no health inspector shows up. The LAPD and LACDPH are helping restaurant owners identify false health inspectors by providing them with the criteria for a legitimate LACDPH health officer. The LAPD and LACDPH are urging anyone who suspects they have been contacted by a fraudulent health inspector to contact the LACDPH. They advise restaurateurs not to give out private information, and to ask callers for a name and contact number. So far, officials have not determined whether the information obtained by the suspicious callers has been used in an unlawful manner.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/03/health-inspector-scam-marks-la-restaurateurs/>

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## **Water Sector**

23. *March 15, Mining Weekly* – (West Virginia) **Consol will pay EPA \$5.5m over water pollution.** U.S. coal and natural gas producer Consol Energy has agreed to pay a \$5.5-million civil penalty over Clean Water Act violations at six mines in West Virginia, and will spend another \$200-million on pollution controls to reduce harmful discharges into streams and rivers, Mining Weekly reported March 15. The company said in a statement it did not admit any liability and that the penalty amount was recognized in its financial statements and will have no impact on 2011 earnings. The agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection is related to an algae bloom in 2009 that killed large quantities of fish and other aquatic life in a tributary of the Monongahela River. A complaint filed also alleged six Consol mines violated pollution discharge limits in the Clean Water Act permits “hundreds of times” over the last 4 years. Consol maintains its operations were not the cause of the algae bloom in Dunkard Creek, and said it took voluntary action to temporarily stop permitted discharges of water from its mines to the creek. Besides the civil penalty and commitment to build the new treatment system, Consol also said it was resolving alleged natural resource damages claims in a cash settlement of \$500,000 with the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources. Consol Energy mines coal in Utah, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, and Pennsylvania.  
Source: <http://www.miningweekly.com/article/consol-will-pay-epa-55m-over-water-pollution-2011-03-15>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

24. *March 14, WDIV 4 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Medical records found on Detroit Street.** Personal medical records were found March 14 at the intersection of Sarena and Sanger streets in Detroit, Michigan. Neighbors said they found the pile of records on a curb. The files disclose personal information of hundreds of people, including medical records, Social Security numbers, and photos, police said. Concerned neighbors called police. Local 4 has learned the files belong to a closed Detroit adult foster care facility called “Home Sweet Home.” The owner of the facility told Local 4 she had no idea the records were dumped like that, and that she plans to properly dispose of them.  
Source: <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/27196120/detail.html>
25. *March 14, WFTS 29 Tampa* – (Florida) **Pinellas County Health Department evacuated after bomb threat.** A 29-year-old man was charged March 14 in a bomb threat outside the Pinellas County Health Department in St. Petersburg, Florida. The building was evacuated after police said the man left a suspicious bag outside the main entrance. Police said the suspect placed a black duffel bag near the front door, and told witnesses there was a bomb in the bag, and that he wanted to commit suicide. The man was last seen walking northbound away from the building. The Tampa Regional Bomb Squad was called in to check the bag and determined it was harmless. Further examination of its contents revealed identification inside belonging to the suspect. Witnesses later identified the suspect as the man who placed the bag and made the

threats. Prior to the suspect's being implicated in the bomb threat, the man had been arrested around 1 p.m. by Gulfport Police on an unrelated charge. The suspect was transported to the Pinellas County Jail where St. Petersburg detectives later placed on him the additional charge of making a bomb threat.

Source:

[http://www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/region\\_south\\_pinellas/st\\_petersburg/pinellas-county-health-department-evacuated-after-bomb-threat](http://www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/region_south_pinellas/st_petersburg/pinellas-county-health-department-evacuated-after-bomb-threat)

26. *March 14, San Diego Union Tribune* – (California) **Insurer Health Net says it had huge data breach.** Health Net said March 14 the insurer has lost computerized records containing personal information on 1.9 million current and past enrollees, including 845,000 Californians. The company, located in the Woodland Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles, California, said it has launched an investigation and begun notifying people affected by the huge security breach. The missing information may include names, addresses, Social Security numbers, health information, and financial information from former and current Health Net members, employees, and health care providers, the company said. “Based on the information we have compiled, this is among the top 20 security breaches (nationwide) since 2005,” said the director of Security Rights Clearinghouse. The California Department of Managed Health Care said the breach involves 622,000 Californians currently or previously enrolled in Health Net HMOs and 223,000 Californians enrolled in Health Net PPOs and other products. The department has launched its own probe into Health Net's security practices, a spokeswoman said. Health Net issued a brief statement that the problem involved computer server drives missing from its data center operation in Rancho Cordova. The breach was discovered when Health Net was notified by IBM, the vendor that handles the insurance company's information technology infrastructure, that it could not locate the server drives.

Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/mar/14/insurer-health-net-says-it-had-huge-data-breach/>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

27. *March 15, Norfolk Virginian-Pilot and Associated Press* – (Virginia; North Carolina) **Navy reservist faces court-martial in espionage case.** A 22-year-old Navy reservist accused of trying to sell classified documents will face a general court-martial at Norfolk Naval Station in Virginia, the service said March 14. The petty officer 2nd class, of New York, was charged with four counts of attempted espionage and 11 counts of mishandling classified information. A date for the court-martial has not been set. The suspect is in custody at the base's brig. An intelligence specialist, he was arrested December 1 in North Carolina. At the time he was at Fort Bragg training to deploy to Afghanistan, though he was assigned to the Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story in Virginia Beach. Over the course of three meetings shortly before his arrest, the suspect accepted a total of \$3,500 from an undercover FBI agent in exchange for dozens of pages of documents that were

classified either as secret or top secret, according to a warrant. Authorities said no classified information actually was delivered to anyone not authorized to see it.

Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2011/03/navy-reservist-faces-court-martial-espionage-case>

28. *March 15, WRAL 5 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **10 injured during artillery training at Fort Bragg.** Eight Marines and 2 people from the Navy were injured in an explosion around 8 p.m. March 14 at Fort Bragg in North Carolina while conducting an artillery live fire exercise, according to a staff sergeant. The Marines are with Camp Lejeune, and their conditions were not available. Two were taken to UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, while the remaining 8 were being treated at Womack Army Medical Center, a Womack spokeswoman said. The units were firing significant amounts of 155mm ammunition, which can be associated with loud explosions and reverberations upon detonation. The staff sergeant said the firing has stopped until officials deem it safe to resume training, but it was unclear when that might be. The incident is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.wral.com/news/local/story/9271350/>

29. *March 14, WHIO 7 Dayton* – (Ohio) **School locked down after threat from student.** Cleveland Elementary School in Dayton, Ohio, was put on lock down March 14 when a student threatened violence, police said. A 14-year-old student had left school promising to return with a gun, police said. Officers responded to the scene after the male student left the building following an altercation. The school was placed on lock down, and when the student returned, he was caught by being locked inside the vestibule of the school near the front lobby. School officials locked the front door behind him as he walked in. They also locked the inside door, too. The student who is accused of threatening violence was taken to the Juvenile Detention Center in Dayton, and he is expected to face charges.

Source: <http://www.whiotv.com/news/27189090/detail.html>

30. *March 14, Carroll Eagle* – (Maryland) **Bomb hoax closes Carroll County court houses in Westminster.** Carroll County Circuit and District Courts in Maryland were closed early March 14 as a result of a bomb threat. According to Carroll County Sheriff's Office spokesperson, at "approximately 10:30 am this morning, 911 officials received an anonymous, non-specific telephone call claiming that an explosive device had been left in one of the County Court buildings." As a result, both courthouses located on North Court Street in Westminster were evacuated and traffic within the immediate area stopped while law enforcement officers from the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, and Westminster Police used explosive detection canine teams to inspect the buildings, the spokesperson said. The courts reopened by 1:30 p.m. after the threat was found to be a hoax. Detectives from the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and Maryland State Police are continuing the investigation.

Source: <http://www.explore Carroll.com/news/5258/bomb-hoax-closes-carroll-county-court-houses-westminster/>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

31. *March 15, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Chicago first city with citizens sending photos, videos to 911.** Chicago, Illinois, has become the first U.S. city to allow residents calling 911 to send photos and videos of the incidents from their cell phones, officials say. All the images are sent to the police department's crime-prevention information center, which reviews them to see whether they should be distributed to first responders or detectives investigating the incident. The office began accepting the images from residents in September as part of a pilot program, said a spokesman for the Office of Emergency Management and Communications. So far, the city has received more than 40 images from callers. Most of them show property damage, such as a door that has been kicked in by burglars a spokesman said. The city's dispatch system already scans for any surveillance cameras within 150 feet of a call. Any real-time video then gets put up on the call taker's screen with a map. But some city officials worry the program will not gain much popularity, pointing to the Txt2Tip initiative that allows people to text-message tips to the police. That program never met the department's expectations.

Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/4264350-417/chicago-first-with-citizens-sending-photos-videos-to-911.html>

32. *March 14, Shawnee News-Star* – (Oklahoma) **Blackboard connect emergency notification system set to launch.** The Shawnee, Oklahoma mayor is slated to place the first call to Shawnee residents and businesses as part of the kick-off of the city's new Blackboard Connect mass-notification system. The call is scheduled for approximately 4 p.m. March 14, at the city's Emergency Operations Center. This service, which costs about \$2 per rooftop per year, was approved by Shawnee city commissioners in January. Local residents will not be charged for the service. The city will use existing funds to cover the estimated \$28,000 yearly cost of the program. The Emergency Management Director said the system is configured to automatically send an alert to citizens upon the issuance of a tornado warning for Shawnee by the National Weather Service in a matter of minutes. After the initial kick-off, other city departments will receive training on how to use the system. These departments will then be able to leverage the system to notify residents of critical issues in their neighborhood like Amber or Silver Alerts, street closures, Neighborhood Watch alerts, suspect in the area warnings, and utility alerts. The city will also work with those departments to develop client-specific lists for activities such as permit and license renewal reminders, utility bill and warrant payment reminders, and court appointment reminders.

Source: <http://www.news-star.com/news/x2011265180/Blackboard-connect-emergency-notification-system-set-to-launch>

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## Information Technology Sector

33. *March 15, H Security* – (International) **Adobe warns of zero day vulnerability in Flash and Reader.** Adobe has reported that an unpatched vulnerability in its Adobe Flash Player can be exploited to inject and execute malicious code. The vulnerability has reportedly been used for targeted attacks in which victims, rather than being lured to a crafted Web page, were sent infected Excel files via e-mail. These contained a crafted Small Wave Format (SWF) file which ran in Flash Player when the Excel file was opened. Version 10.x for Windows, Mac OS X, Linux and Android, and the embedded Flash plug-in for Chrome, are all reportedly affected. Versions 10.x and 9.x of Adobe Reader and Acrobat for Windows and Mac are also vulnerable, as they contain the same bug in their integrated authplay.dll Flash engine. In at least the Windows edition of version 10 (aka X) the bug cannot be exploited to compromise a system. The sandbox function prevents malicious code from accessing the operating system, blocking attackers from installing malware. No attacks on Adobe Reader have been observed.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Adobe-warns-of-zero-day-vulnerability-in-Flash-and-Reader-1208184.html>
34. *March 15, Help Net Security* – (International) **Complexity as the leading security issue.** Research from Check Point and the Ponemon Institute shows organizations struggle with a growing set of security priorities and limited employee awareness about corporate policies. According to the survey of over 2,400 IT security administrators around the world, managing complex security environments is the most significant challenge facing organizations today, with over 55 percent of companies using more than seven different vendors to secure their network. According to the survey, over 700 respondents believe the primary concern with emerging technology adoption is compliance. With the proliferation of cloud computing, mobility, Web 2.0, and file sharing applications, organizations often struggle to apply the appropriate levels of security across all layers of the network, while also adhering to stringent compliance requirements. While emerging technologies have created new methods of communication and collaboration for enterprises, organizations struggle with managing multifaceted IT environments; this often contributes to greater security complexity and the risk of data loss by employees.  
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10743>
35. *March 14, H Security* – (International) **Pwn2Own 2011: Google patches hole in Chrome.** Google has released an update for the Windows, Linux, and Mac OS X versions of its browser. The update closes a hole in WebKit that was originally exploited in Blackberry devices -- because, like the Blackberry browser, Chrome and Safari are also based on WebKit. The hole has yet to be closed in BlackBerry, Safari, Mobile Safari, Android, and other WebKit-based products.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Pwn2Own-2011-Google-patches-hole-in-Chrome-1207231.html>



36. *March 14, threatpost* – (International) **Scammers pushing fake AV via Skype.** According to a new report from [Krebsonsecurity.com](http://krebsonsecurity.com), groups responsible for pushing fake anti-malware programs are using Internet-based phone calls over the Skype network to trick unsuspecting users into downloading their fraudulent software. Skype users are reporting they are getting automatic calls from vendors pushing rogue anti-virus. The scam is not unlike an unwanted telemarketer call, with users asked to follow instructions given by the mechanized call. Those who fall for the ruse find themselves hit with a ubiquitous scareware page, warning them that their computer is infected and advising them to erase the threats from their computer. After clicking through the warning, users are sent to a “shopping cart” which convinces them to purchase their “professional online repair service.” Previously spammers have used Skype to peddle their malware via online notifications, while larger projects, like spam campaigns and worms, have become more commonplace with the software.  
Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/scammers-pushing-fake-av-skype-031411](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/scammers-pushing-fake-av-skype-031411)
37. *March 14, The Register* – (International) **Windows 7 customers hit by service pack 1 install ‘fatal error’ flaws.** A brace of “fatal errors” is hampering Windows 7-based computers that have been updated with Microsoft’s first service pack for its current operating system. Since Windows 7 SP1 was released late in February, many users have been complaining on forums about problems with the install of the update package. Similarly, The Register has heard from many upset readers who are wasting time rebuilding their machines after the service pack had led to fatal flaws in the OS. “Basically, if you have an OEM machine connected to a server running WSUS [Windows Server Update Services] with the default settings it offers and installs SP1 automatically. This is killing machines and stopping them booting with a C00000034 fatal error,” said one reader. Separately, Windows 7 punters applying the SP1 update package have stumbled into a reboot looping glitch after encountering: “Error C000009A applying update operation 120782 of 367890.” A Microsoft employee confessed March 14 that the firm had yet to discover the cause of the errors.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/03/14/microsoft\\_windows\\_7\\_sp1\\_fatal\\_error/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/03/14/microsoft_windows_7_sp1_fatal_error/)
38. *March 14, Dallas Morning News* – (International) **Texas Instruments plant in Japan will be idle for months because of earthquake.** Texas Instruments Inc. said March 14 that damage at one of its chip plants in Japan is so severe that it will return to full production no sooner than mid-July. The Dallas, Texas-based semiconductor maker said the Miho plant made products that accounted for about 10 percent of total sales in 2010, and the shutdown will reduce first- and second-quarter financial results. The company said it has identified alternate manufacturing sites for about 60 percent of Miho’s production, which consisted of analog and DLP chips for a variety of high-tech devices. The company said the return to normal production could be delayed further if the power grid is not repaired or other complications arise. The Miho plant is about 40 miles northwest of Tokyo. Texas Instruments said the infrastructure that delivers chemicals, water, and other materials to the plant was damaged, and about 60 percent of the chips under construction when the earthquake hit were destroyed. The extent of the harm to manufacturing equipment will not be known until power is fully restored.

Source: <http://www.dallasnews.com/business/technology/headlines/20110314-texas-instruments-plant-in-japan-will-be-idle-for-months-because-of-earthquake.ece>

39. *March 14, Computerworld* – (International) **Criminals kick off Japanese disaster scams at record speed.** Criminals have jumped on Japan’s twin earthquake and tsunami disasters at record speed, security experts said March 14. Scams range from links to fake anti-virus downloads and phony donation sites to classic online swindles that rely on greed. “What’s surprising this time is how quickly they picked up on the news,” said a security researcher with U.K.-based Sophos. “We knew [scams] were coming, but they started appearing in record-breaking time, less than 3 hours after the earthquake.” Facebook has been used by cyber-crooks to collect information when users click on a link posing as CNN video footage of the tsunami, said Sophos. Scammers are also flooding e-mail inboxes with messages asking recipients to donate money to relief efforts, said a Symantec researcher. Another Symantec researcher noted that other scams have appeared taking advantage of news of the earthquake and tsunami. “Symantec has observed a classic 419 message targeting the Japanese disaster,” said the researcher. “The message is a bogus ‘next of kin’ story that purports to settle millions of dollars owing to an earthquake and tsunami victim.” Crooks have also registered a large number of domains with URLs that may fool users into thinking that they are legitimate donation or relief sites, he said, a tactic that can also push those sites higher on search results.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9214518/Criminals\\_kick\\_off\\_Japanese\\_disaster\\_scams\\_at\\_record\\_speed](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9214518/Criminals_kick_off_Japanese_disaster_scams_at_record_speed)

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## Communications Sector

40. *March 14, Associated Press* – (International) **Pentagon blocks workers’ access to Japan videos to free bandwidth.** The Pentagon’s Cyber Command has shut down Defense Department workers’ access to popular streaming video Web sites including YouTube, Amazon, and Googlevideo, Associated Press reported March 14. Officials say the tremendous demand to see the Japan earthquake is eating up bandwidth already weakened by Internet problems in that part of the world. Cyber Command has directed the Defense Information Systems Agency to temporarily restrict access to the Web sites. Most employees see the message “Website Blocked” in bright red letters when they go to one of the sites. Cyber Command says the restrictions are no reflection on the Web sites. The command says the sites have been blocked at the request of U.S.

Pacific Command to help meet the needs of the military because its networks and circuits in the region are facing extreme demands.

Source:

[http://hosted2.ap.org/apdefault/54828a5e8d9d48b7ba8b94ba38a9ef22/Article\\_2011-03-14-Pentagon-Websites/id-2a4bf06a43104049a4e1f0dd3fdd8b74](http://hosted2.ap.org/apdefault/54828a5e8d9d48b7ba8b94ba38a9ef22/Article_2011-03-14-Pentagon-Websites/id-2a4bf06a43104049a4e1f0dd3fdd8b74)

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

41. *March 15, Dayton Daily News* – (Ohio) **Car hits Huber Heights building; gas leak prompts evacuation.** A car crashed into the Laboratory Corporation of America building March 15 in Huber Heights, Ohio, causing a gas leak and evacuation. Emergency responders and Vectren officials were able to shut off the valve to the gas meter that was struck. The shut-off happened fairly quickly after officials began to evacuate the Laboratory Corporation of America building and an adjacent building, according to a Huber Heights Fire battalion chief. Emergency responders, including medics, were called to the scene at 9:21 a.m., according to a police dispatcher. The gas leak was stopped about 9:35 a.m., according the emergency responders. A preliminary investigation suggested a woman driving a Ford Fusion hit the curb, hit the gas meter, and put a hole in the building. The driver was not taken to the hospital. Those evacuated were able to return around 10 a.m.  
Source: [http://m.daytondailynews.com/dayton/db\\_101693/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=YoABwqbi&detailindex=3&pn=0&ps=4](http://m.daytondailynews.com/dayton/db_101693/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=YoABwqbi&detailindex=3&pn=0&ps=4)
  
42. *March 14, WCBS 2 New York; Associated Press* – (New York) **Arson arrest made in Sunset Park fire that injured 31.** Fire marshals March 14 arrested a man accused of setting a fire in a Brooklyn, New York, apartment building that injured 31 people. The fire department said a 56-year-old man was arrested on charges of arson after they reviewed video surveillance tapes of the fire. The man was identified at the scene and made a number of incriminating admissions, according to the Fire Department of New York. The blaze at the 4-story building at 61st Street broke out around 5 a.m. March 13. It took more than 140 firefighters over 2 hours to bring the flames under control. Four civilians suffered life-threatening injuries, and eight firefighters were also injured. In addition to the arson charge, the man faces charges of criminal mischief and multiple counts of assault. Officials said the motive remains unclear and that the suspect did not live in the building.  
Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2011/03/14/number-of-injuries-from-bklyn-fire-rises-to-40/>
  
43. *March 14, KITV 4 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Tsunami damage closes two Big Island hotels.** Four Seasons Hualalai and Kona Village Resort on the Big Island of Hawaii closed because of damage caused by the tsunami, KITV reported March 14. Four Seasons officials said it has relocated its guests to other properties on Lanai, Maui, and other hotels. The hotel management plans to reopen March 21. The waves caused

damage to about 12 rooms and suites. The tsunami dragged debris and sand onto the property, including bars and pools. Hotel officials said the staff is not being laid off and that the workers are helping with the cleanup. Kona Village Resort did not specify the extent of its damage. “As the resort did sustain some damage due to the water surge, we have closed Kona Village Resort to insure that we will be ready to welcome our guests and be fully operational,” the hotel said on its Web site.

Source: <http://www.kitv.com/r/27191345/detail.html>

44. *March 13, Yahoo! News* – (Wisconsin) **Milwaukee Craigslist gun threat points to perils of online posts.** A 40-year-old Milwaukee, Wisconsin man faces federal charges after allegedly posting an anonymous online threat to shoot up a popular shopping mall, Yahoo! News reported March 13. The accused man claims he was exercising his First Amendment rights to freedom of speech. Courts have ruled social networking postings as outside First Amendment protection before. Considerable legal precedent exists to indicate the U.S. court system is unlikely to consider such posts privileged. The man was arrested January 14 on charges of transmitting a threat to injure in interstate commerce, according to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. The West Allis resident published a Craigslist “Rant and Rave” posting that read: “Mayfair Mall gonna make da news dis weekend again (da hood).” The Craigslist post featured a photo of a black semiautomatic 9 mm Glock handgun. The incident, linked to a Facebook event page, erupted inside Mayfair’s Boston Store. Soon after the menacing message appeared on Craigslist Milwaukee, local police received reports. By late evening, Wauwatosa police officers and FBI agents subpoenaed Craigslist records, traced the posts and arrested the suspect. Although he claimed to own no gun and harbor no intentions of harm, the man could face up to 5 years in prison and fines totaling \$250,000, if convicted.

Source:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ac/20110313/tr\\_ac/8049118\\_milwaukee\\_craigslist\\_gun\\_threat\\_points\\_to\\_perils\\_of\\_online\\_posts](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ac/20110313/tr_ac/8049118_milwaukee_craigslist_gun_threat_points_to_perils_of_online_posts)

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

45. *March 15, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **Lava from Hawaii volcano eruption sparks wildfire.** Lava from a volcano eruption in Hawaii has sparked a wildfire in Volcanoes National Park, authorities said. Park firefighters said March 14 that the blaze has burned at least 75 acres since March 13. The lava is from the Kamoamo eruption. A park ranger said the fire is creeping through Ohia forest in an area that has been burned at least twice due to lava flows. Kilauea, one of the world’s most active volcanoes, has been in constant eruption since January 3, 1983. Firefighters plan to fly over the area March 15 to assess the situation.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/03/15/lava-hawaii-volcano-eruption-sparks-wildfire/>

46. *March 15, Arizona Daily Star* – (Arizona; International) **Nogales-area fire burns 4,200 acres near Nogales.** Firefighters have partially contained a wildfire burning a few miles west of Nogales, Arizona. About 4,200 acres had burned by March 14. The human-caused fire started March 11 in the Coronado National Forest and crossed the border into Mexico, a spokeswoman for the national forest said. Six Forest Service crews in conjunction with firefighters from Mexico were fighting the fire, which was about 30 percent contained March 14. The fire is in a remote area 10 miles west of Nogales, and the cause is still under investigation.  
Source: [http://azstarnet.com/news/local/article\\_9fd9fd1c-9c99-5889-8b15-ef7b7323acd7.html](http://azstarnet.com/news/local/article_9fd9fd1c-9c99-5889-8b15-ef7b7323acd7.html)

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## **Dams Sector**

47. *March 15, Lake County News* – (California) **Middle Creek levee stable, officials report; repairs to continue Tuesday.** Work to repair a breach in a levee in the Middle Creek, California area continued into the evening March 14, with plans for crews to continue efforts to repair the damage in the morning March 15. The breach, first reported to Lake County Water Resources at around 9:30 a.m. March 14, resulted in numerous state and local agencies working throughout the day to stabilize the aging levee. Converging on the site were the Lake County Department of Water Resources, Office of Emergency Services, Lake County Sheriff's Office, Cal Fire, California Department of Correction and Rehabilitation hand crews from Konocti Conservation Camp, Supervisor Denise Rushing, Robinson Rancheria Tribal Police, and California Department of Fish and Game. "At this point it looks stable," said the incident commander for the California Department of Water Resources. He said three hand crews are scheduled to return March 15 and continue shoring up the area. An official said there were 20 homes in the area, but only 8 were under a voluntary evacuation that the Office of Emergency Services had suggested. He said the department was not enforcing mandatory evacuations as of the evening of March 14.  
Source: <http://lakeconews.com/content/view/18697/919/>
48. *March 15, The Associated Press* – (Illinois; Tennessee; Missouri) **Army Corps is keeping close watch of swollen Ohio River in southern Illinois.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is keeping close tabs on southern Illinois levees as the Ohio River remains far above flood stage in Cairo, Illinois, March 15. The corps has dispatched additional staff to monitor that situation, as well as the status of levees farther south of the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. The Southeast Missourian of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, reports that emergency field officers at Cape Girardeau, Cairo, and Dyersburg, Tennessee, are closely monitoring levees, floodwalls, and pumping stations. The river stage hit 52.6 feet at Cairo March 14, more than 12 feet above flood stage. The corps expects a prolonged level of 52.5 feet.  
Source: <http://www.wreg.com/news/sns-ap-il--ohioriver-flooding,0,5486826.story>

49. *March 15, WHEC 10 Rochester* – (New York) **Part of Erie Canal wall collapses into water in Fairport.** Crews were called to a stretch of the Erie Canal just past Parker Street in the Village of Fairport, New York, for a piece of the canal wall that had fallen into the water March 14. According to Fairport Police officials, a stretch of about 12 feet of the wall fell into the canal. The Canal path by that stretch was closed. No injuries were reported, and the New York State Canal Authority was notified of the collapse.

Source: <http://www.whec.com/news/stories/S2017475.shtml?cat=565>

50. *March 15, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Decaying dams pose risk, engineers say.** Dozens of obsolete and crumbling dams, some built during the Industrial Revolution, are threatening safety, property, and delicate ecological habitats and should be repaired or removed, environmentalists and engineers urged Massachusetts lawmakers March 14. “We are sitting on hundreds of potential time bombs waiting to go off,” said a senior vice president of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, at a State House hearing held by the Legislature’s Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture. He said a dam in Taunton that nearly failed in 2005 could have caused “catastrophic” loss of life and property if it had collapsed. There are 2,894 dams in Massachusetts, state conservation officials estimate. About half of them are regulated by the state Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Source:

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/03/15/decaying\\_dams\\_pose\\_risk\\_engineers\\_say/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/03/15/decaying_dams_pose_risk_engineers_say/)

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