



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 31 March 2011

**Current Nationwide Threat Level**

**ELEVATED**

*Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks*

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- WSAZ reports Kanawha County, West Virginia, emergency responders destroyed more than 1,600 pounds of explosives found in a trailer near a trash fire. (See item [5](#))
- According to Bloomberg, the National Security Agency has joined a probe of the October 2010 cyber attack on Nasdaq OMX Group Inc. amid evidence the intrusion was more severe than first disclosed. (See item [11](#))

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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 29, United Press International* – (California) **Fire out at California waste-oil refinery.** Firefighters in the San Francisco Bay, California, area said equipment failure was the likely cause of the March 29 explosion at a small waste-oil refinery. One worker was injured in the blast that triggered a two-alarm fire at Evergreen Oil in Newark. There was no sign of any release of toxic chemicals. “There was no release of any toxins or anything that would cause us to evacuate”, the Newark city manager said. Investigators said it appeared some flammable hydrocarbons leaked and caught fire.

The flames caused a fiberglass tank of hydrochloric acid to rupture. Evergreen Oil is a small plant that “re-refines” used oil, antifreeze, and other hazardous wastes into lubricants and various fuel oils.

Source: [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2011/03/29/Fire-out-at-California-waste-oil-refinery/UPI-56301301417746/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/03/29/Fire-out-at-California-waste-oil-refinery/UPI-56301301417746/)

2. *March 29, Computerworld* – (National) **BP employee loses laptop containing data on 13,000 oil spill claimants.** The personal information of 13,000 individuals who had filed compensation claims with BP after last year’s disastrous oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana, may have been potentially compromised after a laptop containing the data was lost by a BP employee. The information, which had been stored in an unencrypted fashion on the missing computer, included the names, Social Security numbers, addresses, phone numbers, and dates of birth of those who filed claims related to the Deepwater Horizon accident. The April 20, 2010 explosion killed 11 workers, and the subsequent 3-month oil spill was the largest accidental marine oil spill in the history of the petroleum industry. BP said in a statement the data had been stored in a spreadsheet maintained by the company for the purposes of tracking accident-related claims. “The lost laptop was immediately reported to law enforcement authorities and BP security, but has not been located despite a thorough search,” BP said March 29. The information was part of a claims process implemented before BP had established its Gulf Coast Claims Facility. The statement makes no mention of when the laptop was reported lost. But an Associated Press report quoting a BP spokesman said the laptop was lost March 1 by an employee while on routine business travel. The spokesman is quoted as saying BP waited nearly a month to notify victims of the breach because it was doing “due diligence and investigating.”

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9215316/BP\\_employee\\_loses\\_laptop\\_containing\\_data\\_on\\_13\\_000\\_oil\\_spill\\_claimants](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9215316/BP_employee_loses_laptop_containing_data_on_13_000_oil_spill_claimants)

3. *March 27, Salinas Californian* – (California) **PG&E: Outage cuts power to 165,000 Monterey County, Bay Area customers.** Up to 165,000 Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) company customers -- including about 65,000 in the Monterey County, California area -- lost power after a large transmission level outage March 27, officials said. PG&E officials said the cause of the power outage, which cut power to several substations, remains under investigation. The power outage affected customers from the North Bay and Sonoma region to Marin and the Santa Rosa area. In Monterey County, customers from Salinas and Marina to Carmel and Monterey lost power. The power had been restored to more than half of the affected customers by early the evening of March 27, PG&E said.

Source: <http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20110327/NEWS01/110327001/PG-E-Outage-cuts-power-165-000-Monterey-County-Bay-Area-customers?odyssey=nav/head>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. ***March 30, Fairfield Patch*** – (Connecticut) **Fire at Southport factory forces evacuation of 30 to 40 employees.** A fire at the Superior Plating Company in Fairfield, Connecticut’s Southport neighborhood March 29 required the evacuation of 30 to 40 employees for about an hour and-a-half. The assistant fire chief, the incident commander, said the warehouse fire did not reach combustible chemicals that the factory uses for chemical and electric plating, and that no one was injured. None of the chemicals appeared to have leaked or contributed to the fire, and firefighters extinguished the fire before it spread to the chemicals, according to the fire department’s report. The fire, which was in a warehouse used for operations, caused structural and electrical damage, and damage to components Superior Plating uses in its plating processes. Firefighters attacked the fire with two hose lines and searched the warehouse to ensure no one was inside. It took firefighters about 30 minutes to bring the fire under control, but firefighters stayed on scene for another hour due to hot spots. The factory was reopened to operations after the fire was extinguished. Five engine companies and two ladder companies responded to the blaze, and firefighters from Bridgeport and Easton provided mutual aid in case more calls came in.  
Source: <http://fairfield.patch.com/articles/fire-at-southport-factory-forces-evacuation-of-30-to-40-employees>
  
5. ***March 29, WSAZ 3 Huntington/Charleston*** – (West Virginia) **Explosive-type material found in Sissonville, chief deputy says.** Kanawha County, West Virginia, emergency responders said they successfully destroyed more than 1,600 pounds of explosives after they were discovered near a trash fire March 29. But, the move was just one of a series of incidents that kept officials busy all day. A West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection spokesman said during the weekend of March 26 and 27, a person was caught burning tires. Crews returned March 29 to the site near Sissonville to clean up two methamphetamine dumping sites found where the tires were burned. As emergency responders were working on that, Sissonville fire officials got a call about a trash fire at a home off Walker Drive, about 3 miles from where the dumping sites were being cleaned. The fire burned near a trailer that was left at the site of an abandoned mine. Inside the trailer, there was more than 1,600 pounds of explosives, including 128 10-pound explosive charges and eight 50-pound bags of ammonium nitrate. The property owner said he did not think it was that big of a deal. A sergeant said, “Anytime you’re dealing with explosives, you’re dealing with a hazard to the public.” Officials brought in a bomb squad and set up a nearby staging area. They spent hours handling the explosive material and did a controlled burn to destroy it. Officials said nobody was hurt.  
Source:  
[http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/BREAKING\\_NEWS\\_Investigators\\_Find\\_Explosives\\_Meth\\_Lab\\_Near\\_Sissonville\\_Dispatchers\\_Say\\_118861684.html](http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/BREAKING_NEWS_Investigators_Find_Explosives_Meth_Lab_Near_Sissonville_Dispatchers_Say_118861684.html)

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

6. *March 30, Bloomberg* – (International) **Tokyo Electric’s damaged reactors may take 30 years, \$12 billion to scrap.** Damaged reactors at the crippled Fukushima Dai-Ichi nuclear plant in Japan may take 3 decades to decommission and cost operator Tokyo Electric Power Co. (TEPCO) more than \$12 billion, engineers and analysts said. Four of the plant’s 6 reactors became useless when sea water was used to cool them after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami knocked out generators running its cooling systems. The reactors need to be decommissioned, the TEPCO chairman said March 30. All the reactors, including Units 5 and 6, will be shut down, and the government has not ruled out sealing the plant in concrete, the chief cabinet secretary told reporters in Tokyo. The damaged reactors need to be demolished after they have cooled and radioactive materials are removed and stored, said a nuclear researcher at the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan. Japan is studying various ways to cool water at the plant’s reactors and fuel-rod ponds, the chief cabinet secretary said. It will take “considerable time” until the temperature drops and is stable, he said. Covering the plant with fabric and removing contaminated water to a tanker are among options under consideration for reducing the threat from radiation, he said. “We haven’t reached a conclusion about what means are possible or effective,” he said. The Fukushima reactors may take about 3 decades to decommission, based on Japan’s sole attempt to dismantle a commercial reactor, said the researcher of the Institute of Energy Economics. Japan Atomic Power Co. began decommissioning a 166-megawatt reactor at Tokai in Ibaraki Prefecture near Tokyo in 1998 after the unit had completed 32 years of operations, according to company documents. The project will be completed by March 2021, or after 23 years of work, and cost 88.5 billion yen, the documents show.  
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-03-30/tokyo-electric-s-damaged-reactors-may-take-30-years-12-billion-to-scrap.html>
7. *March 29, Global Security Newswire* – (Texas) **NNSA secures disused radiological device.** The U.S. National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) March 28 said it had secured an unwanted piece of medical equipment that held roughly 3,000 curies of radioactive cesium 137, in accordance with efforts to prevent acts of nuclear or radiological terrorism. The disused blood irradiator was retrieved in February 2011 from a U.S. Army medical center in Fort Hood, Texas, and quickly shipped to a protected location where it is to be readied for elimination. NNSA has retrieved in excess of 27,000 unwanted devices containing roughly 800,000 curies of radioactive sources in the United States.  
Source: [http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw\\_20110329\\_1048.php](http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20110329_1048.php)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

8. *March 30, Associated Press* – (International) **Nissan: wrecked plant will resume output in June.** Nissan Motor Co. said March 30 an engine plant in Japan wrecked by the March 11 tsunami will not return to operations until June, and it will take “some time” before auto production runs at full capacity. A Nissan spokesman said the Iwaki factory, one of Nissan’s 2 engine plants in Japan, still has no running water. The

factory makes 376,000 engines annually. Nissan shut down its entire auto production in Japan from March 14 to March 16. Nissan said all its auto plants are now running at limited capacity due to parts shortages. The company said the tsunami would result in a production loss of 55,000 cars by the end of March.

Source: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/business/article/Nissan-wrecked-plant-will-resume-output-in-June-1314127.php>

9. *March 30, Associated Press* – (International) **Toyota restricts parts orders; Honda cuts output.** Shortages of auto parts from Japan are hitting North American operations at Honda and Toyota. Toyota Motor Corp. said March 29 it wants its U.S. car dealers to stop ordering more than 200 replacement parts made in Japan because it is worried about running out of them. Honda Motor Co. said it will temporarily cut production at its North American auto factories starting March 30 due to shortages. The shortages are the result of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami that devastated Japan and its huge auto industry. The quake damaged many parts supply companies that make key components for cars and trucks in the United States and other countries. Industry analysts expect many automakers to run into shortages until production returns to normal. No one is certain when that will be. Already, several automakers have been forced to cut production. Chrysler Group LLC, Ford Motor Co. and others have stopped taking orders for certain paint colors because a specialized pigment factory has not been able to come back on line.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/business/article/Toyota-restricts-parts-orders-Honda-cuts-output-1313360.php>

10. *March 29, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **3 sentenced for taking steel from W.Va. company.** Three men have been sentenced for taking more than \$100,000 worth of steel products from Steel of West Virginia of Huntington, and selling the material as scrap, Associated Press reported March 29. Herald-Dispatch reported a 35-year-old from Chesapeake, Ohio, will spend 1 year and 1 day in prison for his role in the thefts. A 33-year-old man from Chesapeake was sentenced to one weekend in jail, 3 months of home confinement and 3 years' probation. The third defendant, a 40-year-old man from Huntington, West Virginia, received 3 weekends in jail and 5 months of home confinement. All three pleaded guilty last December to conspiracy to transport stolen goods across state lines. They were sentenced March 28 in federal court in Huntington.

Source:

[http://www.abc6onyourside.com/template/inews\\_wire/wires.regional.oh/3c775194-www.abc6onyourside.com.shtml](http://www.abc6onyourside.com/template/inews_wire/wires.regional.oh/3c775194-www.abc6onyourside.com.shtml)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

11. *March 30, Bloomberg* – (National) **U.S. spy agency is said to probe hacker attack on Nasdaq.** The National Security Agency (NSA) has joined a probe of the October 2010 cyber attack on Nasdaq OMX Group Inc. amid evidence the intrusion by hackers was more severe than first disclosed, according to people familiar with the investigation. The involvement of NSA, may help the initial investigators — Nasdaq and the FBI — determine more easily who attacked and what was taken. It may also show the attack endangered the security of the nation’s financial infrastructure. “By bringing in the NSA, that means they think they’re either dealing with a state-sponsored attack or it’s an extraordinarily capable criminal organization,” said the former head of U.S. counterintelligence. NSA’s most important contribution to the probe may be its ability to unscramble encrypted messages hackers use to extract data, said a former NSA analyst and chief security strategist at Technodyne LLC. The probe of the attack on the second biggest U.S. stock exchange operator, disclosed in February, is also being assisted by foreign intelligence agencies, said one of the people involved in the investigation. Investigators have yet to determine which Nasdaq systems were breached and why, and it may take months for them to finish their work, two of the people familiar with the matter said. Disclosure of the attack prompted the U.S. House Financial Services Committee in February to begin a review of the safety of the country’s financial infrastructure, according to the committee’s chairman.  
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-03-30/u-s-spy-agency-said-to-focus-its-decrypting-skills-on-nasdaq-cyber-attack.html>
  
12. *March 29, BankInfoSecurity.com* – (National) **Pay-at-the-pump scams targeted.** As pay-at-the-pump skimming scams grow in the United States and Europe, police in Camarillo, California, have taken the unique step of enlisting help from civilians to fight skimming crimes. Known as the citizen patrol unit, the group of 30 civilian volunteers has been tasked with monitoring pay-at-the pump terminals throughout Camarillo, looking for signs of tampered terminals or the installation of illegal skimming devices. It is not the first time a community has enlisted help outside law enforcement to curb card skimming at gas pumps. In July 2010, the Arizona governor directed the state department of weights and measures to increase gas pump inspections. Card-skimming attacks at pumps in Utah and Florida captured headlines in 2010. So far in 2011, new attacks have cropped up in Arizona and Europe. And late the week of March 21, police in Ormond Beach, Florida, warned locals that skimming devices at stations along U.S. 1 could have been hitting cards for more than a month.  
Source: [http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art\\_id=3481](http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art_id=3481)
  
13. *March 29, New York Times* – (New Jersey; New York) **‘Holiday Bandit’ suspect held after 9 bank holdups.** A Ukrainian man who federal authorities said robbed a string of banks, earning him a place among the FBI’s most wanted and the nickname the “Holiday Bandit,” was arrested March 29 in Queens, New York. The suspect is accused of robbing nine banks in New York and New Jersey, many of them during the 2010 holiday season. Investigators said they believed the suspect had robbed nine banks since December 2010, when he passed a note demanding cash to a teller at a Sovereign

Bank in Queens. The series ended, officials said, when he walked out of a Cathay Bank in Edison, New York, March 28, armed with a handgun. The suspect managed to elude authorities for more than 2 months even after the FBI identified him as a suspect in January, distributing surveillance camera images that clearly showed his face. During that time, the suspect did not keep a low profile: instead, he robbed six more banks, authorities said. Little is known about the suspect. Investigators believe he lived in California for a time, and settled in New York about a year ago. They believe he is a heroin user, and suspect that he robbed banks to obtain enough money to keep his drug habit going, one person briefed on the investigation said. The FBI said the suspect planned his robberies very carefully, and until this week proved better at avoiding detection than most. His arraignment in federal district court in Brooklyn was postponed March 29 because he needed medical attention, a law enforcement official said.

Source:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/30/nyregion/30bandit.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

14. *March 29, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Florida; International) **Jamaican citizen pleads guilty to \$220 million Ponzi fraud and money laundering charges.** A U.S. attorney announced March 29 that a 41-year-old Jamaican citizen who was living in the Turks and Caicos Islands pleaded guilty to 4 counts of wire fraud, 1 count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, and 18 counts of money laundering. The wire fraud counts carry a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison, a fine of \$250,000, and a term of supervised release of not more than 3 years. In addition, for each count of wire fraud, the fine may be assessed at twice the amount of gross gain or loss. According to the plea agreement, for more than 3 years, the man executed a Ponzi scheme to defraud more than 6,000 investors located in the Middle District of Florida and elsewhere out of more than \$220 million. The convict led investors to believe he was investing their money in foreign currency trading, earning 10 percent per month on average. In fact, he was not trading their funds. He also conspired with others to launder about \$128 million of proceeds obtained through a wire fraud scheme. The convict's operation of the Ponzi scheme effectively ended on July 15, 2008, when the Royal Turks and Caicos Police Force, Financial Crimes Unit, executed search warrants at his place of business and residence in Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands.

Source: <http://tampa.fbi.gov/dojpressrel/pressrel11/ta032911.htm>

15. *March 29, Media Newswire* – (Ohio) **Columbus man pleads guilty to robbing eight banks in four counties.** A Columbus, Ohio, man pleaded guilty in U.S. district court to robbing eight banks across Ohio in Franklin, Madison, Montgomery, and Delaware counties between October 2010 and January 2011. The man pleaded guilty to six counts of unarmed bank robbery in connection with the robberies of the Security National Bank in Springfield October 13; a Key Bank on East Dublin-Granville Road in Columbus October 26; a Huntington Bank on East Dublin-Granville Road in Columbus November 30; a Huntington Bank in London December 30; and an LCNB in Oakwood and a Key Bank on Miamisburg-Centerville Road in Dayton January 3. Each count of unarmed bank robbery is punishable by up to 20 years in prison. The man also pleaded guilty to armed bank robbery for robbing the First Merit Bank in Powell

January 10, and a PNC Bank in Whitehall January 11. Each armed robbery count is punishable by up to 25 years in prison. The man also pleaded guilty to one count of brandishing a weapon during the Powell robbery. That crime carries a mandatory sentence of 7 years in prison consecutive to any time served for the robberies. Columbus police officers arrested the convict after the Whitehall robbery. He has been in custody since his arrest.

Source: [http://media-newswire.com/release\\_1146836.html](http://media-newswire.com/release_1146836.html)

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## **Transportation Sector**

16. *March 30, Associated Press* – (District of Columbia; Illinois; Oregon) **DC flight diverted over security arrives in Oregon.** An Oregon-bound United Airlines flight from Washington, D.C., that was diverted to Chicago, Illinois, for security concerns landed March 30 in Portland, Oregon. A United spokesman told KGW-TV that passengers on Flight 251 from Dulles International Airport in Dulles, Virginia, were taken off after the plane landed at O’Hare International Airport in Chicago March 29, and re-screened through security. He said two or three passengers who had not been following crew instructions during the flight, were not on board the plane when it continued to Portland International Airport. The spokesman said he could not say whether the passengers were detained. He said another passenger was ill, which may have complicated the situation on the plane. It was not immediately clear how many passengers were aboard.  
Source: <http://www.newstimes.com/news/article/Diverted-flight-from-DC-finally-lands-at-Portland-1313941.php>
  
17. *March 30, CNN* – (North Carolina) **Hole in US Airways plane was caused by a bullet, sources say.** A hole in a US Airways jet that landed in Charlotte, North Carolina, was caused by a bullet that pierced the passenger cabin, three government sources told CNN March 29. Officials believe the bullet was fired in Charlotte, after passengers had exited the aircraft, one source said. The hole was discovered after the Boeing 737-400 landed March 28. The sources said a bullet has been recovered inside the plane. “We do not believe it is terrorism related,” one of the government sources said. “It appears to be a random event. We do not believe the plane was targeted. No one heard the bullet fired.” An investigation into who fired the shot into the aircraft has begun, multiple government sources said.  
Source:  
<http://www.cnn.com/2011/TRAVEL/03/29/north.carolina.plane.hole/index.html?hpt=T2>
  
18. *March 29, Bloomberg* – (International) **Ships stick with Tokyo as Navy says radiation easily purged.** Five of the six biggest container shippers are maintaining routes to Tokyo and Yokohama after the U.S. Navy said radiation on vessels from the leaking Fukushima Dai-Ichi nuclear plant can be scrubbed off with soap and water. The Japanese government is allowing ships to sail as close as 30 kilometers to the stricken



reactors, and the International Maritime Organization, a United Nations agency, said operations in and out of Japan can continue as normal, with levels of radiation presenting no medical basis for imposing restrictions. “These are extremely low levels and are easily cleaned off,” a spokesman for Seventh Fleet, which is helping with recovery efforts, said March 28. “Even if they weren’t, they still wouldn’t rise to the level where they would cause any harm to human health.” Tokyo port, which accounted for 22 percent of Japanese container shipping throughput last year, according to market researcher Alphaliner, has tried to ease fears through steps, including posting data about radiation readings. Levels were safe as of March 27, according to the transport ministry’s Web site.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-03-29/ships-stick-with-tokyo-as-navy-says-radiation-easily-purged.html>

19. *March 29, WAPT 16 Jackson* – (Mississippi) **Barge hits Mississippi river bridge in Natchez.** A barge struck the Highway 84 Mississippi River Bridge in Natchez, Mississippi, early March 29, Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials said. The westbound lanes were shut down for about 2 hours to allow inspectors to inspect the bridge. The bridge was inspected and all lanes of traffic on the Highway 84 Mississippi River Bridge were reopened to traffic before 9 a.m., MDOT said. Crews were still working to remove a sunken barge from the Mississippi River Bridge in Warren County. On March 23, a tow boat crashed into the Old Vicksburg Bridge. Several barges being pushed by the towing vessel came free and one barge collided with the Interstate 20 Bridge, partially sank, and is considered a hazard to navigation, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) said. As a result, USCG has put limits on the size and horsepower of tows 6 miles north and south of the Mississippi River bridges at Vicksburg. Interstate 20 Bridge vehicle traffic in Warren County will remain unaffected during salvage operations, USCG said.

Source: <http://www.wapt.com/r/27355401/detail.html>

20. *March 29, Oakland Tribune* – (California) **No bomb found on Amtrak train at Oakland station.** An Amtrak train was evacuated and searched March 29 in Oakland, California, following a bomb threat, but no explosives were found on board, police said. Police were called to the Amtrak station at 2nd and Alice streets in Jack London Square March 29. The 13 passengers aboard the train that was slated to leave Oakland for Bakersfield, California, at 5:50 p.m. were evacuated from the train. No one was injured. An Amtrak spokeswoman said it was not immediately clear who called in the report of the possible bomb, or if the call was made to police or the transit agency. Some streets around the station were closed temporarily. Bomb technicians from the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office were brought in, but nothing was found on the train.

Source: [http://www.insidebayarea.com/news/ci\\_17728828](http://www.insidebayarea.com/news/ci_17728828)

21. *March 29, Sun-Times Media Wire* – (Illinois) **Shooting causes CTA bus accident on south side.** Gunfire from a moving vehicle preceded a multi-car accident that sent a Chicago, Illinois, bus crashing into a utility pole and injured 11 people March 29, police said. No one was shot when gunfire erupted around 9:30 a.m. on the city’s South Side, a Chicago police spokesman said. Two people were hospitalized in serious to

critical condition, though many of the injuries were caused by shattered glass, authorities said. Police and Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) officials said a car crashed into the bus, which then ran into the pole. Authorities would not say whether the shooting caused the crash or targeted one of the vehicles. “Detectives continue the investigation and will review any surveillance video in the area,” police said in a statement March 29. No arrests have been made. Some witnesses reported seeing gunmen get out of a truck and start firing, and said their target appeared to be the first vehicle. Police would not confirm whether gunmen were outside a vehicle, or other witness reports.

Source: <http://www.myfoxchicago.com/dpp/news/metro/cta-bus-accident-75th-vincennes-possible-shots-fired-20110329>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

22. *March 30, BBC News* – (International) **‘Fake bomb’ UPS flight from UK to Turkey investigated.** An investigation has been launched into how a fake bomb was put on a cargo plane and flown from the United Kingdom (UK) to Turkey without being detected in early March. The UPS flight traveled to Istanbul with the package, reportedly containing a timer, wires, and a detonator. The UK Department for Transport said it was taking the matter “very seriously.” A 26-year-old man, arrested on suspicion of making a bomb hoax, was detained March 23, but later bailed out of jail to return to a London police station in May. Police said the incident was not terrorist-related. A Turkish man had delivered the package, disguised as a wedding cake box, to a UPS office in Camden, according to ITV News. A department for transport spokesman said, “We have already begun an investigation which will look at all aspects of this incident, including UPS’s procedures. The UK has one of the toughest security regimes for air cargo in the world. All security measures are subject to continuous review.” A UPS spokeswoman said, “UPS is co-operating with the UK Department for Transport’s investigation of the incident. UPS has a multiple-layered approach to ensure security.” Details of which UK airport the flight took off from have not been released.

Source: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-12902689>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

23. *March 30, Bloomberg* – (International) **Sushi purchases from Japan canceled amid radiation concerns.** Exports of Japanese seafood have been canceled by foreign buyers on concern the products may have been contaminated by radiation leaking from the crippled Fukushima nuclear plant, a government official said. At least 10 orders have been withdrawn since the March 11 earthquake and tsunami damaged the power

station, the trade office director at Japan's Fisheries Agency said in an interview March 29 in Tokyo. The cancellations were made even as the government assured the food's safety, the director said. Sushi restaurants and hotels, including Shangri-La Asia's luxury chain, dropped Japanese seafood from their menus because of radiation fears. Global fishing companies such as Hong Kong's Pacific Andes International Holdings Ltd. could benefit from increased demand to replace Japanese produce. Radioactive iodine in seawater near the plant rose March 29 to 3,355 times the allowable limit, Japan's nuclear safety agency said March 30.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-03-30/sushi-purchases-from-japan-canceled-amid-radiation-concerns.html>

24. *March 30, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **NJ bakery blows top, dusts town in flour.** An Englewood, New Jersey bakery blew its top and shot a cloud of flour over cars and buildings March 29. The acting Englewood fire chief said a pipe became loose at the top of the La Esperanza Bakery silo as flour was being pumped into the building. Some people thought there was an explosion as flour filled the air and coated several adjacent buildings. A spokesman for the bakery told the Bergen Record newspaper it lost probably less than 10 bags of flour from the 20,000 pounds that were being delivered. The pipe has been resealed.

Source:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/us\\_odd\\_dust\\_with\\_flour;\\_ylt=AnmR7BZ1ucBwPCydo6uXCd2s0NUE;\\_ylu=X3oDMTNxZWczbTdjBGFzc2V0A2FwLzIwMTEwMzMwL3VzX29kZF9kdXN0X3dpdGhfZmxvdXIEY2NvZGUDbW9zdHBvcHVvYXIEY3BvcwM5BHBvcwM2BHB0A2hvbWVfY29rZQRzZWMDDeW5faGVhZGxpbnVfbGlzdARzbGsDbm](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/us_odd_dust_with_flour;_ylt=AnmR7BZ1ucBwPCydo6uXCd2s0NUE;_ylu=X3oDMTNxZWczbTdjBGFzc2V0A2FwLzIwMTEwMzMwL3VzX29kZF9kdXN0X3dpdGhfZmxvdXIEY2NvZGUDbW9zdHBvcHVvYXIEY3BvcwM5BHBvcwM2BHB0A2hvbWVfY29rZQRzZWMDDeW5faGVhZGxpbnVfbGlzdARzbGsDbm)

25. *March 30, St. Petersburg Times* – (Florida) **Fire from ice machine destroys Palm Harbor Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin-Robbins.** Three employees found smoke coming from an ice machine March 30 at the back of a Dunkin Donuts/Baskin-Robbins in Palm Harbor, Florida. Someone unplugged it, and they went back to work. Fifteen minutes later, someone smelled smoke, according to Palm Harbor Fire Rescue. The ice machine burned and flames flickered up to the ceiling, employees told officials. Ceiling tiles started to fall as one employee reached for a fire extinguisher. The employees evacuated the building. No one was injured, but the restaurant was a total loss after the fire broke out about 3:30 a.m. Flames spread through the attic and the roof before firefighters arrived. Extreme heat forced firefighters to fight the fire from outside the building. It took Palm Harbor Fire Rescue nearly an hour to put out the blaze with the help of additional firefighters from Safety Harbor and East Lake, officials said. The cause of the fire is still being investigated, but it appeared to be electrical, a Palm Harbor Fire Rescue spokeswoman said.

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/fire/fire-from-ice-machine-destroys-palm-harbor-dunkin-donuts/1160624>

26. *March 30, Food Safety News* – (Ohio; National) **Audit chides USDA for approving tainted eggs.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Inspector General (IG) audit of Cal-Maine Foods' November 5, 2010 egg recall said USDA egg graders

approved the Ohio Fresh Eggs for shipment without knowing inspectors from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) had discovered Salmonella contamination. USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) "is not permitted to put the grademark on any shell eggs that are not fit for human consumption, including shell eggs adulterated with SE (Salmonella Enteritidis)," the IG said. But over 270,000 of the 280,000 shell eggs from Ohio Fresh carried the official USDA grademark. "The AMS graders who placed the grademark on the shell eggs were unaware that the Ohio producer recently had an environmental positive test result for SE at one of its egg laying barns since neither the plant management nor FDA officials notified AMS that SE had been detected," the IG report said. After the recall was announced, Ohio Fresh claimed the SE-contaminated eggs were shipped by mistake.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/03/inspector-general-tells-how-government-does-not-work/>

27. *March 30, Food Safety News* – (Rhode Island; Massachusetts) **One dead, 38 ill from Salmonella linked to pastry.** One man died and there are 38 other cases of suspected Salmonella infections in the Rhode Island outbreak linked to Italian pastries from a Johnston bakery. The Rhode Island Health Department said March 29 the man who died March 23 was a Providence County resident in his 80s. He tested positive for the outbreak strain of Salmonella. Twenty-four of those sickened were hospitalized, so far 21 are lab-confirmed Salmonella cases. Most are Rhode Island residents; one lives in Massachusetts. Health officials have said all of those affected appeared to have eaten zeppole made by DeFusco's Bakery. The pastries were also sold to other bakeries and caterers, and served at several locations, including catered events at senior centers and a church.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/03/rhode-island-man-dies-from-salmonella/>

28. *March 30, Food Safety News* – (National) **Cantaloupe outbreak total now 13 in five states.** A Colorado resident is the 13th person to be confirmed infected with an outbreak strain of Salmonella Panama tied to cantaloupe, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported March 29. In its investigation update, the CDC said 12 of the 13 who are infected reported eating cantaloupe in the week before they became ill. Eleven of those 12 had eaten cantaloupes purchased between March 10 and March 21 at 8 different locations of "a national warehouse club" in Alaska, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. The warehouse club is still not named in the report, but Costco has published the recall information on its customer service product notes. Del Monte Fresh recalled 4,992 cartons of cantaloupes March 22, after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration notified the Coral Gables, Florida-based company of the outbreak. Product traceback information indicated the cantaloupes were from a single grower in Guatemala.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/03/cantaloupe-outbreak-tally-now-at-13/>

29. *March 29, Palm Springs Desert Sun* – (California) **Hay blocks I-10 near Date Palm Drive after crash.** Lanes on westbound Interstate 10 in California were reopened about 5:40 p.m. March 29, hours after a truck hauling bales of hay was rear-ended by two

other big rigs about 12:40 a.m. Contaminated hay was still being cleaned up along the shoulder, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) said. The hay truck's driver had slowed to about 5 mph in the slow lane as she approached roadwork that closed the freeway overnight at the Palm Drive/Gene Autry Trail exit. Another big rig driver was also headed west in the slow lane but driving about 55 mph. He did not notice the hay truck had slowed, and he crashed into it, according to CHP. "Minutes later, another big rig came and plowed into that hay truck," a CHP officer said. Another driver did not see the crash and rear-ended the hay truck. The two men were taken to Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs for treatment of moderate to major injuries. The driver of the hay truck was not hurt.

Source:

<http://www.mydesert.com/article/20110329/NEWS0804/110329001/1043/business04/3-lanes-blocked-10-near-Date-Palm-after-truck-crash?odyssey=nav|head>

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## **Water Sector**

30. *March 29, Associated Press* – (Washington) **New plan to remove derelict barge from Columbia.** There is a new plan to remove a grounded, leaky barge from the Columbia River near Camas, Washington. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and environmental regulators plan to build a temporary \$1.4 million enclosure around the derelict vessel and dismantle the Davy Crockett piece by piece. USCG Guard had hoped to tow the barge in two big sections for dismantling in a shipyard. But the captain said that with bunker fuel and other contaminants on board, shipyards were not eager to take on the potential environmental liability. The 431-foot converted Liberty ship from World War II has already leaked lubricating oil, fuel oil and some diesel into the river. Now Oregon and Washington officials have signed off on the plan to build a so-called coffer dam — sheet metal pilings lined with silt barriers to keep contamination contained. USCG estimates the dam will take 4 weeks to build.

Source: <http://www.kgw.com/news/local/118825329.html>

31. *March 29, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Lightning strike damages wastewater treatment plant, leading to sewage spill in Augusta.** Authorities said a lightning strike damaged a pump at a wastewater treatment plant in Augusta, Georgia, contributing to a sewage leak. The Augusta Chronicle reports that the damage done by the lightning contributed to an overflow that caused 899,000 gallons of sewage to leak into a ditch that empties into nearby Butler Creek. A report by the Augusta Utilities Department said heavy rainfall March 26 through 28 increased the flow of water entering the plant, but the damaged pump reduced the system's pumping capacity. The overflow happened from around 1:45 p.m. March 28 until it was corrected around 1 a.m. March 29. Engineers made repairs to the damaged equipment.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/321de550588d4bbf873cde7af74aa284/GA--Augusta-Sewage-Spill/>

32. *March 29, Gainesville Times* – (Georgia) **Worker burned at Hall plant.** An electrical contractor suffered serious burns March 29 while working at a Hall County, Georgia, wastewater plant. A helicopter ambulance transported the man, an employee of McArthur Electrical, to Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta at 12:15 p.m., fire department and county officials said. The Hall County fire chief said “an electrical panel shifted, causing flash burns” to the worker’s arms and hands. The company is a regular contractor at the county’s Spout Springs Road reclamation facility, the Hall public information officer said. “The plant is working fine. We are not able to pump reuse water today, but with the recent rain, that’s not a problem,” she said, relaying information given to her by Hall’s public works and utilities director.  
Source: <http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/48263/>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

33. *March 30, Reuters* – (Alabama) **Nine die in Alabama during bacteria outbreak.** Nine patients in Alabama have died after receiving intravenous nutrition that authorities said was contaminated, but it was unclear whether the bacteria contributed to the deaths. Alabama authorities said they were investigating an outbreak of *Serratia marcescens* bacteremia, a bacterial infection in the blood, in 19 patients at 6 hospitals in the state who all received total parenteral nutrition (TPN). TPN is a nutritional solution fed to patients by injection. “Of the 19 that received the substance, nine of those are no longer living ... These were very fragile individuals and it’s not clear whether the bacteria contributed to their deaths,” a senior official with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) said. Authorities identified bacteria first in the patients, and then ran TPN cultures, he said. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is helping with an investigation. “CDC’s initial investigation identified TPN produced by a single pharmacy, Meds IV, as a potential common source and has determined that these hospitals received TPN from this pharmacy,” ADPH said. The pharmacy was notified and informed its customers. On March 24, it recalled all of its IV compounded products and has discontinued all production. The affected hospitals are Baptist Princeton, Baptist Shelby, Baptist Prattville, Medical West, Cooper Green Mercy, and Select Specialty Hospital in Birmingham.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/30/us-alabama-bacteria-deaths-idUSTRE72T0CW20110330?feedType=RSS&feedName=domesticNews>
34. *March 30, KOCO 5 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Crews battle metro hospital fire; patients evacuated.** Police said patients were evacuated as crews battled a fire at the Surgical Hospital of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, March 30. Investigators said the fire started inside a dryer at the hospital. Crews managed to extinguish the blaze but evacuated the building, with the exception of two patients who were in surgery. The patients were moved to another part of the building that was deemed safe, police said. Police said the sprinklers were activated in the hospital. No injuries were reported.  
Source: <http://www.koco.com/mostpopular/27369000/detail.html>

35. *March 30, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (California) **California woman pleads guilty to role in \$6.2 million Medicare fraud scheme.** A Los Angeles, California woman pleaded guilty to using fraudulent medical clinics and the stolen identities of physicians to defraud Medicare of more than \$6.2 million, the departments of justice and health and human services announced. The 46-year-old woman pleaded guilty March 29 in the Central District of California. She admitted that from 2007 to 2008, she conspired with others to use a series of fraudulent Los Angeles-area clinics to defraud Medicare. She admitted her co-conspirators used the identities and Medicare provider numbers of physicians who worked and did not work at the clinics to submit false claims to Medicare for reimbursement for services the physicians did not perform, and for power wheelchairs, medical equipment, and diagnostic tests the physicians did not order or prescribe.

Source:

[http://7thspace.com/headlines/377302/california\\_woman\\_pleads\\_guilty\\_to\\_role\\_in\\_62\\_million\\_medicare\\_fraud\\_scheme.html](http://7thspace.com/headlines/377302/california_woman_pleads_guilty_to_role_in_62_million_medicare_fraud_scheme.html)

36. *March 29, WCIV 4 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **Man charged in use of fake bomb to rob pharmacy.** A man walked into a Charleston, South Carolina Rite Aid Pharmacy March 29 armed with what was reported as a possible bomb. Officials said the suspect in the attempted robbery dropped what appeared to be an explosive device when being apprehended. The bomb squad reported to the scene, the parking lot of Segars Dental Center off Ashley River Road, and traffic was rerouted. The 39-year-old man of Jacksonville, Florida, was charged with armed robbery, possession of a firearm during the commission of a violent crime, and possession of a hoax device or replica of destruction device. He is being held in the Charleston County Detention Center.

Source: <http://www.abcnews4.com/Global/story.asp?S=14343233>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

37. *March 29, Washington Post* – (Virginia) **Timing of Va. Tech’s warnings during massacre leads to \$55,000 penalty.** The federal government said March 29 it plans to issue the maximum possible fine against Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) — \$55,000 — for violations of a campus safety law in connection with the shooting rampage April 16, 2007, that left more than 30 students and teachers dead. A federal official wrote in a letter to Virginia Tech’s president that the penalty for failing to provide timely warnings about the threat to the campus on the day of the massacre should be greater. “Virginia Tech’s violations warrant a fine far in excess of what is currently permissible under the statute,” an official in the Education Department’s Office of Federal Student Aid wrote. Her conclusion represents a stinging rebuke for Virginia Tech, which for nearly 4 years has sought to overcome wounds inflicted by the deadliest school massacre by an individual in U.S. history. Virginia Tech, which denies wrongdoing, said it will appeal the action. An attorney for

two families of shooting victims that are suing university officials said Virginia Tech failed to give the campus community crucial information about the first two killings the morning of the shooting.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/virginia-tech-shooting-leads-to-55000-penalty/2011/03/29/AF6W5nwB\\_story.html?hpid=z3](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/virginia-tech-shooting-leads-to-55000-penalty/2011/03/29/AF6W5nwB_story.html?hpid=z3)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

38. *March 30, Newark Star Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Three Fort Lee officers suspended after teens allege they were locked in van.** Three Fort Lee, New Jersey police officers were suspended after a group of teenagers claimed they had been locked in a police van overnight, according to a report on NorthJersey.com. Early March 26, police broke up a party and arrested about 20 attendees, and when they got back to the station, police allegedly left five teens in the van for 14 hours without food or water, the report said. The commanding officer of the shift and two additional officers have been suspended with pay as police conduct an internal investigation.

Source:

[http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2011/03/three\\_fort\\_lee\\_officers\\_suspen.html](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2011/03/three_fort_lee_officers_suspen.html)

39. *March 30, Ridgefield Press* – (Connecticut) **Regional dispatching of police and fire continues to be debated.** The Ridgefield, Connecticut, Board of Selectmen, citing uncertainty about the future of stand-alone dispatch centers, recently put off \$225,000 in upgrades to the police station's two-way radio equipment until 2012-13. A vetoed 2010 state bill that would require some 911 call centers to regionalize has the selectmen weighing whether to put money into the current system, or to wait to see what happens at the state level. While the legislation failed, the state offers incentives to towns that regionalize, and the board wants to avoid buying equipment if a regionalization mandate will be passed, potentially forcing the town to foot the bill for 911 equipment that the state handles now. The Ridgefield police chief said that whether the department's 911 calls and emergency dispatch are regionalized, the department will still need to update its equipment to handle routine dispatch services, such as running plates at a traffic stop or handling non-emergency calls. Right now, police answer all 911 calls, handling police matters themselves and transferring fire and medical calls to the fire department's dispatcher.

Source: <http://www.acorn->

[online.com/joomla15/theridgefieldpress/news/localnews/89563-regional-dispatching-of-police-and-fire-continues-to-be-debated.html](http://www.acorn-online.com/joomla15/theridgefieldpress/news/localnews/89563-regional-dispatching-of-police-and-fire-continues-to-be-debated.html)

40. *March 29, Press of Atlantic City* – (New Jersey) **Linwood and Northfield begin negotiations to share police services.** The cities of Linwood and Northfield, New Jersey have taken the first step toward possibly combining police departments. The early negotiations have centered on the two departments sharing a police chief, the



Northfield chief, once the retirement of the Linwood chief takes effect June 1. But Linwood's mayor said the "ultimate goal" is to combine the departments into one entity, if possible. The Northfield mayor said sharing the chief could immediately save Northfield taxpayers about \$60,000 by splitting the two salaries. Northfield's mayor said the goal is for the departments to maintain separate chains of command, from captains to dispatchers, to ensure they continue to run smoothly. The announcement comes after Linwood laid off 5 police officers, 25 percent of its 20-officer force, and 2 high-ranking officers filed a lawsuit against Linwood's police chief alleging he instructed officers to lie under oath and had a history of abuses of authority. Officials hope to have an agreement in place before June 1.

Source: [http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/communities/northfield\\_linwood\\_somers-point/linwood-and-northfield-begin-negotiations-to-share-police-services/article\\_254e5d16-5a50-11e0-a3a1-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/communities/northfield_linwood_somers-point/linwood-and-northfield-begin-negotiations-to-share-police-services/article_254e5d16-5a50-11e0-a3a1-001cc4c03286.html)

41. *March 28, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Problem cops: State notes sharp rise in disciplined officers.** An Altamonte Springs officer conspired to grow marijuana in a Central Florida house and gave police secrets to criminals. A wildlife officer and deputy sheriff were busted for agreeing to move drugs in the Keys. A veteran Fort Lauderdale cop took \$315 cash from a drug suspect, telling two rookies: "This is how we do things." Those cops and others are among the growing number of officers who have had their law-enforcement credentials yanked or were otherwise disciplined in recent years for a variety of reasons, including breaking the law. Officials with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) have watched their caseload swell in recent years as they track down officers who do not play by the rules. In the 2005-06 fiscal year, FDLE's Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission disciplined 596 officers. In the 2009-10 fiscal year, 794 were punished — a 33 percent increase. The volume of open cases alleging questionable police actions — criminal and non-criminal — increased nearly 34 percent between 2005 and 2010, data shows. An Orlando Sentinel analysis found that fewer than 1 percent of all the state's officers — law enforcement, correctional officers, and correctional probation officers — are disciplined in any given year. About 44 percent of the discipline cases last year resulted in certification revocations. The remainder of discipline cases resulted in certification suspensions or probation, which sometimes include behavior courses such as anger management.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/os-law-enforcement-discipline-up-20110325.0,1401373.story>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

42. *March 30, The Register* – (International) **Comodo admits 2 more resellers pwned in SSL cert hack.** Comodo has admitted an additional two registration authorities tied to the digital certificates firm were hit by a high-profile forged digital certificate attack earlier in March. No forged certificates were issued as a result of the assault on the other victims. Comodo previously admitted the compromise of one of its partners in

southern Europe allowed a hacker to generate bogus SSL certificates for many popular Web sites. These certificates were revoked hours after they were issued, but the incident only became public after browser developers, such as Microsoft and Mozilla, published updates. The certificates create a means to mount convincing man-in-the-middle or phishing attacks. Earlier the week of March 28, an Iranian hacker claimed responsibility for the assault. Comodo has now discovered two more registration authorities (also unnamed) were hit by the same attack. Comodo's CTO said the company was in the process of rolling out two-factor authentication products to its registration authorities, as a safeguard against future attacks, which will take about 2 weeks. In the meantime, Comodo has promised to review validation work by resellers before issuing certificates, rather than trusting the entire process to resellers.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/03/30/comodo\\_gate\\_latest/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/03/30/comodo_gate_latest/)

43. *March 30, IDG News Service* – (International) **Texas Instruments sees 6 month disruption at Japan plant.** Texas Instruments (TI) anticipates between 4 and 6 months of disruption to its chip manufacturing operations in Japan following the massive earthquake March 11, IDG News Service reported March 30. The company's factory in Miho was closed by the quake and suffered damage to infrastructure and its production line. It was responsible for about 10 percent of the company's output by revenue in 2010, TI said in a statement. It was an important base for TI's DLP projector chip technology. Repairs to the infrastructure systems at the plant were completed the weekend of March 26 and 27, as water, gas, chemical, and air delivery have been restored, the company said. Work remains on the equipment at the plant, a portion of which has not been checked. TI said it expects initial production to resume in mid-April with full production achieved about 3 months after that. The plant will be back to full shipment capability in September, which translates to roughly a 6-month break in full shipment ability.

Source:

[http://www.pcworld.idg.com.au/article/381538/texas\\_instruments\\_sees\\_6\\_month\\_disruption\\_japan\\_plant/](http://www.pcworld.idg.com.au/article/381538/texas_instruments_sees_6_month_disruption_japan_plant/)

44. *March 30, Softpedia* – (International) **New mass SQL injection attack infects thousands of pages.** A new mass injection attack has infected over 28,000 pages and even made its way to iTunes according to security researchers from Websense. Dubbed LizaMoon, after the domain hosting the malicious code, the attack uses SQL injection techniques to insert a rogue script element. Users who land on one of the compromised pages get redirected through several domains and finally land on a scareware site. These sites mimic antivirus scans and tell visitors their computers are infected with malware in an attempt to convince them to download fake security programs. The programs display even more false warnings and ask users to pay for a license in order to clean their machines. In the attack, malicious code also landed on iTunes podcast pages, although in a form that is harmless. Mass injection attacks are a common malware infection vector.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-Mass-SQL-Injection-Attack-Affects-Thousands-of-Websites-192079.shtml>

45. *March 29, Softpedia* – (International) **Comodo hacker claims SQL injection used to hack reseller.** The Iranian hacker who compromised a Comodo reseller and used its credentials to obtain rogue SSL certificates for high-profile domains claims the original point of entry was an SQL injection vulnerability. When asked by the CEO of Errata Security of how he broke into the first machine at globaltrust.it, the hacker said: “SQL injection, then privilege [sic] escalation, got SYSTEM shell, remote desktop, investigation and I discovered trustdll.dll.” A new message posted on pastebin.com by the hacker as a result of people doubting his claims, describes in more detail how the hack occurred. He claimed that after exploiting the SQL injection vulnerability, he set up a remote desktop (RDP) connection to their server, but this was relatively quickly detected by the firewall and blocked. The hacker said 2 days later, he managed to work his way around the firewall restriction and gained access to the system again. This is problematic, because Global Trust should have taken the server offline immediately after realizing someone accessed it without authorization.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Comodo-Hacker-Claims-SQL-Injection-Used-to-Hack-Reseller-191915.shtml>

46. *March 28, IDG News Service* – (International) **Japanese DRAM makers’ woes echo rest of industry after quake.** According to new reports, the earthquake and resulting tsunami in Japan continue to affect production at key factories making 12-inch silicon wafers, the raw materials that chips are etched onto. Market researcher IHS iSuppli estimates that damage to these factories could reduce the supply of silicon wafers globally by 25 percent, which “could have a major effect on worldwide semiconductor production,” particularly DRAM chips. Other chip factories are being hurt by rolling blackouts meant to share electricity made scarce because several power plants were knocked offline in the disaster. DRAM is required for nearly every PC, laptop, smartphone and tablet produced, while all gadgets need a host of chips to run different internal functions. At least three major suppliers of silicon wafers, Sumco, Shin-Etsu Chemical and MEMC Electronic Materials, lost some output due to the disaster. Sumco and Shin-Etsu alone account for 72 percent of all 12-inch silicon wafers, according to Credit Suisse. Sumco, the world’s biggest supplier of 12-inch wafers, said March 28 it has begun repairs at a factory in Yonezawa, although the company did not say when the plant may be running again. Shin-Etsu, the world’s second-biggest supplier of 12-inch silicon wafers, said March 25 that production at two of its factories remains “wholly halted.” MEMC, a U.S. company, shut operations at its factory in Utsunomiya, after the earthquake and said it expected “shipments from this facility will be delayed over the near term.” Without reliable power and with transportation still disrupted by earthquake and tsunami damage, the supply of wafers from these companies will continue to be affected. Renesas Technology said March 28 that it does not expect production at its chip fabrication plant in Hitachinaka to begin until July, and then it will only be at part of the plant.  
Source:  
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9215247/Japanese\\_DRAM\\_makers\\_woes\\_echo\\_rest\\_of\\_industry\\_after\\_quake?taxonomyId=12&pageNumber=1](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9215247/Japanese_DRAM_makers_woes_echo_rest_of_industry_after_quake?taxonomyId=12&pageNumber=1)

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## Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [sos@us-cert.gov](mailto:sos@us-cert.gov) or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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### Communications Sector

47. *March 30, Brockton Enterprise* – (Massachusetts) **Raynham officials plead for help in maintaining the town’s TV link to Boston.** Raynham, Massachusetts officials are asking a U.S. Representative for his assistance in ensuring cable subscribers continue to get Boston TV stations. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has classified Raynham and other southeastern Massachusetts communities -- including Easton, Mansfield, Norton, and Taunton -- as being in the Providence, Rhode Island market, and not the Boston market. That means FCC can force the cable company to black out Boston television stations and carry Providence stations upon request by a Providence station. “A representative in Massachusetts, whatever he does, should come over our local TV stations. We don’t care about Rhode Island governors, senators, representatives,” he said. Town officials are asking the U.S. Representative for help in getting FCC to reclassify Raynham, and other southeastern Massachusetts communities for the Boston market. FCC regulations allow TV stations and the commission to initiate a change in designated market area; however, municipalities are not allowed to do so. Raynham officials are also asking the Representative to get FCC to make a rule change to allow cities and towns to apply to change market designation.  
Source: <http://www.enterpriseneews.com/topstories/x1664572254/Raynham-officials-plead-for-help-in-maintaining-the-town-s-TV-link-to-Boston>
48. *March 28, Press of Atlantic City* – (New Jersey) **WMGM-TV 40 fined \$4,000 for airing news release without identifying sponsor.** WMGM-TV 40 has been fined \$4,000 for airing a video news release about a nasal spray during its weekly health segment without letting viewers know who sponsored it, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) said. The “Lifeline” segment, which aired October 2006, was introduced by a health reporter as “especially important as we begin the cold and flu season and one of the biggest travel times of the year,” FCC notice of the fine states. The segment, which was edited for broadcast, was produced by Matrixx, the company that makes the Zicam zinc nasal preparation. The station is required to identify the sponsor because “listeners and viewers are entitled to know who seeks to persuade them,” the 9-page FCC document states. In this case, viewers may have been even more confused, as Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point was mentioned as a sponsor of the segment, but the material was supplied by the company that makes Zicam, the FCC notice states. In both cases, the complaints were filed by Free Press and the Center for Media and Democracy, FCC said. The WMGM general manager

said the station argued it did not break the law because it was not compensated for airing the segment.

Source: [http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/breaking/wmgm-tv-fined-for-airing-news-release-without-identifying-sponsor/article\\_3738e6cc-5992-11e0-a8c7-001cc4c002e0.html](http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/breaking/wmgm-tv-fined-for-airing-news-release-without-identifying-sponsor/article_3738e6cc-5992-11e0-a8c7-001cc4c002e0.html)

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

49. *March 30, NBC New York* – (New York) **Feds probe NYC fire for possible domestic terror link.** An arson fire in Bedford-Stuyvesant in Brooklyn, New York, may have been the work of an anarchist with links to the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), law enforcement officials said March 29. The Brooklyn Free Store was torched March 19 after an arsonist had tried to burn it down on two previous occasions, investigators said. The FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force has been called in to assist New York City Fire Department (FDNY) arson investigators because of the possible ALF connections, officials briefed on the case said. ALF is considered a violent extremist group by the FBI and U.S. Justice Department. ALF followers have engaged in illegal actions and sabotage in pursuit of "animal liberation." ALF activists in the past have tried to forcibly remove animals from research laboratories, even conducting sabotage and arson. Law enforcement officials would not say why the Brooklyn Free Store may have been targeted by someone with alleged links to ALF. Nobody was hurt in the three separate arson attempts along Walworth Street and DeKalb Avenue. No suspect has been arrested.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/FBI-JTTF-Investigates-Brooklyn-Arson-For-Possible-ALF-118867534.html>

50. *March 30, WMAR 2 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Fells Point hotel evacuated overnight after CO detected.** Guests at the Admiral Fell Inn in Fells Point in Baltimore, Maryland were evacuated from their rooms March 29 for a carbon monoxide (CO) incident. According to a Baltimore City Fire Department spokesman, about 63 people were relocated to the inn's lobby after elevated CO readings of 30 parts per million were found on the second floor. The hotel is equipped with CO detectors. None of the guests reported any symptoms. The fire department and Baltimore Gas and Electric crews checked the hotel's floors for CO.

Source: [http://www.abc2news.com/dpp/news/region/baltimore\\_city/fells-point-hotel-evacuated-overnight-after-co-detected](http://www.abc2news.com/dpp/news/region/baltimore_city/fells-point-hotel-evacuated-overnight-after-co-detected)

51. *March 29, San Francisco Appeal* – (Florida) **Suspect in bomb threat that closed civic center arrested.** According to a San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) spokesperson, the man they allege is responsible for the bomb threat that closed Civic Center for much of March 29 has been arrested. Police said a 45-year-old man has been booked for "false report of a bomb, placing a fictitious bomb and terrorist threats" after allegedly entering a liquor store at 499 Polk Street and telling the occupants there was a bomb in the backpack he was carrying at around 10:45 a.m. SFPD said he then left the

backpack on the sidewalk in front of 499 Polk Street and left the area. Police subsequently closed area streets, issued a shelter in place order for the court house and the state building on Polk and McAllister, and evacuated a construction site on the west side of the 400 block of Polk. The bomb squad detonated the backpack at around 1:45 p.m., and the area streets reopened at around 3 p.m. The suspect, who police said has no local address, remains in police custody.

Source: <http://sfappeal.com/news/2011/03/police-ask-you-to-avoid-civic-center-area.php>

52. *March 28, Patterson Irrigator* – (California) **County calls for voluntary evacuation of riverside RV parks.** Stanislaus County in California issued recommended flood evacuation notices March 28 to residents at the Catfish Camp mobile home park and Turlock Sportsman’s Club in Crows Landing and Fisherman’s Bend, Thomas’ Retreat, and Martin RV Park northeast of Newman. More than 100 people are estimated to live at the West Side RV parks, which all stand along the San Joaquin River. American Red Cross and the county’s community services agency set up a temporary shelter at the Hammon Senior Center in Patterson at about 7 p.m., according to an office of emergency services spokesman. In addition, a command post has been set up at River and Villa Manucha roads in Newman, he said. Firefighters in the Newman area have kept busy rescuing animals at Martin RV Park among other activities, said the West Stanislaus County Fire Protection District’s interim fire chief. High water levels have impacted septic systems, drinking water, and electrical systems in the dwelling areas that have received notices, county officials said. River levels have risen faster than anticipated and are expected to remain high for at least 5 days. It is possible evacuation notices eventually could become mandatory depending on how high the water rises, the spokesman said.

Source: [http://www.pattersonirrigator.com/view/full\\_story/12533788/article-UPDATE-County-calls-for-voluntary-evacuation-of-riverside-RV-parks?instance=lead\\_story\\_left\\_column](http://www.pattersonirrigator.com/view/full_story/12533788/article-UPDATE-County-calls-for-voluntary-evacuation-of-riverside-RV-parks?instance=lead_story_left_column)

53. *March 28, Nashville Tennessean* – (Tennessee) **City building evacuated.** The law offices of Gasaway, Long and Farmer on 5th Avenue in Springfield, Tennessee were evacuated due to structural problems with the Albion Building where they were tenants. A neighboring attorney approached the Springfield City Codes office the week of March 21, informing them the next-door building was leaning against his building in at least one place. The Springfield Codes Administrator inspected and found several structural concerns including cracks in walls, uneven floors, and unmatched window and door frames. “It all looked recent,” said the code administrator, noting some cracks were up to a quarter of an inch wide. Speculation continues about the cause. Tenants said March 24, they experienced a strong ground tremor just after midday. Structural damage was observed and speculated to be as a result of the jolt. No information is presently available to define the cause of the jolt, but the Vulcan Materials quarry on the north end of Springfield confirmed they were blasting March 24. Enough damage was observed in the building that the law office brought in a structural engineer March 25, who, after inspecting the premises, advised them they should vacate the building. The Springfield codes and fire departments also attended the scene and conducted their

own inspections. As a result of the inspections and evacuation, all utilities have now been cut off for safety purposes.

Source:

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110328/ROBERTSON01/110328052/City-building-evacuated>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

54. *March 28, FoxNews.com* – (National) **Early dry season in Mountain, Plains states sparks fears of increased wildfires.** The five-state region made up of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming “is some of the driest country we have in the United States, no question,” a spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) said. “And I think we’re getting more fire activity than anywhere else at this point in the year,” he added. Fire crews typically start late in the spring, but the spokesman said USFS and other agencies were rushing to get resources pre-positioned earlier. The current dry period started in August 2010. Grasses did not get compacted by snow and they are now abundant, meaning there is a lot of available fuel.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/weather/2011/03/28/early-dry-season-eyeing-mountains-filled-white-stuff/?test=latestnews>

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## **Dams Sector**

55. *March 30, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Police, protesters clash over China dam.** At least 2,000 villagers protesting the building of a hydroelectric dam on the upper Yangtze river have clashed with police in southwest China, the government and a rights group said March 30. Up to 50 people were injured in Yunnan province’s Suijiang county March 29 when hundreds of armed police arrived to quell a protest that had lasted for 5 days, the Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy said. Protesters, who had blocked a main road and a bridge over the Yangtze for 4 days, hurled bricks and stones at police, the Hong Kong-based center said. The rights group said about 30 protesters and 20 police were injured. According to the Suijiang county government, 17 policemen and 5 government workers were hurt in the clashes, which involved about 2,000 protesters. One ambulance was badly damaged. “Following the forceful measures and after the understanding and support from most of the people, the roads were unblocked and normal order was restored to the county,” the government said in a statement. The Hong Kong-based group said “several thousand” demonstrators were up in arms over the quality of proposed housing being offered to up to 40,000 people who are being displaced to make way for the Xiangjiaba dam. According to the rights center, the protest started after a 6.8-magnitude earthquake struck neighboring Myanmar March 24, leading to concerns over the quality of the

proposed housing. Up to 100,000 people in three counties will be displaced by the time the \$11.5 billion dam goes into operation in 2012, it said.

Source:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20110330/wl\\_asia\\_afp/chinarightsdamenergyunrest](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20110330/wl_asia_afp/chinarightsdamenergyunrest)

56. *March 30, Monroe News-Star* – (Louisiana) **Seawall checked for fire damage.** Officials in Monroe, Louisiana, spent the better part of March 29 trying to determine if the Ouachita River seawall was damaged by the March 27 fire that destroyed the historic Howard Griffin building. Representatives with the Tensas Basin Levee District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the state department of transportation and development, and the city walked the perimeter of the seawall on the river side and could be heard knocking on the wall to check its stability. The operations superintendent for the Tensas Basin Levee District said this is the preliminary assessment. “The engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is doing the initial inspection of the seawall,” he said. “It is damaged, and we need to see what we need to repair.” The one thing hindering officials from getting an accurate assessment of seawall damage is the ongoing investigation into the cause of the fire. Engineers will not be able to closely inspect the seawall until authorities conclude their investigation. Agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Explosives have joined Monroe fire investigators and investigators with the state fire marshal’s office. On March 28, levee district police arrested a suspect who police said admitted being inside the Howard Griffin building the day it burned. The 33-year-old man was charged with two counts of criminal trespassing and one count of unauthorized entry. He is being held at the Ouachita Correctional Center pending a bond hearing. Authorities have not charged him with the fire, but on his arrest affidavit stated he was a suspect, and the investigation is ongoing.

Source: <http://www.thenewsstar.com/article/20110330/NEWS01/103300320>

57. *March 30, Associated Press* – (Vermont) **Vt. to drain Guilford pond due to dam danger.** Officials with the Vermont Department of Forest and Parks are making plans to drain Sweet Pond in Guilford because the dam holding back the water is considered a hazard. The regional parks manager said the decision does not mean the dam poses an immediate danger, but removing it is considered a prudent and responsible step. The dam contains about 6 million cubic feet of water. A dam safety engineer told the Brattleboro Reformer there is concern that if there were a major storm, the dam could fail. And if the dam were to fail it could threaten downstream properties. The state has not decided to rebuild the dam or allow Sweet Pond to become a muddy wetland.

Source: <http://www.newstimes.com/news/article/Vt-to-drain-Guilford-pond-due-to-dam-danger-1314218.php>

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