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- New Jersey utility company seeks approval for \$4 billion plan to protect electric and gas systems throughout the state against future storms like Sandy. – *Associated Press* (See item [1](#))
- A February 19 California snow storm left hundreds stranded on mountain highways and forced numerous road closures, including the shutdown of a 60-mile stretch of a highway near Los Angeles. – *Associated Press* (See item [12](#))
- A Kansas City restaurant was destroyed February 19 by a gas explosion and fire leaving one dead and several others with minor-major injuries. – *Reuters* (See item [14](#))
- A 10-alarm fire at Choctaw County High School February 19, which took nearly 6 hours to subdue, destroyed most of the building. – *Mobile Press-Register* (See item [21](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *February 20, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **NJ's biggest utility plans \$4B upgrade after Sandy.** PSE&G needs New Jersey's Board of Public Utilities approval for their plan to protect electric and gas systems in the State against future storms similar to Sandy. The upgrades would protect customers from a loss of service during inclement weather.
Source: http://www.wpri.com/dpp/news/us_news/NJs-biggest-utility-plans-4B-upgrade-after-Sandy_10493198
2. *February 19, KPIX 5 San Francisco* – (California) **PG&E outage affects 20,000 customers in San Rafael.** Roughly 20,000 PG&E customers were without electricity February 19 as a power outage struck the San Rafael-area. Officials are investigating the cause and restoration time.
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2013/02/19/pge-outage-affects-20000-customers-in-san-rafael/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *February 19, Holland Sentinel* – (Michigan) **Non-radioactive water released in leak at nuclear power plant.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission deployed a specialist to a Palisades nuclear power plant shut down February 15 after a leak was discovered in a 300,000-gallon water tank.
Source: <http://www.hollandsentinel.com/news/x898135063/Non-radioactive-water-released-in-leak-at-nuclear-power-plant>
4. *February 16, Power Engineering* – (New York) **NRC to increase oversight at two nuclear power plants.** The Nuclear Regulation Commission planned to step up oversight via supplemental inspections after two New York nuclear power plants suffered unplanned shutdowns or power outages.
Source: <http://www.power-eng.com/articles/2013/02/nrc-to-increase-oversight-at-two-nuclear-power-plants.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *February 19, Associated Press* – (New York; New Jersey) **3 nabbed in taxi-parts**

probe; NYC, NJ searches. Three men were charged February 19 with selling counterfeit replacement car parts out of their shop in New Jersey as genuine automaker parts intended for repairing New York City area cabs and limousines. It is unclear if the counterfeit parts posed a safety risk.

Source: <http://www.fortmilltimes.com/2013/02/19/2506017/3-nabbed-in-taxi-parts-probe-nyc.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. *February 19, Associated Press* – (International) **Air Force: Valve stopped fuel flow in F-16 crash.** Air Force investigators released a report February 19 attributing an F-16 crash that occurred July 22, 2012 approximately 250 miles off the coast of Japan to a faulty main fuel shut-off valve. They were not able to determine why the valve inexplicably closed, due to the inability to recover the related parts from the Pacific Ocean floor.

Source: <http://www.idahostatesman.com/2013/02/19/2458750/air-force-valve-stopped-fuel-flow.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

7. *February 20, Tampa Tribune* – (Florida) **Foreclosure inspector gets eight years for defrauding bank.** The owner of a company faked inspections on foreclosed homes to Bank of America and was sentenced to more than eight years in federal prison. His faked inspections defrauded the bank out of nearly \$12.8 million of the \$23.5 million paid for inspection services on foreclosed properties.

Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/news/business/2013/feb/20/4/spring-hill-man-gets-8-years-for-defrauding-bank-o-ar-639196/>

8. *February 20, San Mateo Daily Journal* – (California) **Insurance fraud nets year in jail, \$2M in restitution.** A pest and janitorial services company owner faced up to 17 years in prison for under-reporting more than \$10 million in payroll to avoid paying more than \$2 million in worker's compensation insurance. The owner was sentenced to a year in jail and restitution payments to the State Compensation Insurance Fund and Berkshire Hathaway.

Source:

[http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article_preview.php?id=1763582&title=Insurance%20fraud%20nets%20year%20in%20jail,%20\\$2M%20in%20restitution](http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article_preview.php?id=1763582&title=Insurance%20fraud%20nets%20year%20in%20jail,%20$2M%20in%20restitution)

9. *February 19, Pittsburgh Business Times* – (Pennsylvania) **WESCO slapped with \$36M damages verdict.** Wesco International received a legal judgment of \$36 million as the result of a jury verdict from a lawsuit in Indiana. The lawsuit claimed a subsidiary of Wesco sold defective products to ArcelorMittal Indiana Harbor Inc.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2013/02/19/wesco-slapped-with-36m-damages-verdict.html>

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Transportation Sector

10. *February 20, Associated Press* – (Vermont) **5 crashes on icy Interstate 91 in Vermont.** Several crashes in icy conditions led to the closing of northbound Interstate 91 in Winsor, Vermont between exits 8 and 9 for several hours February 20. Two drivers were taken to the hospital for minor injuries and a firefighter responding to the scene was also injured.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/5-crashes-on-icy-Interstate-91-in-Vermont-4292940.php>
11. *February 20, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **6 injured when MARTA bus and car collide.** A February 19 collision between a city bus and a car south of Atlanta left six people with injuries.
Source: <http://www.macon.com/2013/02/20/2363220/6-injured-when-marta-bus-and-car.html>
12. *February 20, Associated Press* – (California) **Winter storm soaks CA cities, snow strands drivers.** A snow storm in California left hundreds stranded on mountain highways February 19, including some 50-70 vehicles on or near Highway 49 close to the Sierra Nevada foothills, and forced numerous road closures, including the shutdown of a 60-mile stretch of Highway 58 between Bakersfield and Los Angeles.
Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2013/feb/20/winter-storm-soaks-ca-cities-snow-strands/>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

13. *February 19, KHOG 29 Fayetteville* – (Arkansas) **Mailbox-bombing teens arrested, police say.** Police in Fayetteville arrested and charged two 15-year olds and three 16-year olds in connection with vandalizing mailboxes using homemade explosives February 18.
Source: <http://www.4029tv.com/news/arkansas/northwest/Mailbox-bombing-teens-arrested-police-say/-/8897460/18988934/-/400tf/-/index.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

14. *February 20, Reuters* – (Missouri) **Woman's body found in rubble of Kansas City restaurant.** JJ's restaurant in Kansas City was destroyed February 19 by a natural gas

blast that killed one, injured 3 critically, and left several others with minor injuries. Officials are still searching through the rubble for victims as initial indicators of the blast are attributed to a contractor accidentally striking a gas line.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/02/20/us-usa-blast-kansascity-idUSBRE91J03020130220>

15. *February 19, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Training grenade uncovered at Hawaii island supermarket.** An inert grenade training device was found in a Kamuela Foodland store, causing the store to be closed for more than three hours. Officials are still investigating the incident but determined the inert grenade was shipped with produce from Seattle.

Source: <http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/191890971.html>

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Water Sector

16. *February 19, Associated Press* – (New York) **Syracuse water main break will keep businesses shuttered, but not uncommon, city officials say.** A 16-inch water main break will keep five restaurants temporarily closed and will cost the city \$150,000 to repair after streets were closed from spilled water.

Source:

http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2013/02/syracuse_water_main_break_upda.html

17. *February 19, KOKH 25, Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Unsafe water in parts of Logan and Kingfisher counties.** Health officials issue a warning of drinking water after nitrate readings were reported above maximum levels. Drinking water with higher nitrate levels poses a danger to pregnant women and children under six months of age.

Source: http://www.okcfox.com/newsroom/top_stories/videos/kokh_vid_9885.shtml

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

18. *February 20, U-T San Diego* – (California) **Acrid odor at medical center forces evacuation.** The Sharp Rees-Stealy medical center in Sorrento Mesa was evacuated after a number of people became sick and taken to another facility for treatment. Nearly 100 employees were treated at the scene while hazardous materials crews worked to clear out the severe odor caused by a faulty air conditioning unit.

Source: <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2013/feb/20/tp-acrid-odor-at-medical-center-forces-evacuation/>

19. *February 20, Rutland Herald* – (Vermont) **Two hurt in boiler explosion; nursing home evacuated.** The Rutland Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center was evacuated after a fire started due to a malfunctioning heating system. Two maintenance workers were injured in the accident and officials worked to place the residents in temporary homes

while repairs are being made.

Source: <http://rutlandherald.com/article/20130220/NEWS01/702209907>

20. *February 18, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Hopkins doctor found dead amid investigation of claims he secretly taped patients.** A doctor with Johns Hopkins was found dead in his home amid allegations that he secretly recorded and took photos of several patients over the course of his career. The hospital notified patients February 4 that they let him go but did not detail the possibility of their privacy being violated.
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/crime/blog/bs-md-ci-hopkins-doctor-investigation-20130218,0,5495422,full.story>

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Government Facilities Sector

21. *February 20, Mobile Press-Register* – (Alabama) **Firefighters battling fire at Choctaw County High School (updated).** Ten different fire departments reported to Choctaw County High School February 19 to assist in putting out a blaze that took nearly 6 hours to subdue and destroyed most of the building. The school was vacant at the time and students and staff were asked not to report to classes February 20.
Source: http://blog.al.com/live/2013/02/firefighters_battling_fire_at.html
22. *February 19, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **State police investigate anthrax threat to governor's office.** The governor of Connecticut received a letter in the mail claiming to contain anthrax February 19. Capital police cordoned the mailroom to investigate the letter, which tested negative for anthrax.
Source: <http://connecticut.cbslocal.com/2013/02/19/state-police-investigate-anthrax-threat-to-governors-office/>
23. *February 19, KGPE 47 Fresno* – (California) **Suspicious device at Mendota High a fake.** Students were evacuated and classes were cancelled February 19 following the discovery of a suspicious device at Mendota High School. Authorities deemed the device was safe when they disclosed that it was a block of wood.
Source: <http://www.cbs47.tv/news/local/story/Suspicious-device-at-Mendota-High-a-fake/K3joOHLnS0GZvNnqQ6EXAA.csp>
24. *February 19, Willoughby News-Herald* – (Ohio) **Bomb threat at Mentor's Memorial Middle School turns out to be hoax; investigation under way.** Students were evacuated for nearly 3 hours at Memorial Middle School in Mentor after a bomb threat was written on a bathroom wall. The warning proved to be fake and officials are investigating.
Source: <http://news-herald.com/articles/2013/02/19/news/doc5123df5955aed058775614.txt>
25. *February 19, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Threat prompts Campbell County evacuation ahead of high school basketball championships.** Campbell

County Comprehensive High School was evacuated February 19 due to an online threat prior to two championship basketball games. Officials conducted a sweep of the school with bomb-sniffing dogs.

Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2013/feb/19/threat-prompts-campbell-county-evacuation-ahead/>

26. *February 19, KFSN 30 Fresno* – (California) **School bus crash injures 4 children in Mariposa County.** A school bus got into an accident February 19 and left 4 students with injuries in Mariposa County.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=news/local&id=8998970>

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Emergency Services Sector

27. *February 19, WHTM 27 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Man calls EMS 50 times with false reports.** A man called 9-1-1 more than 50 times over the course of several months with false claims of needing medical attention. After responders took him to the hospital and he confessed to the bogus reports, authorities filed charges against him.

Source: <http://www.abc27.com/story/21254982/man-calls-ems-50-times-with-false-reports>

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Information Technology Sector

28. *February 20, Help Net Security* – (International) **Oracle, Apple release critical updates for Java.** Oracle released an important Java SE patch update February 20 that addresses weaknesses in remote exploitation without authentication for a number of Java versions.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14451&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+HelpNetSecurity+%28Help+Net+Security%29

29. *February 20, Softpedia* – (International) **Fake Delta Airlines emails: Your credit card has been successfully processed.** Hoax emails are being distributed claiming Delta Airlines has processed ticket purchases in an attempt to pull in users to install malicious software on their systems. Targets include several financial institutions.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fake-Delta-Airlines-Emails-Your-Credit-Card-Has-Been-Successfully-Processed-330733.shtml>

30. *February 20, The Register* – (International) **BlackBerry squashes W-TIFF-F bug that's ripe for malware squirters.** A malicious code triggered by TIFF image files on BlackBerry Enterprise Server (BES) software was patched and a warning was issued to all users to apply the update in order to prevent hacking and to block possible attempts to use the vulnerability to log into corporate systems.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/02/20/blackberry_squashes_image_peril/

31. *February 20, Help Net Security* – (International) **Apple confirms being hit in recent watering hole attack.** Officials with Apple confirmed a recent watering hole attack that left their Mac systems open to infection through a Java plug-in for browsers. The assured the attack affected only a small number of systems and there was no evidence that data was taken, they have since patched several vulnerabilities and issued a Java update.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14449&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+HelpNetSecurity+%28Help+Net+Security%29
32. *February 20, Softpedia* – (International) **EDUCAUSE hacked, users advised to change passwords.** EDUCAUSE advised their users to change their passwords once they detected a possible breach of personal information. Administrators were also recommended to change their passwords as the hack may have compromised the hashed passwords of .edu domain holders.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/EDUCAUSE-Hacked-Users-Advised-to-Change-Passwords-331068.shtml>
33. *February 19, H Security* – (International) **Firefox 19 brings PDF viewer and 4 critical security fixes.** Mozilla's Firefox issued version 19 of their web browser, critical to bringing out new features and fixing 4 security issues that would protect users' exposure to tainted PDF documents.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Firefox-19-brings-PDF-viewer-and-4-critical-security-fixes-1806437.html>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@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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Commercial Facilities Sector

34. *February 18, Farmington Daily Times* – (New Mexico) **Fire closes wing at Red Lion hotel.** A storage room fire at a Farmington hotel led to the evacuation of 75 guests and left 60 of the 192 hotel rooms in varying states of damage. The cause of the fire is

unknown.

Source: http://www.daily-times.com/farmington-news/ci_22617630/fire-closes-wing-at-red-lion-hotel

35. *February 16, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Apple store burglarized in Boulder, \$63,000 in computers, phones taken.** Police estimate a burglar left \$100,000 damage to an Apple store's entrance door on top of the more than \$63,000 worth of computers and phones which were stolen.

Source: <http://business-news.thestreet.com/denver-post/story/apple-store-burglarized-boulder-63000-computers-phones-taken/1>

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