



Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 27 February 2013

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- High winds and several inches of snow from a second snowstorm impacted transportation, government buildings, and caused nearly 40,000 people in Missouri and Kansas to be without power. – *Associated Press* (See item [1](#))
- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) launched multiple safety-related investigations involving several leading manufacturers affecting 1.3 million vehicles. – *Detroit Bureau* (See item [8](#))
- An overturned chemical truck carrying 7,000 gallons of methanol caused major detours and shut down 10 miles of Interstate 49 in Louisiana. – *Opelousas Daily World* (See item [15](#))
- Two U.S. honey processors illegally imported honey that originated in China, evaded millions in anti-dumping duties. – *Food Safety News* (See item [18](#))
- An Army Corps of Engineers report estimated the damage done by a 2011 flood of the Mississippi River to be around \$2.8 billion. – *Associated Press* (See item [23](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *February 26, Associated Press* – (Missouri; Kansas) **Thousands without power as second major storm wallops Missouri, Kansas.** A second snowstorm knocked out power to nearly 40,000 people in Missouri and Kansas as well as shut down businesses, schools, and government buildings across the two States. Flights were delayed and later on cancelled as high winds and several inches of snow grounded almost all modes of transportation.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/weather/2013/02/26/thousands-without-power-as-second-major-snow-storm-wallops-missouri-kansas/>
2. *February 26, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Feds cite W.Va. gas driller following '12 fire.** Ellenboro-based Hall Drilling LLC was fined \$12,600 by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration for violating two safety procedures at the Wolf Summit drill site after the August 2012 blaze.
Source: <http://www.theintermountain.com/page/content.detail/id/293777/Feds-cite-W-Va--gas-driller-following--12-fire-.html?isap=1&nav=5023>
3. *February 26, KSAT 12 San Antonio* – (Texas) **High winds across San Antonio fuel fires, knock down trees, power lines.** Over 30,000 CPS Energy customers lost power due to high winds that knocked down power lines burned homes, and shut down roads.
Source: <http://www.ksat.com/news/High-winds-across-San-Antonio-fuel-fires-knock-down-trees-power-lines/-/478452/19084564/-/delmpd/-/index.html>
4. *February 25, Easton Express-Times* – (Pennsylvania) **UGI agrees to pay \$500,000 fine for fatal Allentown gas explosion.** A settlement between UGI Utilities Inc. and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission was reached from the February 2011 Allentown gas explosion that killed five people and demolished eight homes. The company agreed to pay \$500,000 and complete their plans of replacing the aged cast-iron gas pipes sooner.
Source:
http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/allentown/index.ssf/2013/02/ugi_agrees_to_pay_500000_fine.html
5. *February 25, Associated Press; Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* – (North Dakota) **Police say thieves steal \$50,000 in copper wire.** Fargo Electric Construction was robbed of \$50,000 worth of copper wiring when criminals broke in February 25. Police are investigating the incident and looking for the assailants.
Source: <http://www.newstimes.com/news/crime/article/Police-say-thieves-steal-50-000-in-copper-wire-4306771.php>
6. *February 24, Associated Press* – (California) **PG&E boosts training after deaths of 3 workers.** After three reported deaths over the span of three years, officials at Pacific Gas and Electric Co. are enhancing utility training on safety for all employees. After California Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited the company for several safety violations, PG&E took the steps necessary to ensure its personnel are

properly trained.

Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/article/PG-E-boosts-training-after-deaths-of-3-workers-4304495.php>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

7. *February 26, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Appeal of Plymouth nuclear plant renewal is denied.** A federal appeals court denied the Massachusetts State's appeal of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station's license renewal. The Massachusetts Attorney General is reviewing alternative options, stating that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission had not included lessons learned from the 2011 Fukushima nuclear plant disaster.

Source: <http://bostonglobe.com/business/2013/02/26/court-denies-mass-appeal-nuke-plant-relicense/aI26gjwpXi623qOhgl15FP/story.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *February 25, Detroit Bureau* – (National) **1.3 million Fords, Toyotas, Hondas under investigation.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has launched multiple automotive safety-related investigations involving about 1.3 million Ford, Toyota, and Honda vehicles. In the past decade, there have been a number of reports citing safety deficiencies involving specific models, prompting the NHTSA investigations.

Source: <http://www.nbcnews.com/business/1-3-million-fords-toyotas-hondas-under-investigation-1C8536130>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

9. *February 26, News Tribune* – (Washington) **Ex-loan officer sentenced for defrauding Tacoma Rescue Mission.** A former loan officer was sentenced to four years in prison for making under-the-table loans to friends and associates from nearly \$1 million he siphoned from Tacoma Rescue Mission bank accounts.
Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2013/02/26/2489719/ex-loan-officer-sentenced-in-1.html>
10. *February 25, Southwest Riverside News Network* – (California) **Newport coast woman sentenced for bilking banks out of \$4.7 million.** A woman pleaded guilty to fraud involving a \$130 million revolving line of credit from multiple banks for a home decor business. For her role in defrauding the banks, the woman was sentenced to three years and \$4.7 million in restitution payments to the banks.
Source: <http://www.swrnn.com/2013/02/25/newport-coast-woman-sentenced-for-bilking-banks-out-of-4-7-million/>
11. *February 25, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Vectren warns of debit card utility payment scam.** Scammers claiming to be utility representatives are threatening customers with disconnected services if an immediate payment is not made. Customers are told to return the call with a pre-paid debit card to process the payment.
Source: <http://www.fox19.com/story/21321972/vectren-warns-of-debit-card-utility-payment-scam>
12. *February 25, Ames Patch* – (Iowa) **Scam Alert: Ames police warn of a hotel credit card theft.** Ames Police have learned of a new scam targeting hotel guests' credit card information. A call is made to hotel guests as if they were a hotel employee looking to fix a crashed computer system by inputting the guests' credit card information, at times including a partial refund for inconvenience.
Source: <http://ames.patch.com/articles/scam-alert-ames-police-warn-of-a-hotel-credit-card-theft>
13. *February 25, WBNS 10 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Ohio Inspector General: Employee stole nearly \$500,000 from Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.** A business administrator forged multiple checks over a three-year period stealing \$440,000 in tax dollars. The Ohio Inspector General made 26 recommendations to address the weak policies which had insufficient oversight.
Source: <http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2013/02/25/dayton-ohio-inspector-general-employee-stole-nearly-half-million-from-ohio-department-of-developmental-disabilities.html>

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Transportation Sector

14. *February 26, KNDU 25 Richland* – (Oregon) **Hazardous semi wreck near Hermiston.** A tanker truck carrying 10,000 gallons of jet fuel rolled off an embankment and onto its side coming to rest on a railroad track, south of the Oregon-Washington border, resulting in the closure of portions of Interstate 70 for several hours. The driver was rescued and hospitalized with minor injuries before a train collided with the truck about 90 minutes later, though only 10-15 gallons of fuel were spilled.
Source: <http://www.kndu.com/story/21347993/crews-still-cleaning-hazardous-semi-wreck-near-hermiston>
15. *February 25, Opelousas Daily World* – (Louisiana) **Hazardous waste spill closes I-49.** Over 10 miles of Interstate 49 near Lebeau, Louisiana were closed for most of February 25, due to an overturned chemical truck containing 7,000 gallons of highly-flammable methanol, forcing thousands of drivers to find lengthy detours. Investigators are examining why the tanker truck slid off the side of the road in heavy fog conditions.
Source: http://www.dailyworld.com/article/20130226/NEWS01/302260311?nclick_check=1

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Postal and Shipping Sector

16. *February 25, San Angelo Standard-Times* – (Texas) **Mailbox explosion: Homemade bottle bomb suspected.** A homemade chemical bottle bomb is being blamed for the destruction of a mailbox February 23 in San Angelo, Texas. Police are investigating and local residents are urging caution when opening mailboxes.
Source: <http://www.gosanangelo.com/news/2013/feb/25/bottle-8232bomb-in-mailbox8232possible-jumplocal/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

17. *February 26, Food Safety News* – (California) **Pistachios recalled for Salmonella risk in California.** Hoop Nuts LLC of Van Nuys, California voluntarily recalled 600 pounds of raw and 600 pound of dry roasted pistachio nuts distributed in California because of potential Salmonella contamination. The products were sold under the brand names ARO Pistachio and Orandi Farms as Pistachio Halves ‘n Pieces in 30 pound boxes.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/02/pistachios-recalled-for-salmonella-risk-in-california/>
18. *February 26, Food Safety News* – (International) **“Honeygate” sting leads to charges for illegal Chinese honey importation.** Two of the largest U.S. honey processors and

five people have been charged by the government for illegally importing honey that originated in China, evading over \$180 million in anti-dumping duties. Groeb Farms, of Onstead, Michigan, has agreed to pay \$2 million in fines and Honey Solutions of Baytown, Texas has agreed to \$1 million in fines.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/02/honeygate-sting-leads-to-charges-for-illegal-chinese-honey-importation/>

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Water Sector

19. *February 25, Southwest Times* – (Virginia) **DEQ/EPA pierce sewer main drilling for contamination.** Contractors with the Environmental Protection Agency caused more than \$22,000 worth of damage after drilling through a sewer pipe while installing monitoring wells.
Source: <http://www.southwesttimes.com/2013/02/deqepa-pierce-sewer-main-drilling-for-contamination/>
20. *February 25, Red Bank Green*– (New Jersey) **Red Bank: Water line breaks on East side.** Borough of Red Bank government issued a 24-hour boil water advisory as a precaution after a six-inch line ruptured, shutting down three streets.
Source: <http://www.redbankgreen.com/2013/02/red-bank-water-line-breaks-on-east-side.html>
21. *February 25, WTXL 27 Tallahassee* – (Georgia) **More than 9 million gallons spill in Withlacoochee River.** Heavy rains February 22-23 led to more than nine million gallons of water from a waste-water treatment plant to be spilled over into the Withlacoochee River. The effluent sample collected was greater than 1.5 times the seven day average allowed.
Source: http://www.wtxl.com/news/more-than-million-gallons-spill-in-withlacoochee-river/article_da014ab8-7f77-11e2-ac1d-0019bb30f31a.html
22. *February 25, WBTV 3 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Sewage spill reported in Cornelius.** Nearly 120 gallons of sewage leaked from a broken wastewater pipe into Lake Norman. Crews responded within 30 minutes, cleaning the area and repairing the broken pipe.
Source: <http://www.wbtv.com/story/21345498/sewage-spill-reported-in-cornelius>
23. *February 25, Associated Press* – (National) **\$2.8B damages in 2011 Mississippi River flood.** A report from the Army Corps of Engineers detailed the damage done by a 2011 flood of the Mississippi River as well as deficiencies throughout the system. More than 119 counties, 21,000 homes and businesses, 43,000 people, and 1.2 million acres of agricultural land were affected by the flood.
Source: http://azdailysun.com/news/national/b-damages-in-mississippi-river-flood/article_63ca6c6d-d181-5e4f-a796-13b22ae70965.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

24. *February 25, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **CVS, NJ officials OK prescription mix-ups deal.** CVS Caremark and New Jersey officials reached a settlement on an investigation where CVS accidentally mixed patients pills and were negligent in their quality assurance process. CVS will pay New Jersey \$650,000 and improve their procedures by enhancing their safety measures while giving the public more resources to check their medications.
Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2013/feb/25/cvs-nj-officials-ok-prescription-mix-ups-deal/>

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Government Facilities Sector

25. *February 26, WJAC 6 Johnstown* – (Pennsylvania) **Portage School District closed due to overnight fire at elementary school.** Fire officials quickly put out a fire that ignited on the roof of Portage Elementary School. Impending winter weather and problems with buses prompted a closure of all Portage area schools for February 26.
Source: <http://www.wjactv.com/news/news/portage-school-district-closed-due-overnight-fire-/nWZjy/>
26. *February 26, Bellingham Herald* – (Washington) **No school at Sehome High Tuesday after transformer explodes.** A transformer that blew up, caused a small fire, and knocked out power led to the closure of Sehome High School February 26.
Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2013/02/26/2895033/fire-erupts-in-sehome-high-electrical.html>
27. *February 25, WSYR 9 Syracuse* – (New York) **Power restored to most SUNY Cortland buildings impacted by electrical explosion.** Almost all buildings have regained power after an electric spark caused an outage to nine buildings to the SUNY Cortland campus. Classes were cancelled February 25 while authorities worked to restore power.
Source: http://www.9wsyr.com/news/local/story/Power-restored-to-most-SUNY-Cortland-buildings/woRMmknGYk2UPH_6r_NFSQ.csp
28. *February 25, Portland Press Herald* – (Maine) **Bomb threat forces evacuation of SMCC.** A bomb threat forced the evacuation and cancellation of classes at Southern Maine Community College February 25. The threat proved to be unfounded as police did not turn anything up after searching through campus 45 buildings.
Source: <http://www.pressherald.com/news/Bomb-threat-cancels-classes-at-Southern-Maine-Community-College.html>
29. *February 25, WNWO 24 Toledo* – (Michigan) **Caught on camera: 22 school buses vandalized, cash reward offered.** After 22 Blissful Community School buses' tires were cut, the Crime Stoppers of Lenawee County, Michigan asked for the public's

help finding the criminals, who are still on the loose.

Source: <http://www.northwestohio.com/sports/story.aspx?id=865162#.USzOHR04s9Y>

30. *February 25, KDVR 31 Denver* – (Colorado) **Man arrested for death threats against representative over gun legislation.** A man was arrested and charged by Colorado State Patrol after sending threatening voice messages and emails to a State representative regarding her stance on gun control legislation.

Source: <http://kdvr.com/2013/02/25/man-arrested-for-threatening-rep-rhonda-fields-over-gun-legislation/>

31. *February 25, West Islip Patch* – (New York) **Five St. John the Baptist students injured in school bus crash.** A St. John the Baptist school bus crashed into a dump truck and left five students with minor injuries February 25.

Source: <http://westislip.patch.com/articles/five-st-john-the-baptist-students-injured-in-school-bus-crash>

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Emergency Services Sector

32. *February 25, Associated Press* – (California) **LA cops reminded to wear masks in downtown TB area.** Due to the recent outbreak of tuberculosis, Los Angeles police officers are advised to wear masks and sanitize their hands when coming into contact with sick people in the Skid Row area.

Source: <http://www.fortmilltimes.com/2013/02/25/2518823/la-cops-reminded-to-wear-masks.html>

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Information Technology Sector

33. *February 26, Computerworld* – (National) **Six-strikes piracy alert system rolling out in the US.** After a strain of delays a new anti-piracy system will be implemented in the U.S. that holds Internet service providers accountable for warning and educating users on the dangers of obtaining copyrighted material.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9237146/Six_strikes_piracy_alert_system_rolling_out_in_the_US

34. *February 26, Softpedia* – (International) **Bit9 says its systems had been compromised since July 2012.** Bit9 reported their systems were breached in July 2012 but the company did not discover the SQL Injection vulnerability that was implemented on their public Web site until January 2013. The company stated the attackers were able to gain access to 32 files with the goal of installing a malicious Java applet to send additional malicious files.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Bit9-Says-Its-Systems-Were-Compromised->

[Since-July-2012-332593.shtml](#)

35. *February 26, Softpedia* – (International) **Cyber fighters to resume attacks against US banks on March 5.** A hacktivist group threatened to resume their attack on a number of U.S. banks unless the all remaining digital copies of a Muslim-based movie are removed from the Internet.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/al-Qassam-Cyber-Fighters-to-Resume-Attacks-Against-US-Banks-on-March-5-332647.shtml>

36. *February 25, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Sentencing for man convicted in iPad email thefts.** A man was convicted of taking over 120,000 email addresses from Apple iPad users through an online ring that led AT&T's Web site into divulging the personal email addresses and selling them to a different site.

Source: <http://www.fortmilltimes.com/2013/02/25/2516927/sentencing-for-man-convicted-in.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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Communications Sector

37. *February 26, KSLA 12 Shreveport* – (Louisiana) **Sunday's cable outage sparks heat between Comcast, city officials.** City officials contemplate cutting ties with Comcast after a power surge disrupted the February 24, cable showing of the Oscar's in the city of Shreveport as well as cut phone, Internet for nearly two hours.

Source: <http://www.ksla.com/story/21321116/comcast-sunday-outage-caused-by-power-surge>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

38. *February 26, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Fire destroys bait and tackle shop in Hancock.** Fifty firefighters took nearly an hour to put out a two-alarm fire which destroyed a bait and tackle shop and damaged two nearby shops. The total damage was estimated at \$300,000.

Source: http://www.capitalgazette.com/news/region/fire-destroys-bait-and-tackle-shop-in-hancock/article_668d7754-a475-5834-b555-032dd99c1c28.html

39. *February 26, United Press International* – (Louisiana) **New Orleans police find**

explosives in a pickup truck. Police evacuated a two-block radius after finding eight suspicious devices, a timer and a fuse in an abandoned pickup truck parked outside a bank February 25. The devices, which contained a chemical compound that might have exploded, are under investigation by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

Source: <http://www.officer.com/news/10884720/new-orleans-police-find-explosives-in-pickup-truck>

40. *February 25, Anchorage Daily News* – (Alaska) **Car crash causes gas leak, forces building evacuation.** A 100-unit apartment building in Anchorage was evacuated after the driver of a vehicle lost control and crashed into it, damaging gas lines. Nearby roads were closed and 60 people were evacuated onto city buses for warmth, while repairs were made.

Source: <http://www.adn.com/2013/02/25/2802426/car-crash-causes-gas-leak-forces.html>

41. *February 25, News 12 Long Island* – (New York) **4-alarm fire breaks out in Harrison apartment building.** Firefighters battled a four-alarm fire at a two-story apartment building which left 30 tenants displaced. The cause of the blaze is under investigation.

Source: <http://longisland.news12.com/news/4-alarm-fire-breaks-out-in-harrison-apartment-building-1.4711280?firstfree=yes>

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