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- Dangerous weather conditions and snowstorms led to the closure of a significant section of Interstate 70 from a multi-vehicle crash and caused major airports in the Midwest to cancel over 1,000 flights. – *Reuters* (See item [8](#))
- An Ormond Beach brush fire that scorched nearly 1,200 acres and threatened roughly 250 homes was 85 percent contained which allowed some residents to regain access to their homes. – *Associated Press* (See item [16](#))
- Arizona State Prison moved 80 inmates involved in a large March 3 riot, that left 17 injured, to different institutions while keeping the prison locked down to allow authorities to investigate the incident. – *ABC News* (See item [20](#))
- A March 4 fire at a 50-unit apartment complex left four apartments completely destroyed, eight others damaged, and 51 people displaced. – *Ukiah Daily Journal* (See item [29](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *March 4, Associated Press* – (National) **Hess announces exit from retail business after pressure from big shareholder.** After suffering from multiple failures and bad oversight, Hess Corp. announced their plans of closing down all gas stations nationwide and refocusing on energy trading and marketing.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/hess-announces-exit-from-retail-business-after-pressure-from-big-shareholder/2013/03/04/442c3942-84d3-11e2-a80b-3edc779b676f_story.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *March 4, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Chemical plant in east Harris County under control; 1 person injured.** An explosion occurred at the Akzo Nobel Polymer Chemicals plant near La Porte, injuring one person. There was no immediate danger to the surrounding area as the fire was under control; authorities had not yet determined the cause of the explosion.
Source: <http://www.khou.com/news/local/Breaking-News-Chemical-plant-fire-reported-in-east-Harris-County-195007281.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *March 4, YNN Central New York* – (New York) **Repairs being made to FitzPatrick plant.** The FitzPatrick nuclear power plant in Oswego County shut down the weekend of March 2-3 to perform repairs on a leaking feedwater heater tube.
Source: http://centralny.ynn.com/content/top_stories/644465/repairs-being-made-to-fitzpatrick-plant/

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *March 5, Waterbury Republican-American* – (International) **Pratt & Whitney discloses fraudulent engine tests in Israel.** Pratt & Whitney reported that a subsidiary in Israel falsified records on jet engine tests, but the company and the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration concluded that no safety issues were caused by the fraud.
Source: <http://www.rep-am.com/articles/2013/03/05/business/708246.txt>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

5. *March 5, Help Net Security* – (International) **Gang arrested for hacking and stealing from exchange companies.** Authorities in Dubai arrested three individuals for allegedly being part of a group that hacked systems and wired almost \$2 million from the accounts of exchange companies.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14549>

6. *March 4, News 12 Connecticut* – (Connecticut) **Police: Man held on \$500k bail after planting ATM skimming device in Stamford.** A man was arrested in Stamford after police found an ATM skimmer and pinhole camera attached to an ATM.
Source: <http://connecticut.news12.com/news/police-man-held-on-500k-bail-after-planting-atm-skimming-device-in-stamford-1.4749500>

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Transportation Sector

7. *March 5, WRTV 6 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **1 killed in I-65 wrong-way crash in Johnson County.** All lanes on Interstate 65 were closed for several hours near Franklin after a van traveling in the wrong direction crashed into a tractor-trailer, killing the van driver.
Source: <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/local-news/crash-closes-i-65-in-johnson-county>
8. *March 5, Reuters* – (National) **Snowstorm slams road, air travel in Midwest.** Snowstorms caused major airports in the Midwest to cancel over 1,000 flights. A significant section of Interstate 70 in Colorado closed as a result of a 25-vehicle chain reaction crash due to dangerous weather conditions.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-rt-us-usa-weatherbre9230h9-20130304,0,6099327.story>
9. *March 4, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (National) **US Postal Service warns of foreign lottery scams.** Foreign lottery scams have deceived thousands of Americans out of millions of dollars, with senior citizens being the most prominent victims, according to U.S. postal inspectors.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/consumer&id=9015682>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

10. *March 4, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **US Labor Department's OSHA cites Mane Inc. for repeat safety and health violations after follow-up inspection at Milford, Ohio, food flavoring company.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Health and Safety Administration cited a food flavoring company in Milford with various safety violations and proposed penalties totaling \$55,000.
Source: http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23706
11. *March 4, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Omaha beef processor accused of safety violations.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Health and Safety Administration proposed over \$61,000 in fines against a Nebraska beef processor for multiple safety violations.
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Omaha-beef-processor-accused-of-safety-violations-4326571.php>
12. *March 1, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Food For Life issues recall - allergy alert - undeclared allergen in Food For Life Ezekiel 4:9 cereal.** Approximately 15,369 cases of Ezekiel 4:9 Sprouted Grain Cereal shipped between November 20, 2012 and February 11, 2013 were recalled because the products may be mislabeled and contain an undeclared nut allergen.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm342025.htm>

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Water Sector

13. *March 4, Associated Press* – (California) **LA girds for another major road closure.** California drivers will deal with a month of daytime closures of a major road through the Santa Monica Mountains to allow the Department of Water and Power to fix parts of a 99-year old, 60-inch water line. The planned renovations seek to comply with federal water quality regulations and to avoid another pipe rupture similar to a 2009 rupture which cost \$8 million in claims for homes and businesses, \$700,000 in repairs, and 4 million gallons of lost water.
Source: <http://www.myfoxla.com/story/21476246/la-girds-for-another-major-road-closure>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

14. *March 4, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Tulsa medical records turn up on Ponca City newspaper loading dock.** Multiple patient records from Saint Francis Hospital in

Tulsa turned up on a loading dock for a local newspaper after being transported by a recycling service. The hospital is investigating the incident and will notify patients that may have been affected.

Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/21476118/tulsa-medical-records-turn-up-on-ponca-city-newspaper-loading-dock>

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Government Facilities Sector

15. *March 5, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **School canceled after fire at Fairview High School.** A March 5 fire led to the cancellation of classes at Fairview High School, which was unoccupied at the time of the incident. School officials are investigating the cause, but believe it was due to an overheated slushy machine left on overnight.
Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/21512477/school-canceled-after-fire-at-fairview-high-school>
16. *March 4, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Ormond Beach brush fire contained; voluntary evacuation lifted.** An Ormond Beach brush fire that scorched nearly 1,200 acres and threatened roughly 250 homes was 85 percent contained as some residents were allowed back into their homes.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/af754949a3a74e54bee1107c70ff4bdf/FL--Brush-Fires>
17. *March 4, Reuters* – (Wyoming) **U.S. budget cuts force Yellowstone to delay opening.** Yellowstone National Park's yearly opening was postponed due to the impact of the February 1 national spending cuts. The park's delayed opening by two weeks could lead to a significant loss of revenue from fewer visitors to the area.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-living/ci_22713003/u-s-budget-cuts-force-yellowstone-delay-opening
18. *March 4, Montville Patch* – (New Jersey) **No bomb found after Lazar school threat.** Students were evacuated from Robert R. Lazar Middle School for about 4 hours after a threat was called in. Police did not find anything suspicious after searching the school and are still investigating the incident.
Source: <http://montville.patch.com/articles/lazar-school-evacuated>
19. *March 4, Lake County News Sun* – (Illinois) **Threat of snow prompts rash of closings.** Due to a scheduled storm set to hit the State, officials have closed down several schools and government buildings around Lake County for March 5 with expectations of neighboring counties to follow suit. Classes will resume and offices will reopen once the storm passes and authorities evaluate any damage.
Source: <http://newssun.suntimes.com/news/18629140-418/threat-of-snow-prompts-rash-of-closings.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

20. *March 4, ABC News* – (Arizona) **80 inmates moved after Arizona prison riot.** After a March 3 riot at the Arizona State Prison Complex that left 17 injured, officials decided to move all 80 inmates involved to different institutions. The prison remained locked down while authorities continued to investigate the incident.
Source: <http://www.eastidahonews.com/2013/03/80-inmates-moved-after-arizona-prison-riot/>

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Information Technology Sector

21. *March 5, Sophos* – (International) **Russian ransomware takes advantage of Windows PowerShell.** A recent form of ransomware was found by researchers to be using Windows PowerShell to encrypt victims' files.
Source: <http://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2013/03/05/russian-ransomware-windows-powershell>
22. *March 5, Softpedia* – (International) **New RemoteIt RAT advertised on hacker forums.** A beta version of a HTTP botnet with remote access trojan (RAT) capabilities has been spotted on underground forums.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-RemoteIt-RAT-Advertised-on-Hacker-Forums-334428.shtml>
23. *March 5, Sophos* – (International) **USA is number one! (...for spam).** The U.S. rose from third to first in rankings of countries with the most spam being sent between December 2012 and February 2013.
Source: <http://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2013/03/05/usa-number-one-spam-dirty-dozen/>
24. *March 5, Softpedia* – (International) **6 high-severity vulnerabilities fixed with the release of Chrome 25.0.1364.152.** Google patched several vulnerabilities in its Chrome browser with its newest release version.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/6-High-Severity-Vulnerabilities-Fixed-With-the-Release-of-Chrome-25-0-1364-152-334391.shtml>
25. *March 4, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Oracle issues emergency Java update.** Oracle released emergency patches for Java 7 Update 17 and Java 6 Update 43 to close a critical vulnerability recently used in targeted attacks.
Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2013/03/oracle-issues-emergency-java-update/>

26. *March 4, Help Net Security* – (International) **Blackhole outfitted with exploit for recently patched Java flaw.** A recently patched Java vulnerability was added to the Blackhole exploit kit, seen in a PayPal-themed spam email analyzed by researchers.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2430

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

27. *March 4, Associated Press; Fresno Bee* – (California) **Fresno apartment fire displaces 31 residents.** A three-alarm fire at an east-central Fresno apartment complex left six with smoke and fire damage as well and the remaining with water damage. While there were no injuries reported, the fire was said to have left \$500,000 in damages.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_22716921/fresno-apartment-fire-displaces-31-residents

28. *March 4, Associated Press; Burlington Free Press* – (Vermont) **Winooski apartments evacuated after police suspect drug lab.** Roughly 50 safety personnel, firefighters, and special investigators were called to a Vermont apartment complex to investigate a possible drug lab. Police were alerted to the possible lab after a domestic abuse complaint.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/feae60e3a7574b59963b81dc8e66d87b/VT--Drug-Lab-Scare>

29. *March 4, Ukiah Daily Journal* – (California) **Ukiah: 51 residents evacuated from Fir Crest Apartments fire.** A March 4 fire at a 50-unit apartment complex left four apartments completely destroyed, eight others damaged, and 51 people displaced. The cause of the fire remains unknown.

Source: http://www.willitsnews.com/ci_22713662/51-evacuated-from-fir-crest-fire

30. *March 4, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **2-alarm fire at Towson apartment complex forces evacuation of about 20 residents.** Close to twenty Virginia Towers' residents were evacuated after smoke from a trash compactor fire filled several floors. Authorities are investigating the cause of the fire.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/2-alarm-fire-at-towson-apartment-complex-forces-evacuation-of-about-20-residents/2013/03/04/1a971204-84bb-11e2-a80b-3edc779b676f_story.html
31. *March 3, Shawnee Dispatch* – (Kansas) **Seven rescued, no one injured in Carlyle Apartments fire.** A two-alarm fire at the Carlyle Apartments complex in Shawnee was quickly put out after firefighters rescued seven residents. The fire caused about \$100,000 worth of damage to the building.
Source: <http://www.shawneedispatch.com/news/2013/mar/03/seven-rescued-no-one-injured-carlyle-apartments-fi/>

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