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- Over 135,000 residents lost power in Virginia after a snow storm left some areas with close to 20 inches of snow. – *Associated Press* (See item [2](#))
- Two individuals from Katy, Texas and one from Las Vegas were indicted on federal charges of running a mortgage fraud scheme that caused losses of more than \$30 million. – *Houston Chronicle* (See item [9](#))
- Icy conditions led to several crashes on Interstate 84 near Union and Tolland, causing highway closures and delays from morning into afternoon March 7. – *Hartford Daily Courant* (See item [15](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *March 7, WUSA 9 Washington, D.C.* – (Maryland) **A propane truck overturned on Bensville Road near Carrie Court in Waldorf, Md.** Charles County officials evacuated homes in a half mile radius of an overturned truck carrying 2,000 pounds of propane as a precaution, while emergency personnel contained an active leak from the truck.
Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/news/article/247387/158/Locals-Evacuated-After-Propane-Truck-Overturns-In-Md>
2. *March 7, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **More than 135,000 in Va. still without power.** Over 135,000 residents lost power in Virginia after a snow storm left some areas with close to 20 inches of snow. Electric companies were working to restore power to customers.
Source: <http://www.newsleader.com/viewart/20130307/NEWS01/303070003/More-than-135-000-Va-still-without-power>
3. *March 6, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **20,000 without power in W.Va., schools closed.** Residents in West Virginia were hit by a severe snow storm that triggered a loss of electricity for roughly 20,000 customers and shut down Schools and State offices March 6.
Source: <http://www.whsv.com/news/headlines/20000-without-Power-in-WVa-Schools-Closed-195615581.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *March 6, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Federal officials step up inspections at Beaver Valley nuclear plant.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced that it will increase inspections at the Beaver Valley nuclear power plant to better review efforts to deal with underground pipe and tank degradation.
Source: <http://triblive.com/news/adminpage/3611231-74/plant-beaver-nuclear#axzz2Mrpw00nW>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *March 7, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Hospital: At least 10 hurt in Illinois plant blast.** An explosion at the American Steel plant in Granite City injured at least 10 people March 7.
Source: http://www.fox10tv.com/dpp/news/national/Hospital-At-least-10-hurt-in-Illinois-plant-blast_94435875
6. *March 7, Allentown Morning Call* – (Pennsylvania) **Explosions reported as fire sweeps through Allen Township plant.** Firefighters responded to a fire at the ProtoCAM plant in Allen Township that severely damaged the facility.
Source: http://articles.mcall.com/2013-03-07/news/mc-f-allen-township-protocam-fire-20130306_1_fire-sweeps-allen-township-cherryville-road
7. *March 6, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Illinois) **US Labor Department's OSHA cites Agri-Fab for 3 repeat safety violations at Sullivan, Ill., manufacturing plant after worker suffers amputation injury.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Agri-Fab's facility in Sullivan with three repeat safety violations, proposing fines of \$93,500.
Source:
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23736

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *March 6, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Fort Lauderdale man pleads guilty to running Ponzi scheme.** An investment advisor pleaded guilty to charges of running a Ponzi scheme that defrauded Wilton Manors investors of nearly \$10 million.
Source: http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2013-03-06/news/fl-george-elia-plea-ponzi-20130306_1_george-elia-wilton-manors-gay-community-ponzi-scheme
9. *March 6, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Katy couple indicted in \$30 million mortgage fraud scheme.** Two individuals from Katy and one from Las Vegas were indicted on federal charges of running a mortgage fraud scheme that caused losses of more than \$30 million.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Katy-couple-indicted-in-30-million-mortgage-4334575.php>
10. *March 6, WIWB 13 Topeka* – (Kansas) **Former Schmidt Builders CFO indicted on bank fraud charge.** The former chief financial officer of a Topeka building supply

company was charged with bank fraud and money laundering for allegedly obtaining a \$15.2 million loan based on fraudulent information.

Source: <http://www.wibw.com/home/localnews/headlines/Former-Schmidt-Builders-CFO-Indicted-On-Bank-Fraud-Charge-195788261.html>

11. *March 6, Threatpost* – (International) **Bank DDoS attacks resume.** The Web sites of several U.S. banks were hit with distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks March 6, after a hacktivist group that previously targeted banks announced the start of a new round of attacks.
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/bank-ddos-attacks-resume-030613
12. *March 5, Associated Press* – (South Dakota; New Jersey) **SD, NJ men accused in hedge fund investment scam.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission accused two individuals involved with RAHFCO Hedge Funds of creating false account statements to conceal \$10 million in investor losses.
Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP1cfb0b22e62a448083ecfad0d975c791.html>

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Transportation Sector

13. *March 7, WUSA 9 Washington D.C.* – (Maryland) **A propane truck overturned on Bensville Road near Carry Court in Waldorf, MD.** A truck carrying 2,000 pounds of propane overturned in Waldorf. A leak was reported and prompted emergency services to evacuate people who lived within a half-mile radius of the crash as a precaution.
Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/news/article/247387/158/Locals-Evacuated-After-Propane-Truck-Overturms-In-Md>
14. *March 7, Associated Press* – (Maine) **Train carrying crude oil derails in Maine.** A train carrying 15 cars of crude oil derailed in Mattawamkeag, and small leaks were reported.
Source: http://www.wgme.com/template/inews_wire/wires.regional.me/35ebddd2-www.wgme.com.shtml
15. *March 7, Hartford Daily Courant* – (Connecticut) **Dozens of wreckers called to crashes on I-84 in Tolland, Union.** Icy conditions led to several crashes on Interstate 84 near Union and Tolland, causing highway closures and delays from morning into afternoon March 7.
Source: <http://www.courant.com/news/connecticut/hc-i-84-crash-ice-0308-20130307,0,6583280.story>
16. *March 6, Pottsville Republican Herald* – (Pennsylvania) **Truck crash causes fuel spill on Interstate 81.** Around 150 gallons of fuel may have leaked from a tractor-trailer after crashing into another vehicle and rupturing one of its fuel tanks on Interstate 81

near Delano Township.

Source: <http://republicanherald.com/news/truck-crash-causes-fuel-spill-on-interstate-81-1.1454490>

17. *March 6, Hunterdon County Democrat* – (New Jersey) **Blown truck tire causes 100 gallon diesel fuel spill on Route 31.** Approximately 100 gallons of fuel carried by a truck spilled onto a roadway after its tire was blown and damaged the fuel tank. Emergency personnel spent four hours cleaning the spillage.
Source: http://www.nj.com/hunterdon-county-democrat/index.ssf/2013/03/blown_truck_tire_causes_100-ga.html

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Agriculture and Food Sector

18. *March 7, Food Safety News* – (National) **Loose seams on tuna can lids prompts recall.** Loose can lids and seams caused the companies that produce Bumble Bee and Chicken of the Sea tuna products to issue a voluntary recall due to potential risk of contamination.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/03/loose-seams-on-tuna-can-lids-prompts-recall/#.UTia4aU8zUg>
19. *March 6, Food Safety News* – (National) **Bolognese sauce recalled for allergens & misbranding.** Approximately 25,000 pounds of Giant Eagle Market District Bolognese Pasta Sauce were voluntarily recalled because of undeclared allergens and misbranding.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/03/bolognese-sauce-recalled-for-allergens-misbranding/#.UTiaVKU8zUg>
20. *March 6, Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy* – (National) **More cases in multistate salmonella outbreak linked to chicken.** Four new cases of salmonella linked to chicken have been reported after an outbreak was first reported in June 2012. The total number of cases has reached 128 and the outbreak has been investigated in 13 States.
Source: <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/fs/food-disease/news/mar0613salmo.html>

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Water Sector

21. *March 6, Associated Press* – (Maryland; National) **EPA: Homebuilder Hovnanian to pay \$130K in penalties for sediment violations at MD sites.** While Hovnanian Enterprises Inc. did not confirm nor deny liability, they have agreed to pay \$130,000 in civil penalties for alleged Clean Water Action violations at construction sites in Maryland. The agreement, made for allowing sediment to flow into nearby waterways, also requires the company to make plans toward prevention of future sediment spillage to sites in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/epa-homebuilder-hovnanian-to-pay-130k-in-penalties-for-sediment-violations-at-md-sites/2013/03/06/33fccd82-86b0-11e2-a80b-3edc779b676f_story.html

22. *March 6, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* – (Indiana) **\$30 million in upgrades to sewage treatment plant OK'd.** The Fort Wayne Board of Public Works approved more than \$30 million worth of upgrades to the combined sewage and stormwater system. Heavy rains dump an estimated 1 billion gallons of raw sewage each year into the rivers.
Source: <http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20130306/LOCAL/130309685/1002/LOCAL>:

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

23. *March 7, Associated Press* – (National) **Report: VA sent data over unsecured networks.** Officials at the Veteran Affairs Department plan on taking corrective steps to address their practice of sending sensitive data over an unsecured network. A report by the inspector general advised the agency to re-evaluate their procedures and to put the necessary controls in place.
Source: http://www.wvlp.com/dpp/entertainment/consumer_tech/Report-VA-sent-data-over-unsecured-networks_94188575
24. *March 7, WPMT 43 York* – (Pennsylvania) **Patient steals other patient's info in Lancaster: Free ID protection offered to affected patients.** Lancaster General Medical Group owned Crooked Oak Family Medicine notified patients of a breach of their personal information after a patient grew irate and stole a bunch of records from the manager's office. The company is offering free identity protection for 12 months but assured the patients there has been no reports of misuse of information.
Source: <http://fox43.com/2013/03/07/patient-steals-document-with-other-patients-info-in-lancaster-free-id-protection-offered-to-affected-patients/#axzz2MrpUIE8C>
25. *March 6, KCBS 5 San Francisco* – (California) **Patient sets fire at San Mateo Medical Center, leading to standoff.** San Mateo Medical Center was evacuated when a patient set a small fire in his room March 5 and engaged in a standoff with police. After two hours of negotiations, authorities resumed operations.
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2013/03/06/patient-sets-fire-at-san-mateo-medical-center-leading-to-standoff/>
26. *March 5, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **NJ drugmaker pleads guilty to criminal charges.** Woodcliff Lake-based Par Pharmaceutical Cos. entered a guilty plea March 5 for wrongfully marketing their weight-gaining drug to weak seniors who are susceptible to its side effects. The company will pay \$45 million in fines for coercing physicians to write unapproved prescriptions to their elderly clients, illegally charging Medicare and Medicaid programs, and filing false claims.
Source: <http://www.necn.com/03/05/13/NJ-drugmaker-pleads-to-criminal>

[charges/landing_nation.html?&apID=efaeb8f780514224ad0da33ec2133fc8](http://www.charges/landing_nation.html?&apID=efaeb8f780514224ad0da33ec2133fc8)

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Government Facilities Sector

27. *March 7, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **After bomb threat, Front Range Community College, Fort Collins, reopens at 1pm Thursday.** Classes were cancelled March 6 and the campus of Front Range Community College was evacuated as authorities investigated a bomb threat. After police deemed the grounds were safe, classes were scheduled to resume March 7.
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/after-bomb-threat-front-range-community-college-fort-collins-reopens-at-1pm-thursday>
28. *March 7, WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **4 students injured in school bus crash.** Four students at Floro Torrence Elementary School were taken to the hospital after their school bus was hit March 7, causing them minor injuries.
Source: http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/marion_county/4-students-injured-in-school-bus-crash
29. *March 7, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Officer responding to gun report at Manchester Community College injured.** Manchester Community College was on lockdown March 6 as students were evacuated after a report of a man on campus with a gun prompted a search that lasted several hours before police declared the campus safe.
Source: <http://www.countytimes.com/articles/2013/03/07/news/doc5137a2a17c5e7839387192.txt?viewmode=fullstory>
30. *March 6, KOIN 6 Portland* – (Washington) **Virus knocks out Clark County Web site.** Clark County officials took down their county site after it was infected with a virus for several hours March 6. The county has replaced it with a temporary site while they investigate the source of the virus and if visitors to the infected site were also affected.
Source: <http://www.koinlocal6.com/news/local/story/Clark-County-virus/NLQZxokvEa8MgMdEA9uKg.csp>
31. *March 6, Associated Press* – (California) **Vandalism on rise at Joshua Tree National Park.** Park rangers at Joshua Tree National Park raised concerns about an increasing amount vandalism damaging historical landmarks at the site and requested the public's help in catching the individuals responsible.
Source: <http://www.modbee.com/2013/03/06/2608934/vandalism-on-rise-at-joshua-tree.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

32. *March 6, WREX 13 Rockford* – (Illinois) **FBI, Illinois State Police search NIU Police headquarters.** The police headquarters at Northern Illinois University was searched by FBI, Illinois State police, and other government agencies for a criminal investigation. Authorities are not releasing details on the probe but assure the public the station is still fully operational.
Source: <http://www.wrex.com/story/21538741/2013/03/06/fbi-illinois-state-police-search-northern-illinois-university-police-headquarters>
33. *March 6, KTVB 7 Boise* – (Idaho) **Mercury spill affects local emergency room, fire station.** After a combative man struggled with firefighters at the North Ada County Fire Rescue Station No. 2, causing a blood pressure gauge to crack and leak mercury, a section of the emergency room at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center was isolated when he was transported there. As a precaution a hazmat team was called in to clear the scene and declare it safe before the hospital could resume operations.
Source: <http://www.ktvb.com/news/Mercury-spill-affects-local-emergency-room-fire-station-195619071.html>

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Information Technology Sector

34. *March 7, Softpedia* – (International) **Major browsers, Java hacked on the first day of Pwn2Own 2013.** Researchers participating in the first day of Pwn2Own 2013 discovered security vulnerabilities in Firefox, Chrome, and Internet Explorer 10 Web browsers, as well as in Java.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Major-Browsers-Java-Hacked-on-the-First-Day-of-Pwn2Own-2013-335279.shtml>
35. *March 7, Softpedia* – (International) **Flaw in Kaspersky Internet Security 2013 leads to remote freeze.** A security researcher released a proof-of-concept highlighting a vulnerability in Kaspersky Internet Security 2013 that could allow the operating system to be frozen remotely.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Flaw-in-Kaspersky-Internet-Security-2013-Leads-to-Remotely-Freeze-335212.shtml>
36. *March 7, The Register* – (International) **Malware-flingers can pwn your mobile with OVER-THE-AIR updates.** Researchers found that baseband processors in a variety of mobile devices can be manipulated with over-the-air updates to cause problems and potentially deliver malware.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/03/07/baseband_processor_mobile_hack_threat/
37. *March 6, Dark Reading* – (International) **Cybercriminals likely to expand use**

of browser proxies. A technique used to capture and redirect browser traffic seen in attacks in Brazil is likely to be used more widely, security researchers warned.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/advanced-threats/167901091/security/attacks-breaches/240150191/cybercriminals-likely-to-expand-use-of-browser-proxies.html>

38. *March 6, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Mobile malcoders pay to (Google) Play.** Users on underground forums have been observed offering to buy verified Google Play developer accounts to spread malware.

Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2013/03/mobile-malcoders-pay-to-google-play/>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

39. *March 6, Jackson County Floridan* – (Florida) **Copper theft knocks WJAQ off the air.** An alert officer helped apprehend a copper thief who stole an important part of a copper cable aiding in WJAQ 100.9 FM Marianna, WTOT 980 AM Marianna, and WTOT FM 101.7 FM Graceville's broadcasting capability. The cost to repair the damage is \$20,000.

Source: http://www.jcfloridan.com/news/crime_courts/article_e2fbb40a-86b1-11e2-8672-001a4bcf6878.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

40. *March 7, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Fire inside large bird cage prompts evacuation from senior citizen apartments in Saginaw area.** Eighty senior citizens were evacuated from a senior citizen apartment area after a fire broke out inside a large bird cage area. The cause of the fire is under investigation as some residents are relocated due to the fire's damage.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/0b35500cdce54f89a55900cdef335809/MI--Bird-Cage-Fire>

41. *March 7, KENS 5 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Another downtown building burns; hotel guests evacuated.** A fire of a connecting building prompted the evacuation of 85

guests at the Hotel Indigo. Arson investigators were still searching the building as an earlier fire occurred just a block away March 7.

Source: <http://www.kens5.com/news/Another-downtown-building-burns-SAFD-says-no-connection-195847491.html>

42. *March 6, KOIN 6 Portland* – (Oregon) **St. Helen's Safeway store evacuated.** A hazmat situation at a St. Helens Safeway grocery store led to the store's evacuation after 30 people became sick from an unknown inhalant. Although most were fine after getting fresh air, one was taken to the hospital with breathing difficulties while the store remained closed.

Source: <http://www.koinlocal6.com/news/local/story/St-Helens-Safeway-store-evacuated-about-30-peop/w1ENIFu6p0i4BeZbQCvyJw.csp>

43. *March 5, KYW 3 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire forces evacuation of Center City high-rise.** A burning mattress and burning garbage in a dumpster outside an apartment complex caused enough smoke that the building had to be evacuated for several hours, displacing dozens of residents.

Source: <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2013/03/05/fire-forces-evacuation-of-center-city-high-rise/>

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Dams Sector

44. *March 6, Astoria Daily Astorian* – (Oregon) **Levee certification could cost Warrenton \$11 million.** The city of Warrenton is assessing options to possibly reconstruct and recertify four levees, which could cost the city and its 5,050 residents, up to \$11 million.

Source: http://www.dailystorian.com/free/levee-certification-could-cost-warrenton-million/article_1ea0db96-868c-11e2-bee6-001a4bcf887a.html

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