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- Boeing announced steps to improve the safety of its 787 airliners, and found that previous battery issues did not produce smoke, but rather a venting of hot electrolyte due to a manufacturing fault. – *The Register* (See item **6**)

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- A study by Trend Micro using false industrial control system (ICS) 'honeypots' collected information on ICS attack techniques, and noticed differences in attack types by country. – *TechWeek Europe* (See item **28**)

- Setup for a music festival was suspended after a row of video screens fell and injured four, including two critically. – *WPLG 10 Miami* (See item **43**)

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Energy Sector

1. *March 15, Scranton Times-Tribune* – (Pennsylvania) **Wyoming County well malfunction causes spill, evacuation.** Roughly 227,000 gallons of fluid was captured by crews after a Marcellus Shale well on Carrizo Oil and Gas' Yarasavage pad malfunctioned March 13, causing the evacuation of nearby homes in Wyoming County. Officials regained control and capped the well after several hours.
Source: http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/wyoming-county-well-malfunction-causes-spill-evacuation-1.1458575

2. *March 15, WJAC 6 Johnstown* – (Pennsylvania) **Tanker rollover on I-80, kerosene leaks.** Crews worked to clean up thousands of gallons of kerosene that spilled onto Interstate 80 in Clearfield County after the driver lost control and crashed.
Source: http://www.wjactv.com/news/news/tanker-rollover-i-80-kerosene-leaks/nWsjY/

3. *March 13, Casper Star-Tribune* – (Wyoming) **Wyoming oil and gas commission fines seismic testing company.** The Houston-based seismic exploration company Geokinetics Inc. was fined $10,000 by the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission for not providing updates on current and commission-ordered reclamation work after the company damaged ranches in southeast Wyoming in 2012.
Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/wyoming-oil-and-gas-commission-fines-seismic-testing-company/article_084ec0ac-18b7-553c-916d-6dd8240fa4a0.html?comment_form=true

4. *March 13, WCCO 4 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Residents allowed to return to homes after gas leak.** A March 13 gas leak forced the evacuation of several blocks of homes in Minneapolis for over 4 hours as crews worked to contain the leak.
Source: http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2013/03/13/several-blocks-evacuated-due-to-gas-leak-in-s-mpls/

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *March 14, Daily Tech* – (National) **NASA, DOE produce plutonium for first time in 25 years.** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the U.S. Department of Energy have produced new plutonium-238 for use in spacecraft, the first new

production of the fuel in 25 years.
Source:
http://www.dailytech.com/NASA+DOE+Produce+Plutonium+for+First+Time+in+25+Years/article30127.htm

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

6. *March 15, The Register* – (International) **Boeing outlines fix for 787 batteries.** Boeing announced steps to improve the safety of its787 airliners, and found that previous battery issues did not produce smoke, but rather a venting of hot electrolyte due to a manufacturing fault, and did not endanger the aircraft.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/03/15/boeing_787_fix/

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

7. *March 15, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (Pennsylvania) **Serial bandit pleads guilty in six bank heists.** A man pleaded guilty to six bank robberies in the Philadelphia region between 2009 and 2012.
Source:
http://www.philly.com/philly/news/pennsylvania/20130315_Serial_bandit_pleads_guilty_in_six_bank_heists.html

8. *March 15, Associated Press* – (International) **19 charged in US in money laundering scheme.** Nineteen people were arrested in three States and in Colombia and charged with conspiring to launder tens of millions of dollars of narcotics money between the U.S. and Colombia.
Source: http://www.wsoctv.com/news/ap/crime/19-charged-in-us-in-money-laundering-scheme/nWsb7/

9. *March 14, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Topeka man admits writing thousands of bad checks.** A business owner from Topeka pleaded guilty to a check-kiting scheme that inflated his various bank account balances by more than $600,000.
Source: http://www.wibw.com/home/localnews/headlines/Topeka-Man-Admits-

Writing-Thousands-Of-Bad-Checks--198381111.html

10. *March 14, WFTX 4 Fort Myers/Naples* – (Florida) **Cape Coral realtor pleads guilty to bank fraud.** A realtor pleaded guilty to committing bank fraud after receiving investments and loans, including a more than $17 million loan that he defaulted on. Source: http://www.fox4now.com/news/local/198031821.html

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Transportation Sector

11. *March 15, WXIA 11 Atlanta*– (Georgia) **Northbound Interstate 575 blocked by wreck.** Two trucks wrecked and overturned on Interstate 575 near Woodstock, causing a spill. Authorities closed an expressway for an undetermined amount of time. Source: http://www.11alive.com/news/article/283204/40/Northbound-Interstate-575-blocked

12. *March 15, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **2 dead, 2 injured in Lake Shore Drive crash; lanes reopened.** A three-vehicle crash that left two dead and two others injured

    Source: http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-lake-shore-drive-crash-20130315,0,5631580.story

13. *March 14, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **Menifee post office burglarized, residents on alert.** A burglar broke into California's Sun City post office after hours and stole mail from more than 30 postal boxes. Source: http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/inland_empire&id=9028450

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Agriculture and Food Sector

14. *March 14, Rutland Herald* – (Vermont) **Springfield, Vt., farm fire claims more than 20,000 quail.** More than 20,000 quail died in a fire at a gourmet food business in Vermont. Cavendish Game Birds of Vermont supplies specially bred jumbo Coturnix quail to high-end restaurants throughout the United States and is temporarily out of business as a result of the fire. Source: http://www.vnews.com/news/police/fire/courts/5106913-95/farm-thompson-fire-quail

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Water Sector

15. *March 14, Norman Transcript* – (Oklahoma) **Water lines break throughout Norman.**
    Utility crews were stretched thin March 13 after a series of water main breaks left parts
    of the city of Norman with lower water pressure. All six water main breaks were
    repaired, but the initial and largest break in a 24-inch line which interrupted local traffic
    was under several inches of cement and would require road repairs until March 15.
    Source: http://normantranscript.com/headlines/x2109941031/Water-lines-break-
    throughout-Norman

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

Nothing to report

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Government Facilities Sector

16. *March 15, Associated Press* – (Vermont) **5 students injured in Vermont school bus
    crash.** Five students from Tunbridge Elementary School were injured when their bus
    veered into a ditch March 14.
    Source: http://www.benningtonbanner.com/local/ci_22794369/5-students-are-injured-
    vermont-school-bus-crash

17. *March 15, WKMG 6 Orlando* – (Florida) **Man arrested in threat at Brevard
    Community College in Cocoa.** Police arrested a man that acted erratically on the
    Brevard Community College campus prompting a lockdown and cancellation of
    evening classes March 14.
    Source: http://www.clickorlando.com/news/Man-arrested-in-threat-at-Brevard-
    Community-College-in-Cocoa/-/1637132/19321418/-/format/rss_2.0/-/53x9ctz/-
    /index.html

18. *March 14, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Water main break closes
    Marine Corps base, military school in Algiers.** Low water pressure caused by
    construction workers accidentally severing a water main led to the closure and
    cancellation of classes at the Marine Corps base in Algiers, as well as the Federal City
    campus for March 14.
    Source:
    http://www.nola.com/military/index.ssf/2013/03/water_main_break_triggers_clos.html

19. *March 14, WTVD 11 Durham* – (North Carolina) **Ft. Bragg water line damaged;
    conservation urged.** Officials announced an emergency water conservation order for
    residents at Fort Bragg after a broken water line was estimated to take close to 30 hours

to repair.
Source: http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/story?section=news/local&id=9027740

20. *March 14, Bethesda Now* – (Maryland) **Chemical spill causes evacuation of MacArthur Boulevard Navy Medical building.** A chemical spill caused authorities to evacuate a building on the grounds of the National Military Medical Center's Carderock Clinic in Bethesda.
Source: http://www.bethesdanow.com/2013/03/14/chemical-spill-causes-evacuation-of-macarthur-boulevard-navy-medical-building/

21. *March 14, WALB 10 Albany* – (Georgia) **Terrell Academy closed due to a gas leak.** A gas leak discovered by Dawson police conducting training prompted school officials to close Terrell Academy March 14.
Source: http://www.walb.com/story/21645343/terrell-academy-closed-due-to-a-gas-leak

22. *March 14, KOCO 5 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **FBI investigates inmate who claimed letters had anthrax.** An inmate from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester claimed to have sent letters containing anthrax to the FBI, two federal courthouses, and the U.S. Attorney's office in Oklahoma. The letters posed no danger and were sent to a lab for testing.
Source: http://www.koco.com/news/oklahomanews/okc/FBI-investigates-inmate-who-claimed-letters-had-anthrax/-/11777584/19319106/-/vnw23m/-/index.html

23. *March 13, Yakima Herald- Republic* – (Washington) **Power failure shuts down Prosser High School.** A power outage caused by malfunctioning equipment led to the dismissal of classes at Prosser High School in Washington March 13.
Source: http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/latestnews/935308-8/power-failure-sends-prosser-students-home-early

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *March 14, Associated Press* – (California) **At least 10 wounded in Kern Valley State Prison fights.** Corrections officers used chemical agents and pepper spray to stop a fight that broke out in the yard of Kern Valley State Prison. A group of inmates started the riot March 14; 10 inmates were transported to hospitals with stab wounds.
Source: http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=news/state&id=9026542

25. *March 14, Imperial Beach Patch; Southern California City News Service* – (California) **Navy helicopter makes emergency landing in Chula Vista park.** A warning of a possible malfunction led Navy aircrew to safely land a MH-60R Seahawk helicopter in Terra Nova Park in Chula Vista.

Source: http://imperialbeach.patch.com/articles/navy-helicopter-makes-emergency-landing-in-chula-vista-park#photo-13675997

26. *March 14, Associated Press* – (California) **Prison agents catch Calif. parolee after 32 years.** A California inmate that escaped from parole supervision 32 years ago was caught by correction officers March 10 after it was discovered he was living under a hoax identity, supplemented with a fake birth certificate and Social Security card, and was still living in the Pasadena area.
Source: http://news.yahoo.com/prison-agents-catch-calif-parolee-32-years-125620724.html

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Information Technology Sector

27. *March 15, Help Net Security* – (International) **Seagate blog compromised, leads to Blackhole and malware.** Hard drive manufacturer Seagate's blog has been compromised and altered to redirect visitors to sites hosting the Blackhole exploit kit.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2440&

28. *March 15, TechWeek Europe* – (International) **China hackers keenest on industrial control system attacks – Trend Micro.** A study by Trend Micro using false industrial control system (ICS) 'honeypots' collected information on ICS attack techniques, and noticed differences in attack types by country.
Source: http://www.techweekeurope.co.uk/news/china-hackers-industrial-systems-trend-110506

29. *March 15, Softpedia* – (International) **It takes a company 243 days to discover a sophisticated attack, study shows.** A report by Mandiant focusing on advanced persistent threats (APTs) outlined several findings, including that there are on average 243 days between an attacker gaining access and when the attack is uncovered.
Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/It-Takes-a-Company-243-Days-to-Discover-a-Sophisticated-Attack-Study-Shows-337342.shtml

30. *March 15, The H* – (International) **Another crypto-attack on SSL/TLS encryption.** Researchers have developed an attack for use against the SSL/TLS encryption algorithm used in secure internet connections. The attack remains theoretical, but could form the basis for future attacks.
Source: http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Another-crypto-attack-on-SSL-TLS-encryption-1823227.html

31. *March 15, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Android users hit by evolved**

NotCompatible malware attack. A new version of the NotCompatible malware for Android has been found by researchers, peaking at around 20,000 detections a day.
Source: http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2255154/android-users-hit-by-evolved-notcampatible-malware-attack

32. *March 15, The H* – (International) **Puppet updates close security holes.** Puppet Labs released updates for their open source and enterprise editions that close several security vulnerabilities.
Source: http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Puppet-updates-close-security-holes-1823672.html

33. *March 15, Threatpost* – (International) **Apple fixes OS X flaw that allowed Java apps to run with plugin disabled.** Apple released several security updates for its OS X operating system, as well as a new version of its malware removal tool.
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/apple-fixes-os-x-flaw-allowed-java-apps-run-plugin-disabled-031513

34. *March 14, The Register* – (International) **Downed US vuln catalog infected for at least TWO MONTHS.** A vulnerability in Adobe's ColdFusion software allowed the National Vulnerability Database and other National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) Web sites to be infected with malware, prompting NIST to take them offline.
Source:
http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/03/14/adobe_coldfusion_vulns_compromise_us_malware_catalog/

35. *March 14, The H* – (International) **AVG anti-virus software mistakes Windows system file for a trojan.** AVG anti-virus incorrectly identified a Windows system file as a trojan for part of the day March 14, causing users to be unable to boot their computers.
Source: http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/AVG-anti-virus-software-mistakes-Windows-system-file-for-a-trojan-1823171.html

36. *March 14, IDG News Service* – (California) **Former Tribune staffer accused of conspiring in Anonymous hack.** A former Web producer for the Tribune Company was indicted for allegedly aiding hackers from the Anonymous collective in gaining access to a Tribune server.
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9237616/Former_Tribune_staffer_accused_of_conspiring_in_Anonymous_hack

37. *March 14, Softpedia* – (International) **9,776 vulnerabilities identified in 2012, Secunia study finds.** Secunia's 2013 Vulnerability Review was released, detailing findings on security vulnerabilities in 2012.

Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/9-776-Vulnerabilities-Identified-in-2012-Secunia-Study-Finds-337212.shtml

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Communications Sector

38. *March 14, WTAQ 1360 AM Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **Internet out of service for main in Rhinelander, Lake Tomahawk, and Merrill areas.** A fiber optic line was cut March 14, interrupting internet, voice mail, data circuits, and basic telephone services to around 8,000 customers for more than 3 hours.
Source: http://wtaq.com/news/articles/2013/mar/14/internet-out-of-service-for-many-in-rhinelander-lake-tomahawk-and-merrill-areas-thursday/

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Commercial Facilities Sector

39. *March 15, Softpedia* – (International) **Security cameras at Australian casino breached, gambler pockets AU$32M/€25M.** An attacker who gained remote access to the security cameras of an Australian casino instructed an accomplice in bet-placing, enabling the individual to fraudulently win approximately $32 million.
Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Security-Cameras-at-Australian-Casino-Breached-Gambler-Pockets-AU-32M-25M-337609.shtml

40. *March 15, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Water line break closes Duluth hotel, guests moved.** A downtown Duluth Radisson hotel will likely be closed through the weekend after an accidental March 13 water line break by a private contractor caused the hotel's basement to flood. The flooding, which also occurred in a tunnel under the street leading to a public library, led to the 80 guests of the hotel being evacuated to alternate nearby locations.
Source: http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/76959/group/homepage/

41. *March 14, Marysville Appeal-Democrat* – (California) **Fire causes $59,000 damage to Yuba City churches.** The Yuba City Fire Department is unsure what caused a fire in a now defunct church after a fire left nearly $60,000 worth of smoke and fire damage to the church and surrounding buildings.
Source: http://www.appeal-democrat.com/news/church-123940-fire-smoke.html

42. *March 14, U-T San Diego* – (California) **Two teens dead, two injured in Oceanside.**

Police are investigating a shooting March 13 at Libby Lake Park in Oceanside which left two teenagers dead and two others injured.
Source: http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2013/mar/13/two-dead-two-injured-at-oceanside-park/

43. *March 14, WPLG 10 Miami* – (Florida) **Stage collapse at Ultra Music Festival injures 4.** Setup for a music festival was suspended after a row of video screens fell and injured four, including two critically. It is unknown if the festival, which begins March 15, will be impacted by the delay.
Source: http://www.local10.com/news/Stage-collapse-at-Ultra-Music-Festival-injures-4/-/1717324/19324086/-/6tekej/-/index.html

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