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- European authorities arrested 44 individuals involved in an alleged global credit card fraud network. – *Help Net Security* (See item [5](#))
- A train derailed and leaked up to 30,000 gallons of crude and authorities are investigating the incident which was the first major spill during the expansion of crude shipment by rail in the U.S. – *Reuters* (See item [9](#))
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released a study indicating 55% of streams and river miles across the country are in poor condition for aquatic life. – *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* (See item [17](#))
- A massive DDoS campaign targeting the Web site of anti-spam organization Spamhaus reached 300 GB per second, illustrating a new attack technique. – *eWeek* (See item [26](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *March 28, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **MSHA: W.Va. mine’s ventilation plans were a hazard.** Among the 195 citations issued in February by Federal regulators, the Coal River Mining’s Fork Creek No. 1 Mine in Boone County received 16 citations for violating ventilation regulations and having inoperable water sprayers on 1 of the continuous mining machines. Federal administrators deemed conditions at the mine showed complete disregard for worker safety.
Source: <http://www.wvnstv.com/story/21809461/msha-wva-mines-ventilation-plans-were-a-hazard>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *March 28, Rutland Herald* – (Vermont) **Failed flood seals discovered at Yankee.** The operators of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant reported that water backed up below a manhole in a switchgear room, partially triggered by ongoing maintenance work.
Source: <http://www.timesargus.com/article/20130328/NEWS03/703289911>
3. *March 27, Twin Cities Pioneer Press* – (Minnesota) **NRC boosts oversight after violation at Xcel’s Prairie Island plant.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced additional inspections for the Prairie Island nuclear power plant in Red Wing after they identified a violation relating to maintenance on a radiation detector.
Source: http://www.twincities.com/minnesota/ci_22883015/nrc-boosts-oversight-after-violation-at-xcels-prairie

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *March 27, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New York) **Queens, NY, metal products manufacturer faces \$108,900 in fines from US Labor Department’s OSHA for recurring and new health violations.** Juniper Elbow Co. Inc. was cited by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for repeat and serious violations at its facility in the Queens borough of New York City, with proposed fines totaling \$108,900.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23847

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

5. *March 28, Help Net Security* – (International) **Global credit card fraud network dismantled.** Romanian and European authorities coordinated the arrest of 44 individuals involved in an alleged global credit card fraud network that compromised point-of-sale (PoS) devices in Europe and created cards using stolen customer information from around the world.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14678>
6. *March 28, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Reports of credit-card fraud from Schnucks customers continue to grow.** Authorities in and around St. Louis County stated that they have received several reports of credit card fraud from customers who recently shopped at Schnucks grocery stores. Schnucks acknowledged the reports and is conducting an investigation.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/reports-of-credit-card-fraud-from-schnucks-customers-continue-to/article_9e342beb-f0be-5202-88b0-41762e7a07a6.html
7. *March 27, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Brighton business owner convicted in investment scam.** A Brighton Township businessman was found guilty of defrauding around 440 investors of \$50 million in a fraudulent investment scheme through his company BBC Equities.
Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20130327/BUSINESS06/130327074/Brighton-business-convicted-in-investment-scam>
8. *March 27, Courthouse News Service* – (Illinois) **FDIC sues bank officers for \$33 million.** Six directors of the failed New Century Bank were sued by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for \$33 million over claims that they were grossly negligent in their duties and ignored several warnings leading up to the bank's 2010 collapse.
Source: <http://www.courthousenews.com/2013/03/27/56089.htm>

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Transportation Sector

9. *March 28, Reuters* – (Minnesota) **Minnesota oil spill: Canadian train derailed, spilling 30,000 gallons of crude in U.S.** A train operated by Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. derailed and leaked up to 30,000 gallons of crude in western Minnesota. Authorities are investigating the incident which was the first major spill during the massive expansion of crude shipment by rail in the U.S.
Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/03/28/minnesota-oil-spill_n_2967118.html
10. *March 28, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **605 Freeway chain-reaction crash kills 2.** A chain-reaction crash resulted in fatalities and closed all lanes on the southbound 605 Freeway in Whittier for several hours.
Source: <http://ktla.com/2013/03/28/605-freeway-shut-down-after-deadly-crash/#axzz2OqINv3jQ>
11. *March 28, WTEV 47 Jacksonville* – (Florida) **Two killed, three injured in SUV accident at County Road 208 and County Road 13-A in St. Johns County.** County Road 208 in St. Johns County was shut down following an SUV crash which resulted in two fatalities and left three others injured March 28.
Source: <http://www.actionnewsjax.com/content/topstories/story/Two-killed-three-injured-in-SUV-accident-at/1kRUnFEtOEGSYt0a0vz0Ww.csp>
12. *March 27, KTVO 3 Kirksville* – (Missouri) **Macon man killed; car crushed between two semis.** Authorities investigated a chain reaction crash that left two dead and closed westbound lanes on Highway 60 in Republic for 5 hours March 27.
Source: <http://www.heartlandconnection.com/news/story.aspx?id=877629#.UVReOBykrMg>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

13. *March 27, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (International) **Food product recalled by the Gift Shop at Buffalo Trace Distillery due to undeclared allergen.** The Gift Shop at Buffalo Trace Distillery voluntarily recalled various non-expired products due to mislabeling and undeclared allergens. The recalled units were distributed to retail grocery stores, specialty stores, liquor stores, and online from January 2012 to January 2013.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm345602.htm>
14. *March 27, Food Safety News* – (National) **Publix recalls fruit and grain salad for Listeria risk.** Publix Super Markets issued a voluntary recall of their Publix brand Deli Tri Fruit and Grain Salad, produced by Allison's Gourmet Kitchens and sold in 12 ounce containers at its stores, because the product could be contaminated with Listeria

monocytogenes.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/03/publix-recalls-fruit-and-grain-salad-for-listeria-potential/#.UVQrEhykrMg>

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Water Sector

15. *March 28, Hudson Register Star* – (New York) **Sinkhole closes off part of State Street.** The Hudson Department of Public Works made temporary repairs to a 12 foot-by-30-foot sinkhole in the middle of State Street after an aging sewer broke, undermining the soil beneath the road. The street will be permanently repaired in the summer.

Source: http://www.registerstar.com/news/article_e01d3eee-9768-11e2-930f-001a4bcf887a.html

16. *March 28, WABC 7 New York* – (New Jersey) **Most of Hoboken without water after 2nd water main breaks.** A contractor's hit of a Hoboken 30-inch water main was the second main break March 28 and led to thousands of gallons of water spilling onto the street and into several area basements as a sinkhole formed and swallowed a car. Officials were concerned about the structural integrity of the street after one line was capped and some waters receded.

Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local/new_jersey&id=9044035

17. *March 26, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (National) **EPA survey finds more than half of the nation's river and stream miles in poor condition.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released the results of a comprehensive study of the health of the country's streams and other water sources critical to feeding large bodies of water. The survey's results indicate 55% of the streams and river miles across the country are in poor condition for aquatic life due to excessive levels of harmful elements (nitrogen, phosphorous, mercury) and bacteria, along with increased human disturbance.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/26A31559BB37A7D285257B3A00589DDF>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

18. *March 27, WDIV 4 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Dental patients' info dumped outside building on Detroit's east side.** Several patients' records were found in a dumpster outside of the Kelly Plaza Dental Center in Detroit. The dental office's manager stated the files were mishandled by a former employee and assured that no patient information was lost.

Source: <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/Dental-patients-info-dumped-outside-building-on-Detroit-s-east-side/-/1719418/19486266/-/7xnf7tz/-/index.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

19. *March 27, KARK 4 Little Rock* – (Arkansas) **School bus shot with air gun, student taken to hospital.** One student was injured and two windows were shattered when a Little Rock School District bus was hit multiple times with an air gun March 27. Officials are investigating the incident.
Source: http://arkansasmatters.com/fulltext?nxd_id=649102
20. *March 27, KSAZ 10 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Copper pipes stolen from Phoenix school.** Weekday School in Phoenix was closed March 27 when authorities discovered there was no running water after thieves took copper piping from the facility. The school will reopen March 28 once crews replace the pipes.
Source: <http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/story/21812325/2013/03/27/copper-pipes-stolen-from-phoenix-school>

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Emergency Services Sector

21. *March 27, Farmington Daily Times* – (Iowa) **Ex Iowa Chief jailed for stealing \$100K from dept.** The former chief of the Denison Fire Department in Iowa was sentenced to 10-year prison term after pleading guilty to stealing close to \$100,000 from the department and spending the money on personal items.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10910319/ex-iowa-chief-jailed-for-stealing-100k-from-dept>
22. *March 27, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Feds investigate claims if HIPAA privacy violations at Monroeville 911 dispatch center.** The Monroeville 9-1-1 dispatch center is facing allegations that they violated the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) by providing the former police chief protected health information via email, as well as creating generic log in credentials to access the database of 9-1-1 callers' medical information and allowing virtually anyone access. Authorities are investigating the data breach that likely began late 2011 and lasted through August 2012.
Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/local/neighborhoods-east/feds-accuse-monroeville-911-dispatch-center-of-violating-hipaa-privacy-rules-680970/>

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Information Technology Sector

23. *March 28, Threatpost* – (International) **Critical flaw threatens millions of BIND servers.** A vulnerability in BIND 9.7, 9.8, and 9.9 for Unix could allow attackers to knock DNS servers offline or compromise applications running on them. BIND released a patch for the vulnerability and recommended that users install it immediately.
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/critical-flaw-threatens-millions-bind-servers-032813
24. *March 28, Network World* – (International) **Evernote account used to deliver instructions to malware.** Researchers at Trend Micro identified a piece of malware dubbed “BKDR_VERNOT.A” that receives instructions from and deposits stolen information to an Evernote account to avoid detection.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/032813-evernote-account-used-to-deliver-268178.html>
25. *March 28, The H* – (International) **Many S3 buckets leak corporate data.** A researcher at Rapid 7 found sensitive files exposed to the Internet in Amazon’s Simple Storage System (S3) cloud service due to users improperly configuring the service.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Many-S3-buckets-leak-corporate-data-1832034.html>
26. *March 27, eWeek* – (International) **Largest-ever DDoS campaign demonstrates danger of new attack method.** A massive distributed denial of service (DDoS) campaign targeting anti-spam organization Spamhaus reached 300 GB per second, illustrating how use of open recursive resolvers can amplify the power of DDoS attacks.
Source: <http://www.eweek.com/security/largest-ever-ddos-campaign-demonstrates-danger-of-new-attack-method/>
27. *March 27, Associated Press* – (International) **Egypt: Divers caught while cutting Internet cable.** Authorities in Egypt arrested three individuals with diving gear as they attempted to cut a major undersea Internet cable. Damage from the attempt slowed connections from Egypt to India.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/03/27/3309991/egypt-divers-caught-while-cutting.html>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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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

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Commercial Facilities Sector

28. *March 28, Jersey Journal* – (New Jersey) **Jersey City fire displaces 23 residents as it sweeps along Belmont Avenue.** More than 100 firefighters battled a four-alarm blaze at a Jersey City apartment building which injured two firefighters and displaced 23 residents.
Source: http://www.nj.com/jjournalnews/index.ssf/2013/03/jersey_city_fire_displaces_23.html
29. *March 28, WKTV 2* – (New York) **Eight departments needed to battle Boonville blaze.** A cigarette thrown out onto a mattress led to a massive fire at a Boonville apartment building which displaced 29 residents. The fire burned for several hours, spread to an adjacent building, and required the eight fire departments battling the blaze to relay water from the nearby Black River Canal.
Source: <http://www.wktv.com/news/local/Eight-departments-needed-to-battle-Boonville-blaze-200444691.html>
30. *March 27, Boston Globe; Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Arson seen as cause of 4-alarm fire in Lynn that left dozens homeless.** More than 60 people were displaced after a four-alarm fire burned through an apartment building in Lynn March 25. Authorities ruled the cause of the fire as intentional and deemed the damage irreparable.
Source: <http://www.boston.com/metrodesk/2013/03/27/four-alarm-fire-lynn-apartment-building-was-case-arson/piAyV6p8VoaXkuz9xHRgVL/story.html>
31. *March 26, KSAT 12 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Northeast San Antonio apartment fire injures 5, displaces 22.** A fire quickly spread and destroyed two units in an apartment complex while displacing 22 people in San Antonio.
Source: <http://www.ksat.com/news/Northeast-San-Antonio-apartment-fire-injures-5-displaces-22/-/478452/19470308/-/mhlx2u/-/index.html>
32. *March 26, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Two injuries reported in Cobb apartment fire.** A 12-unit apartment building in Cobb County was completely destroyed in a suspicious fire that injured a firefighter and one other person. The displaced residents will receive assistance from the American Red Cross.
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/local/two-injuries-reported-in-cobb-apartment-fire/nW4X6/>

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Dams Sector

33. *March 21, Columbus Republic* – (Montana) **Fort Peck Dam repairs to cost \$42.9 million after damage from record 2011 flooding.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved spending a part of \$234 million slated for 100 projects along the Missouri River on the Fort Peck Dam. Six contracts were awarded to spend the \$42.9 million allocated to the project, including a \$33.8 million contract to rehabilitate the dam's plunge pool.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/2841af2d6c7b4abfa08a0d4a64092dcc/MT--Fort-Peck-Dam>

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