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- Colorado officials said that high benzene levels were found in monitoring wells near a large leak of natural gas liquids suspected to be from a Williams Midstream natural gas plant pipeline. – *Associated Press* (See item [1](#))
- A pulp mill failed to properly operate and maintain all components of a wastewater treatment system at its facility during an electrical storm which resulted in 90,000 gallons of untreated wastewater being discharged into the Penobscot River. – *Bangor Daily News* (See item [13](#))
- Approximately 7,000 patients are being notified by health officials about potential exposure to blood borne viruses. – *Associated Press* (See item [15](#))
- A survey found that 80 percent of companies experienced at least one variety of Web-borne attacks in 2012, among other findings. – *Help Net Security* (See item [28](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *March 29, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **High benzene levels found by Colorado spill.** State officials said that benzene levels between 5,800 and 18,000 parts per billion were found in monitoring wells near a large leak of natural gas liquids suspected to be from a Williams Midstream natural gas plant pipeline in Parachute. The samples did not indicate contamination of Parachute Creek.

Source: <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/03/29/high-benzene-levels-found-by-colorado-spill/>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

2. *March 29, South Bend Tribune* – (Michigan) **Mix of chemicals evacuates plant.** An employee at Coloma Frozen Foods accidentally mixed chlorine bleach into a barrel of peracetic acid which resulted in a toxic gas cloud. The plant was evacuated and closed for the day.

Source: <http://www.southbendtribune.com/news/sbt-mix-of-chemicals-evacuates-plant-20130329,0,3092850.story>

3. *March 28, Associated Press* – (California) **Central Valley toxic dump fined \$300K for unreported spills.** Chemical Waste Management, owner of a large hazardous waste dump, was fined \$300,000 for failure to report 72 small spills to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control which occurred from 2008 to 2012.

Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/business/ci\\_22891522/central-valley-toxic-dump-fined-300k-unreported-spills](http://www.mercurynews.com/business/ci_22891522/central-valley-toxic-dump-fined-300k-unreported-spills)

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

4. *March 28, Platts* – (Tennessee) **TVA had breakdown in quality control for nuclear part: US NRC.** A report by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission found three apparent violations of regulations pertaining to the use of commercial parts for use in constructing the Watts Bar-2 nuclear generating unit being built near Spring City.

Source:  
<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/ElectricPower/21886344>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

5. *March 29, Associated Press* – (Texas; National) **Texas man convicted in \$11M investment scheme.** A man from Pasadena, Texas was convicted for his role in a nationwide \$11 million investment fraud and money laundering scheme that operated as Lancorp Investment Fund. Two co-conspirators previously pleaded guilty.  
Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/200496151.html>
6. *March 29, IDG News Service* – (International) **Bitcoin exchange faces DDoS, even as the digital currency surges.** Mt. Gox, an exchange for the virtual currency Bitcoin, was affected by a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack March 28. Payment company Dwolla, which also deals in Bitcoins, was also subject to DDoS attacks March 27.  
Source:  
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9237979/Bitcoin\\_exchange\\_faces\\_DDoS\\_even\\_as\\_the\\_digital\\_currency\\_surges](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9237979/Bitcoin_exchange_faces_DDoS_even_as_the_digital_currency_surges)
7. *March 28, Springfield Tennessean* – (Tennessee; National) **Duo behind health insurance scheme arrested on theft, money laundering charges.** Two men were arrested and charged with theft and money laundering after Tennessee authorities accused them of transferring money from their two companies that were shut down as part of a \$20 million nationwide insurance fraud scheme.  
Source: [http://www.tennessean.com/article/20130328/BUSINESS/303280080/Duo-behind-health-insurance-scheme-arrested-theft-money-laundering-charges?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.tennessean.com/article/20130328/BUSINESS/303280080/Duo-behind-health-insurance-scheme-arrested-theft-money-laundering-charges?nclick_check=1)

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## **Transportation Sector**

8. *March 29, RTV 6 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Police investigate theft of \$250K worth of cognac stolen from southwest-side trucking company.** An entire container of Hennessy Cognac was stolen from an Indianapolis southwest-side trucking company. Law enforcement officials have begun an investigation in the theft of the cognac valued at a quarter million dollars.  
Source: <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/local-news/police-investigate-theft-of-250k-worth-of-cognac-stolen-from-southwest-side-trucking-company>

9. *March 28, KVUE 3 Austin* – (Texas) **Tanker truck accident shuts down Highway 21.** A tanker truck carrying fuel overturned and caused Highway 21 in Hays County, Texas to close in both directions for several hours.  
Source: <http://www.kvue.com/news/local/Tanker-truck-accident-shuts-down-Highway-21-200444421.html>
10. *March 28, Associated Press* – (California) **2 dead after truck driver chokes on Calif. highway.** A fatal multi-vehicle crash involving a big rig closed all lanes on Interstate 80 near UC Davis for several hours. The accident occurred after a truck driver lost consciousness from choking on food.  
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2013/03/28/5300224/at-least-1-dead-in-crash-on-i.html>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

11. *March 29, Food Safety News* – (National) **Outbreak of E.coli O121 Linked to Frozen Snack Products.** Rich Products Corporation of Buffalo, NY issued a voluntary recall on a variety of frozen snack products that have been connected to an outbreak of E. coli O121 that has sickened at least 24 people in 15 states.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/03/mini-snack-products-recalled-for-e-coli-risk/#.UVV82xykrMg>
12. *March 29, Cliff View Pilot* – (New Jersey) **2 dead after truck driver chokes on Calif. highway.** A \$200,000 stolen shipment of Muenster cheese from Wisconsin was uncovered by an undercover detective. Authorities said the shipment was destined for sale on the black market.  
Source: <http://cliffviewpilot.com/saddle-brook-police-seize-stolen-cheese-worth-200000/>

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## **Water Sector**

13. *March 27, Bangor Daily News* – (Maine) **Old Town Fuel & Fiber to pay \$126,000 fine for Clean Water Act violations, EPA says.** The owners of Old Town Fuel & Fiber agreed to pay \$126,000 after an investigation of wastewater and stormwater discharge violations at an Old Town pulp mill. The mill failed to properly operate and maintain all components of the wastewater treatment system at its facility during an electrical storm which resulted in 90,000 gallons of untreated wastewater being discharged and running into the Penobscot River.  
Source: <http://bangordailynews.com/2013/03/27/business/old-town-fuel-fiber-to-pay-126000-fine-for-clean-water-act-violations-epa-says/>

14. *March 27, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Leak from water tank in Livonia is finally stopped after thousands of gallons lost.** A 10 million gallon water storage tank in Livonia leaked nearly 1 million gallons of water into the nearby neighborhood March 26 and caused four nearby water main breaks.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20130327/NEWS02/303270037/Leak-from-water-tank-in-Livonia-is-finally-stopped>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

15. *March 29, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **HIV test urged for 7,000 Oklahoma dental patients.** A Tulsa-based dentist possibly performed practices that could have exposed patients to infectious materials including hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV. Approximately 7,000 patients are being notified by the Tulsa Health Department and the Oklahoma Department of Health about potential exposure to blood borne viruses.

Source: <http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/national/hiv-test-urged-for-7000-oklahoma-dental-patients>

16. *March 29, Associated Press* – (California) **UC Irvine to settle federal fraud claims for \$1.2M.** A payment of \$1.2 million by the University of California, Irvine was agreed to settle fraud allegations that the school allowed residents at its medical center to give patients anesthesia without supervision, then billed Medicare as if doctors were present.

Source: <http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20130328/INFO/303289983/uc-irvine-to-settle-federal-fraud-claims-for-1-2m>

17. *March 28, Marquette Mining Journal* – (Michigan) **Fire forces medical center evacuated.** The Upper Peninsula Medical Center in Marquette was evacuated and closed for several hours after a fire originated in the basement of the complex March 28.

Source: <http://www.dailypress.net/page/content.detail/id/541427/Fire-forces-medical-center-evacuation.html?nav=5003>

18. *March 28, WLOX 13, Biloxi* – (Mississippi) **Memorial Hospital has been running on generators all day.** A contractor conducting work for Memorial Hospital in Gulfport accidentally cut the hospital's main power line prompting a flurry of activity to facilitate ongoing hospital operations and prevent patient transfers to other area hospitals. The hospital returned to normal power after 14 hours of relying on the back-up generators.

Source: <http://www.wlox.com/story/21817806/memorial-hospital-now-on-emergency-power>

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## Government Facilities Sector

19. *March 28, WDIV 4, Detroit* – (Michigan) **Water pipe breaks, floods University of Michigan dorm; students forced out of rooms.** A March 28 water pipe break spilled thousands of gallons of water in a North Quad dormitory at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, leading to the evacuation of about 100 students. The evacuation could last several days as the school cancelled March 28 classes, placed students in other accommodations, and continued to assess and clean up the damage.  
Source: <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/Water-pipe-breaks-floods-University-of-Michigan-dorm-students-forced-out-of-rooms/-/1719418/19509240/-/86ipla/-/index.html>
20. *March 28, Fairbanks Daily News Miner* – (Alaska) **Power outage hits UAF.** A March 28 widespread power outage at the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus knocked out power, Internet, and information systems and ceased heat distribution after an electric cable failed. Dorms and some buildings in the core campus remained without power for more than an hour and a half with information networks still unrepaired.  
Source: [http://www.newsminer.com/news/local\\_news/power-outage-hits-uaf/article\\_e7f95c0a-9778-11e2-a2bf-0019bb30f31a.html](http://www.newsminer.com/news/local_news/power-outage-hits-uaf/article_e7f95c0a-9778-11e2-a2bf-0019bb30f31a.html)
21. *March 28, Barbour County Inter-Mountain* – (West Virginia) **Barbour school evacuated after bomb threat.** The Belington Middle School was evacuated for more than 2 hours March 28 in the latest in a string of bomb threats. Students were transported to a nearby elementary school as Barbour County sheriffs interviewed students and State officials swept the school with a bomb-sniffing dog.  
Source: <http://www.theintermountain.com/page/content.detail/id/560245/Barbour-school-evacuated-after-bomb-threat.html?nav=5014>

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## Emergency Services Sector

22. *March 28, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Trio accused of trying to sell stolen ambulance for scrap.** Three individuals were arrested for allegedly trying to sell a stolen ambulance for scrap in Montgomery County.  
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/3-men-accused-of-trying-to-sell-stolen-ambulance-4393319.php>
23. *March 28, South Florida Business Journal* – (National) **IRS expands ID theft refund access for police.** The U.S. Internal Revenue Service announced it will expand nationwide a pilot program that gives law enforcement access to federal data on tax returns to help fraud and identity theft investigations. The program expansion goes into effect starting March 29.  
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/southflorida/blog/2013/03/irs-expands-tax-refund->

[data-access-for.html](#)

24. *March 28, The Coloradoan* – (Colorado) **Fort Collins police to silence public radio broadcast next week.** Fort Collins Police Services will begin encrypting its radio traffic April 2 to prevent suspects from listening in via smartphone apps and being tipped off to police activity. A channel used for coordinating with other agencies will remain public.  
Source: <http://www.coloradoan.com/article/20130328/NEWS01/303280063/Police-silence-public-radio-broadcast-next-week>
25. *March 28, KGTV 10 San Diego* – (California) **Radio system for San Diego County agencies crashes: Outage due to circuit board failure.** Sheriff's deputies and firefighters in San Diego County lost communications for around 3 hours March 27 after their radio network crashed due to a circuit board failure. Backup radio systems were activated during the outage.  
Source: <http://www.10news.com/news/radio-system-for-san-diego-county-agencies-crashes-032713>
26. *March 26, Associated Press* – (Texas; Colorado) **Bomb-making materials found in Colo. suspect's car.** Police found bomb-making materials, among other devices and evidence, inside the car of a man suspected of killing Colorado's prisons chief. The man was killed in a shootout with police in Decatur, Texas, the week of March 18.  
Source: <http://www.kcautv.com/story/21791912/gun-in-colo-death-matches-texas-shootout-weapon>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

27. *March 29, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Zeus still king of the botnets, say researchers.** Researchers at McAfee found that the Zeus malware continues to be the most popular botnet family, with its variants accounting for 57.9 percent of botnet malware infections.  
Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2258398/zeus-still-king-of-the-botnets-say-researchers>
28. *March 29, Help Net Security* – (International) **8 in 10 companies suffered web-borne attacks.** A survey conducted by Webroot found that 80 percent of companies experienced at least one variety of Web-borne attacks in 2012, and that phishing was the most common attack, among other findings.  
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14680>
29. *March 29, Help Net Security* – (International) **Spammers bypass spam filters with Google Translate links.** Barracuda Labs researchers found spammers using links to Google Translate that redirect to another site as a method of avoiding spam filters.  
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14684>

## Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [soc@us-cert.gov](mailto: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

30. *March 28, Brockton Enterprise* – (Massachusetts) **Radio station owner claims WXBR transmitter line cut.** Police are investigating potential vandalism to a Brockton radio station's transmission line which was cut March 27. Service was restored to WXBR 1460 AM after an audio feed was installed at the transmission site to get the station back on the air.

Source: <http://www.enterpriseneews.com/topstories/x694781709/Radio-station-owner-claims-WXBR-transmitter-line-cut>

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### Commercial Facilities Sector

31. *March 28, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Man shoots into Hollywood apartment, no one hurt.** A Hollywood, Florida man wanted on drug possession charges was arrested March 28 after he began firing inside his apartment prompting the evacuation of more than 100 people for several hours.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/03/28/3311169/shots-fired-residents-evacuated.html>

32. *March 27, KPVI 6 Pocatello* – (Idaho) **Update: Fort Hall evacuation cleared, business to resume.** A March 27 bomb threat at the Fort Hall Tribal Business Center led to its evacuation along with 43 additional buildings within a quarter mile radius for the remainder of the day. Businesses were cleared to re-open March 28 as the Fort Hill Police Department and the FBI investigated the source of the bomb hoax call.

Source: <http://www.kpvi.com/content/news/local/story/Update-Fort-Hall-Evacuation-Cleared-Business-to/295QqBmIek66BBda6PrtPg.csp>

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