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- A power interruption at the Rocky Mountain Power Blackfoot substation resulted in a power outage for 48,806 customers in Idaho Falls and prompted the closure of over a dozen schools. – *East Idaho News* (See item [1](#))
- Authorities in Mexico are searching for a truck hauling radioactive cobalt-60 that was stolen near Mexico City. – *Reuters* (See item [2](#))
- The European Union fined 6 European and U.S. banks and brokers \$2.3 billion for manipulating the Libor and Euribor lending rates between 2005 and 2008. – *CNNMoney* (See item [4](#))
- Fire crews battled an 8 alarm fire at an office building near Boston's South Station that left an estimated \$2 million in damages. – *Reuters* (See item [35](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *December 4, East Idaho News* – (Idaho) **Massive power outage.** Rocky Mountain power crews worked to restore service to 48,806 customers in Idaho Falls December 4 after an Energy Emergency Interruption at the utility's Blackfoot substation. The outage prompted the closure of over a dozen schools, the Cargill Facility, and the Shelley Senior Center.
Source: <http://www.eastidahonews.com/2013/12/massive-power-outage/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *December 4, Reuters* – (International) **Mexico searches for stolen truck carrying radioactive material.** Authorities in Mexico notified the International Atomic Energy Agency that a truck hauling cobalt-60 from a Tijuana hospital to a waste disposal center was stolen near Mexico City December 2. The material could be dangerous if its storage vessel is damaged or opened, or if the material were dispersed.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/12/04/us-mexico-nuclear-iaea-idUSBRE9B30J820131204>
3. *December 4, Plymouth Patch* – (Massachusetts) **Steam leak causes shutdown at Pilgrim Nuclear Plant.** The Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station near Plymouth shut down December 3 after a steam leak was detected on a valve that provides sealing steam to the main turbine.
Source: <http://plymouth.patch.com/groups/pilgrim-nuclear-power-station-news/p/steam-leak-causes-shutdown-at-pilgrim-nuclear-plant>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

4. *December 4, CNNMoney* – (International) **EU fines banks record \$2.3B over Libor.** European Union regulators fined six European and U.S. banks and brokers \$2.3 billion over their manipulation of the London Interbank Offered Rate (Libor) and the Euro Interbank Offered Rate (Euribor) between 2005 and 2008.
Source: <http://money.cnn.com/2013/12/04/news/companies/libor-europe-fines/index.html>
5. *December 3, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Former investment executive pleads guilty in fraud scheme.** A former Orlando-area Ocoee investment executive pleaded guilty to defrauding more than 100 investors of \$11 million through now-defunct Capital Blu Management.
Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/business/os-investment-fraud-guilty-plea-20131203,0,7199908.story>
6. *December 3, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **FBI searches for ‘Button-Down Bandit,’ suspected in 4 robberies.** The FBI and local law enforcement are seeking a suspect known as the “Button-Down Bandit” who allegedly robbed four banks in Riverside and Orange counties, including a December 2 robbery of a U.S. Bank branch in Riverside.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-button-down-bandit-20131203,0,7822978.story>
7. *December 3, KOKH 25 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Reward increased for serial bank robbery suspect dubbed ‘Back Fence Bandit’.** The FBI increased its reward for information on a bank robbery suspect known as the “Back Fence Bandit,” allegedly responsible for four bank robberies in Oklahoma City, including a November 29 robbery of a Bank of Oklahoma branch.
Source: <http://www.okcfox.com/story/24127016/reward-increased-for-serial-bank-robbery-suspect-dubbed-back-fence-bandit>

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *December 4, WBAY 2 Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **Construction vehicle that hit overpass located.** A construction vehicle hit and damaged an overpass along Highway 41 north in Appleton, prompting the closure of a lane for an undisclosed amount of time December 3. Authorities identified the vehicle as belonging to a construction company in Green Bay.
Source: <http://www.wbay.com/story/24128319/2013/12/03/state-patrol-investigates-hit>

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9. *December 4, WMAZ 13 Macon* – (Georgia) **More details released on fatal I-16 accident.** A fatal three-vehicle accident involving a semi-truck on Interstate 16 in Macon killed one person and closed all eastbound lanes for about 5 hours December 3
Source: <http://www.13wmaz.com/story/news/traffic/2013/12/03/fatal-vehicle-wreck-macon/3852569/>
10. *December 3, Rocky Mount Telegram* – (North Carolina) **NCDOT closes Bonner Bridge over safety concerns.** The North Carolina Department of Transportation closed Herbert C. Bonner Bridge on North Carolina 12 at the Outer Banks December 3 after discovery of a deteriorating span that posed an immediate safety threat.
Source: <http://www.rockymounttelegram.com/news/ncwire/ncdot-closes-bonner-bridge-over-safety-concerns-2236279>
11. *December 3, WMAZ 13 Macon* – (Georgia) **Middle Georgia Regional Airport evacuated early Tuesday.** An unattended package found at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport prompted an evacuation for about 2 hours December 3. The incident is under investigation.
Source: <http://www.13wmaz.com/story/news/local/macon/2013/12/03/middle-georgia-airport-evacuated/3860827/>
12. *December 3, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Illinois) **Illinois Central Railroad faces fines of \$110,500 after US Department of Labor's OSHA inspection finds worker exposure to lead.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Illinois Central Railroad Co., for one willful and six serious safety violations with potential fines of \$110,500 following a May 29 inspection at a bridge worksite in Chicago where workers were observed without necessary safety and health protection, among other violations.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25191
13. *December 3, Redding Record Searchlight* – (California) **Woman killed in Highway 273 wreck.** A fatal three-vehicle accident on Highway 273 at Westwood Avenue in south Redding killed one person and closed northbound traffic for over 5 hours December 3.
Source: <http://www.redding.com/news/2013/dec/03/woman-killed-in-highway-273-wreck/>
14. *December 3, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Tanker driver cited for Pa. overpass explosion.** A diesel semi-truck driver was cited for driving too fast in a May 9 accident on Interstate 81 that caused an explosion resulting in the closure of the overpass above the interstate for several days, and causing extensive damages estimated at about \$13 million.
Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Tanker-driver-cited-for-Pa-overpass->

[explosion-5031312.php](#)

15. *December 1, Wilmington Star News* – (North Carolina) **Tanker rolls over, spills diesel fuel at I-140 and U.S. 421.** An accident involving a semi-truck carrying 6,500 gallons of diesel fuel that rolled over on Interstate 140 in Wilmington reduced traffic on U.S. 421 to 2 lanes while HAZMAT crews cleaned up approximately 1,000 gallons of spilled fuel December 1.

Source:

<http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20131201/ARTICLES/131209995?Title=Tanker-rolls-over-spills-diesel-fuel-at-I-140-and-U-S-421->

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Food and Agriculture Sector

16. *December 3, Hickory Daily Record* – (North Carolina) **Half of Catawba County under fire ant quarantine.** A quarantine was announced December 3 that goes into effect January 1, 2014 for parts of Catawba County, North Carolina, in an effort to contain the spread of imported fire ants, and requires people and businesses in affected areas to get a permit before moving plants, nursery plant material, logs, and other related equipment in or through these areas.

Source: http://www.hickoryrecord.com/news/article_50667be0-5c79-11e3-a49f-001a4bcf6878.html

17. *December 3, WSYR 9 Syracuse* – (New York) **More than 100 firefighters battle barn fire at Oswego County onion farm.** About 125 firefighters responded to a fire in a barn filled with onion processing equipment and more than 5,000 crates of onions at the Sorbello and Son's Farm in Oswego County December 3. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: http://www.9wsyr.com/news/local/story/More-than-100-firefighters-battle-barn-fire-at/z8hAt-T_z0unOJZAKU2s9Q.csp

18. *December 3, KMVT 11/KTWT 14 Twin Falls* – (Idaho) **Twin Falls fish farm settles with EPA- agreed to pay a \$25,000 fine.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed a penalty of \$25,000 in a settlement with McCollum Enterprises, Limited Partnership, for violating the Clean Water Act, which included releasing phosphorus-laden wastewater into the Snake River in Idaho.

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19. *December 2, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Huxtable's Kitchen issues voluntary allergy alert on undeclared allergens in butternut squash & creamed spinach gratin.** Huxtable's Kitchen Inc., of Vernon, California, voluntarily recalled one specific lot of Trader Joe's Butternut Squash & Creamed Spinach Gratin products because of unlisted wheat and egg in the ingredients.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm377254.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

20. *December 4, Cape Gazette* – (Delaware) **Rehoboth wastewater plant cited for violations.** The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control gave the Rehoboth Beach wastewater treatment plant a notice of violation, the plant's second violation within 2 months, as a result of improper or lack of official paperwork and documentation.
Source: <http://capegazette.villagesoup.com/p/rehoboth-wastewater-plant-cited-for-violations/1085607>
21. *December 3, Wilson County News* – (Texas) **Crews respond to La Vernia sewage spill.** The city of La Vernia reported that debris was removed following an estimated 207,000-gallon raw sewage spill near Dry Hollow Creek December 3, and authorities are monitoring conditions to ensure there is no damage to aquatic life.
Source: <http://www.wilsoncountynews.com/article.php?id=55206&n=top-stories-crews-respond-la-vernia-sewage-spill>
22. *December 3, Jackson Progress-Argus* – (Georgia) **Butts County water authority reports sewage spill.** Butts County water authority officials reported that a leak in a pipe caused around 16,000 gallons of sewage to spill near Interstate 75 on December 3, causing more than 10,000 gallons of the untreated waste water to spill into the Towaliga River.
Source: <http://www.jacksonprogress-argus.com/news/2013/dec/03/butts-county-water-authority-reports-sewage-spill/>
23. *December 3, Ipswich Chronicle* – (Massachusetts) **High manganese levels limit two Ipswich wells.** The use of two of Ipswich's six drinking-water sources was restricted after Ipswich Water Department authorities found naturally occurring manganese levels that exceed health guidelines.
Source: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/ipswich/topstories/x915449415/High-manganese-levels-limit-two-Ipswich-wells>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

24. *December 3, Kansas City Star* – (Missouri) **Kansas City police give all clear after city hall bomb threat.** The city hall in Kansas City, Missouri, was evacuated and closed for nearly 6 hours December 3 after a phoned bomb threat, which also prompted the closure of surrounding streets and the city's 3-1-1 call center. Police searched the building and gave an all clear once nothing suspicious was found.
Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/12/03/4665922/kansas-city-city-hall-evacuated.html>
25. *December 3, Farmington Daily Times* – (New Mexico) **Bloomfield Public Health Office reopens after water main break.** The New Mexico Department of Health's Bloomfield Public Health Office reopened December 2 after closing November 21 due to an underground water line rupture that flooded the parking lot and ground floor.
Source: http://www.daily-times.com/four_corners-news/ci_24648631/bloomfield-public-health-office-reopens-after-water-main.
26. *December 3, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Fire in bathroom forces evacuation of Md. high school; student charged with arson.** An Aberdeen High School student was charged with setting a fire in the bathroom of the school December 3, causing an evacuation while firefighters battled the blaze. Damage was estimated at \$10,000 and the fire was contained to the bathroom.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/27f0e281f1a849169533f96b78f306b1/MD--High-School-Fire>
27. *December 3, Lincoln Star Journal* – (Nebraska) **Former UNL student pleads guilty in security breach.** A former University of Nebraska-Lincoln student pleaded guilty December 3 in connection with a May 2012 computer security breach that caused at least \$5,000 in damage to a protected computer owned by the university and Nebraska State College Systems computer systems. The former student gained access to student audit reports, records, user account information, and password information for university databases.
Source: http://journalstar.com/news/local/911/former-unl-student-pleads-guilty-in-security-breach/article_1f01adb0-22f4-5cc1-9b1d-2e9486934ce4.html

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Emergency Services Sector

28. *December 4, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Suspect stole ammunition, rifle from Cleburne police SWAT team, police say.** Police are searching for a suspect who broke into a Cleburne Police Department building and stole a rifle, ammunition, and other police gear. Some of the items were recovered near the building.
Source: <http://crimeblog.dallasnews.com/2013/12/suspect-stole-ammunition-rifle-from-cleburne-police-swat-team-police-say.html/>

29. *December 4, Osage County Online* – (Kansas) **911 outage resolved in Osage County.** Emergency calls placed by Osage County, Kansas, residents from S&A Telephone and AT&T wireless phones were rerouted to the sheriff's office dispatch after 9-1-1 service went down December 3 until service was restored December 4.
Source: <http://www.osagecountyonline.com/archives/6318>

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Information Technology Sector

30. *December 4, IDG News Service* – (International) **Logins stolen from Facebook, Google, ADP payroll processor.** Researchers at Trustwave gained access to the control panel of a botnet running the Pony controller software and found around 2 million logins and passwords for social media accounts, payment processor ADP, and other services.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9244513/Logins_stolen_from_Facebook_Google_ADP_payroll_processor
31. *December 4, Softpedia* – (International) **Credentials of 38,000 Pixel Federation users leaked by hacker.** Game developer Pixel Federation confirmed that a hacker breached its systems and leaked around 38,000 users' usernames and passwords. The same hacker was also reported to be behind an attack on the U.K. Council for Graduate Education.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Credentials-of-38-000-Pixel-Federation-Users-Leaked-by-Hacker-405987.shtml>
32. *December 4, Softpedia* – (International) **Important security fixes included in Ruby on Rails 4.0.2 and 3.2.16.** The developers of Ruby on Rails released new versions of two variants of Ruby on Rails, addressing four vulnerabilities. Users were advised to update their installations as soon as possible.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Important-Security-Fixes-Included-in-Rails-4-0-2-and-3-2-16-405757.shtml>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

Nothing to report

Commercial Facilities Sector

33. *December 4, WMAR 2 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Carroll County congregation grows closer together after fire.** The cause of a December 3 fire at Lazarus Church in Carroll County, Maryland, remained under investigation as estimated damages were expected to exceed \$1 million.
Source: http://www.abc2news.com/dpp/news/region/carroll_county/crews-battle-carroll-county-church-fire
34. *December 4, KMOV 4 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Area church hit by copper thieves for second time in six months.** Authorities are investigating after thieves stole about 2,000 feet of copper wire December 1 from De Soto Christian Church in Jefferson County, Missouri, where a similar theft occurred in June.
Source: <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/Thieves-steal-thousands-of-dollars-worth-of-copper-from-Jefferson-County-church-234257311.html>
35. *December 3, Reuters* – (Massachusetts) **Fire crews battle blaze near Boston's South Station.** Fire crews spent several hours battling an 8 alarm fire at an office building near Boston's South Station December 3 that left an estimated \$2 million in damages.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/fire-crews-battle-blaze-near-bostons-south-station-1>
36. *December 3, Salt Lake City Deseret News* – (Utah) **Brigham City fire displaces residents in 19 apartments.** A December 2 fire at an apartment complex in Brigham City displaced residents of 19 units and caused between \$125,000 and \$150,000 in damages.
Source: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865591726/Brigham-City-fire-displaces-residents-in-19-apartments.html>
37. *December 3, KCTV 5 Kansas City* – (Kansas) **Police officer among injured in 3-alarm apartment fire.** A 3 alarm fire at the Metcalf 56 apartment complex in Overland Park displaced up to 22 residents, damaged around 16 units, and left at least 6 injured before firefighters were able to control the blaze.
Source: <http://www.kctv5.com/story/24124472/injuries-reported-in-2-alarm-fire-at-apartments>
38. *December 3, KRQE 13 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Thief makes off with church on wheels.** A thief stole two portable New City Church storage trailers containing \$40,000 worth of equipment and 40-50 donated toys for charity on two separate occasions December 1 in Albuquerque.
Source: <http://www.krqe.com/news/crime/thief-makes-off-with-church-on-wheels>

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