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- An avionics technician working at the Wichita Mid-Continent Airport was taken into custody for allegedly planning a suicide car bombing at the airport. – *CNN* (See item [9](#))
- A former wastewater-treatment plant operator at Mount Rainier National Park was convicted of purposefully allowing 200,000 gallons of sewage to spill into the Nisqually River in 2011. – *Seattle Times* (See item [13](#))
- A student entered Arapahoe High School in Centennial, Colorado, and shot and severely wounded one student before fatally shooting himself. – *Associated Press* (See item [16](#))
- A large fire that broke out at an under-construction apartment complex in Glendale, Colorado, spread to two separate apartment complexes and a townhome community and damaged nearby parked cars. – *KUSA 9 Denver* (See item [26](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *December 13, Associated Press; Mason City Globe Gazette* – (Iowa) **Iowa company fined \$10K by Natural Resources Dept.** Ethanol producer Golden Grain Energy was fined \$10,000 by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for causing a fish kill in August after discharging iron-laden cooling water from the company's Mason City facility into Cheslea Creek.
Source: <http://www.kwwl.com/story/24222367/iowa-company-fined-10k-by-natural-resources-dept>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *December 16, Associated Press*– (National) **FDA says chemicals in liquid soaps, body washed may carry health risks.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration proposed a rule December 16 that will require the makers of anti-bacterial liquid soaps and body washes to prove that antibacterial soaps and washes are more effective than ones without, in response to evidence that they may pose health risks that interfere with hormone levels and cause drug-resistant bacteria to breed.
Source: <http://www.dailyfreeman.com/general-news/20131216/fda-says-chemicals-in-liquid-soaps-body-washes-may-carry-health-risks>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *December 16, Lacey Patch* – (New Jersey) **Oyster Creek offline following pressure increase in reactor.** The Oyster Creek Generating Station in New Jersey was manually shut down December 14 after its operators detected an increase in reactor pressure.
Source: <http://lacey.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/oyster-creek-offline-following-pressure-increase-in-reactor>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *December 16, Automotive Business Review* – (National) **Volkswagen issues recall on 62,155 Tiguan vehicles in US.** Volkswagen issued a recall for 62,155 model year 2009-2011 Tiguan vehicles due to an issue with an exterior lights fuse that could melt and result in a partial loss of exterior lighting.
Source: <http://www.automotive-business-review.com/news/volkswagen-issues-recall-on-62155-tiguan-vehicles-in-us-161213-4146506>
5. *December 15, WWJ 62 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Explosion at steel plant in Ecorse kills worker.** An explosion at the U.S. Steel Great Lakes Works in Ecorse killed one

worker, injured two others, and halted operations December 15.

Source: <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2013/12/15/explosion-at-steel-plant-in-ecorse-kills-worker/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

6. *December 13, WGCL 46 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Two arrested in elaborate identity theft scheme involving Emory students.** Two individuals were charged with allegedly using the Web sites of several universities in Georgia and attending graduation ceremonies in order to steal students' personal information and file at least \$200,000 in fraudulent loan applications in the students' names.

Source: <http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/24216384/two-arrested-in-elaborate-identity-theft-scheme-involving-emory-students>

7. *December 13, WSAZ 3Huntington* – (Kentucky) **Former bank teller pleads guilty to embezzlement scheme.** A former South Shore bank teller pleaded guilty the week of December 9 to embezzling more than \$800,000 from her former employer, Home Federal Saving & Loan, between June 2004 and July 2012.

Source: <http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Former-Bank-Teller-Pleads-Guilty-to-Embezzlemtn-Scheme-235744381.html>

8. *December 13, Tampa Tribune* – (Florida) **Tampa woman found guilty in credit-card fraud ring.** A Tampa woman was found guilty of fraud and identity theft for her role in a card skimming and payment card fraud ring that caused losses of more than \$650,000. Four coconspirators previously pleaded guilty in the case, and the alleged head of the organization remains a fugitive.

Source: <http://tbo.com/news/crime/tampa-woman-found-guilty-in-credit-card-fraud-ring-20131213/>

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Transportation Systems Sector

9. *December 13, CNN* – (Utah) **Local man planned suicide attack at Wichita, Kansas, airport, feds say.** An avionics technician working at the Wichita Mid-Continent Airport in Kansas was taken into custody December 13 for allegedly using his security pass to open a gate, drive in a vehicle he thought was laden with explosives, and detonate it on the tarmac.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2013/12/13/justice/wichita-terrorism-arrest/>

10. *December 13, KWTW 9 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **BNSF offers \$100k reward in Tulsa train derailment.** The FBI and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) offered a \$100,000 reward for information relating to a December 13 train derailment in Tulsa that closed 2 miles of track and caused 100 gallons of fuel to spill into a creek. BNSF believes a coupling device was removed from the train in an act of vandalism. Source: <http://www.news9.com/story/24215303/vandalism-suspected-in-tulsa-train-derailment>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

11. *December 16, Food Safety News* – (Minnesota) **Norovirus outbreak sickens 75 at MN football banquet.** 75 adults and children were infected with norovirus after consuming Lansing Catering food from a high-school football banquet December 8 in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. The Minnesota Department of Health continues to investigate the incident, though no one was hospitalized. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/12/norovirus-outbreak-sickens-dozens-at-mn-football-banquet/>
12. *December 14, Pueblo Chieftain* – (National) **Second recall issued for meat.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced December 13 an extended recall for an undetermined amount of meat and poultry produced in unsanitary surroundings by Yauk's Specialty Meats and distributed under various names. To date, no sicknesses have been reported. Source: <http://www.chieftain.com/news/pueblo/2103641-120/products-meats-recall-meat>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

13. *December 15, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **Mount Rainier ex-sewage-plant operator convicted of sabotage.** A former wastewater-treatment plant operator at Mount Rainier National Park was convicted December 15 of violations of the Clean Water Act after he purposefully allowed 200,000 gallons of sewage to spill into the Nisqually River in 2011. Source: <http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/latestnews/1753578-8/mount-rainier-ex-sewage-plant-operator-convicted-of-sabotage>
14. *December 13, WBND 57 Indiana* – (Indiana) **Water in Gilmer Park in South Bend also contaminated.** Well water in Gilmer Park in South Bend tested positive for nitrates and human waste above allowable levels, according to health officials. Source: <http://www.abc57.com/home/top-stories/Water-in-Gilmer-Park-in-South-Bend->

[also-contaminated-235799881.html](#)

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

15. *December 16, NBC News; Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **All-clear for Harvard buildings evacuated after reports of explosives.** Harvard University in Cambridge evacuated four buildings December 16 for several hours after a bomb threat was sent in by email. Morning exams in two of the buildings were canceled as police investigated. Source: <http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/12/16/21923398-harvard-buildings-evacuated-after-report-of-explosives>
16. *December 15, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Arapahoe High School shooting: Police seek motive.** A student entered Arapahoe High School in Centennial, Colorado, December 13 armed with a shotgun and Molotov cocktails and shot and severely wounded one student before fatally shooting himself, according to police. Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2013/12/arapahoe-high-school-shooting-police-seek-motive-98095.html>
17. *December 15, Rock Hill Herald* – (South Carolina) **2 killed after dispute between motorcycle clubs at Fort Mill Armory.** Two men were shot and killed December 14 at a party at the rented-out Fort Mill National Guard Armory in South Carolina. Source: <http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/12/15/5506778/two-men-shot-killed-at-party-at.html>
18. *December 14, Nashville Tennessean* – (Tennessee) **Teachers' personal info may have been stolen.** The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation reported that a former Tennessee Department of Treasury employee may have stolen a file containing the personal information of about 6,300 Metro Schools teachers when he allegedly emailed a file with the information to his private email account before resigning December 12. Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20131214/NEWS03/312140086/Teachers-personal-info-may-been-stolen>
19. *December 13, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Man pleads guilty to financial aid fraud in Sacramento.** A Sacramento man pleaded guilty December 12 to conspiracy to commit financial aid fraud for a scheme where he recruited 'straw' students to apply for financial aid knowing many were ineligible, resulting in \$200,000 of fraudulent disbursement.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2013/12/13/5998400/man-pleads-guilty-to-financial.html>

20. *December 13, WXIA 11 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **4 children injured in school bus accident.** A school bus with 38 children aboard was involved in an accident on Interstate 75 North in Atlanta December 13, injuring 4 children.
Source: <http://www.11alive.com/rss/article/315861/40/4-children-injured-in-school-bus-accident>

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Emergency Services Sector

21. *December 14, Culpeper Star Exponent* – (Virginia) **Inmates evacuated from Culpeper County Jail following fire.** A fire in the laundry room at the Culpeper County Jail in Virginia caused 81 inmates and 1 civilian employee to be evacuated to the courthouse for about 4 hours December 14.
Source: http://www.dailyprogress.com/starexponent/news/local_news/inmates-evacuated-from-culpeper-county-jail-following-fire/article_eb371034-64ea-11e3-8317-001a4bcf6878.html

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Information Technology Sector

22. *December 16, Softpedia* – (International) **MisoSMS mobile botnet used in at least 64 spyware campaigns.** Researchers at FireEye identified an Android botnet dubbed MisoSMS designed to steal text messages and send them back to command and control servers located in China. The botnet was found to have been used in at least 64 campaigns and mostly targeted users in South Korea.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/MisoSMS-Mobile-Botnet-Used-in-At-Least-64-Spyware-Campaigns-409588.shtml>
23. *December 16, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Botnet enlists Firefox users to hack Web sites.** A security researcher discovered a botnet comprised of more than 12,500 systems dubbed Advanced Power that scans for vulnerabilities in Web sites visited by an infected system's user. The botnet conducts SQL injection attacks on visited Web sites and disguises itself as a legitimate add-on for Mozilla's Firefox browser.
Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2013/12/botnet-enlists-firefox-users-to-hack-web-sites/>
24. *December 16, Softpedia* – (International) **Bogus VPN website used to distribute keylogger malware.** Malwarebytes researchers identified a Web site purporting to offer a virtual private network (VPN) service that instead drops keylogging malware

onto the victim's system.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Bogus-VPN-Website-Used-to-Distribute-Keylogger-Malware-409701.shtml>

25. *December 16, Softpedia* – (International) **XSS vulnerabilities patched in IP.Board 3.3.x and 3.4.x.** Invision Power Services released updates for its IP.Board 3.3.x and 3.4.x products, closing cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/XSS-Vulnerabilities-Patched-in-IP-Board-3-3-x-and-3-4-x-409685.shtml>

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: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

26. *December 16, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **Heat of fire melts vehicles.** A fire broke out at an under-construction apartment complex holding 341 units December 14 in Glendale, which then jumped a four-lane road, caused two separate apartment complexes and a townhome community to catch fire, and damaged nearly 20 parked cars nearby. Townhomes and some of the neighboring complexes were evacuated to temporary housing and no injuries were reported.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/article/368895/339/Massive-fire-causes-thousands-in-damage>

27. *December 15, Providence Journal* – (Rhode Island) **Hotel Providence evacuated Sunday due to smoke.** A manhole that exploded near Hotel Providence in Rhode Island caused 11 occupants to be evacuated for around 3 hours after smoke was discovered in the hotel's basement. The cause of the explosion and fire are still being investigated.

Source: <http://news.providencejournal.com/breaking-news/2013/12/hotel-providence-evacuated-sunday-due-to-smokeready.html>

28. *December 15, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **1 dead, 36 displaced after Everett apartment fire.** A two-alarm fire that torched the Hodges Building apartment complex in Seattle caused 36 tenants to be displaced and killed 1 individual. The building

previously was condemned due to structural damage.

Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/1-dead-36-residents-displaced-after-fire-torches-building-235943711.html>

29. *December 15, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **Apartment fire in SF's North Beach neighborhood displaces dozens.** At least 30 residents were displaced after a fire broke out at an apartment complex December 15 in San Francisco, leaving significant damage to 12 units and water damage to businesses on the building's bottom floor.
Source: http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/san_francisco&id=9361465
30. *December 15, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Hotel guests forced to evacuate due to fire.** More than two dozen guests at a Days Inn in Wausau were evacuated from the hotel and placed in neighboring hotels when a fire broke out on the second floor, leaving the remaining units in the 120-room hotel with smoke and water damage. Several guests were treated at the scene though no serious injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.620wtmj.com/news/local/Hotel-guests-forced-to-evacuate-due-to-fire-235936721.html>
31. *December 14, Los Angeles Daily News* – (California) **Early morning fire damages Paradise Bakery in Glendale.** Sixty-five firefighters responded to a three-alarm fire at a commercial building in Glendale December 14 that damaged the second floor and caused water damage to the first level, where a bakery is located.
Source: <http://www.dailynews.com/general-news/20131214/early-morning-fire-damages-paradise-bakery-in-glendale&template=printart>

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Dams Sector

32. *December 15, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Floodwall to be built on levee top.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded a \$34.5 million contract to build a floodwall on an existing Mississippi River levee from Augusta to Oakville in Plaquemines Parish to reduce the risk of flooding during a hurricane.
Source: <http://www.bradenton.com/2013/12/15/4890655/floodwall-to-be-built-on-levee.html>

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