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- Ice and snow knocked out power to 440,000 homes and businesses December 22 in Michigan, New York, and the New England region, and caused nearly 700 flight cancellations nationwide. – *Associated Press* (See item [1](#))
- Pacific Gas and Electric was fined \$14.4 million by the California Public Utilities Commission for the utility's delay in reporting that its records for a natural-gas pipeline in San Carlos failed to show potentially risky welds. – *San Francisco Chronicle* (See item [2](#))
- The former CEO of Bohemia, New York-based Oak Rock Financial LLC pleaded guilty to defrauding a bank and investors of \$100 million. – *Bloomberg News* (See item [6](#))
- Advanced Technology, a police outfitter in Las Vegas, was burglarized, resulting in at least \$100,000 worth of damage to the shop and enough stolen equipment to outfit four to five police vehicles. – *KVVU 5 Las Vegas* (See item [32](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *December 23, Associated Press* – (National) **Winter storms bring snow, ice, power outages.** Ice and snow knocked out power to 440,000 homes and businesses December 22 in Michigan, New York, and the New England region, and also caused about 7,200 flight delays and nearly 700 flight cancellations nationwide.
Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/12/22/winter-storms_n_4490786.html
2. *December 19, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **PG&E hit with \$14.4 million fine.** Pacific Gas and Electric was fined \$14.4 million by the California Public Utilities Commission December 19 for the utility's delay in reporting that its records for a natural-gas pipeline in San Carlos failed to show potentially risky welds. The commission also voted to allow the utility to restore the line to nearly full pressure after accepting the company's reassurances that the transmission pipe is safe.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/PG-amp-E-hit-with-14-4-million-fine-5079887.php>

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *December 21, KPLC 7 Lake Charles* – (Louisiana) **All-clear issued following fire at Axiall chemical plant.** A December 20 fire that broke out in the vinyl chloride manufacturing area of Axiall Corporation's Westlake chemical facility caused toxic chemicals to ignite and sent 12 motorists to the hospital after they drove through heavy smoke in the area.
Source: <http://www.kplctv.com/story/24274400/shelter-in-place-ordered-near-axiall-plant>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *December 20, Lacey Patch* – (New Jersey) **Oyster Creek back online after undergoing repairs.** The Oyster Creek Generating Station in New Jersey returned to service December 20 after repairs were made to a steam pressure regulation system that caused the plant to be taken offline December 14.
Source: <http://lacey.patch.com/groups/around-town/p/oyster-creek-back-online-after-undergoing-repairs>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

5. *December 22, Reuters* – (National) **Chase limits debit cards used at Target stores.** JPMorgan Chase & Co., announced December 21 that it placed daily withdrawal limits of \$100 and daily purchase limits of \$300 on customers' debit cards connected to a major breach of payment card information from Target.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/chase-limits-debit-cards-used-at-target-stores>
6. *December 20, Bloomberg News* – (New York) **Ex-Oak Rock Financial CEO pleads guilty to fraud scheme.** The former CEO of Bohemia, New York-based Oak Rock Financial LLC pleaded guilty December 20 to defrauding a bank and investors of \$100 million.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-12-20/ex-oak-rock-financial-ceo-pleads-guilty-to-fraud-scheme.html>
7. *December 20, KVVU 5 Las Vegas* – (National) **Credit card info breached at Nevada casinos.** Casino operator Affinity Gaming reported December 20 that its payment processing system was breached between March 14 and October 16 and alerted customers of its casinos in Nevada, Missouri, Colorado, and Iowa to check their account statements for signs of fraud.
Source: <http://www.fox5vegas.com/story/24274152/owner-of-silver-sevens-primm-casinos-probing-breach>
8. *December 20, Southern California City News Service* – (California) **Two men arrested for allegedly placing skimming devices in banks.** Two men were arrested December 15 in Encino and charged with allegedly placing skimming devices on ATMs at banks in Sherman Oaks and Encino in an investigation dating back to September 2012.
Source: <http://westhollywood.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/two-men-arrested-for-allegedly-placing-skimming-devices-in-banks-westhollywood>
9. *December 20, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (National) **'I-55 bandit' admits 10 bank robberies.** A suspect known as the "I-55 Bandit" pleaded guilty December 20 to robbing a total of 10 banks in Missouri, Illinois, Maryland, West Virginia, and Tennessee, stealing around \$29,000.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/illinois/i--bandit-admits-bank-robberies/article_40622a0d-3b78-5eb0-bad6-aa9d99fb03f2.html
10. *December 20, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (Arkansas; North Carolina)

SEC charges woman and stepson for involvement in ZeekRewards Ponzi and pyramid scheme. Two individuals in Arkansas agreed December 20 to pay around \$11 million in ill-gotten profits to settle U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charges that they provided support to the North Carolina-based ZeekRewards online Ponzi and pyramid scheme that raised over \$850 million from one million investors.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370540530681>

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Transportation Systems Sector

11. *December 23, Princeton Daily Clarion* – (Indiana) **Rainfall floods roads.** The Indiana Department of Transportation closed a portion of Indiana's Interstate 64 west of U.S. 41 December 22 after a drainage levee broke, causing the road to flood December 21. Rainfall combined with snowmelt flooded other roadways in the Princeton area.
Source: http://www.tristate-media.com/pdclarion/article_88e968d8-6b97-11e3-9966-0019bb2963f4.html?mode=jqm
12. *December 22, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **Ramp from I-65 north to I-64 west to remain closed until repairs completed.** The ramp from northbound Interstate 65 to westbound to Interstate 64 closed indefinitely December 21 until repairs are completed after an inspection by Kentucky Transportation Cabinet engineers found deteriorating concrete and exposed steel reinforcement bars.
Source: http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20131221/NEWS01/312210058/Ramp-from-65-north-64-west-remain-closed-until-repairs-completed?nclck_check=1
13. *December 21, WTOP 103.5 FM Washington, D.C.* – (Maryland) **Amtrak travel now moving after pedestrian struck in Aberdeen.** An Amtrak train struck and killed a pedestrian near Aberdeen December 21, halting north and southbound trains for more than 3 hours while Amtrak officials investigated.
Source: <http://www.wtop.com/46/3529673/Amtrak-travel-snarled-pedestrian-killed-near-Aberdeen>
14. *December 21, WXIA 11 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Stolen postal truck found as search for robbery suspects continues.** A U.S. Postal Service truck driver was shot during a robbery of a postal truck at the Conley Post Office in Georgia December 20. Postal inspectors found the abandoned truck in Atlanta and are searching for the suspect.
Source: <http://www.11alive.com/News/Crime/316814/445/Search-for-stolen-postal-truck-and-robbery-suspects>
15. *December 20, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **2-hour shutdown at MSP's Terminal 2; no, a propane tank is not a carry-on.** Terminal 2 of the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport was closed for about 2 hours December 20 after a traveler left a box that contained a propane tank in the ticketing area. The traveler, who was removed from her flight for questioning before takeoff, was released after police deemed the box's contents safe.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/236708721.html>

16. *December 20, Marin Independent Journal* – (California) **Fake postal worker steals parcels in Novato after striking in San Rafael, East Bay.** A woman impersonating a postal worker stole several packages from a Novato post office December 20. Postal investigators are working to identify the woman who they suspect is linked to similar thefts at other California post offices.

Source: http://www.marinij.com/crimebeat/ci_24770034/fake-postal-worker-steals-parcels-novato-after-striking

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Food and Agriculture Sector

17. *December 23, Meat & Poultry* – (Hawaii) **Hawaii-based firm recalls raw chicken.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced Hawaii-based Palama Holdings, LLC recalled approximately 3,600 pounds of raw, frozen marinated May's Hawaii chicken products due to potential temperature abuse during storage prior to product distribution.

Source:

http://www.meatpoultry.com/articles/news_home/Food_Safety/2013/12/Hawaii-based_firm_recalls_raw.aspx?ID={B906198D-9585-4826-B600-B0C129054AF7}

18. *December 22, Food Poison Journal* – (Montana; Washington) **Sesame hummus recalled due to Listeria.** Spokane Produce, Inc., recalled approximately 59 pounds of Victoria's Sesame Hummus due to concerns about possible *Listeria Monocytogenes*. The 11-ounce packages were distributed to retailers in Montana and Washington.

Source: <http://www.foodpoisonjournal.com/food-recall/sesame-hummus-recalled-due-to-listeria/>

19. *December 22, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Fla. pesticide producer agrees to pay \$1.7M fine.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reached a \$1.7 million settlement with Harrell's LLC of Lakeland, Florida, for the company allegedly distributing and selling mislabeled pesticides on several occasions between 2010 and 2012. The company has since corrected the violations and strengthened its environmental compliance program.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/12/22/3832614/fla-pesticide-producer-agrees.html>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

20. *December 22, KSWB 69 San Diego* – (California) **Shoreline closes for possible sewage contamination.** The County of San Diego's Department of Environmental

Health extended beach closings north from the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge to Imperial Beach December 21 due to sewage-tainted runoff released into the Tijuana River which traveled to the ocean.

Source: <http://fox5sandiego.com/2013/12/21/shoreline-closes-for-possible-sewage-contamination/>

21. *December 21, WFOR 4 Miami* – (Florida) **Boil water notice rescinded for parts of Deerfield Beach.** A boil water advisory issued for Deerfield Beach was rescinded December 21 after extensive testing yielded no bacteria. The city warned 60,000 users and issued an advisory December 20 when E. coli was detected in the North Broward Regional well field which supplies groundwater to the city.

Source: <http://miami.cbslocal.com/2013/12/21/boil-water-notice-remains-for-parts-of-deerfield-beach/>

22. *December 20, WHO-HD 13 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **Water works: Turbidity levels in drinking water unusually high.** The Fleur Drive Treatment Plant in Des Moines released a report indicating water at the plant measured 1.53 turbidity units December 12 when normal levels are normally 0.1 or lower, a violation of drinking water standards. It was unknown how long the plant operated at these levels but officials stated that turbidity levels were brought back to normal.

Source: <http://whotv.com/2013/12/20/water-works-turbidity-levels-in-drinking-water-unusually-high/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

23. *December 23, Southern California City News Service* – (California) **Long Beach assisted-living facility fire injures 3, 60 evacuated.** A December 22 fire at The Chateau assisted-living facility in Long Beach prompted the evacuation of 60 residents and left three people with injuries.

Source: <http://www.presstelegram.com/general-news/20131223/long-beach-assisted-living-facility-fire-injures-3-60-evacuated>

24. *December 22, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Resident arrested after SC assisted living shootout.** A resident from a South Carolina assisted living center was arrested after he fired a gun at the Orangeburg facility and then shot at responding police officers.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/resident-arrested-after-sc-assisted-living-shootout>

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Government Facilities Sector

25. *December 22, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Police say they thwarted attack at Colo. school.** Two teenagers were arrested December 20 after police in southern Colorado learned the teens planned to carry out a school shooting attack at Trinidad High School after winter break.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/police-say-they-thwarted-attack-at-colo-school>
26. *December 20, KCPQ 13 Tacoma* – (Washington) **DSHS mistakenly sends personal information of up to 7,000 to old addresses.** The Washington Department of Social and Health Services' Economic Services Administration reported December 19 that a coding error caused letters containing private information of at least 2,600 and as many as 7,000 households receiving its services to be mailed to former or incorrect addresses. The letters were mailed from August 19 until the error was discovered and corrected October 26.
Source: <http://q13fox.com/2013/12/19/dshs-mistakenly-sends-personal-information-of-up-to-7000-to-old-addresses/>
27. *December 20, MLive.com* – (Michigan) **Lansing area schools closed due to power outages, ice storm; power nearly fully restored.** A storm that produced rain and freezing rain caused homes and schools throughout Lansing to lose power December 20 after an outage that affected four different substations. Several school districts around the Lansing area closed due to the loss of service.
Source: http://www.mlive.com/lansing-news/index.ssf/2013/12/lansing_area_schools_closed_du.html
28. *December 20, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Lobbyist pleads guilty in Ohio treasury scheme benefiting Canton-based broker.** An Ohio attorney and lobbyist pleaded guilty December 20 to his role in a kickback scheme at the State treasurer's office between January 2009 and January 2011 which also involved a former deputy treasurer to help direct State brokerage services to a Canton-based broker for more than \$123,000 in personal payments.
Source: <http://www.newsnet5.com/news/local-news/akron-canton-news/lobbyist-pleads-guilty-in-ohio-treasury-scheme-benefiting-canton-based-broker>

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29. *December 20, Everett Herald* – (Washington) **Water damage at Mukilteo police station: \$100K.** Repair work could take 6 weeks at the Mukilteo police station in Washington after a fire-sprinkler water pipe burst December 8 and dumped about 3,000 gallons of water, flooding the station and leaving an estimated \$100,000 in damage.
Source: <http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20131220/NEWS01/712209874>

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Information Technology Sector

30. *December 20, SC Magazine* – (International) **Spotted: New keylogging malware steals Tumblr log-in credentials.** Researchers at Malwarebytes identified a fake Chrome browser extension called Archive Poster that harvests users' Tumblr log-in credentials and other personal information.
Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/spotted-new-keylogging-malware-steals-tumblr-log-in-credentials/article/326596/>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Commercial Facilities Sector

31. *December 22, WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Indy mobile home park evacuated after flooding.** A mobile home park in Indianapolis was evacuated December 21 due to flooding which closed one entrance and caused rising water at the other entrance. The park was reopened December 22 after the water receded.
Source: <http://www.wishtv.com/news/local/indy-mobile-home-park-evacuated-after-flooding>
32. *December 21, KVVU 5 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Police equipment stolen from north Las Vegas business.** Advanced Technology, a police outfitter in Las Vegas, was burglarized December 19, resulting in at least \$100,000 worth of damage to the shop and enough stolen equipment to outfit four to five police vehicles.
Source: <http://www.fox5vegas.com/story/24277935/police-equipment-stolen-from-local-business>
33. *December 20, Tracy Press* – (California) **Gunman shoots up West Valley Mall entrance.** A gunman fired several shots December 20 at an entrance to the West Valley Mall in Tracy, California, shattering glass and causing police to seal a portion of the mall for about 2 hours. Police are still searching for the suspect.
Source: http://www.tracypress.com/view/full_story/24268683/article-Gunman-shoots-

[up-West-Valley-Mall-entrance?instance=home_most_popular](#)

34. *December 20, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Electrical fire closes Tampa Bay-area JC Penney.** A JC Penney store in Brandon, Florida, remained closed after an electrical fire December 21 left severe smoke and water damage.

Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2013/dec/22/electrical-fire-closes-tampa-bay-area-jc-penney/>

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