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- A 48-inch water line that broke and spilled 20 to 23 million gallons of water in Philadelphia caused flooding and loss of water service to several areas, affecting thousands of residents as well as businesses and schools. – *WCAU 10 Philadelphia* (See item [8](#))
- Texas utilities who reported water losses in 2012 showed that billions of gallons of water were lost due to leaking and aging infrastructure during the fiscal year. – *Houston Chronicle* (See item [9](#))
- A preliminary report December 23 on the tuberculosis (TB) outbreak at Summerlin Hospital in Las Vegas stated that tests identified two active cases and 59 other positive cases of latent TB infection. – *KVVU 5 Las Vegas* (See item [11](#))
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration notified the health care industry nationwide of a voluntary recall of all non-expired Abrams Compounding Pharmacy drug products due to the potential of contamination. – *U.S. Food and Drug Administration* (See item [12](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *December 24, Associated Press* – (National) **Cold stays put as utilities work to get power back.** Utility crews worked to restore service to more than 470,000 homes and businesses across several States that remained without power December 24 after a winter storm that began December 21 caused ice buildup on tree branches and power lines.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/cold-stays-put-as-utilities-work-to-get-power-back>
2. *December 23, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Commission returns PG&E fine amid San Bruno concerns.** The California Public Utilities Commission withdrew a citation and refunded a \$375,000 penalty December 20 paid by Pacific Gas and Electric Co. after the commission realized the citation may negatively impact their efforts in penalizing the utility for violations stemming from the San Bruno pipeline disaster.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Commission-returns-PG-amp-E-fine-amid-San-Bruno-5087048.php>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *December 23, Chicago Heights Patch* – (Illinois) **Hazmat team called to factory fire.** A fire at the Trialco metal smelting facility in Chicago Heights December 23 caused a quantity of magnesium to catch fire. A HAZMAT team was called to deal with the magnesium.
Source: <http://chicagoheights.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/hazmat-team-called-to-factory-fire>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

4. *December 24, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation* – (National) **FDIC announces settlement with American Express Centurion Bank for unfair and deceptive practices.** American Express Centurion Bank reached a settlement December 24 with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) for unfair and deceptive marketing practices relating to “add on” credit card products. The company will be required to pay \$40.9 million in restitution to affected customers and a total of \$7.2 million to the FDIC and CFPB.
Source: <http://www.fdic.gov/news/news/press/2013/pr13124.html>

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Transportation Systems Sector

5. *December 23, KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (California) **13 passengers injured in Baldwin Park tour bus crash.** Thirteen passengers on a bus operated by Travel Tours Americas International were injured December 23 in Baldwin Park, California, after the driver lost control and crashed on the westbound 10 Freeway at the Baldwin Park Boulevard offramp. The offramp was closed during the removal of the bus.
Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2013/12/23/passengers-trapped-after-tour-bus-lands-in-baldwin-park-drainage-canal/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

6. *December 24, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Disease prompts Ohio walnut-tree quarantine.** Ohio Department of Agriculture officials enacted a quarantine that takes effect December 26 which prohibits moving live walnut trees, lumber, and wood out of Butler County in an attempt to keep thousand cankers disease from spreading.
Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2013/12/24/disease-prompts-walnut-tree-quarantine.html>
7. *December 24, Associated Press; Harrisonburg Daily News-Record* – (Virginia) **Owner saves thousands of chicks from fire in Va.** Firefighters responded after a building that houses chickens caught fire December 23 near New Market, Virginia. The owner managed to save nearly 19,000 chickens during the blaze.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/owner-saves-thousands-of-chicks-from-fire-in-va/2013/12/24/641b8142-6c98-11e3-a5d0-6f31cd74f760_story.html

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

8. *December 24, WCAU 10 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **City loses 20M gallons of water after massive water main break.** A 48-inch water line that broke and spilled 20 to 23 million gallons of water December 23 in Philadelphia caused flooding and loss of water service to several areas, affecting thousands of residents as well as businesses and schools.
Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/breaking/Water-Main-Break-Northeast-237015671.html>
9. *December 23, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Texas losing billions of gallons to annual water leaks.** City records for Texas utilities required to report water losses in 2012 showed that billions of gallons of water were lost due to leaking and aging infrastructure, with 22.4 billion gallons lost in Houston during their 2012 fiscal year, equating to about 15.2 percent of the city's total water supply.
Source: <http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/science-environment/article/Texas-losing-billions-of-gallons-to-annual-water-5086902.php>
10. *December 23, Lexington Dispatch* – (North Carolina) **Thomasville reports 96,000 gallons of wastewater spill.** The City of Thomasville reported that a 96,000-gallon spill of untreated wastewater into the South Hamby Creek occurred December 23 due to inflow and rainwater infiltration at the East Davidson Sanitary Sewage Pump Station.
Source: <http://www.the-dispatch.com/article/20131223/NEWS/131229978?Title=Thomasville-reports-96-000-gallons-of-wastewater-spill>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

11. *December 23, KVVU 5 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Report: 59 test positive for TB in hospital outbreak.** The Southern Nevada Health District released a preliminary report December 23 on the tuberculosis (TB) outbreak at Summerlin Hospital in Las Vegas stating that tests identified two active cases and 59 other positive cases of latent TB infection. The health district believes the disease may have stemmed from an expectant mother who was ill before being admitted to the hospital in May.
Source: <http://www.fox5vegas.com/story/24292807/report-59-test-positive-for-tb-in-hospital-outbreak>
12. *December 21, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **FDA announces voluntary nationwide recall of all non-expired sterile drugs from Abrams Royal Compounding Pharmacy.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration notified hospitals, health care professionals, and patients nationwide of a voluntary recall of all non-expired Abrams Compounding Pharmacy produced and distributed drug products due to the potential of contamination. The drug products were distributed between June 2013 and December 2013.
Source:

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm379634.htm>

13. *December 19, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New York) **Rite Aid cited by US Labor Department’s OSHA for safety hazards at Kings Highway store in Brooklyn, NY; proposed fines total more than \$83,000.** Pennsylvania-based Rite Aid was cited by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration December 19 for repeat and serious safety violations after an inspection of the retailer’s store in Brooklyn, New York. Proposed fines total more than \$83,000.
Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25287

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Government Facilities Sector

14. *December 23, Softpedia* – (Texas) **Texas county’s phone systems hacked, attackers go on international calling spree.** Bell County representatives reported that the county’s phone systems were hijacked between November 30 and December 2 by attackers who abused a weak 4-digit password and made several international calls that cost \$27,220. A second breach was detected December 13 by AT&T.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Texas-County-s-Phone-Systems-Hacked-Attackers-Go-on-International-Calling-Spree-411938.shtml>
15. *December 23, Hometownlife.com* – (Michigan) **Harrison High School in Farmington Hills evacuated due to electrical fire.** Officials announced that Harrison High School in Farmington Hills is closed indefinitely after a December 20 electrical fire that prompted an evacuation and caused several thousand dollars in damage.
Source: <http://www.hometownlife.com/article/20131223/NEWS06/312230020/Harrison-High-School-Farmington-Hills-evacuated-due-electrical-fire>
16. *December 20, Associated Press* – (California) **1,500 tested for TB at southern California school.** Indio High School in southern California tested more than 1,500 staff members and students for tuberculosis after one student was diagnosed with the infection in November. Forty-five students tested positive for possible exposure but require further testing to determine whether they have active tuberculosis.
Source: <http://www.nbcnews.com/health/1-500-tested-tb-southern-california-school-2D11787842>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

17. *December 23, Threatpost* – (International) **Popular registrar Namecheap fixes DNS hijack bug.** Web-hosting service and domain registrar Namecheap fixed a cross-site request forgery vulnerability in its domain name system (DNS) setup page after being notified by a security researcher. The vulnerability could have let an attacker hijack DNS servers and redirect incoming traffic.

Source: <http://threatpost.com/popular-registrar-namecheap-fixes-dns-hijack-bug/103281>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

18. *December 24, Burlington County Times* – (New Jersey) **Fryer fire forces evacuation of Edgewater Park McDonald's.** A December 23 fryer fire at a McDonalds in Edgewater Park forced the evacuation and closure of the restaurant while firefighters put out the fire and Burlington County health department officials inspected the damage.

Source: http://www.burlingtoncountytimes.com/news/local/update-fryer-fire-forces-evacuation-of-edgewater-park-mcdonald-s/article_80676aeb-e148-5700-acc6-d46743c56365.html

19. *December 24, Garden City Telegram* – (Kansas) **Jimmy John's lab results delayed by holidays.** More than 60 cases of gastrointestinal illness were reported to the Finney County Health Department from individuals who allegedly became sick after eating at a Jimmy John's restaurant since December 11. The health department expects to have tests results by the end of 2013.

Source: <http://gctelegram.com/news/local/Jimmy-John-s-Update-12-24-13>

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Dams Sector

20. *December 24, Baton Rouge Advocate* – (Louisiana) **Cracks forming in levee around Bayou Corne-area sinkhole.** Officials in Assumption Parish reported December 23 that a protective levee that surrounds the Bayou Corne-area sinkhole developed cracks due to underground micro-tremors at the same point that cracks had developed in October and at another point. The levee prevents saline and oily water from a collapsed underground oil brine dome from leaking into surrounding swamps.

Source: <http://theadvocate.com/home/7925709-125/cracks-form-in-levee-around>

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