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- Federal authorities announced January 7 that JPMorgan Chase & Co., agreed to pay \$1.7 billion to settle criminal charges of ignoring warning signs relating to a massive Ponzi scheme run through Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities. – *Associated Press* (See item [4](#))
- Low temperatures and wind chills across several States left more than 500 Amtrak passengers stranded on three trains, while school and business were forced to close and hundreds of flights were cancelled. – *Associated Press* (See item [15](#))
- A four-story building in Shelton, Connecticut, caught fire and later collapsed January 6 leaving at least five people injured, dozens of residents displaced, a water main break, and leading to the closure of several businesses. – *Connecticut Post* (See item [30](#))
- A weather-related explosion of an underground transformer prompted the evacuation of approximately 1,500 people from a 26-story building in New York City for several hours January 6. – *USA Today* (See item [32](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *January 7, WBTW 13 Florence* – (South Carolina; North Carolina) **Thousands without power in the Carolinas with temps in the teens.** More than 28,000 homes were without power January 7 in North Carolina after wind gusts and frigid temperatures knocked out service.

Source: <http://www.wbtw.com/story/24381386/power-outages-making-it-worse-to>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *January 7, WCBS 2 New York City; Associated Press* – (New York) **Indian Point nuclear reactor shut down due to generator problem.** The Indian Point 3 reactor at the Indian Point nuclear power plant in Buchanan automatically shut down January 6 after a drop in the water level in a steam generator was detected.

Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2014/01/07/indian-point-nuclear-reactor-shut-down-due-to-generator-problem/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *January 7, WANE 15 Fort Wayne* – (Indiana) **Columbia City business damaged by fire.** A fire at the Viking Incorporated facility in Columbia City caused extensive damage January 6 and took nearly 3 hours for firefighters to contain. The cause remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www.wane.com/news/local/crews-battle-fire-in-bitter-cold-temps>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

4. *January 7, Associated Press* – (National) **JPMorgan to pay \$1.7 billion over Ponzi scheme role.** Federal authorities announced January 7 that JPMorgan Chase & Co., agreed to pay \$1.7 billion to settle criminal charges of ignoring warning signs relating to a massive Ponzi scheme run through Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities. JPMorgan also agreed to acknowledge failures and reform its anti-money laundering policies.
Source: http://www.nj.com/business/index.ssf/2014/01/jpmorgan_to_pay_17_billion_over_madoff_scheme_role.html
5. *January 7, Reuters* – (International) **Ex-UBS bank executive to enter plea in tax fraud case.** A former banker at UBS appeared before court in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, January 7 to face charges for allegedly helping around 17,000 U.S. citizens conceal \$20 billion in UBS bank accounts. The man was originally charged in 2009 and was declared a fugitive but was arrested in Italy in October 2013 and extradited to the U.S.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/01/07/ubs-tax-banker-idUSL2N0KG1SD20140107>
6. *January 6, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **District Court finds New York man liable for operating a Ponzi scheme, issues permanent injunctions against remaining individual defendants and grants other relief.** A Syosset, New York man involved with PermaPave Industries and its affiliates was found to have violated federal securities laws and ran a Ponzi scheme by raising more than \$26 million from over 140 investors and using the money to make fake interest or profit payments.
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/litigation/litreleases/2014/lr22901.htm>

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *January 7, Pleasanton Weekly* – (California) **Pleasanton police arrest 4 on mail theft.** Four men were arrested January 3 by Pleasanton police on suspicion of stealing mail from mailboxes and homes in up to 13 Bay Area cities after a resident reported suspicious behavior to authorities.
Source: <http://www.pleasantonweekly.com/news/2014/01/06/pleasanton-police-arrest-4-on-mail-theft-charges>
8. *January 7, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York) **I-81 remains closed from Brewerton to Watertown, NY DOT says.** The New York Department of Transportation closed a portion of Interstate 81 January 7 until further notice due to a winter storm and cold moving through the State.
Source: http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2014/01/i-81_remains_closed_from_brewerton_to_watertown_ny_dot_says.html

9. *January 7, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Slick roads cause school delays, highway closure.** Connecticut State Police closed Interstate 84 in Tolland for around 2 hours January 7 after several semi-trucks became stuck due to wintry conditions.
Source: <http://www.newstimes.com/news/article/I-84-in-Conn-reopens-after-trucks-got-stuck-5120095.php>
10. *January 7, KMOV 4 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Highway 367 closed after water main break causes road to freeze.** The Missouri Department of Transportation reported that Highway 367 was closed between Havalin and Interstate 270 for several hours after a water main broke and the water froze on the road surface January 6.
Source: <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/Water-main-break-causes-wreck-forces-367-closed--239024281.html>
11. *January 6, WSJV 28 Elkhart; Associated Press* – (Indiana) **I-94 reopens, I-65 closes again due to conditions.** The Indiana Department of Transportation closed Interstate 65 between Lafayette and Gary a second time January 6 due to poor visibility and hazardous winter conditions. A portion of Interstate 94 from the State line to Michigan city was also closed but later reopened.
Source: <http://www.fox28.com/story/24371552/snowfall-strong-winds-close-some-indiana-highways>
12. *January 6, WWJ 62 Detroit; Associated Press* – (Michigan) **2 Birmingham residents killed in small plane crash.** The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the crash of a single-engine airplane that occurred shortly after takeoff from Boyne City Airport and killed two people onboard January 6.
Source: <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2014/01/06/officials-2-dead-after-small-plane-crash-in-michigan/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

13. *January 7, Saratoga Springs Saratogian* – (New York) **Gansevoort barn fire sends two farmhands to hospital; claims three calves.** An overloaded electrical outlet led to a fire in a feeding barn at the Killian Dairy Farm in Gansevoort, New York, January 5. Two farmhands were hospitalized for smoke inhalation and three calves were killed in the fire.
Source: <http://www.saratogian.com/general-news/20140106/gansevoort-barn-fire-sends-two-farmhands-to-hospital-claims-three-calves>
14. *January 6, KWOA 730 AM Worthington* – (Minnesota) **3,700 pigs die in Hardwick farrowing facility fire Sunday night.** Authorities are investigating a January 5 fire that broke out at the New Horizons Farms hog farrowing facility near Hardwick, Minnesota, that killed approximately 3,700 pigs and destroyed the facility.
Source: <http://kwoa.com/news/2014/01/06/eight-departments-battle-hog-barn-blaze>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

15. *January 7, Associated Press* – (National) **Southern, eastern U.S. brace for record-breaking cold.** Low temperatures and wind chills across several States forced school and business closures January 7 and caused more than 500 Amtrak passengers to spend the night January 6 on three trains due to blowing and drifting snow. Power outages were reported while airports cancelled hundreds of flights.
Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/01/07/us-record-breaking-cold_n_4553876.html
16. *January 7, WMGT 41 Macon* – (Georgia) **Fire destroys Wilkinson County Public Works transit building.** Authorities are investigating a January 6 fire that destroyed the Wilkinson County Public Works transit building in McIntyre, Georgia.
Source: <http://www.41nbc.com/news/local-news/30957-breaking-fire-destroys-wilkinson-county-public-works-transit-building>
17. *January 7, MidHudsonNews.com* – (New York) **Putnam County Courthouse sustains water damage.** The Putnam County Courthouse in New York reopened January 6 after a heating coil burst January 4, causing the building to shut down for cleanup after two floors suffered water damage.
Source:
http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/2014/January/07/PC_CH_water_damage-07Jan13.html
18. *January 6, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Pipe bomb found outside El Dorado probation office.** The El Dorado County Probation Department office in California was evacuated for 3 hours January 6 after a malfunctioned pipe bomb was found outside the building. Officials are investigating who left the device after they defused and removed it.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2014/01/06/6050821/pipe-bomb-found-outside-el-dorado.html>
19. *January 6, News 12* – (New York) **25 children injured in Kiryas Joel school bus**

accident. A United Talmudic Academy school bus crashed January 6 into an electrical transformer in Orange County, New York, leaving 25 children injured.

Source: <http://westchester.news12.com/news/25-children-injured-in-kiryas-joel-school-bus-accident-1.6740475>

20. *January 6, South Jersey Times* – (New Jersey) **Pitman shooting threat prompts high school evacuation.** Pitman High School in New Jersey was evacuated for more than 3 hours January 6 after a student posted a threat on a social media site. Police searched the school and cleared the scene once nothing suspicious was found.

Source: http://www.nj.com/gloucester-county/index.ssf/2014/01/pitman_police_high_school_is_safe_classes_resuming.html

21. *January 6, Greenwich Time* – (Connecticut) **Water damage from radiator coil rupture shuts Julian Curtiss.** Julian Curtiss School in Connecticut closed January 6-7 due to water damage from a ruptured coil in a classroom radiator. Authorities will determine if the school is safe to reopen January 8 after cleanup efforts are complete.

Source: <http://www.greenwichtime.com/local/article/Water-damage-from-ruptured-coil-closes-Julian-5119224.php>

22. *January 6, WFIE 14 Evansville* – (Colorado) **Cold temps cause water damage at North High School.** Authorities are inspecting the damage after a fire suppression line burst at North High School in Vanderburgh and flooded six classrooms January 6. Students were already out of school due to the cold weather.

Source: <http://www.14news.com/story/24376565/north-high-school-sees-water-damage-due-to-cold-temps>

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Emergency Services Sector

23. *January 7, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Heating failure disrupts Minn. Health Dept. lab, leaves \$1M in damage.** Operations at the Minnesota Department of Health lab in St. Paul were temporarily suspended after a heating system failure caused some building systems to freeze and leak water, leaving an estimated \$1 million in damage.

Source: <http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/story/24379974/heating-failure-disrupts-minn-health-dept-lab>

24. *January 6, WDSU 6 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Tangipahoa sheriff: Deputy sells drugs to inmates in parish jail.** A deputy was arrested and charged by the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office for selling drugs to inmates in the parish's jail when he admitted to the crime after a search of his workspace uncovered tobacco and marijuana products.

Source: http://www.wdsu.com/news/local-news/northshore/tangipahoa-sheriff-deputy-sells-drugs-to-inmates-in-parish-jail/-/12537650/23795344/-/b3tg6g/-/index.html?hpt=ju_bn5

Information Technology Sector

25. *January 7, SC Magazine* – (International) **Prison Locker virus threatens to flood market.** Researchers at Malware Must Die identified a new piece of ransomware being advertised on underweb marketplaces named Prison Locker that encrypts all files on a computer except system files and .exe files and demands a ransom. Symantec researchers reported that the ransomware may already be in the wild after they obtained a piece of ransomware that they suspect is Prison Locker.
Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/prison-locker-virus-threatens-to-flood-market/article/328183/>
26. *January 7, Softpedia* – (International) **Windows zero-day used in attack targeted at embassies from Middle Eastern capital.** Trend Micro identified a cyberespionage campaign that targeted several embassies in an undisclosed Middle Eastern capital which utilized a zero-day vulnerability in Microsoft Windows XP and Server 2003 that was disclosed in November 2013. Phishing emails attempted to exploit the vulnerability and install a backdoor onto embassies' systems.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Windows-Zero-Day-Used-in-Attack-Targeted-at-Embassies-from-Middle-Eastern-Capital-414388.shtml>
27. *January 7, Softpedia* – (International) **World Poker Tour Amateur Poker League admits being hacked.** Representative for the World Poker Tour Amateur Poker League (WPTAPL) confirmed that their systems were compromised the week of December 30, 2013 and clear text email addresses and passwords of over 175,000 users were leaked. Included in the leaked emails were some U.S. government email addresses from federal agencies.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/World-Poker-Tour-Amateur-Poker-League-Admits-Being-Hacked-414236.shtml>
28. *January 7, Softpedia* – (International) **Google, Yahoo, Amazon and Twitter domains impacted by Tajikistan registrar hack.** A hacker compromised the systems of Tajikistan's domain registrar, changing the DNS records for the Tajikistan domains of Amazon, Google, Twitter, and Yahoo and redirecting visitors to a defacement page.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Google-Yahoo-Amazon-and-Twitter-Domains-Impacted-by-Tajikistan-Registrar-Hack-414220.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>

Communications Sector

29. *January 7, Softpedia* – (International) **T-Mobile warns customers that hackers obtained their SSNs.** T-Mobile notified customers that attackers breached a server operated by one of the company's suppliers and obtained names, addresses, driver's license numbers, and Social Security numbers for an undisclosed amount of customers in November 2013.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/T-Mobile-Warns-Customers-That-Hackers-Obtained-Their-SSNs-414524.shtml>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

30. *January 7, Connecticut Post* – (Connecticut) **Fire causes chaos in downtown Shelton.** A four-story building in Shelton, Connecticut, caught fire and later collapsed January 6, leaving at least five people injured, dozens of residents displaced, and several businesses closed. As a result of the fire and a subsequent water main break, local roads were closed and nearly 1,000 area residents were left without electricity, gas, and water services for several hours.
Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Several-injured-scores-homeless-in-Shelton-fire-5117295.php#page-1>
31. *January 7, Chicago Southtown Star* – (Illinois) **Lincoln Mall clear to reopen after fire.** A small utility room fire January 6 knocked out power to the Lincoln Mall in Matteson, forcing the mall's closure. The mall was expected to reopen January 7 after approval from the village manager.
Source: <http://southtownstar.suntimes.com/24798855-418/small-fire-closes-mattesons-lincoln-mall-no-injuries.html>
32. *January 6, USA Today* – (New York) **Transformer blast shakes Midtown NYC block.** A weather-related explosion of an underground transformer prompted the evacuation of approximately 1,500 people from a 26-story building in New York City for several hours January 6.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/01/06/new-york-transformer-explosion/4343575/>
33. *January 5, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Apartment fire damages 16 units, leaves families homeless in SW Houston.** Sixteen apartments were destroyed by a January 5 fire at complex in Houston, displacing dozens of families. Officials believe the incident was caused by a Christmas tree that caught fire and high winds that spread the flames throughout the building.
Source: <http://www.khou.com/news/local/Apartment-fire-damages-16-units-leaves-families-homeless-in-SW-Houston-238801101.html>

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Dams Sector

34. *January 6, KOVR 13 Stockton* – (California) **Folsom Dam outflow slashed nearly in half amid historically dry California winter.** The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation announced that it will be reducing water outflow from the Folsom Dam to the American River by about half, from 800 cubic feet per second to 500 cubic feet per second, by January 10 due to historically dry winter conditions.

Source: <http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2014/01/06/folsom-dam-outflow-slashed-nearly-in-half-amid-historically-dry-california-winter/>

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