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- An explosion at International Nutrition, an Omaha, Nebraska animal feed processing plant, killed 2 workers, hospitalized 10 others, and caused a large part of the plant to collapse January 20. – Associated Press (See item 13)
- Computer systems belonging to Puerto Rico's Association of Surgeons were compromised and the personal information of all medical doctors licensed to practice on the island was stolen.
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- Significant winter weather closed dozens of schools, universities, and federal offices in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. January 21, and impacted flights and rail service in the region. *WNEW 99.1 FM Bowie* (See item 26)
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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

1. January 17, Wicked Local Plymouth – (Massachusetts) **Tritium discovered in new Pilgrim monitoring well.** The operators of the Pilgrim nuclear power plant in Plymouth notified the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission that it found tritium in a new groundwater monitoring well above drinking water limits December 30, 2013, though the level dropped in samples taken January 6 and 14. Source: http://www.wickedlocal.com/plymouth/news/x579270524/Tritium-discovered-in-new-Pilgrim-monitoring-well

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

- 2. January 20, KTEN 10 Denison (Oklahoma) Explosion kills two at plant in Madill, Okla. An explosion in a furnace at the Mid-American Steel and Wire plant in Madill killed two employees and hospitalized a third January 20.

 Source: http://www.kten.com/story/24502750/two-dead-in-madill-plant-explosion
- 3. January 17, AL.com (Alabama) Explosion at Vulcan plant in Foley injures workers, two seriously. An explosion at a Vulcan Inc., aluminum plant in Foley seriously injured 2 workers and caused 50 others to be treated for precautionary measures January 17.

Source: http://blog.al.com/live/2014/01/explosion at vulcan plant in f.html

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4. January 20, CBS; Associated Press – (Texas) Target credit card fraud suspects arrested at Texas border. Police in McAllen arrested two Mexican nationals attempting to re-enter the U.S. January 19 after they were found with 96 fraudulent credit cards created with information obtained in a recent breach of Target customer data. The two allegedly used the cards to make thousands of dollars of purchases in the area.

Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/news/target-credit-card-fraud-suspects-arrested-attexas-border/

- 5. January 19, Des Plaines Patch (Illinois) **FBI: "Elmer Fudd Bandit" indicted for four bank robberies.** A suspect known as the "Elmer Fudd Bandit" was charged with robbing four banks and attempting to rob another in Des Plaines during October 2012. Source: http://desplaines.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/fbi-elmer-fudd-bandit-indicted-for-four-bank-robberies
- 6. *January 19*, *Savannah Morning News* (Georgia) **Four more bankers plead guilty in loan scheme, one left for trial.** Four former officials of the now-defunct First National Bank pleaded guilty the week of January 13 for their role in hiding millions of dollars in nonperforming loans which eventually led to the bank's collapse, costing the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation over \$90 million.

 Source: http://savannahnow.com/news/2014-01-18/four-more-bankers-plead-guilty-loan-scheme-one-left-trial
- January 17, WBZ 4 Boston (Massachusetts) Brim Beanie Bandit bank robbery suspect arrested in Stoughton. A man believed to be the "Brim Beanie Bandit" was arrested in Stoughton January 17 and charged with two bank robberies. Police are investigating if the man is linked to other robberies.
 Source: http://boston.cbslocal.com/2014/01/17/brim-beanie-bandit-bank-robbery-suspect-arrested-in-stoughton/
- 8. January 17, WREX 13Rockford (Illinois) Rockford mortgage company owner convicted of fraud. The former CEO and president of Commercial Mortgage and Finance Co. was found guilty January 17 of various fraud charges for hiding the company's negative net worth and raising and retaining money from investors that exposed them to losses of over \$20 million.

Source: http://www.wrex.com/story/24484905/2014/01/17/rockford-mortgage-company-owner-convicted-of-fraud

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Transportation Systems Sector

9. January 19, KFGO 790 AM Fargo – (Minnesota) Interstate 94 closed during propane tank fire in Barnesville. Interstate 94 in Barnesville was closed for several hours while emergency crews worked to contain an industrial propane tank fire at the

Agassiz Valley Grain Elevator.

Source: http://kfgo.com/news/articles/2014/jan/19/interstate-94-closed-during-propane-tank-fire-in-barnesville/

10. January 19, Racine Journal Times – (Wisconsin) Coal train derails in Caledonia; officials say no injuries, no hazardous material spilled. A Union Pacific train carrying coal derailed January 19 near Highway 38 in Caledonia, Wisconsin, causing 19 rail cars to go off the track. Crews worked to clean up the spill and fix the broken track in order to reopen the rail line.

Source: http://journaltimes.com/news/local/coal-train-derails-in-caledonia/article cf7ec014-8121-11e3-81ce-001a4bcf887a.html

11. January 17, KMGH 7 Denver – (Colorado) Highway 550 near Ouray closed indefinitely after rock slide; crews prying rocks from hill side. U.S. Highway 550 over Red Mountain Pass in Colorado was closed indefinitely due to a rockslide January 12. Crews were flown in by helicopter for the cleanup and to fix the damage caused by the rock fall.

Source: http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/state-news/highway-550-near-ouray-closed-indefinitely-after-rock-slide-crews-prying-rocks-from-hill-side

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Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *January 21, KFOX 14 El Paso* – (New Mexico) **Berino hay fire to burn for days.** Authorities suspected foul play in a fire that broke out January 20 at the Sun Valley Dairy in Berino, New Mexico, and destroyed approximately 250 bales of hay worth \$200,000. A lack of hydrants in the area prohibited crews from battling the fire, which was contained but was expected to burn for days.

Source: http://www.kfoxtv.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/berino-dairy-farm-fire-causes-200000-worth-damage-3223.shtml

- 13. January 21, Associated Press (Nebraska) Cause of deadly Omaha plant explosion unknown. An explosion at International Nutrition, an Omaha, Nebraska animal feed processing plant, killed 2 workers, hospitalized 10 others, and caused a large part of the plant to collapse January 20. The cause of the explosion under investigation. Source: http://www.news9.com/story/24503052/cause-of-deadly-omaha-plant-explosion-unknown
- 14. January 20, WYMT 57 Hazard (National) Truitt Brothers Inc. of KY forced to recall some Velveeta and Kraft products. The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced January 20 that Truitt Brothers Inc. recalled 1.77 million pounds of Kraft Velveeta Cheesy Skillets Singles Ultimate Cheeseburger Mac due to undeclared soy and mislabeling. The products were shipped to Kraft Foods distribution centers and retailers nationwide.

Source: http://www.wkyt.com/wymt/home/headlines/Truitt-Brothers-Inc-of-KY-forced-to-recall-some-Velveeta-and-Kraft-products-241125741.html

- 15. January 20, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal (Texas) Thousands of cotton bales burn in Wilson gin fire in Lynn County. Between 14,000 and 15,000 bales of mote and a storage structure were destroyed by a fire that erupted at the Wilson County Gin and Cotton Co. in Wilson, Texas January 20. Authorities will bury the smoldering bales in a pit through January 21 to prevent further destruction.

 Source: http://lubbockonline.com/filed-online/2014-01-20/thousands-cotton-bales-burn-wilson-gin-fire-lynn-county
- 16. January 18, Associated Press (International) Ham recall: Illinois' Gusto Packing recalls contaminated meat. The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced January 18 that Gusto Packing of Montgomery, Illinois, recalled 67,110 pounds of sliced ham products due to the possibility of Listeria contamination. The products were distributed in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio, and exported to Canada. Source: http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/consumer&id=9398271
- 17. January 18, Food Poisoning Bulletin (Louisiana; Texas) Norovirus outbreak linked to Texas oysters. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a warning January 17 that consumers should not eat raw or partially-cooked oysters harvested from Copano Bay, Texas, between December 2013 and January and shipped by Alby's Seafood of Fulton, Texas, due to a connection to norovirus outbreak in Louisiana.

 Source: http://foodpoisoningbulletin.com/2014/norovirus-outbreak-linked-to-texas-oysters/
- 18. January 17, Imperial Valley News (California; Colorado; Illinois) Colorado firm announces recall of beef, pork products sold in California. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service reported that European Meat Products Inc. recalled 130,000 pounds of beef and pork products January 17 due to undeclared wheat and mislabeling. The products were sent to distributors, restaurants and retail establishments in California, Colorado, and Illinois.

 Source: http://www.imperialvalleynews.com/index.php/news/latest-news/6839-colorado-firm-recalls-beef-and-pork-products.html
- 19. January 17, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (New Jersey; Wisconsin) Merrell Food Group Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Peanut in "Crunch'N Nutter Mixed Nut". The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced January 17 that Merrell Food Group of Dalton, Wisconsin and its manufacturer Rise'n Roll Specialties recalled 4 ounce bags of Crunch'N Nutter Mixed Nut due to undeclared peanuts. The product was sent to distributors in New Jersey and Wisconsin. Source: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm382257.htm
- 20. January 17, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (National) Rise'n Roll Bakery issues allergy alert on undeclared egg in all their donut Varieties and undeclared peanuts in Nutty Crunch. The U.S. Food and Drug administration announced January 17 that Rise'n Roll Bakery of Middlebury, Indiana, recalled all donut varieties and cinnamon caramel donut holes distributed in northern Indiana due to undeclared egg. The company also recalled 8 ounce packages of Rise'n Roll Specialties Nutty Crunch

distributed in 10 States due to undeclared peanuts.

Source: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm382261.htm

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

21. January 21, WTLV 23 Miami/WJXX 25 Orange Park – (Florida) Bartram Park under boil water advisory following water line break. A construction crew putting in fiber optic line mistakenly hit a pipe, shutting off water service in the Bartram Park area of Jacksonville for more than 5 hours January 20-21. A boil water advisory was put in effect after service was restored.

Source: http://www.firstcoastnews.com/story/news/local/2014/01/20/bartram-park-water-line-break-has-residents-high-and-dry/4689749/

22. *January* 20, *Ashland Independent* – (Kentucky) **Catlettsburg water woes** Crews worked to determine what is causing the city of Catlettsburg's water tank to keep draining, causing low water pressure or loss of water service for residents in the area. Water is being brought in from a neighboring city while authorities investigate. Source:

 $\frac{http://m.dailyindependent.com/Independent/db_265782/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=s2J4lMoC\&full=true\#display}{}$

23. *January* 20, *Niagara Falls Review* – (New York) **Seven water main breaks in Falls.** Within a 7-hour span January 20, the City of Niagara Falls reported 7 water main breaks, prompting lane closures for several hours while crews worked to repair the breaks.

Source: http://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/2014/01/20/six-water-main-breaks-in-falls

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

24. *January 17, Associated Press* – (Puerto Rico) **Personal information of Puerto Rico doctors stolen.** The president of Puerto Rico's Association of Surgeons stated that the association's electronic system was recently hacked and the personal information of all medical doctors licensed to practice on the island was stolen. The doctors have also been receiving harassing emails.

 $Source: \underline{http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/personal-information-of-puerto-rico-doctors-stolen/2014/01/17/e8354b96-7f9b-11e3-97d3-\underline{b9925ce2c57b_story.html}$

25. *January 17, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **Family member: Shooter was demanding more money from couple who hired him for work.** A gunman shot and killed himself after entering the Doctor's Choice Medical Center in West Palm Beach January

16 where he shot two individuals, killing one and injuring the other. Authorities believe the incident was a targeted attack involving a personal dispute between the shooter and the couple.

Source: http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/pbso-lake-worth-man-69-in-clinic-killed-man-38-inj/ncrp3/

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Government Facilities Sector

- 26. *January 21, WNEW 99.1 FM Bowie* (Washington, D.C., Virginia; Maryland) **Federal offices, school systems closed ahead of snow storm.** Dozens of schools, universities, and federal offices in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. closed January 21, in anticipation of a winter storm expected to produce several inches of snow. Flights and rail service in the region were also impacted by the winter weather.
 - Source: http://washington.cbslocal.com/2014/01/21/federal-offices-school-systems-closed-ahead-of-snow-storm/
- 27. *January 21, Reuters* (Pennsylvania) **College student shot on Pennsylvania university campus.** Police are searching for a gunman who shot and critically injured a college student outside Widener University's Schwartz Athletic Center January 20 in Chester, and initiated a lockdown while authorities searched the campus. Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/01/21/us-usa-crime-pennsylvania-idUSBREA0K0AK20140121
- 28. *January* 20, *KGTV* 10 *San Diego* (California) **Schools, police give update on investigation into threat that closed 4 campuses.** American Heritage Charter Schools in Escondido reopened January 21 after closing a school and three sister campuses January 17 due to a social media posting that warned about a shooting and the author's alleged suicide after opening fire at a charter high school.

 Source: http://www.10news.com/news/schools-police-give-update-on-investigation-into-threat-that-closed-4-campuses-01202014
- 29. *January 19, CNN* (Pennsylvania) **Suspect in Philadelphia school gym shooting turns himself in.** A teenager turned himself into police January 18 after discharging a gun in the gymnasium at Delaware Valley Charter High School in Philadelphia January 17 and injuring two students. The school was under lockdown while police searched for the gunman, who initially left the scene.

 Source: http://www.cnn.com/2014/01/18/justice/philadelphia-high-school-shooting/
- 30. *January 17*, *WCBS 2 New York City* (New York) **3-alarm fire breaks out at Monsignor Scanlan Catholic School in the Bronx.** A 3-alarm fire that started in a boiler room at Monsignor Scanlan Catholic School in the Bronx area of New York City caused extensive damage to parts of the school. Students and staff were not in the building at the time and officials will inspect the damages before determining when the school will reopen.

Source: http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2014/01/17/3-alarm-fire-breaks-out-at-monsignor-

scanlan-catholic-school-in-the-bronx/

31. January 17, Trenton Times – (New Jersey) Hightstown High School evacuated, dismissed early after teacher falls ill from fumes. Hightstown High School in New Jersey was evacuated and classes were dismissed January 17 after a teacher was hospitalized following inhalation of chemical fumes in a science lab. Three other faculty members were also transported to an area hospital with complaints of minor injuries.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/mercer/index.ssf/2014/01/hightstown high school evacuated dism issed early after teacher falls ill from fumes.html

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- 32. *January 21, Threatpost* (International) **Cutwail-like spambot hides malicious activity in its traffic.** Researchers at Dell SonicWALL identified a new spam botnet dubbed Wigon.PH_44 being served on compromised Web sites hosted on the WordPress platform that uses large amounts of HTTP POST and GET requests in order to disguise the true nature of its traffic.
 - $\textbf{Source: } \underline{http://threatpost.com/cutwail-like-spambot-hides-malicious-activity-in-its-traffic/103744}$
- 33. *January 21*, *Softpedia* (International) **Android malware disguised as security update steals SMSs and intercepts phone calls.** FireEye researchers identified six versions of a new Android malware dubbed Android.HeHe that can intercept SMS messages and phone calls from numbers specified in a file. The malware is being distributed disguised as a security update for Android.

Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Android-Malware-Disguised-as-Security-Update-Steals-SMSs-and-Intercepts-Phone-Calls-419230.shtml

- 34. *January 21, The Register* (International) **Hacker breaks into ThrustVPS, launches phishing attack from firm's own servers.** Virtual private server company ThrustVPS stated that they were the victim of a phishing attack that compromised their systems and allowed an attacker to upload a php shell and mailer script, which caused phishing emails to be sent from the company's servers. Source:
 - http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/01/21/thrustvps penetrated by phishing attack/
- 35. January 20, The Register (International) Google pulls Chrome extensions after

new owners subvert web tools. Google pulled at least two extensions for its Chrome browser from the company's online store after a researcher found that spammers and other malicious actors bought the software from developers and then added advertising or other unwanted components to updates for the extensions.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/01/20/google_pulls_chrome_extensions_after_new owners_subvert_web_tools/

36. *January 20, Threatpost* – (International) **Starbucks fixes vulnerable iOS app, geolocation issue persists.** Starbucks issued a patch for its iOS app that was found to contain user names and passwords in plain text.

Source: http://threatpost.com/starbucks-fixes-vulnerable-ios-app-geolocation-issue-persists/103730

37. January 18, Softpedia – (International) Android vulnerability can be exploited to capture data of VPN users. Researchers at Ben Gurion University identified a vulnerability in Android that could be used to bypass active virtual private network (VPN) configurations in order to intercept secure communications. The researchers released a proof-of-concept for the vulnerability.

Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Android-Vulnerability-Can-Be-Exploited-to-Capture-Data-of-VPN-Users-418314.shtml

Internet Alert Dashboard

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38. *January 21, WCIV 4 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **Crews battle fire at West Ashley apartment complex.** Authorities are investigating a fire that erupted January 21 at the Wood Bridge Apartments in West Ashley leaving 20 units damaged and at least 35 people displaced.

Source: http://www.abcnews4.com/story/24503675/crews-battle-fire-at-west-ashley-apartment-complex

39. January 21, WBIW 1340 AM Indianapolis – (Indiana) No bomb found at

Bloomington Walmart. Authorities are investigating a phoned bomb threat that forced a Bloomington, Indiana Walmart to evacuate and close for 2 hours January 20. No explosive devices were found and the store reopened after officials searched and cleared the scene.

Source: http://www.wbiw.com/local/archive/2014/01/no-bomb-found-at-bloomington-walmart.php

40. *January 20, KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (California) **Fire guts Pasadena apartment building.** A two-alarm electrical fire at a Pasadena, California apartment building January 20 destroyed the building and damaged a nearby structure, resulting in \$1.8 million in losses and leaving four families displaced. One person was treated at the scene for minor injuries.

 ${\bf Source: \ http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2014/01/20/crews-battle-fire-at-pasadena-apartment-complex/}$

41. *January 20, WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Downtown gas line fixed, streets reopen.** A gas leak at the Sylvania Apartments in Indianapolis January 20 forced 20 residents to evacuate and prompted authorities to cut gas and power service to the building and nearby businesses. Services were restored and residents were allowed to return after approximately 18 hours.

Source: http://www.wishtv.com/news/local/20-people-displaced-in-downtown-gas-leak

- 42. *January* 20, *WBRC* 6 *Birmingham* (Alabama) **Fire chief: Kids playing with lighter sparked Irondale hotel fire.** The Irondale fire chief stated that the cause of a two-alarm fire that broke out January 20 at the America's Best Value Inn and caused an evacuation was an accidental fire started by children playing with a lighter. Source: http://www.myfoxal.com/story/24499176/fire-chief-kids-playing-with-lighter-sparked-irondale-hotel-fire
- 43. *January* 20, *KHOU* 11 *Houston* (Texas) **Fire inside Houston Walmart sends everyone running for the exits.** A Walmart in Houston reopened January 20 after a fire broke out and the store filled with smoke, forcing employees and patrons to evacuate January 19. Authorities are investigating the incident and the health department is examining the store's food products to ensure nothing was contaminated. Source: http://www.11alive.com/news/article/319300/40/Fire-inside-Houston-Walmart-sends-everyone-running-for-the-exits
- 44. *January 20, KDVR 31 Denver* (Colorado) **Bomb threat called into Sports Authority HQ in Englewood, nothing found.** The Sports Authority headquarters in Englewood, Colorado, was evacuated for over 3 hours January 20 after a phoned bomb threat. Officials searched and cleared the scene without finding explosive devices. Source: http://kdvr.com/2014/01/20/bomb-threat-called-into-sports-authority-hq-in-englewood/

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Dams Sector

45. *January 20, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **NYC promises flood protection from new reservoir system.** New York City officials introduced a new computerized system intended to provide clearer, faster long-range forecasts that will give reservoir officials up to 2 weeks' notice on upcoming weather so they have time to reduce water from reservoirs and reduce flooding in downstream communities, in order to reduce the risk of storm-fueled flooding.

Source: http://www.timesunion.com/business/article/NYC-promises-flood-protection-from-new-reservoir-5160508.php

46. *January 20, Kansas City Star* – (Missouri) **Big drop in Missouri River water levels becoming critical problem.** Significant drops in the river bed and water levels of the Missouri River have become a threat to the area utilities, bridges, and levees. Officials are working to find a solution in order to finalize a plan by the end of 2015 in order to prevent the issue from reaching a critical stage

Source: http://www.kansascity.com/2014/01/20/4764924/big-drop-in-missouri-river-water.html

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