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- Pacific Gas and Electric Company confirmed an attack at its Metcalf, California transmission substation in 2013 where snipers shot at the site and knocked out 17 transformers. – *Wall Street Journal* (See item [4](#))
- A winter storm caused State offices and schools across several States to close and more than 10,000 flights were delayed or cancelled nationwide. – *Reuters* (See item [31](#))
- U.S. Navy officials are investigating 30 or more sailors in connection with alleged cheating on tests at a Charleston, South Carolina training site. – *Associated Press* (See item [32](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *February 5, WBFF 45 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Power outages across Maryland continue to climb, 40% of Carroll County residents without power.** Crews worked February 5 to restore power to 122,927 customers in Maryland after freezing rain and icy conditions knocked down trees and power lines across the State.
Source: http://www.foxbaltimore.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/power-outages-across-maryland-continue-climb-40-carroll-co-residents-without-power-25203.shtml#.UvJib_ldVg0
2. *February 5, WCAU 10 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania; New Jersey; Delaware) **Icy conditions knock out power to hundreds of thousands.** A major ice storm knocked out power to more than 665,000 customers throughout Pennsylvania, approximately 32,670 customers in New Jersey, and 6,186 customers in Delaware February 5.
Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Power-Outage-Ice-243640441.html>
3. *February 5, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Entergy Arkansas reports 38K outages from storm.** Entergy crews in Arkansas worked to restore power to roughly 38,000 customers February 5 after a severe winter storm hit the area.
Source: <http://www.kait8.com/story/24640304/entergy-arkansas-reports-38k-outages-from-storm>
4. *February 4, Wall Street Journal* – (California) **Assault on California power station raises alarm on potential for terrorism.** Pacific Gas and Electric Company confirmed an April 2013 attack at its Metcalf transmission substation near San Jose where snipers shot at the site and knocked out 17 giant transformers that transmit power to Silicon Valley. Electric-grid officials rerouted power and made repairs, and no one has been arrested in connection with the attack.
Source: http://online.wsj.com/news/article_email/SB10001424052702304851104579359141941621778-1MyQjAxMTA0MDAwNDEwNDQyWj
5. *February 4, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Feds: Oil from Dakota fields improperly classified.** Officials with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration announced February 4 that crude oil transferred from North Dakota's Bakken region to rail loading stations was misclassified and proposed fining 3 companies involved in the shipments, Hess Corp., Whiting Oil and Gas Corp., and Marathon Oil Co., a total of \$93,000. A train with 72 tank cars of Bakken oil derailed in Quebec and exploded in July 2013, killing 47 people and destroying 30 buildings.
Source: <http://www.fresnobee.com/2014/02/04/3750089/feds-oil-from-nd-fields-improperly.html>
6. *February 4, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Utah oks final \$5.35 million Chevron settlement for Willard Bay spill.** The Utah Division of Water Quality and the Division of Parks and Recreation approved a \$5.35 million settlement agreement with

Chevron stemming from a 27,500-gallon diesel fuel spill at Willard Bay State Park in March 2013 that will be divided into three parts which includes mitigation projects and future projects.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/57496585-78/chevron-utah-million-bay.html.csp>

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Chemical Industry Sector

7. *February 4, CNN* – (West Virginia) **Federal grand jury investigates West Virginia chemical spill.** A federal grand jury launched a criminal investigation into a January 9 chemical spill at a Freedom Industries storage facility in Charleston, West Virginia, that contaminated the water supply of 300,000 people.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/02/04/justice/west-virginia-chemical-spill-grand-jury/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *February 4, CNN* – (National) **Honda Accords investigated for airbag issue.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration opened a preliminary evaluation into model year 2008 Honda Accord vehicles after receiving 28 reports of side airbags deploying when the vehicles' doors were closed.

Source: <http://money.cnn.com/2014/02/04/autos/honda-airbag-investigation/>

9. *February 4, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **US Department of Labor's OSHA cites Cleveland metal company for repeat violations, including lead exposure; \$61,600 in proposed fines.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Victory White Metal Co. for 5 repeat, 6 serious, and 1 other-than-serious safety and health violations at its Cleveland lead products manufacturing facility. Proposed fines totaled \$61,600.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25551

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

10. *February 5, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Officials: 22 charged in Fla. insurance fraud ring.** Authorities in Florida announced that they broke up an alleged home insurance fraud ring operating in south Florida that used fraudulent claims to defraud insurers of at least \$7.6 million. Twenty-two suspects were arrested, including the alleged ringleader who worked as a licensed public adjuster.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/officials-22-charged-fla-insurance-fraud-ring-22366712>
11. *February 4, Reuters* – (National) **JPMorgan to pay \$614 mln in U.S. mortgage fraud case.** JPMorgan Chase & Co. agreed to pay \$614 million and admit that it defrauded federal agencies by underwriting sub-standard mortgage loans that were not eligible for insurance by the Federal Housing Administration of Department of Veterans Affairs.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/02/05/jpmorgan-settle-idUSL2N0L928N20140205>
12. *February 4, Reno Gazette-Journal* – (Nevada) **Suspicious activity in Washoe inmate's account leads to credit card fraud lab.** The Washoe County Sheriff's Office reported that four individuals were arrested for allegedly running a fraudulent payment card operation after a suspicious amount of money in a county jail inmate's account was noticed by a booking employee. Authorities seized thousands of credit card numbers and other information during the arrests and expected more arrests to follow.
Source: http://www.rgj.com/article/20140204/NEWS0102/302040032/Suspicious-activity-Washoe-inmate-s-account-leads-credit-card-fraud-lab?nclick_check=1
13. *February 4, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (Ohio) **Leader of Lithuanian credit union admits to charges involving \$15 million fraud on investors.** The former leader of the now-defunct Taupa Lithuanian Credit Union in Cleveland pleaded guilty February 3 to siphoning money from the credit union as part of a scheme that caused more than \$15 million in losses.
Source: http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/02/leader_of_lithuanian_credit_un.ht ml
14. *February 4, Portland Press Herald* – (Maine) **Ex-Maine loan officer admits \$14 million fraud scheme.** A former loan officer for Portland-based KeyBank pleaded guilty February 4 to using others' identities to obtain \$14 million in loans and lines of credit that he used for personal expenses. He was also charged with evading \$1.3

million in taxes between 2006 and 2011.

Source: http://www.pressherald.com/news/Ex-Maine_loan_officer_pleads_guilty_to_bank_fraud_tax_evasion_.html

15. *February 4, Palm Desert Patch* – (California) **‘Snowboarder Bandit’ case update: Bank robber pleads guilty, sentenced to 8 years prison.** A man known as the “Snowboarder Bandit” pleaded guilty February 3 to robbing three banks in the Coachella Valley and attempting to rob another between April 11 and May 4, 2012. The man previously pleaded guilty to robbing 10 banks in Orange County between December 2011 and March 2012.
Source: <http://palmdesert.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/snowboarder-bandit-case-update-bank-robber-pleads-guilty-sentenced-to-8-years-prison>

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Transportation Systems Sector

16. *February 5, Associated Press* – (New York) **NYC Transit chief: Subway station snow cleanup, bus performance going well.** The head of New York City’s transit system announced that approximately 80 percent of subway stations were at least partially cleared of snow, and between 85 and 90 percent of the city’s buses were operating after nearly 1,000 employees worked on snow cleanup efforts February 5.
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/6469d209b04e4721b44048f3c62086f3/NY--Winter-Weather-Transit>
17. *February 5, Shamokin News-Item* – (Pennsylvania) **Tanker crash spilled 3,000 gallons of fuel.** About 3,000 gallons of diesel fuel spilled along Route 147 in Northumberland, Pennsylvania, when a semi-truck crashed February 3 and closed both traffic lanes for nearly 5 hours. The leak was contained February 4 and county officials stated that cleanup of the spilled fuel will take about 2 weeks.
Source: <http://newsitem.com/news/tanker-crash-spilled-3-000-gallons-of-fuel-1.1628950>
18. *February 4, Reuters* – (New York, New Jersey) **NY/NJ Port Authority plans \$27.6 bln infrastructure spending.** The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey released a ten-year capital plan February 4 that stated they will spend \$27.6 billion upgrading transportation infrastructure in the New York Metropolitan area.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/02/04/usa-nynjportauthority-budget-idUSL2N0L917G20140204>
19. *February 4, KCTV 5 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Overtaken tanker closes section of SB I-29 in St. Joseph.** The driver of a semi-truck lost control February 4 and overturned the vehicle carrying ethanol, causing a portion of southbound Interstate 29 in St. Joseph to close.
Source: <http://www.kctv5.com/story/24629030/overtaken-tanker-closes-section-of-sb->

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Food and Agriculture Sector

20. *February 4, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Pennsylvania) **Philadelphia Macaroni cited by US Labor Department's OSHA; fines total more than \$75,000.** Philadelphia Macaroni was cited by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for 13 workplace safety and health violations at its Warminster facility. Proposed fines totaled \$75,483.
Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25557
21. *February 4, Food Safety News* – (Ohio; Oregon; Washington) **Pâté sickens six in Washington, Oregon and Ohio with Campylobacter.** The Oregon Health Authority is working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to investigate the source of a Campylobacteriosis outbreak that has sickened six individuals in Ohio, Oregon, and Washington. Each case is linked to consuming undercooked or raw chicken livers processed at Draper Valley Farms in Mt. Vernon, Washington.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2014/02/raw-chicken-livers-sicken-6-in-washington-oregon-and-ohio/>
22. *February 4, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (International) **Pennsylvania firm recalls chicken noodle soup due to misbranding and undeclared allergens.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced that ConAgra Foods of Pennsylvania recalled approximately 54,673 pounds of chicken noodle soup products that were misbranded as "Healthy Choice Chicken with Rice" soup and do not declare wheat and egg on the label. The product was distributed to retailers nationwide, and in the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/recall-011-2014-release>
23. *February 4, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Texas firm recalls beef products due to possible E. coli contamination.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service reported that Fort Worth, Texas-based PFP Enterprises recalled approximately 15,865 pounds of beef products due to possible E. coli contamination. The products were sent to retailers and restaurants in Arizona, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, and Texas.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/recall-010-2014-release>
24. *February 3, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (International) **K-fat Inc. issues an**

alert on undeclared sulfites in KFI Sweetened Ginger Candy. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that K-Fat Inc., recalled 8.8 ounce packages of KFI Sweetened Ginger Candy due to undeclared sulfites. The candy is a product of Vietnam and was sold in the New York City and New Jersey area.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm384660.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

25. *February 4, Nashville Tennessean* – (Tennessee) **Parts of Millers Creek contaminated with wastewater, TDEC says.** The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation issued a temporary water contact advisory for the Coopertown area after 7 million gallons of wastewater reached the head of Millers Creek through sinkholes at the Maple Green wastewater treatment lagoon.
Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20140204/NEWS/302040110/Parts-Millers-Creek-contaminated-waste-water-TDEC-says>
26. *February 4, WSAZ 3 Huntington* – (Kentucky) **Main line break repaired; many still without water in Greenup County.** A massive water main break shut down Greenup County, Kentucky's water system for several hours February 4 before the main was repaired. Thousands of residents were placed under a boil advisory or were without water.
Source: <http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Greenup-Water-District-Sustains-Main-Line-Break-243485831.html>
27. *February 4, Associated Press; St. Joseph News-Press* – (Missouri) **St. Joseph council approves \$50 million for federally-mandated wastewater plant project.** Three projects totaling \$50.1 million were approved by the St. Joseph City Council to improve the Missouri city's wastewater treatment, with construction expected to be finished by the summer of 2016.
Source: http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/0803a3e0a64e4ebc8177851b901a7231/MO--St-Joseph-Wastewater-Project/#.UvJYC_0YpfM
28. *February 4, Lake Wylie Pilot* – (South Carolina) **DHEC orders Tega Cay utility to fix problems related to sewage spills into Lake Wylie.** The South Carolina Department of Environmental Control ordered Tega Cay Water Service to pay \$136,000 in penalties for repeated sewage spills into Lake Wylie. The company was given 30 days to find a temporary solution to the problem and two years to complete a capital improvement project.
Source: <http://www.lakewyliepilot.com/2014/02/04/2281499/dhec-gives-tega-cay-utility-30.html>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

29. *February 5, Reuters* – (National) **CVS to drop sales of tobacco by October.** CVS Caremark Corp announced February 5 that it would stop the sales of tobacco products at its 7,600 nationwide stores by October, becoming the first U.S. drugstore chain to take the products off the shelf.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/cvs-to-drop-sales-of-tobacco>
30. *February 4, St. Joseph Health System* – (Texas) **St. Joseph Health System confirms data security incident.** St. Joseph Health System confirmed February 4 that in December 2013 the organization experienced a data security breach that allowed unauthorized parties to gain access to a single server containing personal files of approximately 405,000 former and current patients, employees, and employees' beneficiaries. Once the health system learned of the breach the affected server was taken offline and additional security measures were put in place.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2014/02/04/6127822/st-joseph-health-system-confirms.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

31. *February 5, Reuters* – (National) **Snow storm slams U.S. Plains, Northeast.** State offices and schools across several States were closed February 5 after a winter storm February 4 caused snowfall, heavy winds, and cold temperatures. More than 9,500 flights were delayed nationwide while roughly 1,800 were cancelled.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/snow-storm-slams-us-plains-northeast>
32. *February 4, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Navy probing alleged cheating on nuke reactor work.** U.S. Navy officials are investigating 30 or more senior sailors in connection with alleged cheating on tests used to qualify them as instructors taken at a Charleston, South Carolina training site. The incident was reported by a senior enlisted sailor at the site February 3.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/navy-probing-alleged-cheating-on-nuke-reactor-work>
33. *February 4, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (New Jersey) **Bomb threats target Atlantic Co. courthouse, schools.** The Atlantic County Criminal Courthouse, Hess School, and Shaner School were all evacuated February 4 after 2 bomb threats were called into the 9-1-1 emergency center in Mays Landing, New Jersey, 2 hours apart. Police searched all three sites and cleared the buildings after nothing suspicious was found.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=9418961>

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Emergency Services Sector

34. *February 5, Hudson County Jersey Journal* – (New Jersey) **Jersey City police, fire**

communications center knocked out for 6 hours. Emergency calls were rerouted to the Hudson County Public Safety Communications Center after the Jersey City police and fire departments' communications center went down for about 6 hours February 4 due to an electrical malfunction in the system. The issue was isolated and repaired.

Source: http://www.nj.com/jjournal-news/index.ssf/2014/02/jersey_city_police_fire_commun.html

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Information Technology Sector

35. *February 5, Help Net Security* – (International) **Adobe Flash flaw exploited in the wild, update now.** Adobe issued an emergency patch for a critical vulnerability in its Flash Player for Windows, Linux, and OS X systems that could allow an attacker to gain remote control of targeted systems. The vulnerability is being actively exploited in the wild and users were advised to install the patch immediately.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=16313>

36. *February 5, The Register* – (International) **iFrame attack injects code via PNGs.** Researchers at Sucuri identified an iFrame injection attack in the wild that embeds malicious code in .PNG files.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/02/05/iframe_attack_injects_code_via_pngs/

37. *February 5, Softpedia* – (International) **13 security holes fixed with the release of Firefox 27.** Mozilla released the newest version of its Firefox browser, closing a total of 13 security vulnerabilities, including 4 rated as high-impact.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/13-Security-Holes-Fixed-with-the-Release-of-Firefox-27-424025.shtml>

38. *February 5, Softpedia* – (International) **Rogue GOM Player update that installed malware at Japanese nuclear plant analyzed.** Researchers at Kaspersky analyzed a malicious GOM Player update that infected a computer at a Japanese nuclear power plant and found that malicious update contained a legitimate update and a backdoor identified as Backdoor.Win32.Miancha. The researchers believed that the attack was not targeted specifically to the plant.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Rogue-GOM-Player-Update-That-Installed-Malware-at-Japanese-Nuclear-Plant-Analyzed-424085.shtml>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Commercial Facilities Sector

39. *February 5, WSB 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Georgia Tech student severely burned in reported apartment fire.** The FBI is working with local officials to investigate a suspicious fire that broke out February 4 at an Atlanta apartment building where an incendiary device was found. One person was severely burned and residents were evacuated for over 7 hours while officials cleared the scene.
Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/1-severely-burned-reported-apartment-fire/ndC9g/>
40. *February 5, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Milwaukee officers help save residents in apartment fire next to station.** Several apartment units were destroyed and about 15 more were damaged by a fire that broke out at a Milwaukee apartment building February 4. Officials are investigating the fire, which caused an estimated \$150,000 in damage.
Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/milwaukee-officers-help-save-residents-in-apartment-fire-next-to-station-b99198842z1-243668991.html>
41. *February 5, Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **More than 70 evacuated in Lauderdale apartment fire.** Authorities are investigating a fire that broke out at a Fort Lauderdale apartment building and forced over 70 residents to evacuate while the fire was extinguished. Two people were sent to the hospital with injuries and seven residents were relocated after being displaced.
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/broward/fort-lauderdale/fl-lauderdale-apartment-fire-20140205,0,4223979.story>
42. *February 5, Outer Banks Voice* – (North Carolina) **Investigators say electrical problem touched off mall fire.** Four stores at the Chesley Mall in Manteo remained closed after sustaining damage from an electrical fire February 4.
Source: <http://outerbanksvoice.com/2014/02/05/investigators-say-electrical-problem-touched-off-mall-fire/>

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