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### Top Stories

- Utility crews worked February 14 to restore power across several northeast States after a winter and ice storm caused power outages and also led to flight and train cancellations February 13. – *CNN* (See item [1](#))
- A series of accidents involving around 100 vehicles on the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, February 14, injured at least 30 people, closed lanes, and backed up traffic into a neighboring county. – *CNN* (See item [8](#))
- Researchers identified a cyberattack campaign dubbed SnowMan utilizing a zero-day vulnerability affecting Internet Explorer (IE) 9 and IE 10 that may be targeting military personnel. – *Softpedia* (See item [16](#))
- Authorities are investigating a 4-alarm fire at the Stone Ranch Apartments in Dallas that left 90 residents displaced and destroyed or rendered uninhabitable 48 apartment units February 13. – *KXAS 5 Fort Worth* (See item [23](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *February 14, CNN* – (National) **Weather woes leave many holiday travel plans up in the air.** Utility crews worked February 14 to restore power to the remaining 489,000 customers across several northeast States that lost power after a winter and ice storm February 13. More than 1,100 flights were cancelled while two long-distance services provided by Amtrak were also cancelled.  
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/02/14/us/winter-weather/index.html>
2. *February 14, KLTN 7 Tyler* – (Texas) **Condensation tank explodes, causing early morning natural gas line fire.** A natural gas well in Smith County exploded and ignited a fire February 14, prompting Griffin Operating, Inc. officials to cut off gas flowing from area pipelines into the site while firefighters put out the fire. An initial investigation determined a mechanical failure caused the explosion, but authorities are still investigating the source of the ignition.  
Source: <http://www.kltv.com/story/24722509/multiple-smith-co-fire-departments-respond-to-gas-line-fire>
3. *February 13, Bismarck Tribune* – (North Dakota) **Water spills at oil well site.** Officials with the North Dakota Health Department stated February 13 that Oasis Petroleum North America LLC reported that 690 barrels of freshwater spilled at an oil well site in Williams County, and all but 40 barrels were recovered. Authorities said that some water flowed into a nearby ditch and that test results will likely take a couple of weeks to ensure no chemicals were in the leaked water.  
Source: [http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/water-spills-at-oil-well-site/article\\_2f015eb8-9502-11e3-9bf6-0019bb2963f4.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/water-spills-at-oil-well-site/article_2f015eb8-9502-11e3-9bf6-0019bb2963f4.html)
4. *February 13, Bismarck Tribune* – (North Dakota) **Workers removed from out-of-control well near Watford City.** Water and oil blew a plume from a Whiting Petroleum oil well in Watford City February 13, prompting the evacuation of 15 workers. The company planned to use tank storage for well fluids and worked to get the well closed in.  
Source: [http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/workers-removed-from-out-of-control-well-near-watford-city/article\\_64713724-9518-11e3-bd48-0019bb2963f4.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/workers-removed-from-out-of-control-well-near-watford-city/article_64713724-9518-11e3-bd48-0019bb2963f4.html)

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## Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

5. *February 13, Daily Dunklin Democrat* – (Missouri) **Worker killed at Nucor steel plant identified.** A Nucor Steel plant in Hickman suspended operations February 11 after a worker was killed when a train derailed at the facility.

Source: <http://www.dddnews.com/story/2051237.html>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Financial Services Sector**

6. *February 14, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Three Honolulu visitors plead guilty to \$325K credit card scam.** Three New York City residents pleaded guilty February 13 to identity theft charges for using fraudulent credit cards to make over \$325,000 in purchases in Honolulu during 2012. Two others also pleaded guilty in the case during 2013.

Source:

[http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20140213\\_Three\\_Honolulu\\_visitors\\_ple\\_ad\\_guilty\\_to\\_325K\\_credit\\_card\\_scam.html](http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20140213_Three_Honolulu_visitors_ple_ad_guilty_to_325K_credit_card_scam.html)

7. *February 14, Norwalk Patch* – (Connecticut) **Stamford attorney pleads guilty in mortgage fraud.** The U.S. Attorney's office announced February 14 that an attorney pleaded guilty February 12 to his part in a \$7 million mortgage fraud scheme that involved dozens of properties in Fairfield County, Connecticut.

Source: <http://norwalk.patch.com/groups/politics-and-elections/p/stamford-attorney-pleads-guilty-in-mortgage-fraud>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

8. *February 14, CNN* – (Pennsylvania) **100 vehicles wreck, closing part of**

**Pennsylvania Turnpike near Philly.** A series of accidents involving around 100 vehicles on the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Bucks County February 14 left at least 30 people injured, closed lanes, and backed up traffic into neighboring Montgomery County for several hours.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/02/14/us/pennsylvania-turnpike-crashes/>

9. *February 13, Associated Press* – (National) **Amtrak changes train schedules because of storm.** Amtrak canceled several of its trains and modified the schedules of others February 13 throughout the Northeast and the South due to a severe winter storm that battered the two regions.

Source: [http://www.galvestondailynews.com/news\\_ap/nation/article\\_33f12919-0949-52b2-82ec-73cb5392da9b.html](http://www.galvestondailynews.com/news_ap/nation/article_33f12919-0949-52b2-82ec-73cb5392da9b.html)

10. *February 13, KXTV 10 Sacramento* – (California) **Big rig trailer caves in on Highway 99.** One southbound lane of Highway 99 in Sacramento was shut down indefinitely February 13 while crews cleaned up the scene after a semi-truck's trailer caved in due to improper loading of groceries.

Source: <http://www.news10.net/story/news/local/2014/02/13/highway-99-trailer-split/5461613/>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

11. *February 13, Jacksonville Journal-Courier* – (Illinois) **Train cars derail; 2 people hurt.** A Burlington Northern Santa Fe train derailed February 13 in the town of Lowder, Illinois, causing injuries to two people after the derailed cars toppled supports for an elevated control room. About 100,000 bushels of corn were spilled from a loading boom, and people were asked to stay away from the grain elevator until cleanup was completed.

Source : [http://www.myjournalcourier.com/news/home\\_top-news/761743/Train-cars-derail;-2-people-hurt](http://www.myjournalcourier.com/news/home_top-news/761743/Train-cars-derail;-2-people-hurt)

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

12. *February 14, WIFR 23 Freeport* – (Illinois) **Rock Falls water service to be restored.** Water was restored to Whiteside County, Illinois residents February 14 after nearly 9,000 people were cut off from water service due to an infrastructure failure at the City of Rock Falls Sanitation Department February 13. A boil advisory was in effect until February 16.

Source: <http://www.wifr.com/news/headlines/No-Water-Service-in-Rock-Falls--245457101.html>

13. *February 13, Charlotte Business Journal* – (North Carolina) **Duke cuts Dan River spill estimate; health advisories issued.** Duke Energy Corp., officials reported February 12 that a more accurate estimate of the amount of coal ash spilled into the Dan River from its coal plant near Eden is between 30,000 and 39,000 tons, and that initial estimates were only based on rough visuals. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Public Health recommended the public continue to avoid contact with river water as well as with floating or washed up ash on the riverbed.  
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/triad/blog/morning-edition/2014/02/duke-energy-halves-its-estimate-of-how.html?page=all>
14. *February 13, San Luis Obispo Tribune* – (California) **Cambria water tank runneth over, spills 168,000 gallons of water.** A malfunction occurred when a phone line interfered with communications and caused about 168,000 gallons of water to overflow from California's Cambria Community Services District's 320,000 gallon Fiscalini tank February 7.  
Source: <http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2014/02/13/2924501/cambria-water-tank-runneth-over.html>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

15. *February 13, MLive.com* – (Michigan) **About 300 Kalamazoo Central students, staff to be tested for TB exposure.** An official from the Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department announced that about 300 students and staff members from Kalamazoo Central High School in Michigan are expected to be tested for tuberculosis after a student was diagnosed with the disease the week of February 10. County health officials believe the chances that other students or staff members contracted the disease are minimal.  
Source:  
[http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2014/02/about\\_300\\_kalamazoo\\_central\\_st.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2014/02/about_300_kalamazoo_central_st.html)

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## Emergency Services Sector

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## Information Technology Sector

16. *February 14, Softpedia* – (International) **IE zero-day served by DeputyDog cybercriminals from US Veterans of Foreign Wars site.** Researchers at FireEye identified a cyberattack campaign dubbed SnowMan utilizing a zero-day vulnerability affecting Internet Explorer (IE) 9 and IE 10 being served from the U.S. Veterans of Foreign Wars Web site. The researchers believe the same group behind the DeputyDog and Ephemeral Hydra campaigns is also responsible for SnowMan and may be targeting military personnel.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/IE-Zero-Day-Served-by-DeputyDog-Cybercriminals-from-US-Veterans-of-Foreign-Wars-Site-426909.shtml>
17. *February 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Cybercriminals abuse Twilio and Ow.ly for SMS phishing attack.** Cloudmark researchers reported that cybercriminals are using Twilio and URL shortening service Ow.ly in an SMS message phishing campaign attempting to steal mobile service provider account login credentials.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cybercriminals-Abuse-Twilio-and-Ow-ly-for-SMS-Phishing-Attack-426840.shtml>
18. *February 14, Help Net Security* – (International) **Thousands of FTP sites compromised to serve malware and scams.** Researchers at Hold Security reported that around 7,000 FTP sites and servers have been compromised and are being used by cybercriminals to host malware or to compromise connected Web services.  
Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2709](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2709)
19. *February 13, Help Net Security* – (International) **Fake SSL certificates used to impersonate Facebook, Google, banks.** Netcraft researchers discovered a large number of fake SSL certificates in the wild purporting to be from banks, social networks, payment providers, and other services which could be used by attackers to conduct man-in-the-middle attacks. The researchers warned that mobile banking apps are especially vulnerable because they may not adequately check the validity of SSL certificates.  
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=16360>

### **Internet Alert Dashboard**

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [soc@us-cert.gov](mailto:soc@us-cert.gov) or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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**

20. *February 14, Redding Record Searchlight* – (California) **Charter cable outage fixed.** Charter Communications customers between Sacramento and Yuba City lost Internet, phone, and video service February 13 when road construction crews severed a fiber optic cable line along railroad lines between the two cities. Repairs were made and service was restored February 14.

Source: <http://www.redding.com/news/2014/feb/13/charter-cable-outages-reported-redding/>

## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

21. *February 14, Long Island Newsday* – (New York) **Cops: Smoke causes evacuation of Macy's at Green Acres Mall.** Officials are investigating a smoke condition in a tunnel providing access for trucks that forced the evacuation of a Macy's store at the Green Acres Mall in Valley Stream February 14.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/long-island/nassau/cops-smoke-causes-evacuation-of-macy-s-at-green-acres-mall-1.7076279>

22. *February 14, Anchorage Daily News* – (Alaska) **Bomb threat causes two-hour evacuation at Wasilla Walmart.** A Walmart in Wasilla was evacuated for 2 hours February 13 after a phoned bomb threat. Authorities searched and cleared the building and the store reopened after no threat was found.

Source: <http://www.adn.com/2014/02/14/3326010/bomb-threat-causes-two-hour-evacuation.html>

23. *February 14, KXAS 5 Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Dallas fire-rescue battles 4-alarm apartment fire.** Authorities are investigating a 4-alarm fire at the Stone Ranch Apartments in Dallas that left 90 residents displaced and destroyed or rendered uninhabitable 48 apartment units February 13.

Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/DFR-Battles-Apartment-Fire-245454311.html>

24. *February 13, News 13 Orlando* – (Florida) **Fire at Disney World's Journey of the Little Mermaid ride.** Sparks from a fireworks show landed on top of the roof of the Journey of the Little Mermaid ride at Disney's Magic Kingdom in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, and caught foliage on top the building on fire February 13. No one was injured during the incident and the ride reopened.

Source: [http://www.mynews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/on-the-town/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2014/2/13/fire\\_at\\_magic\\_kingdo.html](http://www.mynews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/on-the-town/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2014/2/13/fire_at_magic_kingdo.html)

25. *February 13, KEPR 19 Pasco* – (Washington) **Lakeside apartment catches fire and leaves families homeless.** A smoldering log set on a deck ignited a fire that spread

throughout the Lakeside Apartments in Kennewick and left 15 people displaced February 13.

Source: <http://www.keprtv.com/Kennewick--245471231.html>

26. *February 13, Indianapolis Star* – (Indiana) **Eastside apartment site faces evictions for burst pipes.** Residents of the Harmony Park Place Apartments in Indianapolis were ordered to vacate by February 25 after a Marion Superior Court ruled that the building contained unsafe living conditions caused by burst water pipes. County Health Department inspectors found that many residents were without water or had little water pressure, and discovered that many water leaks led to the growth of mold and damaged electrical units.

Source: <http://www.indystar.com/story/money/2014/02/13/eastside-apartment-site-faces-evictions-for-burst-pipes/5466693/>

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