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- Alpha Natural Resources Inc., agreed to pay \$227.5 million in penalties March 5 to settle federal allegations that it illegally discharged large amounts of toxins into waterways in Pennsylvania and 4 other States for 7 years. – *Associated Press; Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* (See item [1](#))
- A federal jury found two men guilty March 5 of stealing DuPont Co.,’s secret recipe for making titanium dioxide, a chemical used to whiten various products, and selling it to a competitor controlled by the Chinese government. – *Associated Press* (See item [2](#))
- Officials from the North Dakota University System reported March 5 that a server belonging to the university was hacked in February, potentially impacting more than 290,000 former students and faculty. – *Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* (See item [22](#))
- Three Illinois residents were charged March 5 in connection to a \$7.1 million shoplifting scheme that involved stealing toys, baby supplies, and household items from retail stores in several States and selling them online. – *Reuters* (See item [30](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *March 6, Associated Press; Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (National) **Alpha Natural Resources to pay record \$227.5M in water pollution settlement.** Alpha Natural Resources Inc., agreed to \$227.5 million in penalties March 5 to settle federal allegations that it illegally discharged large amounts of toxins into waterways in Pennsylvania and 4 other States for 7 years. The company will spend \$200 million upgrading its wastewater treatment systems and pay the remaining in penalties in the settlement, which is the largest fine assessed under federal clean water rules.
Source: <http://triblive.com/business/headlines/5710782-74/alpha-coal-federal#axzz2v7GCW4BV>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *March 5, Associated Press* – (International) **2 men guilty in sale of trade secrets to China.** A federal jury found two men guilty March 5 of stealing DuPont Co.,’s secret recipe for making titanium dioxide, a chemical used to whiten various products, and selling it to a competitor controlled by the Chinese government, by means of a small company aimed at winning Chinese contracts.
Source: <http://www.ksw.com/story/24894649/2-men-guilty-in-sale-of-trade-secrets-to-china>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *March 6, WLS 7 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Batavia fire at metal factory destroys building.** Firefighters responded to the Master Cast aluminum casting factory in Batavia March 5 after a large fire broke out and destroyed the facility. Natural gas contributed to the intensity of the fire and firefighters expected at least a partial collapse of the building.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/local&id=9456442>
4. *March 5, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (International) **Hitachi Koki recalls grass trimmers due to fire and burn hazards.** Hitachi Koki announced a recall of about 127,400 grass trimmers sold in the U.S. and Canada due to an overheating issue which could pose a fire and burn hazard to consumers.
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/Hitachi-Koki-Recalls-Grass-Trimmers/>

5. *March 5, Dealernews.com* – (National) **CFMOTO to pay \$725,000 EPA fine for importing non-certified vehicles.** CFMOTO and its parent company in China agreed to pay \$725,000 in fines as part of a settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency over the companies' importing of over 12,000 ATVs and motorcycles that did not have emissions certifications. The settlement also required the companies to issue a recall for some vehicles that have uncertified gas tanks that fail to prevent excess gasoline vapors.
Source: <http://www.dealernews.com/dealernews/article/cfmoto-pay-725000-epa-fine-importing-non-certified-vehicles>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

6. *March 6, Softpedia* – (National) **Sally Beauty responds to rumors about credit card data being stolen by hackers.** Beauty products retailer and distributor Sally Beauty stated March 5 that it had detected an attempted intrusion into its systems and was continuing to investigate but did not believe that customers' payment card information was compromised. The statement followed a story by a security researcher that over 280,000 payment card records were found for sale in an underweb marketplace and appeared to be connected to the company.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Sally-Beauty-Responds-to-Rumors-About-Credit-Card-Data-Being-Stolen-by-Hackers-430900.shtml>
7. *March 6, Softpedia* – (International) **Bitstamp warns of phishing emails after being hit by hackers.** Bitcoin exchange Bitstamp reported having its systems compromised by attackers who stole customers' email addresses. Bitstamp stated that no virtual currency was stolen but the email addresses were being used in phishing attacks.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Bitstamp-Warns-of-Phishing-Emails-After-Being-Hit-by-Hackers-430807.shtml>
8. *March 5, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (International) **SEC halts international pyramid scheme being promoted through Facebook and Twitter.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission obtained a court order to freeze accounts belonging to MWF Financial and Fleet Mutual Wealth Limited due to the companies allegedly operating a pyramid scheme being promoted through social media networks. The companies operate internationally and around 150 U.S. investor have invested around \$300,000 in the alleged scheme.
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370540883619>

9. *March 5, New York Times* – (New York) **Two arrested at Brooklyn bank with A.T.M. fraud device.** Police arrested two Romanian nationals as they attempted to place a skimming device on an ATM in New York City March 5. Police believe that the two men may be involved in a larger skimming and fraudulent payment card conspiracy and were continuing to investigate.
Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/03/06/nyregion/two-arrested-in-brooklyn-with-bank-card-skimmer-near-atm.html>

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Transportation Systems Sector

10. *March 6, KXAS 5 Fort Worth* – (Texas) **American Eagle flight makes an emergency landing in Greenville.** Passengers on an American Eagle flight March 5 were forced to evacuate their flight after smoke in the cockpit caused the pilots to execute an emergency landing at Majors Field airport in Greenville shortly after takeoff. Firefighters put out the fire and no injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.kcentv.com/story/24902417/american-eagle-flight-makes-emergency-landing-in-greenville>
11. *March 6, KENS 5 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Police: 18-wheeler flips over; N. loop 1604 closed at Huebner Road.** Eastbound North Loop 1605 in San Antonio was shut down March 6 for over 5 hours after a semi-truck hit a guardrail and flipped over on its side. The driver was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries.
Source: <http://www.kens5.com/news/local/Big-rig-flips-over-on-its-side-N-Loop-1604-closed-at-Huebner-Road-police-say-248732861.html>
12. *March 5, Times Union* – (New York) **CSX fined \$10,000 over derailments.** Freight railroad CSX was fined by the State of New York March 5 for failing to adequately report two separate derailments; each violation carried a \$5,000 penalty.
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/business/article/CSX-fined-10-000-over-derailments-5291661.php>
13. *March 5, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Bomb squad removing old dynamite found near I-70 in Palisade; highway closed, traffic rerouted.** A portion of Interstate 70 near Grand Junction was closed and traffic rerouted for about 4 hours March 5 while technicians were dispatched to remove several pounds of old dynamite.
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/traffic/traffic-news/bomb-squad-removing-old-dynamite-found-near-i-70-in-palisade-highway-closed-traffic-rerouted>
14. *March 5, Janesville Gazette* – (Wisconsin) **Crash closes Highway 59.** A portion of Highway 59 near Milton was closed for several hours in both directions March 5 due to a traffic accident that killed one person and seriously injured two others.
Source: <http://www.gazettextra.com/article/20140305/ARTICLES/140309816>

Food and Agriculture Sector

15. *March 6, WBIW 13 Topeka* – (Indiana) **Two people injured after eating contaminated Skittles.** The Indiana Department of Health is investigating March 5 following the hospitalization of two people sickened from eating a package of contaminated Skittles sold at a Marathon Food Mart in Richmond, Indiana. Preliminary testing revealed the candy contained unconfirmed chemical substances and the store as well as Skittles distributor Eby Brown pulled all Skittles with those lot numbers from the market.
Source: <http://www.wbiw.com/state/archive/2014/03/two-people-injured-after-eating-contaminated-skittles.php>
16. *March 5, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **House of Flavors issues voluntary recall due to possible undeclared nut allergen in Belmont Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Ice Cream.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced March 5 that Michigan-based House of Flavors Ice Cream Company recalled its Belmont Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Ice Cream distributed to Aldi stores in four States due to undeclared nuts.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm388107.htm>
17. *March 5, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Oregon; Washington) **Gretchen's Shoebox Express issues allergy alert for limited number of Greek Yogurt Raspberry & Lemon Parfait cups due to undeclared eggs.** Gretchen's Shoebox Express voluntarily recalled a limited amount of its Starbucks-branded Greek Yogurt Raspberry & Lemon Parfait cups due to undeclared egg.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm388161.htm>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

18. *March 6, Washington Post*– (Washington D.C.) **Boil-water advisory is issued for areas in upper Northwest D.C.** Part of the upper Northwest area of Washington D.C. was under a boil advisory March 5 after operations at a pumping station failed, affecting more than 1,000 homes and businesses. Seven schools in the affected area were unable to serve breakfast March 6 due to the order and had limited lunch service.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/boil-water-advisory-is-issued-for-areas-near-rock-creek-park-in-the-district/2014/03/05/33739890-a4c4-11e3-84d4-e59b1709222c_story.html
19. *March 5, KDKA 2 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Water main break shakes houses, leaves hundreds without service in export.** An explosive water main break in Westmoreland County left hundreds without water service as well as shook the foundation of homes March 5.
Source: <http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2014/03/05/water-main-break-shakes-houses->

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *March 6, WTMJ 4 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Water main break cancels classes at Milwaukee school.** Classes were cancelled at the south campus of Blessed Savior Catholic School in Milwaukee through March 7 after a water main break March 6 flooded the building.
Source: <http://www.jrn.com/tmj4/news/Water-main-break-cancels-classes-at-Milwaukee-school-248730931.html>
21. *March 6, Belleville News-Democrat* – (Illinois) **Fire cancels classes at East St. Louis school until Monday.** Classes were cancelled until March 10 at Lincoln Middle School in East St. Louis, Illinois, after a March 5 fire caused severe smoke damage throughout the building.
Source: <http://www.bnd.com/2014/03/05/3092762/fire-cancels-classes-at-east-st.html>
22. *March 5, Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* – (North Dakota) **ND University System reports server breach; personal information for ex-students, faculty potentially accessed.** Officials from North Dakota University System reported March 5 that a server, run by Core Technology Services, the University System's information technology support arm, was hacked in February. The University System is notifying more than 290,000 former students and faculty who were potentially impacted by the breach.
Source: <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/428420/>
23. *March 5, Spokane Spokesman-Review* – (Washington) **Stevens County students sent to hospital after bus crash.** A Mary Walker School District bus slid off the road and landed on its side March 5, leaving eight Stevens County students injured south of Springdale.
Source: <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2014/mar/05/stevens-county-elementary-students-sent-hospital-a/>
24. *March 5, Rushville Republican* – (Indiana) **Fire reported at Arlington Elementary School.** Arlington Elementary School in Indiana remained closed March 6 for repairs after a March 5 fire that caused an evacuation and early dismissal for students.
Source: <http://www.rushvillerepublican.com/local/x1387845871/Fire-reported-at-Arlington-Elementary-school>
25. *March 5, Port Washington Ozaukee Press* – (Wisconsin) **Phone outage leaves schools**

scrambling. Phone service was restored to approximately 250 phones in the Port Washington-Saukville School District March 4 after an AT&T circuit problem knocked out service March .

Source: <http://www.ozaukeepress.com/editorials/daily-news/5126-phone-outage-leaves-schools-scrambling>

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Emergency Services Sector

26. *March 5, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **3 inmates caught, 1 still on the run after escape from Otero County Jail.** Police recaptured three out of the four inmates March 5 that escaped from the Otero County Jail in Colorado March 4. Authorities are still searching for the fourth inmate with the help of the Colorado National Guard.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/inmates-overpower-guards-to-escape-otero-county-jail03052014>

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Information Technology Sector

27. *March 6, IDG News Service* – (International) **Cisco patches flaws in routers, wireless LAN controllers.** Cisco Systems released firmware updates for several models of small business routers and wireless LAN controllers, addressing vulnerabilities that could allow attackers to compromise devices or perform denial of service (DoS) attacks.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9246799/Cisco_patches_flaws_in_routers_wireless_LAN_controllers

28. *March 5, V3.co.uk* – (International) **ChewBacca and Zeus malware found on Tor.** A researcher at Kaspersky Lab reported that an average of 900 hidden criminal services are operating through the The Onion Router (TOR) anonymity network, including malicious infrastructure, money laundering, and the sale of malware toolkits and stolen information.

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2332407/chewbacca-and-zeus-malware-found-on-tor>

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29. *March 6, Mississippi Press* – (Mississippi) **12 apartments destroyed, all residents safe after Tuesday night fire in D'Iberville.** At least 40 residents were displaced after 12 units of building 400 at the Arbor View apartment complex in D'Iberville were destroyed by fire March 4.
Source: http://blog.gulflive.com/mississippi-press-news/2014/03/12_apartments_destroyed_all_re.html
30. *March 5, Reuters* – (National) **Illinois family charged with shoplifting, selling goods online for millions.** Three Illinois residents were charged March 5 in connection to a \$7.1 million shoplifting scheme that involved stealing toys, baby supplies, and household items from retail stores in several States and selling them online.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/05/usa-shoplifting-illinois-idUSL1N0M229E20140305>
31. *March 5, DavidsonNews.net* – (North Carolina) **Walmart evacuated amid fears of chemical attack.** A Walmart in Mooresville, North Carolina, reopened after being evacuated for more than 3 hours after a caller phoned in threatening to release a chemical agent in the store March 5. Authorities searched and cleared the scene after finding no hazardous materials or chemicals on site.
Source: <http://davidsonnews.net/blog/2014/03/05/walmart-evacuated-amid-fears-of-chemical-attack/>
32. *March 5, Suffolk News-Herald* – (Virginia) **Walmart reopens after evacuation due to odor of gas.** Fire and rescue crews cleared the scene and reopened a Suffolk, Virginia Walmart March 5 once they determined a gas odor in the building could be traced to a rooftop HVAC unit. The building was evacuated and closed for over 3 hours due to elevated levels of carbon monoxide inside the store.
Source: <http://www.suffolknewsherald.com/2014/03/05/gas-odor-co2-close-walmart/>
33. *March 5, WATE 6 Knoxville* – (Tennessee) **Gas leak leads to north Knoxville church evacuation.** Authorities believe a construction crew clipped a gas line and caused a leak near the Church of the Good Shepherd in north Knoxville March 5, prompting the evacuation of 15 to 20 people and forcing the church to cancel services.
Source: <http://www.wate.com/story/24893805/gas-leak-leads-to-north-knoxville-church-evacuation>

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