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- The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board released a report March 10 stating that a December 2012 Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation natural gas pipeline explosion in Sissonville, West Virginia, was likely the result of poor maintenance for almost 25 years. – *Charleston Daily Mail* (See item [3](#))
- A Vietnamese national pleaded guilty the week of March 3 to running an identity theft service by tricking an Experian subsidiary into giving him access to personal and financial data belonging to over 200 million U.S. citizens – *Krebs on Security* (See item [8](#))
- The Montana governor declared a flood emergency March 9 after rains and melted snow pushed streams and rivers over their banks, shutting off roads to towns, closing schools, and threatening to overcome protective dykes. – *Associated Press* (See item [11](#))
- About 80,000 people plus 11 schools and several businesses were placed under a boil water order March 11 for up to 48 hours when an 18-inch water main broke in Port Orange, Florida. – *WESH 2 Daytona Beach* (See item [18](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *March 11, Traverse City Record-Eagle* – (Michigan) **Kingsley oil well erupts in flames.** Authorities are investigating but believe a mechanical problem was likely the cause of a March 9 fire at the Schumde Oil and Gas Company's oil and natural gas well near Kingsley, Michigan, that started when workers began flow tests after completing the well. The fire subsided after crews cut off the natural gas and oil supply to the flare. Source: <http://www.record-eagle.com/local/x1387855973/Kingsley-oil-well-erupts-in-flames>
2. *March 11, San Francisco Bay City News; KNTV 11 San Jose* – (California) **Sulfuric acid spill at Tesoro Refinery in Martinez.** The California Department of Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued an order shutting down a reactor vessel surrounding pipes at the Tesoro Refinery in Martinez after one worker was injured due to a sulfuric acid spill March 10. Two workers were performing maintenance when the spill occurred. Source: <http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Sulfuric-Acid-Spill-at-Tesoro-Refinery-in-Martinez-249319751.html>
3. *March 10, Charleston Daily Mail* – (West Virginia) **Pipeline explosion caused by corrosion, lack of inspections, NTSB concludes.** The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board released a report March 10 stating that a December 2012 Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation natural gas pipeline explosion in Sissonville was likely the result of corrosion and lack of inspection of the pipeline for almost 25 years. Source: <http://www.charlestondaily.com/News/201403100088>
4. *March 10, Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* – (Minnesota) **No one hurt in Fergus Falls ethanol plant fire, explosion.** Authorities are investigating the cause of a March 10 fire and explosion in the dryer building of the Green Plains Renewable Energy ethanol plant in Fergus Falls. The plant remained closed indefinitely while officials assessed the damage and determined how to resume operations. Source: <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/428915/>
5. *March 10, Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune* – (Wisconsin) **Juneau County company fined for pollution violations.** Marquis Energy will pay \$125,000 in penalties, fees, and costs after the company failed to obtain air pollutant source construction permits after taking control of a Juneau County, Wisconsin ethanol plant. The Wisconsin Attorney General's Office announced that the plant violated air pollution control laws which included exceeding the maximum production limit in its permit. Source: <http://www.wisconsinrapidsdailytribune.com/article/20140310/WRT01/303100283/Juneau-County-company-fined-pollution-violation>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

6. *March 11, Reuters* – (New Mexico) **Four more workers test positive for radiation from New Mexico site.** Four workers at the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP) nuclear waste site in New Mexico tested positive March 10 for very low-level exposure to radiation during an accidental release at the underground site, bringing the total exposed to workers to 17.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/11/us-usa-newmexico-radiation-idUSBREA2A07F20140311>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

7. *March 11, Softpedia* – (Washington) **Hackers steal details of thousands of individuals from Archdiocese of Seattle.** The Archdiocese of Seattle warned volunteers and employees that their personally identifiable information, including Social Security numbers, may have been compromised when attackers breached the archdiocese's systems. The archdiocese advised those affected to check and see if fraudulent tax returns have been filed in their names.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hackers-Steal-Details-of-Thousands-of-Individuals-from-Archdiocese-of-Seattle-431508.shtml>

8. *March 10, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Experian lapse allowed ID theft service access to 200 million consumer records.** A Vietnamese national pleaded guilty the week of March 3 to running an identity theft service from his home in Vietnam by tricking an Experian subsidiary into giving him access to personal and financial data belonging to over 200 million U.S. citizens by claiming to be a private investigator.

Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2014/03/experian-lapse-allowed-id-theft-service-to->

[access-200-million-consumer-records/](#)

9. *March 10, NJ.com* – (New Jersey) **FBI: Suspect wanted in 5 NJ bank robberies strikes again in Woodbridge.** A suspect who robbed a Capital One Bank branch in Woodbridge, New Jersey, March 8 is believed to be responsible for five other bank robberies in the State beginning in August 2013.
Source: http://www.nj.com/middlesex/index.ssf/2014/03/fbi_suspect_wanted_in_5_nj_bank_robberies_strikes_again_in_woodbridge.html

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Transportation Systems Sector

10. *March 11, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **Lanes on 91 Freeway reopen after big rig overturns in Carson.** All eastbound lanes of the Gardena 91 Freeway in California were reopened about 4 hours after an overturned semi-truck caused authorities to shut down a portion of the freeway in Carson March 11.
Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Overtuned-Big-Rig-91-Freeway-Carson-Main-Street-249411131.html>
11. *March 11, Associated Press* – (Montana; Wyoming) **Flooding swells Montana rivers, washes out roads.** The Montana governor declared a flood emergency March 9 after warm weather mixed with rain caused snow to melt rapidly and push streams and rivers over their banks, shutting off roads to towns, closing schools, and threatening to overcome protective dykes. National Guard members in Wyoming also worked to stack sandbags and divert flooding from a school and water treatment plant.
Source: <http://www.abc6.com/story/24936965/governor-declares-flood-emergency-for-montana>
12. *March 10, Herald Mail Media* – (Pennsylvania) **I-81 closed due to oil spill after tractor-trailer flips.** A section of Interstate 81 northbound near Chambersburg was shut down for about 9 hours March 10 when a semi-truck rolled on its side and spilled hydraulic oil.
Source: http://www.heraldmillmedia.com/news/tri_state/pennsylvania/i--closed-due-to-oil-spill/article_8f7efdb4-a884-11e3-a032-001a4bcf6878.html
13. *March 10, WISN 12 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Highway 20 reopens after concrete falls from bridge.** Officials shut down Highway 20 in Sturtevant for about 3 hours after concrete fell from a bridge March 10. Bridge replacement is set to start in April 2014.
Source: <http://www.wisn.com/news/south-east-wisconsin/racine-kenosha/highway-20-closed-at-i94-due-to-falling-concrete/24900662>
14. *March 10, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Blue Line stop reopened after water main break forces closure.** The Grand Avenue Blue Line subway stop in Chicago was forced to close traffic in both directions March 10 for about 3 hours due to a water main

break that flooded the station.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-water-main-break-forces-blue-line-stop-closure-20140310,0,7399135.story>

15. *March 10, KTVK 3 Phoenix/ Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Shooting suspect dead after high-speed chase, gunbattle on U.S. 60 in Tempe.** A suspected murderer was killed March 10 after leading police on a high-speed chase down U.S. 60 between Buckeye and Tempe, prompting authorities to shut down several freeways including Interstate 10 and U.S. 60 for an extended period of time.

Source: <http://www.azfamily.com/news/Suspect-dead-after-high-speed-chase-from-Buckeye-to-Tempe-EB-US-60-closed-249272751.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

16. *March 8, Richmond Palladium-Item* – (Indiana) **Richmond man rescued from shoulder-deep corn.** Firefighters cut multiple holes in a grain bin at the Malcolm Merkamp Farm in Abington Township to release the corn contained within during the rescue of a worker who became trapped for more than 2 hours March 8. Workers shoveled the corn off the ground and loaded it into semi-trucks during clean-up efforts.

Source: <http://www.pal-item.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2014303080014>

17. *March 7, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Arkansas; Iowa; Tennessee) **Arkansas firm recalls chicken products due to misbranding and undeclared allergen.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced March 7 that George's Inc., of Springdale, Arkansas, recalled approximately 29,200 pounds of seasoned raw chicken breast strips due to misbranding and undeclared soy protein and monosodium glutamate (MSG).

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/recall-018-2014-release>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

18. *March 11, WESH 2 Daytona Beach* – (Florida) **Boil water notice affects 4 Volusia County towns.** About 80,000 people plus 11 schools and several businesses were placed under boil order March 11 for up to 48 hours when an 18-inch water main broke in Port Orange, Florida.

Source: <http://www.wesh.com/news/port-orange-issues-boil-water-alert/24901590>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

19. *March 10, Hagerstown Herald-Mail* – (West Virginia) **Martinsburg Health and Human Resources building evacuated after bomb threat.** The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources building was evacuated for nearly 3 hours March 10 after the Martinsburg City Police Department received a letter allegedly referencing a bomb threat at the health and human resources department. Police conducted a search and deemed the building safe once nothing suspicious was found. Source: http://www.heraldmillmedia.com/news/tri_state/west_virginia/martinsburg-health-and-human-resources-building-evacuated-after-bomb-threat/article_713036ea-a87d-11e3-9c2e-001a4bcf6878.html
20. *March 10, WFSB 3 Hartford* – (Connecticut) **Dozens of people's medical records found on city street.** Clinical Laboratory Partners in Newington, Connecticut, is investigating and notifying individuals affected after the personal information of about 16 patients and doctors were exposed when medical records from the lab were found on a sidewalk. Source: <http://www.wfsb.com/story/24930715/dozens-of-peoples-medical-records-found-on-city-street>

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Government Facilities Sector

21. *March 11, CNN* – (New York) **School bus flips over after accident in New York City; 9 injured.** Six children and three adults were injured when a school bus collided with a taxi cab in New York City. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/03/11/us/new-york-school-bus-crash/index.html>
22. *March 10, SoMdNews.com* – (Maryland) **Calvert County Services Plaza evacuated after chemical spill.** The Calvert County Services Plaza building in Prince Frederick was evacuated and closed March 10 due to a chemical spill. A HAZMAT team responded and worked to clean up the spill while authorities investigated. Source: <http://www.somdnews.com/article/20140310/NEWS/140319977/1057/calvert-county-services-plaza-evacuated-after-chemical-spill&template=southernMaryland>
23. *March 7, KGAN 2 Cedar Rapids* – (Iowa) **Iowa DHS data breach of personal info.** The Iowa Department of Human Services announced March 7 that 2,042 individuals were impacted by a breach of personal information related to some Polk County social work assessments after two workers used personal email accounts, personal storage accounts, and personal electronic devices for work purposes. The workers transmitted information through unsecured networks over a 5-year period starting in 2008. Source: <http://www.cbs2iowa.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/iowa-dhs-data-breach-personal-info-25429.shtml>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

24. *March 11, Softpedia* – (International) **162,000 WordPress sites abused to amplify DDoS attack.** Researchers at Securi found that attackers used around 162,000 WordPress sites to indirectly launch a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack on a client's WordPress site by abusing the sites' XML-RPC feature, which is enabled by default on WordPress sites.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/162-000-WordPress-Sites-Abused-to-Amplify-DDOS-Attack-431590.shtml>
25. *March 11, Threatpost* – (International) **Apple iOS 7.1 fixes more than 20 code-execution flaws.** Apple released an update for its iOS mobile operating system, closing several code execution vulnerabilities and other issues. The Webkit framework underlying the Safari browser also received fixes for 19 memory corruption issues.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/apple-ios-7-1-fixes-more-than-20-code-execution-flaws/104705>
26. *March 10, SC Magazine* – (International) **Saboteurs slip Dendroid RAT into Google Play.** A researcher at Lookout found that the Dendroid remote access trojan (RAT) had been uploaded into the Google Play store disguised as other apps, but was quickly removed.
Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/saboteurs-slip-dendroid-rat-into-google-play/article/337607/>
27. *March 10, IDG News Service* – (International) **Joomla receives patches for zero-day SQL injection vulnerability, other flaws.** The Joomla Project released security updates for its Joomla content management system, addressing a SQL injection vulnerability that could be used to steal information from databases on Joomla-based Web sites, as well as addressing two cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities and an unauthorized log-in flaw.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9246849/Joomla_receives_patches_for_zero_day_SQL_injection_vulnerability_other_flaws

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Commercial Facilities Sector

28. *March 11, Fox News* – (Texas) **Church robbed of \$600G in cash, checks.** Officials from Lakewood Church in Houston announced that thieves stole \$600,000 in cash, check, and credit card donations from a safe at the church between March 9-10. The theft was limited to contributions made during March 8-9 services and was not an electronic data breach.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/03/11/burglars-steal-nearly-600g-from-joel-osteens-church/>
29. *March 11, El Paso Times* – (Texas) **Fire officials evacuate and shutdown Gateway Hotel in downtown El Paso.** The Gateway Hotel in El Paso was evacuated and shut down indefinitely March 10 after an investigation revealed water damage to the structure, a faulty sprinkler system, defective fire exits, and plumbing and electrical issues. At least 37 long and short-term residents were displaced by the eviction after the building was deemed to be a hazard.
Source: http://www.elpasotimes.com/latestnews/ci_25311410/kfox-residents-at-downtown-el-pasos-gateway-hotel
30. *March 10, WJZ-TV 13 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Anne Arundel police search for suspect who set off explosives in movie theater.** Police are searching for a man suspected of setting off a homemade firecracker inside the Cinemark Movie Theater in Arundel Mills, prompting the evacuation of over 300 people while police searched through 24 theaters before clearing the scene.
Source: <http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2014/03/10/aaco-police-search-for-suspect-who-set-off-explosion-in-movie-theater/>
31. *March 9, KARE 11 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Forest Lake Walmart evacuated due to structural damage.** A Walmart in Forest Lake, Minnesota, reopened after being closed for over 4 hours March 9 while structural engineers inspected the building due to concerns that the roof suffered damage caused by the heavy weight of snow.
Source: <http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2014/03/09/forest-lake-walmart-evacuated-due-to-structural-damage/6239791/>

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