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- Blue line rail service was suspended March 24 after a Chicago Transit Authority train continued through the end of the platform and struck the escalators leading to the terminals at O'Hare International Airport, leaving 32 people injured. – *WMAQ 5 Chicago* (See item [7](#))
- Authorities closed the Houston Ship Channel indefinitely after nearly 170,000 gallons of tar-like oil spilled into the Texas waterway when a barge collided with a ship March 22. – *Associated Press* (See item [8](#))
- A March 22 landslide in Washington left 8 people dead and at least 100 others missing, while prompting the indefinite closure of State Route 530. – *Reuters* (See item [9](#))
- Researchers found that the Package Management Service for Android can create vulnerabilities, impacting over one billion devices, by improperly vetting requests for operating system or app privileges after an update, automatically granting privileges that did not exist in older versions of Android. – *Threatpost* (See item [25](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *March 23, Cincinnati Enquirer* – (Ohio) **Nearly 32K gallons of liquid removed in Colerain oil spill.** Crews had removed 31,600 gallons of an oil-water mixture from the Hamilton County-owned Oak Glen Nature Preserve by March 23 while investigators continued to assess what caused an interstate pipeline to burst March 17 and leak about 15,000 gallons of oil in the Colerain Township nature preserve.
Source: <http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/local/colerain/2014/03/23/colerain-oil-spill/6799695/>
2. *March 20, Associated Press* – (California) **\$24.5M penalty proposed for Edison over 2011 windstorm.** The California Public Utilities Commission reported March 20 that Southern California Edison agreed to pay a \$24.5 million penalty for safety violations found after a November 2011 windstorm left 440,000 customers without electricity and a power-line failure electrocuted 3 family members. Regulators stated that the utility gave inaccurate information on power restoration and violated safety standards during the storm.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/03/20/245m-penalty-proposed-for-edison-over-2011-windstorm/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *March 23, WDRB 41 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **KSP: HazMat teams containing small chemical spill near Pendleton, Ky.** An 800-foot radius was evacuated for several hours March 23 while HAZMAT crews worked to contain and clean ethylenediamine leaking from a semi-truck at a Pilot Truck Stop in Pendleton, Kentucky.
Source: <http://www.wdrb.com/story/25051891/hazmat-teams-containing-small-chemical-spill-near-pendleton-ky>

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Financial Services Sector

4. *March 22, Billings Gazette* – (Montana) **2 men charged after police find hundreds of stolen credit cards.** Two men were charged March 18 after they were arrested in Billings when a payment card they attempted to use was declined and hundreds of stolen payment cards were found in their possession.
Source: http://mtstandard.com/news/state-and-regional/men-charged-after-police-find-hundreds-of-stolen-credit-cards/article_a9b8385c-b177-11e3-81e0-0019bb2963f4.html
5. *March 21, Delaware County Daily Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Drexel Hill man charged with bank fraud, ID theft in \$232,000 scam.** An Upper Darby man was charged with bank fraud and identity theft for allegedly working with coconspirators to pose as bank account holders and steal around \$232,570 from accounts using fake identity documents between July 2007 and December 2011.
Source: <http://www.delcotimes.com/general-news/20140321/drexel-hill-man-charged-with-bank-fraud-id-theft-in-232000-scam>
6. *March 21, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of California* – (California) **Two indicted in 20,000-victim credit card fraud.** A Sacramento man and a Los Angeles man were indicted March 20 for allegedly creating fictitious companies and then charging over 20,000 credit card holders small amounts, hoping that account holders and credit card companies would not notice the fraudulent charges.
Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/sacramento/press-releases/2014/two-indicted-in-20-000-victim-credit-card-fraud>

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *March 24, WMAQ 5 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Train derailment at O'Hare leaves 32 injured.** Blue line rail service was temporarily suspended March 24 after an 8-car Chicago Transit Authority train continued through the end of the platform and struck the escalators leading to the terminals at O'Hare International Airport, leaving 32 people injured. Authorities are investigating the cause of the accident.
Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/Chicago-OHare-airport-Blue-Line-Derailment-CTA-251888361.html>
8. *March 24, Associated Press* – (Texas) **'Significant' oil spill closes US ship channel.** Authorities closed the Houston Ship Channel indefinitely after nearly 170,000 gallons of tar-like oil spilled into the Texas waterway when a barge collided with a ship March 22. Crews worked to place approximately 60,000 feet of containment booms around the

area during cleanup efforts.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/significant-oil-spill-closes-us-ship-channel>

9. *March 24, Reuters* – (Washington) **Over 100 missing-persons reports filed in Washington mudslide.** A March 22 landslide in Washington left 8 people dead and at least 100 others reported missing after homes and cars were covered in debris up to 15 feet deep. The landslide was triggered by rain-soaked embankments which prompted the indefinite closure of State Route 530 in both directions.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/24/us-usa-mudslide-washingtonstate-idUSBREA2L0R020140324>
10. *March 24, Grand Junction Daily Sentinel* – (Colorado) **Plane, 5 bodies submerged in Ridgway Reservoir.** Ouray County officials reported that the location of a single-engine airplane that crashed March 22 into Ridgway Reservoir in Colorado after taking off from Oklahoma was confirmed March 23 through divers and sonar images. Recovery operations were underway on locating the plane and the bodies of its five passengers.
Source: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/plane-5-bodies-submerged-in-ridgway-reservoir/>
11. *March 24, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **One dead after shooting leads to fatal crash on I-95.** Two lanes of northbound Interstate 95 in Deerfield Beach were closed for more than 5 hours March 23 after a car veered off the road and crashed into a palm tree, killing the driver.
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/broward/pompano-beach/fl-fatal-shooting-on-i-95-20140323,0,6753442.story>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *March 24, Newark Advocate* – (Ohio) **Egg farm accident leaves man hospitalized.** A worker at Trillium Farms in Croton was injured after becoming stuck in a piece of machinery March 23, requiring firefighters to extricate him. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating the incident.
Source: <http://www.newarkadvocate.com/article/20140324/NEWS01/303240006/Egg-farm-accident-leaves-man-hospitalized>
13. *March 22, Food Safety News* – (National) **Minnesota's Parkers Farm recalls all products with code date.** Parkers Farm Inc., of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, recalled all of its products, including peanut butter, cheese spreads and dips, bagel spreads, and salsas, due to possible Listeria contamination. The company initiated the recall after testing by the State of Minnesota revealed a potential problem with the products.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2014/03/minnesotas-parkers-farm-recalls-all-products-with-code-date>
14. *March 21, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **Fire damages grain elevator in**

Howard. Two of five buildings at a grain elevator complex in Howard, South Dakota, were damaged by a fire that broke out March 20. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source:

http://www.kdlt.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=34518&Itemid=57

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

15. *March 23, WZZM 13 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Boil water advisory for city of Newaygo.** The city of Newaygo, Michigan, was placed under a boil water advisory until further notice March 23 while crews worked to repair a water main break after the city experienced low water pressure.

Source: <http://www.wzzm13.com/story/news/2014/03/23/water-newaygo-main/6765663/>

16. *March 21, KPIX 5 San Francisco* – (California) **Contra Costa asks 500,000 water users for cuts of 15 percent.** The Contra Costa Water District board approved a 2014 Drought Management Program March 19 asking roughly 500,000 of its users to cut water use by 15 percent due to an ongoing Statewide drought.

Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2014/03/21/contra-costa-asks-500000-water-users-for-cuts-of-15-percent/>

17. *March 21, WSYM 47 Lansing* – (Michigan) **Mercury released at wastewater treatment plant.** The City of East Lansing reported March 21 that mercury from an air pressure sensing device on a table in the plant's maintenance area was accidentally released at the East Lansing wastewater treatment plant in November 2013. Authorities were notified March 20 and the plant underwent cleaning and testing.

Source: <http://www.jrn.com/fox47news/news/Mercury-Released-at-Wastewater-Treatment-Plant-251468181.html>

18. *March 21, Spokane Spokesman-Review* – (Washington) **Water boil in effect for Pasadena Park residents.** Customers of the Pasadena Park Water District 17 in Spokane Valley were placed under a boil notice through the weekend of March 22 after E. coli was detected in the water system. The water district ran large amounts of chlorine through the system to help clear out the water.

Source: <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2014/mar/21/water-boil-order-effect-pasadena-park-residents/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

19. *March 21, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Clerk at Lincoln County hospital stole from medical accounts, police say.** A former employee who worked in accounts receivable at the Lincoln County Medical Center in Troy, Missouri, was charged with stealing over \$21,000 from two different hospital accounts from May 2012 to August 2012.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/ex-clerk-at-lincoln-county-hospital-stole-from-medical-accounts/article_7960a9fd-6e13-5809-9957-03425a378acf.html
20. *March 20, Eau Claire Leader-Telegram* – (Wisconsin) **State targets Lake Hallie nursing home for violations.** Lake Hallie Memory Care in Chippewa Falls was fined \$30,750 by Wisconsin regulators and was placed under a hiring ban after officials found that its operators failed to conduct background checks on employees.
Source: http://www.leadertelegram.com/news/front_page/article_d6e4ef0a-b0b4-11e3-9b11-0019bb2963f4.html

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Government Facilities Sector

21. *March 22, WCBS 2 New York City* – (New Jersey) **6-alarm fire destroys Edison, N.J. elementary school; blaze deemed suspicious.** Authorities are investigating a suspicious 6-alarm fire that destroyed the James Monroe Elementary School in Edison, New Jersey, March 22. School officials were working on a contingency plan for students to attend classes at other locations March 24.
Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2014/03/22/fire-sweeps-through-elementary-school-in-edison-n-j/>
22. *March 21, Billings Gazette* – (Montana; California) **Calif., teen arrested after Helena schools closed by 3rd bomb threat.** Police arrested a teenager from California in connection with calling in three bomb threats to Helena, Montana schools, including a threat March 21 which prompted the cancellation of classes for all K-12 schools. Authorities believe the suspect used an Internet based telephone service and worked with a Helena High School student over Xbox to make the calls.
Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/helena-schools-closed-by-rd-bomb-threat-feds-investigating/article_542a155f-8a8a-5e6e-a8e1-55ffe91b0e05.html
23. *March 21, Topeka Capital-Journal* – (Kansas) **Range fire burns some 4,000 acres in, around Lyons County.** Firefighters worked to contain two fires including a range fire burning an estimated 4,000 acres in three Kansas Counties March 20. One firefighter was reportedly injured while a house, outbuilding, fire truck, and tractor were all destroyed by a controlled burn that rekindled.
Source: <http://cjonline.com/news/2014-03-21/range-fire-burns-some-4000-acres-around-lyons-county>

24. *March 21, WBBM 2 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Driver, 2 kids hurt in school bus crash in LaSalle County.** An Illinois Central school bus skidded off the road and rolled over in LaSalle County March 21, leaving 2 children and 1 adult injured.
Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2014/03/21/driver-2-kids-hurt-in-school-bus-crash-in/>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

25. *March 20, Threatpost* – (International) **Weakness in Android update service puts all devices at risk for privilege escalation.** Researchers at Indiana University and Microsoft published a paper that found that the Package Management Service (PMS) for Android can create vulnerabilities dubbed Pileup flaws by improperly vetting requests for operating system or app privileges after an update, automatically granting privileges that did not exist in older versions of Android. The researchers stated that vulnerabilities exist on all Android Open Source Project versions and on many customized versions, impacting over one billion Android devices.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/weakness-in-android-update-service-puts-all-devices-at-risk-for-privilege-escalation/104906>

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Communications Sector

26. *March 23, Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle* – (Tennessee) **Failed fiber line caused CDE lightband internet phone service outage in Clarksville.** Customers of Clarksville Department of Electricity's CDE Lightband experienced a 15 hour Internet and telephone service outage March 23 after losing its fiber-optic connection with its provider in Atlanta due to a failed piece of fiber. Crews spliced in an additional line and restored service.
Source: <http://www.theleafchronicle.com/article/20140323/NEWS01/303230015/Failed-fiber->

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Commercial Facilities Sector

27. *March 24, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **14-year-old dies following Phoenix apartment fire.** Officials believe a March 23 fire that left one person dead and four others injured at a Phoenix apartment building may have been intentionally set, and have detained a person of interest. Nearly 30 other residents were displaced by the fire. Source: http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/national_world&id=9477369
28. *March 24, Associated Press* – (New York) **Storm-damaged NYC boilers to be replaced.** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials announced March 23 that the agency will spend \$100 million to replace 60 boiler systems serving 110 public housing buildings in New York City that were damaged by Superstorm Sandy in October 2012. FEMA will also award the city \$56 million to cover expenses that were accrued during the installation of temporary boiler systems. Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2014-03-24/storm-damaged-nyc-boilers-to-be-replaced>
29. *March 24, KSTP 5 St. Paul* – (Minnesota) **Dozens forced out of homes after Anoka apartment fire.** Dozens of residents from 42 units at the Lincoln Estate Apartments in Anoka were displaced by a March 22 fire that officials believe started in the building's mechanical room. Most residents will be allowed to return after repairs are made to the boiler system that was damaged by the fire and heat is restored to the building. Source: <http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3372261.shtml>
30. *March 24, WAAY 31 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **Apartment fire leaves families homeless.** Firefighters responded to the Twickenham Village Apartments in Huntsville March 23 after a fire broke out and forced residents from 16 units to evacuate. About 30 - 40 residents were displaced by the fire, and at least 12 units suffered damage. Source: http://www.waaytv.com/news/apartment-fire-leaves-families-homeless/article_35a93f08-b2f6-11e3-9b87-0017a43b2370.html
31. *March 24, WNCN 17 Goldsboro* – (North Carolina) **Raleigh apartment fire displaces 46.** A March 23 fire at a Raleigh apartment building left at least 46 residents displaced and 13 people injured, and caused an estimated \$200,000 in damage. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Source: <http://www.wncn.com/story/25052864/raleigh-apartment-fire-displaces-46>
32. *March 24, WFTV 9 Orlando* – (Florida) **Police: Man threw explosive device on car outside sports bar.** A man was arrested and charged after an explosive device that he threw onto a car parked behind Mickey Finns sports bar in Orange City, Florida, detonated March 23. The bar and nearby businesses were evacuated as a precaution. Source: <http://www.wftv.com/news/news/local/police-man-threw-explosive-device-car-outside-spor/nfKKS/>

33. *March 23, WAGA 5 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **3-alarm fire rips through southeast Atlanta apartments.** About 24 units at the Constitution Hill Apartments complex in southeast Atlanta were damaged by a fire that started in one building and spread to a second building due to high winds March 23.
Source: <http://www.myfoxatlanta.com/story/25051203/3-alarm-fire-rips-through-southeast-atlanta-apartments>
34. *March 22, KENS 5 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Four-alarm fire destroys 30 apartments in Irving.** A 4-alarm fire destroyed 30 units at the Finley Terrace apartment building in Irving, March 22 and left 84 residents displaced. The cause of the fire that injured 3 people is under investigation.
Source: <http://www.kens5.com/news/Four-alarm-fire-destroys-30-apartments-in-Irving-251723351.html>
35. *March 21, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **Sioux Falls apartment fire displaces residents.** Officials are investigating a March 21 fire at the Arnold's Park Apartments in Sioux Falls that left about 50 residents displaced.
Source: http://www.yankton.net/news/state_ap_sd/article_7f946631-fbc9-5c29-8183-e394db102669.html
36. *March 21, Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier* – (Iowa) **Gas leak causes evacuation of part of Cedar Falls mall.** A portion of the College Square Mall in Cedar Falls was evacuated March 21 after a gas line ruptured while workers were moving a heating unit located on the roof of the mall. The line was repaired and the mall reopened over 2 hours later.
Source: http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/update-gas-leak-causes-evacuation-of-part-of-cedar-falls/article_8ed9df45-0340-564c-8238-63c2d1e9e883.html

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