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Energy Sector

1. *March 25, Reuters* – (Indiana) **Oil spills into Lake Michigan from BP refinery.** BP PLC confirmed March 25 that an unknown amount of oil leaked from its Whiting refinery in Indiana into Lake Michigan after a mechanical error March 24. The discharge was stopped and the leak was contained while crews worked to clean up the spill and keep it from spreading.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/25/refinery-operations-bp-whiting-idUSL1N0MM0RQ20140325>
2. *March 25, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **EPA says Ohio oil leak at 20K gallons.** Sunoco Logistics announced March 24 that the Mid-Valley pipeline was repaired and reopened after a stretch of the pipeline was shut off from Hebron, Kentucky to Lima, Ohio, March 18 due to a leak. Federal environmental officials raised earlier estimates of crude oil that leaked from the pipeline into the Oak Glen Nature Preserve near Cincinnati to more than 20,000 gallons.
Source: <http://www.sanduskyregister.com/article/5458961>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *March 24, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Pennsylvania) **Danville manufacturer cited by US Labor Department's OSHA for continued employee exposure to highly toxic hexavalent chromium.** Truck trailer manufacturer Great Dane Limited Partnership was cited by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for exposing workers at its Danville facility to hexavalent chromium, with proposed fines totaling \$30,000.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25767

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

4. *March 25, Reuters* – (National) **Madoff aides convicted in \$17.5 billion Ponzi trial after decades working for firm.** Five former associates of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC, were convicted March 24 for their role in the company's \$17.5 billion Ponzi scheme, the largest such fraud in U.S. history.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-03-24/madoff-aides-convicted-in-five-month-fraud-trial.html>
5. *March 25, IDG News Service* – (International) **ATM malware, controlled by a text message, spews cash.** Researchers at Symantec identified a new version of the Ploutus ATM malware that targets an undisclosed variety of standalone ATM and can be controlled by text message to make the ATM dispense cash.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2014/032514-atm-malware-controlled-by-a-280030.html>
6. *March 25, KEYC 12 Mankato* – (National) **Fairmont Police & Secret Service investigating credit card fraud.** The Fairmont Police Department and the U.S. Secret Service are investigating over 200 reports of payment card fraud in 13 States that appear to be linked to a data compromise at El Agave in Fairmont, Minnesota.
Source: <http://www.keyc.com/story/25064394/fairmont-police-secret-service-investigating-credit-card-fraud>
7. *March 25, Denver Business Journal* – (Colorado) **Littleton homebuilder guilty of federal mortgage fraud.** The former head of Golden Design Group Inc., was found guilty March 21 on charges of fraud and money laundering for running a mortgage fraud scheme that used unqualified or unwilling buyers to fraudulently obtain over \$11 million.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/news/2014/03/24/littleton-homebuilder-guilty-of-federal-mortgage.html?page=all>

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *March 25, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **Drivers stuck in traffic after 42K pounds of honey spill on freeway.** Four lanes of the 605 Freeway northbound in the city of Industry were temporarily closed March 24 for cleanup after a semi-truck carrying 42,000 pounds of honey overturned and leaked honey onto the freeway shoulder. Connectors from the 60 Freeway were also closed.
Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Big-Rig-Hauling-42K-Pounds-of->

[Honey-Overturns-on-605-Freeway-252051651.html](http://www.washtenaw.org/Honey-Overturns-on-605-Freeway-252051651.html)

9. *March 25, Ann Arbor News* – (Michigan) **M-14 closed near east U.S. 23 interchange after 3-vehicle crash; injuries reported.** Westbound M-14 near the east interchange with U.S. 23 in Washtenaw County was closed March 25 after an accident involving two cars and a semi-truck that left 2 people injured.
Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2014/03/m-14_closed_near_east_us_23_in.html
10. *March 25, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Fire chief: Death toll from slide expected to rise.** Officials confirmed the death toll from a March 22 mudslide in Arlington, Washington, rose to 14 after 6 more bodies were found March 24. The number of individuals listed as missing also rose from 108 to 176.
Source: http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/national_world/2014/03/25/mudslide-death-toll-at-14-176-on-missing-list.html

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Food and Agriculture Sector

11. *March 24, KUCB 89.7 FM Unalaska* – (Alaska) **Ammonia leak prompts evacuation at UniSea.** A portion of the UniSea complex in Dutch Harbor was evacuated March 22 after a cracked valve released ammonia into the air at the G2 plant. The leaking valve was shut off and the ammonia began to dissipate while officials tested the air quality.
Source: <http://kucb.org/news/article/ammonia-leak-prompts-evacuation-at-unisea/>
12. *March 22, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Authorities, ID Neb. grain elevator worker killed.** A Midwest Farmer's Co-Op worker was killed after an anhydrous ammonia explosion at the company's Tecumseh grain elevator March 20. Three others suffered non-life threatening injuries.
Source: http://columbustelegram.com/news/state-and-regional/authorities-id-neb-grain-elevator-worker-killed/article_4210c2d6-c9ea-5520-81d2-ad040026f8b3.html

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

13. *March 24, WSAZ 3 Huntington* – (West Virginia) **Boil water advisory issued for some in St. Albans, W. Va.** About 400 West Virginia American Water customers in St. Albans were under a boil water advisory March 24 until further notice due to a water main break.
Source: <http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Boil-Water-Advisory-Issued-for-Some-in-St-Albans-WVa-252108611.html>

For another story, see item [1](#)

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

14. *March 24, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Fire evacuates Pikesville assisted living facility overnight.** Authorities are investigating after residents from Springhouse assisted living facility in Pikesville were evacuated to another part of the building for more than 3 hours March 24 due to a fire.

Source: <http://www.wbaltv.com/news/fire-evacuates-pikesville-assisted-living-facility-overnight/25130942>

15. *March 22, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Theft of computers endangers data of 55,900 S.F. patients.** The San Francisco Department of Public Health notified 55,900 patients that their personal information may have been compromised after Sutherland Healthcare Solutions, a third party billing contractor, notified the officials March 18 that computers were stolen from the firm's Los Angeles County office February 5. Health officials believe the eight computers that were taken contained patients' personal information, including some Social Security numbers, and were unencrypted.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/health/article/Theft-of-computers-endangers-data-of-55-900-S-F-5339240.php>

Government Facilities Sector

16. *March 25, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Navy: Base shooting suspect didn't have own weapon.** U.S. Navy officials reported that a civilian suspect approached the USS Mahan destroyer docked at Naval Station Norfolk in Virginia, disarmed a petty officer on watch, and fatally shot a sailor March 24 before being shot and killed by security forces. Officials are investigating the incident.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/2-killed-in-shooting-at-naval-station-norfolk/2014/03/25/be4c3268-b3ee-11e3-bab2-b9602293021d_story.html

17. *March 25, WSFA 12 Montgomery* – (Alabama) **Nearly 14,000 Auburn students, staff victims of cyber attack.** Auburn University in Alabama notified 13,698 individuals, with ties to the university that its College of Business network was breached in a cyber attack and a hacker could have accessed the server between October 2013 and November 2013. The university patched the vulnerability and continues to investigate the incident.

Source: <http://www.wsfa.com/story/25061953/auburn-university>

18. *March 24, WBBJ 7 Jackson* – (Tennessee) **Bomb threat called in to Hardin County Courthouse, county jail.** The Hardin County Courthouse in Savannah, Tennessee, was evacuated for more than 4 hours March 24 after 2 bomb threats were phoned in to the county clerk's office and the sheriff's department. Police searched the courthouse and cleared the scene after nothing suspicious was found.

Source: <http://www.wbbjtv.com/news/local/Bomb-Threat-Called-In-To-Hardin-County-Courthouse-County-Jail-251945691.html>

19. *March 22, Bergen County Record* – (New Jersey) **Norwood mayor: \$1 million in damages expected after fire.** A March 21 fire destroyed 2 buildings, 4 vehicles, and other equipment at the Norwood Public Works complex in New Jersey causing an estimated \$1 million in damage. Authorities are investigating the cause of the fire. Source: <http://www.northjersey.com/news/norwood-mayor-1-million-in-damages-expected-after-fire-1.749114>

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Emergency Services Sector

20. *March 24, WAFF 48 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **Athens fire station reopens after winter storm damage.** Athens Fire & Rescue firefighters moved back into Fire Station No. 1 in Alabama March 24 after the building was closed in January due to extensive water damage from a sprinkler system that burst after a winter storm. Source: <http://www.myfoxal.com/story/25058399/athens-fire-station-reopens-after-winter-storm-damage>

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Information Technology Sector

21. *March 24, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Microsoft: 0day exploit targeting Word, Outlook.** Microsoft warned users March 24 of a zero day exploit for Microsoft Word and Outlook that can be used to deliver malicious code if a user opens or previews a message containing a specific .rtf file. Exploits have been seen attacking the vulnerability in Word 2010, but the issue is also present in other versions of Word. Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2014/03/microsoft-warns-of-word-2010-exploit/>
22. *March 24, Help Net Security* – (International) **10,000 GitHub users inadvertently reveal their AWS secret access keys.** Researchers at Threat Intelligence reported that around 10,000 Amazon Web Services secret access keys are able to be found on GitHub via a search as some users have accidentally uploaded them to their project pages. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=16566>
23. *March 24, Help Net Security* – (International) **Basecamp gets DDoSed and blackmailed.** Basecamp was disrupted and made unavailable for several hours March 24 after it was hit by a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack before the attack was mitigated. The attackers demanded a ransom similar to recent attacks on other services, which was not paid. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=16565>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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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>

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

24. *March 25, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **4 injured when car crashes into Connecticut store.** Four people were injured after a motorist lost control of her vehicle March 24 and plowed into 5 vehicles, before crashing into a convenience store in Fairfield.
Source: http://www.kttl.com/template/inews_wire/wires.national/22ea029e-www.kttl.com.shtml
25. *March 25, WRC-TV 4 Washington, D.C.* – (Virginia) **Four injured in Fairfax apartment fire.** Officials are investigating after a fire broke out March 24 at a Fairfax apartment building, leaving 4 people injured and 25 residents displaced.
Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Four-Injured-in-Fairfax-Apartment-Fire-252091571.html>
26. *March 24, Washington Post* – (Virginia) **CO leak in Falls Church sends 10 to hospital.** HAZMAT crews responded March 24 to a carbon monoxide leak at an office building in Fairfax County which sent 10 people to an area hospital for possible carbon monoxide poisoning. The cause of the leak is under investigation.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/crime/co-leak-in-falls-church-sends-10-to-hospital/2014/03/24/a5f0e77c-b39e-11e3-b899-20667de76985_story.html
27. *March 24, San Angelo Live* – (Texas) **Suspect shot in Walmart incident.** Police shot and wounded a man suspected of threatening a San Angelo Walmart employee with an explosive device as he attempted to steal a rifle from the store's sporting goods section March 24. The store remained closed for several hours while police investigated and cleared the scene.
Source: <http://sanangelolive.com/news/san-angelo/2014-03-24/suspect-shot-walmart-incident>
28. *March 24, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Prosecutor: Smoking caused NJ fire that killed 4.** Ocean County authorities announced March 24 that a cigarette discarded in a

stuffed chair was to blame for a fire at the Mariner's Cove Motor Inn in Point Pleasant Beach March 22 that left four people dead and eight others injured.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/prosecutor-smoking-caused-nj-fire-that-killed-4-1>

29. *March 24, WSIL 3 Harrisburg* – (Illinois) **Suspicious package forces evacuation.** The FBI is investigating after a mysterious package was discovered at the WSIL 3 Harrisburg news station March 24, forcing the station to evacuate for more than 3 hours. Officials cleared the scene after determining no explosives or hazardous materials were present.

Source: <http://www.wsilTV.com/news/local/Suspicious-Package-Forces-Evacuation-251965541.html>

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Dams Sector

30. *March 25, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **U.S. Army Corps eases up on its stance against trees on levees.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced a new interim policy March 24 stating that it will not disqualify levees that fail to meet its maintenance criteria from receiving disaster relief funding, granting reprieve to thousands of miles of California riverside habitat.

Source: <http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2014/03/24/2988263/army-corps-eases-up-on-its-stance.html?sp=/99/177/348//>

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