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- The former CEO of Northbrook-based Sentinel Management Group Inc., was found guilty March 25 of defrauding more than 70 clients of over \$500 million in a fraud scheme that ran between 2003 and 2007 before the firm collapsed. *Reuters* (See item 6)
- The Houston Ship Channel in Texas was partially reopened March 25 after a March 22 collision between a barge and a ship spilled up to 170,000 gallons of tar-like oil in the water. *Associated Press; KPRC 2 Houston* (See item <u>11</u>)
- Firefighters responded to the Axis Apartments project in Houston, Texas, March 25 after gusty winds turned a small rooftop fire into a massive blaze that destroyed the underconstruction complex. *Associated Press; KXAS 5 Fort Worth* (See item 22)
- Police responded to a shots fired call at the Vista Apartments in Dallas March 25, leading to a more than 2-hour standoff before police took a man into custody, forcing downtown businesses to go on lockdown and schools to shelter in place. KDFW 4 Dallas-Fort Worth (See item 23)

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Energy Sector

1. *March* 26, *Merrillville Post-Tribune* – (Indiana) **BP, others cleaning up crude spill in Lake Michigan.** An estimated 420 gallons of crude oil spilled into Lake Michigan from the BP Whiting refinery March 24. Officials asserted that the spill was curbed while cleanup efforts continued.

Source: http://posttrib.suntimes.com/26432636-537/bp-others-cleaning-up-crude-spill-in-lake-michigan.html

2. *March* 26, *Williston Herald* – (North Dakota) Oil rig explodes near Watford City. A Nabors B8 production rig on a Whiting Petroleum site near Watford City caught fire when part of the floor and site burst into flames March 25, injuring one person. Authorities are investigating the incident.

Source: http://www.willistonherald.com/news/oil-rig-explodes-near-watford-city/article 1c0cf71e-b4eb-11e3-88c4-001a4bcf887a.html

3. *March 25, Victoria Advocate* – (Texas) **Gas pipeline ruptures in Rockport near Copano Bay.** A Southern Cross-owned natural gas pipeline was shut down to allow a leak to burn out after it ruptured March 25 in Rockport. Officials looped the pipeline around Copano Bay and attached it to another pipeline in order to keep service while repairs are made.

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *March 26, Associated Press* – (International) **Nissan recalls more than 1M vehicles for air bags.** Nissan announced a recall for over 1 million model year 2013 and 2014 vehicles, around 990,000 of them in the U.S., due to a software issue that can cause passenger airbags to fail to deploy. The recall affects Nissan Altima, Sentra, Leaf, Pathfinder, NV200 Taxi, and Infiniti JX35 vehicles from the two model years. Source: http://www.sacbee.com/2014/03/26/6269112/nissan-recalls-nearly-990k-

vehicles.html

5. March 26, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission – (International) SATCO Products recalls KolourOne LED light bulbs due to risk of injury. SATCO Products announced a recall of about 121,350 KolourOne Brand Panel Array 2.0 and DUO 2.0 PAR LED light bulbs in the U.S. and Canada due to an issue that can cause the metal housing and lens assembly to separate from the bulb's base and fall, posing an injury hazard.

Source: http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/SATCO-Products-Recalls-KolourOne-LED-Light-Bulbs/

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

- 6. March 26, Reuters (Illinois) Ex-Sentinel CEO found guilty over \$500 million fraud. The former CEO of Northbrook-based Sentinel Management Group Inc., was found guilty March 25 of defrauding more than 70 clients of over \$500 million in a fraud scheme that ran between 2003 and 2007 before the firm collapsed. Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/26/sentinel-bloom-conviction-idUSL1N0MM22520140326
- 7. *March* 25, *WAFB* 9 *Baton Rouge* (Louisiana) **Police find thousands in counterfeit money during murder investigation.** Police in Amite City found \$421,000 in counterfeit currency and three printers during the search of a suspect's residence while conducting a search as part of an unrelated investigation. The U.S. Secret Service is investigating.

Source: http://www.wafb.com/story/25068247/police-find-thousands-in-counterfeit-money-during-murder-investigation

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *March* 26, *KCBS* 2 *Los Angeles* – (California) **Jackknifed big rig forces closure of WB 210 Freeway in Pasadena.** Westbound transition lanes of the 210 Freeway in Pasadena were closed for 4 hours March 26 after a semi-truck jackknifed across the roadway. Authorities are investigating the cause of the incident. Source: http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2014/03/26/jackknifed-big-rig-forces-closure-of-wb-210-freeway-in-pasadena/

- March 25, Associated Press (Washington) 2 more bodies recovered from
 Washington mudslide. Rescuers found two more bodies March 25, bringing the total
 number of deaths to 16 with the possibility of 24 others killed once bodies are
 confirmed, after a March 22 mudslide in Arlington, Washington.
 Source: https://news.yahoo.com/2-more-bodies-recovered-washington-mudslide-020820653.html
- 10. *March 25, South Florida Sun-Sentinel* (Florida) **Turnpike incident was like 'a hazardous game of pickup sticks'.** Southbound lanes of the Florida Turnpike were shut down for nearly 7 hours March 25, between Sample Road and Atlantic Boulevard, after a semi-truck spilled compressed hydrogen cylinders and drums of other unidentified chemicals on an exit ramp in Coconut Creek. HAZMAT crews responded and removed the cylinders and other dangerous debris.

 Source: http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/broward/coconut-creek/fl-turnpike-hazmat-incident-20140325,0,7130645.story
- 11. *March 25, Associated Press; KPRC 2 Houston* (Texas) **Houston Ship Channel partially reopens to ship traffic after oil spill.** The Houston Ship Channel in Texas was partially reopened March 25 after a March 22 collision between a barge and a ship spilled up to 170,000 gallons of tar-like oil in the water. Crews continued cleanup efforts.

Source: http://www.click2houston.com/news/oil-spill-cleanup-continues-in-houston-ship-channel/25150878

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Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *March* 25, *KLTV* 7 *Tyler* – (Texas) **Hazmat finishes cleanup of spilled milk; no crying reported.** HAZMAT crews responded March 25 after a semi-truck carrying milk overturned near Tyler, Texas, and milk began running into a nearby storm drain, posing potential issues for the water supply. A portion of southbound Palace was closed during the incident.

 $Source: \underline{http://www.fox19.com/story/25067688/hazmat-finishes-cleanup-of-spilled-milk-no-crying-reported}$

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

13. *March 26*, *WPXI 11 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Crews work to repair massive** water main break in N. Huntingdon Twp. Crews attempting to loosen some rock with dynamite broke a water main line, causing flooding and a landslide in North Huntingdon Township March 25. About 160 customers were left with little to no water and nearby areas were placed on a boil water advisory until test samples were

completed.

Source: http://www.wpxi.com/news/news/local/traffic-alert-water-main-break-closes-part-route-9/nfLCF/

14. *March 25*, *New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **To prevent brain-eating amoeba, most of state's drinking water meets new disinfectant mandate.** The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals reported that 73 systems out of the state's 1,369 public drinking water systems were not in compliance with an emergency rule requiring higher disinfectant levels in drinking water and more monitoring of water quality. The department issued notice of violation letters to the 73 systems March 24. Source: http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2014/03/to-prevent-brain-eating_amoeba.html

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

- 15. *March* 26, *New Rochelle Daily Voice* (New York) **New Rochelle's Hallen School closes after heat unit malfunctions.** The Hallen School in New Rochelle was evacuated and classes were dismissed as a precaution March 26 after a malfunctioning heating unit emitted low levels of carbon monoxide. Firefighters found the leak in the gym and placed a box clamp on the unit, reducing gas levels.

 Source: http://newrochelle.dailyvoice.com/police-fire/new-rochelles-hallen-school-closes-after-heat-unit-malfunctions
- 16. *March* 25, *WPVI* 6 *Philadelphia* (Delaware) **Smyrna High School student arrested for bomb threats.** Authorities arrested a Smyrna High School student in connection with a bomb threat hoax that led to the evacuation of all eight schools in the Smyrna School District March 25. The school district received a phoned threat claiming a bomb was placed at one of the schools prompting police to search for more than 2 hours before declaring the buildings were safe.

 Source: http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=9479070
- 17. *March* 25, *Cecil Whig* (Maryland) **Student charged in North East Middle School bomb threat.** Police charged a teenager who allegedly left a note indicating a bomb threat in the bathroom of North East Middle School in Maryland, prompting an evacuation and dismissal of classes March 25. Authorities searched the building and surrounding area for 5 hours before deeming the school safe.

 Source: http://www.cecildaily.com/news/local_news/article_4b8cea31-42d9-53a0-

bca1-62761a5677ec.html

18. *March* 25, *KREX* 5 *Grand Junction* – (Colorado) **Ridgway State Park closed until Thursday following plane crash.** Ridgway State Park in Colorado will be closed at least through March 27 while authorities continue recovery efforts of a small plane that crashed into the reservoir March 22.

Source: http://www.krextv.com/story/ridgway-state-park-closed-until-thursday-following-plane-crash-20140325

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Emergency Services Sector

19. *March 26*, *Toledo Blade* – (Ohio) **Lucas County jail suffers power outage.** Utility crews worked to restore electricity to the Lucas County jail after the jail lost power when an electrical issue at the Ohio Building downtown tripped another electrical feeder, knocking out service for approximately 9 hours March 25. Inmates were restricted to their cells while a backup generator provided emergency lighting. Source: http://www.toledoblade.com/Police-Fire/2014/03/25/Lucas-County-jail-loses-electricity.html

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Information Technology Sector

20. *March* 25, *Help Net Security* – (International) **Gameover ZeuS now targets users of employment websites.** Researchers at F-Secure warned users and recruiters to be cautious after a variant of the popular Gameover Zeus trojan has been seen targeting users of popular employment Web sites, including CareerBuilder.com and Monster.com. The trojan has been spotted using Web injections and Man-in-the-Browser (MitB) attacks to serve fake login pages in an attempt to gather login information and personal information.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2745

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Communications Sector

21. *March 26, WIBW 13 Topeka* – (Kansas) **2 St Louis area workers killed in tower collapse identified.** Two Wireless Horizon workers were killed after a pair of communication towers collapsed near Blaine, Kansas, March 25 while they were in the process of dismantling the older tower. The cause of the collapse is under investigation. Source: http://www.wibw.com/home/headlines/252268221.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

22. *March* 26, *Associated Press; KXAS* 5 *Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Houston apartment complex leveled by fire, worker saved.** More than 200 firefighters responded to the Axis Apartments project in the Montrose district of Houston March 25 after gusty winds turned a small rooftop fire into a massive blaze that destroyed the underconstruction complex. No injuries were reported, and nearby buildings were evacuated as a precaution.

Source: http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Houston-Apartment-Complex-Leveled-by-Fire-Worker-Saved-252421541.html

- 23. *March 25*, *KDFW 4 Dallas-Fort Worth* (Texas) **Suspect in standoff near Victory Park arrested, found unarmed.** Dallas police responded to a shots fired call at the Vista Apartments March 25, leading to a more than 2-hour standoff before police took a man into custody. Authorities are investigating the incident that forced downtown businesses to go on lockdown and schools to shelter in place, after learning that the man appeared unarmed and no weapons were found at the scene.

 Source: http://www.myfoxdfw.com/story/25067583/active-shooter-prompts-victory-park-evacuations
- 24. *March* 25, *Evansville Courier & Press* (Indiana) **More than 50 people evacuated from east side restaurant fire; cause under investigation.** About 55 people were evacuated from a Logan's Roadhouse in Evansville March 25 after a fire broke out inside a wall and filled the restaurant with smoke. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: http://www.courierpress.com/news/2014/mar/25/east-side-fire-forces-evacuation-restuaruant/

- 25. *March* 25, *WCVB* 5 *Boston* (Massachusetts) **High CO levels prompt Legal Sea Foods evacuation at Chestnut Hill Mall.** The Legal Sea Foods Restaurant and the Cottage Restaurant at the Chestnut Hill Mall in Newtown were evacuated March 25 due to a possible carbon monoxide leak. National Grid investigated the source of the leak and the restaurants were cleared to reopen several hours later.

 Source: http://www.wcvb.com/news/high-co-levels-prompt-legal-sea-foods-evacuation-at-chestnut-hill-mall/25152386
- 26. March 25, KOAM 7 Pittsburg (Missouri) Webb City strip mall fire deemed

suspicious. A March 24 fire at the Madison Square strip mall in Webb City damaged 10 of the mall's 11 stores. The Missouri fire marshal and Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms agents are investigating the incident, which was deemed suspicious. Source: http://www.koamtv.com/story/25072160/webb-city-strip-mall-fire-deemed-suspicious

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27. *March* 26, *Fayetteville Observer* – (North Carolina) **Duke Energy repairs crack in dam at coal ash pond on Cape Fear River.** A crack in an earthen dam at the Cape Fear Steam Electric Station coal ash pond on the Cape Fear River in Chatham County was temporarily repaired by Duke Energy. State officials are working with the utility on a long-term repair plan.

Source: http://www.fayobserver.com/news/local/article_ca5eac0c-b981-5874-8d41-e774631e6e47.html

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