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Energy Sector

1. *April 1, Wisconsin State Journal* – (Wisconsin) **No injuries reported in Monroe ethanol plant fire.** Authorities are investigating the cause of a fire and related damage after crews responded to the Badger State Ethanol plant in Monroe April 1 due to a blaze that occurred while workers were cleaning and doing routine maintenance.
Source: http://host.madison.com/news/local/crime_and_courts/no-injuries-reported-in-monroe-ethanol-plant-fire/article_6fff1c93-5365-5d44-9b77-ba8f08a1ec3e.html
2. *March 31, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Blast rocks Washington gas plant; 5 workers hurt.** An explosion at the Williams Northwest Pipeline natural gas processing facility near Plymouth, Washington, left 5 workers injured and prompted the voluntary evacuation of roughly 400 people from nearby homes and farms while the plant emitted a cloud of black smoke March 31. The explosion sparked a fire and punctured one of the facility's liquefied natural gas storage tanks, allowing a small amount of gas to leak to a containment area.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2014/03/31/4030349/1-hurt-in-natural-gas-blast-at.html>
3. *March 31, Conway Log Cabin Democrat* – (Texas) **ExxonMobil to restart Texas segment of Pegasus pipeline.** The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration approved March 31 the restart of a section of ExxonMobil Pipeline Company's Pegasus pipeline that runs through Texas, at reduced pressure, after the pipeline was shut down in March 2013 due to an incident where the pipeline ruptured and spilled several thousand barrels of heavy crude and industry diluents.
Source: <http://thecabin.net/news/local/2014-03-31/exxonmobil-restart-texas-segment-pegasus-pipeline>
4. *March 31, Baton Rouge Advocate* – (Louisiana) **Exxon replacing gas at BR terminal.** ExxonMobil officials reported March 31 that its gasoline racks at its Baton Rouge terminal remained closed while gasoline is pumped out and replaced after two batches of bad fuel caused drivers to experience problems with their intake and valve systems. The company stated that they identified an abnormal variation after investigating the bad fuel.
Source: <http://theadvocate.com/home/8781213-125/exxon-replacing-gas-at-br>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *April 1, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Waterford 3 nuclear plant in St. Charles Parish faces extra safety oversight.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a “white” finding to the operators of the Waterford 3 nuclear power plant in St. Charles Parish March 31 due to the operators’ failure to ensure that an exhaust fan which cools backup diesel generators would work in an emergency. The finding was of low to moderate safety significance and will bring increased NRC oversight of the plant.
Source: http://www.nola.com/business/index.ssf/2014/04/waterford_3_nuclear_plant_in_s.html
6. *April 1, Associated Press* – (New Hampshire) **Unexpected reactor shutdown at NH nuclear plant.** The reactor at the Seabrook nuclear power plant in New Hampshire shut down unexpectedly April 1 after an electrical problem occurred and affected the plant’s reactor coolant pumps. The reactor was in the process of a scheduled shutdown when the reactor’s backup safety systems activated and shut it down.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Unexpected-reactor-shutdown-at-NH-nuclear-plant-5366912.php>
7. *April 1, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Tests: 4 more workers contaminated at NM nuke dump.** The U.S. Department of Energy reported March 31 that four more workers were found to have been exposed to low levels of radiation during a February 14 leak at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico. A total of 21 workers were found to have been exposed to low-level radiation at levels below what is deemed unsafe.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/tests-workers-contaminated-nm-nuke-dump-23135722>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *April 1, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (International) **Dyson recalls bladeless portable electric heaters due to fire hazard.** Dyson announced a recall of around 393,000 Dyson Hot and Dyson Hot+Cool bladeless heaters in the U.S. and Canada due to the heaters’ potential to develop an electrical short and overheat, posing a fire hazard.
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/Dyson-Recalls-Bladeless-Portable-Electric-Heaters/>
9. *March 31, Yahoo Autos* – (National) **GM recalls 1.3 million cars for power steering defect already fixed once.** General Motors announced March 31 that it is recalling 1.3 million Chevrolet, Saturn, and Pontiac vehicles from model years between 2004 and 2010 due to faulty power steering units. The defect was the target of a previous recall that included a smaller amount of vehicles equipped with the faulty units.

Source: <https://autos.yahoo.com/blogs/motoramic/gm-recalls-1-6-million-cars-for-power-steering-defect-already-fixed-once-205009529.html>

10. *March 31, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **GM recalls 662,000 Chevy Silverado trucks, assorted SUVs, Cruze sedans.** General Motors (GM) announced a recall of 490,200 model year 2014 and 2015 Chevrolet and GMC trucks and SUVs equipped with six-speed automatic transmissions due to the vehicles potentially having a transmission oil cooler line that is not secured in its fitting and could lead to a leak. GM also recalled around 172,000 model year 2013 and 2014 Chevrolet Cruze vehicles equipped with 1.4 liter turbocharged engines to replace a right front axle half shaft that can fracture and separate.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/autos/la-fi-hy-chevrolet-silverado-cruze-recall-20140331,0,2743266.story>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

11. *March 31, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Two men accused of trading on inside information from their wives.** Two California men accused by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) of engaging in insider trading using nonpublic information overheard from their spouses agreed to settlements with the SEC to resolve the charges. A Los Gatos man agreed to pay \$300,000 to settle charges of trading on nonpublic information concerning Oracle Corp., and Acme Packet Inc., while a San Jose man agreed to pay \$280,000 over allegedly shorting Informatica stocks based on nonpublic information ahead of an earnings report.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/money/la-fi-mo-two-men-accused-of-trading-on-their-wives-inside-information-20140331,0,875774.story>

12. *March 31, Press of Atlantic City* – (New Jersey) **Pair arrested at Borgata in \$500,000 credit card-fraud scheme.** Two New York men were arrested March 29 in Atlantic City and charged with running a credit card fraud scheme that allegedly used fraudulent credit cards to purchase prepaid debit cards, with around \$500,000 in funds then deposited into the suspects' American Express accounts.

Source: http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/breaking/pair-arrested-at-borgata-in-credit-card-fraud-scheme/article_ca78d95a-b8ea-11e3-a5cb-001a4bcf887a.html

13. *March 31, Cherry Hill Patch* – (New Jersey) **Voorhees man pleads guilty to over \$1 million in insurance fraud.** A former insurance broker at Aconorate Insurance Agency in Hammonton pleaded guilty to his role in the company's defrauding of over \$1

million from commercial liability insurance clients by inflating premiums between June 2004 and July 2006.

Source: <http://cherryhill.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/voorhees-man-pleads-guilty-to-over-1-million-in-insurance-fraud>

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Transportation Systems Sector

14. *April 1, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Mudslide hits railroad track north of Seattle.** A 48-hour safety moratorium was applied to Amtrak commuter trains between Seattle and Everett starting April 1 due to a mudslide that impacted railroad tracks south of Mukilteo. The tracks were cleared that day so that freight train service could resume.
Source: <http://www.kptv.com/story/25128276/mudslide-hits-railroad-track-north-of-seattle>
15. *March 31, MTN News* – (Montana) **Drivers face long detours after I-90 landslide.** Part of Interstate 90 westbound between mile markers seven and eight near Lookout Pass remained closed March 31 due to a landslide March 30 that prompted the Montana Highway Patrol to create several detours that added an extra 60 to 70 miles for drivers.
Source: <http://www.ktvq.com/news/drivers-face-long-detours-after-i-90-landslide/>
16. *March 31, Hays Post* – (Kansas) **Blowing dust forces closure of NW Kansas highways.** A portion of the Kansas 25 highway between U.S. 36 and the Nebraska border was shut down for several hours March 31 due to visibility issues caused by blowing dust. Part of the Kansas 27 highway was also closed between Goodland and Wheeler due to the blowing dust.
Source: <http://www.hayspost.com/2014/03/31/blowing-dust-forces-closure-of-nw-kansas-highway/>
17. *March 31, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Fatal wreck closes a part of the Southwest Freeway.** All southbound lanes of the Southwest Freeway at Chimney Rock were closed for about 8 hours March 31 and one person was confirmed killed after a pickup truck got lodged under a semi-truck and caused a fire.
Source : <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-traffic/article/Fatal-wreck-closes-all-southbound-lanes-of-5364397.php>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

18. *March 31, WQAD 8 Moline* – (Utah) **150,000 hens die in fire at Iowa egg farm.** A fire broke out March 30 at the Centrum Valley Farms' egg farm in Galt, killing 150,000 hens housed in two barns. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
Source: <http://wqad.com/2014/03/31/150000-hens-die-in-fire-at-iowa-egg-farm/>

19. *March 31, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Texas) **Lao Thai Nam Corp. voluntarily recalls Number One Sompá Salted Fish because of possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that Lao Thai Nam Corp., voluntarily recalled 7-ounce packages of its Number One Sompá Salted Fish due to possible *Clostridium botulinum* contamination after an inspection found the process for the fish being manufactured was not correctly validated.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm391226.htm>
20. *March 28, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Vita Food Products issues voluntary recall of ELF Herring Fillets in Wine Sauce containing undeclared milk.** Vita Food Products, Inc., voluntarily recalled 2,280 individual 12-ounce packages of its ELF Herring Fillets in Wine Sauce due to mislabeling and undeclared milk.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm391106.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

21. *March 31, KRCR 7 Redding* – (California) **Homes lose water after car hits fire hydrant.** About 30,000 gallons of water were lost and several homes in east Redding had their water shut off after a car collided with a fire hydrant and broke a water main March 31 when the driver lost control of the vehicle.
Source: <http://www.krcrtv.com/news/local/homes-lose-water-after-car-hits-fire-hydrant/25260906>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

22. *March 31, Tacoma News Tribune* – (National) **Phishing emails net medical records, Social Security numbers at Tacoma's Franciscan Health System.** Franciscan Health System notified more than 12,000 patients nationwide that their personal information may have been accessed after Franciscan Medical Group employees were targeted in a phishing scheme in January. Staff received emails which appeared to be sent by the health system's parent company, Catholic Health Initiatives, and entered their user names and passwords.
Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2014/03/31/3126217/phishing-e-mails-net-medical-records.html>
23. *March 31, Tallahassee Democrat* – (Florida) **Tallahassee woman charged with filing more than \$23,000 in fraudulent medical claims.** Police charged a Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic employee after she received more than \$23,000 in fake health insurance reimbursements when she falsified 18 claims for doctor visits and services that never occurred. The suspect downloaded reimbursement forms from the AFLAC insurance company's Web site and falsely filled them out using medical information she accessed through a work computer.

Source: <http://www.tallahassee.com/article/20140331/NEWS/140331026/>

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Government Facilities Sector

24. *March 31, Suffolk Times* – (New York) **Mercy High School reopens following electrical fire.** Classes resumed at Bishop-McGann Mercy High School in Riverhead April 1 after crews cleaned and repaired damage from a March 30 electrical fire that caused smoke and water damage and forced the school to close March 31.
Source: <http://suffolktimes.timesreview.com/2014/03/47191/photos-video-electrical-fire-sparks-at-mercy-high-school/>
25. *March 31, Murfreesboro Daily News Journal* – (Tennessee) **Judicial building bomb threat a hoax.** The Rutherford County Judicial Building in Murfreesboro was evacuated for 2 hours March 31 after a bomb threat was called into the county court clerk's office. Police cleared the scene after nothing suspicious was found.
Source: <http://www.dnj.com/article/20140331/NEWS/303310026>
26. *March 30, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Pitt-Johnstown services reopen after several falls ill.** The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown resumed normal operations March 30 after several students were reportedly sickened March 28 with what was suspected to be norovirus. The university suspended all campus social events and closed its dining facilities while disinfecting all academic buildings.
Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2014/03/30/University-of-Pittsburgh-at-Johnstown-to-resume-normal-operations/stories/201403300253>

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Emergency Services Sector

27. *April 1, WAPT 16 Jackson* – (Mississippi) **Inmate stabbed to death in jail gang fight; Body found in cell.** A fight between 2 gangs at the Hinds County Detention Center in Raymond left 1 inmate dead and at least 5 others injured March 31. The jail resumed accepting new inmates April 1.
Source: <http://www.wapt.com/news/disturbance-shuts-down-hinds-county-jail/25257500>
28. *April 1, WMBF 32 Myrtle Beach* – (South Carolina; North Carolina) **Suspect steals police car; leads high speed chase into NC.** Police took a suspect into custody after he walked away from Waccamaw Community Hospital and stole a Georgetown County police car when officers found him walking along Highway 17. The suspect led officers on a chase before he was eventually caught on Highway 904 near Tabor City, North Carolina, and was extradited back to South Carolina.
Source: <http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/25111186/suspect-steals-police-car-leads->

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29. *March 31, Arizona Daily Star* – (Arizona) **Inmate escapes from minimum security prison in Tucson.** Authorities are searching for an inmate who escaped from the Federal Correctional Complex Satellite Camp in Tucson March 30.
Source: http://azstarnet.com/news/local/inmate-escapes-from-minimum-security-prison-in-tucson/article_01a5d0f4-b913-11e3-8d1c-0019bb2963f4.html
30. *March 31, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **Wet cable causes 911 problems.** An underground Verizon phone cable serving the sheriff's department, its communications center, and other offices became wet and malfunctioned March 30, causing 5 out of 10 emergency phone lines for Saratoga County to stop working. Crews worked March 31 to repair the line while 9-1-1 calls were rerouted.
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Wet-cable-causes-911-problems-5362901.php>

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Information Technology Sector

31. *April 1, Softpedia* – (International) **Experts unhappy with Oracle's Java Cloud patching process, vulnerability details published.** Researchers at Security Explorations published details of 30 vulnerabilities in Oracle Java Cloud Service, about half of which can be used to break the Java security sandbox. The vulnerabilities were previously reported to Oracle in January.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Experts-Unhappy-with-Oracle-s-Java-Cloud-Patching-Process-Vulnerability-Details-Published-435125.shtml>
32. *April 1, IDG News Service* – (International) **CryptoDefense ransomware leaves decryption key accessible.** Symantec researchers analyzed the CryptoDefense encryption ransomware and found that the decryption key needed to undo the malware's file encryption is also left on the victim's computer, potentially allowing victims to decrypt the files held for ransom themselves.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9247348/CryptoDefense_ransomware_leaves_decryption_key_accessible
33. *April 1, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Middle Eastern hackers use remote access trojan to infect 24,000 machines worldwide.** Researchers at Symantec reported finding 487 groups actively using the njRAT remote access trojan (RAT) for malicious uses, with around 24,000 machines infected worldwide. Symantec reported that most attacks using njRAT originate in the Middle East and that the majority of the RAT's command and control servers are located in the Middle East and North Africa.
Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2337382/middle-eastern-hackers-use-remote-access-trojan-to-infect-24-000-machines-worldwide>
34. *April 1, Softpedia* – (International) **Email marketing service Mad Mimi hit by DDoS**

attacks, blackmailed. Email marketing service Mad Mimi reported that it was the target of a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack March 30, which caused intermittent issues. An attack claiming to be behind the DDoS attack demanded a ransom to stop the attack but was refused.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Email-Marketing-Service-Mad-Mimi-Hit-by-DDOS-Attacks-Blackmailed-435152.shtml>

35. *March 31, SC Magazine* – (International) **Smartphones at risk of malicious code injection through HTML5-based apps.** Researchers at Syracuse University published a paper detailing how HTML5-based smartphone apps could allow for devices to be targeted with a new Cross-Device Scripting (XDS) attack that could inject malicious code via WiFi scanning, SMS messaging, or other means.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/smartphones-at-risk-of-malicious-code-injection-through-html5-based-apps/article/340513/>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Commercial Facilities Sector

36. *April 1, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **Fire spreads through Lanham apartment building; 30 residents displaced.** A fire broke out April 1 at an apartment building in Lanham, Maryland, damaging 15 units and leaving about 45 residents displaced. Authorities believe the fire may have started inside a utility closet and continued to investigate.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/crime/fire-spreads-through-lanham-apartment-building-30-residents-displaced/2014/04/01/b98ce8f6-b99f-11e3-899e-bb708e3539dd_story.html

37. *April 1, WNYW 5 New York City* – (New York) **Popular event venue evacuated on Lower East Side.** About 500 people were evacuated from the Angel Orensanz Foundation Center for the Arts in New York City March 31 after cracks were discovered on the first and second floors and the balcony floor began to shake and sag. The venue will remain closed indefinitely while repairs are made.

Source: <http://www.myfoxny.com/story/25126383/popular-event-venue-evacuated-on->

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38. *March 31, News 12 Brooklyn* – (New York) **Swaying steeple at Christ Fellowship Baptist Church in Bed-Stuy forces evacuation.** New York City's Department of Buildings lifted a full vacate order that was issued due to the fear of falling debris after reports that people saw and heard the steeple atop the Christ Fellowship Baptist Church in Bedford-Stuyvesant moving during strong gusts of wind March 31.
Source: <http://brooklyn.news12.com/news/swaying-steeple-at-christ-fellowship-baptist-church-in-bed-stuy-forces-evacuation-1.7562010>
39. *March 31, WBOC 16 Salisbury* – (Delaware; Maryland) **Salisbury Police: New leads in bomb scare at Centre at Salisbury mall.** The FBI is investigating after a man called 9-1-1 from Delmar, Delaware, and reported a bomb threat at the Centre at Salisbury mall in Salisbury, Maryland, March 28. The mall was evacuated and closed, and reopened March 29 after police searched and cleared the scene.
Source: <http://www.w boc.com/story/25109784/salisbury-police-new-leads-in-bomb-scare-at-salisbury-mall>
40. *March 31, Durham Herald-Sun* – (North Carolina) **Clothes, computer in bag prompt Durham bomb scare.** Police responded to the N.C. Mutual Life Building March 31 after a package was found under the front steps of the building, prompting about 430 workers from the life insurance company and the federal Veterans Administration to evacuate for about 3 hours. No explosives were found and the scene was cleared.
Source: <http://www.heraldsun.com/news/localnews/x2025292907/Clothes-computer-in-bag-prompt-Durham-bomb-scare>
41. *March 28, Long Island Newsday* – (New York) **Nordstrom's at Roosevelt Field reopens after bomb threat.** A phoned bomb threat forced a Nordstrom's department store at the Roosevelt Field mall in Garden City to evacuate for over 2 hours March 28. Police searched and cleared the scene after nothing suspicious was found.
Source: <http://www.newsday.com/long-island/nassau/nordstrom-s-at-roosevelt-field-reopens-after-bomb-threat-1.7536415>

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