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- Eleven people were admitted to a hospital April 3 after a chemical was accidentally offloaded into the wrong tank at the Roanoke River Service Authority Water Treatment Works in Mecklenburg, Virginia. – *WTVR 6 Richmond* (See item [12](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *April 2, Carlsbad Current-Argus* – (New Mexico) **4 injured in oil well explosion near Loco Hills.** Four Mesa Well Servicing workers were injured in an oil well explosion near Loco Hills while conducting routine maintenance April 2 after a failed seal on an Apache Corporation-owned well created a pressure buildup of air and crude oil within the well, resulting in a blowout. The oil well was closed while authorities investigated the incident.
Source: http://www.currentargus.com/ci_25475721/4-injured-oil-well-explosion-near-loco-hills

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *April 3, Wheeling Intelligencer/News-Register* – (West Virginia) **Truck spills hazardous material.** Crews responded April 2 after a semi-truck transporting 16 drums of poisonous alpha-naphthylamine and a non-hazardous foamer spilled onto the roadway in Marshall County, West Virginia. The driver was cited for not being endorsed to transport hazardous materials.
Source: <http://www.news-register.net/page/content.detail/id/598071/Truck-Spills-Hazardous-Material.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *April 3, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (Ohio) **Perry nuclear declares unusual event, radiation not involved.** An unusual event was declared at the Perry nuclear power plant in Ohio after an undetermined amount of a refrigerant escaped from an air handler March 2. The building containing the malfunctioning air handler was closed off and an air quality team was dispatched.
Source:
http://blog.cleveland.com/business_impact/print.html?entry=/2014/04/perry_nuclear_declares_unusual.html
4. *April 3, WQAD 8 Moline* – (Illinois) **Cordova nuclear plant alert blamed on water leak.** A pipe that released water onto an electrical system and caused an electrical fault at the Quad Cities Generating Station in Cordova prompted an alert to be declared and later lifted at the plant after smoke from the fault was reported.
Source: <http://wqad.com/2014/04/02/electrical-fire-reported-at-nuclear-plant-in-cordova/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *April 3, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Maricopa man facing state criminal charges for allegedly manufacturing counterfeit air bags.** A Maricopa County man was arrested April 1 and charged with allegedly manufacturing counterfeit automotive airbags after federal agents and Phoenix police searched his home and found more than 40 fake airbags.

Source:

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/f71f88a8c84249b386d0371068d9d153/AZ--Fake-Air-Bags-Arrest>

6. *April 1, Jackson City Patriot* – (Michigan) **Bomb threat forced evacuation of nearly 900 employees at manufacturer west of Jackson.** Around 900 employees were evacuated from the Michigan Automotive Compressor facility in Parma March 31 for around 4 hours after a bomb threat was found in a note at the facility. Police searched the facility and did not find any signs of an explosive.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2014/04/bomb_threat_forced_evacuation.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

7. *April 1, Reuters* – (International) **Two U.S. hackers admit to international cyber crime in N.J. court.** Two New York men pleaded guilty April 1 in federal court in New Jersey to their roles in an international cybercrime and bank fraud ring that hacked into several financial services businesses and institutions and attempted to steal around \$15 million by diverting funds to accounts and payment cards that they controlled. The alleged leaders of the ring are Ukrainian citizens and remain at large.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/01/usa-crime-cybercrime-idUSL1N0MT23O20140401>

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *April 3, WXII 12 Greensboro* – (North Carolina) **Lanes reopen after tanker truck**

overturns on Interstate 40-85. All four westbound lanes of Interstate 40-85 were closed for about 7 hours near mile marker 141 after a semi-truck carrying ethanol overturned April 2.

Source: <http://www.wxii12.com/news/tanker-overturns-on-interstate-4085-lanes-closed/25288986>

9. *April 2, WCBS 2 New York City* – (New York) **Plane ends up on grass in emergency landing at JFK.** Delta flight 886 from Atlanta made an emergency landing at John F. Kennedy International Airport and ended up in the grass April 2 after an apparent issue with its hydraulic system forced a detour from its scheduled destination of LaGuardia Airport.

Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2014/04/02/plane-ends-up-on-grass-in-emergency-landing-at-jfk/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

10. *April 3, Attleboro Sun Chronicle* – (Massachusetts) **Ammonia leak at Norton company leads to evacuation of neighborhood, school.** HAZMAT crews responded to a Preferred Freezer Services-leased cold storage facility in Norton April 3 after a valve malfunctioned and caused an ammonia leak. Workers were evacuated from the building and the New Testament Christian School and nearby homes were evacuated for over 4 hours as a precaution.

Source: http://www.thesunchronicle.com/news/local_news/ammonia-leak-at-norton-company-leads-to-evacuation-of-neighborhood/article_0249653c-bb2c-11e3-bb2b-001a4bcf887a.html

11. *April 2, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Colorado firm recalls Fettuccini Alfredo with Chicken products due to misbranding and undeclared allergens.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced April 2 that American Outdoor Products recalled approximately 633 pounds of dehydrated Fettuccini Alfredo with Chicken due to misbranding and undeclared milk and wheat.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/recall-020-2014-release>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

12. *April 3, WTVR 6 Richmond* – (Virginia) **11 people taken to hospital after hazmat scare.** Eleven people, including seven firefighters, were admitted to a hospital April 3 after Roanoke River Service Authority Water Treatment Works had a chemical accidentally offloaded into the wrong tank. Hazmat crews were called to remove the chemicals from the tank and residents near the plant were informed of the mishap.

Source: <http://wtvr.com/2014/04/02/mecklenburg-county-hazmat/>

13. *April 2, Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **Wastewater plant spill sends sludge into creek.** The Iowa Department of Natural Resources reported that 2,000 gallons of sewage sludge spilled into a tributary of Silver Creek April 2 after a valve broke at the Cresco Wastewater Treatment Plant.
Source: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/local/2014/04/02/cresco-spill-sludge/7205083/>
14. *April 1, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Damaged sewage plant discharging into Bullitt County Stream.** The operators of the Bullitt County sewage facility worked to install a temporary filtration system after a weld broke around a steel pipe, causing a wall to collapse and 400,000 gallons of raw sewage to spill per day since March 29.
Source: <http://www.lex18.com/news/damaged-sewage-plant-discharging-into-bullitt-county-stream>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

15. *April 2, WJAR 10 Providence* – (Rhode Island) **State raises concerns with RI Hospital infection control policies.** The Rhode Island Department of Health notified Rhode Island Hospital in Providence to take immediate action March 21 after it found the hospital violated infection control policies when dealing with a potential measles patient. The order was publicly released April 2 and hospital representatives stated that the emergency department staff is being re-educated on policies and procedures when dealing with patients showing symptoms consistent with rare communicable diseases.
Source: <http://www.turnto10.com/story/25148135/health-department-raises-concerns-with-ri-hospital-infection-control-policies>

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Government Facilities Sector

16. *April 3, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Gunman kills 3, wounds 16 at Fort Hood Army base.** Three U.S. Army service members were killed and 16 others were injured April 2 when a war veteran opened fire at the Fort Hood military base in Texas when he apparently walked into a building, began firing his semi-automatic pistol, and continued firing after driving to and entering another building. The shooter was confronted by military police in a parking lot before shooting and killing himself.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/gunman-kills-3-wounds-16-at-fort-hood-army-base>
17. *April 3, WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Power outage prompts school closure in Anderson.** A weather-related power outage prompted the closure of 10th Street Elementary School in Anderson April 3.

Source: <http://wishtv.com/2014/04/03/power-outage-prompts-school-closure-in-anderson/>

18. *April 3, Associated Press* – (California) **Burned parts of Yosemite National Park reopening.** Yosemite National Park officials reported April 2 that areas of the California park burned during the 2013 Rim Fire will reopen to the public and advised visitors to be cautious and watch out for dangerous trees, uneven ground, or possible rock falls and debris.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/burned-parts-yosemite-national-park-reopening-23166033>

19. *April 2, Salt Lake City Deseret News* – (Utah) **Oil spills, leaks plaguing Forest Service, BLM in Grand Staircase-Escalante area.** A November 2013 leak from a valve that impacted a pond at a well site prompted two federal agencies to investigate the aftermath of four spills of oil or brine water involving Citation Oil on land in or near the Grand-Staircase Escalante National Monument in Utah. The company is working with Dixie National Forest to cleanup and burn off the oil at the pond and around its edges.

Source: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865600085/Oil-spills-leaks-plaguing-Forest-Service-BLM-in-Grand-Staircase-Escalante-area.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

20. *April 3, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Police capture inmate who escaped L.A. Twin Towers jail.** Police reported that an inmate who escaped from the Twin Towers Correctional Facility in Los Angeles March 12 was captured in Santa Monica April 2 without incident. The inmate will face new charges in connection with the escape.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-escaped-inmate-captured-20140403,0,1344151.story>

21. *April 2, KYTV 3 Springfield* – (Missouri) **Fire destroys two ambulances in Taney County.** The Taney County Ambulance District's Station 6 in Merriam Woods suffered an estimated \$630,000 in damage after an ambulance inside the building suffered a shortage and caused a fire. Two ambulances were destroyed along with equipment inside the facility.

Source: http://www.ky3.com/news/local/fire-destroys-two-ambulances-in-taney-county/21048998_25291254

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Information Technology Sector

22. *April 3, Threatpost* – (International) **Yahoo encrypts data center links, boosts other services.** Yahoo announced April 2 that it has begun encrypting all traffic moving between its data centers, turned encryption on between its email servers and others who support the SMTPS standard, and turned on encryption on its home page, searches, and other properties to enhance user privacy and security.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/yahoo-encrypts-data-center-links-boosts-other-services/105228>
23. *April 3, Softpedia* – (International) **Cybercriminals add new component to Sality to hijack the DNS addresses of routers.** Researchers at ESET analyzed a new component of the Sality malware that was recently added and allows the malware to hijack the primary DNS address of routers. The analysis showed that the malware targets specific router models and attempts to use a brute force attack to gain administrator access, and then changes the router's DNS server address in order to direct users to fake installation sites.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cybercriminals-Add-New-Component-to-Sality-to-Hijack-the-DNS-Addresses-of-Routers-435654.shtml>
24. *April 3, Softpedia* – (International) **ISPs exposed to DNS DDoS attacks due to millions of vulnerable home routers.** Researchers at Nominum reported finding over 5.3 million routers have open DNS proxies, which can put Internet service providers at risk of DNS amplification distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/ISPs-Exposed-to-DNS-DDOS-Attacks-Due-to-Millions-of-Vulnerable-Home-Routers-435608.shtml>

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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

25. *April 2, IDG News Service* – (International) **Russia's Glonass system suffers major disruption.** Some smartphones and GPS receivers that rely on the Russian Glonass satellite positioning system may have experienced problems for around 11 hours April 1 after the system was hit with a major but unknown disruption.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2014/040214-russia39s-glonass-gps-system-suffers-280355.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

26. *April 3, Food Safety News* – (Oklahoma) **Oklahoma families hospitalized with E. coli after attending youth expo.** The Oklahoma Department of Health is investigating after several Oklahoma residents were treated for E.coli infections after attending the Oklahoma Youth Expo in March at the State fairgrounds in Oklahoma City. Officials advised visitors of the fairgrounds, during and after the expo, to not ignore any flu-like symptoms.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2014/04/oklahoma-families-hospitalized-with-e-coli-after-attending-youth-expo>
27. *April 3, WWJ-TV 62 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Blaze leaves dozens homeless after neighbor grills on wooden apartment balcony.** Fire officials believe flames rekindled in a charcoal grill after a resident grilled on a wooden balcony, igniting a fire April 3 at the Dartmouth Square Apartments building in Inkster that left dozens of residents displaced.
Source: <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2014/04/03/officials-apartment-fire-likely-caused-by-grill-on-balcony/>
28. *April 2, SoMdNews.com* – (Maryland) **Calvert shopping center reopened, without gas after leak.** Workers at a construction site near the Calvert Village Shopping Center in Prince Frederick struck a 3-inch gas line and caused a leak April 2, prompting an evacuation of the center. Authorities cleared the scene and the shopping center reopened about 2 hours later without gas service.
Source: <http://www.somdnews.com/article/20140402/NEWS/140409676/1057/calvert-shopping-center-reopened-without-gas-after-leak>

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Dams Sector

29. *April 2, Kent Reporter* – (Washington) **King County Flood Control District approves Green River levee agreement with Kent.** The King County Flood Control District Board gave its consent March 31 to an agreement with the city of Kent to expand the work being done on the Green River's Russell Road Upper levee to increase flood protection for the valley.
Source: <http://www.kentreporter.com/news/253635861.html>
30. *April 2, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Michigan wildlife officials announce \$350,000 in grants to remove 1 dam, renovate another.** The Michigan Department of Natural Resources approved \$250,000 to the Timberland Resource Conservation & Development for the removal of the Hubbardston Dam on Fish Creek, and \$100,000 to the department's fisheries division to renovate the Foch Lake Flooding Dam.
Source: <http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/f085aae1e5a64701b219d16ad20>

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