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- The New Mexico Environment Department issued over \$54 million in penalties to the U.S. Department of Energy December 6 accusing the agency of more than 30 violations of State permits at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant and at Los Alamos National Laboratory. – *Associated Press* (See item [14](#))
- A December 8 fire at the under-construction DaVinci apartment complex in Los Angeles damaged nearby buildings, including a city government facility, and shutdown the 110 Freeway for several hours. – *Los Angeles Times* (See item [21](#))
- An intentional chlorine gas leak left 19 people hospitalized and evacuated thousands of people for 2 hours from the Hyatt hotel in Rosemont, Illinois, December 7 during an annual convention. – *Chicago Tribune* (See item [24](#))
- Two people were killed and twelve others were poisoned by carbon monoxide at a Streets Rehearsal Studios-rented warehouse in Passaic, New Jersey, December 6. – *WCBS 2 New York City*; *Associated Press* (See item [25](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *December 5, Greensboro News & Record* – (North Carolina) **2,000 gallons of ethanol spills in Greensboro.** Authorities are investigating after a semi-truck carrying ethanol ruptured, spilling about 2,000 gallons of ethanol December 5 after the landing gear used to hold the truck upright collapsed at a Ryder Truck Rental facility in south Greensboro. Crews worked on cleaning the fuel after it leaked onto the parking lot and drained into a tributary of South Buffalo Creek.

Source: http://www.news-record.com/news/update-gallons-of-ethanol-spills-in-greensboro/article_c16101be-7ca6-11e4-b6a6-7bcadc29503a.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *December 4, WITI 6 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **MFD called out to St. Paul Avenue after tanker truck leaks sodium hydroxide.** Crews cleaned a 275-gallon sodium hydroxide spill that leaked from a semi-truck in Milwaukee December 4.

Source: <http://fox6now.com/2014/12/04/developing-milwaukee-fire-dept-deals-with-hazardous-materials-on-st-paul-ave/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *December 5, Springfield Republican* – (International) **Chinese man accused of smuggling Massachusetts-made parts for nuclear weapons to Iran extradited to Boston.** A Chinese citizen was extradited from the U.K. to the U.S. December 5 on charges that the man allegedly conspired to fraudulently export over 1,000 pressure transducers manufactured by MKS Instruments from the U.S. to China and then on to Iran, in violation of U.S. sanctions restricting materials that can be used by Iran's nuclear program.

Source:

http://www.masslive.com/news/boston/index.ssf/2014/12/chinese_man_accused_of_smuggling.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

4. *December 8, Securityweek* – (International) **New variant of Neverquest banking trojan targets North America.** Researchers with IBM Trusteer reported December 5 that they have observed a new variant of the Neverquest banking trojan being used predominantly against financial institutions in North America, with some additional targets in the media, gaming, and social networking industries. The malware has been distributed by drive-by downloads using exploit kits as well as by the Chaintor and Zemot trojan downloaders.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/new-variant-neverquest-banking-trojan-targets-north-america>
5. *December 5, New York Times* – (New York) **Pizza orders reveal credit card scheme, and a secondhand market.** Police in New York City conducted a sweep that led to 14 arrests November 13-14 after it was found that criminals using stolen payment card information were placing orders through a Domino's mobile app in order to test which stolen card numbers were able to be charged to. Card numbers that were able to be successfully charged to were then used for larger fraudulent purchases.
Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/06/nyregion/pizza-orders-reveal-credit-card-scheme-and-a-secondhand-market.html>
6. *December 5, Indianapolis Business Journal* – (Indiana) **Hamilton County man arrested for investment scheme.** A Hamilton County, Indiana man was arrested on criminal charges December 4 for allegedly operating his firm, Guaranty Reserves Trust LLC, as a fraud scheme that defrauded 16 investors of around \$6 million from 2010 to 2013. The man was previously indicted on civil charges for the same alleged fraud.
Source: <http://www.ibj.com/articles/50819-hamilton-county-man-arrested-for-investment-scheme>

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *December 8, Kalamazoo Gazette* – (Michigan) **Man accused of stabbing 4 people aboard Amtrak train in Niles to be arraigned today.** A Saginaw man was charged December 8 after allegedly attacking and stabbing four people aboard an Amtrak train in Niles December 5. Officers subdued the suspect after reports of an agitated individual on the train.
Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2014/12/man_accused_of_stabbing_4_peop.html
8. *December 8, Newark Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Chatham man killed in fiery Route**

78 crash, trucker critically injured. A crash on Route 78 in Union, New Jersey, left one person dead and two others injured, prompting the roadway to shut down for 4 hours December 6 following a multi-vehicle crash that caused a semi-truck carrying 9,000 gallons of fuel to burst into flames after it collided with another semi-truck carrying mulch.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/union/index.ssf/2014/12/chatham_man_killed_in_fiery_route_78_crash_trucker_critically_injured.html

9. *December 7, WBBH 2 Fort Myers* – (Florida) **Runway lights cancel some flights at RSW.** More than a dozen flights were cancelled at Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers December 7 after runway lights failed to work due to an electrical issue. Crews spent several hours restoring the lights and continue to investigate the cause.
Source: <http://www.nbc-2.com/story/27569556/runway-lights-cancel-some-flights-at-rsw>
10. *December 7, KPIX 5 San Francisco* – (California) **‘Substantial amount’ of mail damaged in USPS truck fire while en route from San Francisco to Los Angeles.** Interstate Highway 238 in San Francisco reopened to traffic after closing for more than 10 hours December 7 due to a U.S. Postal Service semi-truck fire that damaged a substantial amount of mail. Authorities are investigating the extent of the damage and the cause of the fire.
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2014/12/07/substantial-amount-of-mail-damaged-in-usps-truck-fire-while-en-route-from-san-francisco-to-los-angeles/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

11. *December 6, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Safeway recalls Safeway Select French Salted Caramel (Fleur De Sel) Premium Ice Cream sold November 4 through December 5 due to an undeclared peanut allergen.** Safeway announced a voluntary recall December 5 for Safeway Select French Salted Caramel (Fleur De Sel) Premium Ice Cream sold between November 4 and December 5 nationwide after the recipe’s caramel cups ingredient was replaced with peanut butter cups due to a supply error. The affected ice cream was sold at all Safeway, Carrs, Genuardi’s, Pak ‘N Save, Pavilions, Randalls, Tom Thumb, and Vons stores.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm425984.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

12. *December 5, Kalamazoo Gazette* – (Michigan) **266 gallons of raw sewage released in**

sewer overflow at Spring Valley Park. Crews remediated and returned a Kalamazoo sewer system to normal flow conditions after a manhole in Spring Valley Park overflowed December 4 and spilled 266 gallons of sewage. The blockage was removed and State officials were notified of the spill.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2014/12/266_gallons_of_raw_sewage_rele.html

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

13. *December 7, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Firefighter injured, several classes damaged after ‘suspicious’ fire erupts at O.C. high school.** A 3-alarm fire at Bolsa Grande High School in Garden Grove December 7 left 1 firefighter injured and damaged 8 classrooms. The school remained open December 8 with some classes relocated as authorities investigated the fire, which they deemed as suspicious.
Source: <http://ktla.com/2014/12/07/3rd-alarm-fire-breaks-out-at-high-school-in-garden-grove/>
14. *December 6, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Mishaps at nuke repository lead to \$54M in fines.** The New Mexico Environment Department issued over \$54 million in penalties to the U.S. Department of Energy December 6 accusing the agency of more than 30 violations of State permits at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant and at Los Alamos National Laboratory that included mixing incompatible radioactive waste, failure to notify State regulators about changes in waste handling procedures, and treating waste without a permit.
Source: http://www.stardem.com/ap/national/article_e977b196-ad26-57b0-8f79-447b2641e4c1.html
15. *December 6, Winter Haven News Chief* – (Florida) **Six suffer minor injuries in school bus crash in Haines City.** Five Haines City High School students and a driver of another vehicle were injured following an accident involving a Polk County school bus and van that collided near the school December 5.
Source: <http://www.theledger.com/article/20141206/NEWSCHIEF/141209567>
16. *December 5, Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette* – (Illinois) **4 minor injuries in school bus-car crash.** An accident between a school bus and a car left 4 students and the bus driver injured December 5 after the car rear-ended the bus at the intersection of U.S.

136 and Illinois 47 in Fisher.

Source: <http://www.news-gazette.com/news/local/2014-12-05/updated-4-minor-injuries-school-bus-car-crash.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

17. *December 8, KPIX 5 San Francisco* – (California) **8 arrested, 2 CHP officers injured by flying objects during Oakland protests.** Two California Highway Patrol (CHP) officers were injured and 13 others were arrested in Oakland and Berkeley while several stores and 5 CHP patrol cars were damaged by rioters during protests December 7.

Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2014/12/08/8-arrested-2-chp-officers-injured-by-airborne-objects-during-oakland-protests/>

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Information Technology Sector

18. *December 8, Securityweek* – (International) **Google App Engine plagued by tens of vulnerabilities: Researchers.** Security Explorations researchers reported identifying several vulnerabilities in the Google App Engine platform-as-a-service (PaaS) product, including issues that could be used to achieve a complete sandbox escape. Google confirmed that it received the researchers' report and was analyzing the reported issues. Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/google-app-engine-plagued-tens-vulnerabilities-researchers>

19. *December 8, IDG News Service* – (International) **Attackers knock PlayStation Network offline for hours.** Sony Computer Entertainment America acknowledged that some users of its Sony Playstation Network (PSN) were unable to access the service for several hours December 7 due to an apparent attack. Attackers identifying themselves as the Lizard Squad group claimed credit for the disruption.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/article/2856673/attackers-knock-playstation-network-offline-for-hours.html>

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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

20. *December 6, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **CBS, Dish Network strike deal after 12-hour blackout marathon talks.** Negotiations were reached December 6 between CBS and Dish Network following a 12 hour outage of 2 CBS-owned television stations that impacted nearly 500,000 Dish Network customers in the Los Angeles-area.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/envelope/cotown/la-et-ct-cbs-blackout-ends-dish-contract-20141204-story.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

21. *December 8, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Huge fire in downtown L.A.: ‘It looked like a bomb had just exploded’.** Authorities are investigating a December 8 fire at the under-construction DaVinci apartment complex in downtown Los Angeles that engulfed almost 1 million square feet and a city block, damaged nearby buildings, including a city government facility, and shutdown a portion of northbound and southbound lanes of the 110 Freeway for several hours while firefighters worked to put out the blaze and hot spots.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-massive-downtown-la-fire-closes-freeways-20141208-story.html>
22. *December 8, Tampa Tribune* – (Florida) **Fugitive arrested in Tampa credit-card fraud ring.** Federal authorities announced December 8 that the alleged leader of a payment card skimming and fraud ring in Tampa that stole more than \$650,000 from financial institutions by using keyloggers on point of sale terminals was arrested after more than a year as a fugitive. Several co-conspirators were previously convicted and sentenced for their roles in the fraud ring.
Source: <http://tbo.com/news/crime/fugitive-arrested-in-tampa-credit-card-fraud-ring-20141208/>
23. *December 8, KDKA 2 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Butler County restaurant damaged by fire.** Brown’s Country Kitchen in Portersville remained closed December 8 while crews investigated a December 7 kitchen fire that left the dining room of the restaurant with smoke and water damage.
Source: <http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2014/12/08/butler-county-restaurant-damaged-by-fire/>
24. *December 7, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **19 hospitalized, thousands evacuated in “intentional” gas leak at Rosemont hotel.** An intentional chlorine gas leak left 19 people hospitalized with symptoms of nausea and dizziness, and evacuated thousands of people for 2 hours from the Hyatt hotel in Rosemont, Illinois, December 7 during an annual convention. Authorities found a substance consistent with powdered chlorine in a stairwell at the hotel and decontaminated the area.

Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/other/19-hospitalized-thousands-evacuated-in-intentional-gas-leak-at-rosemont-hotel/ar-BBgswJR>

25. *December 6, WCBS 2 New York City; Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **2 dead, 12 sickened by carbon monoxide poisoning in Passaic building.** Authorities are investigating after 2 people were killed and 12 others were poisoned by carbon monoxide at a Streets Rehearsal Studios-rented warehouse used as a recording studio in Passaic, New Jersey, December 6.
Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2014/12/06/2-found-dead-in-passaic-building/>
26. *December 5, News 12 Westchester* – (New York) **All-clear given at Yonkers building after hazmat spill.** A hazardous material spill at 1 Odell Ave. in Yonkers caused the 3 hour evacuation of approximately 100 people from several businesses and a day care center after an employee accidentally spilled 3 gallons of nitrate and sulfuric acid at Crestwood Technology Group. Crews neutralized the spill and cleared the scene.
Source: <http://westchester.news12.com/news/acid-spill-evacuates-office-building-in-yonkers-1.9684401>
27. *December 5, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Evacuation lifted for 3 stores in Waterford Lakes area after bomb-squad probe.** Three retail stores in the Waterford Towers shopping plaza in east Orange County, Florida, were evacuated for 3 hours December 5 after a bomb threat was called into the Home Depot store. Authorities cleared the scene after nothing suspicious was found.
Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/breaking-news/os-possible-hazard-device-orlando-20141205-story.html>
28. *December 5, WRAL 5 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **Businesses reopen at Raleigh's Ridgewood Center after gas leak.** Stores at the Ridgewood Shopping Center in Raleigh were evacuated for nearly 3 hours December 5 following a gas leak on a nearby road after a line was inadvertently struck by a road crew. The leak was brought under control and authorities cleared the stores to reopen.
Source: <http://www.wral.com/gas-leak-forces-shoppers-staff-from-raleigh-s-ridgewood-center/14249184/>

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Dams Sector

29. *December 5, Hannibal Courier-Post* – (Missouri, Illinois) **Emergency repairs underway at Lock and Dam 25.** Emergency repairs to the overflow dike of Lock and Dam 25 near Winfield are being conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District following extensive scouring along the overflow dike on the Illinois side of the dam where the river flows during flooding. Repairs are expected to be completed by January 2015.
Source: <http://www.hannibal.net/article/20141205/NEWS/141209373/1994/NEWS>

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