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- Approximately 5,500 gallons of gasoline spilled into a harbor in Kake, Alaska, December 13 after a pump connected to a 7,000-gallon gasoline tank onshore was severed due to changes in the tide and wind. – *Think Progress* (See item [1](#))
- An American Airlines flight en route to Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, from Seoul, South Korea, diverted to Narita International Airport in Narita, Japan, after 14 passengers and crew members were injured by turbulence caused by a winter storm December 16. – *CNN* (See item [6](#))
- Two co-founders and 12 former employees of a compounding pharmacy in Framingham, Massachusetts, were arrested December 17 in connection to a 2012 meningitis outbreak that killed 64 people and sickened more than 750 people in 20 States after receiving tainted steroids manufactured by the pharmacy. – *Associated Press* (See item [16](#))
- Nearly 680 students and staff at Oak Park Elementary District 97 schools in Illinois were absent December 15-December 16 after experiencing flu-like symptoms. – *Chicago Tribune* (See item [19](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *December 16, Think Progress* – (Alaska) **Severed fuel pump causes 5,500 gallon gas spill in Alaskan Harbor.** The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation confirmed December 15 that approximately 5,500 gallons of gasoline spilled in Kake's local harbor December 13 after a pump connected to a 7,000-gallon gasoline tank onshore was severed due to changes in the tide and wind. The U.S. Coast Guard stated that the area was secured and that they would continue to monitor and coordinate response to the situation.

Source: <http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2013/12/16/3069971/severed-fuel-pump-6000-gallon-gas-spill-alaskan-harbor/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *December 17, WSAZ 3 Huntington* – (West Virginia) **Federal information filed against Freedom Industries, six others charged.** Four owners and officers with Freedom Industries were charged with negligence, unlawful discharge of refuse matter, and permit violations in connection to a January chemical spill that contaminated the water supply for 300,000 residents of West Virginia, according to a federal indictment released December 17. The company's president received additional charges for bankruptcy fraud, wire fraud, and lying under oath during bankruptcy proceedings.

Source: <http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Freedom-Executives-Charged-with-Negligence-in-Connection-with-Chemical-Spill-286095661.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *December 16, Orange County Business Journal* – (International) **Mitsubishi recalls SUVs.** Mitsubishi Motors North America announced a recall for 54,779 model year 2013-2015 Outlander Sport vehicles due to the potential for the vehicles' front passenger seat belt lap-end attachment fasteners to become loose or detach.

Source: <http://www.ocbj.com/news/2014/dec/16/mitsubishi-recalls-suvs/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

4. *December 16, WDJT 58 Milwaukee* – (National) **Credit card fraud ring used over 3,800 stolen cards.** Ten men from several States were indicted December 16 for allegedly running a payment card fraud ring that operated in at least 11 States, used over 3,800 stolen credit card numbers, and made fraudulent transactions totaling more than \$1.7 million. The alleged ring would use the stolen payment card information primarily to purchase tickets to sporting and other entertainment events and then resell them.
Source: <http://www.cbs58.com/story/27644148/credit-card-fraud-ring-used-over-3800-stolen-cards>
5. *December 16, Reuters* – (Florida) **Former Miami-area mayor found guilty in mortgage fraud scheme.** The former mayor of North Miami was found guilty December 16 of participating in an \$11 million mortgage fraud scheme and affinity scheme that targeted the local Caribbean community in order to recruit straw buyers. The former mayor was suspended from office in May 2014 after being indicted.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/12/16/us-usa-florida-mayor-idUSKBN0JU2IF20141216>

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Transportation Systems Sector

6. *December 17, CNN* – (International) **Turbulence injures passengers on American Airlines flight.** An American Airlines plane en route to Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, from Seoul, South Korea, was redirected to Narita, Japan, after 14 passengers and crew members were injured by turbulence caused by a winter storm December 16. Airline officials reported that 5 individuals were transported to local hospitals for treatment while the remainder of the 255 passengers and crew were provided accommodations until the rescheduled flight continued on to its original destination December 17.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/12/16/travel/feat-american-airlines-turbulence/>
7. *December 17, Allentown Morning Call* – (Pennsylvania) **Ten charged in alleged PennDOT kickback scheme.** Ten Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) employees and contractors were charged December 17 for allegedly participating in a \$1.2 million overbilling scheme that involved two former managers that accepted kickbacks from highway inspectors in exchange for allowing the contractors to falsify time sheets and mileage reports. The Pennsylvania Attorney General's office stated that the charges are part of an ongoing investigation of PennDOT and its contractors that has revealed around \$5million in fraud.
Source: <http://www.mcall.com/news/breaking/mc-penn-dot-corruption-charges-20141217-story.html>

8. *December 17, WSAU 99.9 FM Rudolph; Wheeler News* – (Wisconsin) **Flooding closes Highway 47-55 in Keshena.** The Wisconsin Department of Transportation closed Highway 47-55 in Keshena indefinitely December 16 due to flooding caused by ice jams in the area. A National Weather Service flood warning for Menominee County was due to expire December 17.
Source: <http://wtaq.com/news/articles/2014/dec/17/flooding-closes-highway-46-55-in-keshena/>
9. *December 16, WWJ 62 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Semi crash spills chicken wings across Detroit freeway.** Interstate 75 near the Interstate 96 interchange in southwest Detroit was closed for several hours December 16 after a semi-truck carrying hundreds of cases of frozen chicken wings crashed into a median wall and spilled its contents onto the freeway. Traffic was diverted until crews offloaded the food products and cleared the scene.
Source: <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2014/12/16/semi-crash-spills-chicken-wings-across-detroit-freeway/>
10. *December 16, San Luis Obispo Tribune* – (California) **Boulder rolls onto Hwy. 101, causing crashes on Cuesta Grade.** Highway 101 near the base of Cuesta Grade was closed in both directions December 15 after a boulder dislodged from the mountainside and rolled onto the southbound lanes of the roadway where it was then struck by an oncoming semi-truck that crashed and spilled its load across northbound lanes. Traffic was closed in both directions for about 3 hours and the accident was fully cleared 5 hours later.
Source: http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2014/12/16/3401516_boulder-highway-101-cuesta-grade.html?rh=1
11. *December 16, Daytona Beach News-Journal* – (Florida) **Volusia deputies charge man in 4-county mail fraud ring.** A South Daytona man was arrested December 16 after investigators matched his fingerprints to those found on a pile of mail for his alleged role in a check fraud ring that targeted mailboxes in Volusia County and stole personal checks that were then altered to reflect a different payee and a higher amount. The investigators reported that the group may be responsible for approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000 of check fraud in 4 counties.
Source: <http://www.news-journalonline.com/article/20141216/NEWS/141219527/1040?Title=Volusia-deputies-charge-man-in-4-county-mail-fraud-ring&tc=ar>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *December 17, Hawaii News Now* – (Hawaii) **Waialua coffee quarantined to control spread of coffee bean borer.** The Hawaii Board of Agriculture unanimously voted December 17 to place a quarantine on Waialua coffee grown on the Dole Foods orchards on the North Shore and all coffee roasted at an old sugar mill in Waialua in an

effort to contain an infestation of the coffee bean borer insect. The quarantine restricts the shipment of certain products from outside the area and requires treatments and inspection prior to shipment.

Source: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/27650672/waialua-coffee-quarantined-to-control-spread-of-coffee-bean-borer>

13. *December 16, Coos Bay World* – (Oregon) **Barrel leaks anhydrous ammonia in Charleston.** A leak from a 300-pound barrel of anhydrous ammonia at Bandon Pacific in Charleston, Oregon, prompted an evacuation of the seafood processing facility and nearby U.S. Coast Guard bunks December 17. One Bandon Pacific employee was transported to an area hospital and 15 others were evaluated at the scene after being exposed to the chemical.
Source: http://theworldlink.com/news/local/barrel-leaks-anhydrous-ammonia-in-charleston/article_e78b7304-8c28-55e1-825d-c77ae6a7c739.html

14. *December 16, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New Jersey) **OSHA cites Budweiser distribution center for serious safety violations.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Anheuser-Busch Sales of New Jersey for two willful and eight serious safety violations following a June 4 inspection of the company's Jersey City distribution warehouse for Anheuser-Busch InBev SA products. Proposed penalties total \$162,500.
Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27129

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

15. *December 16, WFSB 3 Hartford* – (Connecticut) **Water restored to homes in Waterford, still not safe to drink.** A boil water advisory remains in effect for the 90 Veolia Water customers in Waterford until further notice following a water main break December 15 that left residents without water for over 24 hours.
Source: <http://www.wfsb.com/story/27640488/water-main-break-in-waterford-affecting-90-homes>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

16. *December 17, Associated Press* – (National) **14 arrested, charged in meningitis outbreak.** Two co-founders and 12 former employees of the New England

Compounding Center, a compounding pharmacy in Framingham, Massachusetts, were arrested December 17 in connection to a 2012 fungal meningitis outbreak that killed 64 people and sickened more than 750 people in 20 States after receiving tainted steroids manufactured by the pharmacy. The indictments were unsealed in federal court in Boston December 17.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/pharmacy-owners-arrested-12-meningitis-outbreak-27657190>

17. *December 16, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **VCU Health System: CDs with patient info donated.** Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Health Systems is warning some of their patients after more than 1,000 compact discs containing patient medical information including patient addresses, medical records, and Social Security numbers from around January 2012 through October 2014 were mistakenly donated by an employee for use in art projects.

Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2014/12/vcu-health-system-cds-patient-info-donated>

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Government Facilities Sector

18. *December 16, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **South Plainfield High School student return to class after bomb threat.** A bomb threat at South Plainfield High School December 16 forced the evacuation of students to the Middle School and Grant School as authorities investigated the incident. Classes resumed after about 2 hours and police confirmed that there was no threat.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/10e6e079cd174838a9198ce56e197ff2/NJ--School-Evacuated>

19. *December 16, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Number of absentees increases in Oak Park.** Nearly 680 students and staff at Oak Park Elementary District 97 schools were absent December 15-December 16 after experiencing flu-like symptoms. A flu outbreak at Nazareth Academy in La Grange Park the previous week sent students home early and canceled classes December 9–December 10.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/oak-park-river-forest-forest-park/ct-oak-park-illness-update-met-1217-20141216-story.html>

20. *December 15, WMUR 9 Manchester* – (New Hampshire) **Crews called to Nashua high school for chemical spill.** Four students and two teachers at Nashua North High School were sent to area hospitals after being exposed to chemicals in a bathroom December 15 when a student gained unauthorized access to grolog lump, a non-lethal chemical used in ceramics. School officials are investigating in the incident.

Source: <http://www.wmur.com/news/crews-called-to-nashua-high-school-for-chemical-spill/30239590>

21. *December 15, North Andover Eagle-Tribune* – (Massachusetts) **Lowell man arrested after hitting boy set to board Methuen school bus.** A Lowell man was arrested

December 15 after he allegedly failed to stop for a school bus with the stop sign out in Methuen, hitting a student, and fleeing the scene, and was charged with leaving the scene of a personal injury accident, two counts of driving negligently, driving with a suspended license, failure to stop for a school bus and other related charges. The high school student was critically injured and remained in an intensive care surgical unit at Boston Children's Hospital.

Source: http://www.eagletribune.com/news/lowell-man-arrested-after-hitting-boy-set-to-board-methuen/article_62b7eab7-2138-573b-859f-e306f14213ab.html

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Emergency Services Sector

22. *December 17, Uniontown Herald Standard* – (Pennsylvania) **Two charged with stealing money from Denbo-Vesta VFD.** Two former officers of Denbo-Vesta 6 Volunteer Fire Department in Centerville, Pennsylvania, were arraigned December 16 and charged for allegedly embezzling more than \$105,000 from a department account for personal use between February 2013 and March 2014.

Source: http://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local_news/two-charged-with-stealing-money-from-denbo-vesta-vfd/article_a34a5204-c180-5ff1-9694-f1f1fa8dcda7.html

23. *December 16, Greensburg Daily News* – (Indiana) **Former firefighter faces theft, burglary charges.** A former New Point volunteer firefighter in Indiana was arrested over the December 13–December 14 weekend and charged with 2 counts of burglary and 5 counts of theft across 3 different cases classified as felonies following an investigation that began in September and found that he allegedly stole fire department equipment, made unauthorized gas charges to the department, and stole tools from county residents.

Source: http://www.greensburgdailynews.com/news/local_news/former-firefighter-faces-theft-burglary-charges/article_1745d5f0-8f88-571a-a0a9-96e3d7a1d808.html

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Information Technology Sector

24. *December 17, Softpedia* – (International) **10-year-old “mailx” vulnerability fixed in Debian, Red Hat Enterprise Linux.** The developers of Red Hat Linux and Debian released updates that addressed two vulnerabilities in the operating systems' mailx utility for Unix systems that could have been exploited by local attackers to execute arbitrary commands by using maliciously-formed email addresses.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/10-Years-Old-mailx-Vulnerability-Fixed-in-Debian-Red-Hat-Enterprise-Linux-467724.shtml>

25. *December 17, Securityweek* – (International) **phpBB asking users to change passwords following hack.** The developers of open source forum software phpBB shut

down their network following a cyberattack December 14 after attackers potentially gained access to hashed and salted passwords. The developers asked users who had registered accounts on phpBB.com and area51.phpBB.com to reset their passwords as a precaution.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/phpbb-asking-users-change-passwords-following-hack>

26. *December 17, Help Net Security* – (International) **Researchers confirm multiple Google App Engine security sandbox bypasses.** Researchers with Security Explorations were permitted by Google to continue their investigation of security issues in the Google App Engine (GAE) Java security sandbox and subsequently reported 16 proof-of-concepts (PoC) codes to Google for evaluation. The researchers stated that details of the issues would be reported after Google reviews them.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17765>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

27. *December 16, WVVA 6 Bluefield* – (West Virginia) **Copper thieves disrupt communications in McDowell County.** Telephone and broadband service for approximately 240 Frontier Communications customers in McDowell County was disrupted December 16 when approximately 1,000 feet of cable was stolen by copper thieves.

Source: <http://www.wvva.com/story/27643550/2014/12/16/copper-thieves-disrupt-communications-in-mcdowell-county>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

28. *December 17, WNBC 4 New York City* – (New York) **Bronx shopping center destroyed in 5-alarm blaze: FDNY.** A 5-alarm fire December 16 burned through at least 3 stores in a Bronx strip mall in New York City and damaged several other businesses in the building which will have to be demolished. Three firefighters were injured while battling the blaze that is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Fire-Bronx-Community-College-Stores-University-Heights-286072481.html>

29. *December 17, WNBC 4 New York City* – (National) **NYC premiere of "The**

Interview" canceled amid terrorist threat. Landmark's Sunshine Cinemas canceled the company's December 17 premiere of a Sony Pictures' film at the Lower East Side movie house in New York City while Carmike Cinemas announced the cancellation of its scheduled showings of the film at 247 theaters nationwide as well as Bow Tie Cinemas amid threats of violence by a group dubbed Guardians of Peace against movie theaters that show the movie. The Department of Homeland Security is analyzing the threats but reported that there was no credible intelligence to indicate an active plot against movie theaters.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/NYC-Premiere-of-The-Interview-Canceled-Amid-Terrorist-Threats-286064901.html>

30. *December 17, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New York) **Death of Brooklyn, New York, supermarket worker preventable, OSHA finds.** An Occupational Safety and Health Administration inspection of Moisha's Kosher Discount Supermarket Inc. in New York City found that a June 10 worker fatality was preventable and identified nine serious safety violations at the supermarket's warehouse. Proposed fines total \$42,000.
Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27135
31. *December 16, Bellingham Herald* – (Washington) **Storage unit fire causes \$500k in damage near Ferndale.** A 5-unit storage facility in Ferndale suffered between \$400,000 and \$500,000 in damages to the structure and its contents following a December 16 fire. The fire started inside a locked, center unit of the structure which forced firefighters to use chainsaws to cut open the structure's walls as they battled the blaze.
Source: http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2014/12/16/4031868_storage-unit-fire-causes-500k.html?rh=1
32. *December 16, Associated Press; KCNC 4 Denver* – (Colorado) **Gas leak that forced evacuations in downtown Denver stopped.** A number of large hotels and other buildings in downtown Denver were evacuated for several hours December 16 after construction crews inadvertently struck a 10-inch high pressure natural gas line posing the risk of explosion. Gas service was shut off to nearby buildings and businesses closed their air vents to prevent gas buildup while crews worked to cap the leak.
Source: <http://denver.cbslocal.com/2014/12/16/gas-leak-forces-evacuations-in-downtown-denver/>
33. *December 16, WALB 10 Albany* – (Georgia) **MCLB bomb unit clears Walmart after threat.** A Lee County shopping center that houses a Walmart store, gas station, and a Chili's restaurant was evacuated for more than 2 hours December 16 while an Albany Marine Corps Logistics Base bomb unit investigated a bomb threat. The scene was cleared and stores reopened after authorities determined that there was no threat.
Source: <http://www.walb.com/story/27644418/mclb-bomb-unit-to-inspect-walmart-after-threat>

34. *December 15, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Chicago thieves adopt 'crash-and-grab' tactics for brazen, tightly choreographed burglaries.** Authorities are investigating at least 12 “crash-and-grab” burglaries that have occurred at retail businesses in the Chicago area since September where thieves would crash a vehicle through a storefront and then quickly steal merchandise before they fleeing the scene in a waiting getaway car.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/12/15/chicago-thieves-adopt-crash-and-grab-tactics-for-brazen-tightly-choreographed/>

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Dams Sector

35. *December 16, Associated Press* – (California) **California dam being removed.** The 93-year old San Clemente Dam in California that was built on an earthquake fault with a reservoir that was 95 percent packed with mud was successfully removed with the diversion of the Carmel River into a man-made river bed the week of December 8.

Source: <http://www.capitalpress.com/Water/20141216/california-dam-being-removed>

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