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Energy Sector

1. *December 26, Washington Observer-Reporter* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire at Chartiers gas meter station causes evacuations.** A December 24 fire at the Williams Partners L.P. station in Chartiers Township prompted the evacuation of roughly a dozen homes for several hours while crews worked to contain the blaze. The cause of the fire is under investigation while company personnel assess the total amount of damage in order to determine when the facility will return to service.

Source: <http://www.observer-reporter.com/article/20141225/NEWS01/141229752>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *December 24, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **Air board fines Rubbertown chemical plant.** American Synthetic Rubber Co., agreed to pay \$27,000 in penalties to resolve allegations by the Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District that the company's Rubbertown, Kentucky chemical plant was responsible for multiple excess releases of butadiene and toluene on several occasions since 2010. The agreement also resolved allegations that the company failed to repair leaking equipment and failed to follow proper reporting procedures.

Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/story/tech/science/environment/kentuckiana-green/2014/12/24/american-synthetic-rubber-agrees-pay-fine/20852135/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *December 29, Springfield Republican* – (Vermont) **Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant unplugs from the grid for good this week.** The Vermont Yankee nuclear plant in Vernon shut down operations permanently December 29 due to economic reasons while the reactor has been under a coast down period since September. All spent nuclear fuel will be transferred to on-site dry cask storage until the U.S. Department of Energy authorizes its removal.

Source:

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

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *December 29, Duluth News Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Furnace malfunction causes damage at Hibbing foundry.** Production at the Northern Foundry in Hibbing was suspended until further notice after a furnace failed causing a fire at the facility December 28 that left an estimated \$100,000 in damages. The cause of the malfunction is being investigated.

Source: <http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/iron-range/3643578-furnace-malfunction-causes-damage-hibbing-foundry>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

5. *December 29, Wall Street Journal* – (New Jersey) **Pershing LLC fined \$3 million for reserve level, supervisory failures.** The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority fined Pershing LLC, a unit of the Bank of New York Mellon Corp., \$3 million December 29 for failing to maintain certain reserve levels and for supervisory failures after regulators discovered the company violated U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's customer protection rule. The company had reserve deficiencies ranging from \$4 million to \$220 million from November 2010 to August 2011 and put securities to risk by failing to maintain physical possession of some fully paid and margin securities. Source: <http://www.wsj.com/articles/pershing-llc-fined-3-million-for-reserve-level-supervisory-failures-1419866070>
6. *December 26, Bloomberg News; Chicago Tribune* – (International) **Credit Suisse must face \$10 billion N.Y. mortgage-fraud lawsuit.** Zurich-based Credit Suisse Group was ordered by a New York State Supreme Court justice to face a \$10 billion lawsuit initiated by the State's attorney general December 24 accusing the bank of fraud in the sales of mortgage-backed securities before the 2008 financial crisis. Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/sns-wp-blm-news-bc-credit-suisse26-20141226-story.html>

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *December 29, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Plane makes emergency landing in Pennsylvania.** A plane traveling from Toronto, Canada, to Washington, D.C., was diverted to Williamsport Regional Airport in Pennsylvania December 28 after the crew detected smoke on the flight deck and in the cabin. Another aircraft was sent to pick up the 66 passengers and fly them to Dulles International Airport in Virginia. Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/plane-makes-emergency-landing-in-pennsylvania/ar-BBhiBLw>
8. *December 28, Reuters* – (Missouri) **Five die in Kansas City after car hit by truck.** An accident involving a car and a semi-truck in Kansas City caused southbound lanes of Interstate 435 to close for about 4 hours December 27 after the car stopped on the

freeway and was struck by the semi-truck killing 2 adults and 3 children. Police are investigating the cause of the accident.

Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/five-die-in-kansas-city-after-car-hit-by-truck/ar-BBhiqv1>

9. *December 28, KCNC 4 Denver* – (Colorado) **Rock slide forces closure of Highway 24 near Minturn.** A rock slide December 27 in Minturn blocked Highway 24 with large boulders and prompted the road to close indefinitely while crews cleared the debris and inspected the hillside for stability.

Source: <http://denver.cbslocal.com/2014/12/28/rock-slide-forces-closure-of-highway-24-near-minturn/>

10. *December 27, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **Southbound 215 reopens in Perris after 11-vehicle crash.** An accident involving 11 vehicles left 6 people injured and closed southbound lanes of the 215 Freeway in Perris for about 3 hours December 27. The cause of the accident remains under investigation.

Source: <http://abc7.com/traffic/southbound-215-closed-in-perris-after-multi-vehicle-crash/452819/>

11. *December 26, KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (California) **Plane at Long Beach Airport cleared after bomb scare.** At least 2 flights at Long Beach Airport in California were delayed for about 2 hours while investigators inspected and cleared a JetBlue Airways plane after a bomb threat was posted on social media regarding the flight from Seattle December 26.

Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2014/12/26/delay-at-long-beach-airport-impacts-at-least-1-flight/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *December 29, Food Business News* – (National) **Two companies recalling caramel apples following listeria outbreak.** Happy Apple Co., issued a recall December 24 for its caramel apples with a best use date between August 25 and November 23 and California Snack Foods issued a recall December 27 for Karm'l Dapple brand caramel apples manufactured between August 15 and November 28 after the companies received notice from a supplier, Bidart Brothers Apple Packing, that the apples used in the products may be connected to a Listeria outbreak that has sickened 29 people in 10 States. The companies are working with federal regulators while they investigate the outbreak and encouraged consumers to follow a previously issued advisory to avoid consumption of commercially produced, pre-packaged caramel apples.

Source:

http://www.foodbusinessnews.net/articles/news_home/Food_Safety_News/2014/12/Two_companies_recalling_caramel.aspx?ID={3B57FB82-DB84-4328-82E6-727F55CC2345}&cck=1

13. *December 28, WFAA 8 Dallas* – (National) **3 Texas firms, including H-E-B, recall**

over 320,000 lbs. of meat. Texas-based food producers, J&B Sausage Co., H-E-B Meat Center, and Garcia Foods, Inc., recalled more than 320,000 pounds of combined meat products due to undeclared peanuts caused by misbranding. Four of the affected products were sold in H-E-B stores and also sent to the Garland Independent School District in Texas.

Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/story/news/local/2014/12/28/garland-isd-received-food-being-recalled-by-dallas-company/20987209/>

14. *December 26, WHAM 13 Rochester* – (New York) **Fire kills 64 cattle, destroys barn.** Authorities are investigating the cause of a December 25 fire at the Hayton Dairy Farm in Richmond, New York, that killed 64 cattle and destroyed 3 barns and farm equipment.
Source: <http://www.13wham.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/fire-kills-64-cattle-destroys-barn-18775.shtml>
15. *December 26, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Adams Flavors, Foods & Ingredients issues allergy alert on undeclared peanut protein in cumin products.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced December 26 that Adams Flavors, Foods & Ingredients recalled its cumin products after the company was notified by a third party supplier that one of the spice ingredients contains undeclared peanut proteins. The affected products were sold at retail stores nationwide and through Web-based sales.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm428141.htm>
16. *December 24, KDLG 670 AM/89.9 FM Dillingham* – (Alaska) **Botulism outbreak, batch of Twin Hills seal oil to blame.** The Alaska Department of Epidemiology reported December 24 that at least 25 individuals in Bristol Bay communities were sickened in an ongoing botulism outbreak linked to a batch of seal oil produced in the village of Twin Hills that tested positive at the highest measurable level for botulinum toxin.
Source: <http://kdlg.org/post/botulism-outbreak-batch-twin-hills-seal-oil-blame>
17. *December 24, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Michigan) **Farm Country Cheese House recalls Raw Milk Cheddar because of possible contamination with Listeria monocytogenes.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported December 24 that Lakeview, Michigan-based Farm Country Cheese House recalled approximately 1,136 pounds of Raw Milk Cheddar due to possible Listeria monocytogenes contamination. The affected product was distributed through retailers and specialty shops in the Grand Rapids and Detroit metro areas.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm428077.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

18. *December 27, WGHP 8 High Point* – (North Carolina) **Pump failure causes 1,400 gallons of sewage to leak into creek in Greensboro.** Approximately 1,400 gallons of

untreated wastewater leaked into Beaver Creek in Greensboro December 27 after a pump failed and discharged raw sewage. Crews installed a portable pump to prevent further discharge.

Source: <http://myfox8.com/2014/12/27/pump-failure-causes-1400-gallons-of-sewage-to-leak-into-creek-in-greensboro/>

19. *December 25, WESH 2 Daytona Beach* – (Florida) **Boil water notice affects at least 27,500 Casselberry residents.** A boil water advisory was issued December 25 for at least 27,500 Casselberry, Florida residents following a water treatment system malfunction that prevented the city from maintaining the minimum required chlorine residual. The boil water advisory was expected to be in effect through December 27. Source: <http://www.wesh.com/news/boil-water-notice-affects-at-least-27500-casselberry-residents/30397646>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

20. *December 29, Reuters* – (International) **FDA approves Roche Ebola test for emergency use.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Roche Holding AG's LightMix Ebola Zaire rRT-PCR Test December 29 for use on patients with signs and symptoms of Ebola Zaire virus infection at specific laboratories in the U.S. and other countries. The FDA approved the use of the test for a limited period which can generate results in approximately 3 hours. Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/fda-approves-roche-ebola-test-for-emergency-use/ar-BBhjtvtq>
21. *December 27, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (Pennsylvania; New Jersey) **Old fashioned data breach: Independence Blue Cross paper records tossed in trash.** Independence Blue Cross in Philadelphia announced December 26 that the personal and health information of 12,500 patients was breached following an October incident where maintenance workers threw out 4 boxes of member records that were meant to be moved to a different floor within the facility. Source: http://www.philly.com/philly/business/20141227_Old_fashioned_data_breach_Independence_Blue_Cross_paper_records_tossed_in_trash.html

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Government Facilities Sector

22. *December 26, Lake County News-Sun/Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Police: Christmas Eve burglar stole computers, cash from school.** Authorities are assessing the total amount of damage after a burglar broke into Raymond Ellis School in Round Lake Beach December 24 and stole computers and cash. Police are searching for the suspect after they found a computer in a yard near the school following the theft. Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/grayslake-gurnee-round-lake/chi->

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Emergency Services Sector

23. *December 28, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Oklahoma prison escapees captured by off-duty deputy, report says.** Two inmates who escaped from the John Lilley Correctional Center in Boley were recaptured December 28 after an off-duty officer noticed them walking along the highway in prison uniforms. A third escapee was recaptured December 27 after all three inmates escaped from the correctional center. Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/27718414/oklahoma-prison-escapees-captured-by-off-duty-deputy-report-says>

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Information Technology Sector

24. *December 29, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Twitter trouble kicks Android users out of the action.** Twitter resolved a software issue which prevented Android users from posting on the site for 3 hours December 28. Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2388188/twitter-trouble-kicks-android-users-out-of-the-action>
25. *December 28, IDG News Service* – (International) **Sony: PlayStation Network is back online now, really.** Sony reported that its PlayStation Network was fully restored December 28 following a December 25 distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack that knocked the network offline. The Lizard Squad hacker group allegedly claimed responsibility for the DDoS attack which also took down Microsoft's Xbox Live through December 26, and the group claimed that the Tor network was its next target for a zero-day attack. Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/article/2863814/sony-playstation-network-is-back-online-now-really.html>
26. *December 27, Softpedia* – (International) **Exploit for Android same origin policy flaw is leveraged against Facebook users.** Researchers with Trend Micro, Facebook, and BlackBerry are working to detect and resolve an attack targeting Facebook users using a campaign relying on a BlackBerry app to steal access tokens which uses the same origin policy (SOP) exploit flaw in the Web browser of the Android OS lower than 4.4. The attackers rely on the vulnerability to serve a malicious JavaScript file to victims which is stored in a cloud storage account. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Exploit-for-Android-Same-Origin-Policy-Is-Leveraged-Against-Facebook-Users-468351.shtml>
27. *December 27, Softpedia* – (International) **Internet Systems Consortium website has**

been compromised to serve malware. The Web site of Internet Systems Consortium, which maintains BIND and relies on WordPress, was taken offline after the site was hacked with a malicious code. Administrators urged users to check their computers while they investigated the apparent issue with the content management system (CMS) after visitors were redirected to a malicious location hosting Angler Exploit Kit (EK). Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Internet-Systems-Consortium-Website-Has-Been-Compromised-to-Serve-Malware-468365.shtml>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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

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Commercial Facilities Sector

28. *December 29, Associated Press* – (Texas) **17 in hospital after deadly Texas high-rise fire.** A fire at the Wedgwood Senior Apartments complex in Castle Hills, Texas, December 28 killed 5 residents, injured more than a dozen others, and prompted the evacuation of 350 individuals. Authorities are investigating the cause of the blaze and the whereabouts of about 80 residents that remained unaccounted for December 29. Source: www.khou.com/story/news/local/texas/2014/12/28/fire-breaks-out-at-senior-apartments-in-san-antonio/20966821/wed

29. *December 28, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Chicago Ridge Mall open Sunday after overnight disturbance.** The Chicago Ridge Mall in Illinois reopened December 28 after it was evacuated and closed December 27 due to an altercation in the mall's food court and reports of alleged gunfire. Police continue to investigate the incident and determined that the suspected gunfire was actually the sound of pots banging together by a food court merchant who was trying to disperse the crowds. Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-chicago-ridge-mall-closes-after-incident-20141227-story.html>

30. *December 28, Harford County Aegis; Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Grease fire forces evacuation of Bel Air Buffalo Wild Wings Sunday.** A Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant at the Festival at Bel Air Shopping Center in Maryland suffered an estimated \$50,000 in damage and was closed for about 4 hours December 28 following a grease fire that

- started in a deep fryer and was ruled accidental. Authorities were dispatched to handle the disorderly evacuation of about 50 customers and 20 employees and to investigate why the restaurant's fire suppression system failed to activate.
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/harford/belair/ph-ag-bel-air-restaurant-fire-1231-20141228-story.html>
31. *December 28, WJLA 7 Washington, D.C.; Associated Press* – (Washington, D.C.) **D.C. police chief shuts down McFadden's after 5 were stabbed, seriously injured.** Police temporarily shut down McFadden's Restaurant and Saloon in Washington, D.C., after 5 people were stabbed and seriously wounded inside the business December 27. Authorities are searching for two suspects in connection to the incident.
Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2014/12/5-suffer-serious-injuries-in-stabbing-at-mcfadden-s-dc-in-foggy-bottom-110136.html>
32. *December 27, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Two arrested after brawls break out at Arden Fair.** The Arden Fair Mall in Sacramento closed December 26 following 2 large fights and several small altercations that involved at least 20 individuals and sent at least 2 people to jail. Police responded to reports of gunfire that were later found to be the sound of a planter that was knocked over.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article5034786.html>
33. *December 27, KSWB 69 San Diego* – (California) **Bomb threat prompts evacuation at Toys R Us.** A Toys R Us store in La Mesa was evacuated for 2 hours December 26 while police investigated a bomb threat that was found written on a restroom stall. Police cleared the store to reopen after no explosive devices were found.
Source: <http://fox5sandiego.com/2014/12/26/bomb-threat-reported-at-toys-r-us-in-la-mesa/>
34. *December 26, WDSU 6 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Oakwood Center Mall reopens after Christmas Eve shooting that killed man.** The Oakwood Center Mall in Gretna reopened December 26 after it was evacuated and closed December 24 when a gunman opened fire inside a Foot Locker store and killed an individual in a targeted attack. Police arrested the gunman after a brief pursuit.
Source: <http://www.wdsu.com/news/local-news/new-orleans/oakwood-center-mall-reopens-after-christmas-eve-shooting-that-killed-man/30405292>

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Dams Sector

35. *December 27, KVAL 13 Eugene* – (Oregon) **Leaburg Dam gate 'slammed shut'.** One of the three gates at the Leaburg Dam in Oregon failed when it unexpectedly slammed shut the week of December 22 prompting the Eugene Water and Electric Board to close Leaburg Lake to boats as a precaution. Authorities reported no immediate threat to the public despite a second gate at the dam that has been closed and under repair since 2012, which is expected to reopen in January.
Source: <http://www.kval.com/news/local/Leaburg-Dam-gate-slammed-shut->

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