



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 21 December 2016

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- A Chinese national pleaded guilty December 19 to stealing and exploiting highly sensitive military technology and documents, and transporting the majority of the stolen information to China from 2013 – 2014. – *U.S. Department of Justice* (See item [3](#))
- Bliss, Idaho officials worked to clean up roughly 6,000 gallons of raw sewage that spilled over a lagoon dike edge December 17. – *KMVT 11 Twin Falls/KSVT 14 Twin Falls* (See item [11](#))
- Los Angeles County officials announced December 19 it is notifying about 756,000 people that their personal information may have been compromised after 108 county employees were victims of a phishing email scam in May 2016. – *SecurityWeek* (See item [14](#))
- Kaspersky Lab researchers warned that a spear phishing campaign has targeted roughly 500 organizations in the smelting, power generation and transmission, construction, and engineering industries across 50 countries since August 2016. – *SecurityWeek* (See item [20](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *December 20, Durango Herald* – (Colorado) **BP pipeline ruptures near Bayfield, spills into Sauls Creek.** A 6-inch BP P.L.C. pipeline in Bayfield, Colorado, ruptured the week of December 12 and spilled roughly 6,300 gallons of coal-bed methane produced water into Sauls Creek, a tributary of the Los Pinos River. The amount of produced water spilled is unknown and the cause of the spill remains under investigation.

Source: <https://durangoherald.com/articles/122821-bp-pipeline-ruptures-near-bayfield-spills-into-sauls-creek>

For additional stories, see items [2](#) and [20](#)

## Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *December 19, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Northwest's only nuclear plant shuts down unexpectedly.** Energy Northwest's Columbia Nuclear Generating Station in Richland, Washington, shut down December 18 after an equipment malfunction at a nearby Bonneville Power Administration substation caused the loss of a power line connecting the nuclear plant's main output transformers to the substation. Crews stabilized the plant and Energy Northwest officials assured that it remains safe.

Source: <http://komonews.com/news/local/northwests-only-nuclear-plant-shuts-down-unexpectedly>

## Critical Manufacturing Sector

See item [20](#)

## Defense Industrial Base Sector

3. *December 19, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Connecticut) **Chinese national admits to stealing sensitive military program documents from United Technologies.** A Chinese national pleaded guilty December 19 to stealing and exploiting highly sensitive military technology and documents from United Technologies Corporation's United Technologies Research Center (UTRC) and transporting the majority of the stolen information to China from 2013 – 2014. The defendant admitted his intent to advance China's defense industry, and beginning in 2013, expressed his intent to individuals outside UTRC to return to China to work on research projects at select Chinese State-run universities using knowledge and materials he had acquired during his UTRC employment.

Source: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/chinese-national-admits-stealing-sensitive-military-program-documents-united-technologies>

## Financial Services Sector

4. *December 19, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **FBI seeks leads on ‘Blues Bandit’ bank robber who struck in Phoenix, Glendale.** The FBI is searching December 19 for a man dubbed the “Blues Bandit” who is suspected of robbing 3 Desert Schools Federal Credit Union locations inside Walmart stores in Phoenix and Glendale, Arizona, between October and December 2016.  
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/2016/12/19/fbi-seeks-leads-blues-bandit-bank-robber-who-struck-phoenix-glendale/95612948/>

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## Transportation Systems Sector

5. *December 20, KRON 4 San Francisco* – (California) **AC Transit bus crashes into tree in Oakland.** An Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District bus in Oakland, California, collided with another vehicle and struck a tree December 19, injuring the bus driver.  
Source: <http://kron4.com/2016/12/20/ac-transit-bus-crashes-into-tree-in-oakland/>
6. *December 20, Janesville Gazette* – (Wisconsin) **Two die Monday in town of Janesville crash.** U.S. Route 14 in Janesville, Wisconsin, was closed for 5 hours December 19 while crews worked to clear the wreckage of a 2-vehicle head-on collision that killed both drivers.  
Source:  
[http://www.gazettextra.com/20161220/update\\_two\\_die\\_monday\\_in\\_town\\_of\\_janesville\\_crash](http://www.gazettextra.com/20161220/update_two_die_monday_in_town_of_janesville_crash)
7. *December 19, KCRA 3 Sacramento*– (California) **Sacramento man killed when USPS truck overturns.** Southbound lanes of Interstate 680 in Danville, California, were closed for several hours December 19 while crews worked to clear the scene after a U.S. Postal Service semi-truck crashed into an abandoned vehicle on the side of the road and overturned, hitting a large metal pole and killing the driver.  
Source: <http://www.kcra.com/article/christmas-packages-spill-out-in-deadly-norcal-truck-crash/8514721>
8. *December 19, Orlando Sentinel; Associated Press* – (National) **Frontier Airlines: Cancellations caused by snow, stranded crews.** Frontier Airlines canceled around 275 flights the weekend of December 17 after crews were stranded by wintery conditions or had reached the limits of hours they are allowed to fly.  
Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/business/tourism/os-ap-snow-frontier-airlines-20161219-story.html>
9. *December 19, Casper Star-Tribune* – (Wyoming) **Wyoming highway opens after 70 mph winds blow over semi; driver injured.** Wyoming Highway 258 in Casper was closed for several hours December 19 after a semi-truck overturned when the driver lost control of the vehicle due to high winds.  
Source: <http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/wyoming->

[highway-opens-after-mph-winds-blow-over-semi-driver/article\\_db5ae79a-f0fa-5c0a-853d-3d2fa7ca7e51.html](http://highway-opens-after-mph-winds-blow-over-semi-driver/article_db5ae79a-f0fa-5c0a-853d-3d2fa7ca7e51.html)

## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

10. *December 19, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Snyder of Berlin Buffalo Blue Kettle Cooked Potato Chips recalled due to possible Salmonella contamination.** Snyder of Berlin issued a recall December 19 for select lots of its Buffalo Blue Kettle Cooked Potato Chips products due to potential Salmonella contamination after the firm's ingredient supplier notified the company that the milk powder ingredient used in the products may be contaminated with Salmonella. No illnesses or adverse reactions have been reported and the products were shipped to nine States.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm533922.htm>

## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

11. *December 19, KMVT 11 Twin Falls/ KSVT 14 Twin Falls* – (Idaho) **6,000 gallons of raw sewage spills over Bliss dike.** Bliss, Idaho officials were working to clean up roughly 6,000 gallons of raw sewage that spilled over a lagoon dike edge December 17. Officials are currently monitoring a fish farm located below a neighboring canyon to check for potential contamination, and the city has informed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as well as the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality of the spill.  
Source: <http://www.kmyt.com/content/news/6000-gallons-of-raw-sewage-spills-over-Bliss-dike-407515255.html>

For additional stories, see items [1](#), [12](#), and [15](#)

## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

12. *December 17, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Orange County children's dental clinic closed after bacteria found in new water system.** Health officials in Orange County, California, ordered the closure of the Children's Dental Group of Anaheim December 15 after lab tests revealed the presence of Mycobacterium in the dental clinic's new internal water system, which was replaced following a previous outbreak of oral infections. The county has recorded 58 reports of infections at the clinic.  
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-anaheim-dental-office-20161217-story.html>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

13. *December 20, KLFY 10 Lafayette* – (Louisiana) **Lake Arthur High School closed Tuesday due to electrical issues.** Lake Arthur High School in Louisiana was closed December 20 while crews work to repair electrical issues at the school.  
Source: <http://klfy.com/2016/12/20/lake-arthur-high-school-closed-tuesday-due-to->

[electrical-issues/](#)

14. *December 19, SecurityWeek* – (California) **Los Angeles County notifies 756,000 of data breach.** Los Angeles County officials announced December 19 it is notifying about 756,000 people that their personal information including Social Security numbers, names, and dates of birth, among other sensitive information, may have been compromised after 108 county employees were victims of a phishing email scam in May 2016. Officials reported a Nigerian national was charged in connection with the incident.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/los-angeles-county-notifies-756000-data-breach>
  
15. *December 19, Hawaii News Now* – (Hawaii) **Hana High and Elementary School closed due to water issues.** Classes at Hana High and Elementary School in Hawaii were canceled December 19 due to a lack of water pumping resources in the area. Hawaii State Department of Health officials were testing the emergency source of drinking water provided to the school as it has not yet been approved as meeting all drinking water standards.  
Source: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/34087816/hana-high-and-elementary-school-closed-due-to-water-issues>
  
16. *December 19, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Fly infestation forces closure of Massachusetts high school.** The superintendent of Chelsea Public Schools in Massachusetts announced that Chelsea High School will remain closed through at least December 20 while crews work to remove a fly infestation in cracked pipes under the school's floor.  
Source: [http://www.bostonherald.com/news/local\\_coverage/2016/12/fly\\_infestation\\_forces\\_closure\\_of\\_massachusetts\\_high\\_school](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/local_coverage/2016/12/fly_infestation_forces_closure_of_massachusetts_high_school)
  
17. *December 19, WDIV 4 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Detroit school closed without heat scrambling for fix.** Officials at George Crockett Academy in Detroit announced the school would be closed until at least January 3 after an issue with the facility's heating system forced the closure of the school December 13.  
Source: <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/detroit-school-closed-without-heat-scrambling-for-fix>

For another story, see item [1](#)

## **Emergency Services Sector**

18. *December 20, KESQ 42 Palm Springs* – (California) **Coachella Valley's 911 service still down in some areas, back in PS & Indio.** The Palm Springs Police Department, Indio Police Department, and Riverside Police Department, as well as 2 other California police departments reported that their 9-1-1 services were down for several hours December 19 – December 20 due to a faulty Southern California Edison fiber optic cable.  
Source: <http://www.kesq.com/news/police-say-911-is-down-in-the-valley/222742315>

19. *December 19, KWTX Waco*– (Texas) **Authorities: No suspects in gun theft from local police department.** The Nolanville Police Department announced December 19 that 6 guns and an unspecified amount of ammunition were stolen from the police department in Nolanville, Texas, December 17. The theft remains under investigation. Source: <http://www.kwtx.com/content/news/Guns-reported-missing-from-local-police-station-407241435.html>

## **Information Technology Sector**

20. *December 19, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Spear phishing attacks target industrial firms.** Kaspersky Lab researchers warned that a spear phishing campaign has targeted roughly 500 organizations in the smelting, power generation and transmission, construction, and engineering industries across 50 countries since August 2016 in order to spy on users and steal sensitive data. The phishing emails contain a subject line with text used in a company’s correspondence in order to trick the victim into opening the malicious Rich Text Format (RTF) file attached, which downloads a malware that can diminish the ability of antivirus products. Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/spear-phishing-attacks-target-industrial-firms-kaspersky-lab-ics-cert>
21. *December 19, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Brute force attacks on WordPress Websites soar.** WordPress security firm Wordfence warned that the number of brute force attacks targeting WordPress Websites have increased to more than 700,000 attacks per day since November 24, and the number of unique attack Internet Protocols (IPs) has increased from an average of about 13,000 per day in the period between October 16 and November 24 to over 30,000 per day. The firm reported it has blocked up to 23 million brute force attack attempts per day. Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/brute-force-attacks-wordpress-websites-soar>

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### **Internet Alert Dashboard**

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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>

## **Communications Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

22. *December 20, KMBC 9 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **3 injured in Liberty apartment fire.** Authorities are investigating a fire at the Wilshire Apartments in Liberty, Missouri, that displaced 27 people and injured 3 others December 19.

Source: <http://www.kmbc.com/article/3-injured-in-liberty-apartment-fire/8519448>

23. *December 19, Peoria Journal Star* – (Illinois) **Fire destroys south Peoria grocery.** A fire caused an estimated \$700,000 in damages and destroyed the South Stop Grocery store in Peoria, Illinois, December 19. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www.pjstar.com/news/20161219/fire-destroys-south-peoria-grocery>

24. *December 19, KMOV 4 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Frozen pipes burst, forcing evacuations at Arnold hotel.** Around 50 people were displaced from the Woodsprings Suites in Arnold, Missouri, after frozen pipes burst and caused water damage to several rooms in the hotel.

Source: <http://www.kmov.com/story/34090803/major-water-main-break-at-arnold-hotel-forces-evacuations>

## **Dams Sector**

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