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Energy Sector

1. *December 27, KELO 1320 AM Sioux Falls* – (South Dakota) **Power outage brings state of emergency.** The governor of South Dakota declared a state of emergency December 27 after around 13,000 people remained without power following a December 25 blizzard that left nearly 20,000 customers without electricity in northern and western South Dakota. The wintry conditions also forced the closure of Interstate 90 from the Wyoming border to Chamberlain, South Dakota, for several hours December 25 – December 26.
Source: <http://kelo.com/news/articles/2016/dec/27/power-outage-brings-state-of-emergency/>
2. *December 27, Petoskey News-Review* – (Michigan) **High winds leave many in the dark.** Around 11,000 people across Michigan remained without power December 27 following heavy winds that knocked out power to over 40,000 Consumers Energy customers throughout the State December 26 – 27.
Source: http://www.petoskeynews.com/featured-pnr/power-outages-caused-by-high-winds-leave-many-in-dark/article_40935477-73e1-5b19-8253-c44c86a7d275.html
3. *December 26, Associated Press; WVEC 13 Hampton Roads* – (Virginia) **Gas leak in Chesapeake releases 1,000 gallons.** HAZMAT crews worked to contain roughly 1,000 gallons of gasoline that leaked at TransMontaigne Product Services LLC facility in Chesapeake, Virginia, December 25. Fire officials stopped the leak and the cause of the leak remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.whsv.com/content/news/Gas-leak-in-Chesapeake-releases-1000-gallons-408325745.html>
4. *December 25, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **About 50,000 lose power across Denver area as winds hammer Front Range.** Crews in Denver worked to restore power to around 13,000 people who remained without electricity December 25 after high winds caused an estimated 50,000 Xcel Energy Inc. customers across the metropolitan area to lose power.
Source: <http://www.denverpost.com/2016/12/25/denver-area-residents-without-power/>

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *December 26, TheCarConnection.com* – (National) **2016-2017 Kia Sorento, 2016 Sportage recalled for brake light glitch.** Kia Motor Corporation issued a recall December 26 for 10,212 of its model years 2016 – 2017 Kia Sorento and 2017 Kia

Sportage vehicles sold in the U.S. due to a faulty trailer hitch wiring harness that can cause a trailer's brake lights to malfunction and remain illuminated.

Source: http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1107999_2016-2017-kia-sorento-2016-sportage-recalled-for-brake-light-glitch

6. *December 23, TheCarConnection.com* – (International) **2016 Dodge Journey, Jeep Compass, Jeep Patriot recalled to prevent potential stalling.** Fiat Chrysler Automobiles issued a recall December 23 for 43,071 of its model year 2016 vehicles in select makes sold in the U.S. due to a faulty crankshaft sensor connector that may work intermittently and could prevent a vehicle from starting, or could cause the vehicle to stall in traffic. The recall affects an additional 5,000 vehicles in Canada, Mexico, and other countries.
Source: http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1107985_2016-dodge-journey-jeep-compass-jeep-patriot-recalled-to-prevent-potential-stalling

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

7. *December 23, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Phishers adopt malware distribution-like tactics.** Proofpoint security researchers reported that a recently spotted phishing campaign designed to steal credit card information was employing a technique previously associated with malware distribution, which involves the distribution of a malicious Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) attachment that is XOR-encoded inside a password protected .zip archive to make detection more difficult and to convince victims that the email is legitimate. The spam emails also leveraged stolen branding and social engineering to trick users into giving away their credit card information by telling the spam recipients that they need to update their credit card security information in order to receive a new card equipped with a chip.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/phishers-adopt-malware-distribution-tactics>
8. *December 23, Cottage Grove Herald-Independent* – (Wisconsin) **Card skimmers strike Monona, Cottage Grove: Information gathered after thieves use readers, cameras at bank, credit union ATMs.** Authorities in Monona, Wisconsin, are searching December 23 for 4 Romanian nationals suspected of installing card readers and cameras at outside ATMs at Monona State Bank, Old National Bank, and University of Wisconsin Credit Union locations in Monona, as well as at a Cottage Grove branch of Monona State Bank between November and December 2016.
Source: http://www.hngnews.com/monona_cottage_grove/article_e3a895c0-c925-11e6-b531-27fa05478e12.html

Transportation Systems Sector

9. *December 27, KNXV 15 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **3 men shot during officer-involved shooting on Interstate 17.** Both directions of Interstate 17 in Phoenix were closed for

several hours December 26 – December 27 following an officer-involved shooting on the roadway that hospitalized 3 people.

Source: <http://www.abc15.com/news/region-phoenix-metro/central-phoenix/interstate-17-shut-down-for-police-activity-crash>

10. *December 26, WLEX 18 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Man killed in Morehead state highway accident.** Kentucky Route 377 in Morehead was closed for roughly 4 hours December 25 after a vehicle traveling northbound collided with a southbound vehicle, killing 1 person and injuring 2 others. The cause of the crash remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.lex18.com/story/34129736/fatal-crash-blocks-road-in-morehead>
11. *December 26, KATU 2 Portland* – (Oregon) **Three killed in crash on Hwy 26 near Warm Springs.** A 25-mile stretch of U.S. Route 26 from the Oregon Route 216 junction to County Line Road in Warm Springs was closed for several hours December 26 following a fatal collision that killed 3 people.
Source: <http://katu.com/news/local/odot-crash-closes-hwy-26-at-warm-springs-indian-reservation>
12. *December 24, KPAX 8 Missoula* – (Montana) **Fatal crash shuts down U.S. Highway 93 near St. Ignatius.** U.S. Route 93 in the Nine Pipes area of Lake County in Montana was closed for several hours December 23 while crews worked to clear the wreckage following a crash involving a tanker truck and another vehicle.
Source: <http://www.kpax.com/story/34124569/fatal-crash-shuts-down-us-highway-93-near-st-ignatius>
13. *December 23, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Plane makes emergency landing due to sounds coming from cargo hold.** A United Airlines flight en route to Ecuador from George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston was forced to turn around and make an emergency landing after passengers heard noises coming from the cargo hold. Authorities searched the plane and found nothing suspicious in the hold.
Source: <http://abc13.com/news/emergency-landing-after-report-of-sounds-from-cargo-hold/1669431/>
14. *December 23, Topeka Capital-Journal* – (Kansas) **Eastbound US-24 highway reopens after fatal semi crash.** Eastbound U.S. Route 24 near Topeka, Kansas, was closed for more than 9 hours December 23 after a semi-truck traveling northbound on U.S. Route 75 left the roadway and went down an embankment onto U.S. Route 24, killing the driver.
Source: <http://cjonline.com/news/local/2016-12-23/eastbound-us-24-highway-reopens-after-fatal-semi-crash>

For additional stories, see items [1](#) and [21](#)

Food and Agriculture Sector

15. *December 25, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Texas) **Texas Best Proteins recalls**

Cajun Style Dirty Rice containing chicken products and Turkey Cajun Dinner Kits containing Dirty Rice due to misbranding and undeclared allergens. Texas Best Proteins (Farm to Market Foods) issued a recall December 24 for approximately 25,332 pounds of its Cajun Style Dirty Rice containing chicken products and its Turkey Cajun Dinner Kits containing Dirty Rice products due to misbranding and undeclared peanuts after the company was notified by its supplier that the Worcestershire sauce used in the rice product was recalled as the sauce may contain peanut, which is not listed on the product label. There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions and the products were shipped to retail outlets in Texas.

Source: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/recall-122-2016-release>

16. *December 24, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (California; Pennsylvania) **Gold Medal Packing Inc. recalls veal products due to possible E. coli O26 and O45 contamination.** Gold Medal Packing Inc. issued a recall December 23 for roughly 4,607 pounds of its “Boneless Veal” and “TBS” products after routine sample testing revealed that the products may be contaminated with E. coli O26 and O45. There have been no confirmed reports of illnesses or adverse reactions and the “Boneless Veal” products were shipped to a warehouse in California, while the “TBS” items were shipped to distributor locations in Pennsylvania.

Source: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/recall-121-2016-release>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

17. *December 26, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **Mineral Wells providing drinking water as outage repairs continue.** City officials in Mineral Wells, Texas, reported that the city would provide drinking water to residents beginning December 26 as widespread water outages and low pressure were expected to continue through December 27 following a break in a 24-inch water pipe that serves as the main supply to the city and several small communities and individuals near Mineral Wells. Officials stated that water is still safe for customers with low water pressure.

Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/weatherford-star-telegram/article123013344.html>

18. *December 24, Austin American-Statesman* – (Texas) **About 50,000 gallons of wastewater overflow in northwest Austin.** Austin Water Utility officials reported that a malfunction at the Lake Creek Lift Station in Austin, Texas, caused around 50,000 gallons of wastewater to overflow December 24. Officials stated that none of the spillage went into the creek and the overflow did not impact the city’s drinking water supply.

Source: <http://www.statesman.com/news/local/about-000-gallons-wastewater-overflow-northwest-austin/bzVY6a11dhICchrk96hON/>

19. *December 24, KWES 9 Midland/Odessa* – (Texas) **Big Lake issues public notice to boil water.** A pressure drop in the city’s water system prompted officials in Big Lake, Texas, to issue a boil water notice for all of its residents December 24 until further

notice.

Source: <http://www.newswest9.com/story/34127082/big-lake-issues-public-notice-to-boil-water>

20. *December 23, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Rhode Island) **Settlement reached at the Peterson/Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site in Cumberland and Lincoln, R.I.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Justice, and Rhode Island Department of Environmental Protection reached a more than \$40 million settlement December 23 to resolve Federal and State liability claims against around 100 potentially responsible parties for the cleanup of Operable Unit Two of the Peterson/Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site in Cumberland and Lincoln, Rhode Island, following decades of hazardous waste dumping at the site that polluted the neighboring Blackstone River, groundwater, and soils. The settlement calls for the excavation and consolidation of contaminated soils and sediments, construction of a multi-layered impermeable cap, and long term monitoring, among other measures.

Source: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/settlement-reached-petersonpuritan-inc-superfund-site-cumberland-and-lincoln-ri>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

Nothing to report

Government Facilities Sector

21. *December 27, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Officials close state-owned marina at Lake Malone.** The Kentucky Department of Parks announced December 27 that the State-owned marina at Lake Malone State Park in Dunmore was closed after finding the facility was unsafe for public use due to deteriorating structures including disintegrated floating devices and dock board surfaces, and rotting boards underneath the main walk boards.

Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/news/state/kentucky/article123065444.html>

Emergency Services Sector

22. *December 25, KRIS 6 Corpus Christi* – (Texas) **Escaped prisoner still not found.** Authorities continued searching December 25 for an inmate who escaped from the Live Oak County Criminal Justice Center in Texas December 24.

Source: <http://www.kristv.com/story/34129362/escaped-prisoner-still-not-found>

Information Technology Sector

23. *December 27, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Critical RCE flaw patched in PHPMailer.** The developers of PHPMailer released version 5.2.18 of the product to resolve a critical remote code execution (RCE) flaw after a security researcher from Legal Hackers found the flaw can be exploited by a remote, unauthenticated attacker for arbitrary code execution in the context of the Web server user in order to compromise a targeted Web application. The researcher found the vulnerability can be

exploited through Website components including feedback forms, registration forms, and password reset features that use a version of PHPMailer for sending emails that is impacted by the security hole.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/critical-rce-flaw-patched-phpmailer>

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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

24. *December 25, Taos News* – (New Mexico) **Kit Carson Internet restored after multi-day outage.** About 500 Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. customers in parts of Arroyo Hondo, Arroyo Seco, and Questa, New Mexico, were without Internet service for roughly 36 hours December 20 – December 22 due to a hardware failure at 2 of the company’s substations. The exact cause of the outage remains under investigation.
Source: http://www.taosnews.com/news/kit-carson-internet-restored-after-multi-day-outage/article_c23fd144-c95e-11e6-8bb3-67b875499e6e.html

Commercial Facilities Sector

25. *December 27, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **5 juveniles arrested after multiple fights break out at Aurora mall.** The Town Center Aurora mall in Aurora, Colorado, was evacuated and closed overnight December 26 – 27 after multiple fights broke out involving around 500 people. The incidents remain under investigation.
Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/local/mall-in-aurora-evacuated-after-large-disturbance/378508285>
26. *December 27, WRAL 5 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **Cross Creek Mall to reopen Tuesday after fight forces evacuation.** The Cross Creek Mall in Fayetteville, North Carolina, was evacuated December 26 after a large fight in the mall’s food court. The mall was scheduled to reopen December 27.
Source: <http://www.wral.com/authorities-no-shots-fired-at-cross-creek-mall/16376960/>
27. *December 27, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **20 displaced by fire at Aurora apartment building.** An apartment fire in Aurora, Illinois, displaced 20 people and caused an estimated \$300,000 in damages December 27. No major injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.
Source: <http://chicago.suntimes.com/news/20-displaced-by-fire-at-aurora-apartment-building/>
28. *December 27, WANE 15 Fort Wayne* – (Indiana) **Several Apple Glen stores re-open**

after power outage. A power outage prompted a roughly 2-hour closure of a Walmart, Best Buy, PetSmart, and several other stores in Fort Wayne, Indiana, December 26 after an electrical pole outside of the Walmart caught fire. Officials reported that the fire did not damage any of the stores in the retail complex.

Source: <http://wane.com/2016/12/26/westside-walmart-temporarily-closed-due-to-electrical-fire/>

29. *December 26, Lansing State Journal* – (Michigan) **Guests evacuated due to fire at Delta Township hotel.** Roughly 70 guests were evacuated from the Crowne Plaza Lansing West hotel in Lansing, Michigan, after a fire December 26. No injuries were reported and local fire officials stated that the hotel will likely be closed for at least a couple of nights.

Source: <http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/local/2016/12/26/guests-evacuated-due-fire-delta-township-hotel/95859400/>

30. *December 24, WKEF 22 Dayton* – (Ohio) **Fire at Dollar Tree on Wayne Avenue in Dayton.** The Dollar Tree, Inc. store in Dayton, Ohio, was closed until further notice after a suspected arson December 24. Three juveniles were arrested in connection with the fire, which remains under investigation.

Source: <http://abc22now.com/news/local/fire-at-dollar-tree-on-wayne-avenue-in-dayton>

For another story, see item [21](#)

Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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