



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 18 February 2011

**Current Nationwide Threat Level**

**ELEVATED**

*Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks*

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- A major nuclear manufacturer reported a “substantial safety hazard” with control rods at more than two dozen reactors around the country, according to the Associated Press. (See item [8](#))
- The New York Times reports authorities arrested 74 members of a Southern California criminal organization that bilked \$20 million from victims via bank fraud and skimming devices. (See item [16](#))

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### Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *February 17, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Crews restore service to most of 15,000 storm-related power outages.** Rocky Mountain Power crews February 17 had restored service all but a few hundred of the 15,000 Utahns hit by electrical outages during a February 16 wind-and-snow storm. About 300 homes and businesses remained in the dark in the Salt Lake Valley alone, a company spokeswoman said, while 35 customers south of the Salt Lake Valley and 36 north of the area were awaiting repairs. Salt Lake

City, Utah, police dispatchers said several traffic intersection lights were inoperative February 17. The snowfall brought restrictions to Big and Little Cottonwood canyons east of Salt Lake City, where vehicles were required to have tire chains or four-wheel drive capability until late the morning of February 17. Also, due to a power outage on Foothill Drive in Salt Lake City, buses in the area were running up to 20 minutes late much of the morning of February 17, Utah Transit Authority reported.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/home/51262678-76/lake-salt-thursday-morning.html.csp>

2. *February 16, Anchorage Daily News* – (Alaska) **Diesel spills while being transferred.** About 800 gallons of diesel fuel spilled from a ship into an Unalaska Island bay in Alaska February 15, according to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The Aleutian Lady, a 155-foot fishing boat, was moored at the Offshore Systems dock in Captains Bay as fuel was transferred from a port-side tank to a starboard tank, according to a DEC report. About 1,100 gallons overflowed from a vent on the starboard tank and about 300 gallons stayed onboard, the DEC said. Crew members used absorbent pads and boom to contain the fuel. No impacts to wildlife have been reported.  
Source: <http://www.adn.com/2011/02/16/1707594/diesel-spills-while-being-transferred.html>
  
3. *February 16, WWTW 9&10 Cadillac - Traverse City, Sault Ste. Marie* – (Michigan) **Oil spill closes Oscoda Co. road.** At least 4,000 gallons of crude gushed from an overturned oil tanker into an Oscoda County, Michigan ditch. It happened on Mapes Road, south of M-72, February 16. Crews continued cleaning up the mess for several hours. The sheriff said the trucker drove around a corner, lost control, and the truck ended up on its side. Workers kept the oil from spreading to a nearby creek. They pumped oil from the tanker and towed it away. The driver of the truck had only minor injuries.  
Source: <http://www.9and10news.com/Category/Story/?id=281984&cID=1>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. *February 16, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Wis. company reopens after chemical fire.** DeVere Co. Inc. in Janesville, Wisconsin, has reopened after a chemical fire February 16, but most employees were sent home. The lead dispatcher for the Rock County Communications Center said Janesville firefighters responded after an alarm company reported the fire just before 11:30 a.m. The Janesville fire captain said employees of the cleaning products company were evacuated and evaluated by paramedics. No one was hurt. The fire captain said a cardboard fire started in the warehouse. Nearby homes did not have to be evacuated.  
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-wi-chemicalfire,0,5108482.story>

5. *February 16, KGET 17 Bakersfield* – (California) **Chemical plant fire raises new concerns about facility.** A fire February 16 at a chemical plant west of Bakersfield, California, has raised new concerns about the safety of the facility. The blaze at Hondo Chemical is just the latest at the plant, which has had several fires and other violations in the past. Employees at the facility on Stockdale Highway called 911 after hearing several explosions. When county firefighters arrived, there was fire and smoke. They determined it was sulfur, contained in a cement sump. Although no one was hurt, the county environmental health director said he is concerned. “This is yet another event at this facility that we have strong concerns about the ability to properly manage chemicals safely.” In 2007, county officials discovered the company was storing hazardous waste without a permit and ordered the owner to clean up the plant. The facility makes soil amendment products for agriculture and has been fined numerous times for illegal disposal of hazardous waste. “Clearly, the number one issue in our mind at this point is what potential risk does this present to one of our most valuable resources, which is groundwater? And, the answer to that is I don’t know,” the director said. The county said it will be at the site in the coming days, but at this point there is no imminent risk to nearby businesses or homes.  
Source: <http://www.kget.com/news/local/story/Chemical-plant-fire-raises-new-concerns-about/yGQMD7aQ6E6tJmD3OT6twA.csp>
  
6. *February 16, Lafourche Daily Comet* – (Louisiana) **Tanker flips in Assumption.** A truck driver was ticketed February 15 after the 18-wheeler he was driving turned over in Assumption Parish, Louisiana, leaking an unknown amount of liquid oxygen, state police said. The driver lost control in a curve while heading south on La. 662 near Tuboscope Pipeline Services in Amelia, police said. The truck and trailer, carrying 4,600 gallons of liquid oxygen, slipped off the right side of the road and rolled over. The truck is owned by Air Liquide, which specializes in gas sales. Police closed a 1.5-mile stretch of La. 662 between La. 398 and U.S. 90 for most of the afternoon.  
Source: <http://www.dailycomet.com/article/20110216/ARTICLES/110219601?p=all&tc=pgall>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

7. *February 17, Brattleboro Reformer* – (Vermont) **Yankee reactor building evacuated after steam leak is discovered.** During routine surveillance, steam was seen coming from the high-pressure coolant injection system at the Vermont Yankee (VY) nuclear power plant in Vernon, Vermont at 11:25 a.m. February 16. “All unnecessary personnel were cleared from the reactor building as a precautionary measure and valves in the steam path were closed,” VY’s communication manager said. “The issue has been entered into the corrective action systems and an investigation was started to determine the source of the steam.” The VY official said because the reactor building is a sealed unit, there was no release of radioactive materials to the environment. He also said no

staffers were affected by the incident, and all appropriate technicians were allowed back into the reactor building after the valves were closed.

Source: [http://www.reformer.com/localnews/ci\\_17408201](http://www.reformer.com/localnews/ci_17408201)

8. *February 16, Associated Press* – (National) **Possible fuel rod hazard seen at some nuke plants.** A major manufacturer in the nuclear industry reported a potential “substantial safety hazard” with control rods at more than two dozen reactors around the country, according to a report made public February 16 by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy said it discovered extensive cracking and “material distortion,” and likely would recommend the boiling water reactors using its Marathon control rod blades replace them more frequently than they had been told to previously. “The design life if not revised, could result in significant control blade cracking and could, if not corrected, create a substantial safety hazard and is considered a reportable condition,” the company said in its report to the NRC. An analyst with the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), and a former nuclear industry engineer who now frequently consults with groups critical of the industry, said the faulty blades could make affected control rods inoperable. “It could either slow down or stop the control rod from inserting” when plant operators were trying to reduce power or shut a plant down, the UCS analyst said. The former industry engineer said control rods “are like the brakes on a nuclear reactor. It’s almost like they have a 100,000 mile warranty on them and they need to be changed out at 40,000.” He added the reactors also have an emergency brake: an “explosive valve” to be used in emergencies when operators are unable to gain control of the reaction by inserting control rods. The valve forces water containing high levels of boron, which slows and eventually stops the reaction by absorbing neutrons.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP7d866635fc9f465b9668dc18382ca1e8.html>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

9. *February 17, CNNMoney* – (National) **Honda recalls 97,000 Fit subcompacts in the U.S.** Honda Motors is recalling 97,000 Fit subcompact cars in the United States because of engine component problems. The Japanese automaker said February 16 it needs to replace a part called a lost-motion spring, which is a component in the engine valve train, in 2009 and 2010 models of the small car. No crashes or injuries have been reported related to this problem. The company said the lost-motion springs, which are compressed by rocker arms in normal engine use, may bend or break over time, resulting in abnormal noise and potentially causing engine damage or stalling. Honda said owners of Fit vehicles should take them to Honda dealers to replace the part after they receive notifications in the mail, which will be sent out in early March.

Source:

[http://money.cnn.com/2011/02/17/autos/honda\\_recall/index.htm?section=money\\_topstories&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed:+rss/money\\_topstories+\(Top+Stories\)](http://money.cnn.com/2011/02/17/autos/honda_recall/index.htm?section=money_topstories&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+rss/money_topstories+(Top+Stories))

10. *February 17, Lansing State Journal* – (National) **General Motors recalling more than 50,000 CTS vehicle.** General Motors Co. (GM) is recalling more than 50,000 Cadillac CTS cars made in Lansing, Michigan. The 2009 and 2010 model-year vehicles are under recall because of a problem that could destabilize a rear wheel and make the car difficult to steer. Of the recalled vehicles, about 44,000 were made in the United States in 2009 and 2010. The CTS problem lies in the rear toe link assembly, according to the Detroit, Michigan-based automaker's filing with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The filing said a wax coating on a nut could cause it to come loose, creating a metal clanking noise. The loose part could result in a sudden change in the vehicle's handling and a driver might not be able to control the vehicle. No injuries or deaths have been reported because of the problem, GM said. The vehicles under recall were built between June 16, 2008, and April 20, 2009. Owners of the affected vehicles will be notified soon through recall letters.

Source:

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20110217/BUSINESS01/102170321/General-Motors-recalling-more-than-50-000-CTS-vehicles?odyssey=tab|mostpopular|text|FRONTPAGE>

11. *February 16, Pottstown Mercury* – (Pennsylvania) **Cabot investigates fire at plant.** An investigation is under way to determine what caused a fire at a metal manufacturing plant on County Line Road just outside Boyertown, Pennsylvania, February 16. Emergency responders were dispatched to Cabot Inc. for a blaze that broke out in a chemical dust collector around 10:30 a.m. Cabot's manager of safety, health, and environment said crews had the fire controlled and out within 5 minutes after arriving, giving an all-clear around 11 a.m. The dust collector where the fire began contained tantalum, a chemical used in the company's metal manufacturing process, he said. Although it was initially thought dust escaped the plant during the fire, the Cabot manager said it was only smoke, not chemicals released into the air. No one was injured during the fire, and employees were evacuated from the building adjacent to the dust collector, he said. The building where the fire took place was not damaged, and the dust collection unit will remain inactive until company officials have completed a thorough investigation, he said.

Source:

<http://pottsmmerc.com/articles/2011/02/16/news/doc4d5c9e9d04c40683136567.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

12. *February 17, Nashua Telegraph* – (New Hampshire) **Minor chemical spill at BAE.** Firefighters were dispatched to BAE Systems at 65 Spitbrook Road in Nashua, New Hampshire, February 17 to evaluate three persons after a minor chemical spill involving "some kind of acid," according to radio transmissions. The incident was reported shortly before 7 a.m. People at the firm told fire dispatchers the spill had been contained, and security officers would escort rescuers inside, to evaluate three affected

people. Firefighters promptly reported back that the incident was under control, and that four people had “minimal to no contact” with the chemical, but needed to be taken to a hospital to be checked out to comply with company protocols.

Source: <http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/news/909319-196/minor-chemical-spill-at-bae.html>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

13. *February 16, Softpedia* – (National) **Dangerous IRS spam run in circulation.** Security researchers from e-mail security provider AppRiver warn of a new IRS-themed spam campaigns that takes advantage of the tax filing period to distribute a variant of the infamous Zeus banking trojan. The rogue e-mails bear a subject of “Your Federal Tax Payment Notice sn#####” (where # is a digit) and have forged headers to appear as they originate from an IRS address. The message advises recipients that their tax return filing was rejected by the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) and asks them to correct the error. “Urgent Report! Your Federal Tax Payment ID: ##### has been rejected. Return Reason Code R21 - The identification number used in the Company Identification Field is not valid. “Please, check the attached information and refer to Code R21 to get details about your company payment in transaction contacts section,” the message reads. The attached file is called IRS-TAX-Notification-printing form-SN#####(dot)zip and contains a variant of the Zeus crimware that has a very low detection rate on Virus Total.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-IRS-Spam-Run-in-Circulation-184646.shtml>
  
14. *February 16, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **2 Boca Raton men plead guilty to cashing in on \$10 million fraud.** Two Boca Raton, Florida men February 16 pleaded guilty to cashing in on a \$10 million illegal enterprise federal prosecutors said was fueled by loan officers at leading South Florida banks. The two suspects pleaded guilty in hopes of avoiding stiff sentences for their roles in the scheme run by Palm Beach Business Consultant Inc. In exchange for pleading guilty — the 45-year-old suspect to conspiracy to commit bank fraud and the 42-year-old suspect to the same charge plus mail fraud — prosecutors agreed not to seek maximum penalties when they are sentenced May 6. The 42-year-old, who made nearly \$1.5 million through phony loan applications to various banks and devising a phony sale of his Wellington house, faces twice the punishment because he pleaded to two charges.  
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/palm-beach/fl-boca-scam-plea-20110216,0,5102571.story>
  
15. *February 16, KGUN 9 Tucson* – (Arizona) **Bomb threat downtown causes road closures, evacuations.** A bomb threat was received February 16 at the Bank of America Building in Tucson, Arizona that caused evacuations and road closures. A spokesperson with the Tucson Police Department told KGUN 9 that the threat was phoned to the building at 33 North Stone Avenue. It was received by the office

occupied by personnel from the Pima County Attorney's Public Defenders Office. Building management decided to evacuate. Police coordinated a search with an explosives detection K9/handler team from their explosives and hazardous devices detail. They were assisted by the explosives detection K9/handler teams from the University of Arizona and Pima County Sheriffs Department. No explosives threat was located and the building was declared safe for re-entry, the police spokesman said. Source: <http://www.kgun9.com/Global/story.asp?S=14044499>

16. *February 16, New York Times* – (California; National; International) **Armenian power members arrested in southern California sweep.** Law enforcement officials cracked down February 16 on a growing Southern California criminal organization with extensive international ties, arresting 74 members and associates of the Armenian Power crime group. The U.S. attorney's office said more than 100 people affiliated with the Armenian Power organization — some still at large — had been charged with narcotics trafficking and kidnapping as well as sophisticated white-collar crimes such as a bank fraud scheme that cost victims at least \$10 million. Nearly 100 of those charged were in Southern California, with the rest in Miami, Florida, and Denver, Colorado. "Sophisticated cybercrimes and identity theft are now as important a part of their criminal portfolio as traditional violence and fraud," an FBI official said. In one complex scheme, the organization's members, according to federal indictments, installed credit card "skimming" devices at cash registers in 99 Cents Only stores across Southern California that they used to steal information from hundreds of customers and create counterfeit credit and debit cards. In another scheme that went after elderly victims, Armenian Power members, in collaboration with a local African-American gang, bribed insiders at banks in Orange County to gather data that allowed them to take over bank accounts. In all, U.S. attorney's office officials estimated the organization's activities cost victims at least \$20 million.

Source:

[http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/17/us/17armenian.html?\\_r=1&partner=rss&emc=rss](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/17/us/17armenian.html?_r=1&partner=rss&emc=rss)

17. *February 16, Gwinnett Daily Post* – (Georgia) **FBI: Serial robber hits 2 Tucker banks.** FBI Atlanta is asking for public assistance in identifying a serial bank robber who robbed two Tucker banks near the Gwinnett, Georgia line, officials said. In four metro Atlanta robberies during the month of February, the lone man used the same M.O. — passing a demand note to tellers before walking out with undisclosed amounts of cash, officials said. The most recent robbery happened about 1 p.m. February 15 at a Wells Fargo Bank at 2200 Mountain Industrial Boulevard. The previous day, the same man targeted a Best Bank branch at 4357 Lawrenceville Highway, officials said. In a February 7 heist, the suspect hit a Best Bank branch at 3479 Memorial Drive in Decatur, after hitting a Flagstar Bank at 2450 Piedmont Road in Atlanta 2 days prior, according to the FBI. The FBI Atlanta Special Agent in Charge described the black man as between 6 feet and 6 feet 4 inches tall, in his late 40s or 50s, with a medium build. In several robberies he wore prescription eyeglasses.

Source:

[http://www.gwinnettdaily.com/localnews/headlines/FBI\\_Serial\\_robber\\_hits\\_2\\_Tucker\\_banks\\_116370924.html](http://www.gwinnettdaily.com/localnews/headlines/FBI_Serial_robber_hits_2_Tucker_banks_116370924.html)

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## **Transportation Sector**

18. *February 17, KFOX 14 El Paso* – (Texas) **Semi-Truck pile up forces I-10 to shut down.** Texas State Troopers are investigating a crash that happened at a U.S. Border Patrol check point about a mile from Sierra Blanca. State troopers on the scene told KFOX 14 a little before 10 p.m. February 16, three 18-wheelers were stopped at the Border Patrol check point at mile marker 102. They said the driver of a fourth semi was not paying attention and slammed into the back of one of the waiting semis, causing a chain reaction. One semi caught fire but was quickly extinguished. Two of the drivers involved were taken by ambulance to hospitals in El Paso, Texas. The severity of their injuries was unknown as of February 17, but troopers said all those involved were coherent and walking around. At least 7 miles of I-10 east were shut down to clean up the debris that was scattered on the road. There was an oil spill, but TxDot crews said none of the trucks were carrying any hazardous materials.

Source: <http://www.kfoxtv.com/news/26896915/detail.html>

19. *February 15, Laredo Sun* – (Texas; International) **Work will begin within weeks to cross hazardous materials.** In a few months, the movement of trucks carrying hazardous materials through the World Trade Bridge between Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and Laredo, Texas, will be allowed. Authorities from both sides of Laredo were scheduled to meet February 17 to review plans for the project that will permit the crossing of hazardous materials. The Laredo assistant city regent said that the meeting will include contractors selected through the governments of Laredo and Nuevo Laredo. “We will compare plans, review the molds to be used, and determine where we will get the materials that will be needed, that will be a very important step,” he said. He emphasized work will begin on both sides of Laredo within weeks, although on the Mexican side work could be completed in June, while work in the United States won’t be finished until November, since more work is required.

Source: <http://www.laredosun.us/notas.asp?id=13966>

20. *February 15, United Press International* – (New Jersey) **Security breakdowns reported at Newark.** Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey had a string of security breakdowns in one month, Transportation Security Administration officials said. The Newark Star-Ledger reported that there were a total of five potentially dangerous violations of procedure in 30 days. One source said the more usual average at the airport is one every month or two.

Source: [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2011/02/15/Security-breakdowns-reported-at-Newark/UPI-75351297829839/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/02/15/Security-breakdowns-reported-at-Newark/UPI-75351297829839/)

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## Postal and Shipping Sector

21. *February 17, Homeland Security News Wire* – (International) **Revamping inbound mail security.** After an explosive printer cartridge was found last year en route to the United States in UPS and FedEx shipments, DHS tightened security for inbound international cargo and temporarily banned all shipments from Yemen. DHS and industry are now collaborating to establish “precautionary” security measures and improve the flow of parcels and packages. A DHS official who heads up mail issues at the office for international affairs said discussions at the highest levels focused on improving the situation for mail. He said DHS has been talking with the World Trade Organization, Universal Postal Union, PostEurop, and major postal operators including the U.S. Postal Service on how to improve the collection and handling of advanced notice data. The DHS official has been pushing for the adoption of internationally developed postal standards, and the recognition of certified companies and mail-handling buildings. A DHL Global Mail chief executive said the week of February 7 that security measures imposed by the Transportation Security Administration had “really put a lot of stress on things.” Nevertheless, he said DHL was attempting to be pragmatic, working with DHS and TSA. “DHL is meeting all the requirements and exceeding them,” he said. “We’re still not out of it, but then there never will be 100 percent security.”

Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/revamping-inbound-mail-security>

22. *February 16, Palo Alto Patch* – (California) **Powder in letter at VA hospital proved harmless.** After a 24-hour investigation, the FBI concluded February 16 a mysterious letter that supposedly sickened a Veterans Affairs (VA) Palo Alto Health Care System employee February 15 contained no hazardous materials. In fact, it contained nothing but a letter, a spokesperson said. The Santa Clara County Crime Lab released the results February 16 after the envelope tested negative for several biological and hazardous agents, including Ricin and Bacillus anthracis, a VA spokeswoman said. The FBI is holding the envelope for 7 days to be safe and has not released the actual letter. The man who opened the envelope had been feeling sick before he opened it, which might explain the emergency, the spokeswoman said.

Source: <http://paloalto.patch.com/articles/potentially-hazardous-material-threatens-va-hospital-employee>

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## Agriculture and Food Sector

23. *February 17, WAFF 48 Hunstville* – (Alabama) **Ammonia leak at Decatur plant sends 4 to hospital.** An ammonia leak at the Wayne Farms West poultry-processing plant in Decatur, Alabama, forced the an evacuation of its employees February 17. Decatur Fire was called to the plant around midnight. Fire trucks and haz-mat crews responded, but Wayne Farms had already contained the leak internally. Four people were taken to the hospital, but Wayne Farms officials did not say why.

Source: <http://www.waff.com/Global/story.asp?S=14047968>

24. *February 17, KTTS 94.7 FM Springfield* – (Missouri) **Small fire gives third shift late start at Kraft.** A transformer blew out and took several bus fuses with it February 17 at the Kraft plant in Springfield, Missouri. The Springfield Fire battalion chief said up to 40 workers were evacuated from one warehouse. His crew ventilated the building because there was some anhydrous ammonia mixed in with the smoke. The fire was reported around midnight and some 40 people were evacuated to the parking lot. Workers were back on the job in parts of the warehouse, later February 17 as cleanup continued in other areas.  
Source: <http://www.ktts.com/news/116389029.html>
25. *February 16, WIBW 13 Topeka and Marysville Advocate* – (Kansas) **Anhydrous leak forces people from homes in Home.** About 20 homes in Home City, Kansas, were evacuated February 16 because of an anhydrous ammonia leak. Marshall County Emergency Management officials told the Marysville Advocate a valve broke on a portable fertilizer tank behind Lewis Seed and Fertilizer in the early afternoon. An emergency phone alert went out and people took shelter in a room at the Blue Valley Telecommunications building. The Advocate reported two people were checked by ambulance crews for possible inhalation of the gas and released. A worker also suffered a chemical burn to his hand. The county sheriff said crews sprayed water on the 1,000-gallon fertilizer tank's leak to stop some of the gas from spreading. The rest was allowed to continue blowing from the tank, which took a few hours and was expected to dissipate in the gusty wind, he said. People were allowed back home a few hours later.  
Source: [http://www.wibw.com/localnews/headlines/Anhydrous\\_Leak\\_Forces\\_People\\_From\\_Homes\\_In\\_Home\\_116370499.html](http://www.wibw.com/localnews/headlines/Anhydrous_Leak_Forces_People_From_Homes_In_Home_116370499.html)
26. *February 16, WOAI 4 San Antonio* – (Texas) **HEB store evacuated after bomb threat.** An HEB store on the Far West Side in San Antonio, Texas, was evacuated February 16 after a threatening note was found. An employee found the note around 9 a.m. Officials said the note warned that there were explosives throughout the store, and demanded money be left within a certain time frame. About 200 people were evacuated, and bomb sniffing dogs were brought in to check the store. Investigators were able to identify a 30-year-old man as the man they said left the threatening note after reviewing security video. Officers then tracked the man down at his house. News 4 WOAI was told that, although he first denied being responsible, the man later confessed and said someone told him to leave the note for \$100. The store was reopened after it was determined there were no explosives inside.  
Source: <http://www.woai.com/news/local/story/HEB-store-evacuated-after-bomb-threat/4xGRr8vLRUekZEdvY-3wyg.csp>
27. *February 16, KUCB 89.7 FM Unalaska* – (Alaska) **Vessels collide in Captains Bay.** A vessel collision occurred February 16 between two large fishing vessels in Captains Bay, Alaska. The Alaska Spirit and the Kodiak Enterprise collided shortly after midnight. The Alaska Spirit had been moving away from a tramper after offloading, and the Kodiak Enterprise had left the OSI dock and was heading out fishing at the

time of the accident. The Alaska Spirit, a 221-foot vessel that's part of the Fishing Company of Alaska, sustained damage to its bow. The Trident-owned Kodiak Enterprise is also in need of repairs. The starboard quarter and way of the gantry of the 262-foot vessel was struck and suffered substantial damage. The Coast Guard has conducted a damage survey of the vessels, and is now currently investigating the cause of the accident.

Source:

<http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/kial/news.newsmain/article/1/0/1764058/Local.New.s/Vessels.collide.in.Captains.Bay>

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## **Water Sector**

28. *February 16, Kankakee Daily Journal* – (Illinois) **Kankakee: Cleanup continues at sewer plant.** The process of pumping out the treated sludge left behind in the wake of December's explosion at the Kankakee, Illinois sewer plant is being stepped up. Plant officials told board members February 15 at the Kankakee River Metropolitan Agency meeting that the approximately 1.1 million gallons of digested sludge will soon be pumped to on-site storage tanks so the engineering and reconstruction process can begin. It is believed the explosion was caused by a buildup of methane gas in the waste digester.

Source: <http://www.daily-journal.com/archives/dj/display.php?id=468359>

29. *February 16, WRTV 6 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Town under boil order after water main break.** The water is back on in the town of Frankton, Indiana, but residents still can not drink from the tap. A primary water main in the Madison County town burst just before midnight February 15, draining the town's water tower and leaving the entire community of nearly 2,000 without water. The break was repaired the next morning, but many residents remain concerned about a contaminated water supply. Frankton residents remain under a boil order until the quality of the water is deemed safe. Quality tests for the water were conducted February 16, with results expected by the end of the week.

Source: <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/26889063/detail.html>

30. *February 16, Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald* – (North Carolina) **12,000 wastewater gallons spill.** A sewage pipe, which ruptured February 14, spewed sewage into a creek near Virginia Avenue, a creek which fed some of the sewage into the Roanoke River in Roanoke, North Carolina. The pipe in the foreground is a bypass pipe, running sewage past the location in the background, which is a section of pipe that ruptured February 14. Around 1:30 p.m. February 14 in the 700 block of Virginia Avenue, a sewage pipe burst, spilling approximately 12,000 gallons of wastewater, some of which made it into a nearby unnamed tributary of the Roanoke River, according to the CEO of the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District. He acknowledged some of the waste reached the

river, but just how much may not be determined. The pipe in question is a 10-inch clay pipe, which he said is a reliable pipe. The district is still determining the cause of the failure, but a nearby tree stump may have been the culprit.

Source:

<http://www.rrdailyherald.com/articles/2011/02/16/news/doc4d5bf11b31a06782981008.txt>

31. *February 16, Fort Myers New-Press* – (Florida) **14,000 gallons of raw sewage spilled into Cape catch basin after car hits valve box.** Crews with the Cape Coral Utilities Collection and Distribution Section in Fort Myers, Florida, repaired a broken valve connected to a sewer force main that was damaged by a hit-and-run driver the morning of February 16. The driver left the road and struck the above-ground valve box. Utilities staff estimated that as much as 14,000 gallons of raw sewage may have spilled into the catch basin before the valve could be shut off. The driver fled the scene but later was located. Upon arrival, fire crews found the vehicle had struck the protective box for the automatic relief valve on a sewer line, not an electrical box. The impact snapped the automatic relief valve on the force main allowing raw sewage to begin flowing into the catch basin. Crews arrived on scene within 15 minutes and began excavating around the pipe to reach the shutoff valve. Workers accessed the shutoff valve and stopped the flow of sewage; however, the city was unable to prevent most of the 14,000 gallons from entering the stormwater system. Crews did clean the area around the spill and spread lime on the ground.

Source: <http://www.news-press.com/article/20110216/NEWS0101/110216043/14-000-gallons-raw-sewage-spilled-into-Cape-catch-basin-after-car-hits-valve-box?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Home>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

32. *February 16, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Mistake on medical website left private data unsecured.** The West Virginia attorney general February 16 announced actions by his office and the Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC) to secure the private information of 3,655 patients affected by a data breach on a Web site set up for CAMC. The breach occurred within the research subsidiary of CAMC — the CAMC Health Education Research Institute (CHERI). The breach was discovered the week of February 7 by an employee of People’s Federal Credit Union in Nitro, during a telephone conversation with her brother-in-law. The brother-in-law had done an online search for an address so he could invite a relative to a family wedding. He found the relative’s name, address, birth date, Social Security number, patient ID, and other sensitive data was easily accessible on WVChamps.com, a CAMC Web site relating to respiratory and pulmonary rehabilitation for seniors. As a result of discussions with the attorney general’s consumer protection division, CAMC officers have agreed to a number of measures to: safeguard the information that was compromised; protect against further breaches; and ensure the hospital’s other Web sites are secure.

Source: <http://www.dailymail.com/ap/ApTopStories/201102160622>

33. *February 16, Hernando Today* – (Florida) **Hatchback plows into Brooksville doctor’s office, injures 2.** A hatchback crashed through the front wall at an office located at Oak Hill Medical Plaza in Brooksville, Florida, February 16, seriously injuring a patient in the waiting room, as well as hurting the driver. A 74-year-old woman in the waiting room was airlifted to Tampa General Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The 81-year-old driver of the 2002 Daewoo was treated in a nearby emergency room. Several people called 911 after the crash. The Hernando County Sheriff’s Office and Hernando County Fire Rescue responded. The area was cordoned off with yellow tape and bystanders were told to stand away from the building. A sheriff’s spokeswoman said the driver pulled into a parking spot, but accelerated and jumped the curb. The car rolled forward over the sidewalk, rammed through the front exterior wall, went through the waiting room and smashed into the bathroom “before the momentum was finally stopped by all the damage in the building,” the spokeswoman said. No one was in the bathroom when the crash took place.  
Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/content/2011/feb/16/161710/hatchback-plows-into-brooksville-doctors-office-in/news-breaking/>
34. *February 16, Reuters* – (National) **FDA cites misuse of Medtronic drug pumps.** Medtronic Inc. said February 16 it alerted physicians in January of potential danger from misuse of its implantable infusion pumps that led to eight deaths since 1996. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on its Web site classified the issue as a Class I recall, which involves the potential of serious harm or death to patients. But Medtronic is not actually recalling its SynchroMed II and SynchroMed EL pumps as the problem is related to improper use rather than a defect in the devices. The infusion pumps, which are implanted into the abdomen, are used for constant delivery of drugs or fluids to patients. Problems arise when refills of the drugs are accidentally injected directly into the patients all at once rather than into the pump for gradual administration of the medication. Between May 1996 and September 2010, including an earlier version of the pumps that is no longer sold, there were reports of 8 deaths and 270 events requiring medical intervention, Medtronic said.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/02/16/us-medtronic-idUSTRE71F7SZ20110216>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

35. *February 17, Associated Press* – (California) **U.S. energy lab missing cocaine, amphetamine samples.** Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California failed to keep track of samples of dangerous drugs, including cocaine, amphetamines, opium, and black tar heroin, the Energy Department’s inspector general said in a report February 17. Some drugs were missing. But in one case, the lab found more opium and black tar heroin than records showed had been purchased legally. The

report said the accounting lapses created “an opportunity for improper or illegal use.” Employees at Livermore, one of the federal government’s top science labs, handle as many as 42 different kinds of dangerous drugs, including black tar heroin, cocaine, phencyclidine, and steroids. The drugs are used for bio-medical research and forensic science, and in the lab’s health clinic to treat workers. The report said employees failed to adequately monitor at least 6 of the 42 varieties of drugs on site.

Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci\\_17412281](http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_17412281)

36. *February 17, IDG News Service* – (International) **China denies role in reported government of Canada hack.** The Chinese government is denying involvement in a reported cyberattack on the Canadian government, which was ultimately traced to a Chinese server. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) reported February 16 that authorities were forced to shut down Internet access to thousands of workers in the Canadian government’s finance department and treasury board, after attackers “posing as the federal executives, sent e-mails to departmental technical staffers, conning them into providing key passwords unlocking access to government networks,” the CBC said. The purpose of the attack was apparently to steal documents that contained classified government information. Victims were also tricked into opening maliciously encoded documents, using a technique called spear-phishing. The Canadian government learned it had been compromised in January, the CBC reported.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9209998/China\\_denies\\_role\\_in\\_reported\\_government\\_of\\_Canada\\_hack](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9209998/China_denies_role_in_reported_government_of_Canada_hack)

37. *February 16, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Girl, 14, arrested in Racine school bomb threat.** Police in Racine, Wisconsin, arrested a 14-year-old girl in a bomb threat February 15 at McKinley Middle School, where she is a student. Police were called on a report of bomb threat about 9:35 a.m. School was dismissed early. Police and school district staff searched the building but found no suspicious objects. Authorities said a girl who attends the school was identified as a suspect and taken to the police department February 16.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-wi-bombthreatarrest,0,5567380.story>

38. *February 16, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Police: Man connected to Ansonia bomb threats turns himself in.** A Hartford, Connecticut, man faces charges after allegedly phoning bomb threats in to two local schools in January. The 47-year-old suspect, who used to live in Ansonia, was arrested February 16 after turning himself in to police. He was charged with two counts of first-degree threatening, two counts of falsely reporting an incident and risk of injury to a minor. He was held with bail set at \$5,000 and is to be arraigned February 28. Police said the man called Mead School January 6 and said there was a bomb in the school and it was “going to blow up soon.” The school was evacuated and checked. No bomb was found.

Source: [http://articles.courant.com/2011-02-16/news/hc-ansonia-bomb-threat-arrest-0217-2-20110216\\_1\\_bomb-threats-police-text-news](http://articles.courant.com/2011-02-16/news/hc-ansonia-bomb-threat-arrest-0217-2-20110216_1_bomb-threats-police-text-news)

39. *February 16, WNCT 9 Greenville* – (North Carolina) **Kinston National Guard Armory struck in weekend b&e.** A breaking and entering at a National Guard Armory in Kinston, North Carolina, is under investigation. Deputies with the Lenoir County Sheriff's Office said an armory official told them the motor pool building had been broken into over the weekend of February 12 and 13. Numerous items were reported stolen, including cash from a lock box/money box, fuel cards, and a uniform. Several laptop computers were taken as well as a flat screen TV. A vending machine was broken into and a heavy duty steam/pressure washer was taken from the building. The value of the missing items is estimated to be \$4,500. The only clues to what may have happened were a set of wheel tracks leading from the motor pool building to a fence on the rear corner of the property, where a large hole was found cut out in the fence.  
Source: <http://www2.wnct.com/news/2011/feb/16/kinston-national-guard-armory-struck-weekend-be-ar-788664/>
40. *February 16, KSTU 13 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Another death threat against a Utah lawmaker.** A Utah lawmaker reported receiving a death threat over immigration legislation. A senator from Salt Lake City said she received a threatening phone call over the bill she is running that is seen as a gentler approach to illegal immigration in Utah. "You're a terrorist and I hope you die," the lawmaker said the caller told her. The woman refused to give the senator her name, and the lawmaker said the phone number was untraceable. The Utah Department of Public Safety has been investigating death threats made to other lawmakers over their immigration bills. A representative from Provo and a representative from Orem reported receiving an e-mail threatening them with assassination. The FBI is also investigating death threats made to a representative from Clearfield over his controversial bill on feral animals.  
Source: <http://www.fox13now.com/news/kstu-luz-robles-death-threat,0,6043314.story>
41. *February 16, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Explosives found at site of former military camp.** Authorities said ongoing surveys of the former Camp Wheeler site in central Georgia have turned up two live mortar rounds and six practice shells. A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers official said the week of February 14 that at least one firing range and possibly another one in Bond Swamp will have to be cleaned up. A project manager for the site in east Bibb and north Twiggs counties, told Bibb County commissioners that officials are still surveying firing ranges at the camp, which were used to train infantry for both World Wars. The Army Corps, which is responsible for cleaning up former defense sites, has been surveying about 10,000 acres of the former Camp Wheeler.  
Source: <http://www.walb.com/Global/story.asp?S=14048569>
42. *February 11, InformationWeek* – (National) **White House issues federal cloud strategy.** The White House has issued a document outlining a government-wide strategy to adopt cloud computing more broadly in the federal government. The document, which outlines cloud computing's benefits and necessary considerations, details government cloud computing case studies and outlines the roles and responsibilities of various government bodies in helping to facilitate cloud adoption. It

calls on federal agencies to “re-evaluate [their] technology sourcing strategy to include cloud computing as part of the budget process” as part of the federal government’s new “cloud first” policy for technology adoption. The Federal Cloud Computing Strategy was at least nominally authored by the federal Chief Information Officer’s Council (CIO) and reads much like an analyst report on cloud migration that’s tailored specifically for the federal government. It was released on the federal CIO’s Web site, CIO.gov, February 11, but with a posting date of February 14.

Source: [http://www.informationweek.com/news/government/cloud-saas/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=229218475&cid=RSSfeed\\_IWK\\_All](http://www.informationweek.com/news/government/cloud-saas/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=229218475&cid=RSSfeed_IWK_All)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

43. *February 16, CNN* – (West Virginia) **Deputy U.S. Marshal gunned down in West Virginia.** A deputy U.S. Marshal was shot and killed while serving an arrest warrant at a West Virginia home February 16, according to a U.S. Marshals Service spokesman. A total of three deputies were hit by a shotgun blast as they entered a home in Elkins at about 8:30 a.m., the spokesman said. The deputies had been serving an arrest warrant for a 50-year-old man, who was wanted on a charges related to possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute. The suspect and the officers exchange fire, and the suspect was killed. One deputy “continues to recover from his injuries,” and the third has been treated at nearby hospital and released, the spokesman added. At least one state police officer was also at the scene of the shooting, but was not injured, according to a West Virginia State Police spokesman.

Source:

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/02/16/west.virginia.shooting.marshals/?hpt=T2>

44. *February 16, WTHI 10 Terra Haute* – (Indiana) **Suspicious pipe blown up near Federal Penitentiary.** Bomb teams were called to Terre Haute, Indiana, near the federal penitentiary on S.R. 63, after what was believed to be a pipe bomb was discovered in southern Vigo County. The device is being called an Improvised Explosive Device by officials. Around 1:30 p.m., police said someone in the neighborhood saw a suspicious looking pipe and called 911. The Vigo County Sheriff’s Department, Indiana State Police, and bomb specialists responded. People in the neighborhood were told to stay inside their homes and a section of S.R. 63 between Springhill and Lombardi were sectioned off. Because the location was next to the penitentiary, the FBI was also called in. A few hours later the bomb was “rendered safe.”

Source: [http://www.wane.com/dpps/news/indiana/suspicious-pipe-shuts-down-sr-63-share\\_3720807](http://www.wane.com/dpps/news/indiana/suspicious-pipe-shuts-down-sr-63-share_3720807)

45. *February 16, Dallas Morning News* – (International) **U.S. investigators in Mexico to assist in hunt for U.S. agents’ assailants.** The first of at least a dozen U.S.

investigators departed for Mexico February 16 to assist in the hunt for unidentified gunmen who killed a U.S. special agent and wounded another in a roadside attack February 14. DHS announced the creation of a joint task force with the Justice Department to assist in the investigation. The Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agent died from his gunshot wounds. He was assigned to the agency's Laredo, Texas, office and was on loan to the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City. The deceased agent's injured partner was moved to a hospital in Houston for treatment and debriefing. He was later released. The two agents were returning to Mexico City after meeting with U.S. personnel in the state of San Luis Potosi, ICE said. Earlier, officials had said the two were on their way to Monterrey City. A key question facing investigators is whether the agents were targeted because of their jobs or were random victims of drug traffickers who may have wanted their SUV. A senior U.S. official said the investigation is ongoing. According to a U.S. Representative from Texas, the two ICE agents "were pursued by numerous cartel members and run off the road while driving a U.S. government vehicle with diplomat license plates. When the agents identified themselves as American diplomats, the cartel members responded by opening fire."

Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2011/02/16/1872005/us-investigators-in-mexico-to.html>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

46. *February 17, Help Net Security* – (National) **One in 10 IT pros have access to accounts from previous jobs.** According to a survey that examines how IT professionals and employees view the use of policies and technologies to manage and protect users' electronic identities, the sharing of work log-ins and passwords between co-workers is a regular occurrence. The results of the survey — conducted by Quest Software and Harris Interactive — underscore how these technologies, or lack thereof, are making it more difficult for employees to get their jobs done, and how they are causing greater concern about insider threats to IT security. Key research findings included that 1 in 10 IT professionals admit they have accounts from previous jobs, from which they can still access systems even though they've left the organization; and 52 percent of employees admit they've shared their work log-ins and passwords with other co-workers, and vice versa. The results were based on two surveys of more than 1,000 employees and 500 IT decision-makers in the United States.  
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10620>

47. *February 17, The Register* – (International) **Chinese mobile malware powers click-fraud scam.** Malware writers are trying to infect Chinese users of Android smartphones with a Trojan that poses as a wallpaper for the smartphone's screen or other legitimate applications, such as the popular game RoboDefense. The mobile malware, dubbed Adrd or alternatively HongTouTou, has been seeded onto third-party mobile app stores in China. The official Android Market is not affected. If installed, the Trojan gathers the IMEI and IMSI numbers of compromised devices, uploading this

information to a remote server, before generating counterfeit queries against particular search results. The malware specifically generated fraudulent clicks on the Baidu ad network, according to anti-virus firm AVG, which reckons the Trojan is the work of a group also producing malware targeting Symbian smartphone.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/02/17/android\\_trojan\\_click\\_fraud\\_scam/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/02/17/android_trojan_click_fraud_scam/)

48. *February 17, Softpedia* – (International) **Blackhole-powered drive-by download attacks on the rise.** Researchers from cloud security provider Zscaler warned of an increase in the number of drive-by download attacks executed with the help of the Blackholde exploit toolkit. Blackhole is a Russian Web attack hit similar to the more popular Eleonore or Phoenix kits. It features several different exploits that target Java, Adobe Reader, and Windows vulnerabilities. One of the author’s selling points is the heavy obfuscation, which makes the exploits hard to detect for antivirus programs. “Exploits crypt on special algorithms that make it impossible to code analysis and detection of anti-virus as well as services, Tipo wepawet and other counterparts,” a line in the kit’s description reads. A 1-year license costs \$1,500, a half-year \$700, while a 3-month use is \$700. According to Zscaler researchers, a Google search for the URL pattern created by this kit on abused domains returns thousands of results. A malicious (dot)jar applet used by the Blackhole kit to exploit a 2009 Java vulnerability has a low detection rate on Virus Total and so does the infected executable it drops. Other vulnerabilities exploited by this version are the 2010 Windows Help Center flaw and a Windows Media Player one targeted through malformed ASX files.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Blackhole-Powered-Drive-By-Download-Attacks-on-the-Rise-184758.shtml>

49. *February 16, Help Net Security* – (National) **Smartphone users not aware of mobile security risks.** More than a third of surveyed smartphone users are not aware of the increasing security risks associated with using their phones for financial purposes and to store personal data, according to a new survey by AVG and the Ponemon Institute. The study also showed that just 29 percent of surveyed smartphone owners have considered downloading free or paid anti-virus software to help protect their most personal devices. The survey targeted 734 U.S. consumers over the age of 18 who own a smartphone such as an iPhone, Blackberry, or Android device. Surveyed consumers also expressed a lack of awareness in respect to a number of key security issues faced by smartphone users.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10609>

50. *February 16, Softpedia* – (International) **Botnet ecosystem diversified in 2010.** According to a recent report from security vendor Damballa, the botnet ecosystem has seen a lot of diversification in 2010 due to the launch of many do-it-yourself toolkits. Damballa, which specializes in botnet intelligence and protection solutions, found 6 of the top 10 botnets in 2010 did not exist 2 years ago, and that a single one was present in the top 10 for 2009. This suggests the botnet ecosystem has changed considerably, not only in market share leadership, but also in diversity. A botnet formed in the second part of 2010 as a result of the TDL master boot record (MBR) rootkit, took the top spot on Damballa’s list with 14.8 percent of all unique

victims. This was almost three times more than the second place, a botnet distributing rogue antivirus software, which accounted for 5.7 percent of victims, or ZeuS with 5.3 percent, that came in third.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Botnet-Ecosystem-Flourished-in-2010-184755.shtml>

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To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [sos@us-cert.gov](mailto:sos@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: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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## Communications Sector

51. *February 16, Softpedia* – (International) **U.S. hacker earns \$8 million from German dial-up fraud scheme.** A hacker from New Hampshire will be sentenced in February for his role in a fraud scheme that involved installing malware on the computers of German dial-up users. The fraudulent operation lasted from 2003 until 2007, during which time the hacker, 37, of New Hampshire, and his co-conspirators used a custom malicious program to abuse the modems of computers they infected. The program silently dialed premium rate phone numbers set up by the hackers in Germany, racking up fraudulent charges on people’s telephone bills. In total, the hacker is believed to have earned \$7,941,336. The man faces a maximum of 10 years in prison, but under the plea agreement the U.S. Attorney will recommend 92 months. Because the targeted users were located outside of the United States, particularly in Germany, but possibly in other European countries as well, authorities asked victims to complete and submit impact statement forms via e-mail until February 23. The hacker is scheduled for sentencing February 28 in the Boston Federal Court. “Potential victims will not be contacted individually. Any persons determined to be a victim by the court will be contacted through appropriate law enforcement officials following the sentencing hearing,” the U.S. Department of Justice announced.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/US-Hacker-Earns-8-Million-from-German-Dial-Up-Fraud-Scheme-184619.shtml>

52. *February 16, Softpedia* – (National) **Most SMS spam related to financial fraud GSMA finds.** The GSMA, an international association of mobile operators, has tested a new system designed to identify and block short message service (SMS) spam, revealing that as much as 70 percent of such activity is related to financial fraud. Dubbed the Spam Reporting Service (SRS), the system was developed in partnership with messaging security solutions provider Cloudmark. The SRS enables mobile users to forward SMS spam to a “7726” (SPAM) short code or 33700, a number already used

for this purpose in some countries. The system automatically processes reports and informs carriers so they can take appropriate actions to block the attacks. The SRS pilot lasted from March to December 2010 and saw the participation of AT&T, Bell Mobility, KT, Korean Internet & Security Agency (KISA), SFR, Sprint, and Vodafone. The test showed the majority of spam campaigns were not related to advertising, as one might expect, but to financial fraud schemes. These include phishing attacks in which recipients are sent URLs to spoofed Web sites asking for their financial data. Others are social engineering scams that instruct people to call a number where attackers try to trick them into exposing their personal details. Frauds where victims are told to call or text premium rate numbers were also encountered, but attack types varied depending on continent. The GSMA was happy with how well the SRS performed and plans to recommend the technology to its 1,000 member companies.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Most-SMS-Spam-Related-to-Financial-Fraud-GSMA-Finds-184550.shtml>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

53. *February 17, Toledo Blade* – (Ohio) **Woman, 19, charged with arson in Perrysburg apartment fire.** Perrysburg, Ohio police and the Ohio Fire Marshal’s Office have arrested a woman for allegedly starting a fire in an apartment complex that caused \$600,000 in damage. The 19-year-old woman is charged with aggravated arson, a first-degree felony, and is held in the Wood County jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond. The fire occurred February 16 at the Perry Lake Village apartments. No injuries were reported, but all eight apartments in the building where the fire started were damaged, either by fire, water, or smoke. The suspect was a resident of the building where the fire occurred, Perrysburg police said. The fire was reported about 12:10 a.m., when a Perrysburg police officer on patrol saw flames coming from the middle section of the 2-story brick building.

Source:

<http://toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110217/NEWS02/102160376>

54. *February 17, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Miami Beach arsonist: ‘I’m insane’.** Miami Beach, Florida police charged a 33-year-old man February 17 with two counts of arson after four historic but abandoned apartment and hotel buildings were burned over the past week. He remains a person of interest in several other South Beach fires. Police said the “hardened criminal” with the word “Rage” tattooed on his abdomen is responsible for at least two of the recent fires in South Beach. The suspect was arrested at about 9:45 p.m., 4 blocks from where a fire he allegedly set raged at 1817 James Avenue — the fourth historic building to burn in 7 days. The arrest report said an officer stationed in the 1600 block of Drexel Avenue spotted the suspect shortly before calls of the James Avenue fire went out, and recognized him from surveillance video images taken from the week’s previous three fires. The officer trailed the suspect for

more than 2 hours, followed him into an abandoned building and then arrested him after finding two large knives in his waistband. At Miami Beach Police headquarters, a police dog smelled traces of an accelerant on his shoes, clothes and backpack. Police said the suspect admitted to lighting the James Avenue fire. “I’m insane and I’m going to a hospital,” he allegedly told investigators. Police said the suspect also admitted to lighting a blaze the morning of February 16 in a stairwell at 928 Jefferson Avenue — an occupied apartment building — and then a dumpster fire outside. A series of other dumpster fires was also reported that morning. The suspect was charged with two counts of arson in the first degree, two counts of carrying a concealed weapon, burglary of an occupied structure, and criminal mischief.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/02/17/v-fullstory/2071929/miami-beach-arsonist-im-insane.html#>

55. *February 17, Clarksville Leaf Chronicle* – (Tennessee) **Woman brings home bomb, neighborhood evacuated.** A Clarksville, Tennessee woman who found a bomb in a field took it home in her truck, setting off a neighborhood evacuation after friends urged her to call police. The Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office Bomb Squad was dispatched to Ringgold Road and Ringgold Court at about 12:34 p.m. February 16. After determining the device was a military bomb, a sergeant called in the Fort Campbell Explosive Ordnance Division (EOD). Meanwhile, Clarksville Police evacuated residents from nearby apartments and children from two day care centers. They were cleared to return following the investigation. EOD officers said the device was a practice bomb from the World War II era, but not of the dangerous variety. EOD confiscated the device.

Source: <http://www.theleafchronicle.com/article/20110217/NEWS01/102170331>

56. *February 16, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **KCSO bomb squad destroys homemade explosive found in Oliver Springs.** A homemade explosive found on the Windrock Outdoor Riding Center property in Oliver Springs, Tennessee was defused by members of the Knox County Sheriff’s Office Bomb Squad, according to an Anderson County deputy. The device, a cylinder 4 inches tall, 3 inches in diameter, and wrapped in black electrical tape with an exposed fuse, was found February 13 by a security officer at the riding center. Bomb squad team members confirmed it was an explosive device, the deputy reported.

Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2011/feb/16/kcso-bomb-squad-destroys-homemade-explosive-found/>

57. *February 15, WNYW 5 New York* – (National) **Anti-terror message pitched to NBA.** DHS is bringing its “If You See Something, Say Something” anti-terrorism campaign to the National Basketball Association (NBA). The DHS Secretary held a news conference with the NBA commissioner to announce the partnership. The public awareness campaign encourages fans to identify and report suspicious activity. The DHS Secretary said it is a, “vital part of our efforts to ensure the safety of players, employees and fans.” The campaign’s message will appear on TV monitors and around arenas during the NBA all-star weekend in Los Angeles, California. DHS has expanded the “If You See Something, Say Something” over the past 6 months. It partnered with

the National Football League during the Super Bowl.

Source: <http://www.myfoxny.com/dpp/news/national/anti-terror-message-pitched-to-nba-20110215-1gf>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

58. *February 16, WBIR 10 Knoxville* – (Tennessee) **Man admits to setting fires in Cherokee National Forest.** A Monroe County, Tennessee, man pleaded guilty February 15 in a U.S. district court to setting fires in the Cherokee National Forest. The 64-year-old man of Coker Creek admitted to setting two fires in the Ironsburg area in 2007. According to court documents, he admitted he lit candles and left them at the base of a stump and a tree to start the fires. The fires damaged 26 acres. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) suspected the man was a firebug for more than a decade but were unable to prove it. As part of his plea deal, the man has agreed to meet with USFS and share his fire-setting secrets. The agency hopes the information will help it detect arson in the future. The convict will be sentenced July 14.

Source: <http://www.wbir.com/news/article/157280/2/Man-admits-to-setting-fires-in-Cherokee-National-Forest>

59. *February 16, KNXV 15 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Coronado National Forest fire under control, for now.** Crews fought a human-caused fire in the Coronado National Forest near Duquesne, Arizona, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) said. According to a news release February 16, several sections of the fire perimeter were secured and the fire was not growing. Fire crews were conducting direct attacks on the interior, which was still burning in a remote area in steep terrain. USFS reported about a third of the fire was across the border in Mexico with crews from Mexico involved.

Source: [http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region\\_central\\_southern\\_az/other/coronado-national-forest-fire-under-control-for-now-](http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_central_southern_az/other/coronado-national-forest-fire-under-control-for-now-)

60. *February 16, WSLs 10 Roanoke* – (Virginia) **Craig Co. wildfire 90% contained.** The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) said the fire burning on Nutter Mountain in Craig County, Virginia, is 90 percent contained. Full containment was expected by February 18. About half of the 70 firefighters working the fire were expected to be released February 17. The USFS said the wildfire burning on Nutter Mountain in Craig County was at 700 acres as of February 16. It was 540 acres February 15.

Source: <http://www2.wsls.com/news/2011/feb/16/4/craig-co-wildfire-700-acres-75-contained-ar-847443/>

61. *February 16, Associated Press* – (New York; New Jersey) **Plan would shrink Statue of Liberty security lines.** Under a proposal being discussed by city and federal officials, tourists who visit the Statue of Liberty in New York City would instead get onboard boats and go through security on Ellis Island. The plan would eliminate hour-long waits at Manhattan's Battery Park and at Liberty State Park in New Jersey, where passengers are shuttled to both Ellis Island and Liberty Island, the home of the Statue

of Liberty. Before the September 11 terrorist attacks on New York City, visitors were screened only when they went inside the Statue of Liberty. Tourists who only want to go to Ellis Island would not be screened, said the chief operating officer of Statue Cruises, which operates the ferries. He said the plan would streamline operations, improving tourists' visits. The proposal is the latest example of making the monument more visitor-friendly since it closed to the public after September 11. The statue's base reopened in 2004, but the observation deck at the top of Lady Liberty's crown remained closed until July 2009. It's scheduled to close again in the fall for emergency exit improvements.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP5a7892f4edf144b3b045a17efbdc9422.html>

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## **Dams Sector**

62. *February 17, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Blasting schedule for dam excavation is on agenda.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will conduct a public meeting February 23 in Folsom, California, to discuss the schedule for excavation blasting for a new auxiliary spillway at Folsom Dam. Regularly scheduled periodic closures of the Folsom Lake Crossing will be required because of the roadway's proximity to the construction area for the auxiliary spillway, where the blasting will occur, according to a Corp news release. The Joint Federal Project is a \$962 million cooperative effort of the Corp and Bureau of Reclamation to improve the safety of Folsom Dam and reduce flood risk for the Sacramento area. The new auxiliary spillway will include a 1,100- foot-long approach channel leading to the spillway from Folsom Lake, a concrete control structure with six submerged gates, a 3,000-foot-long concrete- lined spillway chute, and a stilling basin that will reduce the velocity of water released into the American River.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/02/17/3410025/blasting-schedule-for-dam-excavation.html>

63. *February 16, Enid News and Eagle* – (Oklahoma) **Corps of Engineers: Canton Dam is very high safety risk.** Canton Dam has been categorized as a very high safety risk by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa, Oklahoma District. According to the Corps, Canton Dam the dam is a threat "due to potential consequences from seepage through the foundation, possible weakening of the foundation during a maximum credible earthquake and potential overtopping of the dam during a probable maximum flood." Canton Lake is located 2 miles north of the town of Canton in western Oklahoma, on the North Canadian River. Great Salt Plains Lake, a lake and recreational area located east of Cherokee in northwest Oklahoma, was categorized by the Corps as a low safety risk. Other projects in Oklahoma considered to be at a very high safety risk are Pine Creek Dam, Keystone Dam and Cleveland Levee, Robert S. Kerr Lock and Dam, Wyandotte Levee at Grand Lake, and Lake Texhoma. Despite some projects being categorized as very high safety risk or moderate to high safety risk, Corps officials emphasized there is no immediate danger of any of the dams collapsing.

Source: <http://enidnews.com/localnews/x1711224486/Corps-of-Engineers-Canton-Dam-is-very-high-safety-risk>

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