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- Over 40 residents were temporarily displaced following a Tabula Rasa Energy-operated oil well blowout December 8 in Gaines County, Texas, that released clouds of toxic fumes containing hydrogen sulfide. – *KWES 9 Midland/Odessa* (See item [3](#))
- Interstate 10 in Louisiana, was shut down for approximately 12 hours December 8 following a multi-vehicle crash that left 2 drivers injured. – *Baton Rouge Advocate* (See item [12](#))
- The FBI announced December 8 that its current tracking system which gathers information on violent police encounters in the U.S. will be replaced by 2017 and will include additional data and near real-time reporting. – *Washington Post* (See item [20](#))
- The owner of J&W Aseda Plaza in Massachusetts was charged December 8 for allegedly conducting more than 22,500 fraudulent Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits transactions netting \$3.6 million. – *MassLive.com* (See item [33](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *December 9, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Storm leaves 30,000 Portland General Electric customers without power.** Portland General Electric crews worked December 9 to restore power to nearly 30,000 customers in the Portland area after heavy rain and winds knocked out electricity December 8.  
Source: [http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2015/12/storms\\_leave\\_30000\\_portland\\_ge.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2015/12/storms_leave_30000_portland_ge.html)
2. *December 8, Torrance Daily Breeze* – (California) **ExxonMobil's Torrance refinery hit by another emergency hazardous materials leak.** Authorities responded to ExxonMobil's Torrance refinery December 4 following reports of fuel vapor and highly toxic hydrogen sulfide escaping from a dime-sized hole in a pressurized 8-inch pipe. Crews repaired water monitors, preventing offsite impacts and patched the pipe.  
Source: <http://www.dailybreeze.com/general-news/20151208/exxonmobils-torrance-refinery-hit-by-another-emergency-hazardous-materials-leak>
3. *December 8, KWES 9 Midland/Odessa* – (Texas) **Oil well blowout reported in Gaines County, evacuations in effect.** Over 40 residents were evacuated and temporarily displaced following a Tabula Rasa Energy-operated oil well blowout December 8 in Gaines County that released clouds of toxic fumes containing hydrogen sulfide. Authorities are monitoring the air quality and are investigating the cause of the pressure control failure which led to the blowout.  
Source: <http://www.newswest9.com/story/30695088/oil-well-blowout-reported-in-gaines-county>

## Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *December 9, Port Clinton News-Herald* – (Ohio) **Davis-Besse renewed with NRC for 20 years.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued the FirstEnergy Corporation-operated Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station in Oak Harbor a 20-year license extension after the plant's license was set to expire April 2017. An extensive review revealed that the plant implemented correct safety and environmental practices which allowed for the continued operations of the plant.  
Source: <http://www.portclintonnews herald.com/story/news/local/2015/12/09/davis-besse-renewed-nrc-20-years/76987620/>

## Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *December 8, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Kubota recalls utility vehicle due to fire hazard.** Kubota Tractor Corporation issued a nationwide recall December 8 for approximately 11,500 model year 2013 – 2015 Kubota RTV-

X1100C series diesel-powered utility vehicles after receiving 7 reports of fires caused by combustible debris that can make contact with the exhaust manifold and ignite. Products were sold at authorized Kubota dealers nationwide between October 2013 and October 2015.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/Recall-Alerts/2016/Kubota-Recalls-Utility-Vehicle/>

6. *December 8, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Massachusetts) **Wyman Gordon employees exposed to mechanical and electrical hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued 3 repeat and 10 serious violations to Wyman Gordon Co., December 8 following a December 4 investigation of the company's aerospace parts manufacturing plant in North Grafton in response to a complaint regarding the presence of electrical, fall, and machinery hazards. Proposed fines total \$145,600.

Source:

[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=29199](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=29199)

## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Financial Services Sector**

7. *December 8, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Pennsylvania* – (New York) **New York man charged with bank fraud.** A Brooklyn man was charged in Pennsylvania December 8 on 3 counts of bank fraud for receiving \$9.3 million worth of loans, loan modifications, and loan extensions from Republic First Bank by submitting fraudulent documents that claimed his \$2 million investment portfolio was worth \$26 million to \$60 million at different times.  
Source: <https://www.fbi.gov/philadelphia/press-releases/2015/new-york-man-charged-with-bank-fraud>
8. *December 8, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of New Mexico* – (New Mexico; Colorado) **Colorado man pleads guilty to robbing banks in Colorado and New Mexico in 2014 and 2015.** Officials from the U.S. Attorney's Office announced December 8 that a Denver man pleaded guilty to committing one bank robbery in New Mexico and two in Colorado between August 2014 and August 2015.  
Source: <https://www.fbi.gov/albuquerque/press-releases/2015/colorado-man-pleads-guilty-to-robbing-banks-in-colorado-and-new-mexico-in-2014-and-2015>
9. *December 8, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (North Carolina) **SEC charges ZeekRewards pyramid-Ponzi scheme promoter.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) reported December 8 that an individual was charged December 4 in North Carolina for her role in an \$850 million Internet-based Ponzi and pyramid scheme operated by Rex Venture Group LLC d/b/a ZeekRewards.com where she solicited investors to participate in the Web site's program which offered investors several ways to earn money involving the purchase of securities that were not

registered with the SEC from January 2011 to August 2012. Authorities allege that the woman and other co-conspirators lured and falsely promised investors a share of the company's purported profits.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/litigation/litreleases/2015/lr23421.htm>

## **Transportation Systems Sector**

10. *December 9, Associated Press* – (Oregon; Washington) **Landslide halts Amtrak service near Seattle.** Amtrak passenger rail service between Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington, was halted December 8 through at least December 10 due to high waters north of Portland Union Station. Additional commuter train services were also cancelled due to a landslide on the tracks.  
Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/the-latest-landslide-halts-amtrak-service-near-seattle/ar-AAgaKaE>
11. *December 8, WSB 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Emory bus slams into building in DeKalb County.** A DeKalb County bus crashed into the side of a building December 8 sending 12 people to the hospital with minor injuries.  
Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/local/emory-bus-slams-building-dekalb-county/npfDG/>
12. *December 8, Baton Rouge Advocate* – (Louisiana) **For school, industry leaders, I-10 crash illustrates how easily region can be paralyzed by traffic problem.** Interstate 10 near Baton Rouge was shut down for approximately 12 hours December 8 while crews worked to clean up the wreckage from a multi-vehicle crash involving 1 car and 6 semi-trucks that left 2 drivers injured.  
Source: <http://theadvocate.com/news/14224660-126/multiple-18-wheeler-crash-closes-i-10-in-both-directions-closure-expected-to-continue-through-mornin>
13. *December 8, Lincoln City News Guard* – (Oregon) **Semi truck crashes into Yamhill sinkhole.** Oregon Highway 22 in Yamhill County was closed December 8 until further notice while crews worked to repair a sinkhole that stretched across the highway.  
Source: [http://www.thenewsguard.com/news/update-semi-truck-crashes-into-yamhill-sinkhole/article\\_e1327832-9dcb-11e5-ab4a-2f09f2f34a23.html](http://www.thenewsguard.com/news/update-semi-truck-crashes-into-yamhill-sinkhole/article_e1327832-9dcb-11e5-ab4a-2f09f2f34a23.html)
14. *December 8, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Fiery semi crash closes northern Indiana highway for hours.** All westbound lanes of Interstate 80/94 in northwestern Indiana were shut down for approximately 7 hours December 8 while crews cleared the scene of an accident involving a semi-truck that went off the roadway and hit a guardrail and concrete pillar before catching fire.  
Source: <http://www.whio.com/ap/ap/indiana/fiery-semi-crash-closes-northern-indiana-highway-f/npfHS/>

## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

15. *December 8, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Kroger recalls Bakery Fresh Goodness chocolate brownies due to undeclared allergens.** The Kroger

Company issued a recall December 7 for 16-ounce tubs of its Bakery Fresh Goodness chocolate brownies products due to misbranding and undeclared walnuts following a consumer report of a possible allergic reaction that may be tied to the product. The products were distributed to Kroger, JayC, and Smith's retail stores across several States.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm476017.htm>

16. *December 8, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **OSHA finds safety issues with ammonia refrigeration systems at Case Farms' Ohio plants, proposes additional \$462K in penalties.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Case Farms with 16 repeated, 7 serious, and 2 other-than-serious violations December 1 following an investigation of ammonia refrigeration systems at the company's Winesburg and Canton facilities which found several safety and health violations. Proposed fines total \$462,000.

Source:

[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=29202](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=29202)

## Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

Nothing to report

## Healthcare and Public Health Sector

17. *December 8, WTIC 61 Hartford* – (Connecticut) **Middlesex Hospital suffers patient data security breach.** Middlesex Hospital in Middletown announced December 8 that it will notify 946 patients of an October phishing scam and data breach that may have compromised patients' personal and medical information.

Source: <http://fox61.com/2015/12/08/middlesex-hospital-suffers-patient-data-security-breach/>

## Government Facilities Sector

18. *December 8, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Ohio man accused of making threats against military members.** An Ohio man was charged December 8 for allegedly posting the names and addresses of 100 members of the military on social media and calling for them to be killed. A spokesman from the Cleveland U.S. attorney's office stated that the information was reposted and did not originate from the man.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/ohio-man-accused-making-threats-military-members-35658937>

19. *December 8, ArmyTimes.com* – (National) **Army to stop putting Social Security numbers on dog tags.** The U.S. Army announced December 8 that soldiers' Social Security numbers will no longer be imprinted on dog tags and will instead be replaced with a 10-digit, randomly-generated number. The change will be implemented on an as-needed basis.

Source: <http://www.armytimes.com/story/military/careers/army/2015/12/08/army-stop->

[putting-social-security-numbers-dog-tags/76984792/](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/putting-social-security-numbers-dog-tags/76984792/)

For another story, see item [33](#)

## **Emergency Services Sector**

20. *December 8, Washington Post* – (National) **FBI to sharply expand system for tracking fatal police shootings.** The FBI announced December 8 its current tracking system that gathers information on violent police encounters in the U.S. will be replaced by 2017 and will include the tracking of incidents in which an officer causes serious injury or death to civilians, and data collection that is share with the public in near real-time.  
Source: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/fbi-to-sharply-expand-system-for-tracking-fatal-police-shootings/2015/12/08/a60fbc16-9dd4-11e5-bce4-708fe33e3288\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/fbi-to-sharply-expand-system-for-tracking-fatal-police-shootings/2015/12/08/a60fbc16-9dd4-11e5-bce4-708fe33e3288_story.html)
21. *December 8, Columbia The State; Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **11 detainees charged after October riot at jail.** Eleven detainees at the Richland County detention center were charged December 8 with gang-related rioting following an October 24 incident where detainees began throwing chairs and dinner trays and refusing commands from staff members.  
Source: <http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article48666425.html>

## **Information Technology Sector**

22. *December 9, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Apple issues security updates for OS X, iOS, Safari.** Apple released security updates patching multiple vulnerabilities within its OS X, iOS, Safari, Xcode, watchOS, and tvOS systems including flaws affecting Apple’s mobile operating system, Siri, Webkit, and components such as the App Sandbox, Compression, CoreMedia Playback, EFI, and File Bookmark, among others.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/apple-issues-security-updates-os-x-ios-safari>
23. *December 9, Softpedia* – (International) **DNS Root servers hit by DDoS attack.** Researchers from RootOps reported that a large-scale denial-of-service (DDoS) attack on the Internet’s Domain Name System (DNS) root servers caused timeouts for the B, C, G, and H node servers after 2 attacks blasted up to 5 million queries per second per DNS root name server. The DDoS attacks did not cause serious damage.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/dns-root-servers-hit-by-ddos-attack-497363.shtml>
24. *December 9, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Adobe patches 77 vulnerabilities in Flash Player.** Adobe released new versions of its Flash Player for OS X, Windows, Linux, and Android systems, patching 77 critical vulnerabilities including buffer overflow, stack overflow, type confusion, integer overflow issues, use-after free vulnerabilities, three security bypass flaws, and other memory corruption issues that can lead to code execution.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/adobe-patches-77-vulnerabilities-flash-player>

25. *December 9, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Microsoft patches Windows, Office flaws exploited in the wild.** Microsoft released 12 security bulletins addressing 60 flaws in several of its products including Windows, Internet Explorer, Edge, .NET, Office, and Skype for Business, among other products, addressing 2 zero-day flaws exploited in the wild that could allow attackers to run arbitrary code and gain control of the infected system if a victim logs on with administrative rights.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/microsoft-patches-windows-office-flaws-exploited-wild>
26. *December 8, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Critical flaw found in AVG, McAfee, Kaspersky products.** Researchers from enSilo discovered a serious vulnerability in AVG, McAfee, and Kaspersky security products that allows attackers to bypass Windows protection protocol and exploit vulnerabilities in third-party applications to compromise the underlying system in a multi-stage attack. AVG, McAfee, and Kaspersky patched the flaws in each of their systems.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/critical-flaw-found-avg-mcafee-kaspersky-products>
27. *December 8, SecurityWeek* – (International) **SAP security updates patch 19 new flaws.** SAP released 26 patches for its software addressing 19 new vulnerabilities and 7 updated patches including 4 cross-site scripting (XSS), 3 information disclosure flaws, 4 missing authorization and authentication check issues, and 2 denial-of-service (DoS) vulnerabilities, among other patched issues.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/sap-security-updates-patch-19-new-flaws>
28. *December 8, Softpedia* – (International) **Security flaw fixed in Malwarebytes antivirus.** Malwarebytes Corporation released a patch for its Windows antivirus software after a researcher from COSIG research & pentesting team discovered a security vulnerability that can be exploited when a malformed executable with an invalid integer(-1) in the “SizeOfRawData” in UPX section is deconstructed by the Malwarebytes antivirus, enabling a memory corruption flaw that can expose the infected system to an arbitrary code attack. Malwarebytes stated there was no evidence to suggest the exploit was used in the wild.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/security-flaw-fixed-in-malwarebytes-antivirus-497329.shtml>

### 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

29. *December 9, KYTV 3 Springfield; South Bend Schurz Communication* – (Missouri) **Walmart shoppers get scare as shoplifter's gun fires inside store.** A Walmart store in Springfield, Missouri, was evacuated and closed December 8 after a shoplifter's gun discharged inside the building while being confronted by store employees. Officials are investigating whether the shots were fired purposely or accidentally and police apprehended one suspect while another suspect fled on foot.  
Source: [http://www.ky3.com/news/local/shot-fired-brings-major-police-presence-to-s-campbell-walmart/21048998\\_36865804](http://www.ky3.com/news/local/shot-fired-brings-major-police-presence-to-s-campbell-walmart/21048998_36865804)
30. *December 8, WITI 6 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Milwaukee Fire Department: two-alarm blaze at apartment building on north side is suspicious.** A 2-alarm fire at a Milwaukee assisted living facility caused \$200,000 in damages and displaced 14 people December 8.  
Source: <http://fox6now.com/2015/12/08/developing-milwaukee-firefighters-battle-two-alarm-blaze-at-apartment-building/>
31. *December 8, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Families left homeless before Christmas after massive fire near Galleria.** Houston firefighters reported that about 70 people were displaced from Buildings 18 and 19 at the Palms of Westheimer December 8 following a 4-alarm fire that caused extensive damage to the building. One firefighter sustained minor injuries for smoke inhalation and the cause of the fire is under investigation.  
Source: <http://abc13.com/news/massive-fire-burns-at-galleria-area-apartments/1114553/>
32. *December 8, KNSD 39 San Diego* – (National) **Security breach at restaurant chain Elephant Bar may affect customers' cards across 7 states.** Dallas-based CM Ebar, LLC reported December 8 that payment processing systems for its Elephant Bar restaurants were compromised and may have exposed an unknown amount of customers' names and payment card information across seven States after a forensic investigation revealed that individuals installed malicious software onto payment systems. Customers who used their debit or credit cards from August 12 – December 4 were affected.  
Source: <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Security-Breach-at-Restaurant-Chain-Elephant-Bar-May-Affect-Customers-Cards-Across-7-States-361080981.html>
33. *December 8, MassLive.com* – (Massachusetts) **Worcester store conducted more than 22,500 questionable food stamp transactions in \$3.6 million SNAP theft.** A convenience store owner was charged December 8 for 1 count of conspiracy to commit Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits fraud and 1 count of money laundering and SNAP fraud following allegations that the woman conducted more than 22,500 transactions of \$100 or more within a 4-year span at her J&W Aseda Plaza store in Massachusetts. The woman stole \$3.6 million from the Federal government and paid individuals 50 cents for every SNAP dollar.

Source:

[http://www.masslive.com/news/worcester/index.ssf/2015/12/vida\\_causeys\\_worcester\\_store\\_c.html](http://www.masslive.com/news/worcester/index.ssf/2015/12/vida_causeys_worcester_store_c.html)

## **Dams Sector**

Nothing to report



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