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- Southern California Gas Co., located a breached underground in Los Angeles well December 27 that has been releasing noxious odors since October 2, prompting the evacuation of more than 5,000 residents. – *Associated Press* (See item [1](#))
- Federal authorities monitored 19 vulnerable levees in Illinois and Missouri December 30 following a winter storm that caused river overflows and several road closures, among other disasters. – *Associated Press* (See item [6](#))
- California State officials are investigating media reports December 29 to verify whether the personal information of 191 million U.S. voters were compromised via an online database. – *Los Angeles Times* (See item [12](#))
- Severe rain storms in Missouri caused the Bourbeuse River to overflow, prompting the evacuation of 520 people and several commercial businesses December 29. – *ABC News* (See item [15](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *December 29, Associated Press* – (California) **PG&E discovers source of Southern California breach.** Southern California Gas Co., announced December 27 that it located the breached underground well that has been releasing noxious odors in a Los Angeles neighborhood since October 23, and prompted the evacuation of more than 5,000 residents. The utility stated that it will drill and connect a relief well which will allow crews to plug the breached pipe with cement.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci_29319882/pg-e-discovers-source-southern-california-breach
2. *December 29, Reuters; St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (National) **Enbridge closes Ozark oil pipeline because of flooding.** Enbridge Inc., announced December 29 that it will halt operations on its Line 51 Ozark oil pipeline due to flooding along the Mississippi River. No damages were reported and the pipeline will remain shut until conditions approve.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/enbridge-closes-ozark-oil-pipeline-because-of-flooding/article_760d2600-d05a-5ce7-ab8e-bac5e89ec6b4.html

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

3. *December 29, New York City International Business Times* – (National) **Ex-JPMorgan Chase bankers charged with forging ATM cards to steal from accounts.** Two former JPMorgan Chase & Company bankers were indicted December 28 in Brooklyn, New York for stealing nearly \$400,000 from about 15 client accounts, including those belonging to deceased clients, by issuing ATM cards without the account holders' consent. All 15 accounts routinely received cash infusions via direct deposits from the U.S. Social Security Administration.
Source: <http://www.ibtimes.com/ex-jpmorgan-chase-bankers-charged-forging-atm-cards-steal-accounts-2242193>

Transportation Systems Sector

4. *December 29, KSLA 12 Shreveport* – (Louisiana) **Hwy 84 back open after hazmat spill cleanup.** Highway 84 in Mansfield was closed for approximately 10 hours December 29 while crews cleaned a diesel spill from an overturned semi-truck hauling the fuel.
Source: <http://www.ksla.com/story/30846895/traffic-alert-hazmat-spill-closes-hwy-84-to-mansfield>
5. *December 29, WHAS 11 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **1 critical, 4 injured in accident near Dixie Manor.** Southbound lanes of Dixie Highway in Louisville were closed for more than 2 hours December 29 following a 2-vehicle accident that left 5 people injured. Authorities are investigating the incident.
Source: <http://www.whas11.com/story/news/local/2015/12/29/multiple-injured-in-accident-on-dixie-highway-st-paul-church-road/78044260/>

For additional stories, see items [2](#) and [6](#)

Food and Agriculture Sector

Nothing to report

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

6. *December 30, Associated Press* – (Illinois; Missouri) **19 levees in Illinois, Missouri monitored for flooding.** Federal authorities worked to monitor 19 vulnerable levees in Illinois and Missouri December 30 due to rising water levels in the Mississippi River following a winter storm that caused river overflows, evacuations, interstate and highway closures, and water treatment plant failures in both states due to severe flooding.
Source: <http://onlineathens.com/breaking-news/2015-12-30/19-levees-illinois-missouri-monitored-flooding>
7. *December 29, Salem News* – (Massachusetts) **Gas leak forces closure of water treatment plant.** The Danvers Department of Public Works reported that the Vernon C. Russell Treatment Plant in Middleton was forced to shut down December 29 until further notice after 2 chemicals used at the plant were mixed together, resulting in a gas leak that sent 1 employee to an area hospital. Officials stated that drinking water was not impacted.
Source: http://www.salemnews.com/news/local_news/gas-leak-forces-closure-of-treatment-plant/article_19c5daea-ae66-11e5-85e4-8f6d96201773.html

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

Nothing to report

Government Facilities Sector

Nothing to report

Emergency Services Sector

8. *December 29, Springfield News-Leader* – (Missouri) **Fourth SGF woman pleads guilty in \$266,000 jail commissary scheme.** The U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri announced that a fourth woman pleaded guilty December 29 for her role in a scheme that illegally diverted over \$266,000 from the commissary account at the Greene County Jail between March 2010 and October 2011 by offering to pay bills for approximately 175 individuals in exchange of 50 percent of the amount owed. The woman along with three other co-conspirators would pay the bills with money from the commissary account.
Source: <http://www.news-leader.com/story/news/crime/2015/12/29/fourth-sgf-woman-pleads-guilty-266000-jail-commissary-scheme/78035066/>
9. *December 29, KMOV 4 St. Louis* – (Illinois) **Menard Correctional Center prepping for possible flooding.** The Illinois Department of Corrections temporarily transferred all inmates from the Menard Correctional Center in Chester to other facilities as a precaution December 29 due to potential flooding from the Mississippi River. Officials also set up portable restrooms and stored over 1,000 gallons of water at the correctional center in preparation.
Source: <http://www.kmov.com/story/30849010/menard-correctional-center-prepping-for-possible-flooding>

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Information Technology Sector

10. *December 30, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Linode hit by DDoS attacks.** The Cloud hosting company, Linode reported that its Web site, Manager mobile application, Domain Name System (DNS) infrastructure, and data centers in Atlanta, Newark, and London were compromised after the company discovered hackers had conducted distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks for several hours. Security researchers from the company were able to patch the vulnerabilities.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/linode-hit-ddos-attacks>
11. *December 29, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Verizon's Hum website found leaking credentials.** Verizon Communications reported that it patched an information disclosure vulnerability in its Hum Web site after an independent researcher discovered the source code of the shopping page included a username and password "Weblogic12" and several domains listed.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/verizons-hum-website-found-leaking-credentials>
12. *December 29, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **State officials investigating potential data leak on millions of California voters.** California State officials are conducting an

investigation December 29 to verify media reports that the information of 191 million U.S. voters were compromised after a security researcher discovered an online database exposed voters' names, addresses, and dates of birth, among other information.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-sac-california-voter-records-leaked-online-20151229-story.html>

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

13. *December 30, KATU 2 Portland* – (Oregon) **Dozens evacuated by 3-alarm fire at Mt. Hood resort.** A 3-alarm fire at the Resort at The Mountain in Welches, Oregon December 30 caused up to 50 guests to evacuate while fire crews contained the incident. No injuries were reported and officials are investigating the cause of the incident.
Source: <http://katu.com/news/local/dozens-evacuated-by-3-alarm-fire-at-mt-hood-resort>
14. *December 30, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Hartford fire department investigating Barbour Street fire.** A Hartford mixed-used building housing a barbershop, apartments, a convenience store, and a restaurant sustained extensive damage and was ruled uninhabitable December 30 after a fire caused the roof to collapse. The cause of the fire was undetermined and officials are investigating the incident.
Source: <http://www.courant.com/breaking-news/hc-hartford-barbour-street-fire-1231-20151230-story.html>
15. *December 29, ABC News* – (Missouri) **Historic flooding kills 13, sparks evacuation and road closures.** Severe rain storms traveling across Missouri prompted the evacuation of 520 people and several commercial businesses including a McDonald's and a Dollar General store December 29 due to the overflowing of the Bourbeuse River.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/historic-flooding-kills-13-sparks-evacuation-road-closures/story?id=35996045>
16. *December 29, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **Floyd Co. woman charged with embezzlement.** The U.S. Department of Justice reported December 29 that a former bookkeeper for Elite Heating and Air Conditioning Refrigeration business was

charged for allegedly falsifying the company's accounting records and for forging more than 170 business checks worth \$378,000 to her own personal bank account from January 2011 – June 2015.

Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/crime/2015/12/29/floyd-co-woman-charged-embezzlement/78018472/>

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Dams Sector

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