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- The South Coast Air Quality Management District forced Southern California Gas Co., to begin the immediate shut down of a damaged well leaking natural gas at its storage facility in Porter Ranch and establish a detention center, among other actions January 23. – *Los Angeles Times* (See item [1](#))
- The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration issued a recall January 22 for approximately 5 million vehicles equipped with potentially defective Takata Corp air bag inflators. – *Reuters* (See item [4](#))
- A severe winter storm January 23 – January 24 caused at least 28 deaths, over 16,000 flight cancellations, multiple airport closures, and power outages affecting 250,000 customers. – *USA Today* (See item [7](#))
- The U.S. President’s administration announced January 22 that the U.S. Department of Defense will take over the storage of records from Federal background checks following a 2015 cybersecurity breach. – *New York Times* (See item [17](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *January 23, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Regulators order new steps to contain gas leak near Porter Ranch.** The Hearing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District approved an abatement order January 23 requiring Southern California Gas Co., to begin the immediate shut down of a damaged well leaking natural gas at its Aliso Canyon storage facility in Porter Ranch, establish a leak detention system, and conduct an independent health study. Once the leak is stopped and the well is shut down the utility is required to improve air quality monitoring in the San Fernando Valley community, among other requirements.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-porter-ranch-regulators-approve-comprehensive-abatement-order-over-massive-gas-leak-20160123-story.html>

For another story, see item [7](#)

Chemical Industry Sector

2. *January 23, WKTU 2 Utica* – (New York) **4000 gallons of chemical spills at Prospect water treatment plant.** Officials reported that about 4,000 gallons of hydrofluorosilicic acid leaked from the holding tanks at the Mohawk Valley Water Treatment Plant in Prospect, New York, and prompted the evacuation of the facility January 23. HAZMAT crews were working to clean the spill and officials reported there was no danger to the public's drinking water supply or to surrounding areas.

Source:

http://www.wktv.com/news/4000_gallons_of_chemicals_spill_at_Prospect_water_treatment_plant.html

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *January 22, U.S. Department of Energy* – (New Mexico) **U.S. Department of Energy and New Mexico finalize \$74M in settlement agreements for nuclear waste incidents of 2014.** The State of New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and its contractors agreed to a \$74 million settlement to resolve February 2014 incidents at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad and associated activities at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) after DOE violated NMED's Administrative Compliance Orders. DOE will be required to provide funding and scheduling parameters for a set of Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) in Carlsbad and Los Alamos communities that will provide critical improvements to the State's water infrastructure, emergency response infrastructure, and transportation infrastructure, among other actions.

Source: <http://energy.gov/articles/us-department-energy-and-new-mexico-finalize-74m-settlement-agreements-nuclear-waste>

Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *January 22, Reuters* – (National) **New Takata air bag recall to cover five million U.S. vehicles.** The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration issued a recall

January 22 for approximately 5 million vehicles equipped with potentially defective Takata Corp air bag inflators after testing and a fatal accident in December 2015 revealed that the inflators can explode and spray metal shrapnel into vehicle passenger areas. The automakers affected by the recent recall included Volkswagen AG, Audi AG, Daimler's Mercedes-Benz AG, Saab Automobile AB, and four others that were manufactured or distributed in the U.S.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-autos-takata-recalls-exclusive-idUSKCN0V02BS>

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

5. *January 22, San Francisco Bay City News* – (California) **3 arrested in insurance fraud scheme that intentionally damaged cars near Salinas.** The owners of San, Francisco-based Universal Automotive and West Market Auto Body were arrested January 22 for conspiracy to commit a crime and insurance fraud after the three men and 11 suspected auto shops allegedly participated in a \$1 million “scratch out” insurance-fraud scheme in which they convinced car owners to vandalize undamaged cars offsite and file false insurance claims, splitting the money for the repairs with the car owner and keeping the remaining money for profit.

Source: <http://kron4.com/2016/01/22/3-arrested-in-insurance-fraud-scheme-that-intentionally-damaged-cars-near-salinas/>

Transportation Systems Sector

6. *January 25, Utica Observer-Dispatch* – (New York) **5 workers evaluated after hazmat spill at UPD in New Hartford.** HAZMAT crews spent about 7 hours processing and containing a spill of a nitric acid solution at the United Parcel Service facility in New Hartford January 25 which prompted an evacuation of the building after 5 workers were transported to an area hospital for evaluation after fumes were released from an opened box.

Source: <http://m.uticaod.com/news/20160125/5-workers-evaluated-after-hazmat-spill-at-ups-in-new-hartford>

7. *January 24, USA Today* – (National) **Blizzard 2016: What you need to know the day after.** A severe winter storm January 23 – January 24 impacted over 60 million people along the east coast and dumped approximately 17 – 30 inches of snow in several States, which lead to at least 28 storm-related deaths, a travel ban, the shutdown of public transportation, over 16,000 flight cancellations, multiple airport closures, and power outages affecting 250,000 customers.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2016/01/24/blizzard-2106-everything-you-need-know/79259422/>

8. *January 22, KNOE 8 Monroe* – (Louisiana) **Highway 167 re-opens after truck**

overturms. Highway 167 in Union Parish, Louisiana, was closed for several hours January 22 after a vehicle carrying explosives overturned spilling missiles onto the highway. Officials reported to the scene to gather the materials and investigate the incident.

Source: <http://www.knoe.com/home/headlines/Rollover-closes-Hwy-167-Truck-may-be-carrying-rockets-and-other-explosive-items-366200341.html>

For another story, see item [3](#)

Food and Agriculture Sector

9. *January 25, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (California) **Home Maid Ravioli Company, Inc. recalls beef ravioli products due to misbranding and undeclared allergens and produced without benefit of inspection.** The U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service announced January 23 that San Francisco-based Home Maid Ravioli Company, Inc. issued a recall for around 34,200 pounds of its beef ravioli products sold in 12 different varieties after an inspection discovered the presence of undeclared whey and pork allergens and revealed the products were produced without the benefit of Federal inspection. The affected products were distributed and sold at retail locations in California.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/recall-009-2016-release>
10. *January 25, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Pinnacle Foods, Inc. recalls chili products due to misbranding.** Iowa-based Pinnacle Foods, Inc., issued a voluntary recall January 22 for approximately 549,539 pounds of its Armor Chili No Beans products packaged in 14-ounce cans due to misbranding after the firm discovered the new product labels did not list Monosodium Glutamate (MSG) as an ingredient. The items were shipped to retail stores nationwide.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/rnr-008-2016>
11. *January 22, WOWT 6 Omaha* – (Nebraska) **No one hurt in meat processing plant fire.** An insulation fire at the JBS Omaha Beef plant caused employees to evacuate and shut down the meat processing plant for an indeterminable amount of time January 22. No injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.wowt.com/home/headlines/No-one-hurt-in-meat-processing-plant-fire-366278551.html>
12. *January 22, CNN* – (International) **One dead in listeria outbreak; salad suspected.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced January 22 that all salad products processed at a Springfield, Ohio facility, managed by Dole Food Company were linked to a Listeria outbreak that caused 1 death and 11 illnesses across 6 states since July 2015. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced a recall January 22 for all salad products listed under various names which were processed in the Ohio facility, and distributed in 16 States and in Canada
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2016/01/22/health/salad-listeria/index.html>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

13. *January 22, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **Spill dumps 36,000 gallons of sewage.** Charlotte Water crews responded after a broken pipe released 36,000 gallons of sewage into Clems Branch in southern Mecklenburg County January 21.
Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/local/article56074080.html>

For additional stories, see items [2](#) and [3](#)

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

14. *January 22, WTIC 61 Hartford* – (Massachusetts) **293 patients possibly exposed to hepatitis, HIV at Baystate Noble Hospital from colonoscopies.** Baystate Noble Hospital in Massachusetts notified 293 colonoscopy patients January 20 that they may have been exposed to blood-borne illnesses such as hepatitis and HIV after the hospital determined that it did not properly disinfect the colonoscopes after use due to a failure in training. Hospital officials reported that patients' risk of infection is low.
Source: <http://fox61.com/2016/01/22/293-patients-possibly-exposed-to-hepatitis-hiv-at-baystate-noble-hospital-from-colonoscopies/>

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Government Facilities Sector

15. *January 25, Washington Post* – (Virginia; Maryland; Washington, D.C.) **Government, schools remain closed after historic blizzard.** A severe winter storm January 23 dumped between 10 – 35 inches or more of snow in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., forcing the closure of nearly all school systems and colleges in the region as well as the closure of state, local, and Federal government offices January 25 while crews worked to clear roadways.
Source: https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/government-schools-remain-closed-after-historic-blizzard/2016/01/25/32947884-c35a-11e5-9693-933a4d31bcc8_story.html
16. *January 22, Charlottesville Daily Progress* – (Virginia) **'Phishing' scam exposes UVA employee data.** The FBI alerted the University of Virginia in Charlottesville after the personal information of 1,400 employees was breached following a phishing email scam that was sent to several U.S. colleges and universities. The FBI stated that the suspects were in custody and the university notified all affected employees after learning that the suspects had gained access to a human-resources system.
Source: http://www.dailyprogress.com/news/local/uva/phishing-scam-exposes-uva-employee-data/article_73996812-c120-11e5-9722-5315db65b9f7.html
17. *January 22, New York Times* – (National) **Storage of records of background checks shifted after last year's security breach.** The U.S. President's administration announced January 22 that the U.S. Department of Defense will take over the storage

of records from Federal background checks following a 2015 cybersecurity breach at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management which compromised the personal information of more than 20 million people. A new agency, the National Background Investigations Bureau, will be in charge of processing Federal background checks and the information will be stored in the Internet “cloud,” among other changes announced as part of the background check system overhaul.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/01/23/us/politics/storage-of-records-of-background-checks-shifted-after-last-years-security-breach.html>

18. *January 21, Washington Post* – (International) **SAT canceled in some Asian test centers because of security breach.** The College Board announced January 21 that SAT testing January 23 at some sites in China and Macau was cancelled due to an exam breach after the College Board learned that some students were exposed to test materials intended for the administration. Officials will notify students and testing centers of a makeup test date.

Source: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2016/01/21/sat-canceled-in-some-asian-test-centers-because-of-security-breach/>

Emergency Services Sector

19. *January 25, CNN* – (California) **3 inmates escape from California jail after cutting through steel bars.** California authorities are offering a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the capture of 3 inmates who escaped from the Orange County Men’s Jail January 22 by cutting through steel bars, moving through plumbing tunnels, and fleeing on foot.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2016/01/24/us/california-escaped-inmates/index.html>

20. *January 24, WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Inmate dies, 18 recovering after Putnamville prison illness outbreak.** Authorities at the Putnamville Correctional Facility in Indiana reported January 24 that 1 inmate died and 18 others were treated following an illness outbreak at the prison that began the week of January 18. Health officials are investigating the cause of the illness and the prison initiated safety precautions to protect inmates and staff.

Source: <http://wishtv.com/2016/01/24/1-inmate-dead-18-treated-after-putnamville-prison-illness-outbreak/>

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Information Technology Sector

21. *January 25, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Backdoor found in several Fortinet products.** Fortinet released an advisory stating that several of its products including versions of FortiSwitch switches, FortiAnalyzer centralized log and reporting appliances, and FortiCache web caching appliances were susceptible to a management authentication flaw after company researchers discovered the flaw affected various products following previous reports that the bug only affected its FortiOS system. The flaw can be exploited to log in to vulnerable devices with administration privileges via

a shell scripting (SSH) in Interactive-Keyboard mode using a shared password used among all devices.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/backdoor-found-several-fortinet-products>

22. *January 25, Softpedia* – (International) **Simple yet efficient Linux backdoor Trojan discovered.** Security researchers from Dr. Web discovered a trojan with backdoor capabilities named Linux.BackDoor.Xunpes can copy files, delete files, launch files into execution, run bash commands, and log keystrokes, among other actions by infecting a device via a dropper component that downloads the malware payload and enable attackers to send over 40 different types of commands to any infected host through a command and control (C&C) server.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/simple-yet-efficient-linux-backdoor-trojan-discovered-499371.shtml>

23. *January 24, Softpedia* – (International) **XSS bug in Magento allows attackers to take over online shops.** The Magento project released patches fixing a stored cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability in its content management system (CMS) that powers online shops after security researchers from Sucuri discovered that the flaw can be exploited when users register a new account or when users change their current account's email address as the CMS system has an improper data filtering mechanism that allows attackers to enter malicious code next to their email addresses, allowing hackers to steal cookies and use them to illegally access the site later, among other malicious actions.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/xss-bug-in-magento-allows-attackers-to-take-over-online-shops-499331.shtml>

24. *January 22, SecurityWeek* – (International) **CryptoWall 4.0 spreading via Angler Exploit Kit.** Bitdefender researchers discovered that the CryptoWall 4.0 was added to the Angler Exploit Kit (EK) to encrypt files on an infected device and allow attackers to demand users pay a ransom in order to decrypt files by disguising itself as an AV solutions tester to protect user's data, while encrypting victims' data and convincing victims that the "CryptoWall Project" is not malicious.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/cryptowall-40-spreading-angler-exploit-kit>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

Nothing to report

Commercial Facilities Sector

25. *January 25, WTSP10 St. Petersburg* – (Florida) **Smoking cause of deadly Lakeland apartment fire.** Investigators found that a January 24 fire at the Bella Vista Manor & Villas in Lakeland Florida that prompted 41 residents to evacuate, injured 3 residents, and killed 1 man, began in a fourth story apartment bedroom and was caused by smoking.
Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/story/news/2016/01/24/structure-fire-reported-lakeland-1-fatality/79260822/>
26. *January 24, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Firefighters evacuate tenants of 24 units after collapse.** Prince William County officials reported that 65 residents were evacuated and displaced at 2 apartment complexes in Manassas, Virginia, January 24 after 1 complex building partially collapsed and the other building showed signs of weakening infrastructure following a January 22 heavy snowstorm that left approximately 28 inches of snow.
Source: https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/firefighters-evacuate-tenants-of-24-units-after-collapse/2016/01/24/2ea9726e-c2b1-11e5-b933-31c93021392a_story.html
27. *January 24, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Two buildings evacuated for gas leak in St. Louis.** A ruptured 12-inch medium pressure line caused the evacuation of 2 apartment buildings and closed surrounding roads in St. Louis January 24, prompting officials to shut off area gas while repairs were made to the pipe. No injuries were reported and gas services were restored several hours later.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/two-buildings-evacuated-for-gas-leak-in-st-louis/article_a722ad12-eae5-56fa-ae07-b3a0539e60f8.html

Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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