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Energy Sector

1. *January 28, Los Angeles Daily News* – (California) **SoCalGas will inspect 18 older gas wells at Aliso Canyon to evaluate safety.** Southern California Gas Co., reported January 27 that it will temporarily plug 18 older wells at the Aliso Canyon storage facility until they are inspected. The utility will determine if the wells will resume service or be permanently plugged and taken out of service following inspections. Source: <http://www.dailynews.com/general-news/20160127/socalgas-will-inspect-18-older-gas-wells-at-aliso-canyon-to-evaluate-safety>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *January 27, Lowell Sun* – (Massachusetts) **7,000-gallon methanol spill cleaned up in Ayer.** Officials reported January 27 that fire crews remained onsite for over 4 hours at the Splash Industries in Lowell, Massachusetts, after approximately 7,000 gallons of methanol spilled while a tank was being refilled at the windshield-washer fluid facility. No injuries were reported. Source: http://www.lowellsun.com/latestnews/ci_29441728/7-000-gallon-methanol-spill-cleaned-up-ayer
3. *January 27, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Connecticut) **OSHA: Employees of Terryville, Connecticut, manufacturer exposed to chemical, fire, other hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Phoenix Products Co., a manufacturer for swimming pool chemicals and nail polish chemicals, for 15 serious violations of workplace safety standards January 19 after a Federal inspection revealed workers were exposed to chemical, fire, and exit access hazards, and that the Terryville plant lacked a process safety management program. Proposed penalties total \$61,600. Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=29469

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *January 28, Kankakee Valley Daily Journal* – (Illinois) **NRC extends Braidwood licenses 20 years.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved a 20-year license renewal for Exelon Generation-owned Braidwood Generating Station's Unit 1 and Unit 2 nuclear reactors located in Braceville, Illinois. Source: http://www.daily-journal.com/news/local/nrc-extends-braidwood-licenses-years/article_d817e434-965f-5c8b-a18b-7177683cbf0c.html

Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

Nothing to report

Transportation Systems Sector

5. *January 28, KTVT 11 Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Stuck 100,000 Lb. beam & broken tractor-trailer closes Highway 121.** Eastbound lanes of Hebron Parkway at the Sam Rayburn Tollway in Carrollton, Texas, were shut down for more than 2 hours January 28 after a 100,000 pound concrete beam fell off a semi-truck attempting to maneuver a curve, causing the semi-truck to break down.
Source: <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2016/01/28/stuck-100000-pound-beam-closes-highway-121/>
6. *January 28, KXLY 4 Spokane* – (Washington) **5 injured in crash at ‘Coffin Corner’ intersection.** Highway 395 in Deer Park was closed for more than 3 hours January 27 while officials investigated the scene of a 2-vehicle crash that left 5 people injured.
Source: <http://www.kxly.com/news/spokane-news/emergency-responders-on-scene-of-serious-accident-at-hwy-395-and-crawford/37674190>
7. *January 27, Victor Valley News* – (California) **Tour bus carrying 44 passengers rear ended on Highway 138.** Highway 138 in Phelan was closed for more than 3 hours January 27 due to a 2-vehicle accident involving a tour bus that sent at least 12 passengers to area hospitals with injuries.
Source: <http://www.vvng.com/tour-bus-carrying-44-passengers-rear-ended-on-highway-138/>
8. *January 27, WPIX 11 New York City* – (New York) **MTA bans hoverboards on trains, buses and in stations.** The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) announced the ban of hoverboards January 27 on trains, buses, and in stations due to safety concerns and fire risks. The MTA joined Amtrak, Metrolink in Los Angeles, Metra in Chicago, and most U.S. airlines who have already banned the devices.
Source: <http://pix11.com/2016/01/27/mta-bans-hoverboards-on-trains-buses-and-in-stations/>

Food and Agriculture Sector

9. *January 28, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **House of Flavors issues allergy alert on undeclared pecans in Purple Cow Cookie Butter Ice Cream.** House of Flavors, Inc., issued a voluntary recall January 27 for a small batch of its Purple Cow Limited Edition Cookie Butter Ice Cream products sold in 8-ounce cups due to undeclared pecans. The product was shipped to Meijer stores in six States.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm483596.htm>

10. *January 27, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Figi’s issues recall alert on mislabeled Marzipan.** Marshfield, Wisconsin-based Figi’s Companies, Inc., issued a recall January 27 for its Classic Marzipan products packaged in 8-ounce packages due to misbranding after an investigation revealed the label did not include almonds as an ingredient. The products were shipped through mail orders nationwide and at one retail outlet.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm483585.htm>
11. *January 27, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (California) **Home Maid Ravioli Company, Inc. recalls meat and poultry ravioli and pasta products produced without benefit of inspection and due to misbranding and undeclared allergens.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced January 27 that San Francisco-based Home Maid Ravioli Company, Inc., issued an updated recall for approximately 38,950 pounds of its meat and poultry ravioli and pasta products sold in 21 variations after an inspection discovered the undeclared presence of pork and whey allergens and revealed the products were produced without the benefit of Federal inspection. The products were distributed to 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-expansion>
12. *January 27, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Maggiano’s Little Italy restaurant in Bellevue closed after suspected norovirus outbreak.** Seattle and King County Public Health officials closed a Maggiano’s Little Italy in Bellevue January 26 while officials investigate a potential norovirus outbreak that sickened at least 50 people during a private event at the restaurant January 18. The restaurant is working with health officials and will undergo a thorough cleaning and sanitizing before reopening.
Source: <http://q13fox.com/2016/01/26/maggianos-little-italy-restaurant-in-bellevue-closed-after-suspected-norovirus-outbreak/>
13. *January 27, Des Moines Register* – (International) **Chinese businessman gets deal in seed theft case.** A Chinese businessman pleaded guilty January 27 to one count of conspiracy to steal trade secrets after he and six others reportedly stole valuable patented corn seeds from DuPont Pioneer and Monsanto Iowa farms and sent the genetically modified seeds to Beijing Dabeinong Technology Group Co., Chinese agricultural conglomerate, which allowed the foreign company to counterfeit the seeds and avoid paying for their own research and development. The scheme cost U.S. companies billions of dollars.
Source: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/crime-and-courts/2016/01/27/chinese-businessman-pleads-seed-theft-case/79428650/>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

14. *January 27, KOTA 3 Rapid City* – (South Dakota) **Water main breaks at intersection causing problems.** A 12-inch feeder line ruptured January 27 spilling 2 million gallons of water within 30 minutes in Rapid City, South Dakota, impacting hundreds of home and businesses in the area. Crews restored about 90 percent of water service after

several hours.

Source: <http://www.kotatv.com/news/south-dakota-news/water-main-breaks-at-intersection-causing-problems/37667840>

15. *January 27, WCAX 3 Burlington* – (Vermont) **Rutland City spills sewage into nearby creek.** Rutland City admitted to mistakenly allowing 2,700 gallons of untreated sewage to spill into East Creek January 27 after its West Street siphon pipe was blocked, forcing the sewage release January 25. The city filed a report to warn the public about the sewage in the creek.

Source: <http://www.wcax.com/story/31073939/rutland-city-spills-sewage-into-nearby-creek>

16. *January 27, Oxford Eagle* – (Mississippi) **Anchor Water Association issues boil water alert.** Anchor Water Association issued a boil water advisory January 27 until further notice for approximately 2,043 Lafayette County, Mississippi residents after sample testing revealed the presence of total coliform bacteria in the water.

Source: <http://www.oxfordeagle.com/2016/01/27/anchor-water-association-issues-boil-water-alert/>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

17. *January 27, Fort Myers News-Press* – (Missouri; Florida) **No patient records involved in possible NCH computer breach.** Florida-based NCH Healthcare System announced January 27 that two computer servers at the Cerner Data Center in Kansas City, Missouri, which contain undisclosed company information about employees and medical staff credentialing, were exposed to unauthorized access. The healthcare system stated that no patient information or medical data was accessed.

Source: <http://www.news-press.com/story/news/local/2016/01/27/nch-patient-medical-records-involved-computer-breach/79425092/>

Government Facilities Sector

18. *January 28, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Schools within 5 miles of Aliso Canyon leak will get air purifiers.** Officials announced January 27 that Southern California Gas Co., will provide air purifiers and install active carbon filters in all heating and air conditioning units at schools within a 5-mile radius of the utility's leaking natural gas storage well in Aliso Canyon which has been releasing methane since October 2015.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-air-purifiers-for-schools-near-porter-ranch-20160128-story.html>

Emergency Services Sector

19. *January 27, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Alleged gang members arrested in O.C. jailbreak probe, but 3 escapees still at large.** The Orange County Sheriff's Department reported that 5 alleged gang members were arrested January 27 for reportedly helping 3 inmates escape from the Orange County Men's Central Jail January 22. Officials reported that additional arrests are pending and that the three

escaped inmates remain at large.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-orange-county-sheriff-jail-break-20160127-story.html>

Information Technology Sector

20. *January 28, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Samsung patches critical vulnerabilities in Android devices.** Samsung released a maintenance update for its major Android flagship Galaxy models that patched 16 vulnerabilities including a flaw in Skia which allowed attackers to conduct denial-of-service attacks via a crafted media file, and a remote code execution (RCE) flaw in Android Mediaserver, which allowed attackers to cause memory corruption, among other vulnerabilities.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/samsung-patches-critical-vulnerabilities-android-devices>
21. *January 28, Softpedia* – (International) **WhatsApp will get security indicators to highlight encrypted chats.** WhatsApp mobile messaging application will release two new features in its WhatsApp 3.0 interface including the “Show security indicators” feature that will add a lock icon to a user’s WhatsApp encrypted conversations and the “Share my account info” feature that will send a user’s WhatsApp data to Facebook servers in an effort to improve users’ Facebook experience.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/whatsapp-will-get-security-indicators-to-highlight-encrypted-chats-499552.shtml>
22. *January 28, Help Net Security* – (International) **Cisco plugs hole in firewall devices that could lead to device hijacking.** Cisco released firmware updates for its RV220W Wireless Network Security Firewall devices, specifically versions prior to 1.0.7.2, after an anonymous researcher working with Beyond Security discovered a critical vulnerability that allowed attackers to send crafted Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) request embedded with malicious Structured Query Language (SQL) statements to the management interface of a targeted device, which may allow attackers to bypass authentication protocols on the management interface and gain administrative privileges on the infected device.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=19383>
23. *January 28, SecurityWeek* – (International) **LG patches severe smartphone hijack vulnerability.** LG Electronics released patches fixing a critical vulnerability in the Smart Notice application (SNAP), which comes pre-loaded on all LG smartphones, after researchers from BugSec and Cynet discovered the flaw can allow attackers to extract private user information from the device’s secure digital (SD) card, WhatsApp application data, and private user images, as well as render users vulnerable to phishing attacks, ultimately resulting in the installation of mobile malware on the affected devices. Attackers can exploit the vulnerability through different methods due to functionality issues and validation issues.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/lg-patches-severe-smartphone-hijack-vulnerability>

24. *January 28, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Oracle to kill Java browser plugin.** Oracle reported January 27 that it plans to discontinue the Java browser plugin in its Java Development Kit (JDK) 9 and remove the plugin completely from JDK and Runtime Environment (JRE) in a future Java release due to the large number of vulnerabilities found in the plugin. Security experts advised users to disable the application unless specifically needed and to ensure users are running the latest Java version.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/oracle-kill-java-browser-plugin>
25. *January 28, Threatpost* – (International) **BlackEnergy APT group spreading malware via tainted word docs.** Researchers from Kaspersky Lab discovered attackers were delivering the BlackEnergy malware via spear phishing emails with malicious Microsoft Word document attachments, which are embedded with malicious macros to target Industrial Control Systems (ICS) and Supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) companies around the world.
Source: <https://threatpost.com/blackenergy-apt-group-spreading-malware-via-tainted-word-docs/116043/>
26. *January 27, SecurityWeek* – (International) **This is what Microsoft’s vulnerability patching efforts looked like in 2015.** Researchers from ESET released a report that analyzed the most affected components in Microsoft Windows during 2015 and addressed the importance of patching vulnerabilities, which revealed that more than 570 vulnerabilities were patched in Microsoft products and that many of the patches affected the Internet Explorer (IE) browser.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/what-microsofts-vulnerability-patching-efforts-looked-2015>

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Communications Sector

Nothing to report

Commercial Facilities Sector

27. *January 27, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **Storage room fire closes Kohl’s in Shelby Township.** A Kohl’s department store in Shelby Township was evacuated and closed indefinitely January 27 after a fire began in the store’s storage room and caused extensive smoke damage throughout the building. No injuries were reported and the cause of the blaze is under investigation.
Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/macomb-county/2016/01/27/kohl-fire-closed-shelby-township/79415168/>

28. *January 27, CNN* – (Illinois) **FBI: Milwaukee man planned mass shooting at Masonic temple.** An FBI official announced January 26 that they arrested and charged a Milwaukee man for illegally possessing machine guns and planning a massacre at a Masonic temple after the man disclosed his plans to attack a Milwaukee temple to two undercover FBI agents following an in-depth Federal investigation.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2016/01/26/us/milwaukee-masonic-temple-mass-shooting-planned-charges/>

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Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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