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- A former U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission scientist pleaded guilty February 2 and admitted to an attempted cyberattack on U.S. government computers in an attempt to extract sensitive information on nuclear weapons that could be passed to a foreign country. – *Associated Press* (See item [13](#))
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- A February 3 fire at a Highland Park warehouse housing multiple businesses caused extensive damage to the facility, prompted an evacuation of surrounding areas, and caused a boil water advisory for area residents, among other actions. – *Detroit News* (See item [25](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *February 1, Glastonbury Patch* – (National) **Ex-Glastonbury man pleads guilty in \$9 million wire fraud case.** The owner and president of Glastonbury, Connecticut-based DataComm Services LLC pleaded guilty to 1 count of wire fraud February 1 after he fraudulently obtained more than \$9 million in economic stimulus program funds between 2010 and 2011 by filing over 300 falsified applications with the Specified Energy Property Program for reimbursements for uncompleted solar energy projects across the nation, and for overstating the size and cost of projects to increase the reimbursement amount.

Source: <http://patch.com/connecticut/glastonbury/ex-glastonbury-man-pleads-guilty-9-million-wire-fraud-case-0>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *February 2, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Report: Fatal Pasadena chemical plant explosion caused by faulty equipment.** The Harris County Fire Marshal's office released a report detailing the cause of a January 16 fire at the PeroxyChem-owned Pasadena plant was due to a faulty piece of equipment that blew off a vacuum truck and killed one and injured three others. PeroxyChem officials reported an active investigation was ongoing.

Source: <http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Report-Fatal-Pasadena-chemical-plant-explosion-6802325.php>

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *February 2, Automotive News* – (National) **Mazda issues recalls for potential fuel leak, Takata airbags.** Mazda Motor Corporation issued 2 nationwide recalls February 1 for 264,463 of its model years 2014-2016 CX-5 crossovers after a U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration test found that 1 vehicle did not comply with Federal regulations after determining that the fuel pipe can rupture when the vehicle is hit from behind, resulting in fuel leaks. The recall also includes 19,000 of its model years 2004-2006 B-series pickup trucks equipped with Takata driver-side frontal airbag inflators, which can shoot shrapnel when exploded and have been linked to 11 deaths.

Source: <http://www.autonews.com/article/20160202/OEM11/160209957/mazda-issues-recalls-for-potential-fuel-leak-takata-airbags>

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

4. *February 2, Reuters* – (National) **Morgan Stanley to pay \$63 million U.S. mortgage bond settlement: FDIC.** The U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) announced February 2 that Morgan Stanley agreed to pay \$62.95 million to settle allegations that the bank misrepresented securities in offering documents and sold toxic mortgage-backed securities to 3 banks, the Colonial Bank of Montgomery, Alabama; Security Savings Bank of Henderson, Nevada; and United Western Bank of Denver, which later failed.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-morgan-stanley-settlement-idUSKCN0VB249>

Transportation Systems Sector

5. *February 3, WALA 10 Mobile* – (Alabama) **18-wheelers overturn on Highway 43.** Southbound lanes of Highway 43 in Mobile were closed for several hours February 3 while first responders investigated the scene of a multi-vehicle crash involving 2 semi-trucks. Crews were working to clear the wreckage from the crash that left 1 person dead.

Source: <http://www.wtvm.com/story/31128741/18-wheelers-overturn-on-highway-43>

6. *February 3, CNN* – (National) **Winter storm buries parts of Midwest; sets off tornadoes in deep South.** Severe snow storms traveling across the Midwest closed 14 highways in several States, cancelled more than 950 national flights February 2 – February 3, created tornadoes in Mississippi and Alabama, and prompted schools to remain closed February 2 in response to the storm.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2016/02/02/us/winter-weather-iowa-nebraska/index.html>

7. *February 3, KWTW 9 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Highway shut down in Carter County due to fatal collision.** State Highway 53 in Carter County was closed for approximately 3 hours February 2 after a vehicle rolled off the roadway and struck a fence, killing the driver upon impact.

Source: <http://www.news9.com/story/31125221/highway-shut-down-in-carter-county-due-to-fatal-collision>

8. *February 2, KCRA 3 Sacramento* – (California) **I-80 in Sacramento reopens after major-injury crash.** Eastbound lanes of Interstate 80 in Sacramento were closed for several hours February 2 while officials investigated the scene of a 2-vehicle crash involving a semi-truck and another vehicle that sent both drivers to the hospital.

Source: <http://www.kcra.com/news/local-news/news-sacramento/crash-shuts-down-all-lanes-of-eb-i80-in-sacramento/37770530>

9. *February 2, KSBW 8 Salinas* – (California) **Watsonville DMV reopens after evacuation.** The Department of Motor Vehicles in Watsonville was evacuated February 2 after California Highway Patrol officials found a suspicious bottle filled with liquid and a metal rod. The office reopened four hours later February 2 after the Monterey County Sheriff's bomb squad determined the bottle was not explosive or

dangerous.

Source: <http://www.ksbw.com/news/watsonville-dmv-evacuated/37776152>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

10. *February 2, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **European Natural Food & Trading Co. Inc. issues allergy alert on undeclared sulfites in product.** European Natural Food & Trading Co, Inc., issued a recall February 1 for its Brian’s Cauliflower products sold in 83-ounce glass jars after sampling and analysis revealed the presence of undeclared sulfites. The products were distributed to retail locations in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Jersey.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm484311.htm>
11. *February 1, Harrisburg Patriot-News* – (Pennsylvania) **York County power plant glitch kills more than a thousand fish in Susquehanna River.** An operational glitch at the Brunner Island Steam Electric Station in York County, Pennsylvania, January 30 shocked and killed approximately 1,200 fish after a unit unexpectedly shut down and discharged cold water into the Susquehanna River. Officials stated that the glitch was thermal and did not involve chemicals.
Source: http://www.pennlive.com/news/2016/02/power_plant_brunner_island_dea.html

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

Nothing to report

Government Facilities Sector

12. *February 3, WIVB 4 Buffalo* – (New York) **2 Chautauqua County schools closed due to power outages.** Silver Creek and Forestville Central School Districts in New York were closed February 3 due to power outages caused by windy weather conditions across the State.
Source: <http://wivb.com/2016/02/03/2-chautauqua-county-schools-closed-due-to-power-outages/>
13. *February 2, Associated Press* – (International) **Guilty plea in attempted cyberattack on US govt. computers.** A former U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) scientist pleaded guilty February 2 and admitted to an attempted cyberattack on U.S. government computers where he spear-phished U.S. Department of Energy employees with emails that he thought contained a virus in order to extract sensitive information on nuclear weapons that could be passed to a foreign country. The former NRC scientist entered a foreign embassy in the Philippines and offered to sell more than

5,000 addresses of government employees in exchange for over \$18,000.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/02/02/guilty-plea-in-attempted-cyber-attack-on-us-govt-computers.html>

14. *February 2, Jackson Sun* – (Tennessee) **Crockett Co. homes, high school damaged in storm.** A severe storm February 2 that produced strong winds damaged several buildings on the Crockett County High School and middle school campus and prompted the closure of all public schools in the county February 3. Officials are assessing the total amount of damage to determine when schools will reopen.
Source: <http://www.jacksonsun.com/story/weather/2016/02/02/storm-damage-reported-crockett-county/79721842/>
15. *February 1, Fresno Bee* – (California) **Fresno County responsible for pipeline explosion, state PUC says.** The California Public Utilities Commission determined February 1 that Fresno County is responsible for an April 2015 explosion at the Fresno County Sheriff's Foundation shooting range after a county worker driving a front loader struck a gas pipeline that was buried in the path where he was digging, causing about \$1.95 million worth of damage. The commission found that the State failed to determine whether there was a pipeline in the area and that Pacific Gas & Electric Co., and the owner of the pipeline, had not violated laws or regulations which may have contributed to the accident that killed 1 man and injured 13 others.
Source: <http://www.fresnobee.com/news/local/article57800368.html>

For additional stories, see items [1](#), [6](#), and [25](#)

Emergency Services Sector

16. *February 3, Scranton Times-Tribune* – (Pennsylvania) **Half of prison tests negative for TB; remaining results expected Wednesday.** The Lackawanna County Prison in Pennsylvania is scheduled to lift its lockdown February 4 after officials reported February 2 that more than 50 percent of inmates and employees tested negative for tuberculosis. The prison was locked down January 29 after one inmate tested positive for a contagious disease, and authorities stated that the remainder of the test results were expected to be released February 3.
Source: <http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/half-of-prison-tests-negative-for-tb-remaining-results-expected-wednesday-1.2002758>
17. *February 2, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Illinois) **Pinckneyville, Ill., fire district bookkeeper stole \$450,000.** The former bookkeeper of the Pinckneyville Rural Fire Protection District in Illinois pleaded guilty February 2 to stealing more than \$450,000 in public funds after she used checks from the district account for personal expenses and to make payments on her credit cards from 2004 – 2013. The former bookkeeper falsified records to hide her actions.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/pinckneyville-ill-fire-district-bookkeeper-stole/article_b3e7d0b9-2ca1-53e8-ae68-9521906853f2.html
18. *February 2, KLAS 8 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Metro restores 911 service after**

malfunction. Emergency 9-1-1 and 3-1-1 services in Clark County, Nevada, were down for more than 6 hours February 2 due to a communications failure. Officials are investigating the cause of the system failure.

Source: <http://www.lasvegasnow.com/news/metro-restores-911-service-after-malfunction>

Information Technology Sector

19. *February 3, Softpedia* – (International) **Dual-Mode DMA ransomware cracked, users can recover files for free.** Security researchers from Malwarebytes discovered a flaw in the DMA ransomware that could allow victims to decrypt their encrypted files without paying the ransomware after discovering that the ransomware’s encryption key was hard-coded in its binary, allowing victims to re-download the malicious file and input the encryption key inside the ransom note to unlock their files.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/dual-mode-dma-ransomware-cracked-users-can-recover-files-for-free-499848.shtml>
20. *February 3, SecurityWeek* – (International) **WordPress 4.4.2 patches open redirect, SSRF flaws.** WordPress released version 4.4.2 for its content management system that patched an open redirection vulnerability, a server-side request forgery (SSRF) which affected certain local Uniform Resource Identifiers (URLs), and 17 flaws affecting WordPress versions 4.4 and 4.4.1.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/wordpress-442-patches-open-redirect-ssrf-flaws>
21. *February 3, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Comodo browser breaks security: Google researcher.** A researcher from Google found that the Chromodo web browser that comes installed with Comodo’s Internet Security product disables the same origin policy (SOP) and effectively turns off all Web security, allowing malicious scripts opened in one browser to interact with other windows and infect several systems. Comodo released a patch to fix the vulnerability, but researchers found the patch was ineffective.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/comodo-browser-breaks-security-google-researcher>
22. *February 2, Reuters* – (National) **Microsoft recalls 2.3 mln power cords sold with Surface Pro tablets.** Microsoft issued a recall February 2 for about 2.25 million of its AC power cords sold with certain models of the Microsoft Surface Pro convertible tablet devices after the company received a total of 61 consumer reports that the power cords overheated, emitted flames, and posed electrical shock hazards.
Source: <http://www.cnbc.com/2016/02/02/microsoft-recalls-23-mln-power-cords-sold-with-surface-pro-tablets.html>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@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: <http://www.it-isac.org>

Communications Sector

Nothing to report

Commercial Facilities Sector

23. *February 3, Help Net Security* – (International) **Security flaws discovered in smart toys and kids' watches.** Researchers from Rapid7 discovered that two Fisher-Price Internet of Things (IoT) devices such as the Smart Toy and the hereO GPS Platform had serious authentication process flaws in the devices platform's application program interface (API) calls, allowing attackers to extract user information such as children's names, date of birth, gender, and spoken language, as well as allow attackers to access a family member's location.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=19404>
24. *February 3, SecurityWeek* – (International) **eBay flaw exposes users to malware, phishing attacks.** Security researchers from Check Point reported February 2 that e-commerce giant, eBay had an input validation issue that could allow an attacker to set up an online eBay store and add malicious code to the item description section, and trick users into visiting the malicious page by sending users a link to attacker's eBay store. eBay reported there were no fraudulent activities related to the vulnerability.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/eBay-flaw-exposes-users-malware-phishing-attacks>
25. *February 3, Detroit News* – (International) **Highland Park issues boil water alert amid massive fire.** A February 3 fire at a Highland Park warehouse housing multiple businesses caused extensive damage to the facility, prompted an evacuation of surrounding areas, caused a boil water advisory for area residents, and closed the George Washington Carver Elementary school due to impact of the fire. Officials were working to determine the cause of the fire and were assessing the total amount of damages.
Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/wayne-county/2016/02/03/highland-park/79742504/>
26. *February 2, Associated Press* – (International) **Lumber Liquidators to pay more than \$13M for making flooring from illegally cut Mongolian oak trees.** The U.S. Department of Justice reported February 2 that Lumber Liquidators will pay more than \$13 million and will be on a 5-year probation period for illegally cutting Mongolian oak trees in Russia and importing the wood into China to make hardwood floors.

Officials reported the crime was the largest timber traffic violation under the Lacey Act.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/02/02/lumber-liquidators-to-pay-more-than-13m-for-making-flooring-from-illegally-cut-mongolian-oak-trees.html>

27. *February 2, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Man who allegedly posed as L.A. priest for years arrested, accused of defrauding churchgoers.** The Los Angeles Police Department reported February 2 that a man was arrested and charged with 22 felonies and 8 misdemeanors after he posed as a priest at St. Ignatius of Loyola parish in Highland Park for approximately 5 months, stealing several thousands of dollars from the congregation.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-fake-priest-bogus-trips-pope-francis-lapd--20160202-story.html>
28. *February 2, Park City Record* – (Utah) **Bomb threat forces Tanger Outlet Center evacuation.** A phone-in bomb threat at the Tanger Outlet Center in Park City, Utah, prompted over 100 people to evacuate the shopping area for nearly 2 hours January 30 while HAZMAT crews and canine bomb crews searched the facility for any explosive devices. No devices were found and officials are investigating the incident.
Source: http://www.parkrecord.com/summit_county-news/ci_29466158/bomb-threat-forces-tanger-outlet-center-evacuation

Dams Sector

29. *February 2, Johnson City Press* – (Tennessee) **Original Boone Dam sinkhole repaired; 24-hour work begins.** The Tennessee Valley Authority announced February 2 that a sinkhole causing low lake levels near the Boone Lake Dam was repaired and that a piezometer was installed to measure the pressure of ground water in specific points, allowing additional ground movement to be monitored.
Source: <http://www.johnsoncitypress.com/Local/2016/02/02/Original-Boone-Dam-sinkhole-repaired.html>
30. *February 1, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Repair work closes James R. Unruh Reservoir.** The James R. Unruh Reservoir in Tulsa was closed to the public February 1 while crews worked to lower the reservoir levels to repair the concrete joins and perform any additional maintenance.
Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/31111366/repair-work-closes-james-r-unruh-reservoir>



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