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- Southern California Gas Co., announced February 11 that it temporarily plugged an underground natural gas well in Los Angeles that was releasing methane into the air since the leak was first reported in October 2015. – *Associated Press* (See item [2](#))
- The FBI arrested 46 current and former correctional officers, 2 civilians, and 1 inmate at 9 facilities around Georgia February 11 in connection to an alleged drug trafficking scheme. – *CNN* (See item [19](#))
- A 5-alarm fire at the Veterans Industrial Park in New Jersey caused extensive damage to the facility, closed Route 206, and prompted several fire departments to extinguish the blaze February 11. – *Somerset County Courier News* (See item [23](#))
- The FBI and the Columbus police are investigating a February 11 incident after a man armed with a machete knife attacked and injured four patrons inside the Nazareth Mediterranean Cuisine restaurant in Ohio. – *Fox News* (See item [24](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *February 12, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Connecticut’s last coal-fired power plant to be closed.** PSEG reached an agreement February 11 with Bridgeport, Connecticut city officials to permanently shut down its Bridgeport Harbor Station by July 2021 and replace it with a new cleaner-burning natural gas facility pending the approval of necessary permits.
Source: <http://www.courant.com/community/bridgeport/hc-last-ct-coal-plant-20160211-story.html>
2. *February 12, Associated Press* – (California) **California natural gas leak plugged after 16 weeks.** Southern California Gas Co., announced February 11 that it temporarily plugged an underground natural gas well in the Porter Ranch community in the San Fernando Valley that was releasing methane into the air since the leak was first reported in October 2015. The well still requires a permanent seal with cement and must undergo an inspection by California regulators.
Source:
http://www.oregonlive.com/today/index.ssf/2016/02/california_natural_gas_leak_pl.html

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *February 12, Associated Press* – (Ohio; Pennsylvania) **Nuclear plants in Ohio, Pennsylvania closed for repairs.** Officials reported February 12 that 1300-megawatt FirstEnergy nuclear reactor in Perry, Ohio, was shut down the week of February 8 and that 900-megawatt nuclear plant in Hookstown, Pennsylvania, was shut down the week of February 1 due to malfunctioned automated valves and overheating in the condensers’ water.
Source: <http://www.whio.com/ap/ap/pennsylvania/nuclear-plants-in-ohio-pennsylvania-closed-for-rep/nqN9H/>
4. *February 11, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **NRC: Nuclear plant employee skipped assigned fire watches.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reported February 11 that a Federal investigation at the Entergy-owned Pilgrim nuclear power plant in Plymouth found a former security officer had missed more than 200 fire watches from 2012 – 2014 and falsified records to make it appear as if they were completed. The NRC is assessing whether a civil fine will be administered to Entergy Corp.
Source: <http://wwlp.com/2016/02/11/nrc-nuclear-plant-employee-skipped-assigned-fire-watches/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

5. *February 11, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (California; Minnesota) **SEC: California man sold investors phony stock to pay gambling debts.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission announced criminal charges against an unregistered broker based in Oceanside, California, February 11 after he allegedly stole approximately \$1.9 million from more than 100 investors since 2012 by misrepresenting to investors in California and Minnesota that he would sell them his personally-owned securities in ICB International, Inc., a La Jolla-based medical device company. Instead, the unregistered broker sold more securities than he owned, sent the investors phony stock certificates and confirmation documents, and spent the investors' money on gambling debts and personal living expenses.
Source: <https://www.sec.gov/news/pressrelease/2016-28.html>

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Transportation Systems Sector

6. *February 12, WCBD 2 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **Highway patrol investigating fatal accident in Colleton County.** Cottageville Highway in Colleton County was shut down for more than 4 hours February 12 while officials investigated the scene of a 2-vehicle crash that killed 1 driver.
Source: <http://counton2.com/2016/02/12/highway-patrol-investigating-fatal-accident-in-colleton-county/>
7. *February 12, KATU 2 Portland* – (Hawaii) **Mid-air malfunction causes PDX-bound plane to turn around over Pacific Ocean.** Alaska Airlines flight 862 in route to Oregon from Hawaii was forced to turn around and make an emergency landing in Hawaii February 11 due to a plane malfunction. Passengers were transported to a new plane and arrived at the Portland International Airport February 12.
Source: <http://katu.com/news/local/mid-air-malfunction-causes-pdx-bound-plane-to-turn-around-over-pacific-ocean>
8. *February 12, WTVT 13 Tampa* – (Florida) **Two killed in wrong-way I-275 crash.** Interstate 275 in Tampa was closed for more than 3 hours February 12 while crews worked to clear the wreckage from a fatal 2-vehicle crash that killed 2 drivers.
Source: <http://www.fox13news.com/news/local-news/89320300-story>
9. *February 11, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **Bomb scare prompts**

- evacuation at O'side DMV.** The State of California Department of Motor Vehicles in Oceanside was closed for about 2 hours February 11 after a man left a suspicious case near a patrol car at the department. Officials investigated the case and deemed it safe after finding the item was an ammunition canister filled with old computer hard drives. Source: <http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2016/feb/11/ammunition-canister-bomb-scare-oceanside-dmv/>
10. *February 11, KHTS 1220 AM Canyon Country* – (California) **Motorcyclist killed in collision on Sierra Highway, investigation ongoing.** A fatal 2-vehicle crash involving a motorcycle and another vehicle shut down Sierra Highway in Santa Clarita for more than 3 hours February 11 while officials investigated the cause of the crash. Source: <http://www.hometownstation.com/santa-clarita-news/traffic/motorcyclist-killed-in-collision-on-sierra-highway-investigation-ongoing-167018>
11. *February 11, Associated Press* – (California) **Plane lands safely in Los Angeles after declaring emergency.** An American Airlines flight en route to Phoenix from San Jose was forced to make an emergency landing in Los Angeles February 11 after the plane experienced a mechanical problem. Source: <http://www.fireengineering.com/ap-news/2016/02/11/plane-lands-safely-in-los-angeles-after-declaring-emergency.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *February 11, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Michigan adds 4 counties to emerald ash borer quarantine.** Officials from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development reported that Baraga, Dickinson, Marquette, and Menominee counties in the Upper Peninsula were added to the ash borer quarantine February 10 after the ash borer bug was detected in traps in Dickinson and Marquette counties. The quarantine prohibits the movement of certain wood products out of the quarantined area without approval. Source: http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/michigan-adds-counties-to-emerald-ash-borer-quarantine/article_c23fbd13-42af-5bd4-8017-429ecdf45ff7.html
13. *February 11, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Kansas) **Three workers suffer amputation, serious injuries at Schwan food processing facility.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Schwan's Global Supply Chain Inc., for three repeated, four serious, and one other-than-serious safety violations February 9 after three workers at the Salina, Kansas facility suffered amputations, lacerations, and/or burns in separate incidents, which prompted a Federal inspection that revealed the company exposed workers to amputation hazards and other serious work hazards. Proposed penalties total \$172,000. Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=29565

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

14. *February 11, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Sewage pours into Coldwater Creek after main break.** Officials announced February 11 that approximately 50,000 gallons of sewage poured into Coldwater Creek after a sewer main break occurred February 10 in Florissant due to heavy rains and flooding.
Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2016/02/11/sewage-pours-into-coldwater-creek-after-main-break/80238700/>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

15. *February 11, WKYT 27 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Health department releases latest numbers in Estill County Salmonella outbreak.** The Estill County Health Department in Kansas announced February 11 that it received 72 reports of gastrointestinal illness in the county, 35 of which have tested positive for Salmonella. Officials are awaiting more test results and are continuing to investigate the cause of the potential outbreak.
Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/content/news/Health-department-releases-latest-numbers-in-Estill-County-Salmonella-outbreak-368550591.html>
16. *February 9, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **91,000 state Medicaid clients warned of data breach.** An official with the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) reported February 9 that a former employee and a second individual who worked for the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), exchanged emails from 2013 – 2015 which contained the personal and private health information for more than 91,000 people enrolled in the State’s Apple Health Medicaid program. Authorities stated that the HCA employee asked the DSHS employee for technical assistance using spreadsheets containing the data and that none of the information was used for improper purposes.
Source: <http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/health/91000-state-medicaid-clients-warned-of-data-breach/>

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Government Facilities Sector

17. *February 12, WTXF 29 Philadelphia; Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Mystery illness sickens 192 students at Pennsylvania college.** Classes were cancelled and dining halls were shut down for the remainder of February 11 through February 12 at Ursinus College in Norristown, Pennsylvania following an outbreak of gastro-intestinal illness that sickened 192 students, staff, and faculty members. The college is working with the Montgomery County Health Department to investigate the source of the illness.
Source: <http://www.fox29.com/news/88431566-story>

18. *February 11, WEWS 5 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Brothers charged with operating \$4 million food stamp fraud conspiracy from Cleveland store.** Three brothers were charged February 11 for their roles in a \$4 million fraudulent U.S. Department of Agriculture Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program scheme operated through their Cleveland-based business, Holyland Imported Goods, from 2003 – 2015. The trio used the business to exchange customer food stamps for cash and other unauthorized items, then used the food stamps at grocery stores to purchase inventory for their business. Source: <http://www.newsnet5.com/news/local-news/cleveland-metro/brothers-charged-with-operating-4-million-food-stamp-fraud-conspiracy-from-cleveland-store>

Emergency Services Sector

19. *February 12, CNN* – (Georgia) **‘Staggering corruption’: 46 correctional officers charged in years-long drug trafficking sting.** The FBI arrested 46 current and former correctional officers, 2 civilians, and 1 inmate at 9 facilities around Georgia February 11 in connection to an alleged drug trafficking scheme where prison guards and staff smuggled in contraband and let inmates use illegal cell phones to commit crimes in exchange for thousands of dollars in bribes. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2016/02/11/politics/fbi-georgia-correctional-drug-trafficking/index.html>

Information Technology Sector

20. *February 11, Softpedia* – (International) **Fake Netflix apps deliver banking trojans.** Symantec security researchers reported that a new malware campaign was targeting Netflix users in an effort to gain victims’ Netflix credentials and to steal users’ credit card data to make fraudulent purchases by tricking victims into believing the campaign is a company method of accessing online content at a cheaper rate. The malware steals information by using ads to redirect victims to a direct download Web site embedded with a banking trojan, Infostealer.Banload that steals credentials. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/fake-netflix-apps-deliver-banking-trojans-500300.shtml>
21. *February 11, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Flaws found in tollgrade power distribution monitoring product.** Tollgrade Communications released software updates patching four vulnerabilities for its LightHouse Sensor Management System (SMS) used by energy corporations after a security researcher found flaws similar to a cross-site scripting (XSS) flaw, an information disclosure flaw, insecure credentials, and a cross-site request forgery (CSRF) flaw that can allow unauthenticated attackers to execute commands on an authenticated users’ behalf and gain access to their accounts, among other malicious actions. Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/flaws-found-tollgrade-power-distribution-monitoring-product>

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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

22. *February 12, Softpedia* – (International) **Bad UI design sabotages security of ASUS SoHo routers.** An independent researcher reported that a design flaw in the Web administrative panel in 122,000 ASUS SoHo routers running ASUSWRT firmware unintentionally exposed devices to the Internet even after users configured the device as private, allowing attackers to access the devices' administrator login via Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) and control the device if the default username and password were still intact. Researchers advised users to leave their firmware firewall on and have the "Enable Web Access from WAN" setting left on "No."
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/bad-ui-design-sabotages-security-of-asus-soho-routers-500330.shtml>

Commercial Facilities Sector

23. *February 12, Somerset County Courier News* – (New Jersey) **Hillsborough mayor on warehouse fire: 'It's going to be a tough night.'** A 5-alarm fire at the Veterans Industrial Park in Hillsborough caused extensive damage to the facility, closed Route 206, caused power outages to 48 customers, and prompted several fire departments to extinguish the blaze February 11. One firefighter sustained minor injuries and officials are investigating the cause of the incident.
Source: <http://www.mycentraljersey.com/story/news/crime/jersey-mayhem/2016/02/11/firefighters-battling-large-fire-hillsborough/80246076/>
24. *February 12, Fox News* – (Ohio) **At least 4 injured in machete attack at Ohio restaurant.** The Columbus police reported February 11 that the Nazareth Mediterranean Cuisine restaurant was evacuated and closed after a man armed with a machete knife attacked restaurant patrons, injuring four people. Police crews killed the culprit after finding him 5 miles away from the restaurant, and the FBI is investigating the incident.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/02/12/ohio-police-kill-man-who-allegedly-attacked-people-with-machete.html>
25. *February 11, KNXV 15 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **80 residents displaced after apartment fire in Phoenix.** Eighty residents from The Standard on 29th apartment complex in Phoenix were evacuated and displaced February 11 after a 2-alarm fire began on a second floor unit and spread to surrounding units. The cause of the fire is under investigation and no injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.abc15.com/news/region-phoenix-metro/central-phoenix/phoenix->

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