



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 08 March 2016

### Top Stories

- The Metro Gold Line in Pasadena, California, reopened March 7 after a semi-truck traveling westbound on the 210 Freeway lost control and crashed on the tracks March 6, closing the tracks for about 24 hours. – *San Francisco Bay City News* (See item [7](#))
- 21st Century Oncology Holdings Inc., announced March 4 that the personal and medical information of 2.2 million patients may have been copied and transferred following an October 2015 breach of its computer network. – *Reuters* (See item [18](#))
- At least seven schools in northern Virginia, an entire school district in Maine, and schools in New Jersey received bomb threats via robocalls March 4, prompting evacuations or lockdowns. – *Washington Post* (See item [19](#))
- Seagate Technology reported that its employees' personal information was compromised after a phishing email disguised as a legitimate internal company request prompted an employee to disclose employee data to an unauthorized third party. – *CNBC* (See item [20](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *March 5, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* – (Alaska) **Fire shuts down recently recommissioned Healy power plant.** A March 3 fire inside Unit 2 at the Golden Valley Electric Association-owned Healy Power Plant in Fairbanks prompted the indefinite closure of Unit 2 while the fire remains under investigation and the temporary closure of Unit 1. Officials reported that the fire began when an unknown heat source ignited a buildup of coal dust in the air.  
Source: [http://www.newsminer.com/news/local\\_news/fire-shuts-down-healy-coal-plant/article\\_7859352a-e2af-11e5-bbf8-778edbaf8bcc.html](http://www.newsminer.com/news/local_news/fire-shuts-down-healy-coal-plant/article_7859352a-e2af-11e5-bbf8-778edbaf8bcc.html)
2. *March 5, KPRC 2 Houston* – (Texas) **1 person injured in plant explosion in Pasadena.** A March 5 explosion in the Diesel Hydrotreating Unit at the Pasadena Refining System Inc. plant in Texas left one person injured and forced the closure of the Houston Ship Channel for approximately 4 hours while the fire was brought under control. Authorities determined that air quality levels were normal and no external impacts were identified.  
Source: <http://www.ksat.com/news/texas/1-person-injured-in-explosion-at-plant-in-pasadena>
3. *March 4, Charlotte Business Journal* – (North Carolina) **Regulators cite Duke Energy for coal-ash leaks at 12 plants.** The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality reported March 4 that it issued notices to Duke Energy claiming that the utility is subject to fines and penalties for improper leaks in coal ash ponds at 12 current and former coal plants around the State. Authorities allege that wastewater from the coal ash ponds at the plants leaked into nearby bodies of water.  
Source: [http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/power\\_city/2016/03/regulators-cite-duke-energy-for-coal-ash-leaks-at.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/power_city/2016/03/regulators-cite-duke-energy-for-coal-ash-leaks-at.html)

## Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *March 7, WHNS 21 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Transformer at Oconee Nuclear Station catches fire, cause still unknown.** Oconee County Emergency Management reported that an unusual event was declared at the Oconee Nuclear Station on Lake Keowee March 6 due to a transformer fire in the Unit 1 switchyard, which caused Unit 1 to be shut down indefinitely. The fire was extinguished and officials are conducting an investigation to determine the cause of the blaze.  
Source: <http://www.newswest9.com/story/31398906/transformer-at-oconee-nuclear-station-catches-fire>
5. *March 4, Portsmouth Herald* – (New Hampshire) **Seabrook nuclear plant reactor shuts down.** A U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission official reported March 4 that NextEra Energy's Seabrook Station nuclear power plant reactor was shut down March

2 due to a malfunction in the plant's turbine. Officials are investigating the cause of the incident and reported that the plant is in a safe shutdown condition and poses no safety issues to the public.

Source: <http://www.fosters.com/article/20160304/NEWS/160309668>

## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Financial Services Sector**

6. *March 5, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota; Wisconsin) **Stillwater investment adviser admits cheating clients out of \$2.6M.** A former investment adviser at Alternative Wealth Solutions pleaded guilty March 1 to Federal charges after he bilked approximately 50 investors in Minnesota and Wisconsin out of nearly \$2.6 million and used the money to cover promised returns to other investors and for personal expenses. The adviser also admitted to creating counterfeit secured notes as proof of investment. Source: <http://www.startribune.com/stillwater-investment-adviser-admits-cheating-clients-out-of-2-6m/370818241/#>

## **Transportation Systems Sector**

7. *March 7, San Francisco Bay City News* – (California) **Metro Gold Line service resumes after fiery crash is cleared.** Both sides of the Metro Gold Line in Pasadena, California, reopened March 7 after a semi-truck traveling westbound on the 210 Freeway lost control, crashed, and caught fire on the Metro's tracks March 6, closing the tracks for about 24 hours. All lanes of the 210 Freeway reopened after closing for 12 hours and one person was sent to the hospital with minor injuries. Source: <http://www.sgvtribune.com/general-news/20160307/metro-gold-line-service-resumes-after-fiery-crash-is-cleared>
8. *March 7, KXAN 36 Austin* – (Texas) **Four victims identified in fatal crash on US 290 near McDade.** The eastbound lanes of Highway 290 in McDade, Texas, were closed for 3 hours March 4 after a vehicle traveling westbound swerved into the eastbound lanes and struck another vehicle head on. Four people were killed and two others were airlifted to an area hospital. Source: <http://kxan.com/2016/03/04/3-dead-in-bastrop-co-crash-on-hwy-290-in-mcdade/>
9. *March 6, WXII 12 Winston-Salem* – (North Carolina) **Man killed, woman injured in Kernersville motorcycle crash.** U.S. Route 421 north in Kernersville, North Carolina, was closed for more than 3 hours March 6 after a motorcycle lost control and crashed into a guardrail in the median. One person was killed and another was transported to an

area hospital with severe injuries.

Source: <http://www.wxii12.com/news/man-killed-woman-injured-in-kernersville-motorcycle-crash/38375386>

10. *March 5, KTUU 2 Anchorage* – (Alaska) **Glenn, New Seward highways fully reopened, police say.** Winter storms caused multiple accidents in Alaska March 4 including a 15-vehicle collision that prompted the closure of the inbound lanes of Glenn Highway near Boniface for approximately 5 hours. Officials also shut down northbound lanes of New Seward Highway near Dowling Road for 4 hours March 4 due to multiple vehicle collisions.  
Source: <http://www.ktuu.com/news/news/rare-snowfall-hits-anchorage-car-accidents-follow/38344272>
11. *March 5, WPRI 12 Providence* – (Rhode Island) **State police: Siblings killed in Pawtucket crash.** Interstate 95 northbound in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, was closed for more than 2 hours March 5 while crews worked to clear the wreckage from a multi-vehicle crash that left 2 people dead and 1 other injured.  
Source: <http://wpri.com/2016/03/05/authorities-respond-to-bad-crash-on-i-95-in-pawtucket/>

## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

12. *March 6, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Perdue Foods LLC, recalls chicken nugget products due to possible foreign matter contamination.** Perdue Foods LLC issued a recall March 5 for approximately 4,530 pounds of its Applegate Naturals Chicken Nuggets products sold in 8-ounce packages after the company received consumer complaints of extraneous plastic materials found in the products. The products were shipped to retail distribution centers in seven States.  
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/recall-023-2016-release>
13. *March 5, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Washington) **Voluntary recall of Cheese and Fruit Bistro Box for undisclosed allergen.** Gretchen's Shoebox Express issued a voluntary recall March 5 for its Cheese & Fruit Bistro Box due to undeclared cashews after an ingredient supplier issued a recall for a specific lot of almonds that may contain cashews and were used to construct the bistro boxes. The products were distributed to Starbucks Corporation retail locations in Washington State.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm489317.htm>
14. *March 4, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Progressive Gourmet Inc. issues alert on Sausage Egg Cheese Muffin because of possible health risk.** Progressive Gourmet Inc., issued a recall March 4 for its Sausage, Egg, and Cheddar Cheese on English Muffin breakfast sandwich products sold in 6-ounce packages after routine testing revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* on a contact surface in the production facility. The products were distributed to Starbucks Corporation retail locations in Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm489311.htm>

15. *March 4, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Voluntary recall of non organic GoGo squeeZ applesauce pouches.** Materne North America Corp., issued a voluntary recall March 4 for specific packages of its GoGo squeeZ applesauce pouch products after routine inspection found the presence of food product residue in two product pumps at the company's production facility in Michigan. The product's production has been suspended and health officials are investigating the source of the contamination.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm489314.htm>

## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

16. *March 4, WPXI 15 Mobile* – (Alabama) **2,000 gallons of sewage spilled into Tiawassee Creek.** The Baldwin County Health Department reported March 4 that a March 3 sewage spill discharged approximately 2,000 gallons of sewage into the Tiawassee Creek after a contractor conducting restoration work along the creek for the City of Daphne damaged a sewer main. Officials advised residents to be wary of using the creek for recreational purposes, to thoroughly cook seafood caught near the area, and to wash hands after handling seafood.  
Source: <http://local15tv.com/news/local/2000-gallons-of-sewage-spilled-into-tiawassee-creek>

For another story, see item [2](#)

## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

17. *March 6, Dallas Business Journal* – (Texas) **Dallas doctor and Forest Park co-founder guilty in \$10M medical fraud scheme.** A Dallas anesthesiologist and co-founder of the Forest Park Medical Center system was found guilty of fraud March 3 following charges that he committed a \$10 million health care fraud scheme by submitting falsified payment claims to private and Federal healthcare companies and insurers over an 18-month-period in 2009 and 2010.  
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/dallas/news/2016/03/05/dallas-doctor-and-forest-park-co-founder-guilty-in.html>
18. *March 4, Reuters* – (National) **21st Century Oncology says investigating cyber breach.** 21st Century Oncology Holdings Inc., announced March 4 that the personal and medical information of 2.2 million current and former patients may have been copied and transferred after the FBI notified the company of a potential October 2015 breach of its computer network. The investigation into the potential breach remains ongoing.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-21stcenturyoncology-breach-idUSKCN0W629M>

## **Government Facilities Sector**

19. *March 4, Washington Post* – (Virginia; New Jersey; Maine) **Telephone bomb threats**

**prompt numerous school evacuations and lockdowns in Va., N.J.** At least seven schools in northern Virginia, an entire school district in Augusta, Maine, and schools in a dozen districts in New Jersey received bomb threats via robocalls March 4, prompting evacuations or lockdowns. Police investigated and cleared the scene after nothing suspicious was found at any of the campuses.

Source: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/education/wp/2016/03/04/telephone-bomb-threats-prompt-numerous-school-evacuations-and-lockdowns/>

## **Emergency Services Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Information Technology Sector**

20. *March 7, CNBC* – (National) **Scam artists hit Seagate Technology.** Cupertino-based Seagate Technology reported that its current and former employees' personal information including tax information, Social Security numbers, and salaries were compromised after a phishing email disguised as a legitimate internal company request prompted an employee to disclose employee data to an unauthorized third party. The company notified the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is offering an identify-theft protection service to those affected.  
Source: <http://www.cnbc.com/2016/03/07/seagate-technology-discloses-key-tax-data-of-us-employees.html>
21. *March 6, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Amazon changes stance on encryption for fire tablets.** Amazon.com, Inc., reported March 5 that it will be returning its Kindle Fire devices to full disk encryption and will be releasing the security feature with a Fire operating system (OS) update. The company previously removed the enterprise features in 2015 due to low customer usage.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/amazon-changes-stance-encryption-fire-tablets>
22. *March 6, Softpedia* – (International) **First fully functional Mac ransomware spread via transmission BitTorrent client.** Researchers from Palo Alto reported that the official Transmission BitTorrent Web site used by Mac customers was allegedly hacked after researchers found that the Transmission Web site was replaced for Mac version 2.90, which came embedded with the KeRanger ransomware. The ransomware targets over 300 file extension types, uses Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) encryption to lock files, and demands a 1 Bitcoin payment fee.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/first-fully-functional-mac-ransomware-spread-via-transmission-bittorrent-client-501411.shtml>
23. *March 5, Softpedia* – (International) **Popular WordPress plugin comes with a backdoor, steals site admin credentials.** Security researchers from Sucuri discovered that an unknown attacker named wooranker was able to control WordPress user login, create and edit commands, and intercept user data before encryption, among other actions, by using a popular WordPress plugin, Custom Content Type Manager (CCTM). The attacker used the plugin to install an auto-update.php backdoor, forcing

the target's side to download and install another file named c.php, which would create wp-options.php to alter core WordPress files.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/popular-wordpress-plugin-comes-with-a-backdoor-steals-site-admin-credentials-501383.shtml>

### **Internet Alert Dashboard**

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [soc@us-cert.gov](mailto: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**

24. *March 7, Reuters* – (National) **Verizon Wireless to pay \$1.35 million fine to settle U.S. privacy probe.** The U.S. Federal Communications Commission announced March 7 that Verizon Communications Inc., will pay a \$1.35 million fine after the commission found that the company's wireless unit violated the privacy of more than 100 million users by failing to disclose that it sent data about supercookies, unique, undeletable identifiers inserted into Web traffic to deliver targeted ads, from late 2012 through 2014. The company agreed to a three-year consent decree which requires consumers to opt in to allow their information to be shared outside Verizon Wireless.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-verizon-fcc-settlement-idUSKCN0W91W7>

## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

25. *March 7, WLS 7 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Harvey church fire investigated as arson.** The Harvey Police Department, the Illinois State fire marshal, and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives are investigating a March 6 fire at the Just Faith Full Gospel Church in Harvey that destroyed the building. The incident was contained and one firefighter sustained minor injuries.

Source: <http://abc7chicago.com/news/harvey-church-fire-investigated-as-arson/1234112/>

26. *March 7, WTVR 6 Richmond* – (Virginia) **26 displaced after fire destroys West End apartment building.** The Chase Gayton complex in Henrico County, Virginia, sustained extensive damage March 6 due to a fire that displaced 26 residents. Officials are investigating the cause of the incident.

Source: <http://wtvr.com/2016/03/06/chase-gayton-apartment-fire-update/>

## **Dams Sector**

Nothing to report



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