



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 17 March 2016

### Top Stories

- The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) reported that its 6 transit lines and 91 rail stations will be shut down for approximately 29 hours March 16 – March 17 while crews conduct inspections on 600 “jumper cables.” – *USA Today* (See item [5](#))
- Authorities arrested and charged two Margaretville, New York residents March 16 for allegedly stealing more than 3,000 hydrocodone and oxycodone tablets from Miller’s Drug Store in February. – *Oneonta Daily Star* (See item [15](#))
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released voluntary guidelines March 15 urging health care providers to limit opioid prescriptions for patients and offer alternative treatments for chronic pain. – *Wall Street Journal* (See item [18](#))
- Phantom and Enterprise Strategy Group (ESG) released a report stating that 74 percent of large companies regularly disregard security alerts due to the increase in information technology (IT) activities that pull staff from daily workflow tasks. – *SecurityWeek* (See item [23](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *March 15, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Texas oil company shuts wells in New Mexico after spill.** Texas-based Siana Operations temporarily shut down its oil and disposal wells in New Mexico March 15 and filed for a remediation permit following a spill at a wastewater injection well near the town of Eunice. State regulators reported that although the company's lease had expired at the disposal site, operations continued without authorization.

Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/news/business/article66128147.html>

2. *March 15, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Crews repairing troubled Washington County fuel pipeline.** West Shore Pipe Line Co., announced that it is repairing sections of its regional fuel pipeline within the Jackson Marsh Wildlife Area near Cedar Creek in Wisconsin, following an internal inspection of the pipeline which determined there was degraded metal in the line. The company stated that the repair work is precautionary and routine maintenance.

Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/ozwash/crews-repairing-troubled-washington-county-fuel-pipeline-b99687813z1-372119091.html>

## Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

## Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

## Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

## Financial Services Sector

3. *March 15, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (International) **SEC charges operator of Ponzi scheme that claimed to offer “bridge loans” to Jamaican businesses.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission announced March 15 that Federal officials arrested a Miami resident March 13 for allegedly operating a \$10 million Ponzi scheme where he solicited over 21 investors across 6 States and Washington, D.C. by claiming their money would be used for “bridge loans” to Jamaican businesses awaiting funds from bank loans, and touting investment opportunities and investment-funded projects in Jamaica via YouTube videos. The investment funds were instead used to pay other investors and for personal expenses.

Source: <https://www.sec.gov/news/pressrelease/2016-55.html>

4. *March 15, KBAK 29 Bakersfield/KBFX 58 Bakersfield* – (National) **Securities and Exchange Commission: Bakersfield Investment Club a fraud.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission announced the week of March 7 charges against the chief executive officer (CEO) of Bakersfield Investment Club in California after he ran a \$11 million fraudulent investment scheme where he purchased real estate and businesses with money from over 400 investors and titled the properties in his name in order to defraud investors and use the money to fund personal expenses.  
Source: <http://bakersfieldnow.com/news/investigations/sec-bakersfield-investment-club-a-fraud>

## **Transportation Systems Sector**

5. *March 16, USA Today* – (Maryland; Virginia; Washington, D.C.) **Washington, D.C., subway to close for 29 hours for inspection.** The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) reported that its 6 transit lines and 91 rail stations, which carry more than 700,000 passengers will be shut down for approximately 29 hours March 16 – March 17 while crews conduct inspections on 600 “jumper cables” in the system following an unexpected fire at the McPherson Square station March 14.  
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2016/03/15/reports-washington-dc-metro-close-24-hours-inspection/81823344/>
6. *March 15, KRCR 7 Redding/Chico* – (California) **Highway 3 closed after road collapse in Trinity County.** Two Trinity County highways were closed March 14 including Highway 3 near Weaverville which was closed indefinitely due to a road collapse. Officials also closed a portion of Highway 36 near Forest Glen for several hours March 14 due to a mudslide.  
Source: <http://www.krctr.com/news/local/highway-3-closed-after-road-collapse/38523956>
7. *March 15, Trussville Tribune* – (Alabama) **Alabama Highway 11 closed due to accident that damaged natural gas lines.** Alabama Highway 11 in Shelby County was closed indefinitely March 15 while crews worked to repair a gas line damaged by a multi-vehicle crash involving two semi-trucks and several other cars.  
Source: <http://www.trussvilletribune.com/2016/03/15/alabama-highway-11-closed-due-to-accident-that-damaged-natural-gas-line/>
8. *March 15, Kennewick Tri-City Herald* – (Oregon) **I-84 in Oregon reopens after possible hazardous spill.** Eastbound lanes of Interstate 84 in eastern Oregon were closed for several hours March 15 after two semi-trucks collided, causing a hazardous material to spill.  
Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/news/local/article66234277.html>
9. *March 15, Salem Area Wide News* – (Arkansas) **Fatal accident shuts highway in Northern Sharp County.** Highway 63 in Northern Sharp County was shut down for several hours March 14 after a vehicle veered off the roadway and overturned into Martin Creek, killing one person and leaving another injured. Officials were

investigating the crash.

Source: <http://www.areawidenews.com/story/2286400.html>

10. *March 15, Virginian-Pilot* – (Virginia) **Plane makes emergency landing at Norfolk International Airport.** American Airlines Flight AA3749 was forced to make an emergency landing at Norfolk International Airport March 15 after smoke began flowing in the cockpit. Airport officials inspected the aircraft and found no explicit cause for the smoke.

Source: [http://pilotonline.com/news/local/transportation/plane-makes-emergency-landing-at-norfolk-international-airport/article\\_2863c302-30c4-5e84-ac18-fc2e3d81e1c2.html](http://pilotonline.com/news/local/transportation/plane-makes-emergency-landing-at-norfolk-international-airport/article_2863c302-30c4-5e84-ac18-fc2e3d81e1c2.html)

11. *March 15, Bloomington Herald-Times* – (Indiana) **Semi crash spills steel coil, closes Ind. 37 northbound lanes during early morning commute.** Northbound lanes of Indiana State Route 37 were closed for about 5 hours March 15 after a semi-truck overturned and spilled its load of steel coil onto the roadway. No injuries were reported.

Source: [http://www.heraldtimesonline.com/news/local/semi-crash-spills-steel-coil-closes-ind-northbound-lanes-during/article\\_5ee4dec2-ea94-11e5-8411-9f01f703bfa1.html](http://www.heraldtimesonline.com/news/local/semi-crash-spills-steel-coil-closes-ind-northbound-lanes-during/article_5ee4dec2-ea94-11e5-8411-9f01f703bfa1.html)

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

## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

12. *March 16, Palm Beach Post*– (Florida) **Horse barn fire kills 12 horses; witness says ‘gates felt like fire.’** A March 16 fire at the South Florida Trotting Center in Boynton Beach caused significant damage to the barn, killed 12 horses, and sent 2 firefighters to an area hospital with injuries. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/fire-rescue-several-horses-trapped-inside-during-o/nqmQq/>

13. *March 16, KVIA 7 El Paso* – (Texas) **EPFD HazMat team responds to ammonia leak inside south-central ice company.** The Reddy Ice Holdings, Inc., facility in El Paso, Texas, was closed indefinitely and an adjacent business was evacuated March 15 after employees smelled ammonia, prompting a HAZMAT response. El Paso firefighters shut off all six ammonia valves in the facility and cleared the scene for decontamination.

Source: <http://www.kvia.com/news/epfd-hazmat-team-responds-to-ammonia-leak-inside-southcentral-ice-company/38540952>

14. *March 15, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New York) **Arctic Glacier USA exposed employees to serious chemical, electrical and exit hazards at Hicksville, Long Island ice plant.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Arctic Glacier U.S.A., Inc., for one repeat and seven serious safety violations March 15 after an investigation at the company’s Hicksville facility revealed deficiencies in the plant’s Process Safety Management program and the company’s failure to document that

equipment complied with recognized and accepted engineering practices, among other violations. Proposed penalties total \$67,000.

Source:

[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=30291](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=30291)

## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

15. *March 16, Oneonta Daily Star* – (New York) **Two accused of stealing Rx pills.** The Delaware County Sheriff’s Office arrested and charged two Margaretville residents March 16 for allegedly stealing more than 3,000 hydrocodone and oxycodone tablets from Miller’s Drug Store on Main Street overnight February 1 – February 2. The pair sold or consumed the pills and attempted to conceal and destroy other evidence.  
Source: [http://www.thedailystar.com/news/local\\_news/two-accused-of-stealing-rx-pills/article\\_ff556bf2-c9ca-5e48-b8cc-a329e03ffdaa.html](http://www.thedailystar.com/news/local_news/two-accused-of-stealing-rx-pills/article_ff556bf2-c9ca-5e48-b8cc-a329e03ffdaa.html)
16. *March 16, Topeka Capital-Journal* – (Kansas) **Topeka business to pay \$140,000 after settling lawsuit alleging improper file disposal.** Central Regional Dental Testing Service Inc., reached a settlement with the Office of the Kansas Attorney General March 16 after the Topeka business dumped files containing personal information of more than 900 customers and others in a dumpster outside of the building in March 2014. The company will pay a \$70,000 civil penalty and \$70,000 for investigation costs.  
Source: <http://cjonline.com/news/2016-03-15/business-pay-140000-after-settling-lawsuit-alleging-improper-file-disposal>
17. *March 16, KIRO 7 Seattle* – (Washington) **Northwest Hospital notifies patients who may have been exposed to Hepatitis B and C, HIV.** Northwest Hospital and Medical Center in Seattle alerted over 1,300 patients that they may have been exposed to Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV after a former surgical technologist was arrested and federally charged in February for allegedly switching out needles containing Fentanyl with needles containing other substances in Denver. Authorities believe that the former employee was infected with blood borne pathogens himself.  
Source: <http://www.kiro7.com/news/northwest-hospital-notifies-patients-who-may-have-been-exposed-to-hepatitis-b-and-c-hiv/163773069>
18. *March 15, Wall Street Journal* – (National) **CDC issues guidelines to limit opioid painkiller prescriptions.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released voluntary guidelines March 15 urging primary-care clinicians, doctors, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners to limit opioid prescriptions for patients and offer alternative treatments for chronic pain or prescribe the lowest effective dosage possible. The CDC also recommends limiting prescriptions to 3 – 7 day doses, among other guidelines.

Source: <http://www.wsj.com/articles/cdc-issues-guidelines-to-limit-opioid-painkiller-prescriptions-1458061340>

## **Government Facilities Sector**

19. *March 15, WDBJ 7 Roanoke* – (Virginia) **Blacksburg Middle School cleaning up fire and water damage.** Blacksburg Middle School in Virginia will remain closed March 15 – March 16 while crews continue to clean up damages from a March 14 fire caused by a lightning strike. School officials stated that a number of classrooms suffered extensive damage and will not be used for the remainder of the school year.

Source: <http://www.wdbj7.com/news/local/blacksburg-middle-school-cleaning-up-fire-and-water-damage/38533906>

## **Emergency Services Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Information Technology Sector**

20. *March 16, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Radamant C&C server manipulated to spew decryption keys.** Security researchers from InfoArmor reported that a flaw in Radamant ransomware's command and control (C&C) server could potentially allow researchers to decrypt victims' files without requiring user interaction by registering the infected machine within the malware control center via a Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) POST request. Researchers reported the request needs to contain public and private encryption keys, as well as a unique identifier of the bot to bypass the filter and avoid additional vulnerability exploits.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/radamant-cc-server-manipulated-spew-decryption-keys>

21. *March 16, The Register* – (International) **VMware vRealizes that vRealize has XSS bugs on Linux.** Virtzilla released its first maintenance updates in version 7.0.1 of its vRealize Automation product in Linux systems after discovering that a pair of cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities could compromise a user's workstation.

Source:

[http://www.theregister.co.uk/2016/03/16/vmware\\_vrealizes\\_that\\_vrealize\\_has\\_xss\\_bugs\\_on\\_linux/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2016/03/16/vmware_vrealizes_that_vrealize_has_xss_bugs_on_linux/)

22. *March 15, Infosecurity Magazine* – (International) **Amex investigates possible data breach.** American Express officials reported that it is investigating a potential data breach in California after one of its third-party service providers was compromised and potentially exposed customer names, account numbers, expiration dates, and other personal information. Officials reported the investigation was conducted as a precautionary measure.

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/amex-investigates-possible-data/>

23. *March 15, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Suffocating volume of security alerts**

**challenge incident response.** Phantom and Enterprise Strategy Group (ESG) released a report stating that 74 percent of large companies regularly disregard security alerts due to the increase in information technology (IT) activities that pull staff from daily workflow tasks. With the increase in IT activities, the report stated companies face challenges in monitoring incident response (IR) processes from end-to-end, maintaining the high volume of security alerts and external threat intelligence, and coordinating between information technology (IT) and security teams.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/incident-response-becoming-more-difficult-survey>

24. *March 15, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Google tracks use of HTTPS on top 100 websites.** Google released its transparency report March 15 that tracks the progress of encryption efforts for its own products and the world’s most visited Web sites, as well as includes a new tracking service that monitors the state of Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS) used on the world’s top 100 third-party Web sites.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/google-tracks-use-https-top-100-websites>

### **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**

Nothing to report

## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

25. *March 15, WKOW 27 Madison* – (Wisconsin) **Firefighters: Only grocery store in La Valle a total loss after fire.** The Bare Necessities Market in La Valle, Wisconsin, sustained extensive damaged and was considered a total loss March 15 after a fire spread throughout the building and prompted 10 different fire departments to contain the blaze. No injuries were reported and officials are investigating the cause of the incident.

Source: <http://www.wkow.com/story/31476204/2016/03/15/firefighters-deputies-at-scene-of-fire-at-sauk-county-grocery-store>

26. *March 14, Redding Record Searchlight* – (California) **Evacuations lifted in Palo Cedro propane-leak.** Several businesses and offices in downtown Palo Cedro were evacuated and closed for several hours March 14 after a fallen tree ruptured a propane line and caused a gas leak. California fire crews repaired the leak.

Source: <http://www.redding.com/news/local/Propane-leak-reported-in-Palo-Cedro-372015702.html>

**Dams Sector**

Nothing to report



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