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Energy Sector

1. *March 24, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Pipeline shut down in eastern North Dakota after gas leak.** Magellan Midstream Pipeline Company announced March 24 that it shut down a segment of its pipeline between Fargo and Grand Forks indefinitely due to a gasoline leak that spilled about 4,200 gallons of gasoline and prompted the evacuation of a home. Authorities are removing the contaminated soil and monitoring air quality.

Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/business/national-business/article67993167.html>

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *March 24, Autoblog.com* – (International) **Volkswagen and Porsche recall Touareg and Cayenne.** Volkswagen AG and Porsche AG issued a recall March 24 for a total of 135,000 of its model years 2011 – 2016 Touareg and Cayenne vehicles sold in the U.S. after internal inspections revealed that some of the vehicles were missing securing clips on the brake pedal hinge, which can cause the pedal pivot pin to move, lose guidance, and eventually fracture, thereby making it impossible to activate the brakes. The recall involves approximately 800,000 vehicles worldwide.

Source: <http://www.autoblog.com/2016/03/24/vw-touareg-porsche-cayenne-recall/>

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

3. *March 25, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Louisiana) **Louisiana check cashers plead guilty to conspiracy, tax charges and agree to forfeit \$4.12 million.** The two owners of VJ Discount Inc., in Kenner, Louisiana, pleaded guilty March 24 to Federal charges after the pair acted with co-conspirators to defraud the U.S. government and impair the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) by cashing fraudulently obtained tax refund checks at elevated rates, filing false reports with the government to conceal the illicit activity, and filing false tax returns that underreported business and individual income to the IRS, despite third-party check deposits totaling more than \$172 million from 2011 – 2013. As part of the guilty pleas, the duo agreed to forfeit \$4.12 million dollars.

Source: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/louisiana-check-cashers-plead-guilty-conspiracy-tax-charges-and-agree-forfeit-412-million-0>

4. *March 23, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey* – (New York) **New York man indicted in \$17 million Microcap stock manipulation scheme.** The founder of a New York-based registered broker-dealer was indicted on Federal charges March 23 after he allegedly orchestrated a \$17.2 million pump-and-dump stock market manipulation scheme where he and co-conspirators artificially inflated the stock prices of Raven Gold Corporation and Kentucky USA Energy Inc., by pumping the price of the two companies' shares through manipulative trading, dumping the stocks, and selling large amounts of the shares to investors at inflated rates, causing the companies' stock prices to drop and investors to suffer losses. Officials stated that two Canadian stock promoters have pleaded guilty for their involvement in the scheme.
Source: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/new-york-man-indicted-17-million-microcap-stock-manipulation-scheme>

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Transportation Systems Sector

5. *March 25, Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* – (Minnesota) **Explosion shakes western Minn. town after tanker truck-train collision.** A collision between a Canadian Pacific Railway train and a semi-truck transporting propane in Callaway, Minnesota, March 24 set off an explosion that caused 7 railcars and 1 locomotive to derail, injured 2 railroad employees, prompted the evacuation of about 200 residents, and closed a stretch of Highway 59 for several hours. Fire crews extinguished the blaze and residents were allowed to return home March 25.
Source: <http://www.inforum.com/news/accidents/3994161-video-explosion-shakes-western-minn-town-after-tanker-truck-train-collision>
6. *March 25, Sioux City Journal* – (Iowa) **1 injure in accident on Highway 75.** Highway 75 between County Road C70 and County Road C38 near Merrill was closed for approximately 3 hours March 24 while officials investigated the scene of a crash involving a semi-truck and another vehicle that sent two people to the hospital with injuries.
Source: http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/local/injured-in-accident-on-highway/article_d03bad4b-5459-5943-8c6d-68088319f96c.html
7. *March 24, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **Suspicious package at Norwalk Metrolink station deemed safe.** A suspicious package at the Norwalk-Santa Fe Springs Metrolink station in California stopped train service for approximately 4 hours March 24 affecting the Orange County line from Los Angeles to Oceanside and the line between Riverside and Los Angeles. Authorities cleared the scene and normal service resumed once the package was deemed safe.
Source: <http://abc7.com/news/suspicious-package-at-norwalk-metrolink-station-deemed-safe/1260804/>
8. *March 24, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Warren Road Bridge closed for emergency repairs.** The Baltimore City Department of Transportation announced

March 24 that Warren Road Bridge in Cockeysville will be closed until at least mid-June for emergency repairs after authorities determined that the bridge was severely deteriorating.

Source: <http://www.wbaltv.com/news/warren-road-bridge-closed-for-emergency-repairs/38675122>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

9. *March 24, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (California) **American Gourmet recalls American Gourmet Roasted/Salted Pistachios because of possible health risk.** American Gourmet issued a recall March 23 for its American Gourmet Roasted/Salted Pistachio products sold in three variations after its supplier notified the company that the products had the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. The products were distributed to retail stores in San Diego, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties in California.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm492339.htm>
10. *March 24, WVIT 30 New Britain* – (Connecticut) **State investigates E.coli outbreak potentially linked to farm.** Officials from the Connecticut Department of Public Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are investigating March 24 an E.coli outbreak that may be linked to the Oak Leaf Dairy farm in Lebanon after six people, with direct links to the farm were infected with E.coli. A total of seven illnesses have occurred, two of which were diagnosed with Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS), prompting the farm to temporarily cease all public visits.
Source: <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/State-Investigates-EColi-Outbreak-Potentially-Linked-to-Farm-373432161.html>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

Nothing to report

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

11. *March 24, CBS News* – (West Virginia) **Thousands possibly exposed to hepatitis at West Virginia heart clinic.** West Virginia's Department of Health and Human Services urged 2,300 Raleigh Heart Clinic patients who underwent stress tests between March 2012 and March 2015 to get tested following potential hepatitis B and hepatitis C exposure March 24 due to a recent hepatitis outbreak linked to a health clinic.
Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/thousands-possibly-exposed-to-hepatitis-in-west-virginia/>
12. *March 24, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Michigan) **Last of five defendants pleads guilty in multimillion-dollar Medicare fraud scheme involving Detroit-area home health companies.** The remaining defendant out of five who were charged for their roles in a \$33 million Medicare fraud scheme in the Detroit-area pleaded guilty March

23 to paying kickbacks, bribes, and other inducements to two co-conspirators and other physicians, as well as marketers and patient recruiters for referrals to companies they owned, and then billing Medicare for home care, hospice services, and substance prescriptions that were not provided or medically unnecessary. The four other defendants have pleaded guilty.

Source: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/last-five-defendants-pleads-guilty-multimillion-dollar-medicare-fraud-scheme-involving>

Government Facilities Sector

13. *March 25, WSET 13 Lynchburg* – (Virginia) **Three Roanoke City Schools closed due to a power outage.** A power outage caused by downed power lines following a vehicle crash forced the closure of Round Hill Elementary, Lincoln Terrace Elementary, and Noel C. Taylor Learning Academy in Roanoke March 25.

Source: <http://wset.com/news/local/three-roanoke-schools-closed-due-to-a-power-outage>

14. *March 24, KAKE 10 Wichita* – (Kansas; Oklahoma) **Wildfire in Barber County 15 percent contained.** Crews reached 15 percent containment March 24 of the 273,000-acre wildfire that ignited in Oklahoma March 22 and spread into Kansas. Two homes in Medicine Lodge and several outbuildings in Barber County were destroyed before officials lifted voluntary evacuations.

Source: <http://www.kake.com/home/headlines/Map-shows-area-of-Kansas-Oklahoma-wildfire-373406601.html>

Emergency Services Sector

15. *March 24, KOVR 13 Stockton* – (California) **Toxic mold forces firefighters out of Latrobe Road fire station.** The El Dorado Hills Fire Department chief stated March 24 that toxic mold forced the closure of the county fire station following heavy rains that caused the mold to grow inside the walls. Workers were evacuated and transferred to another station while officials evaluated whether to fix the issue or build a new station.

Source: <http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2016/03/24/toxic-mold-forces-firefighters-out-of-latrobe-road-fire-station/>

Information Technology Sector

16. *March 24, Help Net Security* – (International) **7 Iranians indicted for cyber attacks on US banks and a dam.** The U.S. Department of Justice reported March 24 that 7 Iranian computer specialists, allegedly sponsored by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, were charged for conducting several coordinated distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks against 46 major companies which primarily targeted the U.S. financial sector from 2011 – 2013. The attacks disabled victims' bank Web sites, prevented customers from accessing online accounts and cost banks tens of millions of dollars in remediation.

Source: <https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2016/03/24/7indicted-cyber-attacks-us->

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17. *March 24, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Cisco patches serious DoS flaws in IOS software.** Cisco released patches for six high severity denial-of-service (DoS) flaws in its IOS, IOS XE, and Unified Communications Manager (UCM) software including a flaw that can allow an unauthenticated attacker to cause a memory leak, eventually causing the infected device to reload, and a vulnerability affecting the DHCP version 6 relay feature of which can cause the affected device to reload by sending specially crafted DHCPv6 relay messages.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/cisco-patches-serious-dos-flaws-ios-software>

18. *March 24, SecurityWeek* – (International) **EC Council website hacked to serve Angler Exploit Kit.** Security researchers from Fox-IT warned users that the security certification provider, EC Council was unknowingly distributing the Angler exploit kit (EK) after discovering that malicious code was embedded at the bottom of EC Council's iClass Web site for Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) certification, which redirected users to a Web page with the Angler EK. Researchers suspected a security flaw in the Web site and notified the company of the exploit.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/ec-council-website-hacked-serve-angler-exploit-kit>

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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

19. *March 24, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Crooks steal, sell Verizon Enterprise customer data.** Verizon Enterprise Solutions stated March 24 that it recently discovered and remediated a security vulnerability in its enterprise client portal that allowed an attacker to obtain basic contact information on an undisclosed number of customers. The company asserted that no customer proprietary network information or other data was accessed.
Source: <https://krebsonsecurity.com/2016/03/crooks-steal-sell-verizon-enterprise-customer-data/>

Commercial Facilities Sector

20. *March 24, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Gas leak prompts evacuation of senior apartments in Beaver Falls.** Approximately 44 residents were evacuated from the Brodhead Apartments in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, for nearly 5 hours March 24 after officials found high levels of natural gas in the building due to a leak that

allegedly started in an old gas line at the front of the building. Columbia Gas crews repaired the leak.

Source: <http://www.wtae.com/news/gas-leak-reported-at-brodhead-apartments-in-beaver-falls/38673096>

21. *March 24, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (Delaware) **Apartment fire ruled accidental in Newark, Del.** A March 23 fire at the Foxwood Apartments in Newark, Delaware, caused approximately \$100,000 in damages and prompted several residents to evacuate after the blaze began in a second floor apartment unit. The incident was contained and authorities ruled the fire as accidental.
Source: <http://6abc.com/news/apartment-fire-ruled-accidental-in-newark-del/1260509/>
22. *March 24, Time Warner Cable News* – (New York) **Fire at Bath apartment building displaces 30 people.** The Shannon Building which houses 4 businesses and 20 apartment units in Bath, New York, sustained extensive damage March 24 due to a fire that displaced 30 residents. No injuries were reported and authorities are investigating the exact cause of the blaze.
Source: <http://www.twcnews.com/nys/binghamton/news/2016/03/24/shannon-building-fire-on-liberty-street-in-bath.html>
23. *March 23, WHNS 21 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Police: Verizon manager stole \$400,000 worth of phones.** A Simpsonville man was charged with breach of trust and violation of the South Carolina Computer Crimes Act March 23 after he allegedly stole more than 983 mobile phones worth over \$400,000 from a Verizon Wireless Store in Simpsonville while employed as a manager.
Source: <http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/31551138/police-verizon-manager-stole-400000-worth-of-phones>

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