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- Ford Motor Company issued a recall January 12 for 654,695 of its model years 2005 – 2009 vehicles sold in select makes to replace fatally flawed Takata Corporation passenger-side airbags. – *TheCarConnection.com* (See item [4](#))
- The Volkswagen Group agreed to pay \$4.3 billion in criminal fines and civil penalties and pleaded guilty January 11 after the company rigged more than 500,000 vehicles with software to cheat pollution laws and lied to U.S. investigators about the nature of the conspiracy. – *USA Today* (See item [6](#))
- Straight Path Communications, Inc. agreed to pay \$15 million January 12 to resolve an investigation into its former parent company IDT Corp. and its spectrum licenses following claims of fraud made against the company by an anonymous shortseller. – *Reuters* (See item [21](#))
- Ameren Missouri announced January 10 that the Lake of the Ozarks’ Bagnell Dam will receive \$52 million worth of structural upgrades. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* (See item [25](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *January 12, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **PGE reports about 9,000 customers without power.** Around 9,000 Portland General Electric customers were without power until further notice January 11 after a snowstorm knocked out service to over 40,000 people in Portland, Oregon.
Source: http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2017/01/pge_reports_33k_customers_wi_th.html
2. *January 11, KUAC 89.9 FM Fairbanks* – (Alaska) **Tanker truck wrecks at remote site south of Paxson, spills 4,000 gallons of diesel fuel.** Roughly 4,000 gallons of diesel fuel were spilled January 9 off of Richardson Highway near Paxson, Alaska, after the driver of a tanker truck lost control of the rig and slid into a ditch. Officials are planning to intermittently close one or both lanes of the highway in an effort to clean up the spill.
Source: <http://fm.kuac.org/post/tanker-truck-wrecks-remote-site-south-paxson-spills-4000-gallons-diesel-fuel>
3. *January 11, Associated Press; KXTV 10 Sacramento* – (California) **25,000 without power at Lake Tahoe, north Sierra.** Crews worked to restore power to over 25,000 homes and businesses near Lake Tahoe, California, January 11 after mudslides, avalanches, and other severe weather caused power outages January 10.
Source: <http://www.abc10.com/news/local/25000-without-power-at-lake-tahoe-north-sierra/385197544>

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *January 12, TheCarConnection.com* – (International) **Takata airbag recall list balloons again: 816,000 Ford, Lincoln, Mercury vehicles added.** Ford Motor Company issued a recall January 12 for 654,695 of its model years 2005 – 2009 vehicles sold in select makes in the U.S. to replace fatally flawed Takata Corporation passenger-side airbags. The recall also includes 161,174 vehicles registered in Canada.
Source: http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1108318_takata-airbag-recall-list-balloons-again-816000-ford-lincoln-mercury-vehicles-added
5. *January 11, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Arctic Cat recalls snowmobiles due to fire hazard.** Arctic Cat issued a recall January 11 for around 20,700 of its model years 2007 – 2009 snowmobiles in select models due to an

issue with the fuel tank, which can crack and cause fuel to leak into the engine compartment, posing a fire hazard. No injuries have been reported and Arctic Cat has received reports of 918 incidents including 6 reports of fires.

Source: <https://www.epsc.gov/Recalls/2017/arctic-cat-recalls-snowmobiles>

6. *January 11, USA Today* – (International) **VW pleads guilty to conspiracy, obstruction of justice; 6 execs charged.** The Volkswagen Group agreed to pay \$4.3 billion in criminal fines and civil penalties and pleaded guilty January 11 after the company rigged more than 500,000 vehicles with software to cheat pollution laws and lied to U.S. investigators about the nature of the conspiracy. Six German Volkswagen executives were also charged January 11 for their alleged roles in the scheme.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/cars/2017/01/11/volkswagen-epa-doj-department-of-justice-settlement/96439678/>
7. *January 11, KTTTC 10 Rochester* – (Minnesota) **4 McNeilus Truck and Manufacturing employees seriously hurt in explosion.** The McNeilus Truck and Manufacturing, Inc. plant in Dodge Center, Minnesota, was closed January 11 after an explosion severely injured four employees. The cause of the explosion remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.kttc.com/story/34236526/2017/01/11/emergency-crews-respond-to-incident-at-mcneilus-in-dodge-center>

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

Nothing to report

Transportation Systems Sector

8. *January 12, Times of Northwest Indiana* – (Indiana) **All southbound I-65 lanes reopen; 2 truck drivers injured.** The southbound lanes of Interstate 65 in Lake County, Indiana, were closed for several hours January 11 after a semi-truck veered off the roadway and struck another semi-truck parked on the outer shoulder. HAZMAT crews responded to clean up about 90 gallons of fuel that spilled during the crash and both drivers were hospitalized.
Source: http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/update-lake-county-hazmat-on-scene-of-i--crash/article_ffc72224-2949-5ee9-956c-263bfab98d47.html
9. *January 12, Marin Independent Journal* – (California) **Marin storm repercussions: Highway 37 closure, mudslides, canceled classes.** California State Route 37 in Novato was closed January 10 – January 11 due to severe storms and flooding in the area that disabled several cars. The heavy rainfall also prompted the Shoreline Unified School District to cancel classes January 11.
Source: <http://www.marinij.com/general-news/20170111/marin-storm-repercussions->

[highway-37-closure-mudslides-canceled-classes](#)

10. *January 11, WNCN 17 Goldsboro* – (North Carolina) **I-40 reopens after incident at Airport Blvd. in Wake County.** Several lanes of Interstate 40 in Wake County, North Carolina, were closed for roughly 2 hours January 11 while officials investigated after a man was injured during an incident on the Airport Boulevard overpass.
Source: <http://wncn.com/2017/01/11/incident-closes-i-40-lanes-in-wake-county/>
11. *January 11, WISC 3 Madison* – (Wisconsin) **2 injured in crash that closes Highway 12 for 6 hours.** Two people were injured in a head-on collision involving a semi-truck that forced the closure of U.S. Route 12 near Whitewater, Wisconsin for about 6 hours January 11. The crash remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.channel3000.com/news/2-injured-in-crash-that-closed-highway-12-6-hours/263593625>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *January 12, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Dutch Valley Food Distributors, Inc. announces a voluntary nationwide recall of Cappuccino Snack Mix for potential Salmonella.** Dutch Valley Food Distributors, Inc. issued a voluntary recall January 4 for one lot of its Cappuccino Snack Mix products due to potential Salmonella contamination. No illnesses or issues have been reported and the products were distributed nationwide.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm536706.htm>
13. *January 11, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Tupperware U.S., Inc. recalls Southwest Chipotle Seasoning because of possible health risk.** Tupperware U.S., Inc. issued a voluntary recall January 11 for limited quantities of its Southwest Chipotle Seasoning products after Federal personnel discovered traces of Salmonella at the facility where the buttermilk powder ingredient used in the seasoning mix was manufactured. No illnesses have been reported and the products were distributed to consumers nationwide.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm536599.htm>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

Nothing to report

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

14. *January 11, U.S. Department of Justice* – (National) **Shire PLC subsidiaries to pay \$350 million to settle False Claims Act allegations.** Shire Pharmaceuticals LLC and other Shire Plc subsidiaries agreed January 11 to pay \$350 million to settle Federal and State False Claims Act allegations after Shire and one of its companies, Advanced BioHealing (ABH), convinced clinics and physicians to use or overuse its product,

Dermagraft, through kickbacks and other unlawful methods, causing hundreds of millions of dollars in false claims for Dermagraft to be submitted to federally-funded health care programs. The settlement also resolved charges that Shire and ABH illegally marketed Dermagraft for uses not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and made statements to inflate the price of Dermagraft, among other illicit actions.

Source: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/shire-plc-subsiidiaries-pay-350-million-settle-false-claims-act-allegations>

Government Facilities Sector

15. *January 11, WBZ 4 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Students hurt in school bus rollover on I-95 in Weston.** More than 20 students from Ephraim Curtis Middle School in Sudbury, Massachusetts, were hospitalized January 11 after their school bus and another vehicle collided on southbound Interstate 95, causing the bus to strike the guardrail and overturn. Ten students were injured.

Source: <http://boston.cbslocal.com/2017/01/11/waltham-school-bus-crash-route-95-rollover/>

For another story, see item [9](#)

Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report

Information Technology Sector

16. *January 12, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Eight vulnerabilities patched in WordPress.** WordPress version 4.7.1 was released, resolving a total of 8 security flaws and 62 bugs including 2 cross-site request forgery (CSRF) flaws, several cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities, and a weak crypto issue related to multisite activation keys.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/eight-vulnerabilities-patched-wordpress>

17. *January 12, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Four high severity DoS flaws patched in BIND.** The Internet Systems Consortium (ICS) released BIND versions 9.9.9-P5, 9.10.4-P5, 9.11.0-P2, and 9.9.9-S7 addressing four high severity denial-of-service (DoS) flaws that can be remotely exploited to cause the BIND name server process to encounter an assertion failure and stop executing. ICS stated it was not aware of the vulnerabilities being actively exploited.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/four-high-severity-dos-flaws-patched-bind>

18. *January 11, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Command execution vulnerability patched in Ansible.** Red Hat released updates for the Ansible IT automation platform addressing a security bypass vulnerability after security researchers from Computest found that a flaw in the controller, the central node in an Ansible installation, could be leveraged by an attacker to bypass filters and gain control of certain facts to execute

arbitrary code on the controller, and subsequently move to the other hosts.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/command-execution-vulnerability-patched-ansible>

19. *January 11, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Powerful “Spora” ransomware lets victims pay for immunity.** Security researchers from Emsisoft warned that a newly observed ransomware, dubbed Spora is distributed via spam emails masked as invoices and leverages Windows CryptoAPI for encryption, using a mix of RSA and Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) that allows the ransomware to encrypt files without a command and control (C&C) server connection, as well as ensuring that a decryption tool developed for one victim will not work for another victim. The researchers also found that Spora is able to determine how much ransom a victim should pay by creating creates statistics of the targets to encrypt and saving them to a .KEY file as a set of six numbers.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/powerful-spora-ransomware-lets-victims-pay-immunity>

20. *January 11, SecurityWeek* – (International) **RIG grabs 35% of exploit kit market in December.** Symantec researchers reported that the RIG exploit kit (EK) was responsible for nearly 35 percent of the total EK activity during December 2016, with Fiesta at roughly 4 percent, and the Magnitude EK at about 3 percent. The number of Web attacks blocked by Symantec increased by about 33 percent in December 2016 after the company blocked 388,000 attacks per day in comparison to the 291,000 attacks blocked per day in November 2016.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/rig-grabs-35-exploit-kit-market-december>

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

21. *January 12, Reuters* – (National) **Straight Path settles with FCC over licenses.** The U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Straight Path Communications, Inc. reached a \$15 million settlement January 12 to resolve an investigation into Straight Path’s former parent company IDT Corp. and its spectrum licenses following claims of fraud made against the company by an anonymous shortseller. As part of the settlement, Straight Path will also give the FCC a 20 percent cut of any spectrum licenses sale and is subject to an \$85 million fine if it does not announce the sale of its spectrum licenses within the next 12 months.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-straight-path-fcc-settlement-idUSKBN14W1JW>

Commercial Facilities Sector

22. *January 11, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Illinois) **Fairview Heights Best Buy store evacuated after bomb threat; no explosive devices found.** The Best Buy store in Fairview Heights, Illinois, was evacuated for over two hours after the store received a bomb threat January 11. No injuries were reported and the incident remains under investigation.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/fairview-heights-business-evacuated-after-bomb-threat-no-explosive-devices/article_b576b85c-3bee-5da9-8a0c-99dd64e62ba1.html

For another story, see item [24](#)

Dams Sector

23. *January 11, KCAW 104.7 FM Sitka* – (Alaska) **Sitka’s Green Lake Dam back in service.** The hydropower Green Lake Dam in Sitka, Alaska, returned to service January 7 after being shut down since October 2016 when part of the dam’s intake gate failed during a routine inspection due to corrosion and fluid leaks. The city generated its power from diesel fuel during the shutdown.
Source: <http://www.alaskapublic.org/2017/01/11/sitkas-green-lake-dam-back-in-service/>
24. *January 11, KSEE 24 Fresno* – (California) **Broken levee floods local golf course.** The Bluff Pointe Golf Course and Learning Center in Fresno, California, experienced major flooding after a levee separating the San Joaquin River from the golf course’s pond broke January 11. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation determined the situation to be stable after monitoring the damage at the site.
Source: <http://www.yourcentralvalley.com/news/broken-levee-floods-local-golf-course/639536255>
25. *January 10, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Dam at Lake of the Ozarks to receive \$52-million structural upgrades.** Ameren Missouri announced January 10 that the Lake of the Ozarks’ Bagnell Dam will receive \$52 million worth of structural upgrades, including outfitting the dam with 68 new anchors to hold it into the bedrock, and adding over 66 million pounds of new concrete to better secure the dam, among other improvements. The project will begin in March 2017 and is expected to take 18 months to complete.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/dam-at-lake-of-the-ozarks-to-receive--million/article_bb767264-a7d1-5ae7-b0dc-6c7a0dc4b241.html



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