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- A former defense contractor was sentenced to prison for purchasing pirated software from Russian and Chinese hackers and using it to design components for military helicopters. – *IDG News Service* (See item [6](#))
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- Mandatory water restrictions were set in place by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission after a massive March 18 water main break in a 54-inch water main shut down traffic along a major corridor. – *WTTG 5 Washington D.C.* (See item [17](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *March 19, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **More than 100,000 still without power after storms.** About 103,000 Alabama Power customers were still without electricity after a severe storm knocked out power in locations across the State.
Source: http://www.wdef.com/news/state/story/More-than-100-000-still-without-power-after-storms/xeqHXgn8qEuFczcTvE0_9g.csp

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *March 19, Chattanooga Times-Free Press* – (Tennessee) **TVA cited for flood prevention violations.** The Tennessee Valley Authority was issued six safety violations and its Sequoyah and Watts Bar plants given “yellow” ratings due to the potential for flooding presented if upstream earthen dams were to fail.
Source: <http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2013/mar/19/tva-cited-for-flood-prevention-violations/>
3. *March 18, New York Times* – (International) **Blackout halts cooling system at Fukushima plant.** A faulty switchboard is believed to be the cause of a partial power failure at the Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan. Two pools for spent nuclear fuel storage remain without cooling systems about a day after the blackout.
Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/20/world/asia/blackout-halts-cooling-system-at-fukushima-plant.html?_r=0

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *March 18, Examiner.com* – (National) **Ford recalling 197,000 Freestar and Mercury Monterey vehicles 2004 through 2007.** Ford recalled 197,000 model year 2004-2007 Freestar and Mercury Monterey vehicles due to possible corrosion that could prevent the third row seats from fully latching into seating position.
Source: <http://www.examiner.com/article/ford-recalling-197-000-freestar-and-mercury-monterey-vehicles-from-2004-2007>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

5. *March 19, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **Feds: Defense contractor relayed US weapons info.** A civilian defense contractor was charged with providing secret defense information to a Chinese national. The contractor allegedly divulged information concerning the deployment of U.S. strategic nuclear systems and ability to detect other nations' ballistic missiles.
Source: http://azdailysun.com/news/national/pacific-command-contractor-charged-with-spying/article_57c631f6-e076-590a-a961-ce40459c447e.html
6. *March 18, IDG News Service* – (International) **US defense scientist bought pirated software from Russians, Chinese, DOJ says.** A former defense contractor was sentenced to prison for purchasing pirated software from Russian and Chinese hackers and using it to design components for military helicopters. The former contractor paid \$6,000 to purchase modeling and design software which has a retail value of more than \$2.3 million.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/031913-us-defense-scientist-bought-pirated-267830.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

7. *March 19, Associated Press* – (National) **Citigroup to pay \$730 million to settle lawsuit.** Citigroup agreed to settle a class action lawsuit by investors claiming they were misled in the purchase of debt and preferred stock, and agreed to pay \$730 million.
Source: http://www.philly.com/philly/business/20130319_ap_citigrouppay730milliontosettlelawsuit.html
8. *March 19, IDG News Service* – (International) **JPMorgan Chase customers see zero balances after technical glitch.** JPMorgan Chase reported that it experienced a technical problem March 18 that caused customers to see balances of zero in the online and mobile bank services.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/031913-jpmorgan-chase-customers-see-zero-267838.html>
9. *March 18, IDG News Service* – (International) **Credit report breach has link to Zeus banking malware.** A Web site that recently exposed the personal information of celebrities and public figures by stealing credit report information appears to be linked to the use of the Zeus banking malware and to domains used in past cybercrime campaigns.
Source: <http://www.csoonline.com/article/730446/credit-report-breach-has-link-to-zeus-banking-malware>

10. *March 18, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **FBI seeks info on ‘Tall Man’ bandit, who hit sixth bank today in Eugene.** The FBI offered a reward for information about the “Tall Man Bandit” suspect who has robbed six bank branches in the Eugene area since February 14.
Source: http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2013/03/fbi_seeks_info_on_tall_man_ban.html
11. *March 18, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **First of two defendants convicted in Twin Cities credit-card skimming case.** One of two suspects in a skimming scheme that placed skimmers inside several Twin Cities’ gas pumps and stole the card information of more than 450 people was convicted March 18.
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/minneapolis/198884531.html>

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Transportation Sector

12. *March 19, WPMT 43 York* – (Pennsylvania) **Tanker truck hauling diesel fuel overturns in Fulton Township.** A tanker truck carrying diesel fuel overturned causing a spill and the closure of Route 272 in Lancaster County.
Source: <http://fox43.com/2013/03/19/rt-272-closed-after-tanker-truck-hauling-diesel-fuel-overturns-in-fulton-twp/#axzz2O098SQCS>
13. *March 19, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Tractors-trailers jackknife on slushy Conn. roads.** Severe winter weather caused two separate tractor-trailer accidents on eastbound Interstate 84 in Connecticut. Some highway lanes were closed due to the incidents.
Source: <http://www.boston.com/news/weather/2013/03/19/tractor-trailers-jackknife-slushy-conn-roads/pGbbTkkMqixtLMdCPJUn5M/story.html>
14. *March 19, KPHO5 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **N.Valley freeways open again after 2 death investigations.** Two unrelated accidents forced the closure of southbound Interstate 17 near Phoenix for 6 hours.
Source: <http://www.kpho.com/story/21679111/motorcyclist-dies-body-found-in-i-17-hov-lane-in-separate-cases>
15. *March 18, Yakima Herald-Republic* – (Washington) **Overturned milk tanker snarls U.S. 97 traffic.** An overturned milk truck caused traffic restrictions for about 6 hours on U.S. Highway 97 near Toppenish March 18.
Source: <http://www.yakimaherald.com/schools/toppenish/954269-8/video-portland-driver-injured-in-milk-truck-crash>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

16. *March 18, Food Safety News* – (International) **Canadian-made protein chocolate bars recalled for Salmonella.** Protein chocolate bars produced by Canada-based Pro-Amino International Inc. were recalled due to possible Salmonella contamination. The chocolate bars are sold over the Internet and distributed throughout several States in the U.S.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/03/canadian-made-protein-chocolate-bars-recalled-for-salmonella/#.UUhQKxykrMg>

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Water Sector

17. *March 19, WTTG 5 Washington, D.C.* – (District of Columbia) **Chevy Chase water main break causes delays; mandatory water restrictions in place.** Mandatory water restrictions were set in place by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to its residential and business customers after a massive March 18 water main break in a 54-inch water main shut down traffic along a major corridor. Repairs were delayed by loss of power from a tree which fell on electrical lines near the work area, temporarily halting progress.
Source: <http://www.myfoxdc.com/story/21678346/chevy-chase-water-main-break-causes-delays-mandatory-water-restrictions-in-place#axzz2NzTN1oZF>
18. *March 19, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Parachute Creek spill continues uncontained; cause, source unknown.** Williams Energy vacuum trucks have removed 60,648 gallons of hydrocarbon material and 5,418 gallons of oil from the ground near Parachute Creek, but the cause and source of the spill remain unknown. The underground plume of toxic hydrocarbons from an oil spill has been spreading for 10 days but has yet to contaminate the nearby body of water.
Source: http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_22817087/parachute-creek-spill-continues-uncontained-cause-source-unknown

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

Nothing to report

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Government Facilities Sector

19. *March 19, USA Today; Associated Press* – (Nevada) **7 marines killed in training blast at Nevada munitions depot.** A training exercise at Hawthorne Depot killed 7 marines and left several others injured March 18 after a 60-millimeter mortar exploded in a tube as the marines were preparing to fire it.

Source:

http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/article/20130319/NEWS04/130319013/Report-6-Marines-killed-blast-Nevada-munitions-depot?odyssey=mod%7Cnewswell%7Ctext%7CFRONTPAGE%7Cp&nlick_check=1

20. *March 19, Softpedia* – (Florida) **August 2012 elections in Florida hit by cyberattacks.** Cybercriminals attempted to request more than 2,500 absentee ballots during State and local races in Miami-Dade County in August 2012, but failed due to the large number of requests raising red flags. The requests were originally traced to other countries, but recent developments have traced some IP addresses to the U.S., reopening the case.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/August-2012-Elections-in-Florida-Hit-by-Cyberattacks-338325.shtml>
21. *March 19, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Police: Florida college student plotted a large attack.** Police determined the University of Central Florida student that committed suicide after pulling the dormitory fire alarm was potentially plotting a shooting rampage on students fleeing the building. Investigators found notes, guns, explosives, and a timeline indicating his plan to strategically shoot at his peers before police responded to the emergency call.
Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/03/19/4129742/police-fla-college-student-plotted.html>
22. *March 18, Bay Area News Group* – (California) **Tracy high school evacuated second time in two weeks due to bomb threat.** A bomb threat at Kimball High School in Tracy March 18 caused the evacuation and dismissal of classes, the second such instance in the past 2 weeks. School officials are investigating the incidents.
Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/ci_22816769/tracy-high-school-evacuated-second-time-two-weeks
23. *March 18, Bay City News Service* – (California) **EPA orders NASA to clean up contaminated soil at Moffett Field.** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration was ordered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to clean up contaminated soil at Ames Research center Moffett Field after determining the chemicals were harmful to local wildlife.
Source: http://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/show_story.php?id=28956
24. *March 18, York Daily Record* – (Pennsylvania) **Southern York students evacuated from bus after coolant leak.** Students were removed from a Southern York County School District bus March 18 after a heating coolant leaked and got on some students' shoes and backpacks.
Source: http://www.ydr.com/local/ci_22815463/southern-york-students-evacuated-from-bus-after-coolant
25. *March 18, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Rain dampens wildfire near Great Smoky Mountains.** About 160 acres were burned as 200 people were evacuated and close to

60 rental cabins were destroyed in a resort area outside the Great Smoky Mountains National Park during a wildfire. Firefighters battling the blaze were assisted by heavy rains that contained the fire March 18.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/news/us/article/Wildfire-burns-outside-Great-Smoky-Mountains-4362746.php>

26. *March 18, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Coastal SC forest fire destroys 100 homes.** A forest fire in South Carolina burned over 100 homes in a condominium complex. Authorities are investigating but believe the fire was set by a person.
Source: http://journalstar.com/news/national/coastal-sc-forest-fire-destroys-homes/article_ab3d923c-1400-5979-944c-e9babe93b520.html

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Emergency Services Sector

27. *March 17, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Inmate at Houston-area robbery case escapes jail.** Authorities are searching for an inmate that scaled a wall and broke through upper fencing as he fled from a Houston-area jail March 17.
Source: <http://www.myfoxdfw.com/story/21664727/inmate-in-houston-area-robbery-case-escapes-jail>

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Information Technology Sector

28. *March 18, CNET News* – (International) **What 420,000 insecure devices reveal about Web security.** A researcher using simple techniques to take over unsecured devices left exposed to the Internet, created a benign botnet to demonstrate how many personal and industrial computer systems are easily exploitable.
Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-57574919-83/what-420000-insecure-devices-reveal-about-web-security/
29. *March 18, IDG News Service* – (International) **Internal-use SSL certificates pose security risk for upcoming domain extensions.** An advisory by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) stated that issuing secure socket layer (SSL) certificates for internal domain names could lead to privacy and integrity concerns for HTTPS communications and new generic top-level domains (gTLD).
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9237678/Internal_use_SSL_certificates_pose_security_risk_for_upcoming_domain_extensions
30. *March 18, Computerworld* – (International) **Google Drive suffers outage Monday morning.** Users experienced problems accessing files stored on Google Drive for several hours March 18.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/031813-google-drive-suffers-outage-monday-267812.html>

31. *March 18, Threatpost* – (International) **Flaw leaves EA Origin platform users open to attack.** Researchers discovered a vulnerability in Electronic Arts's (EA) Origin gaming platform that could allow attackers to run malicious code on users' computers. Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/flaw-leaves-ea-origin-platform-users-open-attack-031813

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: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

32. *March 19, San Antonio Express-News*– (Texas) **Fire knocks WOAI-TV off the air.** A March 19 fire knocked WOAI-TV San Antonio off the air and force the building's evacuation. The fire was contained to the 2nd floor offices of the building. Source: http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Fire-knocks-WOAI-TV-off-the-air-4366143.php

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Commercial Facilities Sector

33. *March 18, KSN 3 Wichita* – (Kansas) **Vandals do \$1M in damage to new Derby Wal-Mart.** Vandals used several scissor lifts to ram freezer and cooler units located in a Wal-Mart store under construction over the weekend of March 16. The vandalism also included damage to the electrical and plumbing work as well. Source: <http://www.ksn.com/news/local/story/Vandals-do-1M-in-damage-to-new-Derby-Wal-Mart/HzSIbiwBlUW9O7BWb95ueg.csp>
34. *March 18, WAVY 10 Virginia Beach* – (Virginia) **Sheriff pulled deputies days before shooting.** Three people were shot outside a Virginia Beach nightclub and went to different hospitals at varying times, all with non-life threatening wounds. Source: <http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/crime/three-injured-in-shooting-at-nightclub>
35. *March 18, Sun Herald*– (Mississippi) **20 families evacuated in fire at Waveland apartments.** A March 17 kitchen fire at The Ridge 24-apartment complex was small and quickly contained by the building's sprinkler system but 15 families were still evacuated, leaving some to stay in nearby hotels and others with friends and family due to water damage and the shutdown of the site's electrical power.

Source: <http://www.sunherald.com/2013/03/18/4535709/20-families-evacuated-in-fire.html>

36. *March 18, Opelika-Auburn News* – (Alabama) **30 homes evacuated after propane spill in Smiths Station.** Residents in Smiths Station were evacuated for close to 4 hours March 18 after a tree fell on a propane tank damaging the valves and regulator. About 30 homes were cleared as a precautionary measure.

Source: http://www.oanow.com/news/lee_county/article_0e328ed2-903f-11e2-896d-001a4bcf6878.html

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