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- Tens of thousands of customers throughout Michigan experienced power outages due to strong winds that began January 19. – *Midland Daily News* (See item [1](#))
- Siemens Industry, Inc. initiated a recall of about 57,000 Q-Series Temperature and Humidity Sensors due to an overheating issue that poses a fire hazard. – *U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* (See item [4](#))
- A Detroit doctor and two associates pleaded guilty to a seven-year, \$13.2 million Medicare scam. – *Madisonville SurfKY News; Federal Bureau of Investigation* (See item [13](#))
- A fire at Beale Air Force Base caused more than \$10 million in damages to a 38,000-square-foot civil engineering building January 21. – *Marysville Appeal-Democrat* (See item [16](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *January 22, Midland Daily News* – (Michigan) **High winds take out power.** Tens of thousands of customers throughout Michigan experienced power outages due to strong winds that began January 19. While most had their power restored by January 21, many schools and business remained closed and crews worked to remove downed trees from roadways.  
Source: [http://www.ourmidland.com/news/local\\_news/article\\_55bc1dce-9b86-5766-b22a-007e2667bafd.html](http://www.ourmidland.com/news/local_news/article_55bc1dce-9b86-5766-b22a-007e2667bafd.html)

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## Chemical Industry Sector

2. *January 23, Bloomberg News* – (National) **Dow Chemical faces trial in urethane price-fixing case.** Dow Chemical is going to trial in federal court after being accused of price fixing with other chemical producers for products used in various commercial industries.  
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-01-23/dow-chemical-faces-trial-in-urethane-price-fixing-case.html>

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *January 21, WCVB 5 Boston; Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Nuclear power plant shut down to investigate minor leak.** Entergy's Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant shut down to investigate a small leak linked to a pilot valve. Officials planned to restart the facility after any identified issues were fixed.  
Source: <http://www.wcvb.com/news/local/boston-south/Nuclear-power-plant-shut-down-to-investigate-minor-leak/-/9848842/18213260/-/7m0kne/-/index.html>

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## Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *January 22, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Siemens recalls temperature and humidity sensors for schools, hospitals and other buildings due to fire hazard.** Siemens Industry, Inc. initiated a recall of about 57,000 Q-Series Temperature and Humidity Sensors due to an overheating issue that poses a fire hazard.  
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml13/13720.html>

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## Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Transportation Sector**

5. *January 23, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Crash involving semi-tanker, fuel spill closes Clear Creek Canyon.** Highway 6 in Clear Creek Canyon shut down in both directions and four people were hospitalized after a semi crashed with an SUV. The truck leaked 6,000 gallons of oil into the river, prompting HAZMAT crews to close the area and contain the spill.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/traffic/traffic-news/crash-involving-semi-tanker-fuel-spill-closes-clear-creek-canyon>

6. *January 23, WSB 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **53 sent to hospital after school bus crash.** Two school buses carrying a total of 53 people, including students and adults, crashed into each other January 22 in Covington. Forty-three individuals were sent to medical centers for treatment of minor injuries.

Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/local/43-people-sent-hospital-after-school-bus-crash/nT4bP/>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

7. *January 22, WPSD 6 Paducah* – (Kentucky) **Murray mail carrier charged with Theft of Mail Matter.** A Murray mail carrier was arrested after being accused of using gift cards he allegedly stole from mail.

Source: <http://www.wpsdlocal6.com/home/ticker/Murray-mail-carrier-charged-with-Theft-of-Mail-Matter-187914171.html>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

8. *January 22, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **McDonald's settles \$700,000 suit over Islamic diet in US.** A Detroit-area McDonald's franchise owner agreed to pay \$700,000 to settle allegations that the restaurant misled its patrons by falsely claiming the food was prepared according to Islamic dietary law.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2013/01/22/mcdonald-settles-700000-suit-over-islamic-diet-in-us/>

9. *January 22, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Illinois) **US Department of Labor’s OSHA cites Rana Meal Solutions LLC with 12 safety violations at Bartlett, Ill., pasta manufacturing plant.** Rana Meal Solutions LLC was issued twelve safety violations and eleven serious violations following a U.S. Department of Labor safety inspection for exposing employees to hazardous materials due to poor ammonia handling procedures.

Source:

[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=23556](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23556)

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## **Water Sector**

10. *January 23, KRZK 106.3 Branson* – (Missouri) **Taney County man pleads guilty to violating Clean Water Act.** A resident of Taney County pleaded guilty to falsifying water samples taken from a wastewater treatment plant that released raw sewage which flowed into Table Rock Lake.

Source:

[http://www.komc.com/13400/taney\\_county\\_man\\_pleads\\_guilty\\_to\\_violating\\_clean\\_water\\_act.html](http://www.komc.com/13400/taney_county_man_pleads_guilty_to_violating_clean_water_act.html)

11. *January 23, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **500 customers affected in Pikesville water main break.** Baltimore County reported two water main breaks January 22. One in a 16-inch line affected around 500 customers and a nearby nursing home.

Source: <http://www.wbalv.com/news/maryland/baltimore-county/500-customers-affected-in-Pikesville-water-main-break/-/10136486/18238194/-/omajhj/-/index.html>

12. *January 22, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Idaho) **EPA orders Lapwai School District maintenance shop to cleanup threat to nearby drinking water wells.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ordered the Lapwai School District to address contamination caused by solvents at an inactive drywell close to public drinking water wells.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/e59c350e9563d0f085257afb007de61e!OpenDocument>

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## Public Health and Healthcare Sector

13. *January 22, Madisonville SurfKY News; Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Michigan) **Mentally disabled used to scam government.** A Detroit doctor and two associates pleaded guilty to a seven-year, \$13.2 million Medicare scam.  
Source: <http://surfky.com/index.php/news/national/25569-mentally-disabled-used-to-scam-government>
14. *January 22, Seattle-Tacoma News Tribune* – (Washington) **12 hospitalized after fire at Tacoma senior home.** An electrical problem ignited a fire at a Tacoma assisted living center, sending 12 people to the hospital for treatment whilst destroying the kitchen, dining room, and activity room area.  
Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2013/01/22/2444849/eight-hospitalized-after-fire.html>

For more stories, see items [4](#) and [11](#)

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## Government Facilities Sector

15. *January 23, WTXL 27 Tallahassee* – (Florida) **Firefighters respond to morning fire at Jefferson Co. Elementary School.** Classes at Jefferson County Elementary School were canceled January 23 after an electric fire damaged a few classrooms.  
Source: [http://www.wtxl.com/news/firefighters-respond-to-morning-fire-at-jefferson-co-elementary-school/article\\_b3be2a32-655b-11e2-ac5c-0019bb30f31a.html](http://www.wtxl.com/news/firefighters-respond-to-morning-fire-at-jefferson-co-elementary-school/article_b3be2a32-655b-11e2-ac5c-0019bb30f31a.html)
16. *January 22, Marysville Appeal-Democrat* – (California) **Beale fire damage estimates exceed \$10M.** A fire at Beale Air Force Base caused more than \$10 million in damages to a 38,000-square-foot civil engineering building January 21.  
Source: <http://www.appeal-democrat.com/news/damage-122757-beale-estimates.html>
17. *January 22, Beaver Dam Daily Citizen* – (Wisconsin) **County building evacuated.** An electrical outage due to a faulty water pipe forced the evacuation of the Dodge County Office Building January 22.  
Source: [http://www.wiscnews.com/bdc/news/local/article\\_652876ca-6510-11e2-ad44-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.wiscnews.com/bdc/news/local/article_652876ca-6510-11e2-ad44-001a4bcf887a.html)

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## Emergency Services Sector

18. *January 22, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **Firefighter charged with stealing gear.** A Shaker Road-Loudonville Fire Department volunteer firefighter was charged and sent to jail for taking \$3,644 worth of clothing and equipment from the station and

selling it.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Cops-Firefighter-stole-gear-4213590.php>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

19. *January 23, Help Net Security* – (International) **DNS attacks increase by 170%**. A report by Radware outlines several new distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack methods and threats, including encrypted layer attacks and server-based botnets.  
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14285>
20. *January 23, Softpedia* – (International) **Twitter fixes bug that allowed third-party apps to access DMs without permission**. Twitter corrected a vulnerability that allowed third-party apps to access direct messages (DM) without user authorization after a researcher reported the issue to the company.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Twitter-Fixes-Bug-That-Allowed-Third-Party-Apps-to-Access-DMs-Without-Permission-323420.shtml>
21. *January 23, Help Net Security* – (International) **Most exploit kits originated in Russia, say researchers**. Solutionary SERT released their Q4 2012 Quarterly Research Report which analyzed commonly used exploit kits, finding that many target older but still useful vulnerabilities, and that 70 percent of the reviewed exploit kits originated in Russia.  
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14286>
22. *January 22, Softpedia* – (International) **Cybercriminals compromise legitimate websites to distribute SMS trojans**. Researchers at Webroots discovered a campaign designed to distribute Android malware via Web site redirects or imitations of legitimate sites and apps. The malware then sends SMS messages to premium rate numbers.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cybercriminals-Compromise-Legitimate-Websites-to-Distribute-SMS-Trojans-323642.shtml>
23. *January 21, IDG News Service* – (International) **Twitter has disruptions after hectic time during inauguration of U.S. President**. Twitter reported service interruptions over a span of 6 hours January 21 amid high levels of messages related to the U.S. presidential inauguration.  
Source: [http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/012213-twitter-has-disruptions-after-hectic-265998.html?source=nww\\_rss](http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/012213-twitter-has-disruptions-after-hectic-265998.html?source=nww_rss)

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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

24. *January 23, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* – (Alaska) **Overflow floods ACS equipment building north of Fox.** Employees from the Alaska Communication Services worked January 22 to restore phone and Internet service to roughly 160 customers in the Fox area after one of their buildings was filled with water that seeped in from a nearby creek.  
Source: [http://www.newsminer.com/article\\_bf850cb8-653e-11e2-a93c-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.newsminer.com/article_bf850cb8-653e-11e2-a93c-001a4bcf6878.html)
25. *January 22, Miami Herald* – (National) **Some AT&T customers experienced U-verse outages in south Florida.** AT&T's U-verse service was restored January 22 after service went down for several hours for customers across the U.S.  
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/01/22/3194710/some-att-customers-experienced.html>
26. *January 22, New Castle News* – (Pennsylvania) **Thick telephone cables cut, stolen in Pulaski.** Thieves severed roughly 350 of telephone cables, cutting off service to Verizon customers in Villa Maria January 22, the second such incident in the past week.  
Source: <http://www.ncnewsonline.com/opinion/x1303525701/Thick-telephone-cables-cut-stolen-in-Pulaski>

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### Commercial Facilities Sector

27. *January 23, KJRH 2 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **16 apartments damaged in south Tulsa apartment fire.** An apartment fire in Tulsa January 23 displaced 14 families and caused damage to 16 units, 8 of which were heavily damaged after the floor collapsed.  
Source: [http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/south-tulsa-apartment-fire-closes-part-of-71st-street](http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local_news/south-tulsa-apartment-fire-closes-part-of-71st-street)
28. *January 23, WLTX 19 Columbia* – (South Carolina) **Fire causes \$300,000 in damage to apartments.** A fire caused up to \$300,000 in damages and displaced about 10 residents at an apartment complex in Columbia January 22.  
Source: <http://www.wltx.com/news/article/217726/2/Fire-Causes-250000-in-Damage-to-Apartments>

29. *January 23, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Chicago’s largest fire in years destroys Bridgeport warehouse.** A 5-11 alarm fire at a warehouse in the Bridgeport portion of Chicago required a third of the department’s available personal to respond.  
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-extraalarm-fire-in-bridgeport-warehouse-20130122,0,1503582.story>
30. *January 22, KCRG 9 Cedar Rapids* – (Iowa) **Fire destroys Iowa City dental business, two apartments.** A structure in Iowa City housing two apartments and a dental business was completely destroyed January 22 by a 2-alarm fire.  
Source: <http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/Fire-Destroys-Iowa-City-Dental-Business-187996961.html>
31. *January 22, Wilmington News Journal* – (Delaware) **High carbon monoxide levels cause shelter evacuation.** Firefighters evacuated 38 residents from a Wilmington homeless shelter January 23 after high levels of carbon monoxide were reported.  
Source: <http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20130122/NEWS01/301220084/High-carbon-monoxide-levels-cause-shelter-evacuation>
32. *January 22, Los Angeles Daily News* – (California) **Encino electrical fire causes \$100,000 in damage on Zelzah Avenue.** Three Encino businesses suffered around \$100,000 in damage after a fire January 22.  
Source: [http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci\\_22424223/encino-electrical-fire-causes-100-000-damage-zelzah](http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_22424223/encino-electrical-fire-causes-100-000-damage-zelzah)
33. *January 22, New York 1 News* – (New York) **FDNY fights four-alarm fire in Williamsburg.** Two firefighters were rescued and taken to a local hospital after the ceiling collapsed during the response to a 4-alarm fire in New York City that affected apartments and businesses.  
Source: [http://stateniland.ny1.com/content/top\\_stories/175797/fdny-fights-four-alarm-fire-in-williamsburg](http://stateniland.ny1.com/content/top_stories/175797/fdny-fights-four-alarm-fire-in-williamsburg)

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

34. *January 23, WRC 4 Washington, D.C.* – (District of Columbia) **Park ranger security breakdown.** The National Park Service Police is investigating a possible breach of security after a video showing people in National Park Service uniforms committing acts of vandalism, inappropriate behavior, and unauthorized access throughout various national monuments in Washington, D.C. was aired on a local news station.  
Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Park-Ranger-Security-Breakdown-187988291.html>

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## Dams Sector

35. *January 23, Hope Mills Sandspur* – (North Carolina) **State approves Hope Mills Lake dam repair plan.** Over \$10 million in funds will be needed now that North Carolina State Dam Safety officials have decided to move forward with plans to repair the Hope Mills Lake dam that was breached over two years ago.

Source: <http://www.fayobserver.com/articles/2013/01/23/1231345?sac=fo.local>

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