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Top Stories

- U.S. regulators have delayed several oil drilling companies from continuing work on rigs from the Gulf of Mexico to Brazil after defective bolts were found. Repairs could last for more than 3 weeks. – *Bloomberg News* (See item [2](#))
- Lakes Michigan and Huron are at their lowest levels ever; each has declined 17 inches since early January 2012. – *Associated Press* (See item [14](#))
- A California Statewide search was initiated for a former Los Angeles police officer after he made threats to wage a war on police and is suspected of killing three individuals, one being an officer, and also wounding two others, including an officer. – *Reuters* (See item [23](#))
- Researchers have demonstrated a way for attackers to control building systems used by manufacturers, hospitals, and other industries. Attackers could also potentially use the vulnerability to gain access to corporate networks. – *Dark Reading* (See item [27](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *February 7, Associated Press* – (Texas) **3 charged in east Texas oil tank explosion.** Authorities charged three individuals February 7 that caused a storage tank to explode in Van, Texas.
Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2013/02/07/4606265/3-charged-in-east-texas-oil-tank.html>
2. *February 6, Bloomberg News* – (International) **U.S. halts drilling on Gulf wells with flawed bolts.** U.S. regulators have delayed Chevron Corp., Dutch Shell Plc, and Transocean Ltd, from continuing work on rigs from the Gulf of Mexico to Brazil due to defective bolts. Repairs could last for more than 3 weeks before work can begin again to connect drilling tubes to safety gear and the seafloor.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-02-06/u-dot-s-dot-halts-drilling-on-gulf-wells-with-flawed-ge-bolts>
3. *February 6, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Justice Department recommends approval of \$1 billion Clean Water Act fine for Transocean in BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill.** The U.S. Department of Justice is pushing to implement a \$1 billion fine against Transocean for violating the Clean Water Act during the BP Deepwater Horizon incident. Regulators argue the company did not enforce vital safety measures that could have prevented the spill.
Source: http://www.nola.com/news/gulf-oil-spill/index.ssf/2013/02/justice_recommends_approval_of.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *February 7, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Agency probing deadly Ky. plant explosion says maintenance deferred on furnace that blew up.** The U.S. Chemical Safety Board released a draft report on a fatal March 2011 explosion at a Carbide Industries plant in Louisville, stating that maintenance was deferred and warning signs ignored on the electric arc furnace that exploded.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/20c34f9117e24b48b71150e685fc790d/KY--Chemical-Plant-Fire-Report>

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Banking and Finance Sector

5. *February 6, YNN* – (New York) **Investment brokers found guilty of mail, wire fraud and filing false tax returns.** Two investment brokers operating in Albany were found guilty of mail and wire fraud, and of filing false tax returns when they stole \$8 million in investor funds and then attempted to conceal the fraud in their records.

Source: http://hudsonvalley.ynn.com/content/top_stories/636771/investment-brokers-found-guilty-of-mail--wire-fraud-and-filing-false-tax-returns/

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Transportation Sector

6. *February 7, Columbia The State* – (South Carolina) **Criminal charge filed in fatal 2009 Lex. Co. chemical leak.** A federal grand jury indicted Werner Transportation Services on criminal charges for an allegedly negligent ammonia leak at a plant in Swansea in 2009 that killed one, sent seven others to a hospital, and forced others to evacuate.

Source: <http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/07/2621682/deadly-2009-chemical-leak-in-lexington.html>

7. *February 6, Evansville Courier & Press* – (Illinois) **Section of I-64 closed 8 hours due to acid leak.** A tractor-trailer leaking nitric acid shut down eastbound lanes of Interstate 64 in south Illinois for more than 8 hours February 5 into February 6.

Source: <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2013/feb/06/section-i-64-closed-8-hours-due-acid-leak/>

8. *February 6, Associated Press* – (California) **7 hurt when San Francisco cable car stops quickly.** Seven people were injured, one seriously, when a streetcar in San Francisco came to a sudden stop. Officials believe a bolt stuck in the car's track caused the stop.

Source: <http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2013/02/06/2383881/5-injured-when-san-fran-cable.html>

9. *February 6, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **Airport delays caused by de-icing truck.** The Aberdeen Regional Airport has had to delay or cancel flights since February 2 due to the airport's de-icing truck being out of service.

Source:

http://www.kdlt.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24020&Itemid=57

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture and Food Sector

10. *February 7, WNBC 4 Washington D.C.* – (Virginia) **Owner injured in explosion at Virginia deli.** An explosive device detonated at a Lorton sandwich shop February 6. The owner was injured in the blast and was taken to an area burn unit with serious burns, and the fire caused \$100,000 in damages as well as smoke damage to neighboring businesses.

Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Worker-Injured-in-Explosion-at-Virginia-Deli-190047901.html>

11. *February 6, Food Poisoning Bulletin* – (Ohio) **House's Butchering Recalls All Beef Produced in 2011 and 2012.** House's Butchering issued a recall of all beef slaughtered and processed by the company from 2011 to 2012 because it may contain spinal cord and vertebral column materials.

Source: <http://foodpoisoningbulletin.com/2013/houses-butchering-recalls-all-beef-produced-in-2011-and-2012/>

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Water Sector

12. *February 7, Youngstown Vindicator* – (Ohio) **Public outcry continues over Hard Rock's dumping in Youngstown.** Ohio Environmental Protection Agency released documents which show employees of an energy company were instructed to dump 40,000 – 50,000 gallons of wastewater down a storm drain which empties into the Mahoning River. A criminal investigation hinges on the results of test samples taken from the spill site.

Source: <http://www.vindy.com/news/2013/feb/07/outcry-persists-in-wake-of-illegal-dumpi/>

13. *February 6, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Emergency crews contain sulfur dioxide leak.** Authorities contained a leakage that developed when two cylinders of sulfur dioxide leaked through a faulty valve at the Oliver Springs wastewater treatment plant.
Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2013/feb/06/emergency-crews-contain-sulphur-dioxide-leak/>
14. *February 6, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **2 Great Lakes hit lowest water level on record.** Water levels of all five Great Lakes have been recorded well below average but Lakes Michigan and Huron are at their lowest levels ever; each has declined 17 inches since early January 2012. The lower levels have led to heavy economic losses.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/weather/2013/02/06/lake-michigan-lake-huron-record-low-levels-drought/1896603/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

15. *February 7, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **3 operating rooms damaged in Pa. hospital break-in.** Officials at Schuylkill Medical Center-South Jackson Street reported almost \$6,700 worth of damage when 3 operating rooms were broken into and damaged. The suspect was later found hiding out in a recovery room.
Source:
<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130207/NEWS90/130209844/-1/NEWS>
16. *February 7, Associated Press* – (National) **Fake Avastin circulating, FDA says.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has determined the Turkish product, Altuzan, which is a fake version of the drug Avastin, has been distributed in the U.S. The drug is illegal for use in the U.S. and the FDA is warning medical professionals of the potential risks involved in the counterfeit version.
Source:
http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/article.aspx?articleid=20130207_461_E4_WASHIN766895
17. *February 7, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (National) **Florida man pleads guilty to selling unapproved cancer drugs.** A man plead guilty to selling more than \$7 million worth of unapproved, internationally imported cancer drugs to medical professionals throughout the U.S. Between 2005 and 2011, he conducted business as GlobalRXStore and marketed his drugs via Internet and fax.
Source:
http://7thspace.com/headlines/431897/florida_man_pleads_guilty_to_selling_unapproved_cancer_drugs.html
18. *February 6, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Fire forces Tulsa nursing home to evacuate.** Firefighters rushed to put out a fire at the Tulsa Nursing Center February 6

after the facility was evacuated.

Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/21017784/fire-forces-tulsa-nursing-home-to-evacuate>

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Government Facilities Sector

19. *February 6, Associated Press* – (California) **Bomb threat cleared at Lawrence Berkeley office.** A 6-hour evacuation at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory was prompted by a bomb threat. Police lifted the evacuation after no devices were discovered.
Source: http://www.times-standard.com/statenews/ci_22531573/lawrence-berkeley-lab-evacuated-over-bomb-threat
20. *February 6, Associated Press* – (California) **Teen arrested for Twitter threats to kill teacher.** School officials found a teen's social media threat against a Murrieta High School teacher credible enough to warrant his arrest February 4.
Source: <http://www.modbee.com/2013/02/06/2566702/teen-arrested-for-twitter-threats.html>
21. *February 6, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Bomb threat Wednesday evacuates district courthouse in Bel Air.** A bomb threat led to a 2-hour evacuation of the Mary Ristean District Court Building in Bel Air, the second such incident within a week. Authorities conducted a search and deemed the building safe.
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/harford/belair/ph-ag-bomb-threat-0208-20130206,0,3099499.story>

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Emergency Services Sector

22. *February 6, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Automatic assault rifle stolen from police car.** A New Orleans Police Department SWAT officer's car was broken into and the criminals made off with several weapons including an automatic assault rifle.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/crime/article/Automatic-assault-rifle-stolen-from-police-car-4257240.php>
23. *February 7, Reuters* – (California) **Manhunt launched for ex-L.A. cop wanted in shootings.** A California Statewide search was initiated for a former Los Angeles police officer after he made threats to wage a war on police and is suspected of killing three individuals, one being an officer, and also wounding two others, including an officer.
Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/manhunt-ex-l-cop-wanted-multiple-shootings->

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Information Technology Sector

24. *February 7, The H* – (International) **PostgreSQL updates to close denial-of-service hole.** The developers of PostgreSQL released updates to several versions of their products to address a misdeclared function that could allow a SQL command to crash PostgreSQL, among other issues.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/PostgreSQL-updates-to-close-denial-of-service-hole-1799938.html>
25. *February 7, Softpedia* – (International) **DefenseCode publishes list of routers impacted by Broadcom UPnP vulnerability.** DefenseCode published a list of router manufacturers and models that are vulnerable to a recently identified universal plug and play (UPnP) vulnerability.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/DefenseCode-Publishes-List-of-Routers-Impacted-by-Broadcom-UPnP-Vulnerability-327631.shtml>
26. *February 7, Help Net Security* – (International) **Whitehole exploit kit in the spotlight.** A new exploit kit dubbed Whitehole has been seen for sale and in ‘test-release’ mode, and found to use five Java Runtime Environment vulnerabilities along with security evasion methods.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2405
27. *February 6, Dark Reading* – (International) **Researchers demo building control system hack.** Researchers have demonstrated a way for attackers to control building systems that use the Tridium Niagara Framework used by manufacturers, hospitals, and other industries. Attackers could also potentially use the vulnerability to gain access to corporate networks.
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/security/vulnerabilities/240147983/researchers-demo-building-control-system-hack.html>
28. *February 6, IDG News Service* – (International) **Microsoft, Symantec take down Bamital click-fraud botnet.** Symantec and Microsoft cooperated to take down the Bamital botnet that has been used for click fraud and identity theft.
Source: <http://www.csoonline.com/article/728402/microsoft-symantec-take-down-bamital-click-fraud-botnet>
29. *February 6, IDG News Service* – (International) **Barracuda moves to shutter backdoor access to its network gear.** Barracuda Networks issued an update to close a vulnerability in its network security appliances that allowed unauthorized access through remote support backdoors.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9236574/Barracuda_moves_to_shutter_backdoor_access_to_its_network_gear

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

30. *February 6, USA Today* – (Florida) **Red tide alert issued in Florida.** A National Weather Service health alert was issued for parts of southwest Florida for a harmful form of ocean algae bloom known as red tide. The algae's toxin, which is released into the air when ocean waves break, is known to cause acute respiratory problems near beaches.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/weather/2013/02/06/red-tide-algae-bloom-florida/1896113/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

31. *February 6, Pilot Mountain News* – (North Carolina) **State parks system to modify management guidelines for prescribed burns.** The North Carolina State Park System is making changes to their fire management standards regarding prescribed burns by improving communication between the public, State, and local authorities, as well as updating their training for staff.

Source: http://pilotmountainnews.com/view/full_story/21628898/article-State-parks-system-to-modify-management-guidelines-for-prescribed-burns

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