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- The F-35 Joint Program Office and engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney announced February 28 that the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter was cleared to resume flights, after a crack in an engine turbine blade led to the grounding of the aircraft. – *Defense News* (See item [2](#))
- A real estate fund fraud, which cost investors \$85 million, prompted the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to sue a California businessman and two others for their alleged role in the scheme. – *Bloomberg News* (See item [5](#))
- Two former postal workers pleaded guilty to charges of the theft of over \$3.5 million government benefit checks and tax refunds from an Atlanta mail distribution facility. – *Associated Press* (See item [7](#))
- 200 firefighters worked to control a February 28 wildfire that started in Jurupa Valley, California and destroyed 200 acres. – *Reuters* (See item [24](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *February 28, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Fire erupts at Texas City plant.** Firefighters worked for several hours to put out a fire that started from a pump at the Marathon Galveston Bay refinery. A tank and pipes on the south side of the building that caught on fire were also quickly put out by rescuers using foam.
Source: <http://houston.cbslocal.com/2013/02/28/fire-erupts-at-texas-city-plant/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

2. *February 28, Defense News* – (International) **F-35 cleared for flight.** The F-35 Joint Program Office and engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney announced February 28 that the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter was cleared to resume flights, after a crack in an engine turbine blade led to the grounding of the aircraft.
Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/article/20130228/DEFREG02/302280031>

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Banking and Finance Sector

3. *March 1, Associated Press* – (Mississippi; Florida; Louisiana) **Man indicted in investment fraud scheme.** A federal jury issued an indictment against a Louisiana man for allegedly running an investment fraud scheme that defrauded investors of \$13 million.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/03/01/3260625/man-indicted-in-investment-fraud.html>

4. *February 28, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Md. Man indicted on securities fraud; allegedly ran Ponzi scheme.** A Maryland man was charged with wire fraud and securities fraud for allegedly running a Ponzi scheme that defrauded investors of \$25 million.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-man-indicted-on-securities-fraud-allegedly-ran-ponzi-scheme/2013/02/28/e8342a64-820c-11e2-a671-0307392de8de_story.html
5. *February 28, Bloomberg News* – (California; Oregon; Washington) **SEC sues California man alleging real estate fund fraud.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission sued a California businessman and two others for allegedly running a real estate fund fraud that cost investors more than \$85 million.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-02-28/sec-sues-california-man-alleging-real-estate-fund-fraud>

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Transportation Sector

6. *March 1, WOAI 4 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Hazmat cleaning up spill on Interstate 35.** A tractor-trailer crashed on Interstate 35 in San Antonio, spilling fuel and the soft drink cargo and causing the Interstate to remain closed from midnight through the morning rush hour.
Source: <http://www.woai.com/news/local/story/TRAFFIC-ALERT-Hazmat-cleaning-up-spill-on/IxV-feGeok-8j9zyeaottQ.csp>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

7. *March 1, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Ex-postal workers plead guilty in Atlanta to stealing checks.** Two former postal workers charged with stealing over \$3.5 million in government benefit checks and tax refunds from a mail distribution facility in Atlanta pleaded guilty.
Source: <http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2013/mar/01/ex-postal-workers-plead-guilty-atlanta-stealing-ch/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

8. *February 28, Food Safety News* – (California) **California warns of health risk in Marin County shellfish.** Shellfish harvested in Marin County may contain high levels of paralytic shellfish poisoning toxins, according to a health advisory. The warning

concerns recreationally harvested shellfish only and excludes mussels, clams, and scallops that are sold by State-certified dealers and harvesters.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/02/california-warns-of-health-risk-in-marin-county-shellfish/#.UTCssaU8yVk>

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Water Sector

9. *February 28, WHDH 7 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Sewage plant under 30 feet of water in Hull.** An overflow at a sewage treatment plant in Hull caused enough concern to close multiple schools for a day as crews worked to pump out 30 feet of water in the plant.

Source: <http://www1.whdh.com/news/articles/local/south/10009979105645/sewage-plant-under-30-feet-of-water-in-hull/>

10. *February 28, Darien Times* – (Connecticut) **Darien fixes sewage leak at Cove Island after two weeks.** A February 28 report from the Darien Department of Public Works detailed delays in fixing an 800-gallon sewage leak that kept the leak active for two weeks. The report indicated delays in the shipment of new parts along with valve problems as the cause for the delay and specifies that only groundwater and not sewage had leaked for the past 2 weeks.

Source: <http://www.darientimes.com/16612/darien-fixes-sewage-leak-after-two-weeks/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

11. *March 1, WFXT 25 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Cape man accused of stealing 18,000 pain killers from Hyannis pharmacy.** A February 10 break-in at the Apothecare Pharmacy in Hyannis, where 18,000 prescription pills valued at \$500,000 were stolen, resulted in the February 27 arrest of a man by police following an extensive investigation.

Source: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/story/21431172/2013/02/28/cape-man-accused-of-stealing-pain-killers>

12. *February 28, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **US Lab Department's OSHA cites Wright Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Fairborn, Ohio, with 17 health and safety violations after complaint.** Covenant Care Ohio Inc., the parent company of Wright Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Fairborn was cited by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration with a \$46,000 fine and 17 violations of improper training on bloodborne pathogen hazards and an action plan.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23700

13. *February 28, WTFX 29 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Suspects take gun from security guard in pharmacy robbery.** Police are searching for three armed criminals that robbed a Philadelphia pharmacy February 28 and took nearly 100 bottles of oxycodone.
Source: <http://www.myfoxphilly.com/story/21431523/suspects-take-gun-from-security-guard-in-pharmacy-robbery>
14. *February 28, KCBS 740 AM/106.9 FM San Diego* – (California) **Suspicious device prompts evacuation of SF Tenderloin apartment building.** Police working to evacuate part of a building as a result of smoke and a garbage chute fire, discovered a suspicious device and a threatening note in an apartment which prompted a complete building evacuation. Firefighters evacuated 150 residents from the assisted living facility as police closed off nearby streets to vehicular and pedestrian traffic for 3 and ½ hours.
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2013/02/28/suspicious-device-prompts-evacuation-of-sf-tenderloin-apartment-building/>

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Government Facilities Sector

15. *March 1, Lexington Patch* – (Massachusetts) **3 Lexington students taken to hospital after school bus crash.** A March 1 collision between a Bridge Elementary School bus and a car sent one adult and three students to the hospital with minor injuries.
Source: <http://lexington.patch.com/articles/firefighters-responding-to-school-bus-accident-in-lexington>
16. *March 1, KSTU 13 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Evacuated university students return home after gas leak fixed.** Students from two dormitories at the University of Utah were evacuated and put up in alternative housing February 28 after a gas leak. Residents were allowed to return March 1 once the leak was fixed.
Source: <http://fox13now.com/2013/03/01/university-students-evacuated-overnight-due-to-gas-leak/>
17. *February 28, Fayette Advocate* – (Ohio) **High school evacuated after bomb scare.** A bomb threat forced students to be evacuated and sent home from Clinton County High School in Ohio. Officials believe the threat was a hoax and are still investigating the incident.
Source: <http://fayetteadvocate.com/archives/7882/2013/02/28/high-school-evacuated-after-bomb-scare/>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

18. *March 1, Help Net Security* – (International) **New Java 0-day exploited in ongoing attacks.** Researchers at FireEye detected and reported a new Java zero-day vulnerability that allows arbitrary read and write, and noted attacks using the vulnerability that drop the McRAT trojan on targets' systems.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14530>
19. *March 1, Softpedia* – (International) **Flaw in Chrome, Safari, IE and Opera exploited to fill disks with pictures of cats.** A researcher created a proof-of-concept video showing how Web browsers, Chrome, Safari, Internet Explorer (IE), and Opera can be exploited to write large amounts of data to users' hard drives.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Flaw-in-Chrome-Safari-IE-and-Opera-Exploited-to-Fill-Disks-With-Pictures-of-Cats-Video-333653.shtml>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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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

20. *February 28, All Access Music Group*– (West Virginia; Florida) **FCC proposes fines against Casper, WY cluster for public file violations.** After an inspection where multiple stations were missing consecutive quarters of issues and programs lists, the Federal Communications Commission proposed four separate \$15,000 fines against Mount Rushmore Broadcasting Inc. at their Casper cluster. Another fine of \$15,000 was announced for the operation of an unlicensed station in West Palm Beach.
Source: <http://www.allaccess.com/net-news/archive/story/115851/fcc-proposes-fines-against-casper-wy-cluster-for-p>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

21. *February 28, WDAF 4 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Daycare to remain closed Friday for buckling roof.** St Luke's Daycare remained closed March 1 due to a collapsing roof that forced the closure of the facility and removal of 118 children and 30 staffers February 28. Staff members worked to clear the snow and work with a structural

engineer to determine building safety.

Source: <http://fox4kc.com/2013/02/28/st-lukes-child-care-center-evacuated-due-to-buckling-roof/>

22. *February 28, KULR 8 Billings* – (Montana) **Man injured in fire.** A fire at a west end body shop in Billings started when someone welded too close to flammable material and caused nearly \$300,000 in damages, leaving the building as a total loss. One man was injured and transported to the hospital.

Source: <http://www.kulr8.com/news/local/Man-Injured-in-Fire-194062921.html>

23. *February 28, Tampa Bay Times* – (Florida) **Gulf Island Beach & Tennis Club evacuated after electrical fire.** A Pasco fire marshal was unsure of the cause of a February 21 electrical fire at a high-rise 108- unit condo building which made it uninhabitable for 250 people. Although most of the residents come from Canada and where able to return early, two dozen other residents remain displaced, with some finding accommodations at nearby hotels.

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/gulf-island-beach--tennis-club-evacuated-after-electrical-fire/1276987>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

24. *March 1, Reuters* – (California) **Firefighters battle southern California wildfire.** A February 28 wildfire that started in Jurupa Valley, California was 30 percent contained by March 1 as 200 firefighters worked to control the blaze. Investigators are still determining the cause.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/03/01/us-wildfire-california-idUSBRE9200LX20130301>

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Dams Sector

25. *March 1, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (Pennsylvania) **To cut flood risk, Darby Creek project is removing dams.** The Darby Creek Restoration Project is a \$1.6 million project aimed at cutting flood risk and will remove several dams to ease the impact of floods in the congested flood-prone area surrounding the creek. Funding for the project came from the damage settlement of a 2004 oil tanker spill where 265,000 gallons of crude oil was released into the Delaware River.

Source:

http://www.philly.com/philly/news/local/20130301_To_cut_flood_risk_Darby_Creek_project_is_removing_dams.html

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