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- Officials reported January 21 that nearly 3 million gallons of saltwater generated by oil drilling spilled from a Summit Midstream Partners LLC-owned pipeline near Williston, North Dakota, January 6, and leaked into Blacktail Creek, Little Muddy Creek, and possibly the Missouri River. – *Associated Press* (See item **1**)

- Standard & Poor's Rating Services (S&P) agreed to pay more than $77 million to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and 2 States January 21 to settle charges of fraudulent misconduct to mortgage-backed securities. – *U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* (See item **6**)

- About 500 first responders worked for more than 15 hours to contain a January 21 fire that destroyed at least 200 units at the Avalon on the Hudson apartment complex in Edgewater and left more than 1,000 residents permanently or temporarily displaced. – *WNBC 4 New York City* (See item **27**)

- Officials in the Amackertown community of Mississippi alerted emergency personnel January 21 that the Pearl River County dam was in 'imminent danger' of breaking after a leak was discovered. – *WLOX 13 Biloxi* (See item **30**)

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Energy Sector

1. *January 21, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Nearly 3M gallons of brine spill; ND oil boom's largest leak.** North Dakota officials reported January 21 that nearly 3 million gallons of saltwater generated by oil drilling spilled from a Summit Midstream Partners LLC-owned pipeline near Williston January 6, and leaked into Blacktail Creek, Little Muddy Creek, and possibly the Missouri River. Cleanup and monitoring continued while investigators worked to determine the cause of the rupture.
Source: http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/nearly-m-gallons-of-brine-spill-nd-oil-boom-s/article_2a3b4732-3ca4-591f-ab2f-dd42da3c72d4.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *January 22, Tampa Bay Times* – (Florida) **Two dead after small plane crashes into hazardous chemical warehouse.** A small plane that departed from a Lakeland Regional Airport flight school January 22 crashed into the Key Safety Systems Inflator Technical Center facility in Lakeland that is used as a chemical storage warehouse. HAZMAT crews and firefighters worked to keep the chemicals wet due to the risk of explosion while the fire was allowed to burn until it was deemed safe for firefighters to enter.
Source: http://tbtpics.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/small-plane-crashes-into-lakeland-warehouse/2214705

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *January 21, Champaign News-Gazette* – (Illinois) **Clinton power plant temporarily removed from service.** The Clinton nuclear power plant was temporality removed from service and taken offline January 21 for maintenance work after operators discerned elevated water levels in the containment sump that resulted from a pipe or valve leak.
Source: http://www.news-gazette.com/news/local/2015-01-21/clinton-power-plant-temporarily-removed-service.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *January 22, Softpedia* – (International) **Tesla Model S hacked to start without key.** Qihoo 360 reported a vulnerability in the Tesla Model S discovered during a demonstration at the SyScan security conference in Beijing that could allow an attacker to unlock the vehicle, start the engine, and drive away with the vehicle by intercepting the communication between the key fob and the car. Tesla officials confirmed the flaw and stated that a fix would be released to close the vulnerability.

Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Tesla-Model-S-Hacked-to-Start-Without-Key-470827.shtml

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

5. *January 22, Forex Magnates* – (International) **FX options scam charged by US Court - $2.16 million penalty and trading ban.** Two individuals and a company were charged by a federal court in New York January 22 for fraudulently soliciting retail clients to trade FX options with misappropriating client funds between 2001 and 2008, targeting individuals from around the world including North America and Europe and sustaining severe losses of $1.7 million trading in financial derivatives.
Source: http://forexmagnates.com/fx-options-scam-charged-us-court-2-16-mln-penalty-trading-ban/

6. *January 21, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (New York; Massachusetts) **SEC announces charges against Standard & Poor's for fraudulent ratings misconduct.** Standard & Poor's Rating Services (S&P) reached a settlement January 21 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to resolve a series of federal securities law violations for fraudulent misconduct in its ratings of commercial mortgage-backed securities. The agreement requires S&P to pay more than $58 million to the SEC and plus an additional $21 million in penalties to settle parallel cases in New York Massachusetts.
Source: http://www.sec.gov/news/pressrelease/2015-10.html#.VMEPKkfF-Ps

7. *January 21, Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **FBI hunts gun-toting 'Poncho Bandit' in bank holdup spree.** Authorities are searching for a suspect known as the "Poncho Bandit" responsible for four bank robberies and one attempted bank robbery throughout South Florida from May - December 2014.
Source: http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/fl-five-bank-jobs-linked-20150121-story.html

8. *January 21, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (Florida) **SEC charges investment adviser and manager in south Florida-based fraud.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) announced January 21 fraud charges and an assets freeze against Elm Tree Investment Advisors LLC, a Florida-based investment advisory firm, its manager, and three related funds in a scheme that raised more than $17 million from investors since November 2013 and mislead them by using most of

the money raised to make Ponzi-like payments.
Source: http://www.sec.gov/news/pressrelease/2015-12.html#.VMEaqUfF-Ps

Transportation Systems Sector

9. *January 22, Uniontown Herald-Standard* – (Pennsylvania) **Train derails in Uniontown.** Seven Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad cars carrying sand derailed January 22 at the Penn Street crossing in Uniontown, closing roads in the area and rerouting traffic while crews worked to remove the train from the crossing.
Source: http://www.heraldstandard.com/news/hsnewsnow/train-derails-in-uniontown/article_e13152d1-0f79-5281-9b5b-d92e4d98b097.html

10. *January 22, WAVE 3 Louisville* – (Indiana) **Driver of cattle truck that overturned near Corydon apparently fell asleep, police say.** Approximately 13 miles of Interstate 64 near Corydon was closed in both directions for several hours January 22 after a semi-truck driver carrying 88 beef cattle fell asleep in the westbound lanes and overturned, killing between 20 and 30 animals while others roamed onto the roadway. The remaining live cattle were transferred to another semi-truck while the driver and passenger were taken to a local hospital with injuries.
Source: http://www.wave3.com/story/27910948/overturned-cattle-truck-closes-i-64-near-corydon

11. *January 21, WRAL 5 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **I-95 reopens near Rocky Mount after wreck involving ramen noodle truck.** Southbound lanes of Interstate 95 near Rocky Mount reopened January 21 after being closed for more than 6 hours after a semi-truck carrying ramen noodles crashed near North Carolina Highway 4, spilling the products all over the roadway.
Source: http://www.wral.com/i-95-south-closed-north-of-rocky-mount/14374037/

12. *January 21, My Eastern Shore Maryland* – (Maryland) **Overturned propane truck closes U.S Route 50 in Dorchester County.** All lanes of U.S. Route 50 in Dorchester County were closed nearly 11 hours January 21 after a semi-truck carrying propane overturned. Crews removed the propane from the tank before the semi-truck was moved.
Source: http://www.myeasternshoremd.com/news/dorchester_county/article_4ab02b8e-9b14-55db-a9ab-0211f3e9776a.html

Food and Agriculture Sector

13. *January 22, WHAS 11 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Taylor Co. man dies in grain bin accident.** A worker at a Taylor County farm died January 21 when he was buried after

he entered a grain bin to unclog blockage and the grain collapsed around him. Crews cut the door off the grain bin and removed the man who suffocated inside the bin.
Source: http://www.whas11.com/story/news/local/2015/01/21/taylor-co-man-dies-in-grain-bin-accident/22144261/

14. *January 21, Orange County Register* – (California) **Cholula's Bakery, which sold tainted Three Kings bread, is set to reopen.** Cholula's Bakery in Santa Ana was scheduled to reopen January 21 after the business closed for more than 2 weeks when more than 40 people were sickened after eating a bread product that was laced with a synthetic drug. Authorities continue to investigate the incident and are working to determine how the drug got into the bread.
Source: http://www.ocregister.com/articles/bread-648709-bakery-valseca.html

15. *January 21, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Florida firm recalls beef, chicken and pork products due to misbranding and undeclared allergen.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced January 21 that Holiday Foods issued a recall for about 1,819 pounds of beef, chicken, and pork products after a spice supplier notified the company that the cumin in a spice mix used to formulate the products may have been contaminated with peanuts. The recalled products were produced between August 5 and December 8 and sent to wholesale distributors in several States.
Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-018-2015-release

16. *January 21, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (International) **Pennsylvania firm recalls pork products imported without benefit of inspection.** House of Bricks Realty, Inc. recalled about 130 pounds of French pork rillette because they were not presented for U.S. Department of Agriculture inspection at the U.S. point of entry posing possible health risks. The product was packaged in 3.2-ounce jars and was shipped to distributors for further sale to consumers.
Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-017-2015-release

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

Nothing to report

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Government Facilities Sector

17. *January 21, Mount Pleasant Daily Tribune* – (Texas) **Data breach hits MPISD employees.** The Mount Pleasant Independent School District (MPISD) in Texas notified about 915 current and former staff members that their personal information may have been accessed between January 18-21 after the Forest Hills School District notified MPISD that they experienced a denial of service attack (DoS) when an employee clicked on a social media link which provided the names, addresses, and Social Security numbers of MPISD staff members.
Source: http://www.dailytribune.net/news/data-breach-hits-mpisd-employees/article_051ec5d0-a1d2-11e4-b1c7-afde4a6d4ed1.html

18. *January 21, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Baltimore Co. elementary school students injured in bus crash.** Ten Elmwood Elementary School students were transported to an area hospital following an accident involving their school bus and another vehicle in Baltimore County January 21.
Source: http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-county/bs-md-school-bus-crash-20150121-story.html

19. *January 21, USA Today* – (National) **Senate.gov websites up after 4-hour outage.** The U.S. Senate Sergeant at Arms reported that the Senate.gov Web site was down for approximately 4 hours January 21, affecting the email systems of several U.S. Senators. The network outage issue was identified and technicians restored services.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2015/01/21/senate-websites-email-down/22132469/

20. *January 19, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Grass fires burn 2,100 acres in Logan County, close I-35.** Two wildfires burned a combined 2,100 acres in central Oklahoma January 18, prompting temporary evacuations for neighboring residents and the closure of Interstate 35 in Logan County for more than an hour, after damaging a house and several other buildings.
Source: http://www.enidnews.com/news/grass-fires-burn-acres-in-logan-county-close-i/article_28a5d712-9fef-11e4-b582-672d5fb8ac41.html

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Emergency Services Sector

21. *January 21, WRTV 6 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **ISP trooper's badge, weapons stolen from car.** Authorities are searching for a suspect who stole a firearm and police badge from an Indiana State Police trooper's car during a string of vehicle break-ins in Columbus, Indiana, January 21.
Source: http://www.theindychannel.com/news/local-news/isp-troopers-badge-weapon-stolen-from-car

For another story, see item **26**

Information Technology Sector

22. *January 22, Help Net Security* – (International) **Angler exploit kit goes after new Adobe Flash 0-day flaw.** A malware researcher discovered an unconfirmed zero-day vulnerability in Adobe Flash Player versions 16.0.0.235 and 16.0.0.257 that was found in the popular Angler exploit kit and exposes users of Windows XP, 7, 8 and Internet Explorer 6, 7, 8, and 10 to the Bedep trojan that makes the victims' computer perform ad fraud calls.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2944

23. *January 22, Securityweek* – (International) **Google fixes 62 security bugs with release of Chrome 40.** Google announced a release of Chrome 40 for Windows, Mac OS, and Linux, closing 62 vulnerabilities, including the disabling of SSL 3.0, a protocol found to be vulnerable to POODLE attacks.
Source: http://www.securityweek.com/google-fixes-62-security-bugs-release-chrome-40

24. *January 22, The Register* – (International) **Remote code execution vulns hit Atlassian kit.** Atlassian has released updates to patch a serious vulnerability, an Object-Graph Navigation Language (OGNL) double evaluation vulnerability found in all versions of its Confluence, Bamboo, FishEye, and Crucible products that could allow an attacker to execute Java code of their choice on systems that use the affected frameworks as long as they can access their Web interfaces.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/01/22/atlassian_vulns/

25. *January 22, Help Net Security* – (International) **Click-fraud malware brings thousands of dollars to YouTube scammers.** Researchers at Symantec reported a two-component click-fraud malware dubbed Tubrosa, which could allow an attacker to compromise victims' computers with the malware and use them to artificially inflate their YouTube video views and take advantage of the YouTube Partner Program validation process.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2945

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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: http://www.it-isac.org

Communications Sector

26. *January 22, KMPH 26 Visalia* – (California) **AT&T land line outage after construction crews cut cable.** An unknown number of customers in Madera, Fresno, and Mariposa counties experienced an AT&T land line phone outage January 21 when a contractor inadvertently cut a cable. Emergency 9-1-1 calls were rerouted while crews worked to restore service.
Source: http://www.kmph.com/story/27910326/att-land-line-outage-after-construction-crews-cut-cable

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Commercial Facilities Sector

27. *January 22, WNBC 4 New York City* – (New Jersey) **Luxury apartment complex inferno contained after more than 15 hours; hundreds displaced.** About 500 first responders worked for more than 15 hours to contain a January 21 fire that destroyed at least 200 units at the Avalon on the Hudson apartment complex in Edgewater and left more than 1,000 residents permanently or temporarily displaced. The city's Mayor declared a local state of emergency and closed area schools January 22 due to reduced visibility and restricted access to roadways as crews battled the blaze that is under investigation.
Source: http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/New-Jersey-Edgewater-Fire-Apartment-Complex-Avalon-on-Hudson-289416441.html

28. *January 21, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Cancellations follow news of norovirus at Nashville hotel.** A norovirus outbreak at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville sickened more than 350 Astellas Pharma US employees and guests that attended a conference at the hotel during the week of January 12, prompting the company to cancel the remainder of its meetings. The Nashville Metro Public Health Department confirmed three cases of norovirus and is investigating to determine the scope of the outbreak.
Source: http://www.sunherald.com/2015/01/21/6029704_cancellations-follow-news-of-norovirus.html

29. *January 21, Reuters* – (California) **Accelerant found in ruins of massive Los Angeles construction fire.** Authorities reported January 21 that investigators using surveillance videos and an accelerant detection dogs discovered accelerant as evidence of arson during a probe into a December 8 fire that caused $30 million in damage at an apartment complex under construction in Los Angeles. Officials have interviewed more than 100 people about the fire and offered an award for information about the blaze as they continue to investigate.
Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/01/22/us-usa-arson-california-idUSKBN0KU2UP20150122

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Dams Sector

30. *January 21, WLOX 13 Biloxi* – (Mississippi) **Officials: Pearl River County dam in 'imminent danger' of breaking.** Officials in the Amackertown community alerted emergency personnel January 21 that the Pearl River County dam was in 'imminent danger' of breaking after a leak was discovered. A contractor was called in to create a controlled breach on the dam to relieve some of the pressure.
Source: http://www.wlox.com/story/27908398/officials-pearl-river-county-dam-in-imminent-danger-of-breaking

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