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- Metro officials announced January 22 that a series of steps will be updated in its operating procedures after an arcing electrical fire January 12 at a stop in Washington, D.C. killed 1 woman and sent more than 80 other passengers to local hospitals for smoke inhalation. – *WUSA 9 Washington, D.C* (See item [5](#))
- Due to warning-level surf along west-facing shores of the Big Island, Hawaii, more than a dozen West Hawaii beaches and State parks were closed January 22. – *West Hawaii Today* (See item [14](#))
- Virginia Mason Medical Center officials in Seattle, Washington, stated that they overhauled their cleaning protocol for medical scopes after an outbreak of drug-resistant superbugs spread by contaminated specialized endoscopes infected at least 32 patients between 2012 and 2014. – *Seattle Times* (See item [16](#))
- A woman who operated several pain clinics in Chattanooga, Tennessee, pleaded guilty to prescribing narcotics to patients with little or no documentation, generating more than \$4 million over several months. – *Chattanooga Times Free Press* (See item [17](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *January 22, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Beaver County power plant cleaning up spill into creek.** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection announced January 22 that as much as 4,000 gallons of a mixture of water and coal slurry leaked into Haden Run creek after a holding tank partially collapsed at the FirstEnergy Corp.-owned Bruce Mansfield coal-fired power plant in Beaver County January 21. Cleanup work was expected to be completed by January 23 and officials reported that there is no threat to the public or environmental impact.  
Source: <http://triblive.com/business/headlines/7617090-74/plant-creek-coal>
2. *January 22, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Massachusetts) **Medford, Mass. company settles with EPA for oil spill.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced a settlement January 22 with Erickson Fuel Company, Inc., for the company's failure to prepare an oil spill prevention plan during a January 2014 oil spill that originated from a parked diesel fuel delivery truck and leaked into Winter Brook in Massachusetts. The company agreed to pay \$14,500 in penalties.  
Source:  
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/F1F8A4BB852FF73B85257DD50068B36C>

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## Financial Services Sector

3. *January 22, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (International) **SEC charges former executive at Tampa-based engineering firm with FCPA violations.** Tampa-based PBSJ Corp., also known as The Atkins North America Holdings Corp., agreed to pay a \$3.4 million fine, among additional agreements, January 22 in a settlement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to settle allegations of offering bribes and employment to foreign officials to obtain Qatari government contracts, violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.  
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/pressrelease/2015-13.html>

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## Transportation Systems Sector

4. *January 23, WJXT 4 Jacksonville* – (Florida) **Wreck of 2 semis block I-95 SB in Nassau County.** All lanes of Interstate 95 southbound were closed in Nassau County for approximately 4 hours January 23 due to an accident involving 2 semi-trucks that left 1 driver injured.  
Source: <http://www.news4jax.com/news/semi-crash-closes-i95-nb-in-nassau-co/30878562>
5. *January 22, WUSA 9 Washington, D.C.* – (Washington D.C.) **Metro announces changes after smoke incident.** Metro officials announced January 22 that a series of steps will be updated in its operating procedures to address problems that occurred after an arcing electrical fire January 12 at a stop in Washington, D.C. that killed 1 woman and sent more than 80 other passengers to local hospitals for smoke inhalation. Train conductors are now instructed to shut off the ventilation system when a train stops for smoke rather than having to call the subway system's control center for permission.  
Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/story/news/local/2015/01/22/metro-board-meeting-changes-lenfant-smoke/22156125/>
6. *January 22, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **Smoke alarm delays Allegiant flight to Electric City.** An Allegiant Air flight with 160 passengers headed from Las Vegas to Great Falls, Montana, returned to McCarran International Airport to make an emergency landing January 22 after a smoke alarm sounded once the plane took off. Airline officials stated that passengers were switched to a new aircraft while maintenance crews inspected the plane.  
Source: <http://www.greatfallstribune.com/story/news/local/2015/01/22/smoke-alarm-delays-allegiant-flight-electric-city/22186089/>
7. *January 22, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin* – (California) **2 die in place crash near California-Nevada border.** Officials confirmed January 22 the investigation and discovery of a downed airplane and two bodies on the west side of Clark Mountain near the California-Nevada border that went missing January 20 during a flight from

California City to Henderson.

Source: <http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20150122/2-die-in-plane-crash-near-california-nevada-border>

8. *January 22, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **All lanes reopen after Highway 1 head-on collision.** All lanes on Highway 1 on the San Mateo County coast in Montara were closed for more than 2 hours January 22 during an investigation and cleanup after a head-on collision involving a dump truck and a car.  
Source: <http://abc7news.com/traffic/all-lanes-reopen-after-highway-1-head-on-collision/486649/>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

9. *January 22, Visalia Times-Delta* – (California) **Tulare County insect find prompts quarantine.** An Asian citrus psyllid quarantine was expanded to include a 30-square mile area of Fresno County due to three confirmed detections in an insect trap in an area between Dinuba and Delft Colony. The quarantine prohibits movement of citrus and curry tree nursery stock from the affected areas unless it is grown in U.S. Department of Agriculture-approved protective structures.  
Source: <http://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/story/news/local/2015/01/23/tulare-county-insect-find-prompts-quarantine/22205921/>
10. *January 22, Long Prairie Leader* – (Minnesota) **19,000 turkeys lost in fire.** About 19,000 four-week old turkeys perished in a January 18 fire at a Jennie-O owned turkey barn in Todd County. The structure sustained major damage during the blaze.  
Source:  
<http://www.lpleader.com/articles/2015/01/22/news/doc54c10c57b21d5325427461.txt>
11. *January 22, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (International) **Freeland Foods voluntarily recalls Spicy Seed Due To Potential Health Risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported January 22 that Freeland Foods, Inc., recalled one lot of its Go Raw Organic Spicy Seed Mix after random sampling by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency determined that the product tested positive for Salmonella. The product was sent to distributors, retailers, and direct customers across the U.S. and Canada.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm431278.htm>
12. *January 22, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Illinois; Indiana; Wisconsin) **Gonnella Baking Company issues allergy alert on undeclared milk in Jewel brand Gourmet Sandwich Rolls and Gonnella brand Sub Buns.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported January 21 that Gonnella Baking Company voluntarily recalled Jewel brand Gourmet Sandwich Rolls and Gonnella brand Sub Buns due to undeclared milk. The recalled products were sold in 20-ounce clear plastic bags and distributed to retail grocery stores in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm431180.htm>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

13. *January 22, Wichita Eagle* – (Kansas) **Wichita water leak could affect 450,000 customers.** Officials announced January 22 that a leak in a main water pipe that connects Equus Beds Aquifer and Cheney Reservoir to Wichita’s water plant in Kansas could affect 450,000 city water users if crews are unable to increase the current capacity of 44 million gallons of untreated water to the plant per day.  
Source: <http://www.kansas.com/news/local/article7966140.html>
  
14. *January 22, West Hawaii Today* – (Hawaii) **13 West Hawaii beaches closed amid high surf.** Due to warning-level surf along west-facing shores of the Big Island more than a dozen West Hawaii beaches and State parks were closed January 22. A high surf warning posted for west-facing shores was extended through January 24 by the National Weather Service, potentially impacted the length of closures.  
Source: <http://westhawaii.com/community-bulletin/13-west-hawaii-beaches-closed-amid-high-surf>

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

15. *January 23, KMOV 4 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Pharmaceutical company evacuated after chemical spill.** Cleanup work continued January 23 following a spill of roughly 20 gallons of Toluene inside the Mallinckrodt pharmaceutical company in St. Louis January 22. The building was evacuated after the spill occurred during a normal chemical mixing process.  
Source: <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/Pharmaceutical-company-evacuated-after-chemical-spill--289556841.html>
  
16. *January 22, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **Undisclosed superbug sickened dozens at Virginia Mason.** Virginia Mason Medical Center officials in Seattle stated that they overhauled their cleaning protocol for medical scopes after an outbreak of drug-resistant superbugs spread by contaminated specialized endoscopes infected at least 32 patients between 2012 and 2014. Authorities believe the bacterium was likely transferred from patient to patient after the devices were cleaned, but still harbored the germs.  
Source:  
[http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2025515506\\_endoscopeoutbreakxml.html](http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2025515506_endoscopeoutbreakxml.html)
  
17. *January 22, Chattanooga Times Free Press* – (Tennessee) **Jury convicts Chattanooga pill mill operator ‘Aunt Bea’.** A jury convicted a woman who operated several pain clinics in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and prescribed narcotics to patients with little or no documentation, generating more than \$4 million over several months. Three other

individuals were charged in the scheme and pleaded guilty.

Source: <http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/local/story/2015/jan/22/jury-convicts-chattanooga-pill-mill-operator-aunt-bea/284078/>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

18. *January 22, WBMA 58 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **School bus overturns in Chilton County; 11 students suffer minor injuries.** Eleven students were transported to area hospitals for minor injuries after their school bus overturned in Chilton County January 22.  
Source: <http://www.abc3340.com/story/27917250/school-bus-overturns-in-chilton-county>
  
19. *January 22, Farmington Daily Times* – (New Mexico) **Kirtland Central High School evacuated earlier today.** Kirtland Central High School in Farmington, New Mexico, was evacuated for 3 hours January 22 due to a gas odor released by the school's boiler after it was relit when the pilot light went out. Crews aired out the building and remained onsite.  
Source: [http://www.daily-times.com/four\\_corners-news/ci\\_27371541/kirtland-central-high-school-evacuated-earlier-today](http://www.daily-times.com/four_corners-news/ci_27371541/kirtland-central-high-school-evacuated-earlier-today)
  
20. *January 22, WJLA 7 Washington, D.C.* – (Pennsylvania) **Consumer Alert: Stolen identities used by thieves in student loan scheme.** A Pennsylvania couple pleaded guilty in connection to a student loan scheme that defrauded the U.S. Department of Education out of more than \$270,000 and compromised the identities of over 200 people. The couple filed false financial applications with online universities using victim's personal identifiers in order to obtain the funds themselves.  
Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2015/01/consumer-alert-stolen-identities-used-by-thieves-in-student-loan-scheme-110804.html>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

21. *January 22, KPLC 7 Lake Charles* – (Louisiana) **Correctional officer accused of giving inmates drugs.** An Acadia Parish correctional officer was arrested and charged in connection to allegedly supplying drugs and tobacco products to inmates at a penal institution in Louisiana after being hired in September 2014. Authorities are investigating and expect to make more arrests.  
Source: <http://www.kplctv.com/story/27918303/correctional-officer-accused-of-giving-inmates-drugs>

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## Information Technology Sector

22. *January 23, Softpedia* – (International) **Remote code execution flaw found in iPass Open Mobile Windows Client.** A security researcher at Code White GmbH reported vulnerability in the iPass Open Mobile Windows Client that could allow an attacker to execute arbitrary code by sending a specially-crafted unicode string to a subprocess with SYSTEM privileges. The developers released a patch to address the flaw in the iPass network that includes free and open access hotspots, certain hotel and convention venues, and provides Internet access to trains with WiFi support as well as in-flight WiFi in airplanes.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Remote-Code-Execution-Flaw-Found-in-iPass-Open-Mobile-Windows-Client-471054.shtml>
23. *January 23, Securityweek* – (International) **Three OS X vulnerabilities disclosed by Google.** Google released a report containing details and proof-of-concept code for three vulnerabilities, including a code execution vulnerability, memory corruption bug, and a sandbox escapes, affecting Apple’s OS X operating system reported on October 20, October 21, and October 23.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/three-os-x-vulnerabilities-disclosed-google>
24. *January 23, Softpedia* – (International) **“Friendlier” Critroni ransomware variants spotted in the wild.** Security researchers at Trend Micro discovered new strains of Critroni ransomware (CTB-Locker) in January that allows a grace period of 96 hours, the opportunity to decrypt five files, and an increase in the ransom amount.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Friendlier-Critroni-Ransomware-Variants-Spotted-in-the-Wild-471035.shtml>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

25. *January 23, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Apartments, businesses damaged, but no injuries reported in six-alarm Homestead fire.** Authorities are investigating a 6-alarm fire January 23 that destroyed multiple apartments and damaged

several businesses housed in at least 5 structures in Homestead, including 3 buildings that were rendered total losses. Crews cut power to about 700 businesses and homes as a safety precaution, and authorities estimated the value of the commercial buildings at \$500,000 with replace cost at \$1 million.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/local/south/2015/01/23/Firefighters-battle-5-alarm-fire-at-Homestead-apartments/stories/201501230146>

26. *January 22, Salem News* – (Massachusetts) **About 80 homes run dry after break in water main.** At least 3 businesses in Danvers, including the New England Homes for the Deaf, which has a skilled nursing home and independent living facility, were without water for about 9 hours January 22 after a 12-inch water main ruptured in an area where a bridge is under reconstruction. Crews worked to restore service using an underground connection to a neighboring water system, and began work to permanently relocate the water main, which was previously scheduled to take place during the week of January 26.

Source: [http://www.salemnews.com/news/local\\_news/about-homes-run-dry-after-break-in-water-main/article\\_c8b5b717-1711-5c93-ab87-616db285bff5.html](http://www.salemnews.com/news/local_news/about-homes-run-dry-after-break-in-water-main/article_c8b5b717-1711-5c93-ab87-616db285bff5.html)

27. *January 22, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Apartment complex fire accidentally caused by workers.** Authorities reported January 22 that crews performing plumbing work accidentally ignited a fire inside a wall at the Avalon at Edgewater apartment complex in New Jersey January 21, resulting in more than 400 destroyed or damaged units and more than 1,000 displaced residents. Officials confirmed the building was in compliance with construction and fire codes, and suggested that lightweight wooden building materials fueled the blaze.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/fire-ravaged-jersey-apartment-complex-continues-burn-28399847>

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