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- The New Mexico Environment Department is working on a new compliance order for the U.S. Department of Energy that could lead to over \$100 million in fines for violations related to a radioactive container leak that contaminated 22 workers in February 2012. – *Associated Press* (See item [4](#))
- Federal agents seized \$25,000 in cryptocurrency from a Seattle resident and more than \$7 million and other assets from related suspects in December 2014 as part of an ongoing software piracy case. – *Forbes* (See item [5](#))
- A Metrolink train derailed north of Los Angeles Union Station February 10, rendering 3 of 5 tracks inoperable and forcing about 100 passengers to evacuate the train and walk to safety. – *KNBC 4 Los Angeles* (See item [6](#))
- The FBI is investigating a February 10 hijacking of Newsweek’s Twitter feed in which attackers claimed to be part of a group affiliated with the Islamic State (ISIS) and posted threats towards the U.S. President’s family. – *Softpedia* (See item [20](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *February 10, Lancaster Online* – (Montana) **PPL to close coal-fired power plant in Montana.** PPL Montana announced February 10 that it will permanently retire its J.E. Corette Power Plant in Billings in August after re-evaluating a 2012 decision to potentially restart the plant if power market conditions improved.
Source: http://lancasteronline.com/business/local_business/ppl-to-close-coal-fired-power-plant-in-montana/article_32cd07a0-b143-11e4-8c3e-1f01b1ae7f19.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *February 11, Tulsa World* – (Louisiana) **Tulsa-based Williams Partners has restarted Louisiana plant damaged in 2013 explosion.** Williams Partners announced February 10 that its petrochemical plant in Geismar, Louisiana, is back online after the company rebuilt and expanded the facility following a 2013 explosion that destroyed much of the plant and forced it to shut down. Williams Partners plans to produce up to 1.95 billion pounds of ethylene per year and is currently selling the chemical.
Source: http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/energy/tulsa-based-williams-partners-has-restarted-louisiana-plant-damaged-in/article_3c219c9d-d7ae-52a6-a5a7-cd8762dd2897.html
3. *February 10, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Missouri) **EPA Inspections Reveal Hazardous Waste Violations at ABC Labs of Columbia, Mo. U.S.** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials from Region 7 issued \$19,040 in penalties against Analytical Bio-Chemistry Laboratories, Inc., (ABC Labs) to resolve alleged violations of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act related to the storage and handling of hazardous waste at the company's 2 facilities in Columbia, Missouri. An EPA investigation revealed that ABC Labs failed to conduct weekly hazardous waste inspections, omitted emergency contact information within a contingency plan, and provided improper training in hazardous waste management procedures.
Source:
http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/21b8983ffa5d0e4685257dd4006b85e2/969fc_aacfaceff6185257de80078cead!OpenDocument

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *February 10, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **New Mexico considers more fines over nuke leak.** The New Mexico Environment Department stated that it is working on a new compliance order for the U.S. Department of Energy that could lead to over \$100 million in fines for violations related to a radioactive container leak that contaminated 22 workers at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in southern New Mexico in February 2014. The facility has remained closed since the accident and cleanup is ongoing.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/mexico-officials-talk-feds-fines-nuke-leak-28865020>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

5. *February 10, Forbes* – (National) **Feds seize over \$7 million (plus a little Bitcoin) during software piracy investigation.** Federal agents seized \$25,000 in cryptocurrency from a Seattle resident and more than \$7 million and other assets from related suspects in December 2014 as part of an ongoing software piracy case. The January 30 court filing alleges that suspects traded and distributed fraudulent product activation key codes for Microsoft and other software through e-commerce sites to make at least \$30 million in profits since 2009.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/katevinton/2015/02/10/feds-seize-25000-in-cryptocurrency-and-7-1-million-as-part-of-software-piracy-investigation/>

Transportation Systems Sector

6. *February 11, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **Metrolink operational again following derailment near Union Station.** A Metrolink train derailed north of Los Angeles Union Station February 10, rendering 3 of 5 tracks inoperable and forcing about 100 passengers to evacuate the train and walk to safety. Crews used heavy equipment to remove the train and repair the tracks before service was restored February 11.

Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Metrolink-Trains-Comes-Off-Tracks-Near-Union-Station-291471331.html>

7. *February 10, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Missouri) **OSHA cites Saia Motor Freight Line after explosion injures 4 in St. Louis.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Saia Motor Freight Line LLC of St. Louis for 1 willful and 11 serious safety and health violations with proposed penalties of \$119,000, following an investigation into a liquid propane gas tank explosion that hospitalized 4 employees in August 2014.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27360

8. *February 9, WDRB 41 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Dixie Hwy. closed at Katherine Station Rd. after serious crash.** A multi-vehicle accident involving 5 cars closed Dixie Highway in Louisville for at least 2 hours February 9. Four individuals were transported to an area hospital, including one person that was in critical condition. Source: <http://www.wdrb.com/story/28058427/dixie-hwy-closed-at-katherine-station-rd-after-after-serious-crash>
9. *February 9, KTVT 11 Fort Worth; Associated Press* – (Oklahoma; Iowa; Texas) **Outbound DFW plane evacuated after making emergency landing.** An American Eagle jet headed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport made an emergency landing at Tulsa International Airport in Oklahoma and evacuated 67 passengers and crew members onto the runway after reports of fumes in the cockpit February 9. An American Airlines spokeswoman stated the cause of the fumes remains under investigation. Source: <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2015/02/09/dfw-outbound-plane-evacuated-after-making-emergency-landing/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

10. *February 10, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Texas; North Carolina) **Hines Nut Company, Dallas, TX announces voluntary recall of walnut halves and pieces due to possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported February 10 a voluntary recall for Hines Nut Company-packaged walnut halves and pieces sold by Gold State Nut Company of Biggs, California, due to possible Salmonella contamination. The affected product was packaged under the Hines Nut and Harris Teeter Farmers Market brands and sent to distributors in North Carolina and Texas. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm433797.htm>
11. *February 10, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (International) **Canada firm recalls poultry products produced without benefit of import inspection.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced February 10 that Sunrise Poultry Processors of Alberta, Canada, recalled about 2,705 pounds of poultry products that were not at the U.S. point of entry for inspection, posing possible health risks. The affected product was shipped to retail locations in Washington. Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-029-2015-release>
12. *February 10, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Spiceco extends an allergy alert on undeclared peanut allergen in 5 oz. containers of Pride of Szeged Sweet Hungarian Paprika lot # 091717PAHU05PS.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported February 9 that Spiceco of Avenel, New Jersey, issued a recall for 5-ounce containers of its Pride of Szeged Sweet Hungarian Paprika due to the

potential for undeclared peanut allergen. The problem was detected during routine retail food product sampling by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm433755.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

13. *February 10, Tampa Bay Times* – (Florida) **Cleanup continues after sewage spill in west Pasco.** Pasco County Utilities continued to repair and clean February 10 after a 12-inch force main broke February 9 and spilled more than 1,000 gallons of sewage in the area of Holiday Lakes, Key Vista, and Aloha Gardens which are adjacent to a canal. A utility representative announced plans to contact the Florida Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Protection concerning the spill and that water samples in the area will be taken and reported.
Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/localgovernment/cleanup-continues-after-sewage-spill-in-west-pasco/2217116>
14. *February 10, Orange County Daily Pilot* – (California) **Sewage spill closes part of Little Corona Beach.** Orange County Healthcare Agency officials closed a stretch of Little Corona Beach in Newport Beach to swimmers and others February 9 until further notice after a clogged sewage line spilled 1,500 gallons of waste. An undetermined amount of sewage spilled into the water where officials are testing contamination levels.
Source: <http://www.dailypilot.com/news/tn-dpt-me-0211-sewage-spill-20150210,0,3940177.story>
15. *February 10, Reuters* – (Idaho City) **Idaho town under indefinite order to boil water to prevent illnesses.** The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality ordered about 500 Idaho City customers February 10 to boil water indefinitely due to unsafe levels of turbidity that are likely to contain harmful parasites and bacteria such as cryptosporidium and strains of E. coli. The turbidity in the water system is linked to recent heavy rainfall and snowmelt that increased runoff and debris in a surface water source.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/02/10/us-usa-water-idaho-idUSKBN0LE2QJ20150210>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

16. *February 11, WNEM 5 Bay City* – (Michigan) **Small explosion and fire spark evacuation.** The classroom facility at the Whaley Children’s Center in Flint is closed until further notice after a boiler malfunctioned and caused a small explosion and fire which prompted an evacuation February 11.
Source: <http://www.wnem.com/story/28081764/small-explosion-and-fire-spark-evacuation>
17. *February 11, WVIT 30 New Britain* – (Connecticut) **9 students hospitalized after Hartford school bus crash.** Nine CREC University of Hartford Magnet School students and a driver were transported to an area hospital after their school bus collided with another vehicle in Hartford February 10.
Source: <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Bus-Accident-Reported-in-Hartford-291444841.html>
18. *February 10, Krebs on Security* – (National) **Defense contract management agency probes hack.** A U.S. Defense Contract Management Agency official confirmed that the agency’s web site was taken offline after suspicious activity was detected on the server January 28, resulting in an ongoing investigation. Authorities reported that no data or personal identification information was breached.
Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2015/02/defense-contract-management-agency-probes-hack/>
19. *February 10, WCSC 5 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **Police: No bombs found on CofC campus, scene cleared.** A phoned bomb threat prompted the evacuation of residence halls and the cancellation of classes for several hours in six buildings at the College of Charleston in South Carolina February 10. Authorities are investigating after an alert was sent out to students claiming a bomb was found, but college officials stated that the alert was an error and that no bombs were found in their search.
Source: <http://www.wistv.com/story/28071474/cofc-no-bomb-found-on-campus-alert-miscoded>

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Information Technology Sector

20. *February 11, Softpedia* – (International) **Cyber Caliphate hackers take over Twitter account of Newsweek.** The FBI is investigating a February 10 hijack

of Newsweek's Twitter feed in which attackers claiming to be Islamic State (ISIS)-affiliated hacker group Cyber Caliphate posted threats to the U.S. President's family before the company regained control of the feed within 14 minutes. Newsweek confirmed that the Twitter accounts of International Business Times and Latin Times were also hijacked by the group.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cyber-Caliphate-Hackers-Takes-Over-Twitter-Account-of-Newsweek-472832.shtml>

21. *February 11, Securityweek* – (International) **Researchers bypass all Windows protections by modifying a single bit.** Microsoft released a patch for two vulnerabilities, including one that affected all versions of the Windows Operating System via Windows kernel-mode driver and allowed attackers to install software, view and change data, and create new accounts with full administrative rights. A patch addressing a critical remote code execution flaw was also released.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/researchers-bypass-all-windows-protections-modifying-single-bit>
22. *February 10, Securityweek* – (International) **Microsoft patches critical Windows, Internet Explorer vulnerabilities in Patch Tuesday update.** Microsoft issued 9 security bulletins that fixed a total of 41 vulnerabilities as part of its Patch Tuesday updates that addresses issues for Windows, Office, and Server Software.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/microsoft-patches-critical-windows-internet-explorer-vulnerabilities-patch-tuesday-update>
23. *February 9, Softpedia* – (International) **Microsoft corporate clients targeted with volume license phishing email.** A Cisco Threat Defense researcher reported that cyber-criminals were targeting Microsoft's corporate users with phishing emails purporting to be from Microsoft's Volume Licensing Service Center which contains a link that leads to a compromised WordPress server and downloads the Chanitor malware.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Microsoft-Corporate-Clients-Targeted-with-Volume-License-Phishing-Email-472636.shtml>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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24. *February 11, Manteca Bulletin* – (California) **Man with knife shuts down shopping center.** A shopping center in Lathrop was evacuated for at least 3 hours February 10 as police negotiated with a man wielding a knife in front of a Starbucks coffee shop. Police used beanbag rifles to force the man into submission and took the individual into custody.
Source: <http://www.mantecabulletin.com/section/29/article/120576/>
25. *February 11, Petersburg Progress-Index* – (Virginia) **Chesterfield apartment fire injures 7.** A 2-alarm fire at a Chesterfield apartment building February 11 caused extensive damage to all 14 units in the structure and displaced 22 occupants. Seven residents were injured during the blaze, including five individuals who were transported to area hospitals.
Source: <http://www.progress-index.com/article/20150211/NEWS/150219933>
26. *February 10, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Snow collapses roofs of several Mass. buildings.** Several commercial buildings across Massachusetts suffered roof collapses February 10 due to the weight of snow that accumulated through three major winter storms that swept across the State in recent weeks. The Piano Mill store in Rockland reported several thousands of dollars in damage, while officials in Hingham's commercial district cordoned off a section of the area due to a roof collapse at the historic Lincoln Building.
Source: <http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2015/02/10/roofs-collapse-under-weight-snow/MderASgFSkPVIJ7CQzsa5O/story.html>
27. *February 10, WJON 1240 AM St. Cloud* – (Minnesota) **Fire causes \$300,000 in damage to Waite Park business.** Firefighters and HAZMAT crews responded February 10 to Emerald Companies Incorporated in Waite Park where a fire caused an estimated \$300,000 in damage to the warehouse and equipment store inside the structure. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation.
Source: <http://wjon.com/fire-causes-300000-in-damage-to-waite-park-business/>

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