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- Classes were canceled across schools in the district February 20 after 400 students had their feet and shoes decontaminated at Winnemucca Junior High School in Nevada after a student took a salt shaker filled with mercury to school. – *Reno Gazette-Journal* (See item [14](#))
- At least 15 inmates at Ironwood State Prison in California were injured following a riot February 13 that began when about 120 inmates began fighting in a dining hall. – *Palo Verde Valley Times/Quartzsite Times* (See item [18](#))
- Illinois officials announced that Baldwin Lake reopened February 19 following a 15-day closure that was initiated after about 100,000 gallons of untreated wastewater spilled into the reservoir. – *Belleview News-Democrat* (See item [25](#))

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

1. *February 20, CapeCod.com* – (Massachusetts) **Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth now online.** An Entergy spokesperson at Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth announced that the station was back online and reconnected to the grid February 18 after being shut down as a precaution to avoid a repeat of an unplanned shutdown in January. Officials are unsure of when the station will reach 100 percent power.

Source: <http://www.capecod.com/newscenter/pilgrim-nuclear-power-station-plymouth-now-online/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

2. *February 20, Softpedia* – (National) **Tax related spear-phishing aims at CTOs in tech companies.** Security researchers at Talos discovered a new phishing campaign targeting chief technology officers (CTOs) with malicious attachments disguised as Microsoft Word documents laced with macros that funnel in the Vawtrak banking trojan, which can capture user credentials for more than 100 online services. The emails purport to be related to large sum payment details and federal taxes, with some appearing to originate from fake government addresses.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Tax-Related-Spear-Phishing-Aims-At-CTOs->

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Transportation Systems Sector

3. *February 20, Associated Press; WJLA 7 Washington, D.C.* – (National) **Bitter cold causes cracked rails, more major delays on Metro, Amtrak, VRE.** Virginia Express commuter trains, Metro, and Amtrak trains running along the Northeast corridor including Virginia and Washington, D.C., were delayed or forced to run on a reduced schedule February 20 after cracked rails and switch issues that were triggered by cold temperatures.
Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2015/02/another-day-of-extremely-cold-weather-causes-metro-amtrak-delays-111622.html>
4. *February 19, Alaska Dispatch News* – (Alaska) **DOT says weather likely caused rockslide that closed Seward Highway.** The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT) reported that a rockslide that struck an SUV and closed a portion of the Seward Highway for 2 hours February 19 was caused by alternately freezing and thawing weather. DOT crews removed several large boulders and debris from the roadway and continue to monitor the area.
Source: <http://www.adn.com/article/20150219/dot-says-weather-likely-caused-rockslide-closed-seward-highway>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

5. *February 20, Evansville Courier & Press* – (Illinois) **Fire destroys southern Illinois ag plant.** An office and a large warehouse at the Crop Production Services agricultural plant in Browns, Illinois, were damaged by a fire that broke out February 20 and remains under investigation. Frigid temperatures and strong winds hampered the firefighters' response to the blaze.
Source: http://www.courierpress.com/news/local-news/southern-illinois/fire-destroys-southern-illinois-ag-plant_42330529
6. *February 19, Yuma Sun* – (Arizona) **Arizona citrus quarantine expands to Maricopa County.** A State-imposed Asian citrus psyllid quarantine was expanded to include Maricopa County after the insects were detected in several residential areas around Gila Bend. The Arizona Department of Agriculture urged the public to abstain from taking citrus fruit, plants, or cuttings from the area inside the quarantine that bans citrus from being sent outside the affected area without certification to do so.
Source: http://www.yumasun.com/news/arizona-citrus-quarantine-expands-to-maricopa-county/article_e66b663c-b894-11e4-9218-23447488cac9.html
7. *February 19, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Ohio; Illinois; North Carolina) **Kenosha Beef International recalls beef product due to possible Listeria**

contamination. The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced February 19 that Ohio-based Kenosha Beef International recalled about 21,427 pounds of Fully Cooked Black Angus Ground Beefsteak (chopped and formed) due to possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The affected product was produced January 24 and packaged in 35.3-pound boxes that were shipped to distributors in Illinois and North Carolina.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-034-2015-release>

8. *February 19, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (New York) **Kirsch Mushroom Co. Inc. recalls Chilean Mushrooms for undeclared sulfites.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported February 18 that Kirsch Mushroom Co. Inc., recalled its Chilean Mushrooms that were sold at Sloan super markets in Buffalo between November-December 2014 due to undeclared sulfites. The recall was initiated after routine sampling by the New York State Department of Agriculture and market food inspectors and subsequent analysis revealed a sulfite level in excess of 10 milligrams per serving.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm435010.htm>
9. *February 19, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (New York; New Jersey; Virginia) **Chocolate By Design Inc. issues allergy alert on undeclared egg in Milk Chocolate Assorted Character Icing Pops, Christmas Icing Pops and Triple Heart Icing Pops.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported February 18 that Chocolate By Design Inc., issued a recall for Assorted Character, Christmas, and Triple Heart varieties of its Milk Chocolate Icing Pops due to undeclared egg. Production of the Icing Pops products was suspended until the labeling has been corrected.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm434934.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

10. *February 19, WCTI 12 New Bern* – (North Carolina) **Much of Martin County under boil order.** A boil water advisory was issued to about 1,000 Martin County Water District 1 customers in North Carolina February 19 after a water main burst and caused a loss of pressure that allowed for contaminants to leak in. Officials were collecting samples for bacteria testing to ensure water safety, and reported that the advisory could be lifted by February 21 when the results of the tests are returned.
Source: <http://www.wcti12.com/news/much-of-martin-county-under-boil-order/31363954>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

11. *February 20, Evansville Courier & Press* – (Indiana) **Flooding closes Gateway urgent care clinic until Monday.** The urgent care facility on Deaconess Hospital's Gateway campus in Newburgh will remain closed at least through February 23 due to flooding inside the building, officials announced February 20.
Source: http://www.courierpress.com/news/local-news/flooding-closes-gateway-urgent-care-clinic-until-monday_66365375
12. *February 20, Orlando Business Journal* – (Florida) **3 arrested for operating unlicensed Orlando clinic for insurance fraud.** The Florida Department of Financial Services announced February 19 that three individuals were arrested for allegedly operating an unlicensed clinic in Orlando as part of a personal injury protection fraud scam. A doctor charged in the scheme fronted ownership of the Unity Pain & Injury Center LLC from February-December 2012, while the clinic was actually run by non-licensed individuals who paid the doctor \$1,500 a month for use of his name.
Source: http://www.bizjournals.com/orlando/morning_call/2015/02/3-arrested-for-operating-unlicensed-orlando-clinic.html
13. *February 19, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Gas-fed fire forces evacuation of Duxbury care facility.** Seventeen residents from the Duxbury House, an Alzheimer's care center in Massachusetts, were evacuated and temporarily relocated to an adjacent building following a 2-alarm fire and gas leak February 19. Damage estimates totaled \$500,000 after a snapped pipe caused the gas leak which led to the ignition of the gas by a furnace in the basement.
Source: <http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2015/02/19/alarm-fire-forces-evacuation-alzheimer-care-facility-duxbury/gPLRVCSbXpHULayFSHnKVO/story.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

14. *February 20, Reno Gazette-Journal* – (Nevada) **School canceled in Winnemucca after mercury scare.** Classes were canceled across schools in the district February 20 after 400 students had their feet and shoes decontaminated on the football field of Winnemucca Junior High School in Nevada after a student took a salt shaker filled with mercury to the school February 19 leaving trails of it through the hallways and on the school bus. Three other schools in the area were placed under a precautionary lockdown to ensure the mercury did not travel to other schools.
Source: <http://www.rgj.com/story/news/2015/02/19/mercury-spill-prompts-lockdown-winnemucca-school/23701433/>
15. *February 20, Aurora Beacon-News* – (Illinois) **Ten Boulder Hill students sent to a hospital after school bus crash.** An accident near Orchard Road and Caterpillar Drive in Illinois involving a vehicle and a school bus transporting Boulder Hill Elementary School students caused 10 students to be transported to an area hospital for evaluation February 20.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/aurora-beacon-news/news/ct-abn-oswego-bus-crash-st-0222-20150220-story.html>

16. *February 19, Wilmington News Journal* – (Delaware) **School bus crash sends 16 students to hospital.** Sixteen students were injured in an accident involving 3 school buses in Bridgeville, Delaware, February 19. One bus crashed into a second bus, forcing it to collide with a third bus.

Source: <http://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/crime/2015/02/19/school-bus-crash-sends-students-hospital/23710003/>

17. *February 19, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **White powder sent to L.A. County judge possibly linked to series of such letters: FBI.** Officials cleared the scene February 19 at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse in Los Angeles 3 hours after a letter containing an unknown white substance was sent to a judge, prompting a HAZMAT response. The incident is being investigated by the FBI after reports of other letters containing white powder that were sent to government buildings February 18-19.

Source: <http://ktla.com/2015/02/19/hazmat-team-sent-to-stanley-mosk-courthouse-in-downtown-l-a-over-suspicious-letter/>

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Emergency Services Sector

18. *February 19, Palo Verde Valley Times/Quartzsite Times* – (California) **Another prison riot at Ironwood.** At least 15 inmates at Ironwood State Prison in Blythe, California, were injured following a riot February 13 when about 120 inmates began fighting in the D yard dining hall. Prison staff deployed several less lethal force options in an attempt to quell the disturbance including OC pepper spray, blast dispersion grenades, and expandable batons.

Source:

<http://paloverdevalleytimes.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=1&ArticleID=21103>

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Information Technology Sector

19. *February 20, Softpedia* – (International) **Commercial spyware found in enterprise environment.** Security researchers at Lacocon Mobile Security and Check Point discovered 18 different commercial remote access trojan (mRAT) spying tools that connect to the company's Wi Fi and communicate with the command and control (C&C) server on 1,000 of 900,000 corporate mobile devices tested. The spyware, generally marketed for monitoring children, allows employers to track the location of users, log activity on the device, access emails, texts, and contacts, and possibly activate the device's microphone for recording.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Commercial-Spyware-Found-in-Enterprise-Environment-473785.shtml>

20. *February 20, The Register* – (International) **Hackers now popping Cisco VPN portals.** An Australian hacker reported a flaw that allows attackers to crack customized Cisco virtual private networks (VPNs) to steal credentials, inject malware, modify Clientless Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) and VPN portal content, and launch cross-site scripting (XSS). Cisco stated that the flaw was due to improper implementation of authentication checks in the customization framework of Clientless SSL VPN portal versions earlier than October 8, 2014 and recommended customers follow their incident response process.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/02/20/hackers_popping_cisco_vpn_portals/

21. *February 19, Softpedia* – (International) **Android malware takes over device's shutdown process.** AVG security researchers discovered a new mobile malware strain affecting Android devices that hijacks the shutdown process and obtains root permission to run nefarious activities such as initiating calls or taking pictures while the phone appears to be off.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Android-Malware-Takes-Over-Device-s-Shutdown-Process-473705.shtml>

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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>

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Communications Sector

22. *February 19, WSAZ 3 Huntington* – (West Virginia) **Frontier continues to work on damaged cables near train derailment.** Frontier Communications technicians continued to work with railroad and public safety officials February 19 to replace fiber-optic cables that were damaged by a train derailment in Fayette County during the week of February 16. A representative reported that broadband service was restored February 18 but voice-service was still down while additional repairs were being made.

Source: <http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Frontier-Continues-to-Work-on-Damaged-Cables-near-Train-Derailment-292736621.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

23. *February 20, Reuters* – (California) **Bomb scare proves false alarm near Hollywood venue for Oscars.** A bomb scare triggered by an erratic motorist brandishing a propane tank and nitrous oxide prompted a 5-hour closure of a hotel and storefronts in a Hollywood shopping strip February 19 while a bomb squad investigated and cleared the scene. The incident that was rendered a false alarm occurred in the area of the Dolby Theatre complex where an upcoming awards ceremony is scheduled to take place February 22 and traffic was previously closed off in preparation for the high profile event.

Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/bomb-scare-proves-false-alarm-near-hollywood-venue-for-oscars/ar-BBhLD9X>

24. *February 20, Foster's Daily Democrat* – (New Hampshire) **Threat of roof collapse closes stores Crossings at Fox Run.** At least 4 stores at the Crossings at Fox Run mall were evacuated and closed February 19 after a cracked steel support beam and sagging ceilings were observed inside a business. Crews were on the scene to remove snow from the roofs of the mall that must remain closed until structural engineers approve the building's safety.

Source:

http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20150220/GJNEWS_01/150229981/0/SEARCH

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Dams Sector

25. *February 19, Belleville News-Democrat* – (Illinois) **Two weeks after sewage spill, Baldwin Lake reopens.** The Illinois Department of Natural Resources announced that Baldwin Lake in the Kaskaskia River State Fish and Wildlife Area reopened February 19 following a 15-day closure that was initiated after about 100,000 gallons of untreated wastewater spilled into the reservoir. A fractured air release valve was replaced and water samples showed the lake is safe for public recreation.

Source: http://www.bnd.com/2015/02/19/3670419_two-weeks-after-sewage-spill-baldwin.html

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