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Energy Sector

1. *March 6, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **More than 74,000 customers remain without power in W.Va.; outages could last late into weekend.** Utility crews in West Virginia worked to restore power to more than 74,000 customers who remained without service March 6 following a winter storm. Crews reported that weather conditions were hindering efforts to restore power.
Source:
<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/36236a27393449479624665fe331c2b9/WV--Winter-Weather-Outages/>
2. *March 5, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Oil company to pay \$2M for illegal well in North Dakota.** Federal prosecutors reported March 5 that Norwegian-based Brigham Oil & Gas L.P., which was acquired by Statoil Oil & Gas Services, Inc., agreed to pay nearly \$2 million in a settlement to avoid legal action for illegally operating a well on unleased federally-owned minerals in North Dakota. The company began drilling the well in December 2011 and authorities found that the company had produced and sold federally-owned oil and natural gas from the site.
Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/03/05/us/ap-us-illegal-oil-well.html>
3. *March 5, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Nearly 19,000 gallons of saltwater spills near Tioga; waterways, public health not in danger.** The North Dakota Department of Health announced March 5 that a Continental Resources-owned pipeline leaked about 19,000 gallons of saltwater near Tioga after the pipeline ruptured when it was struck by excavating equipment. The spill was contained to the excavated site and does not pose a threat to the public or waterways.
Source:
<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/e591d2d720f944cf842b329b09cdee4a/ND--Brine-Spill/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *March 6, Reuters* – (National) **Nissan expands US hood latch recall to 878K Altima sedans.** Nissan Motor issued a recall of about 640,000 model year 2013-2015 Altima sedans for a secondary hood latch issue that could cause the hood to fly up while the vehicle is in motion if the primary hood latch is disengaged. The recall expands one issued for 238,000 Altima sedans in North America in October 2014.
Source: <http://www.cnbc.com/id/102483850>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

5. *March 5, U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Washington* – (Washington) **Couple who fled to Eastern Europe during bank fraud investigation enter guilty pleas.** A King County couple that had fled to Moldova pending a 2009 indictment, pleaded guilty March 5 to charges related to a mortgage fraud scheme in which they allegedly submitted 55 fraudulent construction loan packets worth \$49 million to Westsound Bank, while diverting some of the funds for personal use, collecting commissions on property sales, and costing the bank over \$10 million in losses. One of the suspects was extradited back to the U.S. in December 2014, and the other returned in February 2015 to resolve the case.
Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/seattle/press-releases/2015/couple-who-fled-to-eastern-europe-during-bank-fraud-investigation-enter-guilty-pleas>

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Transportation Systems Sector

6. *March 6, Reuters* – (Illinois) **Five cars still on fire in Illinois following BNSF train derailment carrying ND crude.** Five BNSF Railway cars out of the 21 that derailed March 5 remained on fire March 6 potentially delaying shipments along the line in Galena, Illinois, for up to 48 hours. No injuries were reported in the accident after the train carrying crude oil from North Dakota derailed on its way to Chicago.
Source: <http://www.inforum.com/news/accidents/3693596-five-cars-still-fire-illinois-following-bnsf-train-derailment-carrying-nd>
7. *March 5, KIRO 7 Seattle; Associated Press* – (Washington) **1 person dead, students hurt in school bus crash.** One person was killed, 2 others were injured, and 43 students from Orondo Elementary and Middle School were transported to an area hospital with injuries after a 3-vehicle accident involving a car, school bus, and box

truck on Highway 97 near Orondo, Washington. All lanes of the highway between Orondo and U.S. 97/State Route 150 junction were closed for nearly 6 hours while crews cleared the scene.

Source: <http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/injuries-reported-multi-car-crash-involving-semi-s/nkPM9/>

8. *March 5, KDVR 31 Denver* – (Colorado) **Emergency repairs force closures on Interstate 70, U.S. 6.** The Colorado Department of Transportation closed both a stretch of westbound Interstate 70 between East Colfax Avenue and Tower Road for 6 hours and an 11-mile stretch of U.S. 6 in Clear Creek Canyon for 5 hours March 5 for emergency repairs due to damage caused by moisture, freeze, and thaw cycles and for emergency rock scaling operations.
Source: <http://kdvr.com/2015/03/05/westbound-interstate-70-to-close-for-6-hours-for-road-repairs/>
9. *March 5, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Crashes close areas of turnpike, I-78, I-81 as snow covers eastern Pa.** Westbound lanes of the Pennsylvania Turnpike between Valley Forge and Downingtown were closed March 5, along with Interstate 78 eastbound in Berks County, while several other eastern Pennsylvania highways were closed due to heavy snowfall and vehicle accidents across the State. At least 250 flights arriving and departing from Philadelphia International Airport were also canceled due to the weather.
Source:
http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2015/03/crashes_close_areas_of_turnpik.html
10. *March 5, Associated Press* – (National) **Snowstorm strands drivers in Kentucky, sends plane skidding in NY; record low temps up next.** A severe winter storm covered the Northeast March 5 after moving across the South, which left more than 400 drivers stranded on Interstate 24 in Kentucky for several hours and caused a pileup of 200 semi-trucks on Interstate 65 in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Slippery conditions caused a Delta flight to skid off the runway and crash through a fence at New York's LaGuardia Airport, while about 4,400 flights in and out of the U.S. were canceled.
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/politics/national/295134771.html?page=1&c=y>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

11. *March 6, WWLP 22 Springfield* – (Massachusetts) **30 fire departments called to fight fire at Deerfield grain mill.** A fire that broke out March 6 at an old grain mill in Deerfield, Massachusetts prompted about 120 firefighters from 30 communities across 3 States to respond to the blaze that was contained mostly to the top floor of the mill.
Source: <http://wwlp.com/2015/03/06/fire-in-deerfield/>

12. *March 6, St. Paul Pioneer Press* – (Minnesota) **Deadly strain of bird flu found in Minnesota turkey flock; public not at risk.** Health officials reported March 5 that the H5N2 strain of avian influenza was detected at a Pope County poultry farm and that about 15,000 turkeys housed in one barn died as a result of the virus since February 26. The remaining 100 turkeys at the farm were culled as a precaution, and four workers were being monitored due to occupational risk, while authorities reported that the risk of exposure to the general public is very low.
Source: http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_27653197/serious-strain-bird-flu-found-minnesota-turkey-flock
13. *March 5, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Arizona; California; Washington) **Premier Distribution Center, Inc. recalls beef and pork products due to misbranding.** Premier Distribution Center, Inc., announced March 5 a recall for about 50,953 pounds of pork and beef products due to misbranding after a Food Safety and Inspection Service official found that some of the products' inspection labels had been photocopied, and a follow-up investigation determined that some of the labels were applied after hours without the presence of a U.S. Department of Agriculture inspector. The recalled products were shipped to locations in California, Washington, and Arizona.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-040-2015-release>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

14. *March 5, WHKY 14 Hickory* – (North Carolina) **Wastewater overflow in Hickory on March 4.** The City of Hickory reported March 5 that an estimated 20,000 gallons of untreated wastewater went into Lake Hickory after it was discharged March 4 at the Moose Club Pumping Station due to a mechanical failure of the emergency generator caused by a tree that fell across power lines. Crews were hired to minimize the volume of the wastewater overflow.
Source: <http://www.whky.com/archive/item/5379-wastewater-overflow-in-hickory-on-march-4>
15. *March 5, WRIC 8 Richmond* – (Virginia) **Overflowing tank blamed for Hopewell water issue.** Virginia American Water reported March 5 that an overflowing tank at its low river pump station was found to be the source of a 600-gallon diesel fuel spill in the Appomattox River in Hopewell March 2. Officials kept the city along with portions of Prince George under a boil water advisory until further notice due to the potential of contamination from low water pressure.
Source: <http://wric.com/2015/03/05/dept-of-environmental-quality-no-environmental-impact-from-fuel-spill-in-appomattox/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

16. *March 5, Fox News* – (Arizona) **35 sickened with norovirus at Phoenix VA hospital.** The Carl T. Hayden Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Phoenix confirmed March 3 that 16 patients and 19 staff members from 2 inpatient mental health units were sickened with norovirus. The center attempted to stop the virus from spreading by canceling group activities, disinfecting the hospital, and temporarily halting the admittance of patients into the mental health unit.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/health/2015/03/05/35-sickened-with-norovirus-at-phoenix-va-hospital/>

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Government Facilities Sector

17. *March 6, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Some Pitt classes canceled due to power outage.** Classes were canceled and employees were advised not to report to work March 6 following a power outage at seven buildings on the University of Pittsburgh campus in Pennsylvania. Officials reported that the outage was caused by a water main break that damaged a transformer, and that crews estimated the restoration of service will take approximately 8 hours.
Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/news/education/2015/03/06/Some-University-of-Pittsburgh-Pitt-classes-cancelled-due-to-power-outage/stories/201503060291>
18. *March 5, KDVR 31 Denver* – (Colorado) **Bear Creek K-8 school evacuated due to suspicious odor; classes canceled.** Students and staff from Bear Creek K-8 elementary school in Lakewood, Colorado, were evacuated and classes were dismissed March 5 after reports of a suspicious odor in the building which caused 3 teachers and 34 students to complain of dizziness and nausea. Crews traced the odor to a malfunctioning fresh air return valve and repaired the issue.
Source: <http://kdvr.com/2015/03/05/bear-creek-k-8-school-evacuated-due-to-suspicious-odor/>
19. *March 4, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois; Pennsylvania; California) **Two picked to build Chicago-area car-charging stations charged with fraud.** Charges against two former owners of California-based 350Green LLC were announced March 4 in Chicago alleging the pair falsely obtained nearly \$3 million in federal grants administered by Chicago and government agencies in Pennsylvania and California. The two former owners allegedly submitted fraudulent claims for expenses in order to obtain grant money, falsely claimed the company paid subcontractors and vendors, and made up statements about the company's financial status.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-electric-car-fraud-met-20150304-story.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

20. *March 6, Help Net Security* – (International) **Fake “Flash Player Pro” update delivers password-stealing trojan.** Security researchers at F-Secure discovered a new malware campaign in which users with previously compromised routers and domain name system (DNS) server settings are being targeted with fake Adobe Flash Player Pro installation notifications that contain the Fareit trojan, allowing attackers to steal passwords and download other malware onto the infected system. Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2982

21. *March 6, Softpedia* – (International) **SSL/TLS cipher suite downgrade affects all supported Windows versions.** Microsoft released a security advisory that its Secure Channel (Schannel) used in all versions of Windows is vulnerable to Factoring RSA Export Keys (FREAK) attacks that force secure sockets layer (SSL) and transport layer security (TLS) cryptographic protocols to use a weak RSA key through a man-in-the-middle (MitM) attack, allowing hackers to decrypt HTTPS traffic. Microsoft has not yet specified a release date for patching the vulnerability. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/SSL-TLS-Cipher-Suite-Downgrade-Affects-All-Supported-Windows-Versions-475080.shtml>

22. *March 6, Help Net Security* – (International) **Cryptowall makes a comeback via malicious help files.** Security researchers at Bitdefender Labs discovered a new spam email campaign targeting users worldwide, in which attackers have sent hundreds of emails with Compiled HTML (.chm) files that install the Cryptowall ransomware when opened. Researchers believe the attack is targeting employees from different organizations to compromise company networks. Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2981

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Communications Sector

23. *March 6, Bend Bulletin* – (Oregon) **BendBroadband outages continue.** BendBroadband reported that email and voice-mail services for about 39,000

subscribers in Bend, Oregon, were interrupted for approximately 8 hours March 4 due to technical problems. BendBroadband's parent company, TDS Telecom, blamed aging equipment for the outage, which has been the third interruption since January.

Source: <http://www.bendbulletin.com/business/2945587-151/bendbroadband-outages-continue>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

24. *March 6, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **4-alarm fire destroys strip mall building.** A 4-alarm fire destroyed a building that housed up to six businesses at a Fitchburg strip mall March 4. No injuries were reported and the fire remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2015/03/06/four-alarm-fire-destroys-building-strip-mall/npaQO16EOatFkz4lqDySEO/story.html>
25. *March 6, Jackson Hole Daily* – (Wyoming) **Lift failure prompts evacuation at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort.** About 90 skiers and snowboarders in Wyoming were rescued by the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort's ski patrol March 5 after mechanical issues halted the Apres Vous lift and stranded the passengers for 2 hours. No injuries were reported, and the lift was closed indefinitely pending repairs.
Source: http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/jackson_hole_daily/local/lift-failure-prompts-evacuation-at-jackson-hole-mountain-resort/article_6dcab22d-4e0e-52a5-904e-aa7b9d56e3b1.html
26. *March 6, Schenectady Daily Gazette* – (New York) **One person unaccounted for in massive Jay St. fire.** A March 6 fire at an apartment complex in Schenectady left 5 people injured and displaced at least 20 residents while firefighters worked to contain the blaze. The Schenectady City Hall was closed due to ongoing fire department operations.
Source: <http://www.dailygazette.com/news/2015/mar/06/massive-fire-hits-jay-street-apartment-building/>
27. *March 5, WTHR 13 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Several south side Indianapolis apartments damaged in fire.** Authorities are investigating a March 5 fire at an Indianapolis apartment building that caused an estimated \$350,000 in damage and displaced 20 residents.
Source: <http://www.wthr.com/story/28274635/several-south-side-indianapolis-apartments-damaged-in-fire>
28. *March 5, Arizona Daily Star* – (Arizona) **Copper thieves hit Oro Valley businesses.** Police received reports of theft March 1 from two Oro Valley businesses that were struck by vandals who stole copper electrical wire and caused a collective \$40,000 in damage and losses. One of the businesses, Dickey's Barbeque Pit, was forced to close for one day while crews made repairs and worked to restore power that was lost as a result of the theft.
Source: <http://tucson.com/business/copper-thieves-hit-oro-valley->

[businesses/article_dab7f904-6cc5-506e-80ee-b6f3717c3b59.html](https://www.businesses/article_dab7f904-6cc5-506e-80ee-b6f3717c3b59.html)

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