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- Repair crews discovered the source of a sewage leak that has allowed 1.5 million gallons to spill into a Maryland creek since March 5. – *WTOP 103.5 FM Washington* (See item [20](#))
- Over \$580 million was spent on putting out wildfires in 2012, the National Interagency Fire Center reported. – *KRIS-TV 6 Corpus Christi* (See item [22](#))
- Roughly 1,500 individuals were evacuated from Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs March 7 after employees became suspicious about five packages that were found at the North American Aerospace Defense Command headquarters. – *Associated Press* (See item [26](#))
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## Energy Sector

1. *March 8, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **55,000 customers remain without power in Virginia following winter storm.** A storm that knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of homes in Virginia and left up to 20 inches of snow kept utility crews working through March 8 to restore power to the remaining 55,000 customers.  
Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/55000-customers-remain-without-power-in-virginia-following-winter-storm/2013/03/08/d15c6378-87e9-11e2-b412-2e8596e7c927\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/55000-customers-remain-without-power-in-virginia-following-winter-storm/2013/03/08/d15c6378-87e9-11e2-b412-2e8596e7c927_story.html)
2. *March 7, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Wyoming) **Wyoming Ethanol to pay \$49,000 for violations at Torrington facility.** A May 2012 inspection led Wyoming Ethanol, LLC to pay \$49,000 in penalties for several violations in their Torrington, Wyoming facility. The company was cited by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency after breaking their risk management plan and breaching security hazards.  
Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/3B67A86DB443022485257B27006EC8D1>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

3. *March 7, SurfKY News* – (Kentucky) **Truck accident with chemical spill on Dalton Road.** A wrecked truck spilled massive amounts of liquid nitrogen prompting emergency personnel to close roads and temporarily evacuate the surrounding area.  
Source: <http://surfky.com/index.php/communities/55-local-hopkins-top-news/27807-truck-accident-with-chemical-spill-near-princeton-pike>

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *March 7, Spokane Spokesman-Review* – (Washington) **Hanford contractor CH2M Hill to pay \$18.5 million for fraud.** The contractor that handled cleanup and maintenance at the Hanford Site between 1999 and 2008 will pay \$18.5 million to resolve fraud violations by employees that overcharged the U.S. Department of Energy.  
Source: <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2013/mar/07/hanford-contractor-ch2m-hill-to-pay-185-million/>

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## Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *March 7, Peoria Journal Star* – (Illinois) **Komatsu fined \$82,000 for ‘serious**

**violations' before worker death.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration fined Komatsu America Corp. \$82,000 for safety violations at its Peoria plant that resulted in the August, 2012 death of an employee.

Source: <http://www.pjstar.com/news/x1522333789/Komatsu-fined-82-000-for-serious-violations-before-worker-death>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

6. *March 8, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Europol takes down €70,000 cyber gang in co-ordinated sting.** European and Finnish authorities arrested two men allegedly involved in an international credit card fraud scheme and found 15,000 stolen credit card numbers on the suspects' computers.  
Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2253543/europol-takes-down-eur70-000-cyber-gang-in-coordinated-sting>
7. *March 8, Softpedia* – (International) **Websites of major Czech banks, stock exchange disrupted by DDOS attacks.** The Web sites of several major banks and a stock exchange in the Czech Republic experienced service interruptions due to distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Websites-of-Major-Czech-Banks-Stock-Exchange-Disrupted-by-DDOS-Attacks-335476.shtml>
8. *March 7, Providence Journal* – (Rhode Island) **'Bearded Bandit' pleads guilty to 9 bank robberies.** The man known as the "Bearded Bandit" pleaded guilty to robbing nine banks in Rhode Island.  
Source: <http://news.providencejournal.com/breaking-news/2013/03/bearded-bandit-pleads-guilty-to-nine-bank-robberies-sentencing-scheduled-fo.html>
9. *March 6, KLTV 7 Tyler* – (Texas; Arkansas; Mississippi) **FBI issues nationwide search for 'Loan Ranger Bandit.'** The FBI expanded their search for the "Loan Ranger Bandit", who has robbed at least ten banks in Texas, Arkansas, and Mississippi.  
Source: <http://www.kltv.com/story/21538742/fbi-issues-nationwide-alert-for>
10. *March 6, Reuters* – (International) **U.S. fighting use of armored cars in money laundering.** U.S. authorities believe that Mexican drug cartels are using armored car services to launder money across the border, and regulators are preparing guidance for armored car companies to combat this activity.  
Source: <http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2013-03-06/news/sns-rt-us-usa->

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## **Transportation Sector**

11. *March 8, Middletown Times-Herald Record* – (New York) **Winter won't let go: snow tangles schools and commutes.** A winter snowstorm caused several minor accidents along an 18-mile section in both lanes of the New York State Thruway.  
Source: <http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130308/NEWS/130309709>
12. *March 8, WBUR 90.9 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **1 to 2 feet of snow now expected in parts of Mass.** A snowstorm caused hazardous conditions for commuters on major highways in central Massachusetts early March 8, with more expected later that day.  
Source: <http://www.wbur.org/2013/03/08/march-snowstorm-high-tide>
13. *March 8, KATV 7 North Little Rock* – (Arkansas) **Driver dies after tanker truck fire shut down traffic on I-40 at Crystal Hill.** An overturned tanker-truck caused traffic to shut down on Interstate 40 for an unspecified amount of time. The crash started a fire under an overpass and prompted emergency officials to indefinitely close the bridge due to risk of collapse.  
Source: <http://www.katv.com/story/21546876/update-driver-dies-after-tanker-truck-fire-shut-down-traffic-on-i-40-at-crystal-hill>
14. *March 8, Everett Daily Herald* – (Washington) **2 arrested in thefts at Arlington Post Office.** Two people were arrested after allegedly stealing mail from a Post Office in three incidents since February.  
Source: <http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20130307/NEWS01/703079833/-1/news01#2-arrested-in-thefts-at-Arlington-Post-Office>
15. *March 7, WFMZ-TV 69 News Allentown* – (Pennsylvania) **Caught on camera: Truck fire snarls rush hour traffic on Route 222.** A fire significantly damaged a tractor-trailer as it was traveling on an off ramp on Route 222. Officials could not determine how long it would be before the wreckage may be removed.  
Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/news/news-regional-berks/Caught-on-camera-Truck-fire-snarls-rush-hour-traffic-on-Route-222/-/121418/19226552/-/t1ru2h/-/index.html>
16. *March 7, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **I-5 in Seattle reopens after major collision and stalls.** A major collision between a vehicle and motorcyclist caused all lanes to be closed on Interstate 5. The lanes later reopened, but delays continued.  
Source: <http://blogs.seattletimes.com/today/2013/03/major-collision-and-stalls-cause-nightmare-i-5-commute/>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

17. *March 7, Food Safety News* – (Washington) **Seattle restaurant tied to E. coli outbreak.** King County Public Health Agency officials closed a Seattle-based Ethiopian restaurant after connecting the establishment to an outbreak of E. coli. The restaurant was cited with five safety violations.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/03/seattle-restaurant-tied-to-e-coli-outbreak/#.UTnfEKU8zUg>
18. *March 7, Vallejo Times-Herald* – (California) **Vallejo grocery store evacuated after freon leak, possible explosion.** A 250 pound freon gas leak from a compressor and subsequent explosion led to both an evacuation and the store's temporary closure. Emergency crews evaluated grocery store shoppers and workers and surrounding stores were evacuated and closed as a safety precaution.  
Source: [http://www.timesheraldonline.com/news/ci\\_22739855/vallejo-grocery-store-evacuated-after-freon-leak](http://www.timesheraldonline.com/news/ci_22739855/vallejo-grocery-store-evacuated-after-freon-leak)

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## **Water Sector**

19. *March 8, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Des Moines reports wastewater problem.** A March 7 sewer line blockage led to 7,200 gallons of untreated wastewater to flow from a manhole into an unnamed stream which connects to the Des Moines River.  
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/science/article/Des-Moines-reports-wastewater-problem-4338870.php>
20. *March 7, WTOP 103.5 FM Washington D.C.* – (Maryland) **Olney sewage spill tops million-gallon mark.** Repair crews have discovered the source of a leak that has allowed 1.5 million gallons to spill into a local creek since March 5. The sewage overflow will not be fixed until after the leak is repair and the nearby pumping station is operational again.  
Source: <http://www.wtop.com/46/3243449/Olney-sewage-spill-tops-million-gallon-mark>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

21. *March 7, WEAU 13 Eau Claire* – (Wisconsin) **Lab evacuated after chemical spill at Sacred Heart.** A lab within a hospital had to be evacuated after a 1-liter bottle of chloroform fell and broke.  
Source: <http://www.weau.com/home/headlines/Lab-evacuated-after-chemical-spill-at->

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

22. *March 8, KRIS-TV 6 Corpus Christi* – (National) **Estimated \$580M spent on largest wildfires in 2012.** Over \$580 million was spent on putting out wildfires in 2012, the National Interagency Fire Center reported.  
Source: <http://www.kristv.com/news/estimated-580m-spent-on-largest-wildfires-in-2012/>
23. *March 8, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Suspicious device found in Lawnside town hall was fake.** The Camden County bomb squad detonated a hoax device that was found inside an elevator at the Lawnside town hall with the mayor's name written on it. Officials are investigating the incident.  
Source: <http://nj1015.com/suspicious-device-found-in-lawnside-town-hall-was-fake/>
24. *March 8, Cuyahoga Falls Patch* – (Ohio) **Cuyahoga Falls High School receives bomb threat.** Classes were cancelled at Cuyahoga Falls High School March 8 after the principal received a bomb threat. Police are still investigating.  
Source: <http://cuyahogafalls.patch.com/articles/cuyahoga-falls-high-school-receives-bomb-threat>
25. *March 7, WYFX 19 Youngstown* – (Ohio) **Bomb threat prompts evacuation at Canfield High School.** Classes were cancelled as Canfield High School was evacuated March 7 due to a bomb threat that led police to search the campus for several hours.  
Source: <http://www.foxyoungstown.com/content/news/local/story/Bomb-Threat-Prompts-Evacuation-at-Canfield-High/7rPrGpXgLkmYF4kjQI7NtA.csp>
26. *March 7, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **5 suspicious packages found at NORAD base in Colo.** Roughly 1,500 individuals were evacuated from Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs March 7 after employees became suspicious about five packages that were found at the North American Aerospace Defense Command headquarters. Officials are investigating and continue to test the packages for harmful substances.  
Source: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/03/07/5-suspicious-packages-fou\\_0\\_n\\_2831783.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/03/07/5-suspicious-packages-fou_0_n_2831783.html)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

27. *March 7, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **Ala. police officers slashed while serving warrant.** A woman being served a warrant March 6 was taken into custody after she cut three Alabama police officers with a box cutter, sending one to the hospital and leaving the other two with minor injuries.

Source: [http://www.theindependent.com/news/national/ala-police-officers-slashed-while-serving-warrant/article\\_33978bc4-b412-5d7a-b858-95484903cb62.html](http://www.theindependent.com/news/national/ala-police-officers-slashed-while-serving-warrant/article_33978bc4-b412-5d7a-b858-95484903cb62.html)

28. *March 7, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **2 Miami police officers arrested on ID-theft, tax-refund charges linked to FBI corruption probe.** Two officers from the Miami Police Department were arrested for logging into the State driver's license database and filing false federal income-tax refunds in order to keep the stolen money.  
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/03/07/v-fullstory/3272061/two-miami-police-officers-arrested.html>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

29. *March 8, Softpedia* – (International) **Flash, Adobe Reader and Java hacked on the second day of Pwn2Own 2013.** Researchers participating in the Pwn2Own 2013 competition discovered vulnerabilities in Flash, Adobe Reader, and Java.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Flash-Adobe-Reader-and-Java-Hacked-on-the-Second-Day-of-Pwn2Own-2013-335660.shtml>
30. *March 8, The Register* – (International) **Leaked: The 'secret OAuth app keys' to Twitter's VIP lounge.** The private OAuth login keys used by Twitter to get preferential access have been uploaded to Github, potentially allowing the impersonation of legitimate clients.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/03/08/twitter\\_oauth\\_leaked\\_keys/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/03/08/twitter_oauth_leaked_keys/)
31. *March 8, Softpedia* – (International) **XSS vulnerability identified in Google Fusion Tables.** A researcher found a cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability in Google Fusion Tables that could allow attackers to trick users into clicking malicious links.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/XSS-Vulnerability-Identified-in-Google-Fusion-Tables-Video-335573.shtml>
32. *March 8, V3.co.UK* – (International) **Hidden data trick could be malware writer's boon.** A new technique was identified that could allow up to 94MB of data onto a hard drive's reserved or system area, allowing malware or hidden information to be stored covertly.  
Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/the-frontline-blog/2253176/hidden-data-trick-could-be-malware-writers-boon>
33. *March 7, The H* – (International) **Report: Android is home to 96% of new mobile malware.** F-Secure's latest Mobile Threat Report found that Android accounted for 96% of new mobile threats.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Report-Android-is-home-to-96-of-new-mobile-malware-1818594.html>

34. *March 7, Network World* – (International) **Freezedroid: Researchers discover cold temps can unblock secured Android phones.** Researchers found a security cracking technique that can allow information to be gleaned from encrypted Android devices by putting the devices in very cold environments and then using custom recovery software.  
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/030713-frost-267492.html>

### 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: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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## Communications Sector

35. *March 7, Verge* – (National) **FTC files charges against spammers accused of sending 180 million text messages.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) filed complaints against more than two dozen individuals connected to a massive spam SMS operation. The FTC charges claim the defendants refused to disclose the costs and conditions associated with gift cards offered to recipients of the text messages, collected personal information, and therefore violated and act put forth by the Federal Communications Commission.  
Source: <http://www.theverge.com/2013/3/7/4076996/ftc-files-charges-against-spammers-accused-of-sending-180-million>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

36. *March 8, WSYX 6 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Apartment fire injures two.** A March 8 fire at a Columbus apartment building displaced 20 and left two injured as authorities worked to determine the cause and estimated damages.  
Source: [http://www.abc6onyourside.com/shared/news/features/top-stories/stories/wsyx\\_suspicious-apartment-fire-injures-two-displaces-more-than-20-22680.shtml](http://www.abc6onyourside.com/shared/news/features/top-stories/stories/wsyx_suspicious-apartment-fire-injures-two-displaces-more-than-20-22680.shtml)
37. *March 7, Arizona Daily Star* – (Arizona) **Tucson police remove suspected explosives; area re-opens.** While cleaning an apartment after a tenant was evicted, two suspected explosive devices and ammunition were found. Residents were evacuated for several hours to allow bomb squad personnel the opportunity to secure the area and remove the device.  
Source: [http://azstarnet.com/news/local/crime/tucson-police-bomb-squad-remove-suspected-explosive-devices-from-north/article\\_c730464e-877b-11e2-9ae1-001a4bcf887a.html](http://azstarnet.com/news/local/crime/tucson-police-bomb-squad-remove-suspected-explosive-devices-from-north/article_c730464e-877b-11e2-9ae1-001a4bcf887a.html)

38. *March 7, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **2 indicted with arson resulting in death.**  
Federal prosecutors charged two people with arson that killed an individual in a February 6 Lee Crest Apartment fire in Manhattan, Kansas.  
Source: <http://www.fortmilltimes.com/2013/03/07/2541177/2-indicted-with-arson-resulting.html>

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