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- North Dakota Waste Management officials reported March 11 that hundreds of hazardous used oil filtering socks were discovered in an abandoned building in the Town of Noonan. – *Associated Press* (See item [1](#))
- The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation reported that about 200 inmates at a maximum security prison in Imperial County were involved in a riot March 11 that injured 7 inmates. – *Los Angeles Times* (See item [21](#))
- A gas leak explosion caused two buildings in New York City to collapse March 12, killing 2 people and injuring at least 22 others. – *WNBC 4 New York City* (See item [28](#))
- Firefighters responded to a 5-alarm fire March 12 that engulfed and destroyed an apartment complex under construction in San Francisco, and forced residents of 30 nearby apartments to evacuate indefinitely March 11. – *KTVU 12 Oakland* (See item [29](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *March 11, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Officials: Cache of illegal oil field waste found in North Dakota.** North Dakota Waste Management officials reported March 11 that hundreds of tubular filters were discovered in an abandoned building in the Town of Noonan, in what may be the State’s biggest incident of illegal dumping of radioactive oil filter socks. Authorities are investigating the incident.
Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/officials-cache-of-illegal-oil-field-waste-found-in-north/article_b30d3c2b-1313-5c09-9054-7c6d3ca693e6.html
2. *March 11, Austin American-Statesman* – (Texas) **Texas regulators issue first order against firm taking Bitcoins for investments.** The Texas State Securities Board issued a cease-and-desist order March 10 to Balanced Energy LLC to stop accepting Bitcoins from investors and to stop offering the working interests in its wells unless the offerings are first registered with the State or properly exempted from State regulation.
Source: <http://www.mystatesman.com/news/business/texas-regulators-issue-first-order-against-firm-ta/nfBBm/>
3. *March 11, Corpus Christi Caller Times* – (Texas) **Flash fire reported at Shoup plant; four people injured.** A flash fire at the Enterprise Products Operating LP-owned Shoup plant in Corpus Christi left four people injured March 11.
Source: <http://www.caller.com/news/2014/mar/11/methane-gas-flash-fire-reported-near-lyondellbasel/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *March 11, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **US Department of Labor’s OSHA proposes \$112,000 in penalties for workers exposed to amputation hazards at Gaspar Inc.** Boiler manufacturer Gaspar Inc., was cited by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for two willful safety violations at the company’s Canton facility for exposing workers to amputation hazards by removing machine guarding.

Proposed fines totaled \$112,000.

Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25725

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

5. *March 12, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **SEC charges Jeffries LLC with failing to supervise its mortgage-backed securities desk during financial crisis.** Global investment bank and brokerage firm Jeffries LLC agreed to pay \$25 million to settle U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charges that the company failed to supervise employees at its mortgage-backed securities desk who lied to customers about pricing. A Jeffries representative was separately convicted in a criminal trial on several counts of securities fraud and other charges.
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370541108233>
6. *March 11, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission*– (International) **SEC charges animal feed company and top executives in China and U.S. with accounting fraud.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission announced charges March 11 against animal feed company AgFeed Industries Inc., and company executives for allegedly perpetrating a massive accounting fraud scheme that reported false revenues from the company's operation in China in order to inflate stock prices and meet financial targets. The SEC alleges that a real set of financial books were kept hidden from auditors and that the fraud caused the company to report false revenues of around \$239 million.
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370541102314>
7. *March 11, IDG News Service* – (International) **Chicago court freezes US assets of Mt. Gox CEO, companies.** A U.S. district judge froze the U.S. assets of the CEO of failed Bitcoin exchange Mt. Gox and two affiliated companies March 11 as part of a lawsuit against the exchange alleging fraud after Mt. Gox suspended trading and reported that it had lost around \$474 million worth of the virtual currency.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2014/031114-chicago-court-freezes-us-assets-279626.html>

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *March 11, WVIT 30 New Britain* – (Connecticut) **250 Amtrak passengers stranded on tracks for hours.** More than 250 Amtrak passengers were stranded without power or bathroom access for about 5 hours on a train near Greenwich that had electrical issues March 11.
Source: <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/amtrak-mechanical-electrical-power-problem-stranded-railroad-249638011.html>
9. *March 11, Wisconsin Journal Sentinel* – (Milwaukee) **Driver hits deer, gets out, is hit and killed by another car.** Highway 83 near Merton was closed for around 3 hours March 11 after man was hit and killed after he hit a deer in his car and was struck by another car.
Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/traffic/crash-forces-closure-of-highway-83-in-waukesha-county-b99222796z1-249425461.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

10. *March 12, Food Safety News* – (Delaware) **FDA suspends registration of cheese manufacturer over health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that the registration of Roos Foods Inc., was suspended after the agency determined there was a reasonable probability that the facility's products could still pose a public health threat after an inspection uncovered insanitary conditions. The investigation was initiated after cheese products made by the company caused a Listeria outbreak connected to seven hospitalizations and one death.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2014/03/fda-suspends-registration-of-cheese-manufacturer-over-health-risk>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

11. *March 11, WKYT 36 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Water main break impacts schools, businesses in Brodhead.** A water main break depleted nearly all the water tanks in Brodhead March 11 and, leaving businesses without water and forcing the Brodhead Elementary School to cancel classes for the day.
Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/news/headlines/Water-main-break-causes-shortage-in-Brodhead-249630581.html>
12. *March 11, Washington Post* – (Washington D.C.; Virginia) **Drinking water taste, odor might change as utilities make temporary switch to chlorine.** The Washington Aqueduct announced a temporary switch to chlorine from chloramine March 17-April

28 to clean the water system that serves Washington D.C. and parts of the northern Virginia area. The switch may have a minor effect on the smell and taste of tap water. Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/drinking-water-taste-odor-might-change-as-utilities-make-temporary-switch-to-chlorine/2014/03/11/15ca4cee-a92e-11e3-8d62-419db477a0e6_story.html

13. *March 11, Minnesota Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Rogers water main break fixed after it drained 2 million gallons.** Crews worked to find and repair a broken 10-inch water main located in a pond in Rogers, Minnesota, that leaked about 2 million gallons of water before being shut off and repaired March 11. Earlier in the same week a water main also broke in Wayzata and shut down part of Highway 101 for several hours. Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/west/249605931.html>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

14. *March 12, WRC-TV 4 Washington, D.C.* – (Washington, D.C.) **Wilson High School evacuated due to chemical spill in Aquatic Center.** Wilson High School Aquatic Center in Tenleytown was evacuated and classes were dismissed March 12 after a contractor accidentally ruptured an acid line and caused a chemical spill. The worker was transported to an area hospital and crews worked to contain the spill and decontaminate the aquatic center. Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Wilson-High-School-Evacuated-Due-to-Chemical-Spill-in-Aquatic-Center-249744281.html>
15. *March 12, Anderson Herald Bulletin* – (Indiana) **Power outage closes Frankton schools.** A power outage believed to be caused by inclement weather and wind forced the closure of Frankton Jr. Sr. High School and Frankton Elementary School March 12. Source: <http://www.heraldbulletin.com/breakingnews/x787212410/Power-outage-closes-Frankton-schools>
16. *March 11, KMOX 1120 AM St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Mehlville School District without telephone, internet service.** A major fiber outage in the South County area caused the Mehlville School District to lose telephone and Internet service to most of the schools March 11. Source: <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/03/11/mehlville-school-district-without-telephone-internet-service/>
17. *March 11, KYW-TV 3 Philadelphia* – (New Jersey) **6 students, driver injured in school bus-car crash in south Jersey.** Seven people, including six students were

injured following a Camden County Vocation School bus accident in Sicklerville March 11.

Source: <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2014/03/11/6-students-driver-injured-in-school-bus-car-crash-in-south-jersey/>

18. *March 11, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Pa. man pleads guilty to online threat against U.S. President.** A Pennsylvania man pleaded guilty March 10 to posting a threat on the White House Web site in August 2013 threatening the U.S. President. Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/pennsylvania-man-pleads-guilty-to-online-threat-against-president-obama/>
19. *March 11, Fontana Herald News* – (California) **Fontana High School campus is closed down on Monday due to a power outage caused by traffic accident.** A traffic accident knocked down a power pole outside California's Fontana High School campus prompting the school's closure March 10 due to a power outage. Service was restored after crews repaired the damaged Edison electricity pole and fire sprinkler service connection and classes resumed March 11. Source: <http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/articles/2014/03/11/news/doc531df5450252c187157571.txt>
20. *March 11, KWTX 10 Waco* – (Texas) **Wildfire closes Texas state park.** Palo Duro Canyon State Park in the Texas Panhandle was expected to reopen March 12 after the park was closed March 11 while emergency crews worked to put out a wildfire. Source: <http://www.kwtx.com/home/headlines/Wildfire-Closes-Texas-State-Park-249451421.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

21. *March 11, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Seven inmates hurt in Calipatria prison riot.** The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation reported that about 200 inmates at a maximum security prison in Imperial County were involved in a riot March 11 that injured 7 inmates. The cause of the riot, which began in the Level IL yard at Facility B and included several inmate-manufactured weapons, is under investigation. Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-calipatria-prison-riot-20140311,0,4276044.story>

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Information Technology Sector

22. *March 12, Softpedia* – (International) **Adobe updates Flash Player 12 to address two vulnerabilities.** Adobe released updates to for its Flash Player for Windows, Mac, and

Linux, addressing two vulnerabilities..

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Adobe-Updates-Flash-Player-12-to-Address-Two-Vulnerabilities-431700.shtml>

23. *March 12, Softpedia* – (International) **Hackers can steal private WhatsApp chats with other Android apps.** A security researcher identified a security flaw in WhatsApp that could allow any Android app installed on the device with access to the SD card to retrieve the WhatsApp database containing private chat logs. The database is encrypted, but a legitimate app that can decrypt the file is available.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hackers-Can-Steal-Private-WhatsApp-Chats-with-Other-Android-Apps-431783.shtml>
24. *March 12, Softpedia* – (International) **Chrome updated to 33.0.1750.149, 7 security issues fixed.** Google released the 33.0.1750.149 update of its Chrome browser, closing seven security issues.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Chrome-Updated-to-33-0-1750-149-7-Security-Issues-Fixed-431708.shtml>
25. *March 11, IDG News Service* – (International) **Microsoft Patch Tuesday rounds up IE flaws.** Microsoft released its monthly round of Patch Tuesday updates March 11, containing 5 bulletins addressing 23 vulnerabilities. Two were marked as critical, including an Internet Explorer vulnerability that has been used in targeted attacks.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9246895/Microsoft_Patch_Tuesday_rounds_up_IE_flaws
26. *March 11, IDG News Service* – (International) **Researchers attack secured Internet activity to mine personal data.** Researchers at the University of California, Berkeley developed an attack that could allow governments and Internet service providers to bypass HTTPS traffic protections and determine the Web pages a user has visited with 89 percent accuracy. Attackers would need to be able to visit the same Web pages as the user, which would enable them to identify packet patterns in the encrypted traffic.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2014/031114-researchers-attack-secured-internet-activity-279594.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: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

27. *March 11, Watertown Daily News* – (Massachusetts) **Phone service back in Lewis County.** Customers of Frontier Communications in Lowville experienced a phone

service outage after a fiber was cut March 10. Repairs were made and service restored March 11.

Source: <http://www.watertowndailytimes.com/article/20140311/NEWS04/703109863>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

28. *March 12, WNBC 4 New York City* – (New York) **2 dead, 22 hurt, others missing in explosion, collapse caused by gas leak.** A gas leak explosion caused two buildings in the Harlem area of New York City to collapse March 12, killing 2 people and injuring at least 22 others. Metro North service out of Grand Central station was temporarily suspended due to debris on the tracks.
Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Park-Avenue-116th-Street-Fire-Collapse-Explosion-249730131.html>
29. *March 12, KTVU 12 Oakland* – (California) **Collapse fears keep SF fire evacuations in place.** Firefighters remained at the scene of a 5-alarm fire March 12 that engulfed and destroyed an apartment complex under construction in San Francisco, and forced residents of 30 nearby apartments to evacuate indefinitely March 11. Officials are investigating the cause of the fire that injured one firefighter.
Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/news/local/massive-sf-housing-project-now-pile-smoldering-met/nfBS4/>
30. *March 12, KRIV 26 Houston* – (Texas) **9 Klein area children hospitalized in pool chlorine gas leak.** A HAZMAT team responded March 11 to Fins-The Art of Swim near Houston after chlorine gas leaked from a malfunctioning pool system and sickened 9 children. The facility was evacuated and closed indefinitely until the Harris County Health Department can determine when it is safe to reopen.
Source: <http://www.myfoxxhouston.com/story/24949448/2014/03/11/gas-leak-at-swim-facility-sends-nine-children-to-hospital>
31. *March 11, Bay City Times* – (Michigan) **Several stores at Tanger Outlet Center in West Branch to reopen following Ralph Lauren roof collapse.** Several stores at the Tanger Outlet Center in West Branch, Michigan, were cleared to reopen March 12 after a February 27 roof collapse. The incident remains under investigation.
Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/bay-city/index.ssf/2014/03/several_stores_at_tanger_outle.html

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