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- A 7-mile stretch of Highway 74 near Beaver, Minnesota, was closed indefinitely March 18 due to poor road conditions caused by spring thaw and rising waterways. – *WCCO 4 Minneapolis* (See item [10](#))
- Paulsboro High School in New Jersey reopened March 19 after at least 16 students and 2 teachers were transported to an area hospital March 18 following a reported chemical leak at PBF Refinery. – *South Jersey Times* (See item [17](#))
- A New York City Police Department officer was charged March 17 for allegedly hacking into restricted law enforcement computer systems to obtain the personal information of thousands of citizens in order to commit fraud. – *U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York* (See item [25](#))
- Verizon Communications Inc., agreed to pay a \$3.4 million fine March 18 following an April 2014 incident that affected 750,000 California subscribers who could not reach emergency operators during a 6-hour, multi-state 9-1-1 outage. – *Reuters* (See item [28](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *March 19, Washington Post* – (Virginia) **Virginia approves cleanup plan for power plant site.** The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality approved the week of March 16, NRG Energy’s plan to clean up and contain an estimated 17,000 gallons of heating oil that has been leaking from 2, 25,000-gallon underground tanks at a non-operational coal-fired plant along the Potomac River in Alexandria. The company will clean up and contain the spill through 2018 and continue to monitor the soil and groundwater through 2020.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/virginia-approves-cleanup-plan-for-coal-power-plant-site-in-alexandria/2015/03/18/632f7a3a-cd64-11e4-8a46-b1dc9be5a8ff_story.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *March 19, Associated Press; KKTV 11 Colorado Springs* – (Colorado) **Weapons destruction begins at Pueblo Chemical Depot.** The U.S. Army started March 18 destroying the nation’s largest remaining stockpile of chemical weapons which is located at the Pueblo Chemical Depot in Colorado and includes over 2,600 tons of mustard agent. Crews used a sealed explosion chamber to neutralize the weapons during the start of the process which is expected to take about 4 years.
Source: <http://www.kktv.com/home/headlines/Weapons-Destruction-Begins-at-Pueblo-Chemical-Depot-296847331.html>
3. *March 19, ABC News* – (Texas) **Fireworks disposal: Police set off an illegal pyrotechnics haul all at once.** The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives worked with local law enforcement and bomb squads in Midland, Texas, for more than 3 days to dispose of about 20,000 pounds of seized fireworks that were court-ordered to be destructed.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/fireworks-disposal-police-set-off-illegal-pyrotechnics-haul/story?id=29745758>
4. *March 19, WDBJ 7 Roanoke* – (Virginia) **Smoking chemical drum causes evacuation at AkzoNobel in Roanoke.** The AkzoNobel plant in Roanoke was evacuated as a precaution March 18 when a chemical drum exceeded its optimum temperature and began smoking inside an auxiliary building, activating the facility’s sprinkler system and fire alarm. Crews were decontaminated after they contained the incident and production was scheduled to resume March 19.
Source: <http://www.wdbj7.com/news/local/roanoke/roanoke-firefighters-respond-to-fire-at-akzonobel/31868002>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *March 19, Associated Press* – (National) **Honda adds 105,000 vehicles to driver's air bag recall.** Honda issued a recall March 18 for approximately 89,000 model year 2008 Pilot SUVs, 11,000 model year 2004 Civics, and 5,000 model year 2001 Accords for a defect in Takata Corp. of Japan-made driver's side airbags that could cause inflators to blow apart metal canisters and spew shrapnel into passengers and drivers. The airbag issue has affected over 17 million vehicles in the U.S. and 22 million worldwide.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/honda-adds-105000-vehicles-drivers-air-bag-recall-29747904>

6. *March 18, Norwalk Reflector* – (Ohio) **Bomb threat closes factory.** The MTD Products facility in Willard was evacuated for about 6 hours March 18 while authorities investigated a bomb threat called in over the company's internal radio system. Police cleared the scene after they searched the complex comprising over more than 1 million square feet.

Source: <http://www.norwalkreflector.com/article/6526191>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

7. *March 18, Killeen Daily Herald* – (Texas) **Suspicious package found near Killeen banks.** A USAA Financial Center and Broadway Bank in Killeen were closed March 18 while authorities investigated a vehicle in the financial center's parking lot that contained a suspicious package. Police detailed the driver and the contents of the package were deemed to be "not mechanical" while the incident remains under investigation.

Source: http://kdhnews.com/news/crime/police-respond-to-killeen-banks-after-suspicious-package-found/article_196817c0-cd75-11e4-94bd-03827bc9eae8.html

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *March 19, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Coroner identifies 2 women killed when car hits tree.** The driver and a passenger were killed while a second passenger was injured when their car veered off the road and hit a tree, closing State Route 127 at South Harper Road Extension in Laurens County, South Carolina, for approximately 3 hours March 19.
Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/news/upstate-highway-closed-after-deadly-wreck/31882264>
9. *March 18, New England Cable News* – (Maine) **Tractor trailer carrying 30,000 Lbs. of lobster overturns on I-95.** A semi-truck carrying 30,000 pounds of live lobsters overturned on Interstate 95 in Benton, Maine, closing at least one southbound lane for several hours March 18 while cranes worked to upright the truck and inspect the cargo. The lobsters were unharmed and loaded on a new semi-truck.
Source: <http://www.necn.com/news/new-england/Truck-Carrying-30000-Lbs-of-Lobster-Overturns-on-I-95-296729341.html>
10. *March 18, WCCO 4 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Spring thaw causes Highway 74 near Beaver to close.** A 7-mile stretch of Highway 74 from Winona County Road 30 in Beaver, to Wabasha County Road 26 in Weaver, was closed indefinitely March 18 by the Minnesota Department of Transportation due to poor road conditions caused by spring thaw and rising waterways. The road will remain closed until conditions improve.
Source: <http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/03/18/spring-thaw-causes-highway-74-near-beaver-to-close/>
11. *March 18, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **San Jose: Woman leaps off I-880 overpass following five-hour standoff with police.** Two lanes of Interstate 880 near Brokaw Road in San Jose reopened after being closed for about 5 hours March 18 while officers attempted to negotiate with a woman who later jumped off the interstate's overpass above Coyote Creek. The woman was transported to an area hospital with undisclosed injuries.
Source: <http://www.orovillemr.com/general-news/20150318/san-jose-woman-leaps-off-i-880-overpass-following-five-hour-standoff-with-police>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *March 18, Reuters* – (California) **U.S. reports bird flu outbreak in California - OIE.** The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed March 18 the presence of the low pathogenic H7N3 avian influenza on a commercial turkey flock in Merced County, California, and reported that the infected premises was placed under quarantine pending an epidemiological investigation following the findings.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/03/18/birdflu-california->

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13. *March 18, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Illinois; Wisconsin) **StoneRidge Wholesale Division, LLC recalls pork tenderloin product due to misbranding and undeclared allergens.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced March 18 that StoneRidge Wholesale Division, LLC recalled about 31,851 pounds of its Roasted Garlic Pork Tenderloin due to undeclared milk caused by misbranding. The affected products were sent to retailers in Illinois and Wisconsin.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-048-2015-release>
14. *March 18, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **First Source LLC recalls Wegmans Organic Food You Feel Good About Walnut Halves & Pieces 6oz tubs due to possible Salmonella contamination.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported March 18 that First Source, LLC voluntarily recalled 3,276 units of Wegmans Organic Food You Feel Good About Walnut Halves & Pieces sold in 6 ounce plastic tubs due to possible Salmonella contamination. The recalled product was distributed to 85 Wegmans stores across several States and sold between January 27 and March 17.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm438910.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

15. *March 18, Coeur d'Alene Press* – (Idaho) **Sewage spill reported in Hayden Lake district.** The Hayden Lake Recreational Water and Sewer District in Idaho reported March 17 that an estimated 900 to 2,700 gallons of raw sewage discharged March 14 from a partially open valve on a pipe at an under construction pump station in the area. The incident was reported to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, while a 5-yard patch of contaminated soil was removed and the area was disinfected.
Source: http://www.cdapress.com/news/local_news/article_5c8f538c-a2ba-5ca2-9d12-c6886fc94508.html

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

16. *March 18, Reuters* – (New York) **New York charges Narco Freedom execs in alleged Medicaid fraud scheme.** The New York attorney general reported March 18 that executives from Narco Freedom, a nonprofit in the Bronx that provides drug and alcohol treatment, were charged in connection to an alleged scheme to defraud Medicaid of more than \$27 million by submitting claims for excessive services, coercing patients to remain in treatment, and operating unregulated programs. The founder and his son were charged in October 2014 in connection to the scam.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/03/18/usa-newyork-drugs-idUSL2N0WK36920150318>

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Government Facilities Sector

17. *March 19, South Jersey Times* – (New Jersey) **Officials make decision on Paulsboro High School opening after chemical leak at PBF Refinery.** Classes at Paulsboro High School in New Jersey resumed March 19 after at least 16 students and 2 teachers were transported to an area hospital March 18 following a reported chemical leak of Naphtha at PBF Refinery that permeated fumes throughout the borough. The refinery continued work to pump out the remaining product in order to repair the leaking seal. Source: http://www.nj.com/gloucester-county/index.ssf/2015/03/officials_make_decision_on_paulsboro_high_school_o.html
18. *March 18, Associated Press* – (Texas) **5 men plead guilty in Red River Army Depot billing scam.** Five individuals pleaded guilty to taking government property from the U.S. Army's Red River Army Depot in Texas as part of a billing scam involving repair services, tires, and equipment. The men were ordered to repay a combined \$1.3 million. Source: <http://www.krgv.com/news/local-news/5-men-plead-guilty-in-red-river-army-depot-billing-scam/31869474>
19. *March 18, Reuters* – (Kansas) **Kansas high school finds 27 positive tuberculosis cases.** Johnson County Department of Health and Environment officials reported March 18 that 27 people tested positive for tuberculosis at Olathe Northwest High School in Kansas after health officials tested over 300 students and staff when an active case was reported. Individuals that tested positive for the disease will be treated and those that tested negative will be retested May 5. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/03/18/us-usa-health-tuberculosis-idUSKBN0ME2P120150318>
20. *March 18, WNBC 4 New York City* – (New Jersey) **Two U.S. Army explosives technicians hurt in accident at New Jersey military research facility.** Officials at the Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey reported March 18 that two U.S. Army explosives technicians suffered injuries when a small weapon within a missile or projectile expelled during an operation on an explosive submunition. All explosives-related operations were suspended while the facility was secured, and authorities are investigating the accident. Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/2-Hurt-Picatinny-Arsenal-New-Jersey-Morris-Rockaway-296745721.html>
21. *March 18, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Gas leak closes Frederick Community College as repairs begin; no injuries.** Frederick Community College in Maryland was closed for more than 6 hours March 18 while crews worked to repair a natural gas line that was struck with a backhoe, causing a gas leak. Source:

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/023770abac5347efb76274e40fce0d4e/M D--College-Gas-Leak>

22. *March 18, WFSB 3 Hartford* – (Connecticut) **9 people taken to hospital after chemical spill at CT Navy base.** A chemical spill on the U.S.S. Annapolis at a U.S. Navy base in New London, Connecticut, was contained March 18 after 8 sailors and a fireman were decontaminated and sent to an area hospital following the spill of 1 gallon of potassium hydroxide inside an auxiliary machine room of the submarine during routine maintenance.
Source: <http://www.wfsb.com/story/28551634/9-people-taken-to-hospital-after-chemical-spill-at-ct-navy-base>
23. *March 18, Softpedia* – (Washington) **Teen disables hundreds of email addresses in Oak Harbor School District.** The Oak Harbor School District in Washington reported that an individual illegally obtained credentials for staff members' accounts and disabled email addresses at multiple schools in the district, after the incident was discovered February 19 when inboxes could not be accessed.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Teen-Disables-Hundreds-of-Email-Addresses-in-Oak-Harbor-School-District-476160.shtml>

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *March 18, South Jersey Times* – (New Jersey) **Ex-Camden firefighter allegedly stole \$82,000 in disability pension payments while teaching martial arts.** Authorities charged a former Camden firefighter for fraudulently taking over \$82,000 in disability payments from the New Jersey Police and Firemen's Retirement System while he was employed as an active martial arts instructor. The former firefighter applied for an accidental disability pension in 2009 claiming he was disabled due to two previous accidents while on duty.
Source: http://www.nj.com/camden/index.ssf/2015/03/ex-camden_firefighter_charged_with_stealing_82000.html
25. *March 17, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York* – (New York) **New York City Police Department auxiliary officer charged with hacking into NYPD computer and FBI database.** An auxiliary officer with the New York City Police Department (NYPD) was arrested and charged March 17 for allegedly using his position to hack into a restricted NYPD computer and other sensitive law enforcement computer systems by installing multiple electronic devices in the Traffic Safety Office of an NYPD precinct to obtain the personal information of thousands of citizens in order to commit fraud. The auxiliary officer ran over 6,400 queries and contacted individuals involved in traffic accidents falsely claiming to be affiliated with a law firm in order to encourage the victims to hire his services.
Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/2015/new-york-city-police-department-auxiliary-officer-charged-with-hacking-into-nypd-computer-and-fbi-database>

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Information Technology Sector

26. *March 18, Softpedia* – (International) **Ransomware uses GnuPG encryption program to lock down files.** Researchers from Bleeping Computer and Emsisoft discovered that cybercriminals are using open source GNU Privacy Guard (GnuPG) code and Visual Basic Scripting Edition (VBS) to power VaultCrypt ransomware that uses a 1024-bit RSA key pair to encrypt information and Microsoft's sDelete application to remove data used in the process. The ransomware sends user log-in credentials for Web sites to a command and control (C&C) server hidden in the Tor anonymous network.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Ransomware-Uses-GnuPG-Encryption-Program-To-Lock-Down-Files-476144.shtml>
27. *March 18, Softpedia* – (International) **Repackaged Android apps filling third-party stores.** Security researchers at Trend Micro discovered an increase of the number of Android apps that are either localized or repackaged containing malware being released for free on unofficial app stores, including spyware that can intercept payment notices or collect the user's phone model and location, and list of installed apps.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Repackaged-Android-Apps-Filling-Third-Party-Stores-476132.shtml>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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

28. *March 18, Reuters* – (National) **Verizon to pay \$3.4 mln to settle U.S. 911 outage investigation.** Verizon Communications Inc., agreed to pay a \$3.4 million fine March 18 to settle a U.S. Federal Communications Commission investigation into an April 2014 incident that affected 750,000 California subscribers who could not reach emergency operators during a 6-hour, multi-state 9-1-1 outage that impacted a total of 11 million people and dozens of emergency call centers in 7 States. Verizon also agreed to adopt a special compliance plan and improve its subcontractor oversight and coordination with emergency call centers.
Source: <http://in.reuters.com/article/2015/03/18/usa-verizon-commn->

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Commercial Facilities Sector

29. *March 19, WXIN 59 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **IPL: Short circuit in cable caused downtown Indianapolis explosions.** Two downtown Indianapolis buildings that housed at least 2 businesses were evacuated for more than 2 hours March 19, while 1 person was rescued from an elevator when a short circuit caused an underground explosion that cut off power to about 200 customers including an apartment building. The explosion caused significant damage to the infrastructure and crews were working to restore power.

Source: <http://fox59.com/2015/03/19/underground-explosion-reported-in-downtown-indianapolis/>

30. *March 19, WVEC 13 Hampton* – (Virginia) **Seniors evacuated after fire at Norfolk high rise.** About 142 residents were displaced from the Braywood Manor high rise senior living apartment complex in Norfolk, Virginia, March 18 after a kitchen fire broke out inside a unit, activating the building's sprinkler system. Four residents were evaluated at the scene and two were transported to an area hospital with unrelated medical conditions.

Source: <http://www.13newsnow.com/story/news/local/mycity/norfolk/2015/03/18/fire-breaks-out-at-norfolk-high-rise-senior-home/24984927/>

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