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- Two more suspicious letters with non-hazardous powder were delivered in Washington, D.C., March 8, at a school and a restaurant. Law enforcement agencies were investigating possible links between about 20 suspicious letters delivered in six states and Washington, D.C. – *WJLA 7 Arlington* (See item [30](#))
- A medical board that oversees paramedics and other emergency medical services in southern Nevada is exploring the possible use of alternatives in the face of shortages of key medications. The board also voted to extend the expiration dates on eight critical drugs if there is a shortage. – *Las Vegas Review-Journal* (See item [36](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *March 9, Beckley Register-Herald* – (West Virginia) **DEP fines gas company for burning flare near Richwood.** In a recently issued order, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) addressed an illegal gas well flare burning near Richwood. The company that owns the flare, Bluescape Resources (BRC), agreed to install a horizontal flare to decrease visibility, increase monitoring, and pay \$50,000 in penalties. The flare burns natural gas from three exploratory wells. It has burned since late August 2011, exceeding the 30-day maximum allowed without a permit. In October 2011, after a local group concerned about the gas drilling alerted the DEP to the situation, the agency inspected the site and determined the flare was illegal. They issued a notice of violation to BRC for not obtaining a permit for the flare. The permit needed for the flare is still in the review process. The consent order terminates when the permit is issued or denied.
Source: <http://www.register-herald.com/todaysfrontpage/x1690512150/DEP-fines-gas-company-for-burning-flare-near-Richwood>

2. *March 9, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Cleanup of oil tanker crash could slow I-70 traffic near Eagle through at least Tuesday.** Cleanup efforts began along Interstate 70 near Eagle, Colorado, after a tanker spilled 7,200 gallons of diesel fuel following a crash with SUV March 8. All lanes of I-70 were closed for several hours. While some fuel did get on the highway, most of it was contained in the median. The transportation department said environmental crews worked through the weekend of March 10 to excavate soil contaminated by the spill. As a result, one lane in each direction of I-70 will remain closed during the day until at least March 13.
Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/866c7716561242d494ec76aedf343218/CO--Fuel-Spill/>

3. *March 8, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Lightning causes oil tank battery fire in southwest Oklahoma City.** A lightning strike set several oil tank batteries on fire March 8 as thunderstorms rolled across Oklahoma City. Lightning hit a tank full of oil and ignited it, the fire battalion chief said. Fire spread into six other tanks full of saltwater and oil at Miracle Products, an oil field equipment business. Flames and smoke were just east of a housing addition, but did not threaten any structures or prompt any evacuations. The fire was brought under control just over an hour after the initial explosion.
Source: <http://newsok.com/update-as-many-as-seven-tank-batteries-are-on-fire-in-sw-oklahoma-city/article/3655697>
4. *March 8, Carlsbad Current-Argus* – (New Mexico) **Well blowout forces evacuation near Artesia.** A well blowout south of Artesia, New Mexico, was deemed a critical situation and led to the evacuation of several rural homes after a potentially deadly gas was released into the air, officials said March 8. The Eddy County Sheriff's Office and emergency responders received the report of the blowout March 7. The company responsible for the well is Nadel Guusman Heyco of Roswell, which said that crews were doing routine maintenance when problems developed into a well containment issue. Eddy County officials made the decision to evacuate the area as a safety precaution. According to a Heyco spokeswoman, the well was contained March 8, and clean-up was set to begin the weekend of March 10.
Source: http://www.currentargus.com/ci_20134044/well-blowout-forces-evacuation-near-artesia

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *March 8, Berlin Patch* – (Connecticut) **Chemical incident at StanChem.** Local fire departments were dispatched to a chemical emergency at Stanchem in East Berlin, Connecticut, March 8. Company safety staff reported a chemical reaction occurred involving one of their polymer products. The reaction occurred in a 275 gallon tote designed to hold the product. Personnel from the fire department made entry and found the tote to be bulging and approximately 200 gallons of product had leaked from the tote onto the floor. The entire building was evacuated as a safety precaution and the state Department of Environmental Protection was requested to the scene to investigate and assist in the cleanup. An environmental contractor was contracted by Stanchem to conduct the cleanup of the spill.
Source: <http://berlin.patch.com/articles/chemical-incident-at-stanchem>
6. *March 7, St. Helens Chronicle* – (Oregon) **EPA launches investigation into Dyno Nobel leaks.** Officials at Dyno Nobel in Deer Island, Oregon, confirmed the company is under investigation by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA is reportedly looking into possible criminal charges stemming from a 2010 ammonia leak.

The investigation is believed to be related to a late-August 2011 leak that occurred following a power failure in which several tons of ammonia were released over several days before employees discovered the leak. A 2010 Toxics Release Inventory issued by the EPA for Oregon list Dyno Nobel as sixth in the state for toxic chemical releases with more than 700,000 total releases.

Source: http://thechronicleonline.com/news/article_cea86894-68b3-11e1-b50a-001871e3ce6c.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *March 9, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **Low-level radioactive device found in home.** Several government agencies removed radioactive material from the basement of a residence in Halfmoon, New York, March 8, the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) said. The DEC, state Department of Health, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found a lucite tube that contained a cavity with a small amount of low-level radioactive material, state officials said. The device is used to calibrate medical equipment. The radioactive material “does not pose an immediate threat to public health,” the DEC said. A criminal investigation into the matter was continuing. Workers tested the floor of the address above the source and found approximately 20 microrems per hour, or .02 millirems. The item measured 3 millirems when it was dug up. DEC contacted the EPA to properly dispose of the material.
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Low-level-radioactive-device-found-in-home-3392251.php>
8. *March 8, Los Angeles Times* – (International) **Plutonium near Fukushima plant poses little risk, study says.** The levels of radioactive plutonium around Japan’s Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant are not much higher than the amount of plutonium remaining in the environment from Cold War-era nuclear weapons tests, and it probably poses little threat to humans, a new study indicated. The paper, published March 8, provides the first definitive evidence of plutonium from the accident entering the environment, the authors said. It examines the area within a roughly 20-mile radius of the plant and details the concentration of plutonium isotopes deposited there after explosions ripped open multiple reactors. At the three sites examined, the levels for certain isotope ratios were about double those attributed to residual fallout from above-ground nuclear tests conducted by the U.S. and former Soviet Union at the dawn of the Cold War. Plutonium can not vaporize like elements such as cesium-137, but the force from hydrogen explosions may have blown out small amounts of plutonium in the form of particulate matter.
Source: <http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20120308/NEWS02/703089849>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *March 8, WHAS 11 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Incident at Shape Manufacturing sends 1 to hospital, injures 5 others.** Fairdale Fire and Rescue responded to Shape Manufacturing in Louisville, Kentucky, March 8 after six people were injured during what was described as a pressure explosion. An employee of the business said he believed a pressure explosion caused the injuries. He also said no natural gas or chemicals leaked, and there was no fire associated with the incident. One person was transported to the hospital and five others were treated at the scene. Shape Manufacturing produces commercial and light industrial HVAC and dust collection systems.

Source: <http://www.whas11.com/news/local/Metrosafe-Incident-at-Shake-Manufacturing-send-1-to-hospital-injure-5-others-141956563.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

10. *March 6, WHIO 7 Dayton* – (Ohio) **Chemical spill starts fire at composite center.** A chemical spill that occurred during research at the National Composite Center in Kettering, Ohio, March 6 led to an alcohol-based fire in one of the laboratories on the center's campus. Three employees were running an experiment when the spill occurred, said the shift commander of the Kettering Fire Department. An estimated 20 gallons of isopropanol (high based 100 percent rubbing alcohol) that spilled found an electric ignition source and caught fire. The alcohol was consumed in the fire, he said. The building's suppression system put out the fire. There was minimal damage to the structure. The research was being performed by a private company for the composite center, he said. According to [compositecenter.org](http://www.compositecenter.org), the center provides member companies with a materials testing laboratory equipped to meet mechanical, optical, and thermal composite testing needs.

Source: <http://www.whiotv.com/news/news/local/chemical-spill-starts-fire-composite-center/nLMhY/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *March 9, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Coroner identifies man police shot outside Citrus Heights bank.** The Sacramento County Coroner's Office March 8 released the name of the bank robber shot by Citrus Heights, California police. Police said that the man claimed to have a gun and an explosive device when he held up the bank March 7. Police said at about 4:15 p.m., police received a call of a crime in progress at a Union Bank branch. Officers surrounded the bank before the man came out of the building. Feeling threatened, police fired at the man, who was pronounced dead at the scene. Because of the report of an explosive device, police cleared the area and called in the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department bomb squad. About 7:30 p.m., it was determined there was not an explosive device at the bank.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/03/09/4323718/coroner-identifies-man-police.html>

12. *March 8, Associated Press* – (International) **Jury clears way for US to go after \$330M in foreign accounts of convicted fraudster.** A Texas jury cleared the way March 8 for U.S. authorities to go after \$330 million in stolen investor funds sitting in frozen foreign bank accounts controlled by a convicted Ponzi schemer. The jury, which convicted the former tycoon on 13 of 14 fraud-related counts earlier the week of March 5, found there to be sufficient evidence that the money in 29 accounts in Switzerland, Britain, and Canada was some of the more than \$7 billion he stole from investors over a period of 20 years.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/jury-deciding-if-330-million-in-accounts-of-convicted-fraudster-stanford-can-be-seized/2012/03/08/gIQAIYnYyR_story.html
13. *March 8, WTVT 13 Tampa Bay* – (Florida) **Traffic stop uncovers massive credit card theft.** Dozens of fake credit cards adding up to thousands of dollars worth of stolen goods and merchandise were found in a car stopped on Interstate 75 in Fort Myers, Florida, March 7. The Lee County Sheriff's Office said two men from Tampa were using stolen cards. Investigators said the cards could have been used to clean out the accounts of people who had no idea their personal information had been stolen. Deputies pulled over a vehicle on Interstate 75 for illegal window tint and found 43 cloned credit cards, and trash bags filled with cigarettes bought with stolen account numbers. The two men face possession charges for having enough cards to potentially spend \$384,000 of other people's money.
Source: <http://www.myfoxtampabay.com/dpp/consumer/traffic-stop-uncovers-massive-credit-card-theft-03082012>
14. *March 8, Associated Press* – (California) **Guilty plea in LA indie film investment scam.** A Los Angeles man pleaded guilty to federal charges saying he was part of a telemarketing scam that solicited more than \$9 million for independent films. Federal prosecutors said the man entered the plea Wednesday on one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud, wire fraud, and the sale of unregistered securities, which carries a 5-year maximum sentence. He is the last of nine defendants in the case to plead guilty. None have been sentenced yet. According to prosecutors, the defendants lied to investors nationwide and falsely promised 1,000 percent returns. The indictment alleges telemarketers for Q Media Assets LLC fraudulently raised about \$9 million for a film and a sequel.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/03/08/4323306/guilty-plea-in-la-indie-film-investment.html>

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Transportation Sector

15. *March 9, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **520 bridge needs emergency repairs.** Emergency repairs were being made to Seattle's State Route 520 floating bridge after divers discovered damage and corrosion to an underwater cable connection during a routine inspection March 9. The floating bridge, located in Washington, remained safe and open to traffic but must be repaired before the next windstorm to

avoid further damage, officials said.

Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/local/komo/article/520-bridge-needs-emergency-repairs-3394403.php>

16. *March 8, Washington Post* – (Washington, D.C.) **Metro knew of brake problems for years, transit officials say.** Washington Metro Transit Authority (Metro) in Washington, D.C., knew for 6 years that some of its rail cars have brake parts that fail sooner than expected, transit officials said March 8. The failure was found in some of the agency’s newest rail cars in 2006. Most of the defective parts have been replaced, but 184 cars with similar parts are in service, according to Metro. The transit authority plans to begin replacing the parts — known as “brake disc hubs” — in the summer. In January and December 2011, brake parts fell from trains in two incidents. The December 2011 incident, which occurred during morning rush hour, shut down service along the downtown core of the Orange and Blue lines for hours. The Metro chief executive said the system has suffered from a lack of funding and lax maintenance for years. The transit authority is amid a six-year, \$5 billion capital program to implement recommendations from the National Transportation Safety Board, refurbish stations and replace deteriorating equipment.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/metro-board-member-says-agency-knew-of-brake-problems-for-years/2012/03/08/gIQAip0NzR_story.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

17. *March 9, Food Safety News* – (International) **Allergen alert: Spring rolls with fish and soy.** The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Gold Phoenix Asian Food are warning people with allergies to fish or soy not to eat certain Gold Phoenix Asian Food brand Spring Rolls and Sauce products distributed in British Columbia, Food Safety News reported March 9. The recalled products contain fish and soy, which are not listed on the label. The recall is for: Crispy Vegetable & Yam Spring Rolls & Sauce and Vietnamese Crispy Spring Rolls & Sauce.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/03/allergen-alert-spring-rolls-with-fish-and-soy/>

18. *March 9, Asheville Citizen-Times* – (North Carolina) **Explosion injures 3 construction workers at Cracker Barrel in Asheville.** An explosion and subsequent small fire injured three construction workers and damaged a Cracker Barrel restaurant in

Asheville, North Carolina, March 8. Investigators believed flammable vapors from remodeling accumulated in an interior wall cavity and were ignited by a worker using an adjacent electrical outlet, causing the explosion. Construction workers extinguished the fire before the fire department arrived. The explosion caused significant damage to a wall and adjacent kitchen equipment. The three workers were transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The construction work did not have a valid building permit from the city, according to the fire department.

Source: <http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20120309/NEWS/303090056/Explosion-injures-3-Asheville-restaurant?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Frontpage>

19. *March 9, Food Safety News* – (National) **Jimmy John’s sprouts sicken 25 in 8 states.** Eleven more cases of E. coli O26 infection were confirmed in the outbreak linked to raw clover sprouts served at Jimmy John’s sandwich restaurants. The newly reported cases raise the outbreak toll to 25 in 8 states, Food Safety News reported March 9. In an investigation update March 8, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said nine cases have been reported in Michigan, five in Iowa, three each in Missouri and Ohio, two in Kansas, and one each in Alabama, Arkansas, and Wisconsin. The 11 cases confirmed since the CDC’s last report, February 24, were from Alabama, Michigan, and Ohio. Of the 24 ill people who provided information to outbreak investigators, 21 said they ate sprouts at Jimmy John’s restaurants during the week before they became ill. There have been no recalls involved with this outbreak, and the CDC and Food and Drug Administration have not named the sprout supplier. Raw sprouts, considered a high-risk food, have been associated with at least 40 foodborne illness outbreaks — mostly E. coli and Salmonella infections — since 1990. Raw sprouts served at Jimmy John’s restaurant franchises have been linked to 5 outbreaks in 4 years. Jimmy John’s recently indicated it would no longer serve raw sprouts with its sandwiches.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/03/25-sick-in-8-states-in-jimmy-johns-sprouts-outbreak/>

20. *March 8, WBTA 1490 AM Batavia* – (New York) **Fire at Darien hog farm.** An unknown number of baby pigs are dead, and dozens more may suffer climate-related illness, after a barn fire broke out March 8 on the Miller Farm in Darien, New York. Over 1,000 adult pigs and piglets were inside the barn when flames erupted. A farm employee discovered the fire inside a nursery area of the barn and called 9-1-1. Fire crews from Erie County, Wyoming County, and the southwestern-central portion of Genesee all responded for the three-alarm fire. Heavy wind and rain, along with a mostly interior battle with the fire, complicated firefighting efforts. The pen-style housing for the animals was described as making the fight difficult. After the initial heavy flames were knocked down, fire crews worked to save dozens of piglets from a soaking-wet and burning nursery area. Firefighters pulled out dozens of young hogs, which were visibly covered in soot and very wet and cold in the damp conditions. One firefighter described the interior floor as a plastic floor “that melted right away,” leaving the young pigs to literally swim in the water-filled pens.

Source:

<http://wbta.com/LocalNews/tabid/115/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/1780/Fire-at-Darien-Hog-Farm.aspx>

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Water Sector

21. *March 9, KSAT 12 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Vandals cause 84,000-gallon sewage spill.** San Antonio Water System (SAWA) crews responded a major sewage spill March 8. SAWS officials said vandals wedged a board into a manhole which caused a blockage that forced a sewer spill into a green belt. Officials said more than 84,000 gallons of a sewer and rainwater mixture spilled into the area. SAWS crews pumped out most of the waste water, but continued to work on the spill into early March 9. SAWS reports no harmful impact on the area.
Source: <http://www.ksat.com/news/Vandals-cause-84-000-gallon-sewage-spill/-/478452/9266356/-/93aeke/-/index.html>
22. *March 9, Fort Lauderdale Triton* – (California) **U.S. approves California sewage ban.** In February, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved California’s plan to ban all sewage discharges, including treated sewage, from ocean-going ships along California’s coast. Stretching 3 miles from shore, the move makes this zone the largest coastal no-discharge zone in the United States. The zone applies to all passenger ships larger than 300 tons and to all other ocean-going vessels larger than 300 tons with sewage holding tank capacity. The EPA estimates that creation of the zone will stop the discharge of 22 million gallons of treated vessel sewage each year. “California’s economic health is tied to the health of our oceans and beaches,” said the chairman of the state’s Water Resources Control Board. “Pollution from cargo and cruise ships directly threatens public health, marine life and our economy.” The California No Discharge Zone final rule was expected to published to the Federal Register in mid-February.
Source: <http://thetriton.com/article/2012/03/us-approves-california-sewage-ban>
23. *March 8, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Sewage spill in Wahiawa blamed on power failure.** About 7,000 gallons of partially treated, but not completely disinfected sewage was dumped in Lake Wilson March 7 because of a power outage, the Health Department of Hawaii said. Oahu and Kauai are still under a brown water advisory following heavy rains earlier the week of March 5. The Health Department advised people to stay out of flood waters and storm water runoff because of contamination from overflowing cesspools, sewer manholes, pesticides, animal fecal matter, dead animals, pathogens, chemicals, and associated flood debris.
Source: <http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/141950163.html>
24. *March 8, Lake Arrowhead Mountain-News* – (California) **Sewage spill closes bay.** An 18,000 gallon sewage spill caused Lake Arrowhead Community Services District (LACSD) to close Blue Jay Bay in San Bernadina County, California. The general manager said a call to LACSD February 21 sparked an investigation immediately. The spill was caused by a blockage of rags resulting in a sewage overflow from a low manhole into the bay. Staff was taking water samples and, “The fecal coliform numbers

have dissipated, but the total coliform numbers are off the chart,” the general manager said. He added that Blue Jay Bay is “a mat of decaying organic material.” There are dead water weeds and pine needles that have washed in from Little Bear Creek, he said. During summer 2011, both Burnt Mill Beach Club and Tavern Bay Beach Club were closed due to raised total coliform numbers. Bacteria most likely stemmed from decomposing vegetation like lake weed and oak leaves. He agreed that had the sewage spill not taken place, LACSD would not have known about the total coliform numbers. According to the joint agreement between LACSD and Arrowhead Lake Association, the beaches around the lake are tested weekly from May to September, with other areas tested monthly. LACSD notified the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board of the spill. A much smaller spill, 800 gallons, occurred March 4 due to a root ball lodged in the wastewater line.

Source: http://www.mountain-news.com/news/article_2f331bf0-6940-11e1-80c3-001871e3ce6c.html

25. *March 8, KMOV 4 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **O’Fallon police offer reward for arrest in sewer plant incident.** The O’Fallon Police Department is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in connection to the damage of a generator at the St. Louis sewer plant. Police state that the damage was created from a shotgun blast and the incident happened between February 28 and March 6. Repairs are currently underway to fix the generator and it is expected to cost the city \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Source: <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/OFallon-police-offer-reward-for-arrest-in-sewer-plant-incident-142008833.html>

26. *March 8, St. Davenport Quad-City Times* – (Iowa) **Mop head causes discharge in river tributary.** Raw sewage was discharged into a tributary of the Maquoketa River because of a mop head that clogged a sewer main March 7 near the Manchester, Iowa’s wastewater treatment plant. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) said a sewage bypass from a main near the treatment plant discharged into an unnamed tributary of the Maquoketa River for an unknown amount of time before city staff was contacted. The flow was estimated at 10 to 30 gallons per minute. A mop head entered the collection system and caused the bypass of raw sewage. The affected area of the stream was taped off and solids were removed from the soil and lime will be applied. The city will collect samples to determine the strength of the raw wastewater. The DNR said it may make it down the service line, but it can cause a plug in a sewer main.

Source: http://qctimes.com/news/local/mop-head-causes-discharge-in-maquoketa-river-tributary/article_20f00604-694d-11e1-b283-001871e3ce6c.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

27. *March 9, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Hospital to review security measures.** Shootings March 8 will bring a thorough review of Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic’s security measures, the hospital president said. The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reported March 9 that the review will include determining whether the facility should place metal detectors at the entrance of the 16-floor building. The only

metal detector is located in the hospital's emergency department on the first floor. The task of checking visitors to the patient units — accessible from the main lobby on the first floor — falls on nurses who use a hand-held metal detector, said a registered nurse in the long-term care unit and president of the employee nurses union. "When they started that policy, I objected to that because I didn't feel personally that I was trained to handle a situation in which there would be a gun," said the nurse, who was off work yesterday but spent the day fielding calls from worried co-workers. The hospital requires police officers to check their weapons. A Pittsburgh police officer and president of the Fraternal Order of Police Fort Pitt Lodge No. 1 called that policy "insane." "I, nor any of my members, will ever enter that facility without their firearms," he said. "That facility is no longer secure. It's proven it's not secure."

Source:

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/s_785642.html?s_icmp=NetworkHeadlines

28. *March 8, KING 5 Seattle* – (Washington) **Seattle children's clinic hazmat sends one person to hospital.** A woman was taken to the hospital with respiratory issues after a hazardous materials situation at a children's clinic in Seattle's Central District March 8. Three other people were affected, but they were fine after exiting the clinic. A spokesperson for Seattle Children's said a small amount of fluid used to develop x-ray film at the facility's dental clinic leaked, causing the emergency.

Source: <http://www.king5.com/news/local/Multiple-people-sick-at-Seattle-childrens-clinic-141930533.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

29. *March 8, WRC 4 District of Columbia* – (Maryland) **Student robbed at gunpoint in high school gym.** Extra security was to be at Flowers High School in Springdale, Maryland, March 9 after an armed robbery involving a student March 8. A student said he was robbed at gunpoint in the school gym during the school say. Police arrested one suspect a short time later in the cafeteria but another got away. Investigators later located the pistol, which was a BB gun, police said. "Whenever we have allegations of this type, we always review our security procedures, and I'm certain that we will be making the appropriate adjustments," the Prince George's County Public Schools Director of Security said.

Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Student-Robbed-at-Gunpoint-in-High-School-Gym-142003093.html>

30. *March 8, WJLA 7 Arlington* – (National) **FBI investigates suspicious letters delivered to schools, businesses in D.C., 6 states.** Two more suspicious letters with powder were delivered in Washington, D.C., March 8, one at Amidon Bowen Elementary and one at Bibiana restaurant. Oyster-Adams Bilingual School evacuated after suspicious letters were found. FBI agents and local law enforcement agencies were investigating possible

links between about 20 suspicious letters delivered in Washington, D.C., Texas, Alabama, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York City. The six letters discovered in Washington, D.C. appear to be linked and all of them were tested and are not hazardous, officials said. Bibiana became the third Italian restaurant in Washington D.C. to receive a suspicious mailing with white powder inside. HAZMAT crews removed the letter for testing. March 8, another school received an alarming delivery. Office personnel found an envelope containing white powder at Amidon Bowen Elementary. The envelope was found before students arrived at school. The Washington, D.C. Department of Health and Oyster Adams Bilingual School were evacuated March 7. Before that, two other Italian restaurants were evacuated the week of March 5. A woman on a stretcher was taken out of the Department of Health after a letter containing white powder was found. Just hours before that, the Oyster Adams Bilingual School was evacuated when another letter was found. It contained flour and children returned to school about an hour later. Several schools in the Dallas area, a middle school in Connecticut, an art museum in New York City, a bank in Birmingham, Alabama, and schools in Massachusetts and Rhode Island all received similar letters. Law enforcement sources said, the letters are not addressed to anyone in particular. “We’ll investigate who is responsible, because we can’t have this type of drain on our federal, state, and local authorities and not to mention the panic it causes the community,” said the Chief of the Enfield, Connecticut Police.

Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2012/03/fbi-investigates-suspicious-letters-delivered-to-schools-businesses-in-d-c-6-states-73553.html>

31. *March 8, WBRC 6 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **Pipe bomb diffused at Winston County Courthouse.** The Winston County, Alabama Courthouse was abuzz with activity March 8 after an active pipe bomb was discovered, the sheriff told WBRC 6 Birmingham. In an investigator’s room, a theft victim was identifying his stolen tool box, when they opened up the tool box and discovered the bomb. Winston County authorities called in Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives agents and the Jefferson County Bomb Squad to diffuse the bomb. They were successful in disarming it. The sheriff said the tool box was seized after authorities busted a theft ring during a raid earlier the week of March 5 at the Natural Bridge Motel.
Source: <http://northwestal.myfoxdal.com/news/news/107612-pipe-bomb-diffused-winston-county-courthouse>
32. *March 8, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Inmate skips during Dallas courthouse flood mop-up.** An inmate jailed for a suspected misdemeanor now faces a possible felony charge after he walked away from an inmate crew helping to mop up floodwaters from Dallas County, Texas’s criminal courthouse. A Dallas County Sheriff’s Department statement said a water main broke March 8 in a first-floor electrical room at the Frank Crowley Courts Building. Up to 3 inches of water covered the first floor, disabling all elevators and escalators. The building was evacuated and closed as crews began the cleanup and damage assessment. However, the sheriff’s spokesman said an inmate from the adjacent jail walked away from his cleanup crew. He said the inmate had been charged with misdemeanor failure to identify himself to a state trooper. Now, the spokesman said he likely faces a third-degree felony charge.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Inmate-skips-during-Dallas-courthouse-flood-mop-up-3392653.php>

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Emergency Services Sector

33. *March 9, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **Local law enforcement using high tech tool to fight crime.** The newest technology being deployed by the King County Sheriff's Office in Burien, Washington, is called a Recon Scout. It is a small robot with an infrared camera often used by the military, but the sheriff's office is using it to help the SWAT team and the bomb unit examine places and things that might otherwise be dangerous, KOMO 4 Seattle reported March 9. The Recon Scout operates via a wireless remote control, which also has a monitor attached. The screen allows a technician to view what the robot sees. That image can also be projected on a large screen television inside a mobile command unit. The robot also has a microphone to pick up sound.

Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Local-law-enforcement-using-high-tech-tool-to-fight-crime-142025063.html>

34. *March 9, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Alabama) **Body of fourth Coast Guard aircrew member recovered.** After almost 11 days of searching, authorities March 8 recovered the body of the final Coast Guard aircrew member who died when the helicopter he was on crashed in Mobile Bay, Alabama. The Coast Guard concluded the search on the day it honored the four fallen airmen in a ceremony in Mobile. The Coast Guard said March 8 the petty officer's remains were recovered by response personnel. Involved in the search were local, state, and federal agencies and volunteers, the deputy commander of Coast Guard Sector Mobile said. Among them was the Army Corps of Engineers and the Navy's Supervisor of Salvage. The cause for the crash is under investigation, the Coast Guard said.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/military/index.ssf/2012/03/body_of_fourth_coast_guard_air.html

35. *March 9, Computerworld* – (International) **Anonymous defaces police equipment supplier site, releases Symantec code.** For the second time the week of March 5, hackers associated with the Anonymous hacking collective took down a Web site in retaliation for the arrests of several of their prominent members. The latest victim was New York Ironworks, a supplier of police equipment and tactical gear based in New York City. The company's main Web page was defaced with a message from AntiSec, a group affiliated with Anonymous, one of whose members was arrested the week of March 5. The message expressed support for those who were arrested and anger at fellow hacker "Sabu" whose cooperation with the FBI contributed to the recent arrests. It included a brief diatribe against the FBI, a promise of more hacks March 9, and a 1-minute clip of the final moments of the movie the Fight Club. Also posted on the defaced site was what appeared to be hundreds of usernames and passwords as well as evidence purporting to show that the hackers had gained root access to the server hosting the Web site. Meanwhile, AntiSec members also released source code to

Symantec's Norton Antivirus 2006 software in apparent tribute to those who were recently arrested. A 1.07GB file that is apparently the source code was published on Pastebin March 8.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9225043/Anonymous_defaces_police_equipment_supplier_site_releases_Symantec_code?taxonomyId=17

36. *March 8, Las Vegas Review-Journal* – (Nevada; National) **Drug shortages for paramedics forces review.** Alarmed by drug shortages that could affect the lifesaving efforts of paramedics, a medical board that oversees emergency medical services in southern Nevada is exploring the possible use of alternative medications, which would require the re-education of rescue personnel, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported March 8. The board also voted March 7 to extend the expiration dates on eight critical drugs, giving them a longer shelf life if new supplies are slow in coming. Stressing that ambulances remain well-equipped with the drugs long in use by first responders, the chairman of the medical advisory board of the Southern Nevada Health District said it is being proactive in dealing with a national problem that is affecting both hospitals and emergency medical services. Though the Food and Drug Administration requires manufacturers to conduct studies to determine the stability and shelf life of their products and to label them accordingly, medical advisory boards can legally extend their expiration dates in the interest of public health. Only recently, at a February conference of emergency physicians in Dallas, has it come to light that the problem could extend to paramedics.

Source: <http://www.lvrj.com/news/drug-shortages-have-medical-board-looking-for-alternatives-142005293.html>

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Information Technology Sector

37. *March 9, Help Net Security* – (International) **IE 9 hacked at Pwn2Own, Google patches Chrome bugs.** After the success they had with attacking Google's Chrome browser, the team of vulnerability researchers from French firm VUPEN also managed to hack Microsoft's Internet Explorer (IE) 9 on a fully patched Windows 7 SP1 machine. They managed to bypass the browser's DEP and ASLR protection with a 0-day heap overflow vulnerability, and then used a separate memory corruption bug to break out of its Protected Mode, which is effectively a sandbox. According to VUPEN's founder, these particular flows have existed in previous incarnations of the browser — all the way back to IE 6 — and will very likely work on the upcoming IE 10. According to ZDNet, he also said that the memory corruption bug they used is only one of the many vulnerabilities they found that can be used to break out of IE's Protected Mode, but also admitted the new IE 10 will be much harder to break into, as Microsoft has added new protection mechanisms. If the VUPEN team wins the contest, Microsoft will get its hands only on the information regarding the heap overflow bug. In the meantime, it was confirmed that a security researcher will receive the monetary

prize he earned March 8 at the Google-sponsored Pwnium contest. The bugs he used to bypass Chrome's sandbox were already patched by Google by pushing out a new version of the browser that includes a fix.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=12569>

38. *March 9, H Security* – (International) **Microsoft's Patch Tuesday will close a critical Windows vulnerability.** During the week of March 12, Patch Tuesday will see Microsoft publish a total of six bulletins, including one that addresses a critical vulnerability in all versions of Windows from Windows XP service pack 3 to Windows 7 service pack 1 and Windows Server 2008 R2. The rating means the hole enables attackers to infect a system via the Internet and inject malicious code. Other bulletins will address a privilege elevation flaw which affects the same span of Windows versions. Microsoft also plans to close an important denial of service vulnerability in Windows Server 2003 SP2, 2008 SP2, and 2008 R2. Another bulletin will address a "moderate" denial of service bug which affects Windows Vista SP2, Windows Server 2008 SP2, Windows 7 SP1, and Windows Server 2008 R2. Windows developers will find an elevation of privilege flaw in Visual Studio 2008 and 2010 is also addressed. All versions of another development tool, Microsoft Expression Design, will also receive a fix for an important remote code execution flaw in the application.
- Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Microsoft-s-Patch-Tuesday-will-close-a-critical-Windows-vulnerability-1468103.html>

39. *March 8, Ars Technica* – (International) **How Anonymous plans to use DNS as a weapon.** After engaging in a recent rash of attacks in retaliation for the takedown of file-sharing site Megaupload, the Anonymous's denial of service tools have not been as active. Disappointed with the current denial of service tools at their disposal, members of Anonymous are working to develop a next-generation attack tool that will, among other options, use the Domain Name System (DNS) itself as a weapon. The scale and stealthiness of the technique, called DNS amplification, is its main draw for Anonymous. DNS amplification hijacks an integral part of the Internet's global address book, turning a relatively small stream of requests from attacking machines into a torrent of data sent to the target machines.
- Source: <http://arstechnica.com/business/news/2012/03/how-anonymous-plans-to-use-dns-as-a-weapon.ars>

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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

40. *March 9, Softpedia* – (International) **Experts find vulnerabilities in CudaTel 2.0, Barracuda responds.** Vulnerability Lab experts identified a number of Web vulnerabilities in Barracuda’s CudaTel Phone Application 2.0.029.1, which is part of the CudaTel Communication Server, an easy-to-use audio-video communication system that is used by businesses worldwide. The founder and chief executive officer (CEO) of Vulnerability Lab identified the high risk security holes that affect Barracuda’s product and their customers. The multiple persistent Input Validation vulnerabilities could be remotely exploited to inject malicious code and manipulate modules by leveraging persistent context requests, even on accounts with fewer user rights. “When exploited by an authenticated user, the identified vulnerabilities can result in information disclosure via error, session hijacking, access to available phone line services, manipulated persistent context execution out of the auto route listings,” Vulnerability Lab said. The vulnerable section was appointed as being the Automated Attendants module, which includes the Advanced Routing extension - NAME & Listing, Auto Attendants - NAME & Listing, and the ALL Types Listing Category sub-modules. The weaknesses were identified on February 19 when they were reported to the vendor. A few days later the company responded, and March 7 a fix was released. March 8, Vulnerability Lab published its findings.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Experts-Find-Vulnerabilities-in-CudaTel-2-0-Barracuda-Responds-257616.shtml>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

41. *March 9, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Indiana) **300 structures damaged or destroyed in Washington County.** Nearly 300 structures were destroyed or damaged in Washington County, Indiana, by the March 2 tornado, according to an official tally. Forty-five homes, 12 business buildings, 2 churches, 24 mobile homes, 31 garages, and 37 barns were destroyed, said the commissioner, citing Indiana Department of Homeland Security figures. Also incurring damage were 1 business, 34 mobile homes, 33 garages and another 37 barns, he said. The tornado, which reached wind speeds of 170 mph, tore through 18.5 miles of Washington County.
Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20120308/NEWS02/303080127/300-structures-damaged-destroyed-Washington-County?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Home|s>
42. *March 5, WHTM 27 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Police: 3 made meth in Chambersburg motel room.** Three men are facing drug charges after state police said they were caught March 1 making methamphetamine inside a motel room in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. A trooper patrolling the area of Molly Pitcher Highway near the Budget Inn in Guilford Township stopped two men walking along the road. The trooper realized one of the men was wanted on a federal weapons charge, police said. The stop sparked the trooper to investigate where the two were staying. In their motel room at the Budget Inn, troopers found crystal meth and the chemicals and equipment needed to make it. They said these types of cooking labs can have deadly ramifications. “If it were something where the meth lab went bad, or even with the

cooking the substances furniture can be contaminated, nearby rooms can be contaminated,”a trooper said. The three face charges of manufacturing methamphetamine, drug possession, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Source: <http://www.abc27.com/story/17084262/police-3-made-meth-in-chambersburg-motel-room>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

Nothing to report

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Dams Sector

43. *March 8, Bismarck Tribune* – (North Dakota) **Study to determine floods’ impact on river channel.** Local entities in North Dakota are partnering with state and federal agencies to study Missouri River channel patterns to predict what the river may do after the 2011 flood, the Bismarck Tribune reported March 8. A water resource engineer for the Water Commission, said the 3-year \$1.08 million geomorphic study is broken down into channel changes, erosion, sediment buildup, and impacts on water levels. It focuses on an area from south of Garrison Dam to the Oahe Delta, she said. The goals of the project include determining channel changes and flood impacts, and assessing ice jam risks and sediment, and the impacts of wood debris and standing trees. The manager said local entities should find the project useful for planning and zoning, and deciding where building should and should not occur. The changes may impact the city’s wastewater treatment and water treatment plants, the Bismarck city administrator said. The costs are being shared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Geological Survey, the State Water Commission, state Health Department, state Game and Fish Department, state Transportation Department, the cities of Bismarck and Mandan, and Burleigh and Morton counties or their water districts.

Source: http://bismarcktribune.com/news/local/study-to-determine-floods-impact-on-river-channel/article_88a57002-6968-11e1-95cc-0019bb2963f4.html

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