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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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(North Dakota) ND health officials investigating saltwater spill. The North Dakota Health Department stated that 95 of the 250 barrels of saltwater that spilled from an oil well site were recovered. Colorado-based Rim Operating Inc., reported the 10,000 gallon spill February 8. <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2014-02-10/nd-health-officials-investigating-saltwater-spill>

(North Dakota) BNSF to invest \$600M in North Dakota railways. In a meeting with North Dakota's congressional delegation and agricultural leaders in Washington, BNSF Executive Director Matt Rose said the railroad would invest \$5 billion in new resources this year, including \$600 million in North Dakota. <http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/content/bnsf-invest-600m-north-dakota-railways>

(North Dakota) Officials: 2 oil spills reported in western ND. The North Dakota Department of Health stated that two oil spills were reported in the State, with one at a well site near Williston where nearly 300 barrels of crude oil was released, and a second near Waterford City where about 35 barrels were released. Approximately 20 barrels of the Waterford City spill and 295 barrels of the Williston spill were recovered. <http://www.newstimes.com/news/science/article/Officials-2-oil-spills-reported-in-western-ND-5229480.php>

(North Dakota) Oil well blowout a tough one to handle. A blowout at an oil well site four miles south of Watford City will likely take days to stop, a state regulator said Friday. http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/oil-well-blowout-a-tough-one-to-handle/article_f557949c-95ac-11e3-8fbd-0019bb2963f4.html

(North Dakota) Identifying solutions: Group has plans to reduce natural gas flaring in oil patch. The state's Mineral Resources Department is in the process of reviewing recommendations from an oil industry task force for significantly reducing gas flaring in the state. <http://www.minotdailynews.com/page/content.detail/id/592198/Identifying-solutions.html?nav=5010>

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REGIONAL

(Montana; Idaho) Avalanche danger closes Highway 12 at Montana/Idaho border. Highway 12 near the Montana/Idaho border was closed indefinitely February 12 by the Montana and Idaho Departments of Transportation due to the threat of avalanches. <http://www.kxlf.com/news/avalanche-danger-closes-highway-12-at-montana-idaho-border/>

NATIONAL

(National) Tesoro replacing older crude railcars in its fleet -CEO. Tesoro Corp. stated that the company has replaced 90 percent of older railcars in its crude-by-rail fleet with ones that meet the latest safety designs. The oil refiner's fleet will be complete by mid-2014 when the remaining 10 percent will be in compliance. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/02/06/tesoro-crude-rail-idINL2NOLBOVK20140206>

(National) Lightning strike hits tower at airport, spurs FAA probe. A potential vulnerability was exposed when lightning struck and injured an air traffic controller at the Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport in September 2013, prompting the Federal Aviation Administration to start examining lightning protection systems at its 440 air traffic control towers across the U.S. <http://www.theleafchronicle.com/viewart/20140206/NEWS01/302060050/Lighting-strike-hits-tower-at-airport-spurs-FAA-probe>

(National) U.S. orders priority propane supplies to ease shortage. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission used an emergency order under the Interstate Commerce Act for the first time to order Enterprise Energy Partners to prioritize supplies on its line from the Gulf Coast to the Northeast due to the shortage of heating fuel impacting several States across the U.S. <http://kdal610.com/news/articles/2014/feb/07/senators-ask-white-house-for-propane-shortage-relief/>

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INTERNATIONAL

(International) US government delivers cybersecurity framework for critical infrastructure. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announced February 12 that it has released the Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Security, a document which outlines cybersecurity practices and standards for industry and government to consider when developing security programs for critical infrastructure. <http://threatpost.com/us-government-delivers-cybersecurity-framework-for-critical-infrastructure/104243>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(National) Bank of America customers targeted in massive Bredo malware distribution campaign. Researchers at AppRiver identified a large spam campaign capable of avoiding filtering engines that is currently targeting Bank of America customers. Spam email messages carry a variant of the Bredo information-stealing malware that was identified by only 11 antivirus engines. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Bank-of-America-Customers-Targeted-in-Massive-Bredo-Malware-Distribution-Campaign-425067.shtml>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(National) Truck manufacturer recalls 21,000 Kenworth, Peterbilt. Paccar announced two recalls affecting around 21,000 model year 2013 and 2014 Kenworth and Peterbilt semi-trucks of various models due to issues with door

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latches and seat belt buckles. <http://www.todaystrucking.com/truck-manufacturer-recalls-21000-kenworth-peterbilt-chassis>

(International) Toyota recalls 2.1 million vehicles. Toyota announced a recall covering 2.1 million vehicles worldwide, including 973,000 in North America, for two software issues. 713,000 model year 2010-2014 Prius vehicles have a software issue that could result in higher thermal stress and a loss of power, while 260,000 model year 2012RAV4, 2012-2013 Tacoma, and 2012-2013 Lexus RX 350 vehicles in the U.S. may experience loss of vehicle stability control, anti-lock braking, and traction control due to a second software issue.

<http://money.cnn.com/2014/02/12/autos/toyota-prius-recall/index.html>

(National) 6 killed in GM cars with worn ignition switches. General Motors announced a recall of 619,122 model year 2005-2007 Chevrolet Cobalt and model year 2007 Pontiac G5 vehicles in the U.S. due to an issue with the ignition where a heavy keyring or jarring can cause the ignition to switch off. The company is aware of 22 crashes and 6 fatalities related to the issue which can cause loss of power and a lack of airbag deployment.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/cars/2014/02/13/gm-recall/5448319/>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Nothing Significant to Report

ENERGY

(National) Bone-chilling: ‘Catastrophic’ winter blast wipes out power in south. More than 350,000 customers across several southern States lost power February 12 due to a severe ice storm which also prompted 3,003 flight cancellations nationwide and 3,198 delayed flights. <http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/deep-freeze/bone-chilling-catastrophic-winter-blast-wipes-out-power-south-n28156>

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(Pennsylvania) Green County shale well continues burning. A worker was still unaccounted for as a Chevron-owned Marcellus Shale natural gas well in Greene County, Pennsylvania, continued to burn February 12 after a fire ignited at the well site February 11. <http://www.post-gazette.com/local/south/2014/02/11/Gas-well-explodes-in-southeastern-Greene-County/stories/201402110126>

(Kentucky) Blast rocks Kentucky natural gas pipeline amid storm. A major natural gas pipeline explosion in Adair County, Kentucky, February 13 destroyed homes and cars and left at least one person injured while prompting an evacuation of nearby areas. NiSource Inc., announced it shut down part of its Columbia Gulf Transmission interstate pipeline as a result of the explosion after operating teams detected a drop in pressure and found the pipeline ruptured. <http://kdal610.com/news/articles/2014/feb/13/one-injured-homes-ablaze-after-kentucky-gas-line-explosion/>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(National) Uncle Ben's rice mix recalled after children get sick. Mars Foodservices recalled and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration advised consumer not to use Uncle Ben's Infused Rice products sold in 5 and 25 pound bags to schools and institutional customers due to possible elevated levels of niacin that could cause illness. The recall and advisory were initiated after students at schools in Texas, Illinois, and **North Dakota** experienced allergic-like symptoms linked to eating the rice products. <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/02/10/uncle-bens-infused-rice-recall-children-sick/5362573/>

(National) Prime Snax recalls beef jerky for undeclared soy. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced that Prime Snax recalled approximately 90,000 pound of beef jerky products due to misbranding and undeclared soy lecithin. The products were distributed to retailers nationwide. <http://foodpoisoningbulletin.com/2014/prime-snax-recalls-beef-jerky-for-undeclared-soy/>

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GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Minnesota) 30 children treated for carbon monoxide poisoning. Authorities are investigating what prompted an evacuation of a Springfield Public Schools building in southern Minnesota and caused 30 elementary students to be treated at an area hospital for possible carbon monoxide poisoning. The school remained closed February 7. <http://news.msn.com/us/30-children-treated-for-carbon-monoxide-poisoning>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Cybercriminals hijack router DNS settings to lure users to fake banking websites. Researchers at Poland's Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT Polska) identified an attack that uses vulnerabilities in home routers to redirect users to fake banking Web sites. The attack hijacks DNS settings and then redirects users to malicious Web sites that mimic legitimate banking sites. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cybercriminals-Hijack-Router-DNS-Settings-to-Lure-Users-to-Fake-Banking-Websites-424920.shtml>

(International) Malicious versions of Flappy Bird game send SMSs to premium rate numbers. Trend Micro researchers spotted several rogue versions of the recently-discontinued Flappy Bird game for Android that are designed to send SMS messages to premium rate numbers. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Malicious-Versions-of-Flappy-Bird-Game-Send-SMSs-to-Premium-Rate-Numbers-425977.shtml>

(International) Linksys home routers targeted and compromised in active campaign. A security researcher reported that an unknown vulnerability is allowing Linksys E1000 routers to be targeted and infected with a worm dubbed TheMoon. The vulnerability is currently being heavily exploited in attacks. http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2707

PUBLIC HEALTH

(Wisconsin) UW Hospital patient may have exposed others to measles. The University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison notified patients who were seen

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February 1 through February 3 after learning a patient may have exposed hundreds of other patients and visitors to measles. Lab results supported that the patient was infected with the virus that causes the disease.

http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/health_med_fit/hospital-patient-may-have-exposed-others-to-measles/article_09aca4eb-4d0d-5d72-9f83-d01d76507681.html

(North Carolina) 18 NC patients may have been exposed to rare brain disease.

Officials from Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem announced that 18 neurological patients may have been exposed to Creutzfeldt - Jakob disease after being operated on in January by surgeons who used tools that had not been sufficiently sterilized after they were used on a man suspected of having the disease. The hospital stated that the possibility of contracting the disease through surgical exposure is remote. <http://news.msn.com/us/18-nc-patients-may-have-been-exposed-to-rare-brain-disease>

TRANSPORTATION

(Florida) 3,000 pieces of mail stolen in Pasco County. A man and a female companion were arrested February 4 for allegedly stealing 3,000 pieces of mail from 900 victims in Pasco County by digging through mailboxes in order to use the victim's information.

http://www.wtsp.com/news/topstories/article/355939/250/Deputies-Pasco-man-stole-3000-pieces-of-mail-?hpt=ju_bn1

(National) FBI cracks down on shining lasers at aircraft. A dozen FBI field offices across the U.S. will offer a \$10,000 reward for the next 60 days for information leading to the arrest of any person known to be shining a laser at an aircraft due to the potential damage it can cause.

<http://www.officer.com/news/11309571/fbi-cracks-down-on-shining-lasers-at-aircraft>

WATER AND DAMS

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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center**: 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio**: 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)**: 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol**: 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst**: 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI**: 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI**: 701-232-7241.

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