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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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NORTH DAKOTA

(North Dakota) Oil company to pay \$2M for illegal win North Dakota. Federal prosecutors reported March 5 that Norwegian-based Brigham Oil & Gas L.P., which was acquired by Statoil Oil & Gas Services, Inc., agreed to pay nearly \$2 million in a settlement to avoid legal action for illegally operating a well on unleased federally-owned minerals in North Dakota. The company began drilling the well in December 2011 and authorities found that the company had produced and sold federally-owned oil and natural gas from the site.

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/03/05/us/ap-us-illegal-oil-well.html>

(North Dakota) Nearly 19,000 gallons of saltwater spined Tioga; waterways, public health not in danger. The North Dakota Department of Health announced March 5 that a Continental Resources-owned pipeline leaked about 19,000 gallons of saltwater near Tioga after the pipeline ruptured when it was struck by excavating equipment. The spill was contained to the excavated site and does not pose a threat to the public or waterways.

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/e591d2d720f944cf842b329b09cdee4a/ND--Brine-Spill/>

(North Dakota) Oil Tanks Explode at Well Site Near Killdeer. Tanks full of oil at a well site in Dunn county exploded this morning. Dunn County Emergency Manager Denise Brew says it happened around 9AM at a oil well site about 5 miles north of Killdeer. <http://www.kxnet.com/story/28289866/oil-tanks-explode-at-well-site-near-killdeer?autoStart=true&topVideoCatNo=default&clipId=11210667>

REGIONAL

(Minnesota) Deadly strain of bird flu found in Minnesota turkey flock; public not at risk. Health officials reported March 5 that the H5N2 strain of avian influenza was detected at a Pope County poultry farm and that about 15,000 turkeys housed in one barn died as a result of the virus since February 26. The remaining 100 turkeys at the farm were culled as a precaution, and four workers were being monitored due to occupational risk, while authorities reported that the risk of exposure to the general public is very low.

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http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_27653197/serious-strain-bird-flu-found-minnesota-turkey-flock

(Wyoming) Lift failure prompts evacuation at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort.

About 90 skiers and snowboarders in Wyoming were rescued by the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort's ski patrol March 5 after mechanical issues halted the Apres Vous lift and stranded the passengers for 2 hours. No injuries were reported, and the lift was closed indefinitely pending repairs.

http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/jackson_hole_daily/local/lift-failure-prompts-evacuation-at-jackson-hole-mountain-resort/article_6dcab22d-4e0e-52a5-904e-aa7b9d56e3b1.html

(Minnesota) Prairie Island Nuclear Plant shut down after alarm. Plant operators shut down one of two reactors at the Prairie Island Nuclear Plant near Red Wing, Minnesota, March 5 as a precaution after a fire alarm sounded in the Unit 2 containment building. Officials stated that there was no indication of a fire and classified the incident as an "unusual event", and reported that the unit will remain offline while authorities continue to investigate.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/03/05/prairie-island-nuclear-plant-shut-down-after-alarm-sounds/24423765/>

NATIONAL

(National) Anthem says hack may affect more than 8.8 million other BCBS members. Anthem Inc., announced February 24 that 8.8 million to 18.8 million members of other Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance plans may have been affected by a breach reported by the company in February. Anthem updated the total number of records accessed in the database to 78.8 million customers, including 14 million incomplete records.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/02/25/us-anthem-cybersecurity-idUSKBN0LS2CS20150225>

(National) Snowstorm strands drivers in Kentucky, sends plane skidding in NY; record low temps up next. A severe winter storm covered the Northeast March 5 after moving across the South, which left more than 400 drivers stranded on Interstate 24 in Kentucky for several hours and caused a pileup of 200 semi-trucks on Interstate 65 in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Slippery conditions caused a Delta

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flight to skid off the runway and crash through a fence at New York's LaGuardia Airport, while about 4,400 flights in and out of the U.S. were canceled.

<http://www.startribune.com/politics/national/295134771.html?page=1&c=y>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) It's official – FCC enacts expansive net-neutrality rules. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved sweeping net-neutrality regulations February 26 that gives the government expanded power over Internet access, and allows the FCC to bar Internet providers from blocking Web sites, selectively slowing down any content, or offering bandwidth increases for specific content with payment. The rules also classify the Internet as a telecommunications service under Title II of the Communications Act.

<http://www.nextgov.com/cio-briefing/2015/02/its-officialfcc-enacts-expansive-net-neutrality-rules/106242/>

(International) SSL/TLS cipher suite downgrade affects all supported Windows versions. Microsoft released a security advisory that its Secure Channel (Schannel) used in all versions of Windows is vulnerable to Factoring RSA Export Keys (FREAK) attacks that force secure sockets layer (SSL) and transport layer security (TLS) cryptographic protocols to use a weak RSA key through a man-in-the-middle (MitM) attack, allowing hackers to decrypt HTTPS traffic. Microsoft has not yet specified a release date for patching the vulnerability.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/SSL-TLS-Cipher-Suite-Downgrade-Affects-All-Supported-Windows-Versions-475080.shtml>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Nothing Significant to Report

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

(Wyoming) 3 burned in fire at Dyno Nobel chemical plant near Cheyenne, 2 taken to hospital. A fire at the Dyno Nobel chemical plant near Cheyenne February 26 injured 3 workers, including 2 that were transported to an area hospital. Dyno Nobel's fire brigade brought the blaze under control prior to the arrival of county firefighters. <http://trib.com/business/energy/burned-in-fire-at->

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COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(Massachusetts) Hazmat scene cleared in Northborough after ammonia gas emitted. One of 5 buildings at an industrial complex in Northborough was shut down and evacuated February 26 when a Level 2 HAZMAT situation was reported following an ammonia release at an unidentified business. The ammonia gas release was contained to one room and HAZMAT crews cleared the building to reopen more than 3 hours later after ammonia levels dissipated.

<http://www.myfoxboston.com/story/28209188/hazmat-situation-underway-in-northborough>

(Arizona) Copper thieves hit Oro Valley businesses. Police received reports of theft March 1 from two Oro Valley businesses that were struck by vandals who stole copper electrical wire and caused a collective \$40,000 in damage and losses. One of the businesses, Dickey's Barbeque Pit, was forced to close for one day while crews made repairs and worked to restore power that was lost as a result of the theft. http://tucson.com/business/copper-thieves-hit-oro-valley-businesses/article_dab7f904-6cc5-506e-80ee-b6f3717c3b59.html

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(National) Fiat Chrysler recalling Chrysler 200 sedans; transmissions might not shift into park. Fiat Chrysler issued a recall February 26 for about 26,000 model year 2015 Chrysler 200 vehicles equipped with V-6 engines due to manufacturing problems at a parts supplier's factory that can cause 9-speed transmissions to malfunction and the shifter to show that the car is in park when it is in another gear. Chrysler advised owners to activate the vehicles' parking brake before shutting off the engine because the car could roll away unexpectedly if the transmission fails to shift into park.

<http://www.startribune.com/business/294191451.html>

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(International) Vulnerabilities in Blu-ray players open door for network compromise. Security researchers at NCC Group discovered security flaws in the software and hardware of Blu-ray players that could allow attackers to use poorly implemented Java to create malicious discs in order to bypass auto-run protection mechanisms through a sandbox escape and execute arbitrary code automatically. The second vulnerability was achieved by launching a library from a USB drive plugged into the device and the Web browser which could allow modifications of the firmware in order to remove anti-piracy technology.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Vulnerabilities-in-Blu-Ray-Players-Open-Door-for-Network-Compromise-474635.shtml>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Nothing Significant to Report

ENERGY

(California) Hundreds of pits filled with oil wastewater discovered in California's Kern County. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board conducted a survey and found over 300 pits in California that officials did not know existed, with more than one-third operating without permits. The survey found that oil producers in Kern County have been disposing of chemical-laden wastewater in the pit without permits and water board officials reported that all of the pits have been inspected. <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/hundreds-of-pits-filled-with-oil-wastewater-discovered-in-californias-kern-county/ar-BBi1iF5>

(Alaska) DEC, authorities addressing 4,000-gallon Hilcorp pipeline spill. Crews recovered an estimated 3,906 gallons of crude oil, water, and other fluids from the Hilcorp Alaska Production-owned Tract 14 at the Milne Point site in North Slope, Alaska, after a pipeline leaked an unknown amount of liquid February 28. Officials are investigating the leak and shut in wells at Tract 14, and closed valves

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on the affected section of the pipe. <http://www.ktuu.com/news/news/dec-authorities-addressing-4000gallon-hilcorp-pipeline-spill/31558574>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Hawaii) Oahu coffee farm quarantine broadened by state. The Hawaii Board of Agriculture voted unanimously February 24 to expand a quarantine for Oahu coffee farms targeting the invasive coffee berry borer insect to include all Oahu-grown coffee that were yielded by private coffee growers after infestations were discovered in two locations. The quarantine requires a permit to transport unroasted beans, coffee plants, harvesting equipment, and used coffee bags from infested islands to unaffected islands.

<http://www.greenwichtime.com/news/us/article/Oahu-coffee-farm-quarantine-broadened-by-state-6103743.php>

(National) Natural Grocers investigating card breach. Authorities are investigating a potential security breach of Natural Grocers' database servers after financial institutions reported a pattern of fraud traced to the grocery chain that indicates payment card information may have been stolen. The company has upgraded the point-of-sale system in all of its locations while it continues to investigate. <https://krebsonsecurity.com/2015/03/natural-grocers-investigating-card-breach/>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Colorado) DPS investigating phishing email scam. Denver Public Schools (DPS) is working with police in an investigation into the February 27 loss of 7 employee direct deposit paychecks amounting to more than \$26,000 which authorities believe was caused via phishing email asking personnel provide their DPS usernames and passwords. School officials notified all employees and urged them to be on alert for any potential phishing emails and to regularly check their account passwords. <http://www.9news.com/story/news/education/2015/03/05/dps-phishing-escam/24423743/>

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Fake “Flash Player Pro” update delivers password-stealing trojan. Security researchers at F-Secure discovered a new malware campaign in which users with previously compromised routers and domain name system (DNS) server settings are being targeted with fake Adobe Flash Player Pro installation notifications that contain the Fareit trojan, allowing attackers to steal passwords and download other malware onto the infected system. http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2982

PUBLIC HEALTH

(Arizona) 35 sickened with norovirus at Phoenix VA hospital. The Carl T. Hayden Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Phoenix confirmed March 3 that 16 patients and 19 staff members from 2 inpatient mental health units were sickened with norovirus. The center attempted to stop the virus from spreading by canceling group activities, disinfecting the hospital, and temporarily halting the admittance of patients into the mental health unit. <http://www.foxnews.com/health/2015/03/05/35-sickened-with-norovirus-at-phoenix-va-hospital/>

(National) FDA launches drug shortages mobile app. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced March 4 that it launched the agency’s first mobile app for Apple and Android devices to speed public access to information about drug shortages, resolved shortages, and discontinuations of drug products. The app was developed as part of the agency’s efforts in the Strategic Plan for Preventing and Mitigating Drug Shortages. <http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm436481.htm>

(California) Superbug outbreak extends to Cedars-Sinai hospital, linked to scope. Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles reported March 4 that 4 patients were infected and 67 others may have been exposed to the deadly carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) superbug from a contaminated scope. The hospital removed the device and enhanced their safety measures, including a more thorough monitoring of scopes before and after procedures.

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<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-cedars-sinai-infections-20150304-story.html#>

TRANSPORTATION

(West Virginia) CSX reopens rail line shut after oil derailment. CSX reopened a West Virginia train line February 26 that had been closed since February 16 due to a fiery train derailment in the town of Mount Carbon. Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/02/26/oil-derailment-open-idUSL1N0W03N420150226>

(Illinois) Five cars still on fire in Illinois following BNSF train derailment carrying ND crude. Five BNSF Railway cars out of the 21 that derailed March 5 remained on fire March 6 potentially delaying shipments along the line in Galena, Illinois, for up to 48 hours. No injuries were reported in the accident after the train carrying crude oil from North Dakota derailed on its way to Chicago.

<http://www.inforum.com/news/accidents/3693596-five-cars-still-fire-illinois-following-bnsf-train-derailment-carrying-nd>

WATER AND DAMS

Nothing Significant to Report

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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