

# Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 09 January 2017

### **Top Stories**

- A Mission, Texas-based businessman pleaded guilty January 3 to using the U.S. banking system to help three former governors from Mexico launder tens of millions of dollars. San Antonio Express-News (See item 3)
- TransUnion, Equifax, Inc., and their subsidiaries were ordered January 3 to pay more than \$17.6 million in restitution to consumers and \$5.5 million in fines for misleading consumers about the usefulness and actual cost of credit scores the companies sold. *U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau* (See item 5)
- An electrical malfunction at the Blucher Poole Wastewater Treatment Plant in Bloomington, Indiana, caused 104,500 gallons of untreated wastewater to be released into Bean Blossom Creek January 5. *WBIW 1340 AM Bedford* (See item 14)
- The State of Michigan removed the director of the Unemployment Insurance Agency January 5 after a review uncovered that 93% of fraud allegations against over 22,000 unemployment insurance applicants were false. *Detroit Free Press* (See item 17)

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### **Energy Sector**

1. *January 5*, *WBIR 10 Knoxville* – (Tennessee) **Newport area back to normal after gas leak.** A major gas leak at the Brandywine Steakhouse in Cocke County, Tennessee, prompted temporary road closures and evacuations of several nearby businesses January 5. No injuries were reported and authorities were able to repair the leak. Source: <a href="http://www.wbir.com/news/local/gas-leak-prompts-cocke-evacuations-road-closures/382662547">http://www.wbir.com/news/local/gas-leak-prompts-cocke-evacuations-road-closures/382662547</a>

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### **Chemical Industry Sector**

Nothing to report

### Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

### **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

2. January 5, TheCarConnection.com – (National) 2016-2017 Mercedes-Benz GLE recalled to fix airbag problem. Mercedes-Benz issued a recall January 5 for 47,799 of its model years 2016 – 2017 Mercedes-Benz GLE models in select makes due to an improperly calibrated occupant classification system that could mistakenly identify an adult passenger as a child, preventing the front passenger airbags from deploying in the event of a collision.

Source: <a href="http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1108180\_2016-2017-mercedes-benz-gle-recalled-to-fix-airbag-problem">http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1108180\_2016-2017-mercedes-benz-gle-recalled-to-fix-airbag-problem</a>

# **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

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### **Financial Services Sector**

3. January 5, San Antonio Express-News – (International) Valley businessman pleads guilty in Mexico corruption probe. A Mission, Texas-based businessman pleaded guilty January 3 to using the U.S. banking system to help former governors from Coahuila, Aguascalientes, and Tamaulipas, Mexico, launder tens of millions of dollars by compelling the officials to direct inflated payments for road work to the defendant's Mexican asphalt company, which the defendant subsequently moved to his account for his U.S. firm, Rodmax Inc. The defendant had the exclusive rights to sell a certain kind of paving machine and paid bribes to the Mexican government representatives in exchange for contracts to perform the road work.

Source: <a href="http://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/Valley-businessman-pleads-guilty-as-part-of-10834876.php">http://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/Valley-businessman-pleads-guilty-as-part-of-10834876.php</a>

- 4. January 4, WABC 7 New York (New Jersey) Police investigating ATM skimming incidents at banks in New Jersey. New Jersey authorities are investigating after recent ATM skimming incidents at banks across the State, including the Lakeland Bank branch in Oak Ridge from December 2016 January 2017, as well as at banks in Bloomingdale and Lincoln Park. More than 100 potential victims of these ATM skimming incidents have been identified to date.

  Source: <a href="http://abc7ny.com/news/thieves-using-skimmers-to-steal-customers-account-info-at-nj-banks/1686118/">http://abc7ny.com/news/thieves-using-skimmers-to-steal-customers-account-info-at-nj-banks/1686118/</a>
- 5. January 3, U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (National) CFPB orders TransUnion and Equifax to pay for deceiving consumers in marketing credit scores and credit products. The U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) January 3 ordered TransUnion, Equifax, Inc., and their subsidiaries to pay more than \$17.6 million in restitution to consumers and fines worth \$5.5 million to the CFPB for misleading consumers about the usefulness and actual cost of credit scores the companies sold by leading consumers to think they were the same credit scores lenders commonly used to make credit decisions, and for persuading consumers to pay expensive recurring fees for credit scores and credit-related products that the firm's falsely claimed were free or low-cost, from at least July 2011 – March 2014. As part of the settlement, TransUnion and Equifax must clearly notify consumers about the nature of credit scores they are selling, must obtain the consumer's consent prior to enrolling them in any credit-related product with a negative option feature, and must offer consumers a simple way to cancel the purchase of any credit-related product. Source: http://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/newsroom/cfpb-orders-transunionand-equifax-pay-deceiving-consumers-marketing-credit-scores-and-credit-products/

## **Transportation Systems Sector**

- 6. January 6, WTTG 5 Washington, D.C. (Maryland) Major accident involving tractor-trailer, box truck causes morning delays on I-95 in Jessup. Southbound lanes of Interstate 95 in Jessup, Maryland, were reduced to one lane at Route 100 for around 4 hours January 6 after an accident involving a semi-truck and box truck. Source: <a href="http://www.fox5dc.com/news/227431370-story">http://www.fox5dc.com/news/227431370-story</a>
- 7. *January 5, Frederick News-Post* (Maryland) **Trash truck driver killed in U.S. 15 crash.** Northbound lanes and one southbound lane of U.S. Route 15 in Frederick, Maryland, were closed for over 3 hours January 5 after a trash truck collided with an unattended vehicle and overturned in the roadway. One person was killed in the crash. Source: <a href="http://www.fredericknewspost.com/public/one-person-dead-after-trash-truck-overturns-on-u-s/article">http://www.fredericknewspost.com/public/one-person-dead-after-trash-truck-overturns-on-u-s/article</a> c124e38f-fb12-5ffd-84fe-882de042f2c7.html
- 8. January 5, KFSN 30 Fresno (California) Large boulder lands on truck causing accident that shut down Hwy 41. Both directions of California State Route 41 in Madera County were closed for several hours January 5 after a large boulder fell on a truck and caused it to crash into another vehicle.

  Source: http://abc30.com/traffic/large-boulder-lands-on-truck-causing-accident-that-

### shut-down-hwy-41/1688847/

- 9. January 5, Chicago Patch; WMAQ 5 Chicago (Illinois) Flight to California makes emergency landing in Chicago. JetBlue Airways Flight 213 traveling from John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York to Long Beach Airport in California was forced to make an emergency landing at Chicago O'Hare International Airport January 5 after the crew reported a potential internal indicator error. No injuries were reported. Source: <a href="http://patch.com/illinois/chicago/flight-california-makes-emergency-landing-chicago">http://patch.com/illinois/chicago/flight-california-makes-emergency-landing-chicago</a>
- 10. January 5, KERO 23 Bakersfield (California) Highway 58 closed near Towerline Road due to accident, one confirmed dead. Eastbound lanes of California State Route 58 in Kern County were closed for several hours January 5 while authorities investigated an accident involving a semi-truck that killed at least one person. Source: <a href="http://www.turnto23.com/news/local-news/highway-58-closed-near-towerline-road-due-to-accident">http://www.turnto23.com/news/local-news/highway-58-closed-near-towerline-road-due-to-accident</a>
- 11. *January 5, Norwich Bulletin* (Connecticut) **Preston accident injures woman, closes Route 2.** Both directions of Connecticut Route 2 in Preston were closed for several hours January 5 after a one-vehicle accident sent one person to the hospital. Source: <a href="http://www.norwichbulletin.com/news/20170105/preston-accident-injures-woman-closes-route-2">http://www.norwichbulletin.com/news/20170105/preston-accident-injures-woman-closes-route-2</a>
- 12. January 5, KXAS 5 Fort Worth (Arkansas) American Airlines flight from D/FW diverted due to mechanical issue. American Eagle Flight 3338 traveling from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in Texas to Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport in Kentucky was forced to make an emergency landing at the Clinton National Airport in Little Rock, Arkansas, January 5 due to a mechanical issue. No injuries were reported.

Source: <a href="http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/American-Airlines-Flight-From-DFW-Diverted-Due-to-Mechanical-Issue-409746805.html">http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/American-Airlines-Flight-From-DFW-Diverted-Due-to-Mechanical-Issue-409746805.html</a>

# Food and Agriculture Sector

Nothing to report

# **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

13. *January 5, KSWO 7 Lawton* – (Oklahoma) **Water line repair underway, Stage 5** water restrictions enacted. The City of Duncan, Oklahoma, issued a Stage 5 Water Restriction January 5 after the water line from Lake Waurika that feeds Duncan's water treatment plant failed, prompting the city to ban all outdoor watering and limit high-volume indoor water usage, including the use of dishwashers and washing machines. City officials expect the water flow to be restored within the next 24 hours. Source: <a href="http://www.kswo.com/story/34196798/water-line-feeding-duncan-fails-stage-5-water-restrictions-enacted">http://www.kswo.com/story/34196798/water-line-feeding-duncan-fails-stage-5-water-restrictions-enacted</a>

14. January 5, WBIW 1340 AM Bedford – (Indiana) CBU officials respond to wastewater release at Blucher Poole Wastewater Treatment Plant. An electrical malfunction related to the pumping system at the Blucher Poole Wastewater Treatment Plant in Bloomington, Indiana, caused 104,500 gallons of untreated wastewater to be released into Bean Blossom Creek January 5. The cause of the electrical failure remains under investigation.

Source: <a href="http://www.wbiw.com/local/archive/2017/01/cbu-officials-respond-to-wastewater-release-at-blucher-poole-wastewater-treatment-plant.php">http://www.wbiw.com/local/archive/2017/01/cbu-officials-respond-to-wastewater-treatment-plant.php</a>

15. *January 5, WHTM 27 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Boil water advisory issued in Mt. Holly Springs.** The Mt. Holly Springs Water Authority in Pennsylvania ordered residents of Mt. Holly Springs to boil water until further notice January 5 after a chlorine ejector at the borough's water treatment plant failed. Water Authority officials expect the problem to be resolved by January 7.

Source: http://abc27.com/2017/01/05/boil-water-advisory-issued-in-mt-holly-springs/

### **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

Nothing to report

### **Government Facilities Sector**

16. January 6, Wisconsin State Journal – (Wisconsin) Student arrested for allegedly starting fire that emptied Oregon High Thursday. Oregon High School in Oregon, Wisconsin, was closed early for safety reasons January 5 after a small fire in a bathroom caused an evacuation. Following an investigation, authorities initially charged a student with arson.

Source: http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/crime-and-courts/student-arrested-for-allegedly-starting-fire-that-emptied-oregon-high/article\_9bdca2a3-2e70-56b8-a30d-9e09f26e68b0.html

17. January 5, Detroit Free Press – (Michigan) Chief of Mich. unemployment agency out amid false fraud allegations. The State of Michigan removed the director of the Unemployment Insurance Agency January 5 after a review performed partly at the request of the Federal Government uncovered that 93% of fraud allegations the agency made against over 22,000 unemployment insurance applicants from October 2013 – October 2015 were false, resulting in more than \$15 million being unlawfully taken from claimants through wage garnishees, seizures of income tax returns, and other methods in 2015 alone. Michigan officials report that around \$5.4 million has been refunded to 2,571 claimants wrongly accused of fraud.

Source: <a href="http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2017/01/05/michigan-unemployment-insurance-agency/96205168/">http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2017/01/05/michigan-unemployment-insurance-agency/96205168/</a>

18. *January 5*, *Tampa Bay Times* – (Florida) **Two Tampa JCC preschools evacuated after receiving threatening robocall.** Two threatening phone calls January 5 prompted the Tampa Jewish Community Center and Tampa Jewish Federation in Florida to shut down operations at both of its preschools for the afternoon. Authorities deemed both

buildings safe after a search of both campuses.

Source: http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/jcc-preschool-in-south-tampa-is-evacuated/2308565

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### **Emergency Services Sector**

Nothing to report

### **Information Technology Sector**

- 19. January 5, SecurityWeek (International) KillDisk malware targets Linux machines. ESET security researchers reported that the KillDisk malware recently observed adding encryption capabilities and behaving like ransomware is now targeting Linux systems, including workstations and servers. The Linux variant of the malware overwrites the bootloader entries and displays the ransom text within the GRUB bootloader Source: http://www.securityweek.com/killdisk-malware-targets-linux-machines
- 20. January 5, SecurityWeek (International) "MM Core" APT malware now targets United States. Forcepoint security researchers reported that two new versions of the malware "MM Core," dubbed BigBoss and SillyGoose, have been used to target the news and media, government (defense), oil and gas, and telecommunications industries in Africa and the U.S. The trojan was designed to collect information on the infected computer and set up a backdoor for remote access.

Source: http://www.securityweek.com/new-mm-core-apt-malware-targets-united-states

#### **Internet Alert Dashboard**

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: http://www.it-isac.org

# **Communications Sector**

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# **Commercial Facilities Sector**

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# **Dams Sector**

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