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- The Alabama Fire Marshal’s Office confirmed March 25 that a cease-and-desist order was issued that closes the production portion of the Ultratec fireworks plant in Madison County following a deadly explosion in February. – *WAFF 48 Huntsville* (See item [1](#))
- A stretch of U.S. 400 in Wilson County, Kansas, that closed March 25 due to a fatal multi-vehicle accident was expected to reopen by March 27. – *KSNW 3 Wichita* (See item [7](#))
- The governor of Indiana declared a health emergency March 26 in southeastern Indiana after the Indiana State Department of Health recorded 79 HIV cases connected to intravenous drug use in Scott County. – *Indianapolis Star; Associated Press* (See item [15](#))
- One fatality was reported following tornado-producing storms that moved across Oklahoma, March 25 and caused severe damage to a mobile home park and businesses, knocked out power to nearly 75,000 customers, closed Interstate 35 in Moore, and prompted Moore Public Schools to cancel classes March 26. – *Weather.com* (See item [26](#))

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Chemical Industry Sector

1. *March 26, WAFF 48 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **Fire marshal: Victim of fatal blast reported unsafe work environment.** The Alabama Fire Marshal’s Office confirmed March 25 that a cease-and-desist order was issued that closes the production portion of the Ultratec fireworks plant in Madison County following a deadly explosion in February. The State’s fire marshal cited the company for five violations, including improper storage of materials and cross-contamination concerns, following an inspection of the facility.
Source: <http://www.waff.com/story/28614817/portion-of-fireworks-plant-to-close-following-deadly-explosion>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *March 25, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Illinois) **U.S. Steel to idle Illinois plant, shed up to 2,080 more workers.** U.S. Steel announced March 25 that its Granite City Works steel flat-rolling plant would be temporarily shut down as part of a consolidation of steelmaking operations across the U.S. in response to market conditions. The company stated that steel coil-rolling operations for pipes and other products will continue at other plants.
Source: <http://triblive.com/business/headlines/8045318-74/steel-operations-prices>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

3. *March 25, Reuters* – (International) **PayPal to pay \$7.7 million in U.S. Treasury sanctions case.** PayPal agreed to pay \$7.7 million March 25 to settle U.S. Department of the Treasury charges for failing to adequately screen transactions for several years, resulting in 486 violations of sanctions programs against countries including Iran, Cuba, and Sudan, as well as for a specific Turkish national on the sanctions blacklist that had been tied to proliferators of weapons of mass destruction.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/03/25/us-usa-treasury-ebay-idUSKBN0ML28620150325>
4. *March 25, Reuters* – (California) **U.S. jury convicts former bank exec of securities fraud.** The former chief operating officer of United Commercial Bank in San Francisco was convicted March 25 of several criminal counts, including securities fraud, for allegedly concealing the falling value of collateral used to secure the bank's loans from auditors during the 2008 financial crisis.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/03/25/fraud-tarp-trial-idUSL2N0WR2OM20150325>
5. *March 25, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Ohio businessmen convicted in sports drink investment scheme.** Two Ohio businessmen were convicted March 25 of charges relating to a fraud scheme in which they used their sport drink company, Imperial Integrated Health Research and Development LLC, to defraud investors out of about \$9 million and diverted investors' funds for their personal use. The wife of one of the businessmen was also convicted on several charges which included filing a false income tax return and structuring financial transactions to evade currency reporting requirements.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/ohio-businessmen-convicted-sports-drink-investment-scheme-29910890>

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Transportation Systems Sector

6. *March 26, Florence Times Daily* – (Alabama) **U.S. 72 reopens to two-way traffic in westbound lanes near Cherokee.** Two-way traffic on U.S. 72 near Cherokee resumed using only the westbound lanes of the highway after a 9 hour closure of all lanes March 26 that was prompted by a fire in the trailer of a semi-truck hauling more than 7,000 pounds of chemicals. A 2-mile stretch of the eastbound lanes remained closed while the fire continued to smolder and authorities investigated the cause of the blaze.
Source: http://www.timesdaily.com/news/local/u-s-remains-closed-near-cherokee-after-wheeler-fire/article_26158ebe-7269-55c5-94b4-d5c1fe25f9ab.html
7. *March 26, KSNW 3 Wichita* – (Kansas) **One dead in Wilson County collision.** A stretch of U.S. 400 in Wilson County was closed March 25 due to a multi-vehicle accident that killed the driver of a vehicle when she lost control on the wet roadway and crossed into oncoming traffic. The road was expected to reopen no later than March 27.
Source: <http://ksn.com/2015/03/25/u-s-400-closed-in-wilson-county-due-to-collision/>

8. *March 25, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **US Highway 95 reopens after train derailment north of Fallon.** A stretch of U.S. Highway 95 near Fallon, Nevada, was closed in both directions for more than 2 hours March 25 while HAZMAT crews investigated a Union Pacific freight train derailment in the area. Traffic was reopened after crews determined there was no threat to public safety and declared the area safe. Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/US-Highway-95-reopens-after-trail-derailment-6159476.php>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

9. *March 26, KNWA 50 Rogers* – (Arkansas) **NWA Chicken Farm Damaged in Tornado.** Four buildings at a chicken farm in Clifty, Arkansas, were damaged by a reported tornado or strong straight line winds that ripped through the area March 25. Damage was estimated to total about \$500,000. Source: http://www.ozarksfirst.com/story/d/story/nwa-chicken-farm-damaged-in-severe-storm/29065/S0A_5gExeEyAKXr1m7Rfbg
10. *March 26, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Fourth man arrested in connection with illegal slaughterhouse in South Miami-Dade.** A fourth individual was arrested March 24 following a 5-month-long investigation into CoCo Farm in Miami-Dade County where police allege that the operators were running an illegal slaughterhouse and animals were malnourished and killed in vicious ways. Authorities recovered over 3,000 animals, including about 100 of which had to be euthanized, after busting the slaughterhouse March 12. Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/fourth-man-arrested-in-connection-with-illegal-slaughterhouse-in-south-miami-dade/ar-AAa0Agc>
11. *March 25, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **La Terra Fina recalls various products due to supplier recall of organic spinach.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported March 24 that La Terra Fina recalled 3 of its products after the company received a recall notice from its organic spinach supplier because of possible *Listeria monocytogenes* exposure. The affected products were distributed exclusively to Costco stores in the Northwest, Midwest, Northeast, and Southeast regions of the U.S., and Smart & Final stores along the West Coast only. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm439940.htm>
12. *March 25, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (International) **Lindt USA issues allergy alert on undeclared hazelnuts in Chocolate Covered Raisin and Chocolate Covered Almond Bags.** Swiss chocolatier Lindt & Sprungli issued a voluntary recall for up to 56 bags of its 6.4-ounce Chocolate Covered Raisins and Chocolate Covered Almonds sold in 9 Lindt Chocolate Shop locations across the U.S. due to undeclared hazelnuts.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm439873.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

13. *March 25, KWQC 6 Davenport* – (Iowa) **Iowa DNR monitoring wastewater discharge in Clinton.** The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is investigating after a malfunction caused 2 out of 3 main pumps in the wastewater collection system for the city of Clinton to fail and pump about 500 gallons per hour of untreated wastewater into the Mississippi River for several hours March 24. The pumps were repaired and officials cited a possible faulty valve as the source of the failure, while the city announced its plans to collect water samples near the site of the discharge.

Source: <http://kwqc.com/2015/03/25/iowa-dnr-monitoring-wastewater-discharge-in-clinton/>

14. *March 25, WFLA 8 Tampa Bay* – (Florida) **Bacteria health advisory issued for 4 Tampa Bay area beaches.** The Florida Department of Health issued a health advisory for four Hillsborough County beaches after water samples taken March 23 exceeded the enterococci bacteria standard recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Officials will resample the beaches March 30, and the advisories will be lifted after the water quality is deemed satisfactory.

Source: <http://www.wfla.com/story/28611038/bacteria-health-advisory-issued-for-4-tampa-bay-area-beaches>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

15. *March 26, Indianapolis Star; Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Governor approves short-term needle exchange in HIV epidemic.** The governor of Indiana declared a health emergency March 26 in southeastern Indiana after the Indiana State Department of Health recorded 79 HIV cases connected to intravenous drug use in Scott County. The governor also announced that the State would sanction a short-term needle-exchange program to last for 30 days to help address the epidemic.

Source: <http://www.indystar.com/story/news/politics/2015/03/25/gov-pence-visit-indiana-county-hiv-outbreak/70427432/>

16. *March 25, Lowell Sun* – (Massachusetts) **Tewksbury State Hospital pharmacy tech accused of Oxycodone theft.** Authorities charged a former pharmacy technician at Tewksbury State Hospital in Lowell, Massachusetts, March 25 for allegedly taking 4,098 Oxycodone pills from the hospital's medication dispensing machine during his time of employment. The former employee had his license suspended and was accused of rigging the machine in order to take the pills.

Source: http://www.lowellsun.com/breakingnews/cj_27785249/tewksbury-state-hospital-pharmacy-tech-accused-oxycodone-theft

17. *March 25, East Bay Express* – (California) **Alta Bates Summit Medical Center in Oakland fined for infectious disease safety violations.** California’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health reached a settlement in March with Alta Bates Summit Medical Center in Oakland addressing three citations against the medical center for six violations, including failing to transfer potential tuberculosis patients to airborne infection isolation rooms. Sutter Health, the medical center’s affiliated company, agreed to pay \$71,275 in penalties, and Alta Bates Summit will to take corrective steps regarding the violations.
Source: <http://www.eastbayexpress.com/SevenDays/archives/2015/03/25/alta-bates-summit-medical-center-in-oakland-fined-for-infectious-disease-safety-violations>

18. *March 25, SC Magazine* – (National) **Amedisys notifies nearly 7,000 individuals of potential breach.** Amedisys notified 6,909 current and former patients that their personal and medical information may be at risk after the company reported that it is unable to locate 142 encrypted laptops and computers that were assigned to former employees. The health and hospice care company stated that there was no indication of a breach of their network after learning that the devices were assigned to clinicians or other team members for use between 2011 and 2014 who failed to return the devices.
Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/amedisys-notifies-nearly-7000-individuals-of-potential-breach/article/405456/>

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Government Facilities Sector

19. *March 25, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* – (Alaska) **Fairbanks city website repaired after hackers attack.** Officials reported March 25 that hackers took down the Fairbanks city government’s Web site for about 4 hours March 24 and replaced it with a message from the group. The city announced that no information was accessed or breached in the attack.
Source: http://www.newsminer.com/news/local_news/fairbanks-city-website-repaired-after-hackers-attack/article_44a5e7a8-d2c2-11e4-bf00-c32b132d5792.html

20. *March 25, Statesboro Herald* – (Georgia) **5 children taken to ER after bus accident.** A truck and a bus collided on Veterans Memorial Parkway in Bulloch County causing five Langston Chapel Elementary School students and the bus driver to be transported to an area hospital for injuries March 25.
Source: <http://www.statesboroherald.com/section/1/article/66709/>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

21. *March 26, Softpedia* – (International) **Microsoft revokes rogue digital certificate for Google and other web domains.** Microsoft updated its Certificate Trust List (CTL) for Windows operating systems and pushed automatic updates to revoke a certificate fraudulently issued by Egypt-based MCS Holdings. The fraudulent certificates affected several Google and other domains, and left Windows users vulnerable to Web content spoofing, phishing, and man-in-the-middle (MitM) attacks. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Microsoft-Revokes-Rogue-Digital-Certificate-for-Google-and-Other-Web-Domains-476809.shtml>
22. *March 26, Softpedia* – (International) **Apple customers lured to disclose Apple ID and card data.** Security analysts at Bitdefender discovered a phishing scheme in which Apple device users are being targeted with emails that link to a hoax site requesting Apple ID credentials, personal information, payment card information, and a 3D Secure password. After users fill out the form, they are notified of a bogus two-factor authentication (2FA) process and are given an option to change their password. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Apple-Customers-Lured-to-Disclose-Apple-ID-and-Card-Data-476817.shtml>
23. *March 26, Securityweek* – (International) **Cisco fixes DoS vulnerabilities in IOS software.** Cisco Systems released security updates patching 16 vulnerabilities in IOS and IOS XE software components including Autonomic Network Infrastructure (ANI), Common Industrial Protocol (CIP), multicast Domain Name System (mDNS), transmission control protocol (TCP), Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF), and Internet Key Exchange version 2 (IKEv2). The vulnerabilities allowed remote, unauthenticated attackers to trigger denial-of-service (DoS) conditions on targeted systems. Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/cisco-fixes-dos-vulnerabilities-ios-software>
24. *March 25, Threatpost* – (International) **Default setting in Windows 7, 8.1 could allow privilege escalation, sandbox escape.** A Google Security Project Zero researcher identified certain default authentication settings in Microsoft's Windows versions 7 and 8.1 that could allow attackers to use cross-protocol NT LAN Manager (NTLM) reflection to attack a local Server Message Block (SMB) server and leverage Web Distributed Authoring and Versioning (WebDAV) to elevate privileges or escape application sandboxes. Microsoft urged users to implement Extended Protection for Authentication (EPA) to mitigate the vulnerability. Source: <https://threatpost.com/default-setting-in-windows-7-8-1-could-allow-privilege-escalation-sandbox-escape/111809>

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>

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Communications Sector

25. *March 25, WXIN 59 Indianapolis* – (National) **Sprint service restored after massive outage spans Chicago area.** Sprint reported March 25 that service was restored to an unspecified number of customers following a major network outage that affected customers' voice and text messaging services in Chicago and the surrounding areas. The cause of the outage remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/Massive-Sprint-Service-Outage-Across-Chicago-Area-297594231.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

26. *March 26, Weather.com* – (Oklahoma) **Severe storm causes what appears to be first tornado-related fatality of 2015 in Sand Springs, Oklahoma.** Tornado-producing storms that moved across Oklahoma, March 25 caused severe damage to a mobile home park in Sand Springs where one person was killed and several others were injured, and knocked out power to nearly 75,000 customers in the area. Both directions of Interstate 35 in Moore were closed and blocked by overturned vehicles, and Moore Public Schools canceled classes March 26 due to natural gas leaks and structural damage to businesses and homes.

Source: <http://www.weather.com/storms/severe/news/severe-thunderstorms-oklahoma-kansas-arkansas-missouri-texas-impacts>

27. *March 26, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Meth lab explodes, Charleston motel evacuated.** About 200 guests at the Intown Suites motel in the West Ashley section of Charleston, South Carolina, were evacuated for several hours March 25-26 after a portable meth lab exploded inside a bathroom and activated the building's sprinkler system and alarms. Two individuals suffered minor injuries and were transported to an area hospital where they were charged in connection with the blast.

Source: <http://www.blufftontoday.com/bluffton-news/2015-03-26/meth-lab-explodes-charleston-motel-evacuated>

28. *March 25, WZZM 13 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Roof collapses in business fire, neighbors helping out.** An Ottawa County office building suffered a roof collapse March 25 after a fire that broke out at Kley Electric spread to a second business housed inside the structure. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www.wzzm13.com/story/news/local/walker/2015/03/25/tallmadge-ottawa-walker-standale-fire-kleyn-electric/70418106/>

29. *March 25, WKRN 2 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **29 people displaced, black lab killed in Murfreesboro fire.** A March 24 fire at the Hawthorne South Apartments building in Murfreesboro displaced 29 residents, and at least 8 units were affected by fire or water damage. No injuries were reported in the fire that remains under investigation.

Source: <http://wkrn.com/2015/03/25/29-people-displaced-by-murfreesboro-apartment-fire/>

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