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- A Los Angeles Metro Expo line train slammed into a car at a crossing in front of the University of Southern California March 28 leaving 19 passengers injured as well as the car’s driver and train’s operator. – *Associated Press* (See item [9](#))
- An accident involving a semi-truck carrying 15 chemicals in 55-gallon drums on Interstate 39-90 in Janesville, Wisconsin, prompted an estimated 13 hour closure of westbound lanes March 27. – *WISC 3 Madison* (See item [10](#))
- The FBI is conducting an investigation after a U.S. National Security Agency police officer killed one man and seriously injured another while they were attempting to drive into the main gate of the agency’s headquarters at Fort Meade, Maryland, March 30. – *CNN* (See item [19](#))

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Energy Sector

Nothing to report

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Chemical Industry Sector

1. *March 30, KBTV 4 Port Arthur* – (Texas) **Fire extinguished at ExxonMobil Chemical.** The ExxonMobil Chemical plant in Beaumont was closed March 30 due to a fire in a propylene unit at the facility. Firefighters extinguished the blaze and ongoing air monitoring revealed no impact to the community.
Source: <http://www.fox4beaumont.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/fire-extinguished-at-exxonmobil-chemical-6053.shtml>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *March 28, Asbury Park Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Oyster Creek nuclear plant returns to full power.** The Oyster Creek nuclear plant in Lacey resumed normal operations March 28 after the unit automatically shut down March 22 due to an electrical issue in a system that regulates steam to the plant's turbines. Crews made repairs to the failed regulator, and technicians inspected and tested the electrical system before returning the unit to service.
Source: <http://www.app.com/story/news/local/ocean-county/2015/03/28/oyster-creek-nuclear-plant-returns-full-power/70593952/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *March 28, Reading Eagle* – (Pennsylvania) **Ephrata man killed in Caernarvon Township explosion.** State authorities and the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration are investigating the cause of a March 27 explosion inside a melt shop at a Timet titanium manufacturing plant in Caernarvon Township, Pennsylvania, that resulted in the death of 1 employee and the hospitalization of 3 others.
Source: <http://readingeagle.com/news/article/people-injured-at-explosion-in-caernarvon-township>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

4. *March 27, Defense News* – (Georgia) **Lockheed pays \$2M to settle government**

overbilling charges. The U.S. Department of Justice announced March 27 that Lockheed Martin Corporation agreed to pay \$2 million to resolve allegations that the company overbilled the Federal government for fuel it used while manufacturing the C-130 aircraft for the U.S. Air Force at its Marietta, Georgia facility from 2006 – 2013. Lockheed allegedly exceeded its fuel allotment of 22,000 gallons per aircraft and failed to reimburse the government for the excess, as well as used the allotted fuel on unrelated products where the government had not agreed to furnish fuel.

Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/story/defense/2015/03/27/lockheed-pays-2m-to-settle-government-overbilling-charges/70548392/>

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Financial Services Sector

5. *March 30, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **SEC announces fraud charges against investment adviser accused of concealing poor performance of fund assets from investors.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged an investment adviser and her New York-based Patriarch Partners firms with fraud March 30, for allegedly hiding the poor performance of loan assets in 3 collateralized loan obligation funds and collecting almost \$200 million in illegitimate fees from investors.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/pressrelease/2015-52.html>

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Transportation Systems Sector

6. *March 30, Associated Press* – (National) **JetBlue computer outage causes delays for passengers.** JetBlue Airways announced March 30 that a systemwide computer outage was resolved, causing delays for thousands of passengers after the airline had to issue handwritten boarding passes. The company stated that customers will likely face delays throughout the day while they worked to get operations back to normal.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/jetblue-computer-outage-delays-passengers-30001797>

7. *March 30, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (Pennsylvania) **Crash kills 2 aboard small plane on takeoff from Brandywine Airport.** Two individuals were killed when a Piper PA28 Cherokee plane crashed in a field near the Brandywine Airport in Chester County March 29. A Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman stated that the accident is under investigation.

Source:

http://www.philly.com/philly/news/breaking/20150330_Small_plane_reported_crashed_near_Brandywine_Airport.html

8. *March 30, KXII 12 Sherman* – (Texas) **Injured pilot, passenger identified in Grayson Co. plane crash.** Four passengers were transported to an area hospital after their Beechcraft B35 airplane crashed into a house in Gordonville, Texas, March 29,

shortly after taking off from Cedar Mills Airport.

Source: <http://www.kxii.com/home/headlines/BREAKING-Place-crash-in-Grayson-County-297939601.html>

9. *March 28, Associated Press* – (California) **LA light rail train hits car, partially derails; 21 hurt.** A Los Angeles Metro Expo line train slammed into a car at a crossing in front of the University of Southern California March 28 leaving 19 passengers injured as well as the car's driver and train's operator. Authorities are investigating the incident and believe the driver was attempting to turn at a grade crossing and did not see the approaching train.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/hurt-cars-hit-la-commuter-train-29976569>
10. *March 28, WISC 3 Madison* – (Wisconsin) **Chemical spill shuts down I-90 most of Friday.** An accident involving a semi-truck carrying 15 chemicals in 55-gallon drums that rear-ended another semi-truck parked on the shoulder of Interstate 39-90 in Janesville, Wisconsin, prompted the nearly 13 hour closure of westbound lanes March 27 while crews removed and cleaned up 4 damaged and leaking barrels found along the roadway. Over a dozen people were evacuated from nearby homes for 10 hours as a precaution.
Source: <http://www.channel3000.com/news/chemical-spill-shuts-down-interstate-in-janesville/32043946>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

11. *March 27, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (International) **Aurora Products, Inc. expands voluntary product recall to include certain private label branded walnut and trail mix products due to possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced March 27 that Aurora Products, Inc., expanded its voluntary nationwide recall of certain lots of natural walnuts and trail mixes containing walnuts to include several private label products due to possible Salmonella contamination. The affected products were distributed through retail stores nationwide, and in Canada and Bermuda.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm440314.htm>
12. *March 27, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Silver Lake Cookie Company, Inc. issues allergy alert on undeclared eggs in “Easter Egg Cookies”.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported March 27 that Silver Lake Cookie Company, Inc., recalled all lots of its Easter Eggs Cookies due to undeclared egg. The recalled cookies were sold in 8-ounce packages at supermarkets in several States.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm440305.htm>
13. *March 27, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Best Foods Inc. issues**

alert on undeclared sulfites in Deer Brand Raisin Golden. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced March 27 that Best Foods Inc., recalled its Deer Brand Raisin Golden product due to undeclared sulfites. The affected product was packaged in 7-ounce plastic packages and distributed through retail stores in several States.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm440295.htm>

14. *March 26, Laguna Niguel – Dana Point Patch; San Francisco Bay City News* – (California) **Health officials warn of raw milk's risks after California illnesses.** The California Department of Public Health warned the public of the dangers associated with the consumption of raw milk after six Bay Area residents were diagnosed with campylobacteriosis. A statewide recall of Claravale Farm products from San Benito County was issued March 22 after raw milk and raw cream samples tested positive for campylobacter.
Source: <http://patch.com/california/lagunaniguel-danapoint/health-officials-warn-raw-milks-risks-after-california-illnesses>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

15. *March 30, Colorado Springs Gazette* – (Colorado) **Former El Paso County water manager arrested, held on \$1 million bond.** Authorities arrested and charged the former manager of the Cascade Metropolitan District in El Paso County, Colorado, March 27 for allegedly embezzling about \$800,000 from the agency following a 2013 investigation.
Source: <http://gazette.com/former-el-paso-county-water-manager-arrested-held-on-1-million-bond/article/1548704>
16. *March 29, WTSP 10 St. Petersburg* – (Florida) **Water main break on Riverview Rd., boil water notice.** A precautionary boil water advisory was issued to nearly 150 customers in Hillsborough County March 29 due to a water main break on Riverview Road. Crews estimated that repair work to a connecting roadway between U.S. Highways 41 and 301 that was blocked as a result of the break will last at least through March 30.
Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/story/news/2015/03/29/water-main-break-on-riverview-rd-boil-water-notice/70626590/>
17. *March 27, WYTV 33 Youngstown* – (Ohio) **Water service restored in Cortland.** The city of Cortland, Ohio, was placed under a boil advisory March 27 until further notice pending test results after an 8-inch water line broke and emptied a 500,000 gallon tank, dropping pressure in the system. Classes at Lakeview Local Schools were canceled due to the break and residents were encouraged to conserve water while the tank was refilled.
Source: <http://wytv.com/2015/03/27/water-service-restored-in-cortland/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

18. *March 29, Associated Press; Casper Star-Tribune* – (National) **Maker of tainted medical scopes issues new cleaning guide.** Olympus America issued new cleaning guidelines March 26 to U.S. hospitals for its duodenoscopes that have been linked to infections of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in 11 patients at 2 separate Los Angeles hospitals in February. The updated guidelines recommend that hospitals and healthcare facilities use a smaller cleaning brush, to be provided by the company around May 8, and additional flushing steps to remove debris in the scopes.
Source: http://trib.com/business/maker-of-tainted-medical-scopes-issues-new-cleaning-guide/article_00cdc1aa-77e2-5389-a849-2836bbcc787f.html

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Government Facilities Sector

19. *March 30, CNN* – (Maryland) **One shot dead at Fort Meade after trying to ram NSA gate.** The FBI is conducting an investigation after a U.S. National Security Agency police officer shot and killed one man and seriously injured another while they were attempting to drive into the main gate of the agency's headquarters at Fort Meade, Maryland, March 30.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2015/03/30/us/fort-meade-nsa-incident/index.html>
20. *March 27, Portland Press Herald* – (Maine) **Small fire at Whitefield school cancels classes for the day.** Students at Whitefield Elementary School in Maine were evacuated and dismissed March 27 due to a fire that began in the school gym and prompted the response of firefighters. Crews put out the fire and remained on the scene to investigate the cause.
Source: <http://www.pressherald.com/2015/03/27/small-fire-at-whitefield-school-cancels-classes-for-the-day/>
21. *March 27, Fallbrook Valley News* – (California) **Firework set off at Ethan A. Chase Middle School, five injured.** Riverside County and school officials reported that 3 Ethan A. Chase Middle School students were transported to an area hospital while 2 others were treated on scene due to hearing problems after 18 students were exposed to fireworks set off by other students on campus March 27. Authorities are investigating and announced that additional fireworks were confiscated following the incident
Source: <http://myvalleynews.com/local/explosion-at-ethan-chase-middle-school-people32/>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

22. *March 30, Help Net Security* – (International) **Massive DDoS against GitHub continues.** Systems engineers at GitHub reported that complex, large-scale distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks against the company’s servers that started March 26 are ongoing but that all of the Web site’s services are available to users. Security researchers from Insight Labs traced the start of the attack to advertising and visitor tracking provided by the Chinese search engine Baidu.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18148>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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

23. *March 29, WKYT 27 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Time Warner Cable reports outages for hundreds of Lexington customers.** Time Warner Cable reported March 29 that an outage prompted by damage to their fiber network impacted service for less than 700 customers in Lexington. Crews worked to repair the damages and restore services.
Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/news/headlines/Time-Warner-Cable-reports-outages-for-hundreds-of-Lexington-customers-297929961.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

24. *March 30, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Church van crashes into canal, killing 8 and injuring 10.** Eight individuals were killed and 10 others were injured when an Independent Haitian Church of Reformation van ran through a stop sign, crossed a 4-lane highway, and crashed into a canal in Glades County March 30.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/highway-patrol-dead-10-injured-florida-van-crashes-30000983>
25. *March 29, KSAZ 10 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Buckeye Walmart back open after evacuations for bomb threat.** A Walmart store in Buckeye, Arizona, was evacuated

for more than 2 hours March 29 after a man arrived at the store at claimed to have a bomb in a backpack. The store was cleared to reopen after a bomb squad rendered the backpack safe, and police took the man into custody.

Source: <http://www.fox10phoenix.com/story/28641721/2015/03/29/buckeye-walmart-evacuated-for-bomb-threat>

26. *March 27, Philly.com* – (Pennsylvania) **Dozens sickened at banquet, but city can say little.** Nearly 100 attorneys and law students were reportedly sickened by a suspected foodborne illness during a February 27 banquet held at the Joy Tsin Lau restaurant in the Chinatown neighborhood of Philadelphia. Health officials were unable to publicly comment on the reported outbreak.

Source: http://www.philly.com/philly/health/special_reports/clean-plates/20150327_Dozens_sickened_at_banquet.html

27. *March 26, WSOC 9 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Chemical reaction prompts evacuation at Concord business.** More than 80 people were evacuated from the Star America building and nearby homes in Concord, North Carolina, March 26 due to a sodium hydrosulfite leak from a barrel inside the hosiery producer's facility. Crews blocked storm drains to avoid a possible chemical reaction, while two workers were transported to an area hospital as a precaution.

Source: <http://www.wsoc9.com/news/news/local/concord-fire-hazmat-crews-respond-chemical-reactio/nkftC/>

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Dams Sector

28. *March 30, Marquette Mining Journal* – (Michigan) **Park dam removal funded.** The Michigan Department of National Resources' Dam Management Program approved \$350,000 to be distributed between four projects Statewide to remove old dams or repair functioning ones, including the removal of the dam at the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.

Source: <http://www.miningjournal.net/page/content.detail/id/616203.html>

29. *March 27, Augusta Chronicle* – (Georgia) **Work on Thurmond Dam spillway gates completed, two-way traffic on Highway 221 reopens.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reported March 27 that work on Thurmond Dam's spillway gates were completed the week of March 23 and that reservoir levels will return to normal following an order to keep them no higher than 329 feet above sea level during repair work. Two-way traffic on Highway 221 crossing the Georgia dam also resumed.

Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/latest-news/2015-03-27/work-thurmond-dam-spillway-gates-completed-two-way-traffic-highway-221>

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