



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 29 December 2009

**Current Nationwide Threat Level**

**ELEVATED**

*Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks*

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- Bloomberg reports that a suspected terrorist tried to blow up a Detroit-bound transatlantic flight on December 25 with 278 passengers before he was subdued. A congressman said the incident on Northwest Airlines flight 253 from Amsterdam’s Schiphol airport appears to be al-Qaeda related. (See item [20](#))
- According to the Associated Press, a levee break near the Pulaski-Saline, Arkansas county line has flooded a nearby community and cut off access to at least three houses. The break occurred Saturday evening. (See item [42](#))

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### Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *December 28, Sustainable Business* – (Indiana) **Duke to pay \$85m in Clean Air Act settlement.** Duke Energy, one of the largest electric power companies in the nation, will spend approximately \$85 million to reduce harmful air pollution at an Indiana power plant and pay a \$1.75 million civil penalty, under a settlement to resolve violations of federal clean air law. The Justice Department and the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA) made the announcement last week. The settlement also requires Duke to spend \$6.25 million on environmental mitigation projects. The agreement, filed in federal court in Indianapolis, resolves violations of the Clean Air Act's new source review requirements found at the company's Gallagher coal-fired power plant in New Albany, Indiana, located directly across the Ohio River from Louisville, Kentucky. The settlement is anticipated to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions at the Gallagher Plant by almost 35,000 tons per year, an 86 percent reduction when compared to 2008 emissions. This is equivalent to the emissions from 500,000 heavy duty semi trucks, which is more than all of the trucks registered in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and Ohio combined.

Source: <http://www.sustainablebusiness.com/index.cfm/go/news.display/id/19467>

2. *December 27, Utica Observer-Dispatch* – (New York) **187-ton windmill topples in Madison County.** A wind turbine weighing nearly 190 tons collapsed early Sunday morning in rural Madison County, leaving experts stumped as to what could have brought down the towering structure. The windmill, located on Buyea Road in Fenner, fell into a cornfield at about 4 a.m., shutting down the 19 other turbines in the wind farm operated by Enel North America, officials said. No one was injured. A company spokesman said he does not believe sabotage occurred. He also said he does not believe the force of the wind could have knocked over the turbine, which soared more than 200 feet above the town's rolling countryside. But he would not answer questions about what possibilities the company is considering for the cause of the collapse. The turbine was one of 20 erected at Fenner Wind Farm in 2001. The farm's turbines produce enough electricity to serve at least 10,000 homes, the spokesman said. He said the company is not concerned about the possibility of another turbine collapsing. Instead, he said, the company's efforts will be directed toward securing the site of the crash and discovering what caused it. Safety fencing was erected around the site of the crash Sunday night, and company workers planned to stand guard to ensure no one would be able to remove debris from the site. The company plans to hire security officers in the coming days to protect the site.

Source: <http://www.uticaod.com/business/x1136814227/187-ton-windmill-falls-over-in-Madison-County>

3. *December 26, Memphis Commercial Appeal* – (Tennessee) **Man faces terrorism charge after threats.** A Memphis man was arrested December 25 after he walked into seven local businesses and announced that he would bomb them if they did not close, according to a police affidavit. The report states that the 35-year-old man threatened businesses on Poplar Avenue, Summer Avenue, Mendenhall, Perkins, and Danny Thomas Boulevard. "If you don't close this place up, I'm going to blow it to pieces," he told customers at the BP Gas Station on the 300 block of Poplar, according to the report. A police officer pulled over the suspect's black PT Cruiser on Poplar and arrested the man, who was "very nervous" and appeared as if "he was trying to hide something," the report stated. The suspect tried to kick out the windows of a patrol car during the arrest and police said they had to use pepper spray to subdue him. The FBI found three Islamic cassette tapes and miscellaneous papers in the suspect's car, which were removed for additional study, according to the affidavit. Police charged him with

commission of an act of terrorism, filing false reports, and disorderly conduct. He posted \$100 bond and was released, pending his court date on December 28.

Source: <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2009/dec/26/man-faces-terrorism-charge-after-threats/>

4. *December 25, Radio Netherlands Worldwide* – (National) **Severe weather hits central U.S.** Fierce storms packing winds of up to 50 miles an hour have blanketed the central United States in snow, some areas have reported 12 inches of snow, and other areas are expecting more than 24 inches of snow. Blizzard warnings have been issued in several states. South Dakota, Texas, Oklahoma, and Minnesota have declared state of emergency and called up the National Guard to help dig out stranded travelers. Some states have closed motorways. Roads are extremely icy and visibility is extremely poor. At least 23 people are known to have died so far. Hundreds of people traveling for the Christmas holidays have been stranded; numerous flights have been delayed or canceled. Fierce winds and ice on electricity pylons and cables have brought down power lines, and thousands of people in Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and Illinois are without electricity.

Source: <http://www.rnw.nl/english/article/severe-weather-hits-central-us>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

5. *December 27, WRGB 6 Albany* – (New York) **Chemical spill on Route 9 in Saratoga Springs.** Police said a chemical has spilled onto Route 9 in Saratoga Springs across from the Spa State Park. The chemical spilled out of a tractor trailer truck that crashed on the road around 5:30 a.m. December 27, officers said. Police are not sure what type of chemical spilled, but they say it is contained. Police on the scene told CBS 6 that the driver of the truck has died.

Source: <http://www.cbs6albany.com/news/chemical-1269706-spilled-springs.html>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

6. *December 28, Reuters* – (New Hampshire) **NextEra NH Seabrook reactor back at full power.** NextEra Energy Resources LLC's 1,245-megawatt Seabrook nuclear power station in New Hampshire returned to full power by early Monday from 18 percent early Thursday after exiting an outage, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a report. The unit shut December 6 to replace a rotor on a low-pressure turbine. Seabrook underwent a planned refueling outage in October, which included the replacement of one portion of the steam turbine rotor. As the unit was ramping up to full power on November 14, a higher-than-expected vibration level was detected on the rotor. Operators reduced the unit's power output to 65 percent to minimize vibrations and allow for careful analysis of the problem. After working with the turbine rotor manufacturer to find a solution, the plant was taken offline to fix the

rotor. Seabrook is located in Seabrook in Rockingham County about 40 miles north of Boston.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN2816589320091228?type=marketsNews>

7. *December 27, American Electric Power* – (Michigan) **AEP's Cook nuclear unit 1 reaches full reactor power.** American Electric Power's Cook Nuclear Plant Unit 1 reached full power on December 22 after completing testing and monitoring of the restored turbine generator system. Reactor start-up began on December 18, and an initial connection to the transmission grid took place early Saturday morning. Although at full reactor power, the electrical output will be reduced by an annual average of approximately 70 megawatts because the repaired low-pressure turbine rotors do not include the largest row of blades. New low-pressure turbine rotors that support full electrical output will be installed in the fall of 2011. The 1,030-megawatt unit had been out of service since September 2008 when turbine vibrations, caused by broken low-pressure turbine blades, damaged the turbine generator, support structures, and associated systems. Cook Unit 1 is now scheduled for refueling in March 2010. While there would be sufficient fuel to operate for a longer period, the refueling will be done then to maintain a site refueling schedule that does not require both units to be off line at the same time.

Source: [http://pr-canada.net/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=154085&Itemid=65](http://pr-canada.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=154085&Itemid=65)

8. *December 27, Bennington Banner* – (National) **Man alleges that Entergy lied about decommissioning funds.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has accepted a petition from a New York man to investigate whether Entergy has lied about the adequacy of the decommissioning funds for its nuclear power plants. "Without swift and drastic enforcement action on the part of the NRC and its staff, human health, and the environment around these licensed facilities is at risk and citizen safety [is] at risk," wrote the complainant, who resides in Peekskill, New York, in a document he filed in August. The complainant lives within three miles of Entergy's Indian Point, in the Hudson Valley. On December 17, the NRC responded that its Petition Review Board would consider his allegations. The NRC also forwarded his claims of wrongdoing on the part of the NRC to its Office of the Inspector General. "The NRC staff's ongoing review indicates that only the decommissioning trust funds for Entergy's Vermont Yankee and River Bend Nuclear Power Plants do not currently meet the funding levels," wrote the NRC. "The NRC staff has engaged Entergy to resolve these deficiencies."

Source: [http://www.benningtonbanner.com/ci\\_14078296](http://www.benningtonbanner.com/ci_14078296)

9. *December 27, Columbia State* – (South Carolina) **Court to decide on disposal practices at Barnwell nuclear-waste dump.** After a six-year legal war over safety at a nuclear waste dump, South Carolina environmentalists hope a pending court decision will force stricter disposal practices for the Barnwell County site. The South Carolina Court of Appeals, which heard the case last fall, is expected to render a decision early next year on the Sierra Club's challenge to the site's operating permit. The landfill closed to the nation in 2008, but remains open to bury low-level nuclear waste for

South Carolina and two other states. If the appeals court sides with the Sierra Club, it could force Chem-Nuclear to improve the way it buries garbage, which would better prevent leaks of radioactive material into groundwater, the club lawyer said. For years, landfill operators have allowed rainwater to fall on open trenches lined with clay, instead of plastic. Burial vaults also have holes in them, allowing water to escape. “We want to make Chem-Nuclear plug these holes and stop the leaks, as is required by law,” the club lawyer said. “Routinely, this waste leaks out. According to the state regulations, there is supposed to be a barrier to prevent that.”

Source: <http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/story/1082719.html>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

10. *December 28, Marine Corps Times* – (National) **Humvees could get V-shaped hulls.** The Marine Corps wants to install V-shaped hulls on some of its up-armored Humvees. The move would offer Marines more protection from improvised explosive device blasts while the defense industry continues to address concerns with the military’s next-generation vehicle, the service’s top officer said. The Commandant General told reporters December 15 that the Corps is blast-testing one prototype to see how it compares with the still-in-the-works Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV), which at 22,000 pounds is not light enough to meet the Corp’s needs, he said. His comments came less than a week after the Assistant Commandant General told a House Armed Services subcommittee that Marine officials are “struggling” to find a near-term solution to the JLTV’s weight issues.

Source: [http://www.marinecorpstimes.com/news/2009/12/marine\\_vhull\\_122709w/](http://www.marinecorpstimes.com/news/2009/12/marine_vhull_122709w/)

11. *December 28, Marine Corps Times* – (National) **Corps has stake in Army’s M4 redesign.** The Marine Corps may have a new service rifle to consider in the future, as the Army pursues a redesign of the M4 carbine. The Army effort is aimed at making the 5.56mm weapon shoot cleaner and straighter, and with higher rates of fire. The service is awaiting Defense Department approval to launch a competition to find a new carbine, with weapons officials identifying six interim fixes intended to address shortcomings in the M4’s reliability, durability and handling. The Corps, which uses both the M16A4 and M4 in combat, is watching closely as the Army proceeds, said a former Marine captain who heads the Corps’ fires and maneuver integration division at Marine Corps Combat Development Command, based at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia. But Marine officials are not committing to any changes, and say they are largely happy with the M4s and M16A4s they have. In all, the Corps expects delivery of 126,000 M1A4s by the end of fiscal 2013 and 82,000 M4s by the end of 2011, said

officials with Quantico-based Marine Corps Systems Command. The M16A4 is considered the Corps' primary service weapon, but tens of thousands of M4s are also in use, especially by Marines in military occupational specialties where the longer barrel of the M16A4 can be problematic, such as motor vehicle operator.

Source: [http://www.marinecorpstimes.com/news/2009/12/marine\\_m4\\_122609w/](http://www.marinecorpstimes.com/news/2009/12/marine_m4_122609w/)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

12. *December 27, Reuters* – (International) **Makeshift bomb damages insurance building in Athens.** A makeshift bomb went off late on December 27 outside the offices of National Insurance company in central Athens, Greece causing damage to the building and nearby cars but no injuries, police said. "There was a warning phone call to a newspaper about 15 minutes before the explosion but no claim of responsibility," a police official said. Police said the explosive device was placed near the entrance of the insurance company's building, located near the Ledra Marriott hotel. The company is a subsidiary of National Bank, the country's biggest lender. The incident is the latest in a series of gas canister and bomb attacks by leftist and anarchist groups that have rocked Greece since the police shooting of a teenager sparked the country's worst riots in decades in December 2008.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSLDE5BQ0DC20091227>

13. *December 26, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Robber holds up Crosby bank with fake bomb.** A robber used a fake bomb to hold up a bank in Crosby on December 26. The Harris County Sheriff's Office says the man pulled up to a drive-through window at the United Community Credit Union on Crosby-Lynchburg on December 26 and handed the teller a package with a note demanding money. She gave him the money and called police. The bomb squad secured the bank and sent a robot to retrieve the device, which turned out to be fake. "I believe it was a homemade hoax bomb," said a police sergeant with the Harris County Sheriff's Office. "It does not appear to have been a real device, but it was constructed well. It looked like a real device. And the teller was smart. She didn't touch it." The robber got away in a white Impala.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=7189185>

14. *December 24, Jacksonville.com* – (Florida) **People's First bank closes, local branches now part of Hancock.** All 29 branches of People's First Community Bank — three of which are located in or near St. Johns County — closed recently and have since reopened as branches of 110-year-old Hancock Bank. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, overseeing the take-over, said the cost to U.S. taxpayers will be an estimated \$556.7 million. That is because the deal includes a loss-sharing agreement in which the FDIC covers all acquired loans and will reimburse 80 percent of losses up to \$385 million and 95 percent of losses beyond \$385 million. "Hancock Bank's acquisition of all deposits was the 'least costly' resolution for FDIC's Deposit Insurance Fund compared to all alternatives," an FDIC release said in explanation. Hancock now owns People's First branches in the Panhandle and Central Florida,

including Pensacola, Panama City, Jacksonville and Orlando.

Source: [http://jacksonville.com/community/my\\_st\\_johns\\_sun/2009-12-26/story/peoples\\_first\\_bank\\_closes\\_local\\_branches\\_now\\_part\\_of\\_hanc](http://jacksonville.com/community/my_st_johns_sun/2009-12-26/story/peoples_first_bank_closes_local_branches_now_part_of_hanc)

15. *December 24, United Press International* – (National) **Treasury pledges aid to Fannie and Freddie.** The U.S. Treasury Department announced on December 24 it will give Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac as much support as they need to remain solvent. The Christmas Eve announcement was made as the two mortgage giants revealed that 12 top executives will receive \$42 million in compensation this year, the Washington Post reported. The chief executive officers will get \$6 million each. The Treasury's move means Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac can get federal assistance exceeding the current \$400 billion cap. They have already received \$111 billion. It also means they may remain federal agencies in practice for the next three years. Officials said the announcement "should leave no uncertainty about the Treasury's commitment to support these firms as they continue to play a vital role in the housing market during this current crisis." They said it did not necessarily mean they will actually receive more than \$400 billion.

Source: [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2009/12/24/Treasury-pledges-aid-to-Fannie-and-Freddie/UPI-60961261715196/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2009/12/24/Treasury-pledges-aid-to-Fannie-and-Freddie/UPI-60961261715196/)

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## **Transportation Sector**

16. *December 28, Associated Press* – (International) **Flight 253 explosive common, easily detectable.** The explosive device used by the would-be Detroit bomber contained a widely available — and easily detected — chemical explosive that has a long history of terrorist use, according to government officials and explosive experts. The chemical — PETN — is small, powerful and appealing to terrorists. The Saudi government said it was used in an assassination attempt on the country's counterterrorism operations chief in August. It was also a component of the explosive that the convicted "shoe bomber" used in his 2001 attempt to down an airliner. PETN was widely used in the plastic explosives terrorists used to blow up airplanes in the 1970s and 1980s. Investigators say the suspect hid an explosive device on his body when he traveled from Amsterdam to Detroit on Northwest Flight 253. They say PETN was hidden in a condom or condom-like bag just below his torso. The man also had a syringe filled with liquid. One law enforcement official said the second part of the explosive concoction used in the Christmas Day incident is still being tested but appears to be a glycol-based liquid explosive. PETN is the primary ingredient in detonating cords used for industrial explosions and can be collected by scraping the insides of the wire, said an explosives expert. Law enforcement officials said modern airport screening machines could have detected the chemical. Airport "puffer" machines — the devices that blow air onto a passenger to collect and analyze residues — would probably have detected the powder, as would bomb-sniffing dogs or a hands-on search using a swab. Hidden in the man's clothing, the explosive might have also been detected by the full-body imaging scanners now making their way into airports. However, the man did not pass through either type of scanner in Nigeria or Amsterdam, said a congressman on the Homeland

Security Committee.

Source: [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34607732/ns/us\\_news-security/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34607732/ns/us_news-security/)

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17. *December 28, Agence France Presse* – (International) **‘Disruptive passenger’ caught on another US flight.** A Northwest Airlines flight crew sought emergency assistance on Sunday for a disruptive passenger who was taken into custody as the plane landed in Detroit, an airline official said. Amid heightened global security concerns, the disturbance occurred on the same Northwest Flight 253 that was attacked by a terror suspect on Christmas Day. On the flight, which arrived in Detroit from Amsterdam, “there was a verbally disruptive passenger, and out of an abundance of caution the flight crew requested law enforcement meet the aircraft,” said a spokeswoman for Delta. CNN reported that one person was taken off Sunday’s plane and into federal custody, citing a law enforcement officer saying that no device was found on the detained passenger. U.S. media cited government sources saying the passenger barricaded himself in the bathroom for more than an hour.

Source: <http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/16-disruptive-passenger-caught-on-another-us-flight-829-hs-09>

18. *December 28, KNXV 15 Phoenix* – (Florida) **TSA: 2 passengers talking ‘suspiciously’ removed from plane.** Officials say two passengers who were removed from a Phoenix-bound flight Saturday after others aboard the plane noticed “suspicious” activity were not doing anything wrong. A spokesperson with Transportation Security Administration (TSA), said US Airways Flight 192 was inbound from Orlando, Florida when a passenger reported seeing two other passengers talking “suspiciously.” A FBI spokesperson said a female passenger overheard the two men, described by officials as Middle Eastern, speaking loudly in a foreign language and reported them to airline staff. According to the spokesperson, the two men were talking about being late for their flight and not being able to shop at the airport before boarding their flight to Phoenix. The men were reportedly watching the movie “The Kingdom” on a portable DVD player while talking, and the female passenger, who was sitting near the men, thought this was suspicious and reported them to flight personnel. The two men were removed from the flight and questioned by the FBI. The spokesmen said they were fully cooperative and it was determined the men had done nothing wrong. They were released and allowed to continue on to their final destination, Los Angeles.

Source: <http://www.abc15.com/content/news/phoenixmetro/central/story/TSA-2-passengers-talking-suspiciously-removed/42w5KMCzcE-2mf6aiRePow.csp>

19. *December 27, Washington Post* – (Virginia) **Broken pipe floods Reagan terminal.** A broken pipe sent water spewing into part of a terminal at Reagan National Airport Saturday afternoon, creating a major disruption, authorities said. The break closed much or most of Terminal C, the center of US Airways operations, said an airport spokeswoman. Flooding shut down the Terminal C baggage claim area and electricity was shut off to the US Airways pier there, the spokeswoman said. US Airways operations at National were halted for the rest of the day. By Saturday night, the water had been shut off, but the cause of the problem remained unclear. A second airport

spokeswoman said it involved a break in a supply pipe, which is a kind of fire hydrant attached to the wall of the terminal.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/12/26/AR2009122601382.html?wprss=rss\\_metro](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/12/26/AR2009122601382.html?wprss=rss_metro)

20. *December 26, Bloomberg* – (International) **Suspected terrorist tried to blow up plane, U.S. says.** A suspected terrorist tried to blow up a Detroit-bound transatlantic flight December 25 with 278 passengers before he was subdued, U.S. officials said. The passenger was attempting to destroy the plane with an explosive device, said a member of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security. White House officials said the President is treating the incident as an attempted terrorist attack. The incident on Northwest Airlines flight 253 from Amsterdam’s Schiphol airport “definitely appears to be al-Qaeda related,” the congressman said in an interview. “This was not a firecracker. This was for real.” The President called for “all appropriate measures to be taken to increase security” after the suspected attack, the White House said in a statement. The Department of Homeland Security said passengers may notice additional screening at airports. The suspect, who was taken into custody in Detroit, told authorities that the device was acquired in Yemen along with instructions on when it was to be used, CNN reported, citing a federal security bulletin. The passenger was taken to a hospital to be treated for burns, the cable news network said. The fire from the explosion was large enough to require a fire extinguisher, CNN said, citing interviews with passengers. The Federal Bureau of Investigation in Detroit is leading the probe, said a spokeswoman. A spokeswoman for Northwest parent Delta Air Lines said earlier that the suspect had firecrackers. The suspect told authorities that he used a syringe to mix chemicals with explosive powder taped to his leg, the New York Times reported, citing an unidentified U.S. official.

Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601087&sid=aof8BeGXmBQc&pos=8>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

21. *December 27, United Press International* – (National) **Plant recalls 248,000 pounds of beef.** National Steak and Poultry has recalled 248,000 pounds of beef products from six states because of a risk of E. coli, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) inspectors said. The inspectors, working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said

they linked meat from the plant to an outbreak of E. coli in the six states. National Steak and Poultry, of Owasso, Oklahoma issued the recall in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota, Michigan, and Washington, the USDA said in a release. The recall included products labeled National Steak and Poultry beef sirloin steak, boneless beef tips, boneless beef sirloin steak, savory sirloin tips, bacon wrapped beef fillet, select beef shoulder, marinated tender medallions, Philly steak and boneless beef trimmings. Each package contained a label marked “EST. 6010T” inside the USDA mark of inspection and packaging dates of October 12-14 or October 21.

Source: [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2009/12/27/Plant-recalls-248000-pounds-of-beef/UPI-14841261934051/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2009/12/27/Plant-recalls-248000-pounds-of-beef/UPI-14841261934051/)

22. *December 24, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (Maine; New Hampshire) **Maine firm recalls ham products for possible Listeria contamination.** Associated Grocers of Maine, an importing firm in Gardiner, Maine, is recalling approximately 312 pounds of ham products that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced. Each package bears the establishment number “141” inside the Canadian seal of inspection and a Sell by date of “10JA24.” The ham products were produced on November 25, 2009, and distributed to retail establishments in Maine and New Hampshire. The problem was discovered by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) who notified FSIS. The CFIA notified FSIS that some of the recalled ham products had been exported to the United States. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of this product.

Source:

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Recall\\_068\\_2009\\_Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_068_2009_Release/index.asp)

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## **Water Sector**

23. *December 28, Associated Press* – (Maine) **Shrimp parts a problem for Portland Water District.** All the shrimp caught off the Maine coast this winter is causing concern for operators of the Portland Water District. A spokeswoman says the district hopes to avoid a repeat of last year, when shrimp parts from processing plants clogged a downtown sewer pump station. This month, workers already have removed shrimp shells, heads and antennas from screens that block trash and non-sewage waste from flowing into the city’s water treatment plant. The Portland Press Herald says inspectors are working to ensure that processors do not send shrimp parts down the drain. The problem is not acute at the moment because harsh weather has limited the amount of fishing. But the catch is expected to pick up next month.

Source: <http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/news/statenewengland/502905-227/shrimp-parts-a-problem-for-portland-water.html>

24. *December 28, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Snow, rain cause sewage overflow into Patapsco.** Baltimore County public works officials said about 22 million gallons of sewage was released into the Patapsco River from a sewage pumping station over the weekend. Officials said there is no threat to public drinking water as a result of the sewage overflow. The overflow began at about 5:30 p.m. Saturday at a pumping station in Halethorpe and continued for more than nine hours before the flow was finally stopped. Public works officials said rain and melting snow were to blame. The flow happened after 10 of the station's temporary pumps were overwhelmed by the rain. The Halethorpe pumping station on Annapolis Road is undergoing an upgrade and handles about 20 percent of the county's westside sewage. Baltimore County officials are asking the public to avoid the Patapsco near the pumping station for the time being. Meanwhile, the American Red Cross helped a number of residents along Indian Camp Road in Columbia, where residents evacuated homes this weekend due to basement flooding.

Source: <http://www.wbalv.com/news/22071289/detail.html>

25. *December 28, Reliable Plant* – (Alabama) **McWane Inc., managers plead guilty to clean water violations.** McWane Inc., one of the largest cast iron manufacturers in the country, pleaded guilty in federal district court in Birmingham, Alabama for environmental crimes that occurred at its Birmingham facility, McWane Cast Iron Pipe Company, the Justice Department announced. McWane pleaded guilty to nine felony counts of knowingly violating the Clean Water Act. The former general manager and vice president of the Birmingham plant, pleaded guilty to eight counts of negligently violating the Clean Water Act. Additionally, the former plant manager pleaded guilty to five counts of negligently violating the Clean Water Act. Under the plea agreement, McWane was sentenced to pay a criminal fine of \$4 million and serve a five-year term of probation. McWane operates iron foundries that manufacture cast iron pipe, fittings, valves, and hydrants in each of the country's major market areas. Under the Clean Water Act, McWane was subject to a National Discharge Pollutant Elimination System (NDPES) permit that required it to treat its wastewater before discharging it into Avondale Creek, a waterway immediately adjacent to the Birmingham foundry. Avondale Creek flows into Village Creek, a tributary of Black Warrior River. McWane and the plant managers violated the NPDES permit repeatedly over an 18-month period, from 1999 to 2001. The violations caused the discharge of thousands of gallons of wastewater to be released to Avondale Creek during that time period.

Source:

<http://www.reliableplant.com/article.aspx?articleid=21980&pagetitle=McWane+Inc.,+managers+plead+guilty+to+clean+water+violations>

26. *December 27, Charlottesville Daily Progress* – (Virginia) **Contaminant levels in Louisa water spark changes.** Average contaminant levels in drinking water in the town and county of Louisa, Virginia, are higher than they are supposed to be, and the Louisa County Water Authority is making some changes as a result. The town and county have received notice that their drinking water had more than the 60 parts per billion maximum level of haloacetic acids on average for the fourth quarter of 2009. The town's level was 66 ppb; the county's was 61 in its Louisa/Mineral system. The

authority's general manager said he sent information Tuesday to the Virginia Department of Health to get its approval to replace existing filters with granulated activated carbon. He has said the carbon is an inexpensive way to lower contaminant levels in the water. "It should start working right away, and hopefully we'll be put in compliance," he said. He has said trying to keep both haloacetic acids and trihalomethanes, another contaminant, under maximum levels can be difficult because the techniques to reduce one tend to raise the levels of the other. A spokesman for the Virginia Department of Health has said haloacetic acids will not harm residents in the short term, although it can increase a person's risk of cancer over many years. The town and county take water samples four times a year to make sure that contaminant levels are in check. Letters will go out to town residents in early January to inform them of the heightened contaminant levels. The next drinking water samples will be taken in February.

Source:

[http://www2.dailyprogress.com/cdp/news/local/article/contaminant\\_levels\\_in\\_louisa\\_water\\_spark\\_changes/50394/](http://www2.dailyprogress.com/cdp/news/local/article/contaminant_levels_in_louisa_water_spark_changes/50394/)

27. *December 25, WNYC 93.9 New York* – (New York) **Judge ends federal monitoring of NYC water and sewage systems.** The New York City mayor made a Christmas morning announcement that the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will emerge from eight years of federal oversight. The mayor paid a visit to the Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant after a federal judge this week ruled the DEP has made enough improvements for the oversight to conclude at the end of this month. Federal monitoring of the city's DEP began in 2001, when federal investigators said workers were disregarding environmental laws and endangering the safety of the city's water supply. Since then, the city has spent \$160 million to overhaul the agency's policies and workplace conditions. The mayor sought to assure New Yorkers they can continue to enjoy what he called the best drinking water in the country.

Source: <http://www.wnyc.org/news/articles/147099>

28. *December 25, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Power outages cause wastewater bypass in Iowa.** Officials say power outages probably caused by ice during the holiday storm disabled pumping stations that carry wastewater in two Iowa towns. The Department of Natural Resources says Delhi in northeast Iowa bypassed untreated wastewater to the Maquoketa River during a power outage from 11 p.m. December 23 to 2 a.m. December 24. Icy roads prevented hauling the untreated wastewater to the treatment plant. Late December 23, about 20,000 gallons of untreated wastewater flowed to a farm field after an electrical transformer failed on the southeast side of Iowa City. An agency spokesman says cities and industries should have back up emergency power and pumping capacity, so he does not expect widespread bypasses.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-ia-iowa-wastewaterby,0,1974394.story>

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## Public Health and Healthcare Sector

29. *December 28, New London Day* – (Connecticut) **Gas leak prompts evacuation of nursing home wing.** A gas leak on December 27 led to the evacuation of 27 people from their rooms at the Fountainview Care Center on Clark Lane in Waterford. Residents in one wing of the nursing home were moved to another part of the facility, said the Jordan fire chief. Police, meanwhile, closed the road. The fire chief said fire officials were called out for the smell of propane near Stenger Farm about 4:30 p.m. They traced the odor to a 1,000-gallon underground tank behind the nursing home that was leaking. Firefighters could not secure the leak immediately, so they used water to break down the gas vapors, the fire chief said. A safety valve on the tank appeared to have failed, he said. The fire chief said the residents were moved as a precaution and were moved back into their rooms about an hour later. No injuries were reported. Source: <http://www.theday.com/article/20091228/NWS01/312289936/1044>
30. *December 27, Sumter Item* – (National) **CDC: H1N1 vaccine will be available soon.** According to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, the H1N1 vaccine should be readily available soon, despite a recent recall of nasal swine flu vaccinations. During a telephone news conference held on December 23, the director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases said the supply of H1N1 vaccine is “getting better and better,” with about 111 million doses having been ordered around the country. “We think right now that at least 60 million people have been vaccinated with the H1N1 vaccine,” the director explained. “But we know that about half of Americans want to be vaccinated and only about one in three have been able to be vaccinated.” Vaccines are much more readily available now than they have been in recent weeks, she said, adding that now is the time to act for those who have not been vaccinated. Source: <http://www.theitem.com/article/20091227/ITNEWS01/712279920/-1/ITNEWS>
31. *December 27, Associated Press* – (International) **Danger at home: Rare form of TB comes to U.S.** The Associated Press has learned of the first U.S. case of a contagious, aggressive, especially drug-resistant form of tuberculosis as part of a six-month look at the soaring global challenge of drug resistance. The strain — so-called extremely drug-resistant (XXDR) TB — has never before been seen in the U.S., according to one of the nation’s leading experts on tuberculosis. XXDR tuberculosis is so rare that only a handful of other people in the world are thought to have had it. Today, all the leading killer infectious diseases on the planet — TB, malaria and HIV among them — are mutating at an alarming rate, hitchhiking their way in and out of countries. The reason: overuse and misuse of the very drugs that were supposed to save people. Just as the drugs were a manmade solution to dangerous illness, the problem with them is also manmade. It is fueled worldwide by everything from counterfeit drugmakers to the unintended consequences of giving drugs to the poor without properly monitoring their treatment. Here is what the AP found: In Cambodia, scientists have confirmed the emergence of a new drug-resistant form of malaria, threatening the only treatment left to fight a disease that already kills 1 million people a year. In Africa, new and harder to treat strains of HIV are being detected in about 5 percent of new patients. HIV drug

resistance rates have shot up to as high as 30 percent worldwide. In the U.S., drug-resistant infections killed more than 65,000 people last year — more than prostate and breast cancer combined. More than 19,000 people died from a staph infection alone that has been eliminated in Norway, where antibiotics are stringently limited.

Source: [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34516639/ns/health-infectious\\_diseases/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34516639/ns/health-infectious_diseases/)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

32. *December 28, Kingsport Times-News* – (Virginia) **Gate City launches automatic alert system.** Last week Gate City rolled out a new automatic notification service that will be a more efficient way to alert citizens of emergency situations and utility outages, said town officials. The Community Information Service is administered by Nixle LLC, a company that provides the service free to municipalities in several states, and allows Gate City to send authenticated messages to residents in real time by either e-mail, mobile phone or the Internet. “This allows targeted information to go out within a quarter mile of the affected area or to the entire subscriber base,” said the Gate City codification and property maintenance administrator. “It allows people to get information that is relevant to them by either cell phone or e-mail. If they don’t want to do that, they can go on the Web site and look at the backlog.” E-mail and text message alerts require registration, while none is needed to view advisories on the Nixle Web site (nixle.com).

Source: <http://www.timesnews.net/article.php?id=9019336>

33. *December 28, Associated Press* – (International) **Feds assess terror watchlists after airline attack.** Federal authorities met Monday to reassess the nation’s system of terror watchlists to determine how to avoid the type of lapse that allowed a man with explosives to board a flight to the United States on December 25 even though he was flagged as a possible terrorist. A senior U.S. intelligence official said authorities were reviewing the procedures that govern the lists, which could include how someone is placed on or moved between the various databases. The Administration has ordered investigations into how travelers are placed on watch lists and how passengers are screened. The suspect’s name was one of about 550,000 in the Terrorist Identities Datamart Environment database, known as TIDE, which is maintained by the U.S. National Counterterrorism Center. Inclusion in that database does not trigger mandatory additional airport screening. The Homeland Security Secretary conceded Monday that the aviation security system failed in this instance. “An extensive review is under way,” she said on Monday. Officials said the suspect came to the attention of U.S. intelligence last month when his father, a prominent Nigerian banker, reported to the American Embassy in Nigeria about his son’s increasingly extremist religious

views. He had been placed in a U.S. database of people suspected of terrorist ties in November, but officials say there was not enough information about his activities to place him on a watch list that could have kept him from flying. In Britain, the suspect was placed on a standard watch list of people whose visa applications were rejected, but he was not flagged as a potential terror suspect, British officials said Monday.

Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20091228/ap\\_on\\_go\\_ca\\_st\\_pe/us\\_ailiner\\_attack](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20091228/ap_on_go_ca_st_pe/us_ailiner_attack)  
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34. *December 26, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Small fire breaks out at Okla. prison; inmates evacuated to gymnasium.** Authorities say a fire at a prison in Fort Supply caused a temporary evacuation, but the blaze was quickly contained. Authorities say 174 inmates were transferred from their cell block to a gymnasium at the prison at about 7:40 Saturday morning. The fire apparently started on the first floor of the William S. Key Correctional Facility in a utility closet where cleaning equipment is stored. Authorities say the evacuation went smoothly and that firefighters were able to get the blaze under control quickly.  
Source: <http://www.kfsm.com/sns-ap-ok--prisonfire,0,3274199.story>
35. *December 23, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Inmate slits guard's neck with blade in high-security prison.** An inmate at the state's highest security prison slashed a guard's throat with a homemade blade during a routine security check, prompting a lockdown, authorities said December 23. A State police lieutenant said the officer was taking the prisoner out of his cell December 22 for a routine security check at Northern Correctional Institution in Somers. The inmate punched the guard, slashed him with the weapon, and continued fighting until other guards restrained him. The guard received stitches and was released from the hospital December 22. The lieutenant declined to identify the guard or inmate, one of approximately 415 prisoners at the maximum-security facility. State police are investigating the attack to decide whether to charge the inmate. The lockdown was expected to be lifted later December 23. Northern is the state's highest security prison, housing 10 death row inmates as well as prisoners who officials say "have demonstrated a serious inability to adjust to confinement" and who threaten the safety of guards and other inmates. The facility has been on lockdown several times over the past few months.  
Source:  
[http://www.chieftain.com/articles/2009/12/23/news/latest\\_news/doc4b3254fd9a19e635659776.txt](http://www.chieftain.com/articles/2009/12/23/news/latest_news/doc4b3254fd9a19e635659776.txt)
36. *December 23, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Feds address concerns over safety of Ill. prison.** Federal officials tried on December 22 to allay fears that moving terror suspects from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to a rural western Illinois prison could make the state a terrorist target. The director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons told a legislative panel that a new perimeter fence and other measures would make Thomson Correctional Center "the most secure of all federal prisons in the country." The governor plans to sell the prison to the federal government to house detainees and for a maximum-security federal prison, and the December 22 public hearing probably will not change that. The 12-member Commission on Government Forecasting and

Accountability could vote on a recommendation to sell the prison that skirts the Mississippi River, but the governor does not have to follow the recommendation. The hearing adjourned December 22, and the commission said it would not vote on the proposal before January 14. Many in Thomson, about 20 miles from Sterling, and other northwest Illinois communities say they welcome the estimated 3,000 jobs that the White House says would be generated by the prison. But opponents say the move is too risky. The Defense Department's principal director in the office of detainee policy insisted the area would be safe. "Allow me to be perfectly clear: The security of the facility and that of the surrounding community is our paramount concern," he told the panel.

Source:

[http://www.beloitdailynews.com/articles/2009/12/23/news/local\\_news/news122314.txt](http://www.beloitdailynews.com/articles/2009/12/23/news/local_news/news122314.txt)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

37. *December 28, Softpedia* – (International) **Microsoft confirms 0-Day IIS security vulnerability.** Microsoft has confirmed officially a zero-day security vulnerability affecting Internet Information Services (IIS). The security hole was initially reported just ahead of Christmas on December 23rd, and the Redmond company provided the first response at the end of the past week. So far, the issue in question affects version 6 of IIS on a fully patched Windows Server 2003 R2 SP2; however, additional IIS releases might also be impacted. A Microsoft security program manager notes that Microsoft is aware of the problem and that investigation into the matter has already been kicked off. At the same time, the program manager assured customers running IIS that it hasn't detected any active attacks in the wild targeting the new 0-day flaw. The vulnerability identified in Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) involves the incorrect manner in which the server deals with files with multiple extensions. As long as the multiple extensions are divided by the ";" character, the IIS server handles them as ASP files. A possible attacks scenario could be based on an exploit constructed out of malformed executables. Any malicious files uploaded to a vulnerable web server would circumvent any file extension protections and restrictions in place.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Microsoft-Confirms-0-Day-IIS-Security-Vulnerability-130650.shtml>

38. *December 23, V3.co.uk* – (International) **SEO poisoners exploiting Windows Live Spaces.** Security experts are warning that hackers are now using Microsoft's Live Spaces blogging platform in order to push up the popularity of fraudulent online pharmaceutical sites in a strategy known as search engine poisoning. In a posting on the Threat Center Live blog, security firm eSoft explained that cyber criminals are making use of Windows Live Spaces as well as Yahoo and Google Blogger platforms – registering accounts and then using those accounts to link to the fraudulent sites, thus pushing up the search engine ranking of those sites. "Additionally, the spam emails now link to these fake blogs rather than directly to the pharma-fraud site in an effort to better evade spam filters that might otherwise detect the link to the fraudulent website,"

the posting noted. “Whatever the distribution method, it’s clear these cybercriminals will stop at nothing and continue to evolve new ways of advertising their bogus sites.” Search engine poisoning or blackhat SEO is becoming an increasingly popular method for cyber criminals to boost click throughs onto their fake and malicious sites and increase infection rates.

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3/news/2255427/seo-poisoners-exploiting>

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## **Communications Sector**

39. *December 27, WSAZ 3 Huntington* – (West Virginia) **Customers without phone service continue to stay on hold.** Being in the dark and disconnected is the harsh reality many families are coping with after a severe winter storm moved through the region. While power crews continue to work hard, so are phone companies like Verizon. Officials say right now they have about 37 hundred repair reports in West Virginia. Now some concerned customers are worried that the lack of a dial tone could lead to more problems. “If there was someone who tried to break into our home while the electricity was off, if something like that were to happen, we can’t get help without phone service,” a Turkey Creek resident said. A Verizon spokesman says when electricity goes out, other companies have to wait until the power company restores things before they can go in and make repairs themselves.

Source: <http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/80184577.html>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

40. *December 27, Northwest Florida Daily News* – (Florida) **Movie theater evacuated after bomb threat.** The Twin Cities Cinema was evacuated Sunday evening after a bomb threat was left on the answering machine, according to initial scanner reports. Surrounding businesses in Palm Plaza were also evacuated pending a search by Eglin’s Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit. By 11 p.m., the area was swept, but no explosive device was found.

Source: <http://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/evacuated-24119-threat-bomb.html>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

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## Dams Sector

41. *December 28, Sierra Sun* – (California) **Feds considering raising Stampede Dam north of Truckee.** The federal Bureau of Reclamation could raise the dam at Stampede Reservoir by 11 feet — but it wants public input first. The 239-foot tall dam at the reservoir north of Truckee, California, was erected in 1970 and is generally used to regulate water flow for fisheries along the Truckee River and in Pyramid Lake. “We do regular interval safety inspections, and some concerns came up related to high-flood events,” said the public affairs officer for the mid Pacific region of the Bureau of Reclamation. The proposal would give the reservoir more capacity in an extreme flood event, he said, and more control over water release following such an event. The dam would be raised 11 feet with the construction of two rows of concrete panels, according to a press release. The draft environmental assessment of the project — which will consider two alternatives; raising the dam or doing nothing — is scheduled to be completed early in 2010, and the bureau is looking for public input to help identify potential issues and concerns.

Source:

<http://www.sierrasun.com/article/20091228/NEWS/912249996/1066&ParentProfile=1051>

42. *December 28, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Levee break after heavy rain strands residents.** A levee break near the Pulaski-Saline county line has flooded a nearby community and cut off access to at least three houses. The break at a pond levee occurred Saturday evening and crews came to the area Sunday to assess damage. Local fire officials say they think the levee broke because about 10 inches of rain fell in the area during the past few days. No injuries have been reported but trees and power poles were knocked down. The West Pulaski fire chief says other levees in the area remain intact but likely will need to be checked. One homeowner said there is now no way to drive to or from his home and that either another road will have to be built or the current road will have to be repaired.

Source: <http://www.wxvt.com/Global/story.asp?S=11736450>

43. *December 24, Cincinnati Enquirer* – (Kentucky; Indiana) **Markland Dam malfunction identified.** The broken lock chamber at the Markland Locks and Dam, on the Kentucky-Indiana border, will re-open to river traffic in March 2010, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The dam’s main 1,200-foot lock chamber has been closed since September 27 when one of the 250-ton gates fell into the river as a cruise ship passed through. The corps has rerouted river traffic through the smaller, 600-foot lock, causing delays. USACE determined the chamber gate leaves failed because a solenoid valve in the hydraulic system failed. The malfunction led to additional water pressure and an incomplete gate seal that forced the gates past their designed closure position. Markland Dam was constructed in 1959 and the gates are

original. The Corps of Engineers has replaced the valves on the 600-foot lock chamber that has remained open. “This is a unique situation in the history of our locks,” the commander with USACE Louisville said in a statement. “We do not have any history of a solenoid valve failing in an open position, thus causing increased water flows and resulting damage to lock gate leaves.” The incident has spurred USACE to review locking procedures and risks for lock failure, according to the statement. This includes training for lock masters and lock operators and preventive maintenance. Structural repairs on the damaged gate at Markland are expected to be complete by mid-January. Welders and repair crews have worked two 10-hour shifts 13 out of every 14 days. New lock gates were already under construction before the mishap.

Source:

<http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20091224/NEWS0103/312240019/Markland+Dam+malfuction+identified>

44. *December 24, Mid Columbia Tri-City Herald* – (Washington; Oregon) **Oil leak detected at Columbia River dam.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, (USACE), Environmental Protection Agency, and Washington Department of Ecology emergency response teams were dealing Wednesday with an oil leak from a transformer at The Dalles Lock and Dam on the Columbia River near The Dalles. Light mineral-type oil leaked from a spare transformer outside of the powerhouse on the lower deck of the dam Wednesday morning after a valve failed on the transformer, according to the Corps. The transformer has a capacity of 6,500 gallons of oil; about half has been recovered. Some of the uncontained oil traveled across the ground and entered the dam’s ice and trash sluiceway through drainage holes. An unknown amount reached the river, but none has been detected farther downstream, the Corps said. Much of the uncontained oil has leached into the ground, USACE said.

Source: [http://www.tri-cityherald.com/kennewick\\_pasco\\_richland/story/841610.html](http://www.tri-cityherald.com/kennewick_pasco_richland/story/841610.html)

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