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### **AUSTRALIA, NSW, LITHGOW, JANUARY 27 2010. INCH STREET RESIDENTS WANT ANSWERS >> BENZENE SPILL**

*kirsten holmes*

A group of concerned residents of Inch Street are still waiting for answers regarding the incident on January 7; when a military ordinance shell leaked its contents when being unloaded at Denis Cooke's Salvage Yard. Complaints have been made to both the Lithgow Council and the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), who are still working on their findings. As this incident happened in a work environment Work Cover is handling the investigation on the actual site, and their investigation is still continuing. The EPA was present when Work Cover instructed that the four shells in question were ordered from the site and returned to the army base at Marangaroo. It turned out that the substance leaked was a form of benzene, which is a petrol-like substance. This incident is the last in a stockpile of concerns that have been building to come to a head for Inch Street residents. Although it was a relief that the ordinance did not contain mustard gas, benzene is still toxic. Debra Smith is a cancer survivor with a battered immune system that barely works, and she lives over the road from the salvage yard. Debra is very scared for her fragile health. Shirley Hodge and Robyn De Costa have lived in Inch Street for 50 and 49 years each, and Francis Laurenson used to work for the EPA, so her concerns were of a more scientific and environmental nature. "We did not think that was enough. Francis Laurenson makes the point that, "if it was worth that much money to evacuate and feed us all, why not test the soil immediately." The core of all the issues is that the area has always been zoned as industrial, and now both residential and industry continue to grow and are at breaking point as they find it more and more difficult to co-exist in Inch Street. Shirley Hodges took up a partition in the street about the problems the residents were experiencing with their industrial neighbours 12 to 18 months ago. The partition was handed it to Councillor Howard Fisher "and we've have had zip! This council letting us down" said Shirley. "This used to be a lovely street," said Robyn De Costa. Denis Cooke's Salvage Yard has grown over the years from a backyard business that recycled vehicle batteries at the other end of town, to a salvage yard in Methven Street, where he outgrew his yard and his welcome in the street and moved again. The salvage yard relocated to Inch Street and the business has continued to grow over the years. Some of the residents now demand answers on the environmental state of the salvage yard and what else might be leaching out of the soil or into the creek at the back of the premises. They want to know why Denis Cooke's Salvage Yard is not a schedule premise on the EPA's list for regular five yearly inspections for toxicity and what the council will do about their cries for a solution to their growing concerns. The residents all agree that they can't stand the sight of the site and Denis has the unflattering title as the neighbour from hell. Denis is a well-liked fellow around town so why then has he inherited such a title. It does look like organised metallic chaos and here is even a yellow 'junk yard' dog tied up near near the weigh station. There has always been an issue with the noise of the salvage yard. The crusher is going most days, and according to the residents even on Sundays, often starting at 6.00am. All local traffic has to take the back seat and give way to big B Double trucks that go up and down the street at all hours of the day, and two semi trailers leave the yard each day with their crushed metallic load. The trucks have trouble turning in the street, and the residents are subjected to the, annoying noises that a reversing truck makes (beep, beep, beep). "And then there it is – the back of a big truck right outside your front window. We can't sit on our front verandahs - it's wrecking our quality of life." According to neighbours of the yard, trucks are unloaded on the footpath at the front of the yard, making pedestrians walk around and onto the road. Under section 91 of the Environment Assessment Act appropriate parking and access is required for all in the street and it is often hard to park because the trucks are there. Under the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) legislation a person or business is liable for anything that leaches into a sensitive creek up to 100 of your property, but the salvage yard is not tested. Another issue the residents have with the industries in Inch Street is that the owners of these businesses don't live there, so they don't have any concept of what it is like to be woken by big trucks. According to his neighbours, Denis Cooke's business has outgrown the street and Inch Street is not the area for him. What was also disturbing was that before the residents had any answers as to what actually happened, the Salvage Yard was open for business as usual at 6.00am on Friday morning. Oh, and apart from the facts from the EPA and the council as soon as possible, the residents of Inch Street want an apology for the inconvenience and alarm inflicted upon them. An elderly man recently purchased 182 Inch Street and had a builder in that fateful day. He and he builder were evacuated like everyone else. They left the house at 3.00pm and returned later that evening. The builder had to rehire the floor sander and edger and buy a new bucket of sealer, drive back from Sydney to finish work the next day and top up the car with petrol. It cost him an additional \$900. Who pays for that?

<http://www.lithgowmercury.com.au/news/local/news/general/inch-street-residents-want-answers/1733994.aspx>

### **USA, NH, JANUARY 27 2010. NH INDUSTRIAL EXPLOSION INJURES 4 WORKERS**

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An industrial explosion probed by fire officials injured four workers in Nashua, NH. Nashua, NH ([NewYorkInjuryNews.com](http://www.NewYorkInjuryNews.com)) – A reported industrial explosion sent four people to the hospital for burns and injuries, on Saturday morning, January 23, 2010, according to WMUR. Nashua police, firefighters and medical officials rushed to the scene at Worthen Industries located at 3 E. Spit Brook Road, where the explosion occurred. Police reported that workers were welding inside the factory as part of building maintenance on an empty holding tank when the blast happened. The explosion severely burned two of the workers, who were flown via trauma helicopter to Boston hospitals to be treated by doctors and nurses. Two other people who sustained injuries in the blast were taken to local hospitals to be treated. Their identities and condition were not disclosed. As soon as firefighters arrived at the scene, the flames from the blast had subsided. Two badly burned workers were flown to Boston hospitals for treatment, and two others were taken to nearby hospitals for treatment. Their identities and conditions were not immediately released. Fire officials reported that plant was not operating at the time of the explosion, although there were other workers inside. Firefighters probed the scene, inspecting all electric, water and gas lines, which were determined to be safe. Government investigators are expected to

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look into the industrial accident. Fire officials were trying to determine what caused the blast. The company, which owns and runs the plant was temporarily shut down for the investigation.

[http://www.newyorkinjurynews.com/2010/01/26/nh-industrial-explosion-injured-4-workers\\_201001262204.html](http://www.newyorkinjurynews.com/2010/01/26/nh-industrial-explosion-injured-4-workers_201001262204.html)

### AUSTRALIA, NSW, MORUYA, JANUARY 27 2010. WATER THE ANSWER FOR BURNS

*kerri-anne mesner*

Water, water, water is the vital substance for treating burns, a fact that many people are well aware of according to NSW Ambulance officers in Batemans Bay. The officers say that the people first on the scene at the fuel tanker tragedy at East Lynne on December 28 did not hesitate to administer first aid to the two burns victims, David and Debbie Bridge, who were pulled out of their burning vehicle. Ambulance officer Lachlan said the East Lynne tragedy was a good example of how to treat burns. "There were at least four people to each person," he said. "Some were medically trained and others weren't, but they all got in and helped." Lachlan said the people first on the scene grabbed fabric, wet it and placed it over the burns. He said they used any available water, including bottled drinking water they had been consuming before the accident. "You can use drinking water, creek and dam water," Lachlan said. "Sea water will still cool the burn down. The treatment is the same no matter how big or small - water, water, water and call triple zero." He said people treating burns also needed to be aware that when they are running water over a burn, they should do so for 20 minutes and no longer as the patient could experience symptoms of hypothermia. "People should do a first aid course," Lachlan said. He said that during the East Lynne incident, ambulance officers used new Burnaid - Hydrogel burn dressing for the first time because there was no more water available. Justin said that even though the burns dressings are available, it was still recommended people use water for burns treatments as the burns dressings were more of a last resort in first aid applications.

<http://www.batemansbaypost.com.au/news/local/news/general/water-the-answer-for-burns/1734347.aspx>

### USA, MD, CHESAPEAKE CITY, JANUARY 27 2010. MD. MAN CHARGED IN EXPLOSION THAT INJURED HIM, DAUGHTER

*terri sanginiti*

The Maryland Fire Marshal's Office arrested a Chesapeake City man in connection with a New Year's Eve fireworks incident that injured him and his daughter. Harry D. Maguire Jr., 49, of Woodside Drive, was cited Monday with reckless endangerment and possession and discharge of fireworks without a permit. Maguire was seriously injured when a commercial explosive prematurely exploded in his left hand, severely damaging it. Maguire's 22-year-old daughter was also injured by the blast, suffering cuts and burns. Both were treated at Christiana Hospital for their injuries. Deputy Chief State Fire Marshal Allen Gosnell said the father and daughter were celebrating the New Year with the occupants of a home on Elk Road when the accident occurred. Gosnell said the father was using commercial fireworks not available to the public and lost a couple of fingers as a result of the blast. If convicted of reckless endangerment, Maguire face a maximum of five years in jail and a \$5,000 fine. The penalty for possessing or discharging fireworks without a permit is a \$250 fine, Gosnell said.

<http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20100126/NEWS01/100126025/Md.+man+charged+in+explosion+that+injured+him++daughter>

### USA, GA, PORT WENTWORTH, JANUARY 27 2010. INFERNO: DUST EXPLOSION AT IMPERIAL SUGAR

**Watch the Video** <http://www.reliableplant.com/View/22450/Dust-explosion-Imperial-Sugar>

The Chemical Safety Board (CSB) released a new nine-minute safety video on the combustible dust explosion at the Imperial Sugar refinery in Port Wentworth, Ga., which claimed the lives of 14 workers, injured 36 and caused extensive property damage on February 7, 2008. The video includes a new four-minute 3-D computer animation depicting the first explosion, known as the primary event that likely occurred inside a recently enclosed sugar conveyor, which was followed by massive secondary dust explosions that destroyed the plant's sugar packing buildings. The CSB's final report on the accident was approved at a public meeting in Savannah on September 24, 2009. At the meeting, the CSB recommended that OSHA move forward expeditiously with a new combustible dust standard, as the CSB first recommended in 2006, and urged the Imperial Sugar and several trade associations to take other actions to reduce the hazard. The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating industrial chemical accidents. The agency's board members are appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. CSB investigations look into all aspects of chemical accidents, including physical causes such as equipment failure as well as inadequacies in regulations, industry standards and safety management systems. The Board does not issue citations or fines but does make safety recommendations to plants, industry organizations, labor groups, and regulatory agencies such as OSHA and EPA.

<http://www.reliableplant.com/View/22450/Dust-explosion-Imperial-Sugar>

### USA, TX, TEXAS CITY, JANUARY 27 2010. BP OFFERS REWARD FOR INFO ABOUT NOOSE

*t.j. aulds*

BP officials are offering a \$10,000 reward to find the person responsible for a hangman's noose found at one of the Texas City refinery's units last month, company officials said. In a memo sent to employees Friday, refinery manager Keith Casey said the noose was found at the resid hydrotreating unit, which refines low-grade crude oil into fuel. "Hangman's nooses are regarded as symbols of hatred, intimidation and violence," Casey wrote in the memo. "Acts like this have no place in our 'house' and are an insult and embarrassment to thousands of people who give 110 percent to make Texas City a world-class refinery and a great place to work." Casey said BP's internal security force is a part of the investigation and that law enforcement had been notified. He

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also pledged that punishment would be severe. "Any individual determined to be responsible for this incident will be barred from the facility and, if a BP employee, will be terminated," he wrote. "Contracting agencies that employ individuals(s) who engage in this conduct run the risk of losing BP's business. "This kind of behavior is intolerable, and we will take action when harassment, intimidation, discrimination or retaliation occur in the workplace."

<http://galvestondailynews.com/story.lasso?ewcd=a97a742080c2c024>

### USA, CO, LEADVILLE, JANUARY 27 2011. LEADVILLE EXPLOSION STARTED BY LEAKING FUEL TANK

jeffrey wolf

**Slideshow:** <http://www.9news.com/news/local/article.aspx?storyid=131542&catid=346>

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[Four injured after explosions rock Leadville building](#)



Courtesy: Carla Shetler

Investigators say a damaged fuel tank started a series of explosions that destroyed a former Coca-Cola bottling plant on Friday afternoon, sending four people to the hospital. The first explosion happened just after 3 p.m., setting fire to the building and collapsing more than half of it in the blast. Firefighters rescued men who were trapped inside. One had to be airlifted to a Denver hospital, but is expected to be OK. The other three were treated and released for smoke inhalation. Investigators say the fire started in one of the businesses housed in the building called Gas Consultants and was an accident. There is no evidence of criminal activity, according to authorities. Only one business, Millenium Towing, was not destroyed by the fire. Investigators say employees at AG Masonry will be able to salvage some of their

equipment. Four other businesses were also in the building. It took crews nearly seven hours to put out the fire.

<http://www.9news.com/news/local/article.aspx?storyid=131542&catid=346>

### AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE – WORKCOVER. USING EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT NEAR OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL ASSETS - A HANDBOOK FOR WORKPLACES

*Although it's an Australian State [Of Victoria] Code of Practice I thought it may be of interest to those who may use excavators, cranes, drill rigs etc' where there may be over-head power lines or sources, there are times when other requirements, globally can be worthwhile using or utilising if they exceed your local requirements and where YOU can state that you are using Global Best Practice? [Don].*

[Using earthmoving equipment near overhead electrical assets - A handbook for workplaces \(PDF 3052kb\)](#) Document Type: Publication Keycode: VWA1287/01/09.09 Industry: [Construction](#) Category: [Controlling OHS Hazards and Risks Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004](#) Division Author: Construction & Utilities Current Version: 1.0 Date First Published: 31 December 2009 Summary: This handbook provides practical advice on how to create a safe working environment when using earthmoving equipment near overhead electrical lines and assets. Using existing No Go Zone publications as its basis, this new handbook provides simplified guidance tailored to those who work with earthmoving equipment. Employers who implement these guidelines will be deemed to have met their OHS obligations regarding the risks of operating earthmoving equipment near overhead electrical assets.

<http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/wsinternet/worksafe/home/forms+and+publications/publications/using+earthmoving+equipment+near+overhead+electrical+assets+-+a+handbook+for+workplaces>

### USA, MD, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, JANUARY 28 2010. TOPPLED TANKER SPILLS 2,900 GALLONS OF KEROSENE

ashley brown

**Watch the Video:**

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local-beat/Toppled-Tanker-Spills-2900-Gallons-of-Kerosene-82729427.html>

Authorities in Prince George's County, Md., are trying to figure out what caused a fuel tanker to overturn Tuesday afternoon in Upper Marlboro. Police said the tanker flipped over in the 14000 block of Croom Airport Road, leaving 2,900 gallons of kerosene spilled all over the roadway. The tanker driver is identified as a 52-year-old man who left the scene with non-life-threatening injuries. The truck was cleared from the road, but crews were still cleaning up on Tuesday evening.

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local-beat/Toppled-Tanker-Spills-2900-Gallons-of-Kerosene-82729427.html>

### USA, TX, AUSTIN, JANUARY 28 2010. AIRPORT TEST WELLS GAUGE SPILL OF OIL AND DIESEL

bob campbell

The City Council on Tuesday authorized an oil company to drill four test wells at Midland International Airport to determine the extent of pollution from a November pipeline leakage. The Permian Basin Airport Board voted last week to ask the council to approve right of way for Holly Energy Partners to cooperate with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and define the boundary, or "plume," where 36,000 gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel spread from a pin size hole in a line 8 feet underground and 250 yards northwest of the Commemorative Air Force Museum. A TCEQ official in Austin said the spill "may not be close enough to the city wells for them to have been impacted, but if it got into the aquifer, Holly Energy will have to remedy that." He said the city has nine wells in the area to supply the airport. In other business, the council appointed Richard Dunham, president of Permian Basin Homebuilders Association, the first member of the City Oil & Gas Advisory Committee to help the council administer the new

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oil and gas drilling ordinance. Members noted four committee vacancies must still be filled with two each from the energy and real estate industries to fulfill requirements of the law. Dunham led negotiations for his group in the ordinance's refinement before it was passed on Dec. 8. The council approved its annual agreements with City Aquatics, Greater Midland Football League, Junior Baseball Association, Mad Dog Rugby Club, Recreational Soccer League, Midland Soccer Association, Midland Softball Association, United Girls Softball Association, Permian Basin United Softball Association, Texas Cricket Club, West Texas BMX and West Texas United Soccer.

[http://www.mywesttexas.com/articles/2010/01/26/news/top\\_stories/council\\_sidebar.txt#ixzz0dtJNNHW8](http://www.mywesttexas.com/articles/2010/01/26/news/top_stories/council_sidebar.txt#ixzz0dtJNNHW8)

### **USA, S.C, WEST ASHLEY, JANUARY 28 2010. CHEMICAL AGENT BURNS MAN**

*andy paras*

**Watch the Video** [http://www2.counton2.com/cbd/news/local/article/chemical\\_spill\\_in\\_west\\_ashley\\_burns\\_2/106183/](http://www2.counton2.com/cbd/news/local/article/chemical_spill_in_west_ashley_burns_2/106183/)

A Charleston man suffered severe burns early Tuesday after he was splashed with an industrial-strength cleaning detergent behind a West Ashley shopping center. William Ross, whose age was unavailable, was listed in serious condition at the Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta. Authorities said Ross and Jessica Laquire were injured about 5:30 a.m. after they reportedly kicked over a 5-gallon bucket of cleaning solution behind the shopping center at 630 Skylark Drive off Savannah Highway. The bucket cracked open, splashing some of the contents onto the pair, said Mark Ruppel, public information officer for the Charleston Fire Department. The pair drove themselves to Roper St. Francis Hospital. Ross was taken to the Austria, Vienna, January 28 2010. burn center. Laquire was treated and released from Roper St. Francis. The Charleston Fire Department's hazmat team identified the chemicals after a couple of hours on the scene. They eventually released the scene back to the property owner, who has contracted with a private company to clean up the spill, Ruppel said.

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control also was on the scene to supervise the cleanup.

None of the businesses were evacuated as a result of the incident.

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2010/jan/27/chemical-agent-burns-man/>

### **AUSTRIA, VIENNA, JANUARY 28 2010. ENI AGIP BUYS EXXONMOBIL ESSO NETWORK IN AUSTRIA**

Italian oil giant Eni, which is present in Austria through Agip, has announced the acquisition of ExxonMobil's downstream business in the country, including a network of 135 Esso retail service stations. The sale and purchase agreement also includes ExxonMobil's industrial and wholesale business with 36 additional Esso branded retail service stations owned by resellers and its aviation fuel business at the Vienna and Linz airports. The sale includes ExxonMobil's 28.6% share in a joint venture for logistical assets at Vienna airport and its supply and distribution business with its 33.3% participation in the Salzburg terminal joint venture. However, the deal does not include ExxonMobil's lubricants business in Austria. The completion of the transaction is subject to the approval of local competition authorities.

<http://www.petroplaza.com/news/industry/MiZibiY5MTI5JiYyJjMwJjE%3D>

### **USA, VA, AMELIA COUNTY, JANUARY 28 2010. TANKER ACCIDENT RESULTED IN DIESEL FUEL LEAK; HAZ-MAT CREWS RESPOND >> ESTIMATED 300 GALLONS OF DIESEL FUEL SPILLED AFTER TANKER TRUCK ACCIDENT.**

A tanker truck carrying 8,000 gallons of diesel fuel crashed on Monday, January 25, 2010. The accident occurred in Amelia County, Virginia, on State Route 307, also referred to as Holly Farms Road, according to information provided by WTVR.com. The incident allegedly happened at approximately 9:30 a.m. Authorities reportedly stated that a tanker truck was traveling on Holly Farms Road, which is described as "the cut-through between Route 360 and Route 460", veered off the roadway and into the soft shoulder. The tanker allegedly flipped onto its side with the wheels facing upwards. The driver of the tanker truck, a Bronx, New York resident Adama Doumbia, was able to exit the tanker as it began to leak diesel fuel.

The driver of the tanker did not reportedly suffer any life-threatening injuries in the single-vehicle accident. Officials from the Henrico County Haz-Mat and the Jetersville Voluntary Fire Department responded to the potentially problematic scene to off load the diesel fuel, and prevent the gasoline from "spreading to a nearby pond and from reaching cattle near the accident site". Virginia Department of Transportation (V-DOT) officials also responded to the scene to close Route 307 pending investigations and clean up. The road only re-opened for motorist use at 5:30 p.m. Doumbia reportedly received a citation for reckless driving in the tanker truck accident.

[http://www.justicenewsflash.com/2010/01/27/tanker-accident-resulted-diesel-fuel-leak-hazmat-crews-respond\\_201001273141.html](http://www.justicenewsflash.com/2010/01/27/tanker-accident-resulted-diesel-fuel-leak-hazmat-crews-respond_201001273141.html)

### **USA, NJ, REDBANK, JANUARY 28 2010. OIL LEAK PROMPTS HOUSE-RAISING**

*dustin racioppi*

*The Red Bank home of the late Florence Forgotson has become a remediation site due to oil contamination*

It's not an illusion: the house is not floating in mid-air. Hard as it is to tell by casual glance from River Road, the home of the late Florence Forgotson Adams, who made her name as the county's first female attorney, has been unexpectedly uprooted and placed on blocks a few feet above ground to clean up an oil leak discovered in December. The leak came to light when a plumbing company went in to replace the home's underground oil tank, only to see that it had several holes in the bottom, said Borough Administrator Stanley Sickels. The company reported the finding to the state [Department of Environmental Protection](#), which ordered the foundation be torn out and the immediate area cleaned. Sickels said that work started nearly two weeks ago. Anthony Fabiano Sr., owner of the company that's doing the remediation work, [Fabco Inc.](#), said the tank hadn't been used in about 30 years.

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Because of that, the damage was limited to directly beneath the home, he said. The company conducted groundwater and soil tests, and found that no oil reached in or near the Navesink River, he said. The company had a choice to either knock down the house or raise it above ground to get the cleanup done. "They didn't want to see the home destroyed," Fabiano said. Taking this route to get the cleanup done, he said, is the best course of action. Had the people overseeing the estate chosen to excavate beneath the home, it could have turned into a long, painful process. Instead, there's several different companies who have thought out exactly how the project will be done and have pinpointed the impact of the damage, he said. "It would have been a nightmare if anybody tried to excavate. Now we're going in for the kill," he said. "We know where the impact is. There is no surprises." Department Spokesman Larry Hajna said remediation projects like this one vary in how long they take. All sorts of tests and inspections must be done after the cleanup to satisfy the department's soil standards, Sickels said. "It's impossible to tell," Hajna said. Fabiano said the cleanup will take another two to three weeks. To get the home's foundation rebuilt and the house set back down will take about three or four months, he said. The home will actually be moved about 30 feet south when it is set back down. The home, which sits on a bluff overlooking the Navesink River, is still listed in Monmouth County property records in Adams' name even though she [died](#) in 2007 at age 99. Neither Sickels or the neighbor directly in front of the home believe anybody was living there recently. Fabiano said nobody was living there when the oil leak was discovered. Fabco is documenting the progress at the home and anybody who wants to see pictures can go on the company's web site, [fabco-nj.com](http://fabco-nj.com).

<http://www.redbankgreen.com/2010/01/notable-home-getting-thorough-cleaning.html>

### **USA, KS, JANUARY 28 2010. ST. JOSEPH MAN SERIOUSLY BURNED AFTER GAS TANK EXPLOSION**

*jennifer hall*

A St. Joseph man was seriously burned after a gas tank exploded Tuesday afternoon, according to Captain Kevin Castle with the St. Joseph Police Department. Witnesses told police that David Welter, 42, was using a cutting torch to remove a gas tank from a car on a trailer when it exploded in his face. The car was engulfed in flames in the driveway at 1705 Dewey when rescue units arrived. Two other men suffered minor burns while trying to help the victim. Mr. Welter had significant burns to most of his body, according to the police report. He was transported by ambulance to Heartland Regional Medical Center and later taken by LifeNet to a Kansas City hospital.

<http://www.stjoenews.net/news/2010/jan/27/st-joseph-man-seriously-burned-after-gas-tank-expl/>

### **CHINA, INNER MONGOLIA AUTONOMOUS REGION, CHAOHAO, HOHHOT, JANUARY 28 2010. 5 DIE IN CHINA FIREWORK FACTORY BLAST**

At least five workers died and another 10 were injured on Wednesday in an explosion at a factory in China that was illegally making fireworks for the upcoming New Year holiday. The blast happened early in the day in Hohhot, capital of the northern region of Inner Mongolia, the Xinhua news agency quoted Baoyin Batu, head of the city's work safety bureau, as saying. The factory was operating without a licence and had been selling illegally manufactured fireworks for the Chinese New Year holiday, which kicks off on February 14, Baoyin said. Rescue workers rushed to the scene but were still unable to enter the building as sporadic explosions continued on Wednesday, he added. Police were searching for the owner of the factory, who had fled, the report said. The area in Hohhot where the explosion happened has a 200-year history of firework production. At present, three factories are operating with a licence, but the others are all illegal, it added. An explosion took place in 2005 at a factory there, killing two people and leaving five others missing. China has a huge fireworks industry notorious for its lax safety standards, and as production increases for the New Year holiday - during which millions of the festive explosives are used - so does the number of accidents. The central government has announced a number of campaigns in recent years to improve safety, but accidents, mostly at illegal or poorly run workshops, continue in the drive for profits.

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-world/five-die-in-china-firework-factory-blast-20100127-myx6.html>

### **USA, ORE, UMATILLA, JANUARY 28 2010. DEPOT: WEAPONS MUSTARD LEAK DETECTED**

Trace amounts of mustard agent vapor for chemical weapons were detected inside a storage igloo today at the Umatilla Chemical Depot. The vapor was contained to the igloo with a routine passive filtration system. After the vapor was discovered a powered filtration system was started for the igloo and work is under way to identify the leaking mustard agent container and repair it. Mustard containers are being warmed inside storage igloos as part of preparations to incinerate aging chemical agent. The mustard agent gels below 59 degrees and thaws when it gets warmer, which can lead to a vapor leak.

<http://www.tri-cityherald.com/945/story/879396.html>

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<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100128/NEWS/1280336/-1/news>

### **AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, WHYALLA, JANUARY 28 2010. THE WHYALLA COUNCIL HAS VOTED NOT TO SUPPORT A CALL FOR A MORATORIUM ON ALL INDUSTRIAL PROPOSALS INVOLVING PETROCHEMICAL PRODUCTS AT POINT LOWLY.**

The motion was tabled in response to an oil leak at the Santos fuel facility in the area but no councillor voted in favour of it. Cr Colin Carter said a Stuart Petroleum proposal to build a diesel storage facility there has been approved, subject to 23 strict environmental conditions. He says that is far more stringent than what the Santos licence required when its facility was built. "I think with all the government bodies, the EPA [Environment Protection Authority], and all the regulatory people that'd be involved in such a project, would not allow anything untoward to happen," he said. The Greens' candidate for Giles, Andrew Melville-Smith, says the council is not protecting the interests of the community, which is at risk of losing the Peninsula to petrochemical industries. "I guess it was pretty much expected that they would not support the motion," he said. "They're very pro any sort of industrialisation of the Peninsula, regardless of all the consequences on all the existing benefits that we get from the Peninsula - the tourism, the recreation, the aquaculture, the fishing - their focus is industry and mining."

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/01/28/2803368.htm?site=eyre>

### **AUSTRALIA, NSW, PENRITH, JANUARY 29 2010. ETHANOL-BLENDED PETROL COULD BE A MINEFIELD FOR MOTORISTS**

Mechanics have warned that ethanol-blended petrol could be a minefield for motorists. The State Government has issued a mandate that will put a complete stop to regular unleaded petrol by July 1, 2011. It will be replaced by E10, a blend containing 10 per cent ethanol. The government presently requires that E10 account for at least 40 per cent of sales by primary wholesalers and major retailers. Some petrol stations have already stopped selling regular unleaded in favour of E10. Woolworths outlets at Penrith and Emu Plains made the switch this month. But how many motorists have been filling up without checking if their car is compatible? And if you know your car's not, you'll have to pay for the more expensive premium unleaded once regular is phased out. Chris Murphy, from Penrith business Hi Tech 4x4 Specialists, said some customers' cars had been damaged by E10. "We've had problems with cars running rough, stalling or breaking down (after using E10)," Mr Murphy said. He said high-performance cars such as Holden Commodores and Ford V8s had not been handling the E10 well. He also said many customers had encountered problems despite their cars supposedly being compatible. Gary Thompson, owner of Indy Performance at Emu Plains, also said customers had reported problems. "We have got one, a Holden Commodore VZ, in here today actually," Mr Thompson said on Monday. "Any rubber component in the fuel system gets destroyed by E10. This guy will probably be up for about \$800 because of this E10." He said neoprene was more resistant to ethanol but most cars built before 2005 had standard rubber in the fuel system. Greg McDonald from the State Office of Biofuels said any car not mentioned on the Federal Chamber of Industries list would be "fine" on ethanol. "Twenty-five per cent of all motorists in the state are using ethanol-blended fuel quite happily at the moment," he said. "In some cars it may take a tank or two to adapt to it. Some people say their car goes better on ethanol and some say it doesn't go as well." He said there was "a lot of prejudice" against ethanol and it had been given a bad name in the early 2000s due to fuel containing other solvents.

<http://penrith-press.whereilive.com.au/news/story/ethanol-blended-petrol-could-be-a-minefield-for-motorists/>

### **SOUTH AFRICA, WENTWORTH, JANUARY 29 2010. EXPLOSION IN WENTWORTH FIRM**

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"The smoke was so thick that you could not even see the person next to you," says an employee of Phumelela Drums in Wentworth where one of the plants exploded yesterday, setting parts of the building on fire. The eThekweni Fire Department sent several fire engines to the scene. Justin Bateman, a duty manager for the department, said firefighters had received a call just after 8am and rushed out to the scene. "A container which had paints and solvents caught fire at the factory in Dudley and Chamberlain streets; however, we managed to extinguish the fire," he said. The factory makes reconditioned drums which are used to store chemicals. When the Daily News visited the factory, traumatised workers were standing on the pavement across the road from the factory. "I just heard someone saying 'Get out!' and then saw the very thick smoke and knew then that something was wrong. Once we were

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outside, we watched the smoke hovering in the air, with a very funny smell coming from the factory," one worker said. Factory workers said they were concerned about losing their jobs because they were uncertain about the extent of the damage. "What happens if the damage is big and we are told that there is no work for us? It is a really scary moment for us," said one. Desmond D'sa, of the South Durban Community Environmental Alliance, said the incident was a great concern for the community because the chemicals that had exploded could turn out to be very dangerous, especially for pregnant women. "People die as a result of such explosions. We want a full investigation to be done at the factory so we know what really happened. It is a concern because in the area there have been similar explosions taking place. I know of one where a man died," he said. The owner of the factory said he could not comment yesterday as an investigation was under way.

[http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set\\_id=1&click\\_id=139&art\\_id=vn20100128124600934C635499](http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=139&art_id=vn20100128124600934C635499)

### **USA, VT, MONTPELIER, JANUARY 29 2010. FIERY TWO-TANKER COLLISION CLAIMS TWO LIVES**

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A three-vehicle collision involving two tanker trucks turned into a fiery and fatal scene on the Vermont Interstate Monday morning, January 25, 2010, according to the Berkshire Eagle. Police reported to the scene at the fiery pre-dawn accident where two-tanker trucks transporting milk collided and then one caught fire on Interstate 89 in the southbound lanes. The McDermott Inc tanker jackknifed and came to a halt across the highway. Then a car, attempting to pass the one swerving truck was hit and rammed into the second vehicle. Both of the cargo parts of the trucks broke out into flames. One of the truck drivers, identified as 43-year-old Christopher Trivento, did not survive the crash. One of the passengers in the car, identified as 62-year-old Linda Hall, was also killed in the fiery wreck, while her husband, 66-year-old John Hall survived and was treated and released from an area hospital.

Police identified the driver of the McDermott tanker as 59-year-old David Dike. He survived the collision and was treated at the hospital. Vermont State police reported that both lanes of the interstate were shut down between Middlesex and Berlin for hours. The northbound lanes reopened at 630 p.m. while the southbound lanes remained closed for investigation and cleanup until 5:30 p.m. The milk that the trucks were carrying was taken via another tanker. Police reported that the roads had patches of ice, which was deemed a contributing factor in the fatal collision. There have been no charges filed in correlation to the fatal three-vehicle crash.

[http://www.newyorkinjurynews.com/2010/01/28/fiery-two-tanker-collision-claimed-two-lives\\_201001282213.html](http://www.newyorkinjurynews.com/2010/01/28/fiery-two-tanker-collision-claimed-two-lives_201001282213.html)

### **USA, NY, NEW YORK, JANUARY 29 2010. OIL SPILLS AND SIX-FIGURE FINES: A PRIMER FOR CO-OPS AND CONDOS**

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When 8 West 13th Street settled with New York State last year over a particularly contentious oil spill case, the 30-unit co-op had to agree to pay a \$150,000 fine in addition to cleanup costs. (See the upcoming March Habitat for the whole, 20-year-long story of the co-op board's fight.) While that case may be an exception, oil spills are common enough, with 487 reported last year in New York City alone. Should you building suffer an oil spill — almost always from your heating-oil storage tank or its pipes — you need to clean the contamination quickly and bear the financial costs. In other words, both literally and figuratively, you just have to suck it up. If you don't? There's a hearing process, which you have a right to avail yourself to. Whatever you do, don't ignore notices by the New York State [Department of Environmental Conservation](#) (DEC), the pertinent regulatory agency. Civil penalties reach up to \$25,000 for each day of a violation. Criminal penalties reach likewise, with the additional of a possible one-year imprisonment for a first offense. The maximum fine and time each double when you're talking second offense. So pay attention: Here are some basics that every co-op or condo board should know, followed by what to do when you have a spill.

#### **Tank You Very Much**

First of all, make sure your existing oil tank is registered with the DEC, which has to be done every five years. It's like a car registration that way; you don't get a notice in the mail, but you still have to do it. Whether you have an underground storage tank (UST) or an aboveground storage tanks (AST), you're only required to register it if your tank (or your group of tanks) holds more than 1,100 gallons of oil. Unless you've a very small building, chances are you fall in that category. The registration fee is nominal, ranging from \$100 to \$500 per building, depending on capacity. For such tanks, the rules — Article 17, Title 10, of the Environmental Conservation Law, entitled "Control of the Bulk Storage of Petroleum" — specify that your tank has to meet certain handling and storage requirements that include color coding of fill ports, shutoff valves, gauges and check valves. As well, aboveground tanks of this size have to have a secondary containment to help catch and contain spills, and every 10 years you have to clean out your tank, remove sludge from the bottom, inspect for structural integrity and do a "tightness test" to check for leaks. With underground tanks of this size, you have to keep daily inventory records, reconciling them every 10 days and maintaining them for five years, and do a tightness test every five years (or, with double-walled tanks, monitor the interstitial space). With USTs, as well, you have to notify the DEC within 48 hours of unexplained inventory losses, which is a standard way of determining whether your tank is leaking. Newly installed tanks have their own separate requirements. We're just talking here about existing tanks. And the laws are complex enough that it's always good to have an attorney with environmental-law background give your compliance procedures the once-over, especially in light of the [April 2009 changes to the Petroleum Bulk Storage \(PBS\) Program](#).

#### **Leak Soup**

How do you tell if you have a leak? Sandy Sternig, president and CEO of [VTEQ](#), a major environmental firm based in Bayport, N.Y., says that with aboveground tanks, "You will see if there's a leak if there is wetness along the side of the tank, or if you see a puddle. In that particular case you can throw Speedy Dry on it; cap the piping, if that's an issue; or get the tank repaired if it's not

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too badly corroded. Aboveground is fairly simple." With underground tanks, not surprisingly, a leak is harder to determine. "Unfortunately you generally do not know you have a problem," Sternig says. When do you find a problem? "You go through more oil than you generally account for. Of course, somebody has to know if you've been going through a thousand gallons a month and now you're going through 1,500 or 2,000 gallons a month." There are alarm or monitoring systems that look for leaks, which commercial venues such as gas stations typically employ, but with co-ops, says Sternig, "Ninety percent of the tanks are old, and 90 percent of co-ops don't want to spend the money" on alarms. Oil spillage can also happen when you're getting a fuel-oil delivery, notes Paul J. Herman, president of [Brown Harris Stevens Residential Management](#). "It's typically not a leak," he says. "Usually it's the supplier, when they're doing the fill. Sometimes the fill line breaks and the gauge doesn't work and they overfill the tank." When that occurs, he says, "You go to your supplier and say, 'Hey, this happened.' Sometimes it's mitigated right away, because they'll bring in the [cleanup] people, since they bear some responsibility."

### All Hands on DEC

Any oil spill (also called a leak or a discharge, interchangeably) has to be reported to the New York State Spill Hotline (800-457-7362) within two hours of discovery, except those that meet all of the following criteria:

- The quantity is known to be less than five gallons; and
- The spill is contained and under the control of the spiller; and
- The spill has not and will not reach the State's water or any land; and
- The spill is cleaned up within two hours of discovery.

The State considers a spill not to have impacted land if it occurs on a paved surface such as asphalt or concrete. So, a spill in a dirt basement is considered to be on impacted land and has to be reported. You can find a web page with details on the DEC's [Spill Response & Remediation FAQ](#) page, but it's best to get there via our link, since trying to find it either by navigation or the DEC's search function on its ridiculously convoluted site is difficult at best. This holds equally true for the department's [Guide to Enforcement Hearings](#), which spells out your rights and options when the DEC serves you with a formal complaint. Hopefully, it won't come to that. Just remember: The oily board gets the worm. Or something. See Also

- [Leaking Underground Oil Tank?](#)
- [Fixing Things Is Not a Tank-less Job!](#)

[http://www.habitatmag.com/publication\\_content/2010\\_january/web\\_exclusives/oil\\_spills\\_a\\_primer](http://www.habitatmag.com/publication_content/2010_january/web_exclusives/oil_spills_a_primer)

### USA, OH, RICHFIELD, JANUARY 29 2010. OHIO EPA INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT FOR VIOLATIONS

In a settlement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray's office, Pilot Oil Corp. has agreed to comply with applicable reporting requirements for spills to waters of the state or land, pay a \$100,000 civil penalty and fund a \$475,000 beneficial environmental project for alleged violations of Ohio's water pollution control laws at numerous gasoline/fueling stations across the state, including at 5219 Brecksville Road, according to Ohio EPA officials. The state is accepting public comments on the proposed consent order until Feb. 9. Ohio EPA was made aware of numerous petroleum product spills from several Pilot properties into storm sewers and local streams and ditches. These spills affected water quality and posed a potential public health concern, according to the Ohio EPA. Pilot has agreed to report releases governed by the consent order within 30 minutes of discovery. In addition, the consent order prohibits the discharge of any detergents, antifreeze or power wash water from diesel fueling stations into any environmental control ponds on its property. All sites are to be equipped with oil and water separators and environmental control ponds designed to prevent petroleum products from reaching waters of the state. Pilot also agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of its spill prevention, control and countermeasure plans. This includes training facility managers and regular equipment inspections, according to Ohio EPA officials. The proposed consent order has been lodged with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. Final approval will take place after consideration of any public comments submitted during the public comment period. Written comments may be sent to Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, Attn: Larry Reeder, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049. The proposed consent order may be viewed online at [www.epa.ohio.gov/pic/citizen/pilot.aspx](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/pic/citizen/pilot.aspx).

<http://www.akron.com/akron-ohio-community-news.asp?aID=7974>

### USA PA, PHILADELPHIA JANUARY 29 2010. AFTER FAILURE TO CLEANUP ENVIRONMENT, COURT ORDERS COMPANY TO PAY \$1.3 MILLION PENALTY FOR UNDERGROUND TANK VIOLATIONS AT NE PENNSYLVANIA GAS STATIONS

*donna heron*

The owner of two former gas stations in northeast Pennsylvania has learned the cost for not cleaning up underground fuel storage tanks. New York-based Century Oil Acquisition Corp. now must pay a \$1.3 million federal court judgment, after failing to cleanup and come into compliance with a 2007 EPA order assessing a \$193,538 penalty and requiring the closure of underground storage tanks (USTs) at two former Texaco stations in Stroudsburg and Scotrun, Pa. "Leaking underground storage tanks pose a significant threat to groundwater, the source of drinking water for nearly one-third of all Americans," said EPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Shawn M. Garvin. "Protecting our precious water resources is one of EPA's key priorities," Garvin added. "Owners and operators of underground storage tanks need to know that we take our mission of protecting human health and the environment seriously." In a 2006 complaint, EPA cited Century Oil for violations of regulations designed to avoid costly and environmentally harmful underground fuel storage leaks. An inspection of the two gas stations by EPA and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection revealed that the company did not provide required corrosion protection and leak

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prevention and detection safeguards for two USTs that were not empty when the company abandoned the gas stations in the late 1990s.

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### **GHANA, HOHOE, JANUARY 29 2010. TANKER DRIVER SENTENCED FOR CARELESS DRIVING**

Benjamin Narh, driver, has been sentenced to a fine of 200 cedis for careless and inconsiderate driving resulting into the death of Victor Mireku. Narh, who pleaded guilty, would serve seven months in hard labour if he defaults. Chief Inspector Samuel Gbedemah told the court that Narh, who was driving a fuel tanker from Tema to Kadjebi, knocked down the deceased who was riding a bicycle. Mr Gbedemah said the deceased sustained serious head injuries and died at the Hohoe Municipal hospital.

[http://www.ghananewsagency.org/s\\_humaninterest/r\\_11836/](http://www.ghananewsagency.org/s_humaninterest/r_11836/)

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### **UK, OXFORDSHIRE, JANUARY 30 2010. TANKER SPILL CLOSES ROAD**

Police have closed the A417 at East Hendred in both directions after a tanker spilt diesel all over the road. The driver was trying to avoid an accident on the opposite side of the road when his vehicle skidded on debris. The tanker fell on its side, breaking the fuel tank which then leaked its contents. The driver was unharmed. Police closed the road, near Wantage, shortly after 4pm and drivers have faced severe delays this evening. The initial accident, near the White Road junction, was between a Renault Master van and a Mercedes E320. Nobody was hurt. [Thames Valley Police](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk) spokesman Adam Fisher said the road should be open again at 8.15pm.

[http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/4881656.Tanker\\_spill\\_closes\\_road/](http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/4881656.Tanker_spill_closes_road/)

### **SAUDI ARABIA, JEDDAH, JANUARY 30 2010. DIESEL TANKER CATCHES FIRE**

*sultan al-tamimi*

A massive plume of black smoke was seen billowing over Jeddah's Tahlia St. on Thursday afternoon after a diesel tanker truck caught fire. The fire started as the tanker was offloading fuel at a construction site. No injuries were reported though the passenger in the truck had experienced minor shock at the experience. "I don't know how the fire started," said Abu Faraj, the truck's driver. "I saw smoke coming from the back of tanker . . . it spread out quickly to a nearby shack." Four Civil Defense firefighting teams responded to the precarious situation and managed to extinguish the flames and prevent an explosion. The cost of damage to the site is being assessed.

<http://www.arabnews.com/?page=1&section=0&article=132058&d=29&m=1&y=2010&pix=kingdom.jpg&category=Kingdom>

### **USA, MA, QUINCY, JANUARY 30 2010. CONTRACTOR CITED FOR TREACHEROUS TRENCHING**

Trenching safety hazards at two Massachusetts worksites have led to \$166,950 in proposed fines for L. Perrina Construction Co. Inc. OSHA cited the Methuen, Mass.-based contractor for a total of 23 alleged willful, serious, and other-than-serious violations of safety standards following inspections at worksites in Quincy and Lynnfield, where the company was installing water mains. OSHA

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found that employees at both locations were exposed to cave-in hazards while working in trenches more than 6 feet deep that were not protected against the collapse of their sidewalls, exposed to struck-by hazards from material stored at a trench's edge in Quincy and an undermined sidewalk in Lynnfield, and were not trained to recognize and avoid such hazards at either location. The Quincy trench also lacked a safe means of exit. Additional hazards included damaged, inadequate, or misused access ladders; a lack of inspections and safety training; electrical hazards; improper storage of flammables; and incomplete recording of injuries and illnesses in Quincy. They also included damaged lifting slings, electrical hazards, no backup alarm on an earth mover, and a lack of jobsite safety inspections in Lynnfield. "An unguarded excavation is a tomb in waiting. Its walls can collapse in moments, crushing and burying workers beneath tons of soil before they have a chance to react or escape," said Paul Mangiafico, OSHA's area director for Middlesex and Essex counties. "This deadly hazard is exacerbated when workers are not provided an effective means of safely entering and exiting the trench. No worker should enter a trench unless and until all required safeguards are in place and in use," said Brenda Gordon, OSHA's area director for Boston and southeastern Massachusetts. The company has 15 business days from receipt of its citations and proposed penalties to comply, participate in an informal conference with OSHA's area director, or contest the findings before the independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. The inspection was conducted by OSHA's area offices in Andover, Mass., and Braintree, Mass.

<http://ohsonline.com/articles/2010/01/29/contractor-cited-for-treacherous-trenching.aspx?admgarea=news>

### USA, TX, TEXAS CITY, JANUARY 30 2010. JUDGE THREATENS LAWYER IN BP BLAST CASES

*chris paschenko*

An attorney who represented 22 plaintiffs in the deadly 2005 explosions at BP's Texas City refinery is the subject of a court proceeding that could lead to contempt charges on grounds of barratry, a judge said Friday. Judge Susan Criss, of Galveston's 212th District Court, ordered Los Angeles attorney Danilo J. Becerra to appear in her court to produce documents related to his expenses associated with the trials. Becerra, who has not been found to have committed any wrongdoing, was a no-show, Criss said. Barratry is a term used to describe a wide variety of serious misconduct among attorneys. Criss heard lawsuits related to the explosion, which killed 15 and injured 180 workers at the refinery. Becerra's clients in question settled three weeks into trial, and some of the settlements reached eight figures, Criss said. An eight-figure number is at least \$10 million. One plaintiff, however, received only \$10,000 from the case, Criss said. Attorney Joseph M. Gourrier and his clients who received settlements appeared Friday in Criss' court, asking Becerra to disclose his expenses related to their cases. Attorney Daniel Anchondo, of El Paso, who is representing Becerra in Criss' court, presented boxes of expense statements. After looking through the records for 20 minutes, Gourrier told Criss there was no information on how the expenses were calculated and charged to each petitioner. Criss told Anchondo that Gourrier's clients legally are entitled to know the expenses in their cases, and she asked Anchondo how Becerra intended to resolve the matter. "Your honor, I've passed on what the court has asked me to obtain," Anchondo said. "We're going to keep coming here until we get answers," Criss said. Anchondo had no comment after court on the whereabouts of Becerra or why his client was a no-show. Becerra took money from clients for attorney fees that he shouldn't have taken, Gourrier claims. Gourrier further claims his clients were wrongfully billed for doctors fees. The Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct prohibit attorneys from collecting illegal or unconscionable fees. Criss hasn't signed a contempt order, but she said she would if she finds Becerra committed barratry and then didn't refund his attorney's fees in the BP cases. Criss could also hold Becerra in contempt for failing to produce records requested by Gourrier, she said. The decision to sign contempt orders wouldn't be made before next week, Criss said. Gourrier told Criss he wants to subpoena the Georgetown accountant Becerra used in the settlements. Criss ordered Becerra to appear in her court Feb. 17.

<http://www.galvnews.com/story.lasso?ewcd=ef75fc8d99814df4>

### USA, VA, FREDERICKSBURG, JANUARY 30 2010. FORT TO STUDY BLAST IMPACTS>> ARMY TO CONDUCT NOISE, VIBRATION TESTS FOR PLANNED RELOCATION OF EXPLOSIVE-TRAINING RANGES AT FORT A.P. HILL

*rusty dennen*

Going along with a request by residents of Port Royal, Fort A.P. Hill will conduct tests next week to gauge noise and potential environmental impacts from planned new ordnance-training sites. Base Commander Lt. Col. John Haefner outlined the details of the tests, to be conducted Feb. 4-10, in a letter to Port Royal Mayor Nancy Long. Haefner said 320 shots--containing a total of 1,210 pounds of explosives--are planned over the seven days. The smallest charges will be a quarter-pound, the largest, 1.25 pounds. Some will be fired at the original site planned for a new explosive ordnance school at Fort A.P. Hill, others at the Army's preferred site closer to Port Royal and Portobago Bay subdivision. That proposal is under final review in an Army environmental assessment that was the subject of a public hearing in Port Royal earlier this month. The test plan is "ambitious and requires considerable coordination among Army resources and close cooperation with the community representatives and homeowners," Haefner wrote. The Army is suggesting the placement of noise-monitoring equipment at 10 sites: Rappahannock gate on U.S. 17, Cooke Camp and Liberty Church on the base, Peumansend Regional Jail, two in Port Royal, one in Essex County and two in Portobago Bay, a subdivision along U.S. 17. It is asking local officials to suggest specific sites and agree to the test plan by noon Monday. Haefner added, "The community is welcome to obtain the services of independent acoustical engineers with their own calibrated equipment." Port Royal Mayor Nancy Long called the letter a "good step" toward working with the community over residents' concerns that noise and vibration from explosions would be disruptive and potentially harmful to buildings. "Sound testing is only one issue," she said. "And just one [test blast] here and there will not have the feel of what it will be like when guys are there training" or what could be added in the future. As for an independent assessment, "The town of Port Royal's budget is \$30,000 a

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year. We can't hire a firm to consult on a week's worth of testing," she said. Meanwhile, town and county officials and the Army are working to come up with a date to discuss residents' concerns brought up at the Jan. 7 public hearing. Under the Army's proposal, soldiers from Fort Lee near Petersburg will be bused to Fort A.P. Hill for basic and advanced demolition training. That's part of a Base Realignment and Closure Commission action in 2005. The Army has been stepping up ordnance training and disposal because improvised explosive devices are the top killer of U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

<http://fredericksburg.com/News/FLS/2010/012010/01302010/523945>

### AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, WHYALLA, JANUARY 30 2010. PETROCHEMICAL PLANS SPARK GULF WAR

*melissa mack*

The Whyalla Council has refused to put a temporarily stop on industrial proposals involving petrochemicals at Point Lowly, despite an oil leak in the area. The source of the leak at the Santos plant on the Upper Spencer Gulf has yet to be confirmed. The company was forced to request an extension from the Environmental Protection Authority for an interception trench to stop the chemicals leaking into the sea. This week Whyalla councillor Joanne Waters moved for a moratorium on all petrochemical industry-based proposals, but all other councillors voted against her. Ms Waters' motion called for a full EPA report on the oil spill and the effectiveness of the interception trench. "A full environmental impact study should be done of the effects of increased shipping, petrochemical leaks and contamination of the Upper Spencer Gulf," the motion said. Ms Waters said: "I'd like to see the council slow down and plan properly." The council has also approved a Stuart Petroleum diesel storage facility subject to 23 environmental conditions. Point Lowly is also the site of BHP Billiton's proposed desalination plant. "When the Santos plant was built 28 years ago it was state-of-the-art, but now they've got problems with holes in tanks," Ms Waters said. "All you need is one little accident and the whole gulf will be destroyed." A Santos spokesperson said the EPA-approved interception trench was completed earlier this month after construction delays. "The trench has been built between the coast and the plant to protect the marine environment," the spokesperson said. He said the trench would trap contaminants on site, and contaminated groundwater would be remediated. Save Point Lowly chairperson Andrew Melville-Smith said the trench had not proven successful in preventing oil contamination of the gulf. Mr Melville-Smith said the council should not approve a new diesel storage facility while existing facilities were faulty. "The Whyalla Council sent a clear signal to industry that the Point Lowly Peninsula is open for industrialisation," Mr Melville-Smith said. "The risk of leaks and spills are real and probable, and the vital fish nursery and cuttlefish breeding ground are too valuable a resource to lose." Mr Melville-Smith has also called for BHP Billiton's desalination plant to be built elsewhere. Citing marine scientists, the group says hyper saline discharge from the plant will kill the unique giant cuttlefish which use the area as a nursery. Last month, high-profile members of SA's fishing and aquaculture industry, including tuna baron Hagen Stehr, put their weight behind the campaign to keep Spencer Gulf clean. "The desalination plant must not come at the cost of damaging the sensitive ecosystem and the state's most economically valuable industries," said Greg Palmer, of the Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Fishermen's Association.

<http://www.independentweekly.com.au/news/local/news/general/petrochemical-plans-spark-gulf-war/1737561.aspx?storypage=0>

### USA, CA, HURLINGTON BEACH, JANUARY 30 2010. ORIGIN OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OIL SPILL UNKNOWN

An [oil accident](#) of unknown origin spilled almost 700 gallons of oil in a channel off the coast of California that drains to wetlands and the Pacific Ocean, reported the Los Angeles Times this morning. Petroleum is regularly shipped in tankers that are often old and rusted. Presumably, the spill originated either from a tanker with a massive leak in its holding tank or from some unknown entity or persons who deliberately dumped unwanted oil into the channel. It may also have leached into the water from a land-based holding facility. The oil slick is currently being contained and did not reach the Talbert wetlands or the ocean, according to Robert Wise, the on-scene coordinator for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Reports of an odor resembling petroleum first caught the EPA's attention on January 21. A day later public works crews from Orange County located the spill in the Huntington Beach Channel east of Beach Boulevard and south of Adams Avenue in the flood-control channel. Officials estimate that 672 gallons of oil had been spilled. "There was oil all the way across the channel from wall to wall," said Wise. "As the tide went in and out, it just sloshed the oil up and down the walls of the channel." The oil traveled approximately 1.8 miles downstream before authorities began to contain and eradicate the spill. A contractor hired by Orange County is cleaning up the spill by placing containment barriers in the 50-foot-wide, steel-lined channel and using vacuum trucks, absorbent materials and power washers. So far, Wise said, crews have removed about one-eighth of the oil. The cleanup is expected to take about three weeks. While containment efforts have become increasingly modernized and effective in recent years, oil accidents pose a significant danger to wetlands, wildlife and anything that depends on a natural water supply for sustenance. An oil slick in sea water can also have a negative impact on real estate values in a populated area.

<http://www.lawyersandsettlements.com/articles/13506/robert-wise-environmental-protection-agency-orange.html>

### USA, IN, FORT WAYNE, JANUARY 30 2010. LIBRARY LEAK SPARKS LAWSUIT>> 3,000 GALLONS OF DIESEL FUEL DISCOVERED

*matt mccutcheon*

**Watch the Video** <http://www.wane.com/dpp/news/wane-fwLibrary-leak-sparks-lawsuit>

It appears that the [Allen County Library Board](#) will file a lawsuit, after thousands of gallons of diesel fuel leaked underneath the downtown main library. It partially stems from the huge renovation of the library, which wrapped up in January of 2007 -- but not before crews made a nasty discovery. In October of 2006, construction crews noticed that diesel fuel was leaking beneath the

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library. Somehow a hole formed in a pipe that carried the fuel from a tank to a generator. It's how that happened that has been a major issue ever since. The library says it's not at fault, and after a review process, it believes a contractor is at fault. Shambaugh and Son is at least one of the companies named in a lawsuit that's expected to be filed, but officials with the company were unable to talk to NewsChannel 15 about the issue Friday. The clean-up process has taken years and has required many different treatments, mainly since it's such an environmentally-sensitive issue and also requires constant communication from the state department of environmental management. All told, nearly 3,000 gallons of diesel fuel went beneath the library. The lawsuit that's expected to soon be filed will try to seek money from to pay for the clean-up. One estimate shows a price tag of nearly \$500,000 that's been spent to treat the problem. It's not clear if the library is trying to get all that money from one company, or if they'll seek additional dollars. We should learn those details when the case is officially filed. Despite the problem and the years spent trying to fix it, the library has largely been able to operate as normal.

<http://www.wane.com/dpp/news/wane-fwLibrary-leak-sparks-lawsuit>

### **CHINA, INNER MONGOLIA AUTONOMOUS REGION, HOHHOT, JANUARY 30 2010. DEATH TOLL IN N.CHINA FIREWORK BLAST RISES TO 4**

One more body was retrieved Friday afternoon from debris of a firework factory in northern China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region to bring the confirmed death toll of the Wednesday explosion at the workshop to four, according to local government. Two people were still missing and eight injured remained in hospital after the explosion, said sources with the government of Tumote Left Banner in the regional capital, Hohhot. The accident happened at around 9:58 am at the Chunhua Firework Factory in Zhaohao village of Shandai town of the Banner, when 25 were working at the scene. Eleven escaped without injuries, said the banner government and regional public security bureau. The eight injured, including one in critical condition, have been sent to local hospital. The fire was put out at about 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. Rescuers continued to search for the two missing, and cause of the accident is being investigated. Local police have taken the owner of the workshop into custody. Baoyibatu, head of the regional work safety administration, said the Chunhua Firework Factory was an unlicensed workshop. Tumote Left Banner, with more than 200 years of history in fireworks production, will shut down all firework plants following the explosion, the local government said.

#### **Related Readings:**

- [3 dead in N. China firework blast](#)
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- [5 dead, 1 missing in NW China's chemical plant blast](#)

[http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2010-01/29/content\\_9400790.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2010-01/29/content_9400790.htm)

### **NEW ZEALAND, AUCKLAND, JANUARY 30 2010. AVIATION FUEL LEAK INVESTIGATED**

Investigations into how 600 litres of highly flammable aviation fuel leaked onto the road between Queenstown and Wanaka have begun. Traffic was delayed for four and a half hours this morning after a trailer full of Avgas came loose from the back of a ute. The container split open, leaking nearly half its load onto the road. Queenstown Lakes District Council spokeswoman Meaghan Miller says they will be assessing the cost of the clean up next week. She says why it occurred will be subject to a police investigation and the ute and trailer will be examined on Monday. Meaghan Miller says the environmental impact is thought to have been minimal.

<http://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/newsdetail1.asp?storyID=170064>

### **USA, IN, GARY, JANUARY 30 2010. USS STOPS TONS OF BENZENE FROM ENTERING LAKE >> 'MULTIPLE YEARS' OF TREATMENT STILL TO DO**

*gitte laasby*

U.S. Steel Gary Works treated and destroyed 10,000 pounds of benzene over three months in the fall as the company worked on preventing contaminated groundwater from leaking into Lake Michigan. The company still has "multiple years" of treatment to go, company officials said Thursday. The company discovered in the summer of 2008 that benzene-laden groundwater had been seeping from a demolished tank farm at the coke plant into Lake Michigan. The company installed a \$1.4 million line of 11 treatment wells that remove the benzene and cycle the water back to the ground. "To date, we've destroyed more than 10,000 pounds of benzene in less than three months of operation," said Mark Rupnow, corrective action environmental remediation manager at U.S. Steel at a meeting in Gary on Thursday. The system has been up and down due to technical issues. "It's really a containment-type system more than a treatment system. It does treat water to below standards, but it's really a containment system to make sure we catch all water that moves through that area," he said. Groundwater flows from south to north, but the line of treatment wells forms a barrier between the plant and Lake Michigan where the benzene is suspected to leak. The system has destroyed 99.9 percent of the benzene it took in, Rupnow said. He attributed the large amount of benzene removed to the high concentration in the area when the treatment started, but said the numbers are likely to trail off. "What you're basically doing is recycling a lot of clean water. As that system continues to operate, because you're recycling clean water with a lower concentration of contaminated water ... These numbers will trail off. As we started up this system, it was at the heart of benzene-rich groundwater," he said. Despite the effectiveness of the system, it could take years before the water is clean. "If groundwater only moves 17 feet a year and the system captures an 80-foot radius, it can take multiple years before we see totally clean water move past the system," he said. Water is also treated with two wells near where the leak occurred, about half a mile south of the lake.

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That system has removed an estimated 3,600 pounds of benzene in about 3.73 million gallons of groundwater in 2009. "It's lower than the amount of benzene treated the year before," Rupnow said. "What that means is the concentrations are going down in the heart of the plume." Indications are that the plume may also be moving west, so the company has moved two wells to that area, Rupnow said. The company is still trying to determine where, by the break wall, groundwater is most likely seeping into Lake Michigan. In the fall, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency brought in experts from the University of Waterloo in Canada to help. Because groundwater has a lower or higher temperature than lake water, depending on the season, researchers can use infrared thermography to determine how the water moves. Unfortunately, the weather changed before temperature changes were big and stable enough to detect, Rupnow said. U.S. Steel is supposed to take samples in the lake inside the break wall to determine if any of the leaked benzene poses a risk to human health or the environment.

<http://www.post-trib.com/news/2017725,usscite0129.article>

### **USA, NY, LOWER HUDSON, JANUARY 30 2010. CONTRACTOR GETS WEEKENDS JAIL, DEADLINE TO PAY FOR OIL SPILL**

*rebecca baker*

A judge Friday gave a Port Chester contractor another 17 months to pay off a \$35,000 fine for allowing hundreds of gallons of heating oil to leak into a property in Harrison in 2007. Meanwhile, the judge sentenced Anthony Casterella, who owns Cast Construction, to 16 weekends in jail for the spill. Casterella had pleaded guilty in November to third-degree endangering [public health](#) or the environment. He started serving his first weekend at Westchester County jail Friday night. State [Supreme Court](#) Justice William A. Wetzel in White Plains agreed to let him skip the weekend of April 23 so he can tend to a family matter. Casterella and his corporation were ordered to pay a \$75,000 fine. Cast Construction paid \$40,000 of the fine Friday, and Casterella guaranteed it would pay \$35,000 by June 15, 2011. "We hope to do it well before that date," his lawyer, Andrew Quinn, told the judge. If he fails to pay in full, he will be sent to state prison for one to three years. The charge is punishable by up to four years. Casterella, 45, was accused of rupturing an oil line during a renovation at 57 Kenilworth Road in December 2007. It caused more than 200 gallons of heating oil to seep into a neighbor's property, the groundwater and a quarter-acre of town wetlands. Prosecutors said he made no effort to clean it up. His previous lawyer, Tony Castro, delayed his sentencing so many times, trying to cobble together the cash, that acting state Supreme Court Justice Robert Neary accused them of trying to make "a fool" of the court and prosecution. Casterella had argued that his business was hit hard by the economy and negative publicity following the spill. The judge was unswayed, revoking the plea and giving him an ultimatum: Go to jail for six months or go to trial. He chose to go to trial, but Quinn settled the case.

<http://www.lohud.com/article/20100130/NEWS02/1300327/-1/newsfront/Contractor-gets-weekends-jail--deadline-to-pay-for-oil-spill>

### **CANADA, SASKATCHEWAN, LA RONGE, JANUARY 30 2010. HATCHET LAKE BAND FINED IN FUEL SPILL**

The Hatchet Lake Denesulene First Nation has been fined approximately \$50,000 after a fuel spill in the community in June of 2006. Representatives from Hatchet Lake appeared in Provincial Court in La Ronge Thurs. Jan. 21, 2010 for sentencing. The First Nation pleaded guilty in a Wollaston Lake courtroom in November of 2009, to five out of six counts in relation to the 2006 fuel spill. Judge Sid Robinson, following the suggestion of federal and provincial counsel, fined the First Nation \$7,000 each on five counts under federal and provincial legislation and a \$2,800 surcharge on each of two counts under provincial legislation. Plus, there was a further \$10,000 restitution to be paid to the Environmental Damages Fund. In calling for the fine, Bruce Bauer, with public prosecutions for the federal government and Inez Cardinal, a senior crown prosecutor with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice and Attorney General, highlighted the events following a fuel spill in the community of Wollaston Lake. Primary evidence in the sentencing process was provided through the use of a series of photographs taken in the days following the spill. Although there was a suggestion of vandalism by a youth in connection to the spill, no conviction was pursued. It was stated that security personnel had checked the tank farm between midnight and 2 a.m. and every 20 minutes thereafter until 6:30 a.m. on June 12, and found no problem. However, during the next patrol at 11:30 a.m. somebody noticed the hose laying on the ground and diesel fuel flowing from the nozzle. In total, approximately 5,000 litres of diesel fuel leaked out of the hose into a channel which flows into Welcome Bay, which is part of Wollaston Lake. Initially the band responded by proceeding with measures to clean up the spill; absorbent booms were placed in the water in the area affected by the spill. But, when the Band discovered they did not have insurance coverage, and the bill for cleanup could reach the \$1 million mark, the cleanup work stopped. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada later stepped in to assist the Band with the cost of cleaning up the spill. The Band was cited in Court with failure to comply with orders in connection to the clean up, according to the information presented by the prosecutors. According to the evidence presented in a series of photographs taken in the days following the spill, the electric meter had been removed from the fuel tanks, which was indicated to be a dangerous practice. Also while the nozzles and hoses attached to the fuel tanks had chains and locks on them; they were not locked to anything, according to evidence presented. In subsequent evidence information showed that water testing in March of 2007 the drinking water supply remained within safe levels. Subsequent testing showed no loss of fish or waterfowl in connection with the spill, according to the evidence presented. Some confusion also existed over the ownership of the fuel tank farm where the fuel spill originated. The Wollaston Co-op owned the tank farm initially; the Coop closed at some time before the spill. In passing judgment, Robinson commented on being "somewhat disturbed" by the lack of attention the community receives from environmental regulators, both federal and provincial. Ed Benoanie, councillor for the Hatchet Lake Denesulene First Nation, presented a cheque to the Court on behalf of the First Nation to cover the fine. In his remarks, Benoanie said the Band had a good relationship with provincial conservation officers until they were moved out of the community about six or seven years ago,

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a move, Benoanie said, which has left the Band with a "lot more responsibility" (for environmental issues and concerns.) The Band has taken over the store operation and fuel sales from the Wollaston Co-op, which does not seem to have been dissolved, but just ceased to operate, according to evidence presented. It was noted during the proceedings that Hatchet Lake First Nation subsequently built a new fuel tank farm farther inland, away from the lake and which meets environmental standards and requirements. The fines, which could have been much higher and where suggested by the prosecutor, take into consideration the fact that Hatchet Lake is not a wealthy band. John (Jack) Hilson, counsel for Hatchet Lake, noted the money used by the Band to pay the fine was taken out of Hatchet Lake's funds slated for programming.

<http://www.townoflaronge.ca/TheNortherner/Story.php?id=669>

### USA, PA, READING, JANUARY 30 2010. GASOLINE TANKER CATCHES FIRE BUT DOESN'T EXPLODE



The tank truck carrying gasoline that caught fire Friday and pulled onto the northbound Route 61 ramp from Route 222. The fire was controlled in about 30 minutes. A tank truck carrying 8,000 gallons of gasoline caught fire Friday morning on northbound Route 222 near an exit ramp to Route 61 in Muhlenberg Township, forcing police to stop traffic on both highways for fear the tanker might explode. The driver of the tractor-trailer, Michael McElfresh, 64, Carlisle, Cumberland County, pulled the rig onto the ramp to northbound Route 61 shortly before 7 after a motorist sounded his horn and pointed to smoke coming from beneath the cab, police said. McElfresh got out of the rig, which sat burning on the ramp. McElfresh got out of the rig, which sat burning on the ramp. Fire police initially were called to block traffic on Route 61 at Tuckerton

Road, but officials had to close northbound Route 222 because too many people were stopping to look at and take pictures of the burning rig, Community Relations Officer Joel Marino said. "We spent too much police time keeping people away," Marino said. "This thing was literally in danger of blowing up." Marino said fear of an explosion grew when the first fire crew ran out of water. Chief Brian Kissinger of the Goodwill Fire Company of Hyde Park said that occurred because there were not enough volunteers responding to man other trucks. A tanker task force was called to shuttle water from a hydrant at Route 61 and Crossroads Boulevard. The fire was controlled within a half-hour and the highways reopened soon after that. The northbound exit ramp from Route 222 remained closed for about seven hours while the fuel was transferred to another tanker and the damaged rig was towed. Officials said it appears the fire was caused by a fault in the exhaust system.

<http://readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=191662>

### SWEDEN, STOCKHOLM, JANUARY 30 2010. CAR EXPLODES AT STOCKHOLM PETROL STATION

Two people were injured on Friday afternoon when a car exploded at a Statoil service station in the Stockholm suburb Gubbängen. "I have no details about the status of those injured except that one of them is unconscious and is being treated by ambulance staff," said police spokeswoman Christina Johansson. The car was stationed beside a petrol pump when the explosion took place at 3pm, rescue workers said. The cause of the explosion is not yet known. Police sealed off the area around the petrol station following the blast but said there was no risk of further explosions.

<http://www.thelocal.se/24684/20100129/>

### USA, TX, ANGLETON, JANUARY 30 2010. OFFICIALS PROBE CAUSE OF FLASH FIRE IN TANK

*john tompkins*

Investigators and owners of an Angleton business tried to piece together what happened Friday after two workers were burned by fumes that ignited inside a tank they were painting Thursday. Mark Blevins, 56, and David Williams-Smith, 30, both of Clute remained in critical condition late Friday at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston, hospital officials said. About 75 percent to 100 percent of their bodies had been burned in the flash fire, officials said. The explosion happened about 4 p.m. Thursday at Thermal Polymer Systems in the 900 block of Highway 288-B on the south side of the overpass at Kiber Street. Blevins and Smith were applying a primer coating to the tank when the fumes ignited. A third man, 44, also from Clute, was treated at the scene and refused to go to the hospital, police said. The owners met with employees Friday to discuss what happened and are offering counseling, said Darla Murrell, who owns Thermal Polymer Systems with her husband Donnie. "We're both devastated," she said. "We're a very tight, close-knit family out here. Osur employees are handling it the very best they can." Darla Murrell said she and her husband had been in contact with Smith's and Blevins' relatives since Thursday. The company has been operating in Angleton for 15 years, Murrell said. Angleton Police Lt. Mike Jones said what caused the flash fire is not known. "We're looking at a light as being the possible source of ignition," he said. The workers had a shop light on a stand inside the tank while they were applying the primer, Jones said. Once the fumes ignited, they burned inside the tank and the flames immediately died out, he said. "Structure-wise, there was no damage at all," Jones said. The Occupational Health and Safety Administration will investigate, police said. The scene also was evaluated by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality officials on Thursday. "There are no environmental hazards there," Jones said. Angleton Fire Marshal Robert Owens said the plant had no known previous incidents before Thursday. Thermal Polymer Systems specializes in coating tanks for commercial and industrial use. They provide services for chemical manufacturers, power plants, nuclear plants and refineries, Darla Murrell said. Each tank the company lines is unique and requires specific procedures, depending upon what types of chemicals it will hold, she said. Blevins and Smith, "were following the procedure step-by-step," she said.

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### **BULGARIA, TARGOVISHTTE, JANUARY 31 2010. CAR GAS SYSTEM EXPLODED, 19-YEAR-OLD DIES**

*An explosion at the methane gas station in the city of Targovishte killed 1 and injured 4 Saturday.*

19-year-old has died after an explosion of car gas system in the region of Targovishte, the National Medical Coordinative Center announced for FOCUS News Agency. The incident occurred at 10.05am at a gas station when the car was loaded with fuel. A 33-year-old worker at the gas station as well as a boy and a girl, aged 16 and 17 has been injured. The incident occurred at about 10:00am when youths were travelling with Moskvic Aleko car with Targovishte license plate. They stopped at the gas station on Sofia-Varna I-4 road to refuel. There were five people in the car, as the driver got off the car in order to refuel and four people left in the car. Then the gas system, which was installed in the trunk of the car exploded. As a result of the blow a 19-year-old boy died on the spot. The rest passengers in the car were injured as well as the worker on the gas station. They have been transported to the hospital in Targovishte. Their life is out of danger.

<http://www.focus-fen.net/index.php?id=n208526>

### **CANADA, ALTA, BOYLE, JANUARY 31 2010. BOYLE RESIDENTS FORCED TO EVACUATE AFTER 10,000 FUEL SPILL**

North of our a city in Boyle fire officials, Hazmat and environmental crews are working to control an fuel spill at a gas station in their community. "Residents have been moved a safe distance." explains Jim Giancola, Deputy Mayor of Boyle. "They're staying at the Word of Faith Church right now cause the community centre is being renovated. So their up at the church until they are give the all clear. We have re-opened a co-op grocery next door, because its been determined that they are no longer at risk, But just in case they stir up some fumes, because fumes from gasoline are quite volatile." Giancola says that most of the gas was contained under the spill site in the gravel, and he doesn't believe any made it into storm sewers or drains. Erin Carrier, a spokeswoman with Alberta Environment, says as much as 10,000 litres may have spilled. She says they're trying to determine how extensive the spill is. Carrier says there don't appear to be any bodies of water nearby, though there is a storm drain in the area.

<http://www.inews880.com/Channels/Reg/LocalNews/story.aspx?ID=1190650>

### **CHINA, INNER MONGOLIA, HOHHOT, JANUARY 31 2010. FIREWORKS EXPLOSION KILLS 5**

 **Watch the Video [2-minute, 5-second video]**

<http://www.reliableplant.com/View/22574/Explosion-fireworks-factory-China>

### **AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, BENALLA, FEBRUARY 2 2010. TANKER ROLLOVER CLEAN-UP CLOSES TRUCK ROUTE >> 20KL SPILT**

VicRoads says a truck route off the Midland Highway at Benalla will be closed for at least a week after a truck rollover in the area. The truck, carrying diesel and petrol, rolled on Link Road between the Midland Highway and the Benalla-Yarrawonga Road on Friday afternoon. The crash caused up to 20,000 litres of fuel to seep into the ground. VicRoads and the Environmental Protection Authority are working with the truck company to clean the contaminated area. Graham Freestone from VicRoads says the Midland Highway near Link Road has been reduced to 70 kilometres per hour and detours are in place. "Trucks that would leave the Hume, travel up the Midland and use the Link Road to go to Yarrawonga, will need to use the Winton interchange which is just north of that," he said.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/02/01/2806624.htm?site=goulburnmurray>

### **USA, KY, ASHLAND, FEBRUARY 2 2010. JUDGE MOVES CHEMICAL LEAK TRIAL TO NORTHERN KENTUCKY**

A federal judge has moved the second civil trial stemming from a 2004 chemical release at a DuPont plant in Kentucky. U.S. District Judge David L. Bunning ordered the case moved from Ashland to Covington for the start of proceedings on Friday. The Independent of Ashland reports the suit is being tried in four phases. In the first trial, a jury awarded about \$1.3 million to six plaintiffs suing the company. Neighbors of the company's plant in Wurtland in Greenup County sued over a leak in a cracked pipe at the plant on Oct. 11, 2004. The jury found DuPont liable for skin burns, eye irritation and respiratory and eye problems the neighbors suffered. DuPont argued that it gave warnings to neighbors about the leak and was not responsible for any injuries.

<http://www.local12.com/news/local/story/Judge-Moves-Chemical-Leak-Trial-to-Northern/GC3qrQasX0eiXNK7dmpBXw.csp>

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