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USA, WA, LEWIS CO, JANUARY 1 2010. SEMI CARRYING 10K GALLONS OF ASPHALT SPILLS TAR, FUEL IN CRASH

Slideshow <http://www.kirotv.com/news/22099502/detail.html>

A semi truck hauling 10,000 gallons of asphalt rolled over in Lewis County causing tar fuel to spill from the wreckage. Lewis County fire officials said the crash happened at about 12:30 a.m. Thursday on northbound Interstate 5 at the Koontz Road overpass in the Napavine area. All lanes of the freeway are closed while the Department of Transportation contains fuel and tar leakage. Traffic is being rerouted around the scene while debris and the crashed truck are cleared from the scene.

<http://www.kirotv.com/news/22099502/detail.html>

USA, FLA, CLERMONT, JANUARY 1 2010. FLORIDA WILL CLOSE NONCOMPLIANT STATIONS TOMORROW >> THE DEADLINE FOR UPGRADING UNDERGROUND FUEL TANKS IS TODAY

For some Florida gasoline stations, the holidays have not meant a welcomed boost in income but shuttered gas pumps because of construction to install double-walled underground fuel storage tanks, the Orlando Sentinel reports. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will [close all noncompliant stations](#) tomorrow. Even though the January 1, 2010, deadline for upgrades was first communicated roughly a decade ago, some stations delayed the project because of the high price tag for the construction, which can run between \$250,000 and \$400,000. Another reason for waiting until the last minute has been that the upgrade construction can take up to six weeks, during which no gasoline can be sold. While the station's convenience store can remain open during the work, customers have to be willing to transverse the construction site to get to the store. "Business is down big time," said clerk D.K. Soni at a Shell convenience store that is undergoing construction now. "I'll be glad when the work is over, ... but we had to do it." By late December, the DEP reported more than 7,000 facilities with below ground fuel storage had complied, with more than 80 percent of all gasoline and convenience stores having made the upgrade. While no one knows how many stations will be closed Jan. 1, "I'm estimating it will be between 5 percent and 15 percent of the stations in Florida," said Jim Smith, president and CEO of the Florida Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association. With around 9,200 gas stations in the state, "I doubt we'll lose 15 percent of them, but even at 10 percent, you're still looking at about 900 facilities," said Smith, adding that some smaller localities might not have a gasoline station anymore. Any noncompliant station selling gasoline after January 1 could be fined up to \$10,000 per day. Even if noncompliant stations stop selling fuel to switch to operating only as a convenience store, that location has 12 months to either upgrade the tanks, take out the old tanks or fill the old tanks with an "inert solid material," such as a special foam or sand.

<http://www.nacsonline.com/NACS/News/Daily/Pages/ND1231092.aspx>

NETHERLANDS, HOOFFDORP, JANUARY 1 2010. RECORD HAUL IN ILLEGAL FIREWORKS

Police and customs officials seized a record 241,440 kg of illegal fireworks in the run-up to the New Year celebrations, almost 90 tonnes more than last year and probably a new record, the Telegraaf reports. Among the biggest finds were 51,000 kgs of Chinese firecrackers in Rotterdam and 30,000 kgs of illegal fireworks in Hoofddorp. Meanwhile, the firework frenzy has claimed its first serious victim. A man from the village of Eefde in Gelderland province has lost a leg and is seriously ill in hospital after a butane gas tank exploded when he was making an explosion with carbon carbide. Carbidischieten (shooting carbide) involves mixing carbide and water in a milk churn with a lid and is a New Year tradition in rural areas of the Netherlands.

http://www.dutchnews.nl/news/archives/2009/12/record_haul_in_illegal_firewor.php

USA, OH, SALEM, JANUARY 1 2010. SUIT FILED OVER FORMER SALEM STATION

A lawsuit has been filed in Columbiana County Common Pleas Court as part of a state effort to clean up problems in 26 Ohio counties, Ted Hart, a spokesman for Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray, said recently. The lawsuits were filed against Premcor Refining Group, which previously operated as Clark Oil & Refining Corp. Premcor owned and operated the now-closed Clark station at 824 W. State St., Salem. The station had existed at least to 1988. In November 1991, the state fire marshal received a closure report that indicated that petroleum had leaked from underground storage tanks. The lawsuit claims the company violated deadlines for complying with the state regulations to fix or prepare plans for improvements at the station in Salem for a total of 638 days. Each violation could bring up to a \$10,000 fine. Steve Andres, Salem's service director, said he was unaware of the situation until the lawsuit was announced. A company representative could not be reached Thursday.

<http://www.vindy.com/news/2010/jan/01/suit-filed-over-former-salem-station/?newswatch>

INDIA, KERALA, JANUARY 1 2010. TWO KILLED IN KERALA GAS TANKER FIRE, HIGHWAY CORDONED OFF

Watch the Video http://english.ndtv.com/ndtv_en/ns_asia/2009-12-31/587645870163.html

Watch the Video http://videos.sify.com/watch/One_dead_21_injured_as_gas_tanker_catches_fire_in_Kerala-jm5sOddgai.html

Two people were killed and at least 20 injured early Thursday when a gas tanker lost control after it hit a car and turned over in a blaze of fire on a national highway in Kerala. The raging fire on National Highway 47 at Karunagapally, 85 km from state capital Thiruvananthapuram, also destroyed a police jeep, a car and several two wheelers, police said. The highway continued to be cordoned off, hours after the incident. The injured have been admitted to various hospitals in Kollam and Thiruvananthapuram. Six people are critical and three others stated to be serious following burn injuries, officials said. The dead have been identified as Rashid, 32, and Biju, 34, both residents of Karunagapally. Home Minister Kodyeri Balakrishnan, who visited the accident site Thursday afternoon, said the immediate task was to see that the injured got proper treatment. "Of course, there will be an inquiry

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into what happened. There are shortcomings because of adequate fire fighting equipment, but the police and fire force did a good job in the rescue operations," said Balakrishnan. Five police officials and some fire personnel also suffered burn injuries. "A police jeep that arrived at the scene went up in flames. Those living in the vicinity have been evacuated and several fire engines toiled for hours together and the flames are now completely doused," said an eyewitness, adding that there were concerns the entire lorry might explode.

<http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/uncategorized/two-killed-in-kerala-gas-tanker-fire-highway-cordoned-off> 100297196.html

BANGLADESH, SITAKUNDA, JANUARY 1 2010. SHIP-BREAKER IGNORED EXPLOSIVE WARNING

pinaki roy

Rahim Steel and Ship-breaking Yard violated the warning of the Department of Explosives while scrapping oil tanker MT AGATE in Sitakunda on Saturday, which caused an explosion killing six workers and injuring many others. The Department of Explosives had issued a certificate, warning that some tanks of the ship were "not free from dangerous petroleum vapour" and not safe for human entry and heat-generating work. Rahim Steel's dismantling work was also a violation of a High Court order. "Cleaning [petroleum and flammable substances off a tanker before dismantling it] costs money. Shipyard owners do not want to spend that amount," said Khairul Bashar, chief inspector of the Department of Explosives, Dhaka. The steel company's Manager Abdus Sattar Selim, however, claimed after the accident that they had cleaned the ship before dismantling. On June 11, the High Court directed authorities to shut down all shipyards that do not have environmental clearance certificate. It also asked ship-breaking companies to clean toxic ships before bringing them into Bangladesh territory. Later, following an appeal from the shipyard owners' association the Supreme Court stayed the High Court order on shutting down shipyards. The apex court upheld the High Court directive for cleaning ships before dismantling them. The Department of Explosives gave two certificates for MT AGATE, saying six tanks of the vessel were "not free from dangerous petroleum vapour" and not safe for human entry and heat-generating work. Diamond Steel Products Co (Pvt) Ltd bought the ship from Bestrank Pte Ltd of Singapore and JF (Bangladesh) Ltd requested the Department of Explosives to test it. The first certificate was issued on October 10 when the tanker was at the outer anchorage and the second one on October 19 when the ship arrived at Madambibirhat in Sitakunda. The first certificate mentioned that all tanks and rooms on the ship should be cleaned, washed, freed from gas and tested by the Department of Explosives before scrapping. The second certificate, however, omitted the warning, just saying the six tanks are not safe for human entry. Nazrul Islam, one of the injured workers undergoing treatment at the Burn Unit of Dhaka Medical College and Hospital, yesterday told The Daily Star, "I do not know the name of the tank that exploded. The operator was cutting the ship and suddenly I heard an explosion and found fire around me."

<http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=119984>

USA, WV, DOLA, JANUARY 1 2010. TANKER ACCIDENT SHUTS DOWN ROUTE 20 >> ROUTE 20 WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR MOST OF THURSDAY MORNING

karen kiley

Route 20 is shut down in Harrison County between Gregory's Run Road and Bennett's Run Road due to an accident. It happened just after 5 a.m. near the community of Dola on Little Laurel Run Road, according to Harrison County 911 officials. A tanker truck carrying propane and butane rolled into the creek, according to 911 officials. The Lumberport Fire Department, Harrison County EMS and Harrison County Sheriff's Department responded. Emergency crews are keeping people away from the scene. Route 20 is expected to be shut down for several hours, while crews bring in another truck to help unload the fuel. The driver was taken to United Hospital Center with minor injuries, officials said.

<http://www.wlbt.com/Global/story.asp?S=11752309>

USA, TX, WACO, SPEEGLEVILLE, JANUARY 1 2010. CAR CATCHES FIRE AT GAS STATION, OWNER RECOUNTS INCIDENT

Watch the Video <http://www.kwtx.com/home/headlines/80405462.html>

Watch the Video <http://www.kxxv.com/Global/story.asp?S=11751929>



A car mysteriously caught fire at a Texaco early Thursday morning. The driver and his passenger were able to get out safely but the station's gas pumps did suffer significant damage. Robert Edwards says what was just a stop to fill up on gas but that quickly changed for him. "I said the car is smoking. She got out and coming from the front passenger headlight, there were flames. She said oh crap your car is on fire! Run," Edwards said. Edwards and his passenger ran across the street unharmed, afraid of the explosive possibility. "I was just thinking any second my car is going to blow up the Texaco," he said. Firefighters were called to the scene as the car continued to burn but there was one problem, the fog. It was so thick they couldn't see the flames to even find the fire. They eventually did, putting out the flames to uncover nothing left but a charred pile of metal. "All I have left is my license plate, Edwards said. The pumps were shut down Thursday, both badly charred. For Edwards, his only form of transportation is

now gone. "I'm worried about how I'm going to get back and forth. I'm a full time college student and a full time employee at H.E.B., and I don't know what I'm going to do now. I mean, I live an hour away and have to get to Waco every day. I don't know what I'm going to do," said Edwards. The Texaco says they are looking at all aspects on how this might have happened. The primary danger

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from the fire was the gas inside the car's tanks because it was the most exposed. Texaco says however, they will test their gas lines when they replace the charred pumps.

<http://www.kxxv.com/Global/story.asp?S=11754534>

USA, MS, JACKSON, JANUARY 1 2010. 18 WHEELER ACCIDENT SHUTS DOWN TRAFFIC

Watch the Video <http://www.wlbt.com/Global/story.asp?S=11752309>

Photo's <http://www.wlbt.com/Global/story.asp?S=11752309>

Motorists traveling Highway 18 near the Hinds/Copiah line will have to take another route. The Mississippi Highway Patrol says it will be sometime this afternoon before the scene is clear involving an 18-wheeler accident on Highway 18. Emergency crews are on the scene to clean up spilled gasoline. Both lanes of traffic are closed from Hinds Community College to Dentsville Road at Carpenter because of a gas leak. No injuries reported and the cause of the accident is not known at this time. The highway is expected to reopen around 2pm

<http://www.wlbt.com/Global/story.asp?S=11752309>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE, JANUARY 1 2010. TWO INJURED IN FIREWORK EXPLOSIONS

mex cooper

A 14-year-old boy and 40-year-old man were lucky to escape without serious eye injuries when firecrackers exploded in their faces in separate new year's incidents, paramedics say. The boy had just celebrated the striking of midnight when he lit a firework at an Altona Meadows home. The cracker blew up in his face leaving his forehead cut, cheeks burnt and eyelashes singed, paramedic Ashlea Dougherty said. "Given the firecracker exploded in his face he is lucky he didn't suffer more serious injuries to his eyes," she said. He was taken to the Royal Children's Hospital in a stable condition. Less than an hour later, a 40-year-old man also suffered facial injuries but was fortunate to have been wearing glasses when an illegal firework hit him in the face, a Victoria Police spokesman said. The man had been lighting a number of illegal fireworks in his Melton West front yard just before 1am when the last of the crackers exploded and struck him in the jaw, burning his face and neck, according to police. He was treated at the scene but did not need to be taken to the hospital and while his glasses were left scorched, they protected his eyes from the blast. The man is expected to be charged via summons with possession of banned fireworks.

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/two-injured-in-firework-explosions-20100101-1les.html>

USA, PA, DELAWARE CO, ASTON, JANUARY 1 2010. OFFICIALS SCRAMBLE TO FIND SOURCE OF ASTON GASOLINE LEAK

paul luce

Authorities are searching for the source of a gasoline leak from the ConocoPhillips tank farm that caused the evacuation of five homes and the closure of Cherry Tree Road Wednesday. The underground leak, which began Tuesday evening, was confined to the area's sewer system. It deposited high levels of gasoline vapors into some residents' basements through faulty sewer traps, Aston Township Assistant Fire Marshal Sean Joyce said at a press conference. While the source has yet to be determined, the leak was either from a pipeline or from part of a storage tank in the area between Cherry Tree Road and Frazer Lane, Joyce said. "Now that we have it isolated and we are not chasing the source as much, it is under control," he said. "Obviously, we want to err on the side of caution because we are dealing with a petroleum product." Although the houses facing the tank farm on Cherry Tree Road were not affected by the leak, five houses on the nearby 2200 block of Clearview Lane were voluntarily evacuated. The residents are staying with relatives and will be allowed to return once officials have checked the vapor levels, authorities said. "For traffic and everything else, this area will be shut down. We will let (residents) return once we continue to check the (lower explosive limit) levels," Joyce said. No gasoline had made it into the county's sewer treatment plant, though sewer officials have been monitoring the situation closely, Joyce said. "Most of the sewer traps in peoples' home will keep this product out, like the sewer traps are designed to do," Joyce said. "Some with weaker sewer traps, they're getting higher levels of vapors in the basement." Joyce said the gasoline could have escaped from pipelines in the street because of the cold weather and leaked into the sewer system. Joyce said depending on their age and depth in the ground, most pipes "do not have a good relationship with cold weather." "In any type of refinery situation, typically, all of your pipe fractures are when the weather goes from somewhat cold to extreme cold conditions," he said. Joyce said there had been no previous problems of this nature with the tank farm or pipelines. The tanks hold water, gasoline and various petroleum products, including crude oil. Repeated phone calls to ConocoPhillips were not returned Wednesday, though Joyce said ConocoPhillips representatives were on the scene for several hours Wednesday. The third-largest integrated energy company in the U.S., ConocoPhillips has a refinery located in Trainer. The energy giant was cited by the U.S. Department of Labor in December 2008 for 27 safety violations, and was ordered to pay \$116,500 in penalties. Aston residents Kevin and Keith Melanson, two brothers who live near Clearview Lane, said they felt confident in the township's response to the leak. "I think they have it under control," said Keith, a schoolteacher. "Aston's finest is all over it." The brothers said they have grown accustomed to living near a petroleum tank farm. "It's always a concern," said Kevin, a teacher in Chester Township. "We're just used to it really." Diane Cowdright, who lives just a few blocks away from where authorities believe the leak originated, said when she saw her street closed off and filled with fire trucks, she wanted to find out if she had to evacuate her home. She said she definitely felt better after fire officials said her home was safe. "Hopefully, it can be taken care of. It looks like this going to be awhile

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still," said Cowdright, a teaching assistant at Pennell Elementary School. Joyce encouraged residents to call 911 if they detected a gasoline odor in their homes. "We will come out, we will test and we will take readings," said Joyce.

<http://www.delcotimes.com/articles/2009/12/31/news/doc4b3c1ee7e3974868457560.txt>

PHILIPPINES, MANILA, JANUARY 1 2010. FIRECRACKER STALLS IN 2 LUZON AREAS HIT BY EXPLOSIONS, FIRE

Firecracker stalls in 2 separate areas in Luzon were hit by explosions and fire on Thursday afternoon, reports said, killing at least 1 person and injuring 9 others. In Muñoz City in Nueva Ecija province, an estimated 25 stalls, which were also selling firecrackers, went up in smoke past 5 p.m.. The stalls were located in front of the city hall of Muñoz. Authorities said 1 vendor has been confirmed killed in the blaze while 9 were injured. The 50-year-old fatality, who was not named by officials, was reportedly totally burned in the blaze. Probers were still investigating the cause of the fire as reports varied. One report said that a lighted cigarette was thrown near the stalls which might have ignited the firecrackers while another said 1 kid lit a firecracker near the stalls. Meanwhile, a row of stalls also selling firecrackers in San Manuel town in Pangasinan province went ablaze, reportedly after an explosion 5 p.m.. An initial report said a lighted "baby rocket" firecracker fell into the stalls and caused the explosion.

<http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/nation/regions/12/31/09/firecracker-stalls-2-luzon-areas-hit-explosions-fire>

USA, SOUTH DAKOTA, BROOKINGS, JANUARY 1 2010. ETHANOL SAFETY TRAINING TO BE OFFERED IN SD >> SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY OFFERS OSHA SAFETY AND HEALTH COURSE FOR ETHANOL PLANTS

The office of Engineering Extension at South Dakota State University is offering a 10-hour safety and health course for the ethanol industry. The two-day workshop includes an outline of OSHA standards, environmental health controls, fire protection, grain handling and conveyor safety, electrical safety, and railroad and materials handling safety. Program director James Manning said the certified program can reduce insurance rates and lost-time accidents. It will be held Jan. 20-21 in Brookings.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory?id=9457210>

CHINA, SHAANXI PROVINCE, JANUARY 2 2010. NINE DEAD IN CHINA FIREWORKS FACTORY BLAST: MEDIA

Nine workers have been killed and eight others injured after an explosion in a fireworks factory in northern China, state-run media reported Saturday. The blast happened Friday afternoon at the Xinping Firecrackers Co Ltd in Shaanxi province, destroying all seven workshops producing festive explosives, Xinhua news agency said, citing a statement from the local work safety bureau. Police have launched a search for the factory boss Qu Pingxin, who fled after the explosion, Xinhua said. China has a huge fireworks industry that is notorious for its lax safety standards. The central government has announced a number of campaigns in recent years to make the industry safer, but accidents, mostly at illegal or poorly run workshops, continue to occur due to the drive for profits.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iHH5yi68SY7Si4V-3Qw3Zoj_Eq5w

USA, OK, BETHANY, JANUARY 3 2010. OIL RIG WORKER KILLED IN BETHANY ACCIDENT

charles bassett

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The pipe punctured this mobile home office that was on site.

An oil field worker was killed New Year's Day morning in a Bethany industrial accident. Police say 35-year-old Donnie Vickery of Noble died shortly after 8 a.m. Friday at NW 27th and Rockwell Avenue. Investigators say workers were trying to change a drill bit on a large pipe when part of the pipe weighing more than a ton broke loose. "That pipe fell uncontrolled on to one of the building structures that the men stay in, landing on top of an individual and killing him," Lt. Jack Jencks with the Bethany Police Department said. The pipe came down on a trailer slicing it in half. Police say with the weight of the pipe and the momentum it was like getting hit by a truck. The victim was inside at the time sitting in a chair; an hour earlier, he had met with his workers. Police say the victim actually lived in the trailer several days a week while working. "Anytime you're dealing with industrial equipment and this type of heavy equipment there's always the potential for injuries," Jencks said. Another worker had a minor injury to his hand and he was treated at the scene and released. Police say from what they can tell so far the company hasn't had a problem with safety issues. "It seems as a tragic accident," said Jencks. "We're making sure to cover all of our basis that there wasn't negligence involved, but initially it seems as if it's just a tragic industrial accident." Police say Vickery was married and the father of three children. The rig is operated by a company called Forster Drilling. Attempts to reach them have been unsuccessful.

<http://www.newson6.com/Global/story.asp?S=11756386>

AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, WELSHPOOL, JANUARY 3 2010. \$3 MILLION DAMAGE IN WELSHPOOL FREIGHT TERMINAL EXPLOSION

A series of explosions at the Greyhound freight terminal in Welshpool has caused a damage bill of up to \$3 million last night. The Police arson squad has spent the night investigating the cause for the explosion of a fertiliser just before ten o'clock at the compound in Moriarty Road. The first explosion set off a chain reaction of blasts in other vehicles that destroyed several trailers, cars and a prime mover. A tourist bus was also damaged. Police Inspector Dominic Wood says the fire is not considered to be suspicious. Fire and Rescue Service firefighters were able to bring the blaze under control just after 11pm.

<http://www.watoday.com.au/wa-news/3-million-damage-in-welshpool-freight-terminal-explosion-20100103-lmva.html>

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INDIA, CHENNAI, JANUARY 3 2010. OUT-OF-NOWHERE OIL SLICK BLACKENS ECR COASTLINE

greeshma gopal giri

Crude oil has been washing up ashore along the East Coast Road near Uthandi since Friday afternoon, turning the silvery sea jet black, leaving ugly black blotches on the sand and beaching scores of dead fish. A foul smell similar to that of crude oil came in from the sea. The smell was what alerted people living along the shore to take notice. "Black waves have been hitting the beach since afternoon. The sand turned black. Dead fish washed up ashore. Though the source and cause of the oil spill is unknown, from the stench it looks like an oil spill," said Saragan, a resident of Uthandi. Fishermen who work these seas say the oil slick washed in from a northeasterly direction and was moving south. Two Uthandi residents, who had gone out to the sea with their families, seconded the fishermen's version. Irfan Sherif and Idrus said that while they were at sea, huge black waves hit their boat. "It was about 2.30 pm. We saw the black slick approaching. My children thought it was a dolphin. As it came nearer, we thought it a whale. Only when it struck the boat and washed aboard, did we realize it was oil," said Irfan. "We had to use kerosene to remove the black substance from our bodies," said Idrus. As soon as the spill was noticed, many of the residents tried to report the spill to the authorities. But till evening no government official had turned up to take stock. "We only come here to holiday, so we don't know whom to report," said Irfan. Members of the fishermen community were frantically trying to get in touch with the authorities. As it was New Year, government offices were closed and most officials were out of station. Commander Coast Guard Region (East) Inspector General A Rajasekhar told Express the agency had no information of an oil spill but said that air sorties would be made to assess the situation on Saturday. A fisherman Arumugam said two officials of the Fisheries Department inspected the coastline in the evening. The police, however, appeared blissfully unaware of the oil spill.

<http://www.expressbuzz.com/edition/story.aspx?Title=Out-of-nowhere+oil+slick+blackens+ECR+coastline&artid=ESDRW9wPPOk=&SectionID=ifoHjHWDUU=&MainSectionID=wlcBMLGbUJI=&SectionName=rSY%7C6QYp3kQ=&SEO=>

CHINA, SHAANXI PROVINCE, JANUARY 3 2010. LEAK THREATENS CHINA'S YELLOW RIVER



Most of China's lakes and rivers are thought to be heavily polluted.

A burst oil pipeline has dumped thousands of litres of diesel fuel into a major tributary of China's Yellow River, threatening to contaminate the key watercourse. State media reported the oil spill on the Chishui river in Shaanxi province on Sunday, although the ruptured pipeline - operated by state oil giant PetroChina - had been discovered on Wednesday. Oil was detected as much as 33km downstream from the leakage site, the official Xinhua news agency quoted the local authorities as saying. Emergency measures were being taken to halt the oil's spread, with 23 containment belts set up downstream from the spill and up to 700 people working to clean up the pollution, the government said. Xinhua reported that up to 150,000 litres had leaked into the river from the pipeline. In a statement on its website,

PetroChina's parent company China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), said the leak was caused by a "third party" during construction work. The pipeline is supposed to transport diesel from northwest China's Gansu province to central parts of the country.

Concern Over Reporting

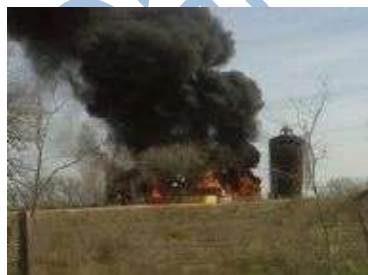
Concern has been voiced about the amount of time between the contamination's discovery and its reporting by local media. "There has been zero coverage of the accident on television or in newspapers in Chishui township or Hua county," the Hong-Kong based South China Morning Post quoted one local as saying. Most of China's lakes and rivers are thought to be heavily polluted. Government data has found that more than 200 million Chinese do not have access to safe drinking water. In November 2005, a major oil spill on the Songhua river in northeast China resulted in a cut off of water supplies to up to four million people. The pollution then flowed down river into Russia, sparking a diplomatic crisis between the two nations.

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2010/01/20101361448794767.html>

USA, TX, AUSTIN, JANUARY 3 2010. OIL TANK FIRE BURNS 2,000 BARRELS OF OIL NEAR LULING

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Firefighters responded to an oil tank fire on Salt Flat Road, also known as County Road 128, near Luling. The fire is located in an oil tank field. No homes are located nearby. The fire reportedly started at about 8 a.m. with two 500-barrel tanks. When firefighters attempted to put out the fire, they found it too quick and dangerous to handle. "We had it almost out, and then it flared back up on us," Luling Fire Department Captain Kirby Crowell said. "When it flared back up, we decided to go ahead and back up, it's too dangerous to continue." The flame then spread to two more 500-barrel tanks. Firefighters said about 2,000 barrels of crude oil burned. "Lots of black smoke and lots of fire," Crowell said. The Caldwell County Sheriff's Office responded to the fire after the Luling Fire Department requested aid. The Austin Fire Department also dispatched to the scene with a truck carrying foam to try to extinguish the fire, as water was not an effective solution. Fires like Saturday's are not new to the Luling area. It is

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part of life, living near the oil fields. "It's usually during lightning strikes or that type of thing, but any kind of static electricity or something happening on the tank can cause this," Crowell said. Investigators said it's too early to say what caused this fire. Francisco Castillo heard the sirens and went to see what happened. "I look over here and there was a lot of smoke," he said. Castillo has worked in Luling's oil fields, and knows what large plumes of black smoke means. "I thought it was probably one of our tanks, our oil tanks, so I called my brothers and 'Let's go check it out'," Castillo said. The fire wasn't at his tanks, but what he found were firefighters from several agencies working to get a big oil tank fire under control. "I feel bad for the owners of the lease," Castillo said. Neighbors said the tank battery, which is now a total loss, was just a few months old. The smoke could be seen from as far away as San Marcos and Mustang Ridge. Information about the cause of the fire is not available at this time.

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USA, WA, LONGVIEW, JANUARY 3 2010. LONGVIEW TEEN BADLY BURNED WHILE SIPHONING GAS

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A 17-year-old Longview boy suffered serious burns on his chest and abdomen early Friday morning after he lit a cigarette while attempting to siphon gasoline from a car in the Beacon Hill area, according to police and firefighters. The teen's name was not released, suffered first- and second-degree burns over 30 percent of his body and was transported to St. John Medical Center, Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue lieutenant Jason Sanders said. The burns extended to his pelvis, hands and feet, Sanders said. The Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office will forward the case to the prosecutor's office to determine whether the boy will face charges for attempted theft, Sgt. Troy Brightbill said. The incident happened in the 100 block of Alpha Road Drive. The teen apparently lives in the area and was attempting to siphon gasoline from a neighbor's vehicle for a friend's car, Sanders said. The boy was with a group of friends, who made the emergency call, he said. The vehicle sustained minor damage when the gasoline fumes ignited, he said. "The fumes from the gas and the cigarette decided to catch fire," Sanders said. The incident highlights the danger of having an open flame near gasoline, Sanders said. "Any time you're working around fuel or gasoline, do not light a match or smoke."

http://www.tdn.com/news/article_689b4ed6-f76d-11de-a4eb-001cc4c002e0.html

USA, FLA, LEE CO, JANUARY 3 2010. COSTS CLOSE OLDER PUMPS IN FLORIDA, LEE COUNTY >> SOME CAN'T JUSTIFY ENVIRONMENTAL UPGRADES

laura ruane

Go to list of stations requiring tank upgrades

A 20-year-old RaceTrac - the gasoline station nearest to North Fort Myers' Interstate 75 Bayshore Road interchange - closed Thursday. It's among an estimated 1,000 or more stations across Florida that didn't upgrade fuel storage tanks in time for a state-mandated deadline last week. This closure and others like it raise the specter of more abandoned gasoline stations and inconvenienced consumers. However, it spells opportunity for business people like Warren Sands, who in December opened a Valero station - with a Dunkin' Donuts shop inside - less than three miles to the west on Bayshore. Despite the recession, "we're very pleasantly surprised by the response," Sands said. His Miami-based company not only offers tank-upgrade services, it's expanding its own portfolio of service stations through new construction or renovation. In addition to the Bayshore station, Sands Petroleum Development has four other Valero-brand stations in the works for Lee County at Hancock Bridge Parkway and U.S. 41 in North Fort Myers, 18960 Tamiami Trail in San Carlos Park; Kismet Parkway and Del Prado Boulevard in Cape Coral and Alico Road and U.S. 41 in south Fort Myers. All of these stations will meet Florida Department of Environmental Protection rules for storage tanks. The DEP is enforcing its Thursday deadline for upgrading single-walled underground storage tanks and piping with double-wall systems; and the Friday deadline for replacing above-ground storage tanks that do not have secondary spill containment beneath the tanks. More than 80 percent of all retail gas stations have completed the upgrades, according to DEP estimates. Florida relies on groundwater for about 92 percent of its drinking needs, making prevention of fuel-tank leaks a major concern. However, many smaller station owners lacked cash, and could not get financing to pay for the tank upgrades, which cost \$200,000 to \$400,000, said Pat Moricca, president of the Florida Gasoline Retailers Association in Longwood. Some gas dealers waited too long to get a certified contractor to do the work. "They were so used to getting deadline extensions," Moricca said, adding that some had to shut down long before the state deadlines passed. That's because it is illegal to operate a gasoline tank in Florida without pollution insurance. More than a year ago, insurers were cutting off stations that hadn't come into compliance, Moricca said. Further, some bigger station operators are opting to not make the investment at older stations that are "functionally obsolete," said Hal Arkin, a broker with Frye Commercial Group at Re/Max Realty Group. Stations in that category might include the now-shuttered Valero at MLK Jr. Boulevard in downtown Fort Myers, and the Valero adjacent to the Summerlin flyover at San Carlos Boulevard, south Fort Myers. Sands said he developed neither of those Valeros. "Valero's coming in with new stores and a brand-new image - through me." Station developers today not only want to dominate the block, Arkin said; they want more room for additional pump islands - and for bigger convenience stores where the real profits are generated. If those conditions aren't present, station owners might decide to not upgrade their tanks, and close. Or, as in the case of some 7-Eleven company-owned stores in Lee County, stop selling gasoline. "All but six of our gasoline stores have been updated to meet FDEP standards," said Margaret Chabris, spokeswoman for Dallas-based 7-Eleven. For the six stores where "there wasn't a big enough return on investment to upgrade," those pumps will close and be removed within the next two months, Chabris said. Although a majority of the 7-Elevens in Lee County do sell gasoline, Chabris added the biggest percentage chunk of revenues comes from the sale of in-store merchandise. At the North Fort Myers RaceTrac, the region's economic downturn, combined with declining traffic from a neighboring industrial park, curtailed use of the station, Arkin said. Further, Arkin noted, "there was supposed to be some major

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commercial development at that intersection - a hotel, retailing ... outparcels for restaurants. These did not occur." Oklahoma-based RaceTrac officials didn't return several calls last week; however, the DEP Web site shows the North Fort Myers station's tanks had not been upgraded as of Monday. Store shelves were stripped bare by midweek, although gasoline pumps stayed busy. "It's going to be bad for the interstate travelers," said Grover Barron, a North Fort Myers minister filling up Tuesday before a trip to Okeechobee. The RaceTrac was the biggest and most visible station from exit 143. However, there's a Marathon station less than a mile to the east at Lawhon's Grocery that's still in service. And, now there's Sands' Valero station, about two-and-half miles to the west. "The market will absorb those customers" who lose their primary gasoline station, Sands said, adding: "It seems in Lee County, businesses are slowly but steadily coming back."

<http://www.news-press.com/article/20100103/BUSINESS/1030345/1014/business/Costs-close-older-pumps-in-Florida--Lee-County>

USA, FLA, BRADENTON, JANUARY 3 2010. LOCAL MAN, 79, DIES IN TANKER CRASH THAT CLOSED CAUSEWAY beth burger

A two-vehicle crash on the Palma Sola Causeway closed the road to traffic Friday afternoon. A Bradenton man.

A 79-year-old Bradenton resident died Friday following a two-vehicle accident on Manatee Avenue West that closed Palma Sola Causeway for several hours during the late afternoon into the early evening. For an unknown reason, Frank Walwer, driving a 2004 Mercury Sabal eastbound, veered into the path of a westbound tanker truck about 5 p.m., according to witnesses. The driver of the Mack truck tried to take evasive action but could not avoid a near head-on collision. "We don't know if there was a medical condition that made him turn left into the truck. We may never know," said Traffic Sgt. Brian Thiers of the Bradenton Police Department. Lt. Keith Davis of the Bradenton Police Department said the drivers of both vehicles were injured. Walwer was flown to Bayfront Medical Center, but died about 7 p.m., Thiers said. The driver of the tanker truck, Alfred Sevegnny, 57, suffered minor injuries, Thiers said. He was treated at Manatee Memorial Hospital. The tanker, normally used to pick up grease and owned by Blue Septic System of Bradenton, was empty at the time of the crash. Fire rescue crews washed down the road to clean up accident debris and 40 to 50 gallons of diesel that spilled from the tanker. Crews were expected to be back on the scene to-day to remove any soil contamination. The cleanup could cause some traffic delays.

<http://www.bradenton.com/news/story/1946040.html>

USA, ILL, ROCKFORD, JANUARY 3 2010. CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY TO PAY \$25,000 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING AFTER ROCKFORD DERAILMENT

Canadian National Railway has agreed to pay \$25,000 for environmental testing of soil and water after a train carrying ethanol derailed in Rockford last summer. Canadian National will pay nearly \$18,000 to the state's oil spill response fund. More than \$7,500 will go to the hazardous waste fund to repay the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for testing and monitoring. The state EPA will bill the railroad quarterly in the future. Officials say there are no signs of ethanol contamination. The Illinois attorney general's office and Winnebago County sued Canadian National in July over the derailment's environmental impact. The railroad also agreed to test wells in the area one more time to make sure drinking water is safe.

<http://www.fox2now.com/news/sns-ap-il--illinoistrainderailment.0,1195041.story>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, BATEMANS BAY, JANUARY 4 2010. DAD IN TANKER CRASH DIES IN HOSPITAL

A man has died in hospital six days after a fiery crash involving a petrol tanker and three cars on the NSW south coast. David Bridge, 47, of Ulladulla, died in Sydney's Royal North Shore Hospital on Sunday afternoon, taking the state's Christmas holiday road toll to 23. Mr Bridge had been in hospital with critical burns since being pulled from his Subaru Forrester after the tanker crashed into it and two other cars on the Princes Highway at Termeil, north of Batemans Bay, just before 5pm (AEDT) on December 28. The tanker had veered onto the wrong side of the road, crashing into the Subaru, and a Honda Accord and a Toyota RAV4. The Subaru and tanker exploded on impact, killing 36-year-old truck driver Dave Carolan, from Narellan Vale, and Mr Bridge's two daughters, aged 11 and 13, who were in the back seat of the car. Mr Bridge's partner, Debbie, 40, who suffered severe burns, remains in a critical condition in Concord Hospital, police said in a statement today. Investigations into the circumstances surrounding the crash are

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/dad-in-tanker-crash-dies-in-hospital/story-e6frf7jo-1225815732052>

INDIA, MUMBAI, JANUARY 4 2010. STYLISH FIBREGLASS LPG CYLINDERS COMING YOUR WAY

Will the ordinary cooking gas cylinder found in almost every Indian middle-class home turn out to be an object of desire in 2010? Come April, those willing to shell out Rs 300 extra will be able to take home a futuristic-looking translucent LPG cylinder. Made of fibreglass instead of steel, it not only promises to look like a work of art but will also show the level of gas in it, clearing all doubts of the cylinder having been tampered with. With luxury kitchens with posh fittings making an advent into affluent Indian homes, the traditional clunky metal cylinder has to be kept in hiding. The new cylinder will weigh only one-third of the regular cylinder and also be safer to use since its fibreglass and polymer body will be non-corrosive. But, like everything stylish, the new lightweight cylinder will also come at a price. The ministry of petroleum and natural gas has made it clear that the cylinders will not enjoy the subsidy that ordinary cooking gas does. So the translucent cylinder could cost up to Rs 300 more than the regular one. The new cylinders will draw their snob value also from the fact that initially they may be extremely hard to get. The oil marketing companies (OMCs) are importing just 1 lakh such cylinders in the first batch for sale in select markets like the metros. The government is hoping that as an increasing number of households succumb to the looks of the glossy new fibreglass cylinder, the revenue generated from its

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sales could help offset the huge subsidy bill it entails on the sale of regular LPG for domestic use. The OMCs have already obtained approval from the chief controller of explosives (CCOE) to sell the translucent LPG cylinders to households. A global tender has also been floated for the import of cylinders to be introduced in the market. Each ordinary cylinder costs the OMCs Rs 1,050, but the new cylinder will cost around Rs 3,200.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/Stylish-fibreglass-LPG-cylinders-coming-your-way/articleshow/5408338.cms>

USA, MD, HARFORD COUNTY, FALLSTON, JANUARY 4 2010. TANKER-TRUCK FIRE CLOSE I-95 IN HARFORD COUNTY FOR HOURS

matthew hay brown

State police have reopened I-95 northbound in Harford County after a tanker truck fire early Saturday. No one was hurt in the incident, which began about 5 a.m. Saturday near Fallston. Police shut down several northbound lanes, bringing traffic to a halt for much of the morning. The last of the lanes reopened shortly before 3 p.m.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/bal-md.briefs033jan03,0,2886002.story>

USA, FLA, JACKSONVILLE, JANUARY 4 2010. LEAKAGE DISCOVERED AT JEKYLL ISLAND GAS STATION SITE >> NEW STATION THE LOT NEEDS CLEANING BEFORE CONSTRUCTION ASSESSMENTS THE RESULTS WILL DETERMINE WHAT ACTION TO TAKE

carole hawkins

When underground storage tanks at Jekyll Island's demolished gas station were removed last fall, something else got left behind. Soil tests show some contamination has occurred at the site, apparently because of leakage from pipes leading to fuel tanks. Whether the discovery means a delay for a new station to be built is unknown. Jekyll Island Executive Director Jones Hooks informed park authority board members of the development at their December meeting. "Environmental remediation will be required," Hooks said. The authority closed and tore down the park's 40-year-old gas station in October to build a new station and convenience store as part of a \$170 million beach village development on Jekyll. Flash Foods, which operates a convenience store at Jekyll's shopping center, plans to build and run the new station. Right now, the barrier island's nearest gas station is 12 miles away. So, the authority would like a new one built on Jekyll as soon as possible and especially prior to tourist season. The Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority, the agency responsible for tank removal and soil remediation for state-owned fuel stations, will conduct assessments in upcoming weeks and advise the authority of what work is needed, Hooks said. "They understand the need for us to be operational by summer," he said. Jekyll Marketing Director Eric Garvey said it's too soon to know if remediation will mean a delay. "We were hopeful there weren't going to be issues with soil contamination. But we also weren't surprised, given the gas station's age," he said. "I don't think this is uncommon." By federal law, contaminated sites must be cleaned up in order to protect groundwater and eliminate fire hazards and other adverse health effects, according to GEFA's Web site. Remediation can mean removing contaminants from groundwater as well as soil. "Hopefully we'll deal with it and keep moving forward," Garvey said.

[http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://jacksonville.com/news/georgia/2010-01-03/story/leakage discovered at jekyll island gas station site&ct=ga&cd=iOHQvHn_6Hk&usg=AFQjCNHZW1UOPagI08ulr9glpAow_UvROW](http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://jacksonville.com/news/georgia/2010-01-03/story/leakage%20discovered%20at%20jekyll%20island%20gas%20station%20site&ct=ga&cd=iOHQvHn_6Hk&usg=AFQjCNHZW1UOPagI08ulr9glpAow_UvROW)

CHINA, SHAANXI PROVINCE, JANUARY 4 2010. FIREWORKS FACTORY EXPLOSION, HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS KILL 15 PEOPLE IN CHINA

A Chinese province halted all fireworks production following a factory explosion that killed nine people, official media reported Sunday. The order from the Shaanxi government followed Friday's blast at the Xinping Firecrackers Co., where workers were rushing to fill orders for this month's Lunar New Year festival, the Xinhua News Agency said. The explosion tore through seven workshops in Shaanxi's Pucheng county where more than 100 workers were labouring in cramped conditions, it said. Provincial officials have ordered police and government safety and commerce departments to conduct a "thorough overhaul" of all fireworks factories in the province, Xinhua said. It gave no details and did not say when the factories would be allowed to restart production. The factory's manager, Qu Pingxin, initially fled before turning himself in to authorities on Saturday, Xinhua said. Pucheng county is a traditional base for the industry in the province, employing 30,000 people and producing 300 million yuan (\$44 million) worth of fireworks last year, Xinhua said.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5guOagZrmih7VjIQKM5bv-41fx4A>

NIGERIA, AKWA IBOM, JANUARY 4 2010. FISHERMEN SEEK ASSISTANCE AFTER OIL SPILL

Fishermen operating on the Atlantic coastline in Akwa Ibom have requested assistance to avoid an imminent fish scarcity. The request, according to them, is due to their withdrawal from the sea after an oil spill in early December. The spill from the Qua Iboe oil fields operated by Mobil Producing Nigeria (MPN), which was caused by a pipeline leak on the 4 December, reportedly forced the fishermen out of the sea to avoid catching contaminated fish. Samuel Ayadi, chairman of the Artisanal Fishermen Association of Nigeria in Akwa Ibom, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Wednesday that fishermen impacted by the spill lost their nets and fishing gear and were thrown out of business. "Our members' nets were stained and contaminated by crude oil and such accessories are no longer usable," he said. "We need a lot of assistance from the government and the oil company to provide relief to affected fishermen. The losses we incurred are no longer bearable due to the frequency of the spills. If our members are not assisted, a lot of them cannot go back to sea after the clean up exercise and the supply of fish would drop." The leader also said

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that the drop in fish supply would mean an increase in the prices of fish and make the commodity beyond the reach of most people, observing that about seven neighbouring states, which sourced fish from Akwa Ibom, would be forced to seek more expensive alternative protein sources, adding that fish remains the cheapest option. He appealed to the Akwa Ibom government to come to the aid of the fishermen by donating relief materials and prevailing on MPN to be sensitive to the plight of fishermen who suffered the effect of oil exploration and production. "We have so many claims pending for previous oil spills and this one just happened; we are pleading with the government to intervene and pressurise the oil company to pay us for damages done to our fishing implements so that we can go back to sea," he said.

http://234next.com/csp/cms/sites/Next/Home/5505395-146/AKWA_IBOM:_Fishermen_seek_assistance_after.csp

USA, AKA, TATITLEK, JANUARY 4 2010. DIESEL FUEL LEAKS FROM TANK INTO PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND

The Coast Guard said a small amount of diesel fuel spilled from a tank and flowed into Prince William Sound at Tatitlek, but people at the village have contained it with a boom and absorbent material. Petty Officer First Class David Mosley said Coast Guard personnel checked the site Saturday and found nearly all of the fuel that had spilled from a tank had seeped into the ground. He said only a little reached the sound, producing a very light sheen. About 600 to 700 gallons of diesel spilled after a switch failed on the tank Thursday night. Mosley said the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation will be in charge of the cleanup, but the Coast Guard will monitor the effort.

<http://www.adn.com/front/story/1077074.html>

USA, WI, WAUSAU, JANUARY 4 2010. VILLAGE VOWS TO SHARE INFO >> RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE MAILING ABOUT GAS SPILL

jeff starck

Kronenwetter officials vow to share information with residents about a gasoline spill last month, once the company that owns the gasoline and the [Department of Natural Resources](#) answer questions the village has about the incident. A broken underground pipe was discovered Dec. 4 at the Magellan Midstream Partners terminal at 2007 Old Highway 51 when an inventory of gasoline came up 25,000 gallons short, said Bruce Heine, a spokesman for the Tulsa, Okla.-based company. The gasoline mixed with soil and reached the water table 20 feet below the pipeline, according to the Department of Natural Resources, which announced the spill Dec. 21. Heine said the cause of the break remains under investigation. He declined to speculate on what might have caused the break. "Once we make a determination how the break occurred, safeguards will be put in place to protect the public and (Magellan) employees," Heine said. Village President Judi Akey told the Wausau Daily Herald in an e-mail last week that the village is compiling a list of questions for Magellan and the DNR to address within the next week. She did not say what those questions are. Information about the incident will be mailed next week to residents in the Gardner Park neighborhood, and additional information will be posted on the village's Web site and social media sites, Akey said. "The village will be vigilant in monitoring the remediation process to ensure that it continues at an effective and steady pace," Akey wrote. "We'll make every effort to also ensure that our residents receive as much information as possible as soon as possible." Magellan crews began removing gasoline floating in the groundwater Dec. 23, but Heine was unsure how long the removal will take. Magellan is working with the DNR to create a plan to remove the remaining gasoline that has mixed with the soil and groundwater, he said. Tests done at the five monitoring wells on Magellan's 13-acre property showed that the gasoline remains on Magellan's property, Heine and the DNR said. The DNR said there is no health risk to residents. The spill was at the same place where hundreds of Kronenwetter residents' drinking water was discovered in February of 1998 to be contaminated by another fuel spill. The incident forced Kronenwetter to provide municipal sewer and water service to those residents. Two municipal wells on Lea Road, about two miles east of the spill site, supply water for 2,000 households, said Nichole Starr of the village's water utility department.

<http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/article/20100103/WDH0101/1030415/1981/WDHOpinion/Village-vows-to-share-info>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, JANUARY 4 2010. CALTEX DECISION TO SHUT UNIT WILL COST 100 JOBS

kirsty needham

A decision Caltex to shut part of the Kurnell oil refinery will cost up to 100 jobs, and there are claims it puts Australia's defence security at risk. The largest user of the industrial section of the refinery, which Caltex has said it will close, is the Australian Defence Force. The national secretary of the Australian Workers Union, Paul Howes, has called for the Federal Government to intervene to stop the loss of the only such oil refinery in Australia. "If the unthinkable happened and Australia was at war with any of our Asian neighbours ... the failure to have an onshore lubricating oil refinery to service the defence forces, industry and transport would be catastrophic," he said. Mr Howes said the union hoped to meet the Government to ensure the strategic value of the site was recognised, and a deal struck to keep it operating. Caltex's lubricating oil refinery at Kurnell can produce 100,000 barrels a month and exports oil to New Zealand, the Philippines, Hong Kong and Thailand. Mr Howes said it competed successfully with other refineries in the region for the Asian export market. Caltex told the Australian Stock Exchange before Christmas that it planned to close the refinery, at an unspecified date, as part of an efficiency drive. It said the closure would cost \$93 million in redundancy and other payments. Caltex said in a statement that the refinery was not viable because it manufactured outmoded lubricant products and faced declining feedstock sources. A week before the announcement the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission had rejected a Caltex proposal to buy 302 Mobil service stations. The defence force is the largest customer, albeit indirectly, by buying a blended product from the refinery. Mr Howes said it was puzzling that Caltex would suddenly decide to shut the refinery

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and axe jobs when it had reported healthy profits - and just before Christmas. "It has been quite cruel on the workforce, many of whom have worked at the refinery for decades."

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/caltex-decision-to-shut-unit-will-cost-100-jobs-20100103-lndn.html>

IRAN, KHUZESTAN PROVINCE, JANUARY 4 2010. IRAN OIL MINISTRY REPORTS SPILL, FIRES IN SOUTHWEST FIELD

benoit faucon

Iran's oil ministry Saturday reported an accidental release of oil and gas at the Southwestern Maroon oil field. But it suggested gas fires were to limit the hydrocarbon from further spreading. The oil ministry agency Shana said an oil well at the Maroon field in Khuzestan Province had suffered a spill and that it was trying to stop the oil from contaminating a river. A spokesman for the oil ministry couldn't be reached. Pictures on the Shana Web site show fires at the site but say the "burning of gas springs" is "with the aim to prevent dispersion of gas" and "environmental pollution." It also shows pictures of "oil burning fuel collected in the pit" without further details. It said the release occurred when a pipe broke at a depth of 700 meters and oil and gas came out above ground. The Maroon field is one of the largest in Iran with 500,000 barrels a day. The incident - which was not blamed on sabotage - comes amid growing concern about the region after Iran was accused of occupying an oil well that Iraq says it owns. Iran has denied the accusation.

<http://www.nasdaq.com/asp/stock-market-news-story.aspx?storyid=201001020758dowjonesdjonline000197&title=iran-oil-ministry-reports-spillfires-in-southwest-field>

USA, TX, HOUSTON, JANUARY 4 2010. AUTHORITIES: ACCIDENT CAUSED AFTER FIREWORKS ERUPT INSIDE VEHICLE

A man crashed his car after fireworks in his back seat exploded while he was driving. It happened in the 18,900 block of KZ Road in northwest Harris County. The Rosehill Fire Department responded to the scene around 10 p.m. Friday about a fireworks-related accident. Authorities said witnesses at the scene reported that fireworks went off inside a moving vehicle when a lit punk (a smoldering stick used for lighting fireworks fuses) was placed in a bag of unused fireworks in the back seat. While the vehicle was travelling down the road, several of the unused fireworks ignited going off inside the vehicle causing the driver to lose control and crash into another vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence. The passenger of the vehicle sustained minor burns from the fireworks. He was treated and released at the scene by EMS. The incident was investigated by the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office.

<http://www.kvue.com/news/Authorities-Accident-caused-after-fireworks-erupt-inside-vehicle-80534917.html>

USA, WYO, RAWLINS, JANUARY 4 2010. ODOR SOURCE MIGHT HAVE BEEN FOUND AT REFINERY

Officials say a storage tank appears to be the source of odors at Sinclair Wyoming Refining Company. John Pfeffer is a refinery environmental health and safety manager. He says the tank normally stores crude oil but was being used to store slop oils before being reprocessed. Pfeffer says liquid streams being directed to the tank were hotter than expected and may have been causing the odors. He says the refinery last week stopped diverting slop oils to the tank.

<http://cbs4denver.com/wireapnews/wy/Odor.source.might.2.1402625.html>

INDIA, CHENNAI, JANUARY 4 2010. 'CAN'T USE AERIAL SPRAY TO CLEAN UP OIL SPILL'

The Coast Guard Pollution Response Team, which made an aerial survey of the sea where a thin film of oil was first found on Friday, has reported that the shoreline where the sea deposited the oil, needs to be cleaned up using the Shoreline Cleanup Method. A Coast Guard Dornier aircraft and several helicopter sorties found oil sheen on the surface of the sea close to the coast, indicating an oil spill, said a Coast Guard communiqué. "The situation did not envisage any aerial spray of dispersants as the sheen was very close to the coast, where the spray of Oil Spill Dispersant (OSD) is not permitted because of environmental factors," it said. The Coast Guard has informed the State Government about the oil spill and suggested that the district administration and the Pollution Control Board undertake beach cleaning. There are various shoreline cleanup techniques that can be used, depending on factors, such as the type of oil spilled and the geology of the shoreline. The techniques include pressure washing, steam washing, physical removal of oil by shovels or graders, raking or bulldozing, or wiping with absorbent materials. Ever since Express broke the news on oil being washed up on the beaches off the ECR coast, the Coast Guard undertook various surveillance sorties to assess and locate the source of oil spill at high seas up to a distance of 15-20 miles in the sea from Puducherry to Chennai Light House. Though ships are prohibited from discharging oil close to the coast, at times merchant ships flout norms and do so. Interaction with local fishermen at Uthandi and other adjacent areas brought to light their previous experiences of oil coming from sea towards the coast. "The fishermen community is advised to report sighting of any oil pollution in the sea to Coast Guard on Toll Free No 1554 or 1093 to Marine Police," said the communiqué.

<http://www.expressbuzz.com/edition/story.aspx?Title=Can%E2%80%99t+use+aerial+spray+to+clean+up+oil+spill&artid=%7C6QYp3kQ=&dN9OgA=&SectionID=lfjHjWUuu=&MainSectionID=lfjHjWUuu=&SEO=&SectionName=rSY%7C6QYp3kQ=>

USA, ILL, LE SALE, JANUARY 4 2010. FIREFIGHTERS, CITY CLEAN UP DIESEL SPILL

craig sterrett

A diesel spill created a mess and caused a local truck stop to briefly close some of its automotive fuel island areas, but the spill didn't occur on the truckers' side of the business. La Salle firefighters were called about a diesel spill at about 2 a.m. Saturday at Flying J Travel Plaza, Route 351 south of Interstate 80. Fire chief Andy Bacidore said the release of diesel occurred on the east

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half of the business at a fuel island that has both gasoline and diesel for automobiles. Apparently something malfunctioned, such as a pipe breaking beneath the pumps and island. "It was spewing out all over the place," Bacidore said. He said the city street department was called to bring sand and help with the cleanup of an area covering between 1,000 square feet and 2,000 square feet of the lot. Bacidore said the emergency operation caused him to close down all of the entrances except the truck entrance to the west side of the business. All areas of Flying J reopened after the cleanup, and the business is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

<http://www.newstrib.com/articles/news/local/default.asp?article=4085B0BF9D865EBD27670B148FDBA511FF6E5370038BB4E6>

USA, WASHINGTON, JANUARY 4 2010. PAYING FOR CLEANUP >> SUPERFUND: EPA EXPLORES NEW, TOUGHER FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CHEMICAL INDUSTRY CLEANUPS

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The Environmental Protection Agency said Dec. 30 that it is developing new requirements for chemical companies to show they have resources to clean up environmental damage that may result from their operations. Under the superfund law, the agency said it is taking the first step to ensure that plant owners—not taxpayers—foot the bill for cleaning up damage from pollution. In explaining its concern, the agency pointed to Vertac Chemical Co. in Jacksonville, Ark., that went bankrupt in 1986, leaving behind 29,000 drums of chemical waste and a \$127 million bill to be paid by the federal government. EPA also singled out a Delaware chlorinated benzene manufacturer that folded in 2002, sticking the federal taxpayer with a cleanup bill that is expected to reach \$100 million. In all, EPA has spent some \$2.7 billion through this year to clean up bankrupt chemical industry plants. The agency noted that by law EPA is to require facility owners show "evidence of financial responsibility consistent with the degree and duration of risk" from plant operations. EPA also noted chemical plants frequently change owners as well as handle large quantities of toxic materials. The agency was backed up by a 2005 Government Accountability Office report that said chemical companies were an example of a business at risk of incurring huge environmental liabilities and then avoiding them through bankruptcy. EPA stressed that the document was only a notice about a potential new proposed rule and the agency was seeking comments on the need and form new financial assurance requirements might take. Along with chemical companies, EPA's announcement also affects petroleum refineries and the petroleum and coal products manufacturing industry as well as the electric power generation, transmission, and distribution industry. It is unclear when EPA might issue a full proposal for these sectors but last summer the agency issued a similar notice for the hard-rock mining industry and is planning to issue a proposal in spring 2011. Officials with EPA and the American Chemistry Council were not available to comment at C&EN press time.

<http://pubs.acs.org/cen/news/87/i51/8751news14.html>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, JANUARY 4 2010. NEW STATE VAPOUR RECOVERY LEGISLATION

Further to recent News Releases in Newsy Stuff from Thailand, Taiwan and countries in the United Arab Republics Australia too is headed down the road of mandatory vapour recovery, I understand that this [for one of our Australian States] might be one of the quickest legislative changes and implementations in the industrial and EPA area ever, below is a précis version of a News Release from our Petroleum Industry Contractors Association [PICA] in Australia.

These legislative changes WILL be current for our State of New South Wales and it is expected [as why would anyone re-invent the wheel] that it will also be adopted, albeit in possible different format, by every other Australian State & Territory over time. The State of New South Wales [capital city – Sydney] in Australia has released two [2] new legislative instruments, being two [2] documents:

- **An amendment to our environmental regulations**, simply this Is a Government Cabinet & Ministerial approval for release and amendment.
- **Mandatory standards and best practice guidelines**, these still may be amended simply by a notice from the New South Wales Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW).

PICA RP 004 "Recommended Practices for Installation and Testing of Vapour Recovery Systems for Service Stations"

The Petroleum Contractors Association of Australia has created a document which is still under review & is expected to be completed by the end of January 2010 with an expected release date in February 2010. In the creation of this recommended practices document [RP 004] our research has indicated that it complies with all best practices from both the EU [particularly German and UK] & the US [especially California & CARB Experience/legislation & requirements, to avoid potential problems in it's implementation, we expect this Legislation will become the model for all other Australian States..

Links:

NSW Department of Environment:

[Climate Change and Water- Air Policy- Vapour recovery at petrol service stations](#)

NSW Department of Environment:

[Protection of the Environment Operations \(Clean Air\) Amendment \(Vapour Recovery\) Regulation 2009](#)

NSW Department of Environment:

[Standards and best practice guidelines for vapour recovery at petrol Service Stations](#)

Other relevant Standards and documents are referred to in these documents and in the downloadable Draft.

PICA – Petroleum industry Contractors Association

You are able to download the Draft of RP 004 ["Recommended Practices for the Installation and Testing of Vapour Recovery Systems for Service Stations"] and input comment [1,000 characters] at this URL.

http://www.pica.net.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=131:draft-vapour-recovery&catid=1:latest-news

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USA, TX, HOUSTON, JANUARY 5 2010. HOUSTON COMPANY FACES \$1.47M FINE FOLLOWING FATAL EXPLOSION

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) on January 4 issued CES Environmental Services Inc. willful and serious citations after an investigation into a fatal explosion at the company's Griggs Road facility in Houston. Proposed penalties total \$1,477,500. In July 2009, an employee cleaning a tank was killed in an explosion when an altered piece of equipment ignited flammable vapors inside the tank. The fatality was the third death in less than a year at this employer's facilities; two hydrogen sulfide exposure-related deaths at a related facility, Port Arthur Chemical and Environmental Services LLC (PACES), occurred in December 2008 and April 2009. "Proper precaution prevents deaths," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Employers should take steps to eliminate hazards and provide a safe working environment for their workers. That is the law." Based on the most recent investigation, OSHA has issued 15 willful citations with proposed penalties totaling \$1,050,000, alleging that 15 pieces of electrical equipment were unsafe to use in the tank wash area due to the presence of flammable and combustible vapors. Two additional willful citations with proposed penalties totaling \$125,000 have been issued. One alleges that CES failed to ventilate tanks in which employees were working, exposing the workers to toxic atmospheric hazards. The other alleges that CES stored flammable and reactive chemicals together, which posed fire and explosion hazards. In addition, OSHA has issued 54 serious violations with proposed penalties totaling \$302,500. These include allegations that CES failed to implement all aspects of the process safety management standard; provide proper respiratory protection, confined space rescue equipment and adequate fall protection; properly install and maintain boiler equipment; implement an emergency response plan, and adequate energy control procedures; train powered industrial truck operators; guard and to anchor machinery adequately; store compressed gas cylinders safely; and label hazardous chemicals. A willful citation is characterized by an employer's intentional disregard of the standards or plain indifference to employee safety and health. A violation is characterized as serious when death or serious physical harm could result if an accident were to occur as the result of a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known. OSHA previously cited PACES following the December 18, 2008, and the April 14, 2009, fatalities and proposed penalties of \$16,600 and \$207,800, respectively. Both of those fatalities occurred in Port Arthur, Texas. Those citations were contested and are being litigated before the independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. CES and PACES together employ 155 workers. CES has 15 business days from receipt of the latest citations to comply, request an informal conference with OSHA's area director or contest the findings before the independent review commission.

<http://www.reliableplant.com/article.aspx?articleid=22096&pagetitle=Houston+company+faces+%241.47M+fine+following+fatal+explosion>

USA, ME, AUGUSTA, JANUARY 5 2010. TANKER TRUCK CRASH BLOCKS AUGUSTA EXIT >> PROPANE TRUCKS TOPPLES OVER FOLLOWING ICE SLIP

Officials said an exit ramp off Interstate 95 in Augusta has reopened after being closed most of the day after a propane truck rolled over when it hit a patch of ice. Augusta Fire Chief Roger Audette said crews had to extricate the driver from the truck after it rolled onto its side about 4:45 a.m. Monday. Officials said none of the propane leaked from the truck, but the exit was shut down for most of the day while the propane was transferred to another truck. Maine State Police said the driver, 53-year-old Mark Doughty of Brewer, was not hurt. The truck was owned by Maine Energy of Bangor.

<http://www.wmtw.com/news/22124112/detail.html>

USA, TX, SAN ANTONIO, JANUARY 5 2010. WOMAN SUSPECTED OF TRYING TO IGNITE TANKER

eva ruth moravec

A 56-year-old woman suspected of trying to set a tanker truck on fire at a Northwest Side gas station remained in Bexar County Jail, officials said. Martha Louise Schneider was arrested Saturday on one count of arson. Her bond was set at \$15,000. A San Antonio Police Department spokesman said someone called 911 around 8:30 a.m. Saturday to report that Schneider, who is reportedly homeless, tried to ignite a tanker dispensing fuel at a Shell gas station in the 9500 block of Wurzbach Road, at Interstate 10. She was arrested without incident, officials said.

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/80629687.html>

USA, LA, MERAUX, JANUARY 5 2010. MURPHY OIL FACILITY CITED FOR ALLEGED SAFETY/HEALTH VIOLATIONS

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has cited Murphy Oil USA Inc. with alleged serious violations of federal health and safety regulations following an inspection at the company's facility on East St. Bernard Highway in Meraux, La. Proposed penalties total \$85,500. OSHA's Baton Rouge Area Office began its investigation July 7 as part of OSHA's National Emphasis Program (NEP) for Petroleum Refineries. The investigation resulted in 18 serious violations, including failing to provide an adequate relief system design to prevent possible fire and explosions for the Hydro Cracker unit, to ensure that equipment in the refining process complied with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices, to sufficiently develop and implement a written mechanical integrity program, to conduct regularly scheduled piping inspections, and to report findings and recommendations from incident investigations. A serious violation is one in which there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known. "In order to protect workers from potential hazards at high risk facilities, OSHA's process safety management regulations must be followed," said Dorinda Folse, OSHA's area director in Baton Rouge, La. "We are hopeful that this company will take the necessary corrective action to prevent injuries and illnesses." Murphy Oil USA, headquartered in El Dorado, Ark., operates refineries in Meraux and Superior, Wis. The Meraux facility employs about 315 workers engaged in the refining and transportation of petroleum products.

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The company has 15 business days from receipt of the citations to comply, request an informal conference with OSHA's area director in Baton Rouge, or contest the citations and penalties before the independent

<http://www.reliableplant.com/article.aspx?articleid=22095&pagetitle=Murphy+Oil+facility+cited+for+alleged+safety%2Fhealth+violations>

ESTONIA, PORT OF TALLINN, JANUARY 5 2010. WORST AVOIDED AS OIL TANKER RUNS AGROUND NEAR MUUGA PORT

toomas hõbemägi

250-metre oil tanker Pacific Empire ran aground in early Saturday morning near Aegna island on the way to Muuga Port. According to ERR, the tanker was empty at the time of the accident and was carrying only its own fuel. The tanker that is registered in Hong Kong was freed by two towboats at 9 pm the same evening and was towed to an anchoring area in Muuga Port. Inspection revealed that the tanker's hull had suffered considerable damages and would need at least 90 tons of steel to repair. Pacific Empire had a crew of 24 people on board. National Maritime Board is investigating the cause of the incident. According to authorities, the tanker did not pose any environmental danger.

http://balticbusinessnews.com/article/2010/01/04/Worst_avoided_as_oil_tanker_runs_aground_near_Muuga_Port

USA, TX, EL PASO, JANUARY 5 2010. TEEN BURNED TRYING TO DISPOSE OF CHRISTMAS TREE WITH GASOLINE

Officials with the fire department want to urge residents to dispose of Christmas trees properly after a 17-year-old man who used gasoline to dispose of a tree received 2nd degree burns. According to fire officials, crews responded to the 10900 block of Sam Snead shortly before 3 p.m. in response to a "civilian burn" call. The man received burns to his arms, lower back, and his buttocks, officials said. An investigation revealed the man was trying to burn a Christmas tree in the backyard of his residence. Officials say the fumes of the gasoline flashed, and burned the man, who was rushed to Del Sol Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Fire Officials remind the residents of El Paso to properly disposed of natural Christmas trees by using the city's recycling program. They said gasoline should never be used for reasons other than as a fuel for vehicles and gas powered motors.

<http://www.kvia.com/Global/story.asp?S=11762300>

UK, CHESHIRE, JANUARY 5 2010. SHELL - DAD-OF-THREE STEPHEN RIZZOTTI, 40, OF NORTON CROSS, SUFFERED A BROKEN BACK, TWO BROKEN LEGS AND BROKEN PELVIS

Watch the Video:

<http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/liverpool-news/local-news/2010/01/04/companies-ordered-to-pay-over-282-000-after-man-paralysed-in-accident-100252-25522165/>

Three companies were fined a total of £283,332 today after a Runcorn man was paralysed from the waist down while working at a Shell oil refinery in Cheshire. The Health and Safety Executive prosecuted three companies after an incident at the Stanlow Manufacturing Complex near Ellesmere Port. Shell UK Oil Products Ltd, Dalprop Ltd (formerly S.G. Blair and Co. Ltd) and Hertel UK Ltd were fined today at Warrington Crown Court. HSE Inspector Alan Graham said: "This incident was totally avoidable and has had a devastating impact on Mr Rizzotti and his family. "The scaffolding should have been constructed so that the lifting equipment was away from areas where people had to walk. The landing area should also have been suitably protected. "This case clearly demonstrates why it's so important for companies to put the safety of their employees first." Mr Rizzotti was working for S.G. Blair and Co. (now Dalprop Ltd) on a refurbishment project at the plant on February 9, 2007, when the incident happened. The company was removing part of the concrete lining of the 'cracker' unit, where crude oil is turned into various chemical components. Dad-of-three Mr Rizzotti suffered a broken back, two broken legs, a broken pelvis and other injuries when a container carrying 500kg of waste materials fell 30 feet on top of him. The court heard that the incident was caused by the materials being suspended above a walkway. Mr Rizzotti led an active life before the incident, including running two junior football clubs. But now the 42-year-old has to use a wheelchair and is rebuilding his life after being seriously injured at the oil refinery. Mr Rizzotti joined SG Blair and Co as a labourer in 1991 and had progressed to become the Human Resources Manager. He said: "I can't remember anything about what happened. Half a dozen people had gone into the building before me but then, as I went in, the waste materials fell on top of me. "It was touch and go at first but thanks to the doctors I survived. Now I have to get on with my life in a wheelchair. I have a simple message for all companies – safety has to be paramount." Shell UK Oil Products and Dalprop pleaded guilty to contravening Regulation 8(1)(c) of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998. Shell was fined £116,666 and ordered to pay costs of £16,204, and Dalprop was fined £83,333 with costs of £11,115. Hertel UK installed the scaffolding and platforms used for the project. This included the boards around the lifting equipment, which became dislodged causing the container carrying waste materials to fall. Hertel UK pleaded guilty to contravening Section 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974. The company was fined £83,333 and ordered to pay costs of £16,204.

http://www.runcornandwidesworld.co.uk/news/4831938.Breaking_news_Three_companies_fined_283_332_after_Runcorn_man_is_paralysed_at_Shell_oil_refinery/

USA, HI, HONOLULU, JANUARY 5 2010. OAHU SEES FIREWORKS COMPLAINTS SKYROCKET >> HPD REPORTS RECEIVING 1,860 COMPLAINTS; MOST FOR EXPLOSIONS

The Honolulu Police Department on Monday said it received 1,860 fireworks complaints from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2. That number is up nearly 500 complaints since last year's 1,361. Many of the calls to police were for loud explosions. "I think when you have entire

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houses shaking windows shaking dogs and other pets getting startled even before Halloween, until days after New Year's, people are getting fed up," Rep. Mark Takai said. Police issued 92 citations and made one arrest. Officers arrested a 23-year-old man on charges of setting off fireworks without a permit. Police said making arrests require them to catch offenders in the act or finding neighbors to testify in court. "The officers actually have to view the violations arrive in the area and see the individual committing the violation," Maj. Clayton Kau said. "You folks know that a lot of times in the community it's your friends, neighbors. People don't want to actually go to court and testify against neighbors, friends or individual that set off that particular fireworks." HPD supports a total ban on fireworks. The Honolulu Fire Department has also expressed wishes for a total ban. "I do believe there's growing support. It's a lot stronger than it's ever been," Takai said.

Previous Stories:

- January 1, 2010: [Lawmaker To Revisit Fireworks Ban](#)
- December 27, 2009: [Fireworks On Sale For New Year's](#)
- December 23, 2009: [Illegal Fireworks Complaints Ramp Up](#)
- December 22, 2009: [Fireworks Permits On Sale On Oahu](#)

<http://www.kitv.com/news/22124836/detail.html>

USA, OH, SALT LAKE CITY, JANUARY 5 2010. FIRE EXTINGUISHED QUICKLY AT REFINERY

john daley & cleon wall.

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Related Stories [Salt Lake City refinery fire lights up night sky](#)

A fire at the Tesoro oil in Salt Lake City refinery was knocked down quickly Monday morning. The fire erupted around 10 a.m. at the refinery at [474 W. 900 North](#), but was quickly put out by the refinery's fire brigade. The refinery is located in the northern end of Salt Lake City, just off Beck Street. From the street, KSL News cameras captured pictures of the flames and smoke as crews battled the blaze. Company officials said there were no injuries. They said Salt Lake City fire crews responded to fire as backup but were not needed, as the refinery's crews were able to put the blaze down on their own. "He had a pump that failed, caused a small fire," explained Russ Jansen, the refinery's human resources manager. "As soon as it was recognized, the emergency crews were mustered and we got the fire out in less than 14 minutes." On the east side of the facility -- which is the largest of Utah's five refineries -- workers and contractors of the plant were assembled after the fire. Company officials said there was no evacuation, but people were cleared out from the immediate area where the fire took place. "Really, what's more important is what do they do after the fact to make sure that they understand what occurred, and what they're doing in the future to prevent those from happening again," said Jeff Niermeyer, director of Salt Lake City Public Utilities. The refinery had a similar incident last October when [a fire broke out](#), and lit up the night sky. A pool of crude oil caught fire and spread to a 200-yard radius. Investigators determined there was a power failure and a leak. No one was hurt, but parts of the refinery were evacuated and the fire disrupted highway traffic and rail service. A spokesman for the U.S. Chemical Safety Board said the agency has talked with people at the refinery and is gathering information. However, it's unlikely federal officials will be sent to Utah to investigate. Meanwhile, Jansen said he's not sure if operations were disrupted Monday but the company believes the damage from this blaze appears minor.

<http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=9224678>

CHINA, SHAANXI PROVINCE, JANUARY 5 2009. CHINESE ENVIRONMENT OFFICIALS FAIL TO STOP OIL SLICK FROM POLLUTING YELLOW RIVER >> WATER SUPPLIES SUSPENDED AFTER 150 TONNES OF DIESEL LEAKS INTO TRIBUTARY OF RIVER THAT SUSTAINS 140 MILLION PEOPLE

jonathan watts

Chinese environment officials are rushing to build three temporary barriers on the Yellow river after failing to contain an [oil](#) slick in a tributary of the country's second largest waterway. Despite overnight efforts by 700 workers to dig diversion channels, the contamination belt — which was 13 miles long at its peak — has tainted the giant Sanmenxia reservoir, the state media reported today. Some areas have been forced to suspend [water](#) supplies according to the Xinhua news agency, as the spill spread from the Wei tributary in Shaanxi province to the Yellow river in Henan province. Separate reports said the major downstream cities of Zhangzhou and Kaifeng would not be affected as they have alternative water supplies. The oil spill occurred last Wednesday when [150 tonnes of diesel leaked from the Lanzhou-to-Chengsha pipeline](#) owned by the [China](#) National Petroleum Corporation, but it did not become known publicly until Sunday. After the leak, the state-owned firm and environment ministry dispatched teams to the area to try to control the leak before it entered the Yellow river, which sustains 140 million people with water supplies for drinking, irrigation and industry. As well as diversion ditches, they used 27 floating barriers to try to isolate the diesel so that it could be removed or soaked up with absorbent materials. China's vice premier Li Keqiang said the operation should "strictly prevent leakage and [pollution](#) from flowing into the Yellow river and ensure the safety of drinking water for the masses," according to a news release at the weekend. But today's monitoring data along the Yellow river indicate the efforts were only partially successful, with the already poor water quality deteriorating further. The Sanmenxia dam has been closed to prevent the contamination from passing further downstream. Emergency teams are using the floating barriers to divert the spill to an area of the reservoir where it can be

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dealt with. The environment department of Henan province said its senior officials has been dispatched to join the containment effort. "We don't have anyone here who can comment as they all at the site," said an operator at the head office. The Yellow, often described as the Cradle of Chinese civilisation, is one of the country's most heavily exploited and polluted rivers. According to the United Nations, water is unfit for any use along one third of the river

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2010/jan/04/oil-spill-china-yellow-river>

USA, MD, CHESAPEAKE CITY, JANUARY 5 2010. MAN LOSES FINGERS IN MD. FIREWORKS BLAST; DAUGHTER INJURED

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Two people were injured by illegal fireworks early Friday when a commercial fireworks device exploded prematurely in Chesapeake City, Md., fire officials said today. Allen Gosnell, Maryland deputy chief fire marshal, said the incident happened in the first block of Elk Road in the Harbor View development.. The victim, Harry MaGuire, 49, was seriously injured with an explosive prematurely exploded in his hand, severely damaging it. He was treated at Christiana Hospital in Stanton and released on Sunday, Gosnell said. MaGuire's 22-year-old daughter Melissa was also injured by the blast. She was treated at Christiana Hospital for cuts and burns and released. The father and daughter were celebrating the New Year with the occupants of a home in that block of 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.

<http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20100104/NEWS/100104041/Man+loses+fingers+in+Md.+fireworks+blast++daughter+injured>

USA, GA, BRUNSWICK, JANUARY 5 2010. STATION MANAGER: FUEL STOLEN USING HAND-HELD DEVICE

With a monster fuel tank to fill, stealing fuel for an 18-wheeler takes a lot more effort than a typical motorist's drive-off from a gas station without paying. Matthew Lachey, manager of Flying J Travel Plaza, 2990 U.S. 17 South, Glynn County, says his fuel station has been the victim of a series of complex gas thefts. "Over the past two months, I've lost a considerable amount of (diesel fuel). I would say 16,000 to 18,000 gallons," he said. The suspects are not your average motorists. They are truck drivers who, Lachey said, come from southern Florida. They use handheld computer devices to trick gas pumps into spewing free fuel, he said. "They break into a pump and use an electrical device to neutralize our board. The pump doesn't register the sale, but the pump still pumps fuel," he said. Lachey doesn't know exactly how many drivers are involved, but he said they are organized. "They travel in groups, so one guy will have the device and the others will use it. If the police show, one guy takes the device and drives off," he said. That is what happened on Dec. 11, Lachey said. Glynn County police were sent to the fuel station when Margaret Hoover, an employee, reported two drivers who were using a device to get fuel. According to the police report, Hoover said two truck drivers drove up to two diesel pumps and got fuel. She said one left the scene before she could confront them, and the other saw her coming and reached up and did something with the back of the pump. The second driver started to drive away, but police arrived and stopped him for the investigation. According to the report, the driver spoke Spanish and appeared to be unable to understand some questions the officer asked. After a preliminary investigation, the officer learned that the truck's tanks were full, and the pump he was just using only showed .035 gallons of fuel had been dispensed at a price of 9 cents Hoover told police the pump was a high-volume pressure hose that dispenses 50 to 60 gallons of fuel a minute, and it would be impossible to pump only 9 cents of fuel from it. According to the report, the driver told police he had filled his tanks at another location, and he was only stopping to fuel his refrigerator truck, but the pump shut off when he started fueling. He said the gauge in his truck read full because it was only reading one of his tanks. When police asked why the driver would stop at the station when he had full gas tanks, the driver reportedly did not understand the question. The driver's information was taken down and he was released. Lachey was upset the driver was released. "I'd like to know why Glynn County let the other guy go when he had a full tank of gas when the pump didn't register a sale," he said. "Pull their log books. Pull their fuel receipts. I just don't think good judgement was used. I doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that the guy stole fuel." But police Capt. Jim Kelly said the officer acted properly, given the evidence at hand. "There wasn't enough evidence for the officer to act on. We don't want to perform a false arrest," he said. The language barrier posed a particular problem in this case, Kelly said. "We've only got a few people who speak Spanish fluently." According to the report, the two pumps involved had locks attached to the internal parts that didn't belong to the station. Lachey said the locks were probably replaced by the suspected thieves. All the pumps at the station are now set with alarms that will cause them to shut down if they are tampered with.

<http://www.tmcnet.com/usubmit/2010/01/04/4556106.htm>

USA, HI, WAILUKU, JANUARY 6 2010. TWO WAILUKU CHILDREN BADLY BURNED IN FIREWORKS ACCIDENT

An 11-year-old boy and 7-year-old girl were critically burned just after midnight New Year's Day when they were playing with fireworks in the bed of the family's pickup truck in Wailuku. Police said a loud boom was heard, and all of the fireworks in the truck bed were ignited. The children's clothing caught on fire, police said. Medics responded and transported the victims to Maui Memorial Medical Center. Both were later transported to Kapiolani Medical Center by Medic Air in critical condition. Patrol officers located several homemade fireworks at the scene, including aluminum cans that were duct-taped together.

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