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#### USA, TX, HOUSTON, JULY 21 2010. SHELL SHUTS DEER PARK REFINERY UNIT AFTER FIRE

- Fire contained within 15 minutes
- One person receives minor burns

Shell Oil Co shut an unidentified unit at its 327,000 barrel-per-day joint-venture refinery in Deer Park, Texas after a Tuesday morning fire, the company said. The fire broke out at about 9:30 a.m. CDT (1430 GMT) and was contained within 15 minutes, said Shell spokesman Theodore Rolfvondenbaumen. Other units at the refinery in the Houston suburb of Deer Park continued to operate. One person was injured in the fire, Rolfvondenbaumen said. He declined to disclose the seriousness of the injury. A source familiar with refinery operations said the worker suffered minor burns when a steam line at the refinery popped loose during the fire. The Deer Park refinery is a 50-50 joint venture between Mexico's national oil company Pemex [PEMX.UL] and Shell, the U.S. unit of Royal Dutch Shell.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN2026459420100720>

#### CANADA, OTTAWA, JULY 21 2010. MAN IN CRITICAL CONDITION IN PROPANE TANK INCIDENT

A 54-year-old man is in critical condition after he received burns to his head, neck and arms as he tried to remove a propane tank from a van Tuesday. The man was using a torch to remove the tank from an older-model van when the gas inside ignited, police said. The incident happened at the man's home on Limebank Road near Manotick Station Road. He was getting the car ready to go to a wrecker, police said. The man suffered second-degree burns to his face, neck and arms, as well as inhalation burns, paramedics said. Paramedics were called to the police station at Leitrim Road and Bank Street just after 1 p.m. The victim called a friend, who picked up the victim and drove him to the police station. Staff there doused the man with water until paramedics arrived.

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/news/critical+condition+propane+tank+incident/3302495/story.html>

#### INDONESIA, JAKARTA, JULY 22 2010. CITY RAIDS LPG COMPANY AFTER DEADLY EXPLOSIONS

The city's industry and energy agency on Tuesday raided a liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) canister firm and a gas filling station in the wake of recent explosions allegedly caused by leakage of the gas. According to beritajakarta.com, 25 officials raided gas canister company PT Bejana Kencana on Jl. Raya Bekasi in East Jakarta and the LPG filling station (SPBE) on Jl. Pegangsaan Dua in North Jakarta. During the raid, they found all gas canisters have met the Indonesian National Standard (SNI). Tuesday's raid toward the SPBE found out that 15,000 gas canisters are refilled every day with between 30 and 40 gas canisters are broken.

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<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2010/07/21/city-raids-lpg-company-after-deadly-explosions.html>

#### CHINA, DALIAN, JULY 22 2010. CHINA OIL SPILL: MAN RESCUED AFTER NEARLY DROWNING IN SLICK

 **Photo Gallery** <http://www.csmonitor.com/CSM-Photo-Galleries/In-Pictures/China-oil-spill>



*A firefighter rushes to aid his colleague who ran into trouble amid thick oil cover as they attempted to fix an underwater pump in Dalian, China on July 20. Crude oil started pouring into the Yellow Sea out of the busy northeastern port after a pipeline exploded late last week, sparking a massive 15-hour fire. The government says the slick has spread across a 70-square-mile stretch of ocean.*

Greenpeace has captured dramatic photos of an oil worker being rescued Tuesday after trying to fix an underwater oil pump off the coast of Dalian, China. The oil worker became submerged in the slick. The photos show the men up to their chins in oil, fear on their faces, before firefighters jump in and pull them to safety, their bodies covered in oil. Greenpeace was there trying to assess the oil spill -- the worst China has ever seen -- while the Chinese rushed to prevent the oil slick from

moving into international waters. Crude oil began spilling into the Yellow Sea last week when a pipeline exploded and started a fire that raged for 15 hours. The spill has spread across 70 square miles. The cause of the explosion is still being investigated.

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Xinhua, China's state-run news agency, reported Tuesday that a 25-year-old firefighter drowned when a large wave knocked him into the sea during the cleanup. Officials also told Xinhua that they don't know how much oil has spilled, but that they were trying to have it cleaned up in five days. Other officials have said that goal is impossible to meet. Dalian was once named China's most liveable city but today the beaches are closed as workers continue to clean up the mess. Environmental activists said it was too soon to tell what impact the oil spill would have on marine life.

<http://blogs.abcnews.com/theworldnewser/2010/07/man-recued-after-nearly-drowning-in-chinas-oil-spill.html>

### INDIA, GUNTAKAL, JULY 22 2010. GOODS TRAIN WITH OIL TANKERS DERAILS

Train services on the Guntakal section of South Central Railway were disrupted on Tuesday after 23 oil tankers of a goods train and its engine derailed in Kurnool district. The mishap resulted in a massive leakage from the derailed tankers which contained diesel and kerosene. The incident occurred near Kosigi station under Guntakal division. Because of derailment, 11 passenger trains were diverted, while some trains were cancelled between Guntakal and Raichur. Following the leakage from the tankers, people from nearby villages rushed to the spot and tried to collect the fuel. However, they were chased away by the police to avert any mishap. The exact cause of the derailment is being verified and efforts are under way to repair the damaged tracks.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hyderabad/Goods-train-with-oil-tankers-derails/articleshow/6193599.cms>

### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, MACKAY, JULY 22 2010. MAN DIES WELDING FUEL TANK

 **Watch the Video** <http://news.ninemsn.com.au/national/7932946/man-dies-welding-fuel-tank>

A man has died in an industrial explosion at Mackay in central Queensland. A spokeswoman for the Queensland Department of Community Safety said the explosion in the Mackay suburb of Paget about 2.40pm (AEST) on Wednesday lifted the roof off of a factory. The blast is believed to be linked to the welding of a fuel tank.

A fire was extinguished, the spokeswoman said. Police and fire investigators remain at the scene.

<http://news.ninemsn.com.au/national/7932946/man-dies-welding-fuel-tank>

### USA, LA, VENICE, JULY 22 2010. FIRE ON STAGING BOAT FOR GULF OIL SPILL IN LA.

Authorities say a fire that started in the electrical system on a boat set up at a staging area for the Gulf of Mexico oil spill resulted in two minor injuries. Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office spokesman Maj. John Marie says the fire was extinguished immediately Tuesday night. The jackup boat is anchored in the Venice, La., area. Jackup boats or barges are similar to oil and gas platforms but are used as a base for servicing other structures. Two people were treated at the scene for smoke inhalation and no other injuries were reported. No evacuations were required. Marie says the boat will be back in operation on Wednesday.

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALegM5iG\\_To8wUOIrA0-Rha0OS2K\\_jL5mAD9H376IG0](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALegM5iG_To8wUOIrA0-Rha0OS2K_jL5mAD9H376IG0)

### USA, NY, NEW YORK, JULY 22 2010. BP SELLS ASSETS TO FUND SPILL CLEAN-UP



BP has moved to sell assets in Vietnam, Pakistan and the US, to help fund the clean-up cost of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. Texas-based company Apache will buy oil and gas assets in Texas, western Canada and Egypt. BP will get a \$5.7 billion cash deposit on July 30 as part of the agreement. "We have achieved an excellent price for a set of properties that are worth more to others than BP," chief executive Tony Hayward said in a statement. The divestment is part of BP's previously announced plan to sell \$11.5 billion in assets for costs related to the crude oil leak caused by its deepwater Macondo well. The well ruptured after an explosion on April 20, killing 11 workers and causing the United States' worst environmental disaster.

Earlier in the day, BP said it would sell billions of dollars worth of assets in Vietnam and Pakistan. The oil firm has notified the Vietnamese and Pakistani governments, but says it does not yet have buyers lined up. Proceeds from the sale of the pipelines and other assets, valued at \$2 billion, will go into BP's multi-billion-dollar clean-up and compensation fund. Meanwhile, BP and US officials have outlined plans to kill the blown-out Gulf of Mexico well for good, by drowning the oil flow with mud and cement pumped deep inside the wellbore via a giant cap. The US government authorised BP to keep the cap on the damaged wellhead for another 24 hours to see whether the system can withstand the pressure from the oil bubbling up from the reservoir deep below the sea. "At this point we don't have any anomalies or evidence that would say we do not have integrity," BP senior vice president Kent Wells said. No oil has flown into the Gulf since the 10-metre cap was installed on Thursday,

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although there has been some seepage from the seabed some 1.9 km from the damaged well. US officials said it is believed the seepage comes from another nearby oil well and is not a sign that the damaged wellbore is buckling under the strain. Some hydrocarbons have also been detected leaking from the new well cap, but the US pointman on the disaster, Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen, dismissed them as "very small drips" adding they were not "consequential". Mr Wells said BP expected to put the final casing on the relief well - still seen as the permanent solution to capping the runaway well - on Wednesday and Thursday.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/07/21/2959731.htm>

#### USA, PA, SCRANTON, JULY 22 2010. DEP INVESTIGATES DIESEL SPILL AT CABOT WELL SITE

*robert l. baker & elizabeth skrapits*

The state Department of Environmental Protection is investigating a spill of about 100 gallons of diesel fuel early Tuesday at a Cabot gas well site north of Dimock. DEP spokesman Dan Spadoni said a spill the equivalent of two drums of diesel oil was reported at Cabot's Rozell 2H well site in Jessup Twp., Susquehanna County. Cabot Oil & Gas spokesman George Stark said he believed the spill occurred about 2 a.m., Tuesday, and was "the result of a mechanical failure involving an O-ring that allowed the accidental release of diesel fuel." "We're going to guess 100 gallons was released from a mechanical failure in a generator," Mr. Stark said. "The good news is we have spill containment on the ground, and it did work." It was a surface spill and the "vast majority" of the fuel was quickly contained, Mr. Stark said. The state Department of Environmental Protection was notified, and the contractor is investigating, he said. DEP Northeast Region spokesman Mark Carmon confirmed that someone from the agency's oil and gas division would check the site. Mr. Stark added that Cabot was cooperating fully with the investigation, and also said rumors of a spill occurring at a Cabot site over the weekend are untrue.

<http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/dep-investigates-diesel-spill-at-cabot-well-site-1.897412>

#### USA, S.C, NORTH CHARLESTON, JULY 22 2010. PUMP AT NORTH CHARLESTON HESS BURNS



North Charleston firefighters responded to the Hess gas station at 8620 Dorchester road to battle a burning gas pump. The incident took place about 10:30 Wednesday morning. Witnesses say a driver struck the pump while moving through the parking lot. The driver was able to pull away from the pump before it became fully engulfed in flames. Safety measures in place prevented the blaze from spreading to the building or main gas storage tank. The assistant manager of the gas station activated the emergency fuel cut-off switch in the store, and safety valve in the pump activated automatically and prevented fuel from the main storage tank from escaping and fueling the fire. Fire crews were able to quickly extinguish the fire.

<http://www.live5news.com/Global/story.asp?S=12847111>

#### USA, N.C, CHARLESTON, JULY 23 2010. GAS PUMP CATCHES FIRE

*dave munday*



*A pump at the Hess station at 8620 Dorchester Road is engulfed in flames Wednesday morning .*

A driver hit a gas pump on his way out of a service station, jiggled the electrical circuits, and the pump was suddenly engulfed in flames. It happened today at the Hess station at 8620 Dorchester Road. This is why they tell you not to smoke around gas pumps, North Charleston Fire Department Public Information Officer Bianca Sancic said. All it takes is a spark to ignite gas fumes, and hitting the pump with a car is another good way to do it. The fire destroyed the pump but was contained before anything else was damaged, Bancic said. After the driver hit the pump and flames broke out, the assistant manager threw the emergency fuel cutoff switch inside the store to turn off electricity to the pump, so no more gasoline could come up from the underground tank. The car that hit the pump was not significantly

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damaged and was not near the pump when the fire broke out. But the driver stayed around while the fire was put out, so it was not a hit and run, she said. There was no immediate word on whether the driver was charged with anything.

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2010/jul/21/gas-pump-catches-fire/>

### USA, AZ, ILLCOX, JULY 22 2010. CITY MUST DOUBLE-CHECK FOR FUEL TANK LEAKS AT PUBLIC SERVICES YARD

*carol broeder*

The City of Willcox is seeking a \$21,400 grant to verify fuel tank remediation done more than 10 years ago. At that time, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandated that all underground fuel storage tanks be removed and soil remediation be done to prevent contamination of underground water. The city removed the tank located in the Department of Public Services and Works yard and monitoring wells were drilled to verify that no contamination of the ground water had occurred, said Dave Bonner, director of public services and works. However, ADEQ Case Manager David Pettigrew recently determined, by review of records, that the removal and subsequent verification testing was incomplete, thus he was unable to close the case file, Bonner said in his May 3 letter to council. Per the notification letter from Pettigrew, "it is still necessary to drill a soil boring and collect soil samples...to verify concentrations of the contaminants of concern are below their respective regulatory limits," he said. "The city may be required to perform two compliance groundwater monitoring events of three existing groundwater monitoring wells located on site," Bonner said. Bonner contacted Pejman Eshraghi, PE, with Brown and Caldwell, a S.P.I.R.I.T. (state) contract company, regarding the remediation verification, who said by letter that grant funding is available for 90-percent reimbursement, he said. Eshraghi "submitted a proposal for \$21,400 with the city being responsible for \$2,400 (10-percent) of the fee," said Bonner, adding, "Brown and Caldwell also agreed to file the grant paperwork and information on behalf of the city with the reimbursement going to the city." The cost to the city will be \$7,133.33 from Gas and Water Contract Services, and \$7,133.34 from Sewer Contract Services. After the project is completed, "all but \$2,140 will be reimbursed by the LUST State Revolving Fund," Bonner said. The Willcox City Council voted unanimously, authorizing city staff to sign contract documents with Brown & Caldwell to conduct fuel tank remediation verification testing at the public services and works yard.

<http://www.willcoxranangenews.com/articles/2010/07/21/news/news10.txt>

### USA, WI, MILWAUKEE, JULY 22 2010. TANKER ROLLS OVER IN RACINE CO. CONSTRUCTION ZONE >> TANKER WAS HAULING WASTE OIL AND ANTI-FREEZE



A tanker carrying waste oil and anti-freeze overturned in the westbound lanes of Highway 20 in Racine County Tuesday afternoon. The truck rolled into the median and temporarily closed both directions of Highway 20. Crews on the scene are building dikes as a way to contain any fluids that should leak from the tank. Waste oil was pumped from the rolled over truck to another tanker. Once the load was light enough, the rolled tanker was going to be righted. The driver of the tanker refused medical treatment.

<http://www.fox6now.com/news/witi-100720-tanker-rollover.0,5152115.story>

### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, JULY 22 2010. MANUFACTURING WORKER BURNT BY FLAMMABLE LIQUID

An incident north west of Sydney has served as an unfortunate reminder of the dangers of working with flammable liquids. A worker at a South Windsor manufacturing plant received burns to 40 per cent of his body yesterday while working with flammable thinners. Initial enquiries indicate that the 25-year-old was decanting the flammable liquid when a spill ignited, severely burning the worker. WorkCover NSW inspectors have attended the scene and will conduct a thorough investigation into the cause of the incident. General Manager of WorkCover's Occupational Health and Safety Division, John Watson, has warned of the dangers of working with flammable liquids, particularly in enclosed spaces. "Even in small quantities, flammable liquids can ignite and cause considerable damage and severe burns to workers," said Mr Watson. "Spills and leaks should be contained and removed as soon as possible to reduce the risk of ignition," he said. Employers and those working with flammable liquids should ensure that:

- work is carried out in well-ventilated areas to avoid the build-up of flammable vapours
- liquids are handled outside and away from storage areas

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- liquids are stored and handled away from ignition sources, such as flames, electric tools and sources of static electricity
- only approved dangerous goods containers are used when handling and storing flammable liquids.

Information on the safe use of flammable liquids can be found on the WorkCover website, including [Storage and handling of dangerous goods: Code of practice](#) at [www.workcover.nsw.gov.au](http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au), <http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/newsroom/Pages/Manufacturingworkerburntbyflammableliquid.aspx>

### USA, WASHINGTON DC, JULY 22, 2010. CSB ISSUES REPORT ON 2009 EXPLOSION AT VEOLIA ES TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS, L.L.C. HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY; WASTE INDUSTRY URGED TO IMPROVE SAFETY STANDARDS; RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED TO ENSURE SAFER SITING OF BUILDINGS

A U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) [case study](#) released today on the 2009 explosion and fire at the Veolia ES Technical Solutions L.L.C. facility in West Carrollton, Ohio, calls on the industry to improve safety standards covering hazardous waste processing, handling, and storage facilities. The Board also recommended that fire protection codes be revised to require companies to determine safe distances between occupied buildings and potentially hazardous operating areas. The accident occurred on May 4, 2009, when flammable vapor was released from a waste recycling process, ignited, and violently exploded. The blast seriously injured two workers and damaged 20 nearby residences and five businesses. CSB investigators found that the north wall of the lab and operations building – where the victims were injured – was less than 30 feet from the waste recycling processing area where the flammable vapor was released. CSB Chairman Rafael Moure-Eraso said, "This accident should not have happened. Our report notes that OSHA cited the company for inadequate attention to process safety management practices in the handling of flammable liquids. But in case of an accident, I believe it is absolutely critical that buildings at chemical facilities be sited

safe distances from process equipment to maximize the safety of workers. We are making recommendations that would help ensure that operating areas with occupied buildings such as control rooms be sufficiently separated from process areas containing flammable liquids and gases that have the potential to explode." The Board issued a recommendation to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), which develops codes and standards for industry, urging NFPA to require companies to perform engineering analyses to determine safe separation distances between buildings occupied by administrative and other personnel not essential to process operations, and buildings housing the potentially hazardous process equipment. The Board also revised a previous recommendation to the Environmental Technology Council, a hazardous waste industry trade group, to petition the NFPA to develop a standard specific to hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facilities. This would include guidance on reducing the likelihood of fires, explosions, and releases of hazardous waste. Dr. Moure noted, "The Environmental Technology Council did not respond adequately to our 2007 recommendation, which we issued following an explosion and massive fire at the Environmental Quality hazardous waste facility in Apex, North Carolina, to work for more stringent standards in the hazardous waste industry. I strongly urge the industry to act now. These facilities, by their nature, contain wide varieties of flammable and toxic materials that can cause significant injury to workers and threaten the well being of nearby communities. Facility owners and operators need stricter technical requirements to improve the safety of life and property." The report notes that after a normal run of the tetrahydrofuran (THF) solvent recovery process at the Veolia facility, the unit operator began a routine shutdown. Completing the process required blowing nitrogen back through the circulation piping to clean it, prior to closing valves. CSB lead investigator Johnnie Banks said, "At the time of the shutdown, witnesses reported hearing the sound of a sudden, loud vapor release and smelling a very strong odor of THF solvent which knocked several employees to their knees. It was a matter of just a couple of minutes until the highly flammable vapor ignited." The vapor drifted to the laboratory and operations building and found an ignition source inside the building. A worker in the control room reported being enveloped in a fireball that went through the building. The first explosion knocked over a bank of lockers, severely injuring an employee and pinning him underneath. Because of the extensive fire damage, the CSB was unable to conclusively determine the exact initiating event for the vapor release, concluding one of two possible scenarios likely occurred. In the first scenario, air may have been drawn into a tank containing THF residue and peroxides, causing increased pressure in the tank and forcing flammable vapor from the tank to escape through a manway cover or a vacuum breaker. In the second possible scenario, CSB investigators believe a

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line hose, intended to send pressurized nitrogen into a different tank, may have instead been connected to a tank containing unprocessed, flammable liquid. When the nitrogen was applied, it forced flammable vapor out through the tank vent. In either scenario, the vapor drifted to the operations building and ignited, causing the injuries. In addition to issuing recommendations to NFPA and the hazardous waste industry, the Board also issued recommendations to Veolia, which is rebuilding the plant. The CSB called on the company to restrict occupancy in buildings in close proximity to the operating plant to personnel trained in the safe operation and orderly shutdown of the plant. The Board also called on the Center for Chemical Process Safety, a division of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, to revise control room siting guidelines to address the characteristics of all Class 1B flammable liquids. The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating serious chemical accidents. The agency's board members are appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. CSB investigations look into all aspects of chemical accidents, including physical causes such as equipment failure as well as inadequacies in regulations, industry standards, and safety management systems.

[www.csb.gov](http://www.csb.gov).

### USA, OH, COLUMBUS, JULY 22 2010. REFINERY OWES OHIO \$4M FOR CLEANUP AT CLARK STATIONS >> TWO DEFUNCT STATIONS WERE IN RICHLAND COUNTY

A Texas oil refinery accused of illegally releasing petroleum from underground storage tanks across Ohio will pay \$4 million in civil penalties and clean up the sites, state officials announced. Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray and state Department of Commerce Director Kimberly Zurz said last week Premcor Refining Group, based in San Antonio, agreed to consent orders filed in 26 Ohio counties where petroleum was released at 55 former Clark gas stations. "This agreement will give these Ohio communities peace of mind, knowing both that the sites will be properly examined and that those responsible will be held accountable," Cordray said last week. Premcor owned and operated Clark gas stations throughout Ohio, including two in Richland County, where petroleum was illegally released and not properly examined for its environmental impact. One station sat at 1261 W. Fourth St., Mansfield, and the other was at 97 W. Main St. in Shelby. Four stations were in the Columbus area, and Marion County has two cleanup sites on the list. The Clark stations also were in Knox, Delaware, Union and Wayne counties. Premcor will pay \$3,000 per county for enforcement costs, a total of \$78,000 for the 26 counties, in addition to the \$4 million in civil penalties. The attorney general's office pursued legal action against Premcor on behalf of the Division of State Fire Marshal Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations, which is part of the Ohio Department of Commerce.

<http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/article/20100721/BUSINESS/7210315>

### UK, WALES, MILFORD HAVEN, JULY 22 2010. FIRE DOUSED AT MURPHY OIL'S MILFORD HAVEN REFINERY

*timothy coulter*

A fire was extinguished overnight at Murphy Oil Corp.'s Milford Haven oil refinery in Wales, the Western Telegraph reported on its website, citing the local police. The blaze broke out in a processing unit at 18 minutes after midnight, according to the report. The fire was put out a "short time" later, the report said. The specific unit wasn't identified. The 108,000-barrel-a-day site was shut down for maintenance earlier this year. Work scheduled to be done then was planned to expand daily oil-processing capacity to about 130,000 barrels.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-07-21/fire-doused-at-murphy-oil-s-milford-haven-refinery-western-telegraph-says.html>

### USA, AR, ROGERS, JULY 22 2010. TOXIC WASTE LEAK IN ROGERS

*robert boyd*

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.kfsm.com/news/kfsm-news-nwa-toxic-waste-leak-rogers.0,7102476.story>

toxic leak in Rogers Wednesday has residents concerned for their health. "I smelled this smell and it was something I've ever smelt before and it was pretty stout and it was to the point it would make you gag," said David Munnerlyn, who lives on Post Road. The odor was coming from the former Haz-Mert facility across the street. The company stored hazardous materials there before it could be transferred to a safer location where it could properly be disposed. However, ever since the company went bankrupt in the fall the hazardous material has just been sitting there. Munnerlyn said this isn't the first leak from the facility. "I don't know much about hazardous waste expect it's toxic and you don't need to be around it," said Munnerlyn. The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality has been put in charge of monitoring the facility. They said Wednesday's leak did pose a concern but none of the neighbors were in danger and the hazardous material has been cleaned up. However, Munnerlyn still has his concerns. "What we want is somebody from the city or the state or the federal to come in and clean this mess up as quickly as possible to save any problems down the road," said Munnerlyn. He has an underground well just a few hundred feet from the facility and is worried toxins could get into his drinking water. The Rogers Fire Department said

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everyone in the area is safe for now and the state will continue to monitor the facility on a daily basis. If there is any issues all the residents in the area will be notified.

<http://www.kfsm.com/news/kfsm-news-nwa-toxic-waste-leak-rogers,0,7102476.story>

#### USA, ILL., CHICAGO, JULY 22 2010. PELICANS GET A SECOND CHANCE AT BROOKFIELD AFTER TOXIC ENCOUNTER

*marni pyke*



*Dr. Mike Adkesson examines the wing of an American white pelican at Brookfield Zoo on Wednesday. Five pelicans were rescued from the Gulf of Mexico oil spill and will live permanently at the zoo.*

The grim tally of birds found dead following the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico stands at more than 2,400 as of Wednesday. About 1,300 birds have been collected alive and five of those refugees are finding a new life at Brookfield Zoo. Oil stains smeared the plumage of the five American white pelicans when wildlife workers rescued them off the coast of Louisiana. Local vets found that previous injuries prevented them from flying and they couldn't be released into the wild - which brought Brookfield into the picture. The pelicans - three adults and two younger birds - arrived at the zoo's animal hospital Sunday after a 12-hour drive from Mississippi. On Wednesday, veterinarian Mike Adkesson peered into the pelicans' bills and eyes, took blood samples and X-rays, and checked old fractures. "The big concern is that these birds clean their own feathers, so as they preen, they can ingest a lot of oil, which creates a secondary toxic effect," Adkesson said. But tests are showing that so far "these

birds are in very good condition and are settling in really well." American white pelicans are among the country's largest birds with a 9-foot wingspan. The five could be on display to the public by mid-August after a 30-day quarantine period. Brookfield experts said the injuries to the pelicans' wings could have been caused by various sources - predators, boats or fishing lines - and cautioned fishermen to properly discard their lines. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2,432 birds, 62 mammals, including dolphins, and 482 sea turtles were found dead in the area around the oil slick, although it noted the cause of death is still being determined and the spill is not necessarily the reason. One positive is that the five pelicans can educate zoo visitors about the impact of the disaster, said Tim Snyder, curator of birds. "What's happened has happened, there's nothing we can do about the spill," he said. "But we can help these animals and focus on their health and welfare."

<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=395564&src=3>

#### SOUTH AFRICA, JULY 22 2010. VITOL MOVES TO BUY INTO SHELL RETAIL IN AFRICA



Vitol, the world's largest independent energy trader, said on Wednesday it was in talks to buy African fuel stations from Royal Dutch Shell, the company's first move into supplying end users. Vitol said in a statement it was looking to acquire businesses from Shell which including 1,300 fuel retail sites in Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana and 14 other African states. The deal would mark a new step for Vitol in supplying end users. The company, best known as an oil trader, has other businesses including exploration, production and storage. Vitol trades over 5.5 million barrels of crude oil and products per day along with deals in coal, power and carbon emissions but has never before been involved supplying the retail market. The potential deal envisaged Shell retaining a stake and its brand remaining for the retail business, Vitol

said. Vitol was acting in partnership with Helios Investment Partners an African founded and managed investment firm. "This deal is part of a broader restructuring that Shell is carrying out and meets with Vitol's growth aspirations in a continent it knows well," said a spokesperson on behalf of Vitol. "All three partners are confident that with the existing structure, organisation and Shell brand this will continue to grow into an increasingly profitable business," they added. Last week, Shell said it planned to sell some of its fuel stations in India.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE66K0IB20100721>

#### USA, MT, BILLINGS, JULY 22 2010. TEXAS COMPANY PAYS \$93K FOR OIL SPILL IN MONTANA

A Texas company has paid a \$93,100 fine for spilling 3,300 gallons of oil into a southeastern Montana creek when an underground pipeline failed. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality announced Wednesday that Fort Worth-based

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Encore Operating LP had paid the fine to settle claims the spill violated state water quality rules. The November 2009 pipeline failure dumped an estimated 80 barrels of oil and 800 barrels of production water into Belle Creek in Powder River County. Tests of water samples collected from the creek showed concentrations of toxic benzene that exceeded pollution limits, in one case by more than 11 times the state's standard.

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/tx/7118678.html>

### USA, PA, SUSQUEHANNA TWP, JULY 22 2010. HIGH LEVELS OF BENZENE, OTHER CHEMICALS FOUND IN GROUNDWATER AND SOIL NEAR SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP GAS STATION

*m. diane mccormick*

Residents near a Susquehanna Township gas station where a 17-year-old fuel leak was never cleaned up weren't surprised to hear that levels of benzene and other contaminants appear to exceed acceptable levels in some spots around their homes. But until the extent of the contamination is known, homeowners won't have a good idea what the cleanup will involve. More than two dozen residents of Redwood and Alden streets, behind the gas station at Progress Avenue and Union Deposit Road, gathered at Progress Fire Hall Wednesday evening to learn the preliminary results of geologist Gary Calvert's probe into leaks from the station. The leaks materialized in 1993, and 10 diesel, kerosene and gasoline tanks were removed. Plans to clean the area never were finished after the state Department of Environmental Protection suddenly stopped oversight in 1998. Paul S. Palanzo has owned the station since 1990. The leak was rediscovered by sewer workers digging on Redwood Street in April 2009. "Why wasn't this addressed sooner? The answer is, it should have been," said John F. Krueger, manager of DEP's southcentral environmental cleanup program. At the time, DEP was cleaning thousands of leaking underground storage tanks, and the agency prioritized cases of threats to drinking water. Redwood and Alden street residents are on public water. Geologist Calvert said the carcinogen benzene, plus MTBE and a chemical called 124 TMB, exceeded acceptable levels in the groundwater and soil around up to eight properties that were targeted for study after the leak's rediscovery. Federal standards set acceptable contaminant levels in drinking water and surface soil, Krueger said. Calvert noted that the soil contamination he found is at least 2 and a half feet below the surface.

[http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2010/07/high\\_levels\\_of\\_benzene\\_other\\_c.html](http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2010/07/high_levels_of_benzene_other_c.html)

### INDONESIA, JAKARTA, JULY 22 2010. PRESIDENT REAFFIRMS RI PLAN TO SUE THAI FIRM FOR MONTARA OIL SPILL



After the rig exploded in August last year, oil spread over 90,000 square kilometres. President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono reiterated Thursday a plan to demand that a Thai oil-rig operator be held responsible for an oil spill in Timor Sea that damaged the environment of nearby Indonesian territory. "We have to do our duty by demanding claims to the company responsible for the oil spill," Yudhoyono said in his opening speech for a Cabinet plenary meeting at the Presidential office. Earlier this month, after a meeting with Australian Foreign Minister Stephen Smith, Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa said the two countries would cooperate to ensure that PTTEP Australasia was held responsible for an oil spill that occurred in the Montara field off Australia's north coast. PTTEP Australasia is a subsidiary of PTT, a Thai oil and gas company. The company's oil platform exploded

and spilled more than 500,000 liters of crude oil each day into Timor Sea in August 2009. Thirty-eight percent of Indonesia's sea territory in the Timor Sea was affected by the spill, local fishermen's catches dropped and thousands of tons of shallow water fish and whales died. The spill also destroyed seaweed farms cultivated by coastal communities in East Nusa Tenggara. Marty said both countries would file demands that PTTEP Australasia be held accountable. Australia and Indonesia have already communicated with the government of Thailand on the issue, he added. Indonesia and Australia signed an MoU on oil pollution preparedness in 1996, which was used as the legal framework for communication during the spill. Jakarta has decided to establish an advocacy team to communicate with PTTEP Australasia.

#### Related Links

- [Timor Sea, the voiceless](#)
- [Australia launches probe into massive oil spill](#)
- [Timor oil spill has yet to stop](#)
- [RI, Australia to sue Thai firm for Montara oil spill](#)

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2010/07/22/president-reaffirms-ri-plan-sue-thai-firm-montara-oil-spill.html>

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### UK, LONDON, JULY 22 2010. BP DOCTORED PHOTOSHOPS IMAGES OF OIL SPILL RESPONSE, RECEIVES FLAK

*surojit chatterjee*

Altered BP image (above) with unaltered version below.



Investors of embattled British energy giant [BP](#) dumped company stock, Thursday, after the company acknowledged that it had doctored couple of images of oil spill response posted on its website. The company, which refused to say why the images were doctored, said they have been replaced with the original ones. BP acknowledged, Wednesday that a photo of a BP crisis room posted on its website were "touched up" using Photoshop and other image editing software. The photo in question shows BP workers sitting in front of television screens, purportedly watching cleanup efforts in the Gulf of [Mexico](#). However, according to John Aravosis from the [AMERICAblog.com](#) that first broke the story, the photo was doctored. Aravosis said three of the television screens depicted in the photo have had pictures of underwater cleanup efforts superimposed over them. Moreover, data embedded in the digital image indicate that it was originally taken in March, 2001. "I guess if you're doing fake crisis response, you might as well fake a photo

of the crisis response center," Aravosis said, adding that it was "painfully clear that they faked the photo (poorly, at that)." According to Aravosis, it was a pretty bad Photoshop job and a risky one, considering the fact that ever since the April 20 Deepwater explosion, BP should be playing safe with its public image. "We're to believe that a professional photographer did this poor a job, for pay, for a huge corporate client?" the blogger said. BP has refused to say why the photo was doctored but acknowledged that a BP photographer had "copied and pasted three ROV screen images in the original photo over three screens that were not running video feeds at the time." In another instance, Gawker noted that a helicopter parked on the deck of a vessel at the spill site was doctored to make it look as if the helicopter is airborne with vessels working below on the sea surface near oil spill site. BP has acknowledged that this image is doctored too and said it would be replaced with the original one. It again refused to say why the original photo was altered but said it had no "malintent" and the photo wasn't meant to deceive anyone. According to BP spokesman Scott Dean, the company generally use Photoshop for the "typical purposes of color correction and cropping." "We've instructed our post-production team to refrain from doing this in the future," Dean said. However, market analysts were surprised by the fact that BP was posting up doctored photos on its website for people who are tracking the progress in oil spill clean-up. Analysts said they were surprised that BP, which, post-oil spill, has spent huge sum of money on Google ads, to preserve its image and reputation on the Web, was careless about what it puts up on its own website. Shares of BP, which has spent nearly \$4 billion in terms of clean-up, contain and payout claims and grants to the states on the Gulf of [Mexico](#) that have been impacted by the oil spill, were trading down 1.40 percent at 394.30 pence when the market opened Thursday after closing at 399.90 pence on the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday. Analysts said investors, who fretted over why BP wasn't being open and transparent about the oil spill, had dumped their shares. In the past, BP had been criticized for suppressing damning underwater video footage from the public - specifically footage that showed much more serious leaks than the company was admitting to during the days immediately following the Deepwater explosion on April 20.

<http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/37460/20100722/bp-photoshops-images-of-oil-spill-response-receives-flak.htm>

### USA, AZ, TUCSON, JULY 22 2010. TOO MUCH ETHANOL IN FUEL AT LOCAL GAS STATIONS

*christina stymfal*

Investigators from the Arizona Department of Weights and Measures have seen an increase in fuel quality violations over the last month throughout Southern Arizona. In late June and July, five service stations in Tucson and one in Bisbee, required their 91 octane premium and 89 octane midgrade fuel to be placed out of service by Weights and Measures inspectors. High levels of ethanol were dispensed above the federal maximum of 10 percent by volume, which is the standard allowance permitted to be sold with conventional fuel, according to the Clean Air Act. The Southern Arizona violations had an ethanol content level as high as 14.6 percent. The violations were discovered during a regular fuel quality inspection. "It's important to note that these increased ethanol levels themselves do not cause immediate harm to a vehicle, however, the long term use of too much ethanol can have a negative effect on an automobiles engine parts," Director of Transportation Fuels at Weights and Measures Duane Yantorno said. "Ultimately, the high levels of ethanol left us with no choice but to shut the gasoline dispensers down and restrict any future fuel deliveries until corrective measures had been taken by the station." Each service

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station worked with the Department to quickly fix any errors with the fuel quality. Enforcement actions for these service stations are still pending.

<http://www.kold.com/Global/story.asp?S=12850596>

### AUSTRALIA, NSW, SYDNEY, JULY 22 2010. AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION BODY APPROVES MOBIL RETAIL NETWORK SALE TO 7-ELEVEN

christine forster



The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Thursday gave its clearance for local convenience store operator 7-Eleven to acquire US major ExxonMobil's service station network in eastern and southern Australia. Under the terms of a deal signed in May, 7-Eleven bought 295 service stations operating under the Mobil banner, and announced plans to on-sell 30 of the sites in South Australia to local convenience store operator Peregrine Corporation. After conducting its review, the ACCC has ordered 7-Eleven to divest three of the sites and Peregrine to divest one.

"After extensive market analysis and consultation with interested parties, the ACCC was concerned that the acquisition by 7-Eleven of three sites--one in NSW and two in Queensland--and the acquisition by Peregrine of one site in South Australia would substantially lessen competition," ACCC Chairman Graeme Samuel said in a statement. "The ACCC considers that the proposed acquisitions by 7-Eleven and Peregrine, when viewed with the proposed divestitures, will not substantially lessen competition in the relevant markets," Samuel added. The acquisition will make 7-Eleven the largest independent fuel retailer in Australia. The domestic market is currently heavily dominated by the four local refiner/marketers--Caltex Australia, BP, Shell, and ExxonMobil—which operate seven refineries between them, each of around 100,000 b/d. As part of the deal, 7-Eleven reached an agreement with Mobil for the ongoing supply of fuel to the service stations being acquired. Financial details of the acquisition were not provided. 7-Eleven is a family-owned business in Australia and is not bound by local stock exchange disclosure requirements. ExxonMobil had originally agreed to sell its retail network to Caltex Australia for A\$300 million (\$264 million) in May 2009, but that deal failed to clear the ACCC. The competition watchdog said last December it would oppose the acquisition due to its likely impact on local market competition for the supply of gasoline, diesel and automotive LPG, and Caltex finally called off the deal on April 29. The sale, which does not include any other part of ExxonMobil's Australian operations, leaves the Mobil brand's presence in the local retail market restricted to around 350 regional service stations that are owned and operated by distributors. The company will continue to operate its 80,000 b/d oil refinery at Altona in the southeastern state of Victoria. Rumors about ExxonMobil's future in the Australian refining and marketing sector have surfaced regularly since it mothballed its 78,000 b/d refinery at Port Stanvac in mid-2003. ExxonMobil is a significant player in Australia's upstream sector, however, through its 50% operating stake in the Bass Strait oil and gas fields off Victoria. The company also holds equity in the world-class Gorgon LNG project, currently under construction; the Barrow Island, Woollybutt and Griffin oil operations; and the Scarborough gas development project off Western Australia. "This deal with Mobil will build on 7-Eleven's position as the leader in the convenience retailing industry in Australia, taking the number of 7-Eleven stores from 400 to more than 650," Russell Withers, chairman of 7-Eleven in Australia, said in May. The merged entity is expected to have annual sales of more than A\$2.84 billion.

<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews.aspx?xmlpath=RSSFeed/HeadlineNews/Oil/8932896.xml>

### USA, WASHINGTON D.C, JULY 23 2010. THREE OF EVERY FOUR OIL AND GAS LOBBYISTS WORKED FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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Three out of every four [lobbyists](#) who represent oil and gas companies previously worked in the federal government, a proportion that far exceeds the usual revolving-door standards on Capitol Hill, a Washington Post analysis shows. Key lobbying hires include 18 former members of Congress and dozens of former presidential appointees. For other senior management positions, the industry employs two former directors of the [Minerals Management Service](#), the since-renamed agency that regulates the industry, and several top officials from the Bush White House. Federal inspectors once assigned to monitor oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico have landed jobs with the companies they regulated. With more than 600 registered lobbyists, the industry has among the biggest and most powerful contingents in Washington. Its influence has been on full display in the wake of the [BP oil disaster](#): Proposals to enact new restrictions or curb oil use have stalled amid concerted Republican opposition and strong objections from Democrats in oil-producing states. Even considering the generally friendly relationship between [K Street](#) and Capitol Hill, the number of well-connected oil lobbyists is remarkable. The [nonpartisan](#) Center for Responsive Politics calculates that fewer than one in three registered lobbyists in 2009 had revolving-door

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connections -- less than half the oil industry rate found by The Post. Officials with the Project on Government Oversight, a nonprofit group that tracks [Interior Department officials](#) who cross over to the oil sector, said they were surprised by the findings. "With these numbers, you can see how the revolving door between the Hill and industry allowed problems in the agency to happen and not be addressed," said Mandy Smithberger, an investigator for the group. As both the House and Senate consider limiting the influence of revolving-door lobbyists, the topic will be a focus of a congressional hearing Thursday chaired by [Rep. Edolphus Towns](#) (D-N.Y.), who has experienced the phenomenon firsthand: One of his former aides, Jesse McCollum, signed on as a BP lobbyist two weeks after the Deepwater Horizon explosion. Towns's office declined to comment; McCollum did not respond to a message. The Post analysis found that BP and other companies involved in the gulf disaster employ as lobbyists more than three dozen former lawmakers, congressional staffers and bureaucrats. BP alone has hired at least 31 internal and external lobbyists with government experience, records show. The American Petroleum Institute, the industry's leading trade group, employs 48 lobbyists with previous federal experience, the analysis shows. They include former senator J. Bennett Johnston (D-La.), who helped deregulate the natural gas industry, and former congressmen [Jim McCrery](#) (R-La.) and [Charlie Stenholm](#) (D-Tex.), both of whom strongly backed oil interests while in Congress. "If you want somebody to work on energy issues, you don't hire health-care workers," said [Jack N. Gerard](#), the group's president and chief executive. Few former government officials who joined the oil industry wanted to discuss their new roles. More than 30 individuals, companies and lobbying firms contacted by The Post, including BP, declined to comment or did not respond to messages. All told, more than 430 industry lobbyists once had jobs in the legislative or executive branches, according to the Post analysis, which was based on CRP lobbying data, employment histories and other records. Scores had ties to major committees that shape federal oil policies or to lawmakers who supported industry priorities while in Congress, records show.

### Focus on Ex-Lawmakers

The analysis suggests the industry has focused on hiring former lawmakers from oil-producing states. Fifteen of the 18 former members of Congress who now lobby for oil and gas firms are from Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma or Kansas. Dozens more previously worked as aides to lawmakers from those states. At least three industry lobbyists, for example, previously worked for [Sen. Mary Landrieu](#) (D-La.), an outspoken critic of [President Obama's](#) oil-drilling moratorium in the gulf. During a June hearing, Landrieu warned Interior Secretary [Ken Salazar](#) that a prolonged halt to deep-water drilling "could potentially wreak economic havoc on this region that exceeds the havoc wreaked" by the spill itself. Later that evening, Landrieu held her annual "Crawfish Fest" fundraiser, and its hosts included seven oil industry lobbyists -- six of whom previously worked on Capitol Hill, the invitation shows. Landrieu said in an interview that she is naturally interested in oil and gas issues given the industry's importance to Louisiana. But, she added, the industry contributes relatively little to her campaign accounts given its size. Out of more than 100 former staffers, Landrieu said, only a handful work for oil firms. They include former legislative counsel Kevin Avery, now representing Marathon Oil, and former energy adviser Jason Schendle, now lobbying for BP and other oil firms. "These two individuals don't have any more special access than anybody else," Landrieu said. Avery and Schendle did not respond to messages seeking comment. Marathon spokesman Lee G. Warren said the company seeks varied backgrounds in hiring for its government-affairs team; records show it has hired at least seven lobbyists with government experience. Warren said former government employees "offer experience and expertise." The party affiliation of lobbyists is fairly evenly divided. About 55 percent of the revolving-door lobbyists with clear [partisan](#) affiliations have worked for Republicans, including two former aides to [Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell](#) (R-Ky.) who lobby for Exxon Mobil, the records show. Three aides to former vice president [Richard B. Cheney](#), himself a former oil-services executive, now lobby on behalf of oil firms, including former energy adviser Kevin O'Donovan, now a Royal Dutch Shell executive. Former interior secretary Gale Norton is a Shell lawyer. Shell spokesman Bill Tanner said the company looks for "candidates with the academic and professional experience, proven commitment and highest standards of integrity." Plenty of oil lobbyists also have worked for Democrats, including power broker [Tony Podesta](#), whose lobbying firm represents BP and Sunoco. He has co-hosted at least five fundraisers for Democratic candidates this year, including [House Speaker Nancy Pelosi](#) (D-Calif.).

### From Agency to Industry

Nowhere has government and industry coziness been on display more clearly than at MMS -- recently renamed the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement. The Post analysis found more than a dozen former MMS employees working for the oil industry. Lawmakers have asked the agency to provide Congress with the work histories of agency employees. The agency's new director, Michael Bromwich, acknowledged conflicts in the inspecting ranks in a statement to The Post and said new procedures aim to prevent employees from conducting inspections of former employers. One recent example of a revolving-door move within MMS involved Randall Luthi, who left as agency director just weeks before the BP explosion to become president of the National Ocean Industries Association. Although Luthi's salary has not

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been disclosed, the previous association president made \$580,000 in salary and bonuses in 2008, tax records show. Luthi, who declined interview requests, made less than \$160,000 at MMS. The Obama administration's single revolving-door appointment at the agency is a former BP executive, [Sylvia Baca](#), who was named deputy assistant secretary for land and minerals management in June of last year. (Baca served as assistant secretary for land and minerals management in the Clinton administration.) Salazar spokeswoman Kendra Barkoff said Baca does not work on offshore-drilling issues and has been recused for two years, or until next summer, from participating in any cases involving BP. The close ties between industry and government can lead to troubles. In a few cases, fraternal ties and the lure of money have led to criminal convictions. Former Interior officials Milton K. Dial and Jimmy W. Mayberry pleaded guilty in 2009 and 2008, respectively, to charges stemming from a contracting scheme that allowed the men to retire from MMS but continue to earn six-figure salaries funded by the agency. Dial declined to comment. In a telephone interview, Mayberry said, "It was a contracting issue between me and the government, and that's been resolved." When agency investigators examined the MMS's Lake Charles, La., office this year, they found that inspector Donald C. Howard reaped financial benefits from an offshore firm he was supposed to be regulating. Howard was sentenced last year to one year of probation

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/21/AR2010072106468.html>

### PAKISTAN, KARACHI, JULY 23 2010. CALTEX TO SHUT DOWN OPERATION IN PAKISTAN



The Caltex Petroleum Company has decided to shut down its operation in Pakistan, SAMAA has learnt. This decision came a few days after the British energy giant BP said today that it plans to sell assets in Pakistan to help cover soaring costs from the Gulf of Mexico oil spill disaster. BP will seek to sell its oil and gas production assets and exploration licenses in Pakistan as part of a major divestment process, a spokesman said without giving any further details. Confirming the report, official sources said the Caltex has decided to close businesses due to growing circular debt and financial losses. In the first step, the company will close its sales center established across Pakistan followed

by sale of its assets. The Caltex has also apprised the Government of Pakistan of its decision to shut down business

[http://www.samaa.tv/News23201-Caltex\\_to\\_shut\\_down\\_operation\\_in\\_Pakistan.aspx](http://www.samaa.tv/News23201-Caltex_to_shut_down_operation_in_Pakistan.aspx)

### USA, WA, SEDRO-WOOLLEY, JULY 23 2010. MAN BURNED IN SEDRO-WOOLLEY EXPLOSION DIES

One of two men burned in an explosion during a Sedro-Woolley stunt that went wrong has died at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. The Skagit Valley Herald reports that Tyson Perez, described as an Australian in his 30s, died Wednesday. He was a sprint car crew chief well-known to Skagit Speedway fans. Perez was burned while trying to "barrel ride" in a parking lot Sunday night by putting four gallons of fuel in a 55-gallon barrel and lighting it on fire. Fire officials say the barrel was apparently supposed to slide across the lot like a rocket, but it blew up. The newspaper says 33-year-old Travis Rilat remains in Harborview's intensive care unit.

[http://www.seattlepi.com/local/6420ap\\_wa\\_explosion\\_death.html](http://www.seattlepi.com/local/6420ap_wa_explosion_death.html)

### USA, NY, WOODMERE, JULY 23 2010. HOMES EVACUATED FOLLOWING WOODMERE TANKER SPILL

timothy bolger

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*A leaking gas tanker in a Woodmere neighborhood prompted evacuations and closed two streets in both directions Thursday morning.*

Woodmere residents had a rude awakening when a gas tanker struck a tree and spilled about 2,000 gallons of fuel on Peninsula Boulevard early Thursday morning, Nassau County police said. About 45 homes were evacuated as a precaution following the 5:45 a.m. crash near the corner of Woodmere Boulevard. The truck, which had 10,000 gallons of fuel in its tank, is owned by Commack-based Crown Transportation. A man who answered the phone at the company's headquarters declined to comment. Only the first compartment, which held 3,400

of gasoline, was punctured and the leak stopped once the fuel level reached the hole, according to a spokesman for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The company hired Miller Environmental Group for cleanup, the DEC said. The clean-up crew is reportedly on-site with vac trucks, excavators, boom and laborers. Peninsula Boulevard was closed in both directions while investigators were on the scene.

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DEC Tidal Wetlands staffers were notified about this spill as the spill seeped into nearby storm drains. Waterways that could be impacted include Doxey Creek and one of its tributaries. Gasoline, unlike oil, can not be contained, and because of its explosiveness, the local fire departments and Nassau County Fire Marshal responded. Storm drains are typically flushed in these scenarios and then the contaminated soil is removed, according to the DEC. The United States Coast Guard also responded. Residents were allowed back home by early afternoon.

<http://www.longislandpress.com/2010/07/22/homes-evacuated-following-woodemere-tanker-spill/>

#### USA, ORE, METHUEN, JULY 23 2010. 4,500 GALLONS OF FUEL SPILLED ONTO ROUTE 28, ROAD CLOSED FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE



*Ray Barbuto, a service technician with Haffner's, uses absorbent towels to soak up a diesel gasoline spill on Route 28 in Methuen. A Haffner's truck turned over while taking the exit off Route 213.*

About 4,500 gallons of fuel spilled onto Route 28 near Route 213 this afternoon after a truck driver flipped a tanker truck, officials said. Workers — including firefighters, state and local police, Department of Public Works employees, the Department of Environmental Protection, MassHighway crews and private contractors — are at the scene on Route 28, just south of the bridge that crosses Route 213. DEP spokesman Edmund Coletta said about 4,500 gallons of No. 2 heating oil spilled. Police Capt. Thomas Fram said nobody was injured. Police are diverting traffic on Route 28 onto side streets around the scene. Fuel streamed down the right lane of the northbound side of Route 28 for roughly 75 yards, and onto the grass next to the road. The accident happened about 3 p.m. A person driving a tanker truck for Haffner's, a Lawrence-based gas station chain, came off Route 213 and took a left onto Route 28 north going too fast, Fram said. "We believe he took the turn a little too fast and flipped it," Fram said. Methuen police and the State Police truck team are investigating, and the driver may be cited, Fram said. The truck fell onto its side on the sidewalk. Police have not yet given an estimate for how long the street will remain closed. "Once we suck this up, the road is contaminated. They may have to dig this out. This may turn into a huge project," Fram said. The oil drained into a catch basin, which drains into a nearby wetland. "The concern now is it

may move through the wetland to the Spicket River," Coletta said. The Spicket River flows into the Merrimack River, which is a source of drinking water for several communities. So far, the oil has not made it's way to the wetland, Coletta said. "They're going to try to keep it that way," he said. Haffner's brought in a contractor, Clean Venture General Chemical of Framingham, and DEP activated ENPRO to help with the cleanup. Crews are worried about the rain that's in tonight's forecast, which Coletta said could spread the fuel. Firefighters and DPW workers built small sand berms to contain the oil. Several Haffner's employees also helped with the cleanup. People used SpeedyDry and laminate towels to mop up the oil, and they had another tanker there with hoses to apparently suck oil off the ground. Haffner's will pay for the cleanup, said company service manager Rick Pelletier.

<http://www.eagletribune.com/latestnews/x1527082259/4-500-gallons-of-fuel-spilled-onto-Route-28-road-closed-for-foreseeable-future>

#### USA, WI, BROWN CO, HOWARD, JULY 23 2010. ALLEGED DRUNK DRIVER SLAMS INTO GASOLINE TANKER TRUCK

• **Watch the Video** <http://www.wfrv.com/news/local/Overnight-car-vs-semi-crash-causes-fuel-leak-99008264.html>

The Brown County Sheriff's Department says it took rescuers about 20 minutes to get an injured man out of his crushed car after he rear-ended a tanker truck loaded with gasoline. The crash happened just before 3:30 a.m. Thursday on Lineville Rd. just west of Highway 41. Lineville is the town line between Howard and Suamico. Investigators on the scene say the tractor-trailer rig was stopped at a railroad crossing when the car, driven by 20-year-old Taylor Farr of Green Bay, slammed into the back of the trailer. The truck's warning flashers were activated. Deputies cited Farr for operating while intoxicated. The truck sustained very little damage, but it did leak a small amount of gasoline. Sheriff's Department officials say the truck driver and a maintenance worker from the trucking company were able to stop the leak and clean up the spilled gas. The truck driver, 31 year old, Jason Brehdemihl of Little Chute, was not hurt. Farr was injured and taken to an area hospital, but is expected to survive. Lineville Rd. was closed for less than two hours while crews removed the vehicles.

<http://www.wbay.com/Global/story.asp?S=12851394>

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### USA, ID, ASOTIN CO, JULY 23 2010. FIRE CREWS DOUSE FUEL-TANKER TRUCK FIRE ON ALPOWA GRADE

Fire crews have extinguished a fuel-tanker truck fire on Alpowa Grade. The Coleman Oil tanker truck was loaded with fuel and was reportedly fully engulfed in flames, Asotin County Fire Chief Noel Hardin said.

<http://www.lmtribune.com/breaking-news/1398/>

### CANADA. MANITOBA, WINNIPEG, JULY 23 2010. TANKER OVERTURNS NEAR BRANDON

A tanker hauling bio diesel oil crashed earlier this afternoon at the intersection of Highways 10 and 2, just south of Brandon, RCMP say. The tanker is leaking diesel oil onto the road and into the ditch, RCMP say.

The tanker is blocking traffic, and Highway 10 at the location of the crash remains closed to traffic. Officers are re-routing traffic and are not recommending travel in the area.

<http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/breakingnews/Tanker-overturms-near-Brandon-98969314.html>

### USA, PA, NORTH COVENTRY TWP, JULY 23 2010. GAS STATION ORDERED TO CLOSE

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 **Watch the Video** <http://www.wfmz.com/bucksnews/24353978/detail.html>



The Department of Environmental Protection has ordered a gas station to close because of concerns over fuel contaminating local water supplies. Officials said the diesel fuel is coming from an underground tank at the Hess station in the 1400 block of South Hanover Street in North Coventry Township, Chester County. "Problems with the underground diesel fuel tank at the facility have impacted three area businesses served by one common well," said Joseph Feola, southeast regional director of the DEP. "The department has instructed the owners of the station to sample the private wells in the area and to supply clean water to any impacted properties." The DEP said it received a report during the early morning hours of July 21 that a neighboring business had a strong gasoline odor in its water supply. North Coventry officials initially responded and confirmed the presence of diesel fuel. While the DEP said Hess voluntarily took the diesel tank out of service,

the agency said it issued an order requiring the facility to cease operations and empty all of its tanks. The latest incident follows a March 10 report of a diesel fuel release from the facility, according to the DEP, which said fuel seeped into a storm water detention basin at the site and into a tributary of Pigeon Creek. The DEP said it received an interim cleanup report on June 18 that was found to be incomplete. Hess' convenience store and an attached Dunkin' Donuts remain open for business.

<http://www.wfmz.com/bucksnews/24353978/detail.html>

### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, MORETON BAY, JULY 23 2010. MORETON OIL SPILL CLEAN UP FINALLY DECLARED OVER



*Workers start the mammoth clean-up shortly after the oil spill last March at Queensland's Tungalooma resort.*

Sixteen months and more than \$4 million later, the clean-up from the Pacific Adventurer oil spill disaster in Queensland is about to be declared over. Environment Minister Peter Garrett will join clean-up crews, volunteers and organisations involved in the clean-up on Queensland's Sunshine Coast at Kawana Beach this morning to celebrate the end of the massive task. While nowhere near the scale of BP's Gulf of Mexico disaster, the 270 tonnes of fuel oil that spewed from the Pacific Adventurer during heavy weather in March 2009 spread along beaches on Moreton and Bribie islands and along parts of the Sunshine Coast, north of Brisbane. Considered Queensland's worst environmental disaster, 1425 people

were involved in cleaning up the oil slick that coated beaches, rocky reefs, two coastal wetlands and mangrove wetlands. SEQ Catchments chief Simon Warner said recovery works included revegetation, weed removal, dune stabilisation, pest management, erosion control and monitoring of flora and fauna species. The federal government provided \$2 million towards the effort and partners in the clean-up more than doubled that figure. Mr Warner said 21,220 plants, 2.6km of dunal fencing to protect recovering vegetation and restoration of 155ha of coastal vegetation were part of the clean-up. Sunshine Coast mayor Bob Abbot said it was an example of great community spirit. Richard Kendall, chairman of Pacific Adventurer owners Swire

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Navigation, welcomed the completion of the oil spill environmental restoration program. "We reiterate our sincere regret to the people of Queensland that the Pacific Adventurer accident off the coast of Moreton Island during Cyclone Hamish in March 2009 resulted in the spill," Mr Kendall said in a statement. "We extend our thanks to the many professionals and volunteers who committed their time and expertise during the clean-up. "The outstanding cooperation and commitment of all involved ensured that the affected area along the Queensland coast remains an exceptional environment. "For that we are extremely grateful." Pacific Adventurer captain Bernardino Gonzales Santos, Swire Navigation Company, Swire Shipping, co-owners Bluewind Shipping and the ship's manager, China Navigation Company Ltd, were earlier this month committed to stand trial over the incident.

<http://www.smh.com.au/environment/moreton-oil-spill-clean-up-finally-declared-over-20100723-10ng8.html>

#### **USA, MO, FLORISSANT, JULY 23 2010. CONVENIENCE STORE FUEL LEAK RUNS INTO FLORISSANT STORM SEWER**

The Missouri [Department of Natural Resources](#) is overseeing the cleanup of a fuel spill from a Florissant convenience store. The Metropolitan Sewer District reported a strong gasoline odor Thursday morning in a storm sewer at No. 4 St. John Road. The DNR dispatched an on-scene coordinator, who then discovered gasoline and high levels of gas vapors in the sewer. The sewer had to be flushed with water and thoroughly ventilated to prevent future build-up. Absorbent booms were placed into the sewer to collect the leaking gasoline. The MSD contacted the managers at the Circle K station in the 1500 block of S. New Florissant Road after identifying them as the source of the gas leak. Authorities discovered a leak in a house leading to a pump. The station managers have since shut down the pump and hired an environmental contractor to conduct a cleanup. The Department of Natural Resources will oversee said cleanup. The DNR's environmental emergency response team receives more than 1,600 calls each year and is called to the scene of more than 300 emergencies annually. Such emergencies include leaking storage tanks, traffic accidents, fires and other incidents that could have a negative impact on [the environment](#). To report an environmental emergency, contact the spill line at 573-634-2436

<http://www.ksdk.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=208535&catid=3>

#### **USA, HI, HILO, JULY 23 2010. FUEL SPILL VAPORS FORCE CLOSURE OF BIG ISLAND HIGHWAY**

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Big Island Civil Defense kept Highway 19 closed yesterday afternoon after dangerous levels of naphtha were found in the air following a fuel spill. Earlier in the day, an 8,000-gallon fuel truck overturned in the Kaawalii Gulch area. "Because of the spill, it soaked into the soil, and when they did the measurements, they measured vapor in the air," said John Drummond, Civil Defense administrative officer. Naphtha, a colorless, flammable liquid that is used as a raw material for gasoline, fuels the 63-megawatt power plant owned by Hamakua Energy Partners, which supplies energy to the Big Island, Kusch said. A private contractor removed the soil and replaced it with other fill, authorities said. The road was reopened at 3:45 p.m. after a fire hazardous-materials team determined the gases were unreadable and deemed the area safe, said fire Battalion Chief Matthias Kusch. Kusch said the vapors did not sicken anyone since the area is remote and no homes are in the area. The truck, owned by C&F Trucking, was fully loaded and carrying fuel from Hilo to the Hamakua power generation plant in Honokaa when the accident occurred after 6:15 a.m. on the Honokaa side of the gulch. The fuel tank ruptured, and most of the naphtha fuel leaked out, the Fire Department said. A vacuum tanker was able to remove a portion of the fuel, and the tanker was righted and towed away. The driver was injured and taken in serious condition to a hospital in Hilo, Big Island police said, but the extent of his injuries was not reported. Highway 19 was cleared by 2 p.m., but traffic was not allowed because air quality was at unsafe levels for public access. The highway closure cut off traffic between Honokaa and Hilo, forcing drivers to travel around the island or across the Saddle Road to get to their destinations.

[http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/hawaii/news/20100722\\_Fuel\\_spill\\_vapors\\_force\\_closure\\_of\\_Big\\_Island\\_highway.html](http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/hawaii/news/20100722_Fuel_spill_vapors_force_closure_of_Big_Island_highway.html)

#### **AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, MUSWELLBROOK, JULY 23 2010. ANGLO AMERICAN SAYS FOUR DRAYTON COAL MINE STAFF HOSPITALIZED AFTER BLAST**

Anglo American Plc said four workers at its Drayton coal mine in Australia's New South Wales state were hospitalized after they were injured during blast activities. Five employees were in the immediate vicinity of the incident and all received medical attention, Anglo American said in an e-mailed statement. Of the four treated at hospital, one has been discharged and the fifth employee affected by the incident has returned to work. Anglo American said it is treating the incident "very seriously" and cooperating with all relevant authorities.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-07-23/anglo-american-says-four-drayton-coal-mine-staff-hospitalized-after-blast.html>

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