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USA, CA, OAKLAND, JULY 7 2010. MAN'S HAND BLOWN OFF IN FIREWORKS ACCIDENT

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A young man lost his left hand and a chunk of his thigh after two powerful firecrackers exploded in his pocket at a Fourth of July party in Oakland. The explosion left nothing for surgeons to try and reattach. In fact, the impact also broke two bones in 19-year-old Josh Meyer's arm. It all started Monday night at a crowded neighborhood Fourth of July party in front of his friend's house. The skies over East Oakland were exploding with illegal fireworks and Myers was taking part in the festivities when he realized a floating ember had ignited the bottle rockets in his back pocket. The flames quickly spread to his front left pocket where he had two illegal M-1000s. "One is equivalent to a quarter stick of dynamite," he said. "I had two, so it's about a half stick." Myers says he only had enough time to push a 2-year-old girl away from him, then fall on the ground and cover his pocket with his hand. "And I remember feeling the first explosion and it was instant, you couldn't hear anything. Blinding light. But most of all it was deafening, like I still have a little trouble hearing," he said. "At first I didn't think I lost my hand. I thought I just took a pretty bad blow. But then I ended up looking and I was like, yeah, I saw it. My hand was gone." Myers says he likely prevented the little girl from being killed or seriously injured because her face was at the same level as his pocket. "If he had pulled it out of his pocket and threw it anywhere it would have landed in crowds of people or into their face," said witness Roger Watkins. "The 2-year-old baby, she got a chunk blown out of her leg," said witness Demetrios "Mo" Paxinos. "She had stitches inside and outside of her leg. But it would have been a lot worse." Myers says he bought the illegal M-1000 fireworks from a guy on the street for \$10 each. His dreams of being a Marine have been dashed. He says he was going to join in September. "It took away my dream, which was to join the United States Marine Corps and defend my country, but the thought that just keeps going through my head is it's better me than that little girl," he said. For clarification, while M-1000s pack a powerful explosion, it may not be equivalent to a quarter-stick of dynamite. This comparison is debatable.

http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/east_bay&id=7538756

USA, NEV, LAS VEGAS, JULY 7 2010. I-TEAM: BP'S ENVIRONMENTAL MESS IN NEVADA

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.8newsnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=12764008>

New figures show BP Oil is falling short of what it promised it could do to clean up spilled oil in the Gulf of Mexico. BP told federal regulators it would be able to collect nearly half a million barrels of oil each day in the event of a spill, but has managed to gather a mere 900 barrels per day since the spill began 77 days ago. The Gulf might seem like a long way from Nevada, but our state has also been on the receiving end of BP promises, and they didn't work out well either. The lake outside of Yerington is a mile long and 800 feet deep, but you wouldn't want to take a dip in its turquoise waters. This gigantic pit is the centerpiece of 80 years of copper mining at the 3,400-acre site. The Anaconda Mine had several owners. It was essentially abandoned ten years ago, leaving behind high levels of radiation in the rocks, as well as arsenic, acids, and other toxins that leach into the groundwater and blow into the air as dust. "When you take a job with the BLM, you take an oath to protect human health and the environment," said BLM whistleblower Earle Dixon. "There is evidence that there were major releases of metals and radionuclides at the site." A mere two weeks after being assigned by the BLM to oversee the mine site, Earle Dixon became convinced the place was a danger to everyone who lives around it. When Dixon started making noise, however, he ran into the political power of ARCO, the previous mine owner which had developed friendships with local and state elected officials, most of whom opposed designating the mine as a superfund site. That would be bad for business. "ARCO also went to the state NDEP, and NDEP called the BLM Reno office," Dixon said. "Then, we got the call that I was being too aggressive asking all these questions." Dixon says ARCO was even allowed by BLM to edit his public reports and take out the bad stuff. When he persisted in pushing for studies and a clean-up, then-Congressman Jim Gibbons wrote a letter saying Dixon should be fired. He was. Dixon's boss at the time was Nevada BLM Director Bob Abbey. The company which owned ARCO, then and now, is BP. Dixon filed a whistleblower lawsuit and won in federal court. The Anaconda Mine was declared a superfund site. But years after Dixon blew his whistle, the site is still oozing radiation and poison. They're still talking about plans for a clean-up. "ARCO/BP is very good at managing these types of sites to minimize the amount of money and progress," Dixon said. "They seem to know when to ask for an extension, and they say they are only going to do the minimum at this site." The man who fired Dixon moved to Washington to head the entire BLM. Bob Abbey's newest job is to revamp the scandal-plagued Minerals Management Service, the agency which approved BP's offshore platforms in the Gulf. The BLM person now in charge of on-shore drilling is Sylvia Baca, who left the Department of Interior nine years ago to become the Vice President of BP. Her department was in charge of BP's emergency response plan for the Gulf. Baca later re-entered the revolving door and returned to the Interior Department in 2009. "So, if you are with BLM, then you've got to have strong contacts with the oil and gas industry. So, I guess they kind of take care of their own. As long as people are making money, I guess everything is okay," Dixon said. Although BP no longer owns the mine site, it is still on the hook legally for all the harm done to the environment in

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the years when it operated under ARCO. The Environmental Protection Agency has jurisdiction, because the mine is now a superfund site, meaning it needs to be decontaminated. BP has been in no big hurry to fix things, though the company did offer to buy bottled water for residents whose water is too contaminated to drink. BP has another connection to Nevada in a project that some say is the real reason for a deadly horse round-up in rural Nevada. The I-Team will have more on that story on Wednesday.

Related Links

- [Anaconda Mine Superfund Site](#)
- [Nevada BLM cleans out cleanup project manager](#)

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USA, CALIFORNIA, JULY 7 2010. GULF AWASH IN 27,000 ABANDONED WELLS >>NO ONE IS CHECKING TO SEE IF THEY ARE LEAKING, INVESTIGATION FINDS

jeff donn, mitch weiss

Watch the Video's http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/38113914/ns/disaster_in_the_gulf



A diver works in preparation for "re-abandonment" of a subsea wellhead off the coast of California. In state waters, California has resealed scores of its abandoned wells since the 1980s, but in federal waters, the official policy is out-of-sight, out-of-mind.

More than 27,000 abandoned oil and gas wells lurk in the hard rock beneath the Gulf of Mexico, an environmental minefield that has been ignored for decades. No one — not industry, not government — is checking to see if they are leaking, an Associated Press investigation shows. The oldest of these wells were abandoned in the late 1940s, raising the prospect that many deteriorating sealing jobs are already failing. The AP investigation uncovered particular concern with 3,500 of the neglected wells — those characterized in federal government records as "temporarily abandoned." Regulations for temporarily abandoned wells require oil

companies to present plans to reuse or permanently plug such wells within a year, but the AP found that the rule is routinely circumvented, and that more than 1,000 wells have lingered in that unfinished condition for more than a decade. About three-quarters of temporarily abandoned wells have been left in that status for more than a year, and many since the 1950s and 1960s — even though sealing procedures for temporary abandonment are not as stringent as those for permanent closures. As a forceful reminder of the potential harm, the well beneath BP's Deepwater Horizon rig was being sealed with cement for temporary abandonment when it blew April 20, leading to one of the worst environmental disasters in the nation's history. BP alone has abandoned about 600 wells in the Gulf, according to government data. There's ample reason for worry about all permanently and temporarily abandoned wells — history shows that at least on land, they often leak. Wells are sealed underwater much as they are on land. And wells on land and in water face similar risk of failure. Plus, records reviewed by the AP show that some offshore wells have failed. Experts say such wells can repressurize, much like a dormant volcano can awaken. And years of exposure to sea water and underground pressure can cause cementing and piping to corrode and weaken.

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/38113914/ns/disaster_in_the_gulf

GHANA, BRONG AHAFO, JULY 8 2010. FIRE SERVICE TO CLOSE DOWN GAS STATIONS IN B.A

The fire safety Task Force of the Ghana National Fire Service, (GNFS) in Brong Ahafo, would next week close down six of the 32 gas filling stations in the region. Mr. Paul Opoku, the Regional Fire Officer, who told the Ghana News Agency in Sunyani, explained that affected stations had not met the certification procedure. Three of the stations to be closed down are in Sunyani, two in Berekum and one in Goaso, the capital of the Asunafo North Municipality. He said only 20 of the stations in the region had met the regulations for establishing a gas filling station while six were in the process to meet the standards. However, the other six had not made any attempt to do so. The Regional Fire Officer explained, "every fire station is to have a certificate, construct a fire defence wall and must have attendants trained by the fire service before operations." Mr. Opoku said the closure was as a result of a report presented by the fire task force in a special inspection exercise after the recent gas explosion in Sunyani that killed one person and injured six others persons. The outbreak also caused damage to property worth millions of cedis, he added. He said it took the five-member task force a month to complete the exercise and the decision for the closure was taken after a critical study of the report, explaining that, "the GNFS is not interested in the closure

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but to protect lives and property in the immediate environs of gas stations." Mr. Opoku advised those interested in establishing gas filling stations to follow the correct procedures and warned that companies who refuse to comply with the precautionary measures would be closed down.

<http://news.peacefmonline.com/social/201007/55922.php>

UK, NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE, JULY 8 2010. WORKER DIES IN PLANT EXPLOSION

A man working at an oil refinery which exploded on Tuesday has been found dead, it has been confirmed. The Lindsey Oil Refinery worker, who has not been identified, was near to a crude oil distillation unit which caught fire and exploded at around noon. Humberside Fire and Rescue Service attempted to tackle the fire with more than 50 fire fighters and 10 appliances at the scene. The burning crude oil from the explosion resulted in black smoke surging out of the plant. People living in the area surrounding the plant in North Killingholme, North Lincolnshire, reported hearing the explosion. Employees said the fire started in a superheated industrial heater close to where they walked to work. In a statement oil company Total, which runs the refinery, said: "It is with deep regret that Total Lindsey Oil Refinery can confirm that there has been a fatality following the fire and explosion at 11.57. "The deceased has yet to be formally identified. "Formal investigations have been launched by the Police and the Health and Safety Executive. "We are fully co-operating with these inquiries in order to understand exactly why this tragic incident occurred."

http://www.iosh.co.uk/news_and_events/news/industry_news-1-1.aspx?i=N0001741277878753988A

GULF OF MEXICO DEEPWATER HORIZON RELIEF WELL MEDIA RELEASE

A BP Media release, an interesting & informative view...

[Relief Well Operations Overview - Kent Wells and Relief Well Team - 27 June 2010](#)

USA, GA, ATLANTA, JULY 8 2010. CO2 CANISTER EXPLODES, DESTROYING TRUCK IN N.E. ATLANTA



A CO2 canister exploded inside a truck in N.E. Atlanta Wednesday afternoon.

A truck exploded in an industrial area of Northeast Atlanta Wednesday afternoon, due to the heat. It happened on Ottley Drive outside an industrial company. A CO2 cannister was left inside the parked Toyota truck. The cannister overheated and exploded, blasting the roof off of the vehicle. The blast also blew out windows in nearby buildings and damaged parts of three other cars parked nearby. No one was reported injured in the blast.

http://www.11alive.com/rss/rss_story.aspx?storyid=146104

USA, NY, OUTHERN QUEENS, JULY 8 2010. JFK BOMB SUSPECT UNIMPRESSED BY FEMALE FUEL TANK GUARD



JFK Airport's storage field

A convicted drug trafficker the government recruited to infiltrate a ragtag terror cell testified in court yesterday against [Russell Defreitas](#), a former JFK baggage handler who's accused of [plotting to blow up the airport](#). Defreitas was allegedly pitching his plot (which [he named "The Shining"](#)) to "terrorist big shots" in Guyana and Trinidad, and believed that the fuel tanks at JFK were an irresistibly easy target. Yesterday [prosecutors played one tape](#) secretly recorded by the informant in 2007, during which Defreitas chillingly brags: For years, I've been watching [the fuel tanks]. You can't believe how a place like Kennedy can be so (lax). No soldier. Nothing at all... The tanks ain't got one person...No soldier, nothing at all! Regular security driving a little, little jeep. And even to put a woman inside there. The plot never got off the ground before Defreitas and his [alleged co-conspirators were arrested](#), but [according to one tape](#), Defreitas believed "[A bombing] will take out the whole area, the whole of Kennedy would go up in smoke. A few people would escape, but to

where? Jamaica Bay?"

http://gothamist.com/2010/07/07/jfk_bomb_suspect_saw_fuel_tanks_as.php

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USA, AZ, PHOENIX, JULY 8 2010. ASPHALT LEAKING FROM STORAGE TANK AT PHOENIX MANUFACTURING PLANT

catherine holland

 **Watch the Video:**

<http://www.azfamily.com/news/local/Oil-leaking-from-storage-tank-at-Phoenix-asphalt-plant-97945089.html>



The Phoenix Fire Department was called out to an asphalt plant early Wednesday morning to deal with what was first reported as an oil leak from a 50,000-barrel storage tank. [Paramount Petroleum Corporation](#), the largest manufacturer of paving and roofing asphalt products in the western U.S., is located at 19th Avenue and McDowell Road. Firefighters initially shut down McDowell Road between 19th Avenue and the freeway. They re-opened it a short time later after determining there was no hazardous-materials situation. What was actually leaking from the storage tank was warm liquid asphalt. When in its liquid state, asphalt has a consistency similar to molasses. Once it starts to cool off, which usually happens fairly quickly, it begins to harden. According to Capt. Scott Walker of the Phoenix Fire Department, the leaking asphalt was being contained in a dyke that's built around the tank just for that purpose. "Originally, we had a large assignment out here to make sure this oil was

going to be contained," Walker explained. Walker said the facility has the proper systems in place to handle the situation. As soon as the leak was discovered, shortly before 7 a.m., Paramount Petroleum began offloading the liquid asphalt to other storage tanks. Walker said the dyke around the damaged tank, which was only about 70 percent full, is designed to hold its entire contents -- 50,000 barrel. "[The liquid asphalt] will not overflow the dyke," he said. Several firefighters, including a fire-prevention unit, remained on the scene to monitor the situation and the cleanup. Because asphalt hardens as soon as it begins to cool, just like when a street is being paved, there is no danger of it seeping into the ground and causing an environmental issue, said a Paramount spokesman. That means the leak should not have any impact outside the facility. Paramount said it has notified all of the appropriate environmental and safety agencies. The biggest issue Paramount is facing now is cleanup at its facility. The hardened asphalt will have to be pounded into smaller bits -- like when a street is torn up and removed. No injuries were reported in the incident.

<http://www.azfamily.com/news/local/Oil-leaking-from-storage-tank-at-Phoenix-asphalt-plant-97945089.html>

USA, NE, GRAND ISLAND, JULY 8 2010. SETTLEMENT REACHED IN TWO GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION CASES, THIRD CASE MAY RESUME

tracy overstreet

The legal challenge over contaminated groundwater between some Grand Island homeowners and the international agricultural company Cargill appears to be over. A letter filed with the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis indicates there's a settlement in the works. Lead plaintiff Joan Schwan of Grand Island confirmed there is work ongoing regarding a settlement. Her attorney, Lemuel Srolovic of Weitz and Luxenberg in New York, and Cargill spokesman David Feider in Minneapolis released a joint statement Wednesday that said, "a settlement has been reached." Schwan and more than 300 plaintiffs, some of whom have died allegedly due to chemical exposure, had initially filed the lawsuit in 2004 against combine manufacturer CNH, which has a production plant in Grand Island at Highway 281 and Stolley Park Road. The plaintiffs accused CNH of contaminating the groundwater with industrial solvents that they said migrated into the Kentish Hills, Castle Estates and Mary Lane subdivisions in western Grand Island and then into the Stolley Park and Parkview subdivisions in south central Grand Island. The homeowners in all those subdivisions were served by private drinking water wells that became infiltrated by trichloroethene (TCE), tetrachloroethene (PCE) and 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA). Cargill was added as a defendant in 2007 after investigations from the Environmental Protection Agency revealed two plumes of contamination. The EPA stated the north plume started at CNH, and it immediately entered a voluntary cleanup program with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. The south contamination plume started at 3304 S. Engleman Road -- an area that is upstream from CNH -- according to the EPA. The Engleman Road site was the former location of Heinzman Engineering, a defunct irrigation pipe company, that is believed to have been the cause of the contamination. Heinzman sold the 10-acre property to Cargill in 1981, while continuing to lease a portion of the land. Cargill used the site as a seed warehouse and distribution facility. The plaintiffs alleged that Cargill should have known the site was contaminated, yet did nothing about it. The lawsuit was split into two at that time. The case against CNH was put on hold until the case involving Cargill was resolved. The Cargill case was dismissed in January 2009 by U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf of Omaha, who ruled that Heinzman

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Engineering caused the contamination, not Cargill. Five months later, the plaintiffs filed an appeal with the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis. "Now the parties have reached a settlement to end the litigation of those claims," said the statement from Srolovic and Feider. "The parties have agreed to keep the terms of the settlement confidential." The plaintiffs had been seeking past and future damages for costs such as medical expenses, lost wages, physical pain and suffering, costs for getting alternative water sources, diminished property value and rental income, lost crops and use of property, personal inconvenience, emotional distress, court costs and attorney fees. The case was initially filed by the Masry and Vittoe law firm in California that was featured in the movie "Erin Brockovich." Brockovich made a trip to Grand Island in September 2004 to meet with Grand Island residents dealing with the contamination. A settlement in the case involving Cargill effectively ends the legal battle for those plaintiffs involved solely in the Cargill case, but it could resume the legal case with plaintiffs challenging CNH. About 270 plaintiffs are involved solely in the case against Cargill. They live or lived in the Kentish Hills, Castle Estates and Mary Lane subdivisions and nearby areas where the Heinzman plume first migrated. Another 80 plaintiffs were involved in lawsuits against both Cargill and CNH. Those plaintiffs live primarily in the Parkview and Stolley Park subdivisions, where the two contamination plumes migrated and then joined. Another dozen plaintiffs were involved in a lawsuit against CNH only, as they lived in the Parkview or Stolley Park subdivisions prior to the Heinzman Engineering contamination reaching that area. Srolovic declined any further comment. Feider said simply that Cargill was "pleased to have reached a mutually satisfactory resolution to this matter."

<http://www.theindependent.com/articles/2010/07/07/news/local/12032368.txt>

USA, TX, SNYDER, JULY 8 2010. LAKE ALAN HENRY CLOSED DUE TO NEARBY OIL LEAK

Don't make plans to go to Lake Alan Henry, just north of Snyder. It's been shut down after a nearby oil leak. Crews are still capturing crude oil from two pipelines that broke along the Brazos River that feeds into the lake. Both pipelines have been plugged. It's estimated about 165 barrels of crude oil leaked into the river. Booms have been set up to keep it from flowing into Lake Alan Henry.

<http://www.newswest9.com/Global/story.asp?S=12770578>

USA, VA, BLUEFIELD, JULY 8 2010. DIESEL SPILL CLEAN UP CONTINUES

greg jordan

Work continued Wednesday on cleaning up a diesel fuel spill that started in Bluefield, Va. and flowed into West Virginia. Diesel fuel started leaking this past weekend into Beaver Creek when a flex hose connecting a storage tank to pumps at Ammar's, Inc. off College Avenue ruptured. Lt. Sean Wyatt of the Princeton Fire Department said Tuesday that as much as 200 gallons of fuel had escaped, adding that it was a "conservative estimate." In West Virginia, Mercer County firefighters checked the Bluestone River and found diesel fuel in the Nemours vicinity. Work started to deploy booms and absorbent pads in both Beaver Creek and the Bluestone that could contain and collect the spillage. Danny Mullins of Marshall Miller & Associates, an environmental engineering firm, said that he and other workers were performing maintenance Wednesday. "It's what we call creek maintenance and boom maintenance," Mullins said. "We were out Sunday and Monday night. We go through and maintain all of those absorbents; what's been impacted, we take out and replace." Mullins said that to the best of his knowledge, the diesel fuel had reached as far as Jimmy Lewis Lake Bridge in Nemours. "We're making good progress," he said. "It's not as bad as what everyone originally thought. We're collecting the majority of the product with these absorbents." Whether soil and vegetation contaminated by the spill will have to be collected had not been decided, he said. "That's still possible. We're meeting with the (Virginia) Department of Environmental Quality to discuss that," he said. Mullins did not know exactly how long the clean up will last, saying that "it will be an ongoing process."

<http://www.register-herald.com/local/x383297601/Diesel-spill-clean-up-continues>

PITTSBURGH, JULY 8 2010. ETHANOL COULD LEAVE SOME BOATERS, MOWERS OUT OF GAS >> ETHANOL COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR SOME ENGINES

 Watch the Video <http://www.thepittsburghchannel.com/news/24168986/detail.html>

If you're having problems getting your lawnmower or boat to start, it might be what's in the gas. A Team 4 investigation found increasing complaints about ethanol in gas and the effect it has on some engines. What follows is a transcript of the report by Team 4's Paul Van Osdol:

We've found complaints about what ethanol does to lawnmowers, weed whackers, chain saws - and boats. Federal law says up to 10 percent of gas can contain ethanol. Experts say some engines are just not equipped to handle high ethanol levels. And the problem could get much worse within the next few months. Every time George Boyle takes

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out his boat, the first thing he does is climb into the bilge and drain filters designed to keep water from getting into his gas. Ethanol attracts water, and over time that water can separate from the rest of the gasoline, damaging the engine, especially when the gas sits in the tank for a long time without being used, not unusual for boats. Boyle, a Coast Guard auxiliary captain, knows first-hand what can happen when too much water gets into gas.

George Boyle, Coast Guard Auxiliary: "The engines kept sputtering and wouldn't start, kept sputtering and wouldn't start and the next thing you know, we were floating down the river toward Aspinwall." So the captain had to be rescued - while he was out on patrol.

George Boyle: "You can't get any more embarrassing than that." Boyle's mechanic told him ethanol was the problem and he needed the special filters -- at \$300 apiece. He spent hundreds more having his entire engine cleaned out.

George Boyle: "Ethanol has cost me a lot of money."

He's not alone. Other boaters have reported problems with ethanol eroding fiberglass gas tanks.

Roger Peterson, Fox Chapel Marine: "It will eat through them so some people will have to watch that." This year Fox Chapel Marine started selling gas with a special additive designed to combat the effects of ethanol.

Roger Peterson: "We're trying to prevent boaters from having any problems with their boats with the ethanol fuel." They're also seeing ethanol-related problems here at this lawnmower repair shop. These are all old carburetors that were replaced after people complained about their mowers or tractors not starting. Mechanics here say most of the problems were the result of ethanol.

Tim Kelleher, J&D Lawn and Tractor: "See the water in the gasoline in there?" Mechanic Tim Kelleher says that's a sure sign of ethanol in gas. And when too much water gets into lawnmower engines you get this...

Tim Kelleher: "Won't start, hard starting, starts and stalls, they just can't mow their grass and they get really frustrated. A gasoline engine will not run on water." Kelleher and other mechanics have taken apart numerous lawnmower engines and they can find no cause for the problems other than ethanol.

Tim Kelleher, J&D Lawn and Tractor: "It's been 10 times worse this year than in past years. It's good for business but it's not good for the customers." And it could get worse. In the next few months the EPA will decide whether to raise the amount of ethanol in gas from 10 to 15 percent. That's a big concern for Kris Kiser of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, which represents the makers of lawnmowers, chainsaws and weed whackers.

Kris Kiser, Outdoor Power Equipment Institute: "There's some very legitimate safety concerns." That's because of government tests of higher-ethanol fuels on small engines.

Kris Kiser: "In a neutral position the blades engage. If we're dealing with a chainsaw or a brush cutter or a hedge trimmer in a neutral position where our consumer is holding it, that's very dangerous, so we're very concerned about that." An EPA spokesman told Team 4 they are waiting until all the test results are in before deciding whether to approve the higher ethanol levels. Van Osdol also spoke to a group that represents ethanol producers. They acknowledge there have been problems with boats and lawnmowers but they say those can be avoided with proper maintenance.

Taking Action For You: Here are some things you do to prevent ethanol-related problems:

- Don't leave gas in your tank too long - whether it's a boat or a lawnmower
- Look at buying additives for your fuel to help reduce the effects of ethanol
- Do NOT use E85, the higher ethanol gas, for boats, lawnmowers or other small engines.

<http://www.thepittsburghchannel.com/news/24168986/detail.html>

USA, MN, PARK RAPIDS, JULY 8 2010. FUEL SPILL ADDS TO WEEKEND HEADACHES



An underground fuel tank leaked near the Thomason Law Office in Park Rapids after heavy rains fell in the region Sunday night. Pollution control officials were called in to mop up the smelly mess Sunday. Residents reported 5 to 6 inches of rain overnight, flooded basements and sump pumps running nonstop. Standing water was a common sight.

An underground fuel tank leaked near the Thomason Law Office in Park Rapids after heavy rains fell in the region Sunday night. Pollution control officials were called in to mop up the smelly mess Sunday. Residents reported 5 to 6 inches of rain overnight, flooded basements and sump pumps running nonstop. Standing water was a common sight.

<http://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/event/article/id/24247/>

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USA, IL, CHICAGO, JULY 8 2010. PROVISO EAST SUED OVER UNPAID BILL – DIESEL FUEL CLEANUP- \$1.02 MILLION OWED, FIRM SAYS

An environmental firm filed a \$1 million lawsuit against a west suburban high school, alleging the bill for cleaning up diesel fuel and storm water that flooded the basement was never paid. Storm water poured into Proviso East High School in September 2008, triggering the "uncontrolled release of diesel fuel from a 500 gallon fuel tank located on the premises," according to the lawsuit. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency got involved, according to the lawsuit filed Wednesday in Cook County Circuit Court, because at least some of the fuel and floodwaters flowed through "man made drainage" into the Des Plaines River or the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. Wheeling-based SET Environmental Inc. was hired to do the cleanup, which it launched following school district approval and IEPA guidelines, according to court papers. The tab for the monthlong project totaled \$1.02 million. Now the company has filed a breach-of-contract suit asking for payment plus interest and attorney's fees. A call to Proviso Township District 209 was not returned Wednesday afternoon. And a spokesman at SET Environmental headquarters said, "I have no information for you" before hanging up.

<http://www.suntimes.com/news/24-7/2477080,CST-NWS-proviso08.article>

NIGERIA, PORT HARCOURT, JULY 9 2010. DISASTER LOOMS AS VILLAGERS SCOOP FUEL FROM FALLEN TANKER

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Residents of villages between Ubima and Omagwa have raised alarm about an imminent disaster that may happen if urgent steps are not taken by security agents and the Rivers State Government to cordon off the two petrol tankers that had accident along the Omagwa-Ubima road. Concerned callers to a Port Harcourt-based radio station Silverbird Rhythm 93.7 in the early hours of today expressed grave concern about the imminent tragedy if nothing is done to checkmate the scooping of the leaking petrol. When P.M.NEWS put a call across to Dr. Dawari George, the Commissioner for Energy and Natural Resources his call was not going through. A source at the Ministry said the Commissioner travelled out of the state for an official assignment. However, Mr. Blessing Wikina, the Chief Press Secretary to Governor Chibueke Amaechi told our correspondent on phone that efforts were made to mobilize relevant authorities and security agents to cordon off the area to avoid any carnage. He said the "police have mobilised the Police Area Command, Isiokpo, to take appropriate security measures around the accident scene." Meanwhile, there is a serious traffic jam along the Omagwa-Ubima-Owerri road, the main exit for those travelling to Imo and Anambra states from Port Harcourt. Efforts made to get across to Dr. Rita Innoma-Abbey, a Superintendent of Police, and the Rivers State Command Public Relations Officer were not successful.

<http://pmnewsnigeria.com/2010/07/08/disaster-looms-as-villagers-scoop-fuel-from-fallen-tanker/>

USA, TX, BURNET, JULY 9 2010. 500 GL. FUEL SPILL TRIGGERS HOME EVACS >> HOMES WITHIN 2-BLOCK RADIUS OF SPILL EVACUATED

jarrod wise & jackie vega

Watch the Video <http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/local/500-gal-fuel-spill-triggers-home-evacs>



A Burnet fuel spill that triggered an evacuation of homes Thursday morning is now under control after officials managed to cap the leaking fuel line near the railroad depot. The spill initially spurred an evacuation for homes within a two-block radius while officials tried to handle the situation, using containment materials and sorbent booms. The [City of Burnet Fire Department](#) responded to the spill around 9 a.m. after a dump truck emptied garbage and was leaving the facility when it accidentally clipped an awning attached to one of the Dahopa Wholesale Fuels bulk fuel storage tanks. The awning then cracked a pipe attached to a 5,000 gallon drum of gasoline, causing a leak. "And naturally the first thing we thought was terrorists, because there's not usually someone that comes and punctures a gas tank," said Dale Turner. Turner lives next to those gas tanks. Burnet police officers knocked on his door early this morning to evacuate him and his family. "We was away for about

three hours and then they told us when we could come back," Turner said. Responders contained the leaking gasoline and closed a shut-off valve to prevent further leakage. "There is a creek. They were able to contain it before it was able to get into or near the creek," said Christa Bromley with the City of Burnet. The [Texas Commission for Environmental Quality](#) was on the scene, and the hazardous material response team TAS helped in the cleanup process. Thursday morning, representatives from solid waste provider [IESI](#) said they would have their hazardous material team respond to the site as well. There are not

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many homes around, but there are a few independent businesses. Authorities cleared residents to return to their homes around 2 p.m.

<http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/local/500-gal-fuel-spill-triggers-home-evacs>

USA, OH, SHARON, JULY 9 2010. TANKER CRASHES IN SHARON, SPILLS CHEMICAL >> RIVER DIES IN ACCIDENT; NEARBY RESIDENTS EVACUATED

A tanker truck carrying 6,000 gallons of anhydrous ammonia crashed at about noon July 5 on Beach Road in Sharon Township, resulting in the death of the driver and spilling a small amount of the chemical fertilizer. The driver, Phillip Linden, 75, co-owner and founder of Linden Propane Inc. in LaGrange Township, drove off the side of the road, causing the truck to flip over and catch fire, according to Trooper Byron Foxx, of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Medina Post. There were no reports of any other injuries. The cause of the accident is under investigation, according to Foxx. Twenty homes were evacuated as a precaution and Beach Road was closed to traffic, he added. The Medina County Sheriff's Office also responded to the incident. Anhydrous ammonia is used as an agricultural fertilizer in its liquid form. If released into the environment, anhydrous ammonia gas creates a cloud that travels along the ground rather than rising into the air and can cause respiratory injuries and burns to the skin and eyes, as well as fatalities at high concentrations, according to an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) report. Sharon Fire Chief Rob Haas said five fire departments — Sharon, Bath, Granger, Medina and Wadsworth — responded to the incident. "The spill was caused from a plumbing valve failure and not from damage to the tank," he said. "There was never a significant release of anhydrous ammonia." Haas added fire department crews have known about the chemical since the 1960s and train every year on how to deal with it. "We sprayed water to suppress the vapors," said Haas. "Residents can find solace in the fact that we know how to handle it and our plan worked." The cleanup effort took about 13 hours and involved Hazmat crews and the Medina County Emergency Management Agency. That agency's director, Buck Adams, said the spill caused no soil contamination and the cleanup continued Tuesday with the clearing of brush debris and truck parts. Residents were allowed to return when the road reopened at about 12:30 a.m. July 6, he said. Sharon Township Trustee Brian Guccion said the tanker was headed to fill a 1,000-gallon "nurse tank" at South Spring Farms, which is located on Beach Road. The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) recently approved an application from the farm to have a 12,000-gallon tank to hold anhydrous ammonia, which caused concern by area residents. The application was submitted by Bruce Simmons III, proprietor of South Spring Farms. During a community meeting last month regarding the application, residents voiced their concerns about the farm owner's history with chemicals, the laws concerning population density, emergency personnel's plans to respond to a spill and other issues. Guccion, who moderated the meeting, said at that meeting the township's position centers on guarding the safety and security of all residents and neighboring communities. In an interview July 6, Guccion stressed the tanker accident on Beach Road and the 12,000-gallon tank, which has yet to be constructed, are two separate issues. "This was an accident involving a vehicle, which happened to be carrying the anhydrous ammonia, and happened to occur on Beach Road," he said. "The Department of Agriculture dictates the rules on the tank and we have to abide by them." Simmons could not be reached by presstime.

<http://www.akron.com/akron-ohio-community-news.asp?alD=9487>

CANADA, B.C, VANCOUVER, JULY 9 2010. METRO TO PROBE OIL SPILL THREAT, OTHER RISKY CARGO

jeff nagel



An oil tanker loads up crude oil in Burnaby from Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain Pipeline.

Metro Vancouver will examine the growth in oil tanker traffic through Burrard Inlet and fears the increased shipments heighten the risk of a catastrophic oil spill fouling local waters. The issue will be brought before Metro's port cities committee in the weeks ahead. Politicians there will examine not just oil but also other hazardous cargo shipped through local terminals. "We think this is a bit broader issue than just oil tankers," said Gaetan Royer, city manager of Port Moody, who spoke on behalf of the committee. "There's sulphur, acetylene and volatile compounds that may present health risks to humans." Royer said the committee would seek information on volumes and types of hazardous cargo, risk

assessments and levels of emergency preparedness from various responsible agencies. The port cities committee, comprised of representatives from area municipalities with port infrastructure, is slated to meet July 16 and 28, although it's not yet determined when the oil risk issue will be brought forward. Royer said it appears the actual risk of an oil spill here hasn't

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changed, only the perception of that risk because of media coverage of the BP oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. "People are very, very concerned about these issues and rightfully so," said Metro Vancouver board chair and Delta Mayor Lois Jackson. She said the committee has a certain amount of lobbying influence, but whether it wields any real power on the issue is debatable. Jackson also noted commodities including oil and gas are needed to sustain the region's population. Vancouver city councillors grilled Port Metro Vancouver officials about the potential risks July 5 before asking the Metro committee to take up the issue. Port Metro Vancouver terminals last year handled 8.3 million tonnes of petroleum products. Close to half of that consisted of crude oil being exported, while most of the rest were imports of gasoline, diesel or aviation fuel. Crude oil exports through the port have tripled since 2006, with 70 tankers a year now loading crude here, most of it bound for California. Oil for export is carried to the Westridge Terminal in Burnaby from Alberta via Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline. Kinder Morgan wants to expand the pipeline's capacity from 300,000 barrels to 700,000 barrels of oil per day. Port Metro Vancouver chief operating officer Chris Badger said such an expansion might require expanded terminal berths, tank farms and possibly dredging to ease ships passage. The Kinder Morgan proposal is in competition with a highly controversial plan by Enbridge to build a rival oil pipeline through northern B.C. to Kitimat, requiring tankers to wend their way through north coast inlets. "We completely understand why there is such a level of interest and concern in the communities in light of what is happening in the Gulf right now," Badger said. "It focuses everybody's attention on what can happen when something goes wrong." The largest oil tankers coming to Port Metro Vancouver are 130,000 tonnes, but draft restrictions – how deep the ships can sit in the water – mean they're effectively limited to carrying 110,000 tonnes of crude. One area of concern is a plan to loosen those restrictions, allowing each tanker to carry more oil and sit lower in the water – potentially putting them at greater risk of grounding. The port conducts simulations of the risks of navigating the inlet, including the tight Second Narrows. Only double-hulled tankers are permitted here and no double-hulled tanker has ever been in a collision or accident causing a spill, Badger said. The assurances were cold comfort to Christianne Wilhelmson, executive director of the Georgia Strait Alliance. "You have to be ready for the worst," she said. "We saw BP was not ready for the worst. Is that good enough for us? I would say no." More than 60 species that live in Georgia Strait are endangered or at risk, she said, and a spill could devastate ecotourism ventures and many other businesses and First Nations reliant on the coastline. Each tanker must have local firm Burrard Clean on standby to mop up any spill of up to 10,000 tonnes. But Wilhelmson notes that's only a small fraction of what each tanker carries. She said the recent increases in oil exports and the plans to more than double them again are being done without any community consultations. "When you increase the amount of crude oil going out, you increase the number of tankers, you increase their load, you increase risk," Wilhelmson said. "I think if there's going to be an increase in risk that the community will pay for in the end, when something goes wrong, we should be part of the conversation."

http://www.bclocalnews.com/greater_vancouver/newwestminsternewsleader/news/98048244.html

USA, MA, TAUNTON, JULY 9 2010. TAUNTON HOUSE FIRE THREATENS GAS STATION, CHEMICAL CLOUD RELEASED

kendra leigh miller

 **Photo Gallery:**

<http://www.tauntongazette.com/photos/x909199514/Taunton-house-fire-threatens-gas-station-chemical-cloud-released>



A Taunton police officer runs from a cloud of dry chemicals ejected by the fire suppression system at the Gulf Gas Station on Washington Street.

A thick white cloud covered an entire city neighborhood Wednesday evening after flames tore through a home, threatening a nearby gas station and triggering an explosion of fire retardants. Although no one was injured in the initial fire, at least six people were transported to the hospital. A dispatcher at the city's Central Fire Station said that five "civilians" were taken to the hospital for treatment due to inhalation of fire suppression chemicals in the air, and one firefighter was transported and treated for a hand injury. Thanks to the quick thinking of two passersby, though, a young family is safe after the fire caused heavy damage to their third-floor Hodges Avenue apartment. "I heard popping and saw all the smoke in the window," said the resident, as she stood outside the still burning home. "I

came around the corner slow because I didn't know if someone was trying to break in. When I looked around the corner, I saw the smoke but couldn't get back." The resident refused to give her name. Joe Faria was at Dunkin Donuts across the street from 10 Hodges Ave. when he noticed heavy black and gray smoke coming out the top window. "I drove over here, drove through all the red lights and came around banging on all the windows," Joe Faria said. He witnessed it with another passerby,

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Scott Ferriera, and called 911. "I ran to the back and was banging on the windows before we both ran upstairs and made sure she got out," Ferriera said. "I'm so happy they're safe." Taunton Fire Lt. Jonathan Nunes said the 911 call came in just before 5:30 p.m., and the fire began in the third floor and spread to the attic, but was contained within about 15 minutes. However, fire crews remained on the scene for at least two hours. "It was a three-alarm fire," Nunes said. "At some point during the fire, every piece of apparatus we have was at the scene." He said because of the time of day and the quick calls, they were able to take care of it before it escalated. Rick Ferreira, director of Taunton Emergency Management, said a mother lived there with her two young children, ages 2 and 4 years old. He said emergency management will most likely be lending a helping hand to the family. "We might have to help her long term; it's hard to say right now," Ferreira said. "This young girl doesn't seem to have any family around." Fire Capt. Steven Robbins said the flames damaged the kitchen and attic, smoke damaged the third floor and water damaged the other two floors. Robbins said at this time the cause is still under investigation. What made an already chaotic situation even worse was a plume of chemicals ejected by a nearby gas station. Shortly after the fire was put out, dry chemical canisters at the Taunton Food Mart and Gulf Gas Station next door to the three-floor house exploded from the excessive heat, he added. Dozens of people ran to get away from the chemical, called Ansyl, which causes a burning sensation in the eyes and throat. The pale yellow, non-toxic chemical covered everything and everyone within a 200-foot radius of the gas station with powder. A layer about a half-inch thick covered police cruisers, rescue apparatus, fire trucks and cars. "I never saw anything like that," one woman said moments after the explosion.

<http://www.tauntongazette.com/newsnow/x1849224886/Fire-guts-Taunton-home-threatens-gas-station>

CHINA, HENAN, PINGDINGSHAN CITY, JULY 9 2010. CHINA COAL MINE EXPLOSION KILLS SIX, INJURES 34 OTHERS

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A coal mine explosion in China's Henan province killed at least six people in Central China Thursday. The explosion also buried three people in rubble and injured 34 others. Rescue workers used excavating tools to dig through debris and rubble at the pithead of a coal mine in Fenghuangling Coal Mine in Pingdingshan City. The explosion at approximately 5:30 a.m. left a crater 30 feet deep and more than 90 feet wide about 30 feet from the top of a shaft. Officials said the three who perished were security guards. The injured list also includes security personnel, maintenance workers and nearby residents. Witnesses said they heard a series of loud bangs and saw some of the surface buildings collapse after the blast. Windows of buildings a short distance away also suffered shattered windows and other damage. The cause of the blast had not yet been uncovered, officials said. A state agency news report said the mine has a licensed annual output of 150,000 tons but was ordered to suspend mining pending a takeover by the state-run Zhong Ping Energy Chemical Group. A spokesman for the rescue operation said at the time of the explosion the mine was not operation. China's mining industry is one of the most dangerous in the world. Every year thousands of fatalities are reported. On June 21, a mine blast in Pingdingshan killed 46 people.

<http://www.allheadlinenews.com/articles/7019223297>

INDIA, LUCKNOW, JULY 9 2010. SIX WORKERS DROWN IN SAUCE FACTORY TANK

Six workers of a tomato sauce factory, including a woman, drowned in a 12-foot-deep tank filled with the raw material for making the product, in Talkatora area in Lucknow on Wednesday night. The mishap took place when the woman worker of Akansha food products in Mayapuram locality went near the tank to clean the area and accidentally fell into it and her co-workers jumped one after the other to save her, police said, adding six bodies have been taken out. Another injured worker was rushed to the Trauma centre for treatment, they said.

<http://www.ndtv.com/article/cities/six-workers-drown-in-sauce-factory-tank-36397>

USA, CO, OURAY, JULY 9 2010. MAN PLUNGES TO DEATH SETTING OFF FIREWORKS >> VICTIM STEPPED BACKWARD, FELL OFF CLIFF

An Ouray man who stepped back to avoid exploding fireworks plunged 100 feet off a cliff to his death, [Denver TV station KMGH reported](#). James Peter Morss, 22, was setting off fireworks with his friends along a dirt county road when he fell just before 3 a.m. Monday, Ouray County Sheriff Dominic Mattivi said. The shelf road hugs a steep cliff above Canyon Creek. "There is a cliff on one side of the road and the canyon on the other," Mattivi said. Several friends, including an emergency medical technician, hiked down to Morss after he fell but found him dead. Rescue crews retrieved his body about three hours later. Morss is a former student at Mesa State College in Grand Junction.

<http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/24184089/detail.html>

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UK, CORNWALL, JULY 9 2010. FIRE EXPLOSION RISK KEEPS NEWQUAY-PAR BRANCH LINE SHUT



The gas cylinders in the workshop cannot be removed for 24 hours.

The risk of gas cylinders exploding in a workshop fire has closed a railway line in Cornwall for a second day. Firefighters worked through the night to tackle the blaze at the workshop in Luxulyan, which started on Wednesday at about 1700 BST. A 200m (660ft) exclusion zone remains in place because of concerns about the gas cylinders. Services on the Newquay to Par branch line, which is within the zone, have been cancelled. Cooling period At the height of the fire, 50 firefighters from across mid-Cornwall tackled the flames and water was taken from a nearby river. No houses have been evacuated, but the occupants of two caravans were moved to safety. Kevin Thomas, of Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service, said the brigade's priority was to ensure the acetylene cylinders do not explode. They will have to be cooled for a minimum of 24 hours before they can be moved safely. No-one has

been injured in the fire.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/england/cornwall/10549990.stm>

INDIA, CHENNAI, JULY 10 2010. PROBE ORDERED INTO MOGAPPAR WATER CONTAMINATION

sharadha narayanan

The Tamil Nadu State Human Rights Commission on Friday passed an interim order directing the district environmental engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) and the revenue divisional officer, Ponneri, to inquire thoroughly into the incident of mixing up of oil with drinking water at West Mogappair and file individual reports on the same on July 16. The SHRC had on June 21 taken suo motu cognizance of the problem of finding oil mixture in drinking water in West Mogappair residential area and had sought a report from the TNPCB and the Collector (Tiruvallur) on the same. The residents had alleged that the oil got mixed up with water due to a leakage in a nearby petrol filling station. Reports filed by both respondents, interestingly, contained contradictory data. While the TNPCB report stated that the water was contaminated in those houses that were situated on the north and south sides of the petrol bunk run by AP Enterprises, the Collector's report cited the contamination only in those homes south to the petrol station and not on the north side. This discrepancy has led to an interim order by SHRC chairperson Justice AS Venkatachalamoorthy, who also asked for a complete study of the entire area as its previous report had excluded certain regions which suffered contamination. Meanwhile, as the district environmental engineer of TNPCB, who had been ordered to present a thorough report on this issue on July 6, did not honour it, the SHRC asked the TNPCB chairman to file a report on the default within 10 days saying that the TNPCB officials did not present their case even two days after the stipulated date.

<http://expressbuzz.com/cities/chennai/probe-ordered-into-mogappair-water-contamination/188497.html>

USA, IA, DES MOINES, JULY 10 2010. PETROLEUM COMPANY FINED \$250,000 FOR IOWA GASOLINE TANK VIOLATIONS



The owner of several gas stations in Iowa owes the state \$250,000 in penalties for failing to follow rules meant to prevent petroleum from leaking from underground tanks and other violations. However, payment is complicated by the fact that Bulk Petroleum Corp. filed for bankruptcy last year, state officials said today. Bulk Petroleum buys gasoline from oil companies then then sells it to gas stations. A judge in Polk County District Court on Thursday ordered training for certain Bulk Petroleum Corp. employees on how to examine underground tanks for suspected leaks and how to protect tanks from corrosion. Bulk Petroleum also must adopt standard maintenance and recordkeeping procedures and conduct tank inspections twice each year by state-certified inspectors, the judgment states. The company is permanently enjoined from further violations, said Geoff Greenwood, spokesman for the attorney general.

The release of petroleum from underground tanks is "a substantial public concern" because it can threaten public health and natural resources, the Iowa attorney general's office argued when it sued the Delaware-based Bulk Petroleum Corp in 2007. One concern is keeping gasoline out of drinking water supplies. Between 2005 and 2008, state inspectors identified violations at 28 retail gas stations with underground tanks owned by Bulk Petroleum. The sites included 21 Citgo stations – in Des Moines, Davenport, LeClaire, Blue Grass, Waterloo, Burlington, Malcolm, Clive, Oskaloosa, Maquoketa. Other violators were a C Store & Deli in Nevada; a Four Mile Texaco in Des Moines; two Jiffy stations in Ames

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and Davenport; and a Breakpoint station in Bondurant, state records show. Owners of such tanks are required to check for leaks at least every 30 days, state law says. If there is a fuel leak, it must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within 24 hours, the law says. Bulk Petroleum, which is incorporated in Delaware but has headquarters in Mequon, Wisconsin, admitted to the violations and didn't contest them in court, state officials said. The \$250,000 penalty owed to the state is an unsecured claim, which means that secured claims will get priority. Claims against Bulk Petroleum will be decided by a bankruptcy judge. Whether Iowa gets its money will depend on the company's other debts. The court judgment against Bulk Petroleum says the company must pay interest on any penalties unpaid after the due date.

<http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2010/07/09/petroleum-company-fined-250000-for-iowa-gasoline-tank-violations/>

USA, PA, BRENTWOOD, JULY 10 2010. WRONG GAS PUMPED INTO ROUTE 51 GETGO TANK >> FEW CUSTOMERS AT BRENTWOOD STORE DURING EARLY-MORNING MIX-UP.

• **Watch the Video** <http://kdka.com/consumer/getgo.fuel.mixup.2.1796146.html>

• **Watch the Video** <http://www.thepittsburghchannel.com/news/24198811/detail.html>



A deliver driver filled the underground regular fuel tank with diesel fuel and several customers purchased the mixed fuel before the mistake was realized.

A gas mix-up that happened early Friday morning at a Brentwood GetGo station could have been a lot worse. Channel 4 Action News' Bob Mayo reported that a tanker truck was making a delivery to fill the underground tanks at the gas station on Route 51/Saw Mill Run Boulevard at about 1 a.m. The truck driver mistakenly put diesel fuel into the unleaded tank, and he rushed inside so an on-site employee could hit the emergency stop button, Mayo reported. GetGo owner Giant Eagle said only one of the approximately seven people who were pumping gas when the mistake happened has notified them about a possible car problem. Anyone else who was there at the time and could be affected can [contact GetGo's customer service](#). Giant Eagle said all the gas lines at the Brentwood station have been flushed, and

fuel trucks make multiple deliveries over the course of a day, so the company doesn't think Friday's incident will be a problem.

<http://www.thepittsburghchannel.com/news/24198811/detail.html>

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, HOBART, JULY 10 2010. CALTEX TAKES OVER FUEL SUPPLY TO TASMANIA

Fuel retailer Caltex has taken over from Shell as the main fuel supplier to Tasmanian service stations and industry. Caltex has begun shipping fuel, saying it will deliver about 34 million litres every three weeks into Hobart and Devonport. The company says it has upgraded its fuel storage facilities within the Hobart terminal and invested more in its service stations to allow the introduction of premium fuels. "Caltex will now supply much of Tasmania's petrol, diesel and jet fuel needs, replacing Shell," Caltex General Manager of Supply and Distribution Ken James says.

<http://www.busnews.com.au/news/articleid/68548.aspx>

USA, CO, ENGLEWOOD, JULY 10 2010. EXPLOSION KILLS WELDER IN ENGLEWOOD

• **Watch the Video** <http://cbs4denver.com/news/arvada.inglewood.welder.2.1796901.html>



The explosion scene at 2695 South Raritan in Englewood, Colo. (July 8, 2010).

A worker was killed Thursday in an explosion at a large commercial holding tank in Englewood, authorities said. The blast happened at about 4:30 p.m. at ACI Services on South Raritan Street. ACI Services is an environmental contractor. Marla Wilcox with the Englewood Fire Department said the victim was preparing to weld a 21,000 gallon tank that holds water, gasoline, diesel and/or oil when a spark caused fumes to ignite. The worker sustained serious injuries to his face and was blown off the tank, Wilcox said. Other employees pulled the worker to safety and initiated CPR.

The man was transported by ambulance to a nearby hospital. His name was not released. ACI recovers contaminants from businesses, sites, etc. They process the products removing flammables from water for proper disposal.

<http://www.kwgn.com/news/kdvr-englewood-blast-txt.0,1512072.story>

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UK, DORSET, JULY 11 2010. TREASURE HUNTER STUMBLES ON DEADLY DAD'S ARMY BOMB CACHE



The phosphorous bombs were too dangerous to be removed, so were detonated in a controlled explosion by Army experts.

A treasure hunter escaped serious injury when he unearthed a cache of bombs that were buried by the Home Guard during the darkest days of World War 2. The weapons - primed to go off when they made contact with the air - were secreted on a beach by a Captain Mainwaring of the day. Loaded with dangerous benzene and phosphorus, the Dad's Army-style team would have used them in battle against Nazi troops in the event of invasion. They were buried and forgotten about for 70 years until metal detectorist Ian Snook stumbled upon them as he swept Cogden Beach, near Burton Bradstock, Dorset. He began to dig up the find but stopped in

the nick of time when he saw a warning notice on top of the bombs. Had Ian, 44, put his spade through one of the 24 glass bottles, it would have detonated, causing serious burns. The metal notice read: 'PRECAUTION - bombs fire instantly on breaking in air. Stringent precautions must be taken to avoid cracking during handling - the caps must never be removed.' Ian, from Shepton Mallet, Somerset, raised the alarm and a bomb disposal squad was scrambled to carry out a controlled explosion on the last-ditch weapons. Sergeant Kay Howell, of the bomb disposal team, said the grenades were the type issued to the Home Guard and typically hidden near likely Nazi beachheads. He said: 'They are particularly nasty with phosphorus which will instantly ignite on contact with the air and the benzene which is carcinogenic.' 'They are really just milk bottles with a metal top - no fuse, you just throw them.' 'If someone was digging by hand and a shovel went through it will immediately spontaneously ignite.' 'And you could certainly get badly burnt, although it is unlikely they would kill you.' 'It is not safe to transport them because the caps are so very badly corroded so we exploded them where they were.' PC Nigel Case said: 'We went and assessed the situation and then kept them safe overnight. No-one was put at risk.' The evidence of these weapons, meant to be used in a desperate last-ditch attempt to defend Britain against an expected German invasion in 1940, reveals the grim truth behind the operations of Home Guard units, now best remembered through the antics of bumbling Captain Mainwaring and his misfit squad of would-be soldiers in the classic sitcom Dad's Army.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1293362/Treasure-hunter-stumbles-deadly-World-War-2-bomb-cache.html#ixzz0tQu4mtO>

MALAYSIA, KUALA LUMPUR JULY 11 2010. PETRONAS SAYS NEWFIELD PIPELINE SOURCE OF OIL SHEEN

A production pipeline belonging to the Malaysian unit of independent energy firm Newfield Exploration Co was the source of an oil sheen spotted earlier off the country's east coast, state oil company Petronas [PETR.UL] said on Saturday. A report lodged by Newfield Peninsula Malaysia Inc with the Malaysian authorities had earlier shown it was checking for a possible oil leak off the coast. Petronas had said on Friday it shut down pipelines at an oil platform after discovering an oil sheen near facilities it shared with Newfield and the Malaysian unit of Exxon Mobil. "Initial visual inspection results indicate the pipeline has been damaged by activities of an unidentified marine vessel unrelated to Newfield's operations," Petronas said in a statement on Saturday. "Repair work on the affected pipeline is in progress." It said production pipelines belonging to its exploration arm and Exxon Mobil had resumed operation since early Saturday. In a July 9 report lodged with the Malaysian authorities, Newfield said the Belumut to Tinggi pipeline was shut in on July 6 due to a report of a possible pipeline leak well to the west of the location. The oil sheen was spotted along the general line of the oil pipeline from Newfield's East Belumut-A Platform to Tinggi Platform, it said. "Pressure was observed to be static in pipeline but it was observed to decrease night 8/9 July 2010," the report said. The East Belumut field is off Malaysia's eastern state of Terengganu.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFSGE669EL120100710>

MALAYSIA, KUALA LUMPUR JULY 12 2010. OIL SHEEN PROMPTS PLATFORM SHUTDOWN OFF MALAYSIA

Malaysia's state-owned oil company Petroliaam Nasional Bhd (Petronas) shut down oil platforms and production pipelines offshore eastern peninsular Malaysia after a thin layer of oil was sighted in nearby waters. The facilities, located about 240 kilometers offshore Malaysia, are operated by Petronas's production sharing contractors – upstream unit Petronas Carigali, ExxonMobil Exploration and Production Malaysia and Newfield Peninsular Malaysia. Emergency response and oil spill teams, including those from the Petroleum Industry of Malaysia Mutual Aid Group and East Asia Response, mobilized to the area and have cleaned up most of the oil sheen. The situation is being monitored via aerial and marine surveillance while a remotely operated underwater vehicle and subsea pipeline tests are being used to identify to source of the sheen.

http://www.downstreamtoday.com/news/article.aspx?a_id=23320

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USA, LA, LAKE CHARLES, JULY 11 2010. VILLE PLATTE MAN HURT IN WORK SITE EXPLOSION

Louisiana State Police Troop D and the Department of Environmental Quality are investigating an explosion Thursday at Louisiana Tank, north of Lake Charles. A drum of the corrosive agent Aluma Brite exploded at a work site while being pressurized, according to a press release. Ronald Franks, 49, of Ville Platte was injured in the explosion and was taken to a local hospital. The incident only affected a small portion of the property, according to the release. It remains under investigation.

<http://www.thetowntalk.com/article/20100710/NEWS01/7100311>

USA, OH, RICHLAND CO, JULY 11 2010. TANKER TRUCK PLOWS INTO TELEPHONE POLE

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Around 4:50PM, the Plymouth Fire Department was called to the intersection of London West Road and State Route 61 in Richland County for a one vehicle, non-injury accident. According to authorities on the scene, a tanker truck driver from Walnut Hill Feeds of Shelby was traveling westbound on London West Road. The driver, who's name was not released, attempted to stop at the sign at the intersection of London West Road and State Route 61. The driver's brakes seized and sent the truck sliding sideways into a nearby telephone pole.

<http://www.wmfd.com/newsboard/single.asp?Story=41990>

USA, OH, COLUMBUS, JULY 11 2010. NUMEROUS FIREWORKS INCIDENTS IN SE OHIO DURING 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY

Four people were injured in fireworks incidents, two fireworks-related fires were reported and more than 2,000 pounds of fireworks were seized. The Division of State Fire Marshal in Ohio has announced that a dozen investigations were conducted throughout Ohio near the Independence Day weekend. Four people were injured in fireworks incidents, two fireworks-related fires were reported and more than 2,000 pounds of fireworks were seized.

June 25, 2010 Racine (Meigs County)

More than 700 pounds of illegal 1.4g fireworks after agents bought \$200 worth of fireworks from the sellers. Once the purchase was completed, investigators made contact with the sellers who voluntarily surrendered the fireworks.

July 2, 2010 Albany/Paigeville (Meigs County)

A tip led the State Fire Marshal's Office to a family that was planning a fireworks show for the community. \$1,200 worth of fireworks were seized before the show started. That's 1.4g of fireworks.

July 4, 2010 Wheelersburg (Scioto County)

The Porter Township Fire Department responded to a call that a man had been injured when bottle rockets ignited in his back pocket. The man was carrying more than a dozen bottle rockets in his pocket. One of them lit in his pocket, igniting the others as well. He received 2nd and 3rd degree burns to the backside of his body, legs, hands and fingers and was transported to a Huntington hospital.

McArthur (Vinton County)

A Vinton County man was injured after he modified a 1.4g fireworks device by removing the time delay fuse and manually lighting a faster burning fuse. This caused pieces of the device to ignite, burning his face and shoulders. He was transferred to a Columbus hospital for treatment.

All of these incidents are under investigation by the Division of State Fire Marshall and charges could be filed.

<http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/98119504.html?ref=504>

USA, UT, PROVO, JULY 11 2010. FIRE MARSHALL INVESTIGATES PROVO FIREWORKS ACCIDENT

Provo's fire marshal is investigating what caused fireworks to shoot into the crowd during a Fourth of July celebration. Provo Fire Marshal Lynn Schofield says pyrotechnics crews hope to know soon what caused the malfunction during the Stadium of Fire event at LaVell Edwards Stadium. Schofield says something knocked one of the launchers out of place and it was pointing

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at the crowd instead of up in the air. Schofield says six people were treated for minor burns and bruises, but nobody was taken to the hospital. The accident did not disrupt the show.

http://www.abc4.com/content/news/top%20stories/story/Fire-marshall-investigates-Provo-fireworks/9Y5uRVhqiUGwerVR93Gi_A.csp

USA, MS, CLARKE CO, JULY 11 200. CAUSE OF EXPLOSION UNKNOWN >> ONE MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED AND REPORTEDLY IN AREA BURN UNIT

charlotte graham

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A large plume of smoke engulfs the sky in the Vossburg community of Pachuta, Friday. An explosion occurred at the West Nancy Oil Field just off Highway 11 South. Clarke County Sheriff Todd Kemp said this was a storage facility owned by Denbury Resources Inc., of Laurel.

Clarke County Sheriff Todd Kemp and other emergency personnel responding to Friday's oil storage tank explosion in the southern part of the county remained at the accident scene until about 8 a.m. Saturday. Kemp said because of the volatility of the site, the Sheriff's Department remained until everything was under control and deemed safe for residents living in the vicinity of the explosion. According to Kemp, the explosion was reported at about 3:45 p.m. Friday. About 150 people were evacuated from the area south of Pachuta on County Road 280 at about 4:30 p.m. The sheriff said residents were moved out because the burning

tanks were emitting lethal hydrogen gas fumes. Also, the fire and fumes made it almost impossible for emergency fire crews to fight the massive blaze. "We had an incident where all workers were called in to assist us," said Kemp. "The Federal Government Fire Service was called in and we were able to put the fire out at about 4:15 a.m. (Saturday)." In addition to the Clarke County Sheriff's Department, responding agencies were the Clarke, Jasper and Jones County Emergency Management agencies; Clarke County Volunteer Fire Department; Heidelberg Fire and Rescue; and the Mississippi Highway Patrol. "There may be others I didn't know, but I want to thank everyone who assisted us," said Kemp. "We couldn't have done it without them." Kemp's only regret is that a man was injured in the explosion. "We are thanking the good Lord that no one was killed," said Kemp. "We just hope Mr. Bobby Robertson pulls through and recovers from his injuries." According to Kemp, Robertson resides in Clarke County's Beaver Dam Community. The sheriff said when emergency personnel arrived at the scene of the explosion on County Road 280 (just south of Pachuta) at the intersection of Highway 80, they were informed that one individual was burned on site and was transported to South Central Regional Medical Center by a personal vehicle. "Since then we have heard reports that the injured male was transported from Laurel by helicopter to a burn center," said Kemp. "I don't know what burn center he was transported to, but I understand he had third degree burns to the lower extremities of his body." Kemp said the cause of the explosion is still under investigation. "All we know at this point is that this is a very volatile area we are dealing with," said the sheriff. "Something caused that explosion. We just don't know what." The explosion occurred at the West Nancy Oil Field just off Highway 11 South. Kemp said this was a storage facility owned by Denbury Resources Inc., headquartered in Plano, Texas. Bob Cornelius, Denbury's senior vice president of operations, said the company has had offices in Laurel for more than 15 years. While Denbury's main office for Southeast Mississippi is located in Laurel, the company also has a field office in Heidelberg. "We have three operating areas in the state of Mississippi - Laurel, McComb and Jackson," added Cornelius. "We have over 450 people employed in the state of Mississippi." Kemp said Denbury has been helpful in evacuating residents near the explosion site. He said the company made arrangements to house evacuees at local hotels. But while Kemp said 150 people were evacuated, Cornelius said only "10 families were put up in hotels. "The safety of the residents and our employees are of the utmost importance of Denbury Resources," said Cornelius. "We evacuated the 10 homes as a safety precaution. "We have toxicologists monitoring air quality and at no time did we find the air quality to be a danger," he said. "We have a standard operating safety policy and procedures. "We take incidents of this nature very seriously," added Cornelius.

<http://leadercall.com/local/x739952574/Cause-of-explosion-unknown>

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