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USA, WASHINGTON D.C, JUNE 27 2010. YET ANOTHER FEDERAL AGENCY JOINS SWARM OF SPILL PROBES

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When a little-known federal agency with just 14 investigators joined the growing list of government probes into the Deepwater Horizon disaster, it renewed cries from the Gulf of Mexico -- and beyond -- that no one seems to be in charge. The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board's sleuthing brings the count of federal investigations to six -- and that's not counting the probes under way by a half-dozen congressional committees. Or the investigation being conducted by Robert Bea, a University of California, Berkeley, engineering professor who has assembled a 66-member team to assist the various investigative efforts. "It's hard to see who's in charge. The answer is: nobody," said Lee Hamilton, who co-chaired

the 9/11 Commission's investigation into the 2001 terrorist attacks. "The president can't control Congress. He can't control BP. He can't control the states, which are doing their own investigations. All he can control is what the executive branch is doing." The inquiry by the chemical safety board, an independent agency, follows those launched by the Justice Department; the Interior Department; the Coast Guard and the Minerals Management Service, working jointly; and President Barack Obama's seven-member special commission. "I would have preferred one central investigation by the federal government, or even one by the executive branch," said Slade Gorton, a two-term Republican senator from Washington state and a member of the 9/11 Commission. Gorton also served on a special panel headed by former Secretary of State James Baker that investigated the 2005 explosion at BP's Texas City refinery that killed 15 workers. The report, published in 2007, harshly criticized BP for lax safety. "We had 11 members, seven of whom were industrial safety experts," said Gorton, who singles out Obama's presidential commission as lacking in technical expertise. "We had people with no agenda to start with." Peter Goelz, former managing director of the National Transportation Safety Board, thinks the gulf oil spill reinforces the need for an independent investigative agency patterned on the NTSB. This super-agency would investigate not only oil spills, but also other disasters such as the West Virginia coal mine explosion that killed 29 miners last month. "We've got so many investigations of the spill going on, the public quite rightly can ask, what agendas are at play behind each one of these?" Goelz said. "In the NTSB, we have a model that not only works from a technical standpoint, but one that the various constituencies believe in." Despite the chaos inherent in multiple investigations, however, Hamilton said the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. "You have a better chance of getting to the bottom of things," he said. "You have a better chance of ending up with the whole picture than if you have a single agency doing the whole investigation." A scorecard to the probes under way so far:

Joint Coast Guard/Minerals Management Service

A public hearing resumes July 19 before a six-member panel of Coast Guard and MMS officials assembled in a New Orleans airport hotel meeting room. Last month, 37 witnesses were called to describe the April 20 explosion and fire on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig. In the coming session, the panel will look into the decision-making aboard the rig. So far, the hearing has produced the clearest picture so far of what happened on the Deepwater Horizon. But the proceedings are not without complications: Robert Kaluza, one of BP's top officials on the rig, declined to testify, citing his Fifth Amendment right not to incriminate himself. In addition, the panel's public questioning of witnesses has come in for criticism from the Interior Department's acting inspector general, Mary Kendall. Because the MMS lacked clear guidelines for conducting accident investigations (they are summed up in a scant five paragraphs of regulations), the Coast Guard's more substantial procedures are guiding the probe. The Coast Guard rules "are comprehensive," Kendall told a House committee, "but in my view, completely backwards, gathering evidence via public hearing, rather than developing evidence to culminate in a public forum."

The Justice Department

Always wary of competing investigations, where witnesses may give contradictory statements, prosecutors and defense attorneys prefer to work in a more controlled setting. That's not going to happen in this case. Another potential headache for prosecutors is the MMS's partnership with the Coast Guard in investigating the cause of the disaster -- as well as the MMS's

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role leading up to the disaster. According to testimony at the joint hearing in Louisiana, the minerals agency approved BP's plan for the well that blew out and failed to ask to see relevant documents that BP was required to provide to the government. The civil investigation is proceeding under the direction of Bruce Gelber, who heads the environmental enforcement section. Determining how much oil has been spilled is key: Under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, fines could range from \$1,000 per barrel of oil spill up to \$4,300 per barrel if a federal judge finds that the spill occurred because of gross negligence.

The Presidential Commission

The Columbia Accident Investigation Board took just seven months to investigate the breakup of the space shuttle Columbia over Texas. But the presidential commission examining the oil spill will not meet until mid-July and may not issue a report until next year. Chaired by former Florida Sen. Bob Graham, a Democrat, and William Reilly, a Republican, who headed the Environmental Protection Agency under the elder President George Bush, the panel is already drawing fire for being more political than neutral. One panel member, Frances Beinecke, president of the nonprofit Natural Resources Defense Council, has blogged about "America's addiction to oil" and urged a ban on offshore drilling. Graham, who also served as Florida's governor, worked for years to prevent drilling off Florida's coast.

The Interior Department

Immediately after the spill, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar asked a panel of seven scientists to report on drilling safety within 30 days. After the finished 38-page report ended up at the center of the court fight over Obama's six-month drilling moratorium, panel members said Salazar had misinterpreted their report and that they did not argue for a blanket moratorium. Meanwhile, on May 11, Salazar asked the National Academy of Engineering to help determine the cause of the explosion, fire and spill by providing "a fresh set of eyes." Molly Galvin, an NAE spokeswoman, said the engineers will examine the technology and performance of the Deepwater Horizon's blowout preventer and make recommendations aimed at avoiding future spills. That panel will send an interim report to Salazar and the Coast Guard and the presidential commission in October, and deliver a final report next June.

The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

The tiny agency, with 14 staff investigators, became involved after House Energy Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif., asked it to investigate the spill. The board has solid background on BP, having spent nearly two years probing the 2005 explosion at BP's Texas City refinery. In the end it cited cost-cutting, a lax safety culture and production pressure from BP executives as factors in causing the accident. The board also found "striking similarities" between the refinery explosion and a 2006 BP pipeline break at Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, that leaked 4,800 barrels. But the board also lacks cash. Chairman John Bresland warned in a letter to Waxman that the agency had spent \$2.5 million investigating Texas City. The Deepwater Horizon investigation presents "an even higher level of cost and complexity," Bresland said.

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USA, OK, ALVA, JUNE 27 2010. A FUEL TRUCK BEING CONSIDERED TO RESTART JET FUEL SALES AT ALVA'S AIRPORT

The Alva Regional Airport is losing money because it currently can't sell jet fuel. It has been shut down by the Underground Storage Tank Division of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission because a recent inspection revealed that the underground tank, in use since about 1981, does not have a leak detection device. The Airport Commission met Thursday to discuss and take possible action to remedy the situation. What is needed is either: (a) a new jet fuel system; (b) repair of the current system; or (c) a truck to store and dispense jet fuel to buy some time for a or b. In the end, the ideal situation, according to a consensus of the commission members present Thursday night is a truck and a repaired fuel system. But all of the options are expensive. Some quotes were read by Chairman Dale Logsdon for repairing the current system or replacing it. The quote for the new system was \$30,000, while repairing the system would cost close to \$18,000. It is money the airport doesn't have right

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now. A used truck is not a perfect solution, but it is cheaper. Logsdon told the commission members he had found a truck on Craig's List. The 1974 truck was used for jet fueling until about three months ago, he said, and according to the owner has a new meter, new hoses and filters, and was recently painted. "I have a good feeling about it," Logsdon said. He passed around pictures at the meeting. The Commission voted to table action on the jet fuel system until Tuesday, when a special meeting will be held at 7 p.m. In the meantime, Logsdon and possibly other commission members will go to Oklahoma City for a hands-on look at the truck. If it is purchased, the truck will allow the airport to purchase 2,000 gallons of jet fuel at a time. It can then be used to refuel planes and helicopters. That is not a perfect solution because the freight for an 8,000 or 10,000 gallon load of fuel is the same as for a smaller 2,000 gallon load, according to Airport Manager Gerald Benson. But it will allow the airport to sell fuel, and it buys them almost a year to either fix or replace their existing system. The airport has 90 days from May 17, when they officially were notified, to either fix their 10,000 gallon tank or drain it. It currently has about 5,200 gallons of jet fuel in it, none of which can be pumped out and sold. Once the system is out of service for a year, it must be removed. The cost to buy the truck is about \$10,000. Together with repairs to the current system, the cost would be \$27,000. The commission members did discuss finding someone local to store and dispense the jet fuel, but that apparently was either not considered feasible or possible. Meanwhile, Benson revealed that the airport has already lost \$4,000, the profit on 8,000 gallons of fuel which a helicopter firm had been buying from the airport. Since the shutdown, it has had to go elsewhere. The Alva Regional Airport competes primarily with airports in Enid, Woodward, and Pratt for fuel sales. Right now when it comes to jet fuel the airport is out of business.

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USA, MA, FOXBORO, JUNE 28 2010. JET FUEL SPILL CREATES MESS ON HIGHWAY >> 11,000 GALLONS SPILT

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A tanker truck rolled over Sunday morning on Route 95 southbound in Foxborough. The tanker truck was carrying a 11-thousand gallons of jet fuel which spilled onto the highway. Officials said the driver was head to T.F. Green International Airport in Warwick, RI. The road was closed southbound at Exit 6 for more than 9 hours, as hazardous materials crews worked to clean up the spill. The fuel was picked up using foam and dry ice. Traffic had to be re-routed while crews cleared the mess. As of 2 p.m., two lanes and the exit had reopened but traffic was slow going. State Police and officials at Gillette Stadium were advising fans attending the New England Revolution game at 7:00 p.m. to take an alternate route. The driver of the truck suffered serious injuries and was taken to Rhode Island Hospital for treatment.

<http://www.thebostonchannel.com/mostpopular/24059087/detail.html>

USA, AKA, ANCHORAGE, JUNE 28 2010. BP TURNS DOWN SHELL CLEANUP VESSEL FOR GULF OF MEXICO SPILL

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Shell Oil spokesperson Curtis Smith says he can't say why BP passed on the use of its cleanup vessel, the Nanuq -- but that it's still available if the company changes its mind.

Some people are disappointed that BP is passing up an important tool in its response to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. Shell Oil's sophisticated cleanup vessel, the Nanuq, could be on its way to the gulf -- but instead it's docked in Seward, waiting for its next assignment. Shell built the ship in 2007, and says it's one of the most advanced skimming vessels of its kind in the world. "She's definitely the largest that we know of," said Shell Alaska's Susan Moore. "She's got 12,000 barrels of storage, which is above and beyond what most other oil spill response vessels around the world have." With Shell's offshore drilling plans this year put on hold by the Obama administration, the Nanuq won't be needed in Alaska this year. But all it takes is a look at news headlines to find oil cleanup work. "I

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saw the pictures of the wildlife in the gulf. This is terrible, and the company's going to put its full might behind providing every resource it can to stop it, clean it up and restore the gulf," said BP managing director Bob Dudley. BP expressed interest in using the Nanuq to help clean up the Deepwater Horizon spill, and Shell says it was in the final stages of a deal which would have sent the ship south. But for some reason BP recently backed out, and Shell says it can confirm that BP no longer plans to use the ship. "I can't tell you why BP decided to pass on the Nanuq," said Shell spokesperson Curtis Smith. "Of course it's our preference that it be working in the gulf, but it will remain available should BP reconsider." "Me, personally, I lived in New Orleans for 15 years -- I know what the people are going through, and I absolutely would like to have the opportunity to see an asset this valuable deployed down there," Moore said. For a company that says it needs every available resource, this is one tool BP apparently does not want. If BP or the Coast Guard decide to use the ship, it will take 25 to 30 days to make it down to the gulf since it needs to go through the Panama Canal. BP and the Deepwater Horizon Unified Command did not return repeated phone calls and e-mails seeking comment.

<http://www.ktuu.com/Global/story.asp?S=12713682>

USA, OK, MARLOW, JUNE 28 2010. 2 CRITICALLY INJURED IN EXPLOSION IN SOUTHERN OKLA

Two men were critically burned in an explosion that occurred while they worked on oil field equipment at a south Oklahoma business. Stephens County Sheriff Wayne McKinney says Ricky Faust of Foster and Faron Pierce of Duncan were injured in the explosion at Eagle Iron and Metal just east of Marlow. Pierce is listed in critical condition at a Dallas hospital and Faust is in critical condition in an Oklahoma City hospital. Officials at both hospitals say each man has severe burns over about half their bodies. McKinney says it appears one of the men was cutting with a torch or a saw that sparked the explosion about 2:15 p.m. Thursday.

http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=298&articleid=20100626_298_0_MARLOW740859

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE, JUNE 28 2010. TREATMENT FOR POLLUTION FROM FIRE-FIGHTING FOAM

An Australian team led by a scientist of Indian origin claims to have developed a groundbreaking solution for treating water and soil pollution from the toxic remnants of fire-fighting foam. This breakthrough comes at a time of growing global concerns over cancer and environmental risks of long-lasting chemicals found in the foams that have been used for half a century. The team from the CRC CARE (Cooperative Research Centre for Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment) has developed a new substance called MatCARE™ to treat waste-water remnants at a fire site or practice area that has been hosed down. According to lead scientist of CRC CARE Ravi Naidu, the advance is based on the use of modified natural materials that break down the foam's chemicals into harmless substances. "There are over 49,000 airports around the world, including 450 civilian and military airports in Australia alone. Many of these have used foam in fire-fighting exercises for many years, as well as in actual aircraft fires, and the chemicals have been subsequently detected in nearby groundwater and streams. "It is the first practical, cost-effective clean-up solution to the large-scale water and soil pollution caused by decades of foam use all over the world," said Professor Naidu. "Both PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonate) and PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid) increase effectiveness of the foam as a fire quencher. However, both are highly toxic chemicals and if they enter local water sources, they can accumulate in the food chain and in humans.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/06/18/stories/2010061855692200.htm>

CANADA, ALTA, SHERWOOD PARK, JUNE 28 2010. SMALL BLAZE IN STORAGE TANK VENT AT ALBERTA REFINERY QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED



It took just under two hours to put out a small fire that broke out Saturday night in a storage tank roof vent at an Imperial Oil refinery just east of Edmonton. Officials at the scene of the fire at the facility in Sherwood Park refused to comment. A recorded message on a company phone information line said that crews from the refinery responded to a fire just after 10 p.m. in the roof vent of a tank used to store asphalt. The blaze was extinguished just before midnight and there were no injuries. Erin Carrier, an official with Alberta Environment, says the government agency was notified of the incident, noting it was a small blaze that did not prompt any air quality concerns. There's no word on the cause of the fire or the extent of damage.

<http://www.oilweek.com/news.asp?ID=28570>

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INDIA, VADODARA, JUNE 28 2010. NGO DEMANDS CHEMICAL EMERGENCY PLAN UNDER RTI

Concerned over the recent fire in the backyard of Gujarat Refinery, a city-based environment activist Rohit Prajapati on Saturday filed a Right to Information (RTI) application demanding to know whether the Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority (GSDMA) has any emergency plans to fight chemical disasters in the state. Prajapati has asked the authorities to reply within 48 hours as it is an important issue and GSDMA's website doesn't have any information on it. "I have demanded elaborate details from GSDMA as I feel that there is no effort from the government's side to prevent chemical disasters. Gujarat has large number of chemical industries, many of which deal with hazardous chemicals. I want to know whether the government is prepared to tackle any disaster, especially during monsoons," Prajapati told TOI. "We shouldn't forget what happened in Bhopal. There are many risks associated with the use, storage, processing and handling of these chemicals. But, many times industries deny sharing such information. The eight solid waste sites and 25 common effluent treatment plants in Gujarat are open like cricket grounds," Prajapati added. Under RTI, Prajapati has demanded a copy of chemical emergency plan for each industrial cluster of Gujarat particularly for rainy season, names of chemical industries in the state, their products, details of hazardous waste and effluent generated, its impact on environment, health of workers and communities around. He had demanded similar information in 2007. The state government had then replied saying that it didn't have any chemical emergency plans and was in the process of making one. "If I don't get reply within 48 hours, I will approach Gujarat Information Commission (GIC). It is high time that the government shares its disaster management plans," Prajapati said. "Lot of hazardous chemicals flow out along with rainwater during monsoons every year from the chemical industries in and around Vadodara. Same is the case with industries in other cities. The lake near Gujarat Refinery had also got polluted owing to the dumped oil products," Prajapati said.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/City/Vadodara/NGO-demands-chemical-emergency-plan-under-RTI-/articleshow/6099323.cms>

USA, MO, RAYTOWN, JUNE 28 2010. ACCIDENT HIGHLIGHTS FIREWORKS VOLATILITY >> RAYTOWN WOMAN SUFFERS CRITICAL INJURY

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A weekend fireworks accident that landed a Raytown woman in the hospital in a medically induced coma highlights just how volatile fireworks are. Investigators told KMBC that the woman was one of three young adults at a home at 72nd Street and Ash Avenue on Saturday. Authorities said they were taking apart fireworks and combining them to make bigger ones when the fire started. It is still not clear how the fire started, but once it got going, it turned into an explosion and blew out the windows on the home. A door was torn off its hinges. Raytown Fire Marshal Matt Mace said consumer-grade fireworks are what caused the damage and injuries Saturday night. Mace said someone was working on them in a bedroom. As they were taking powder out of some of the fireworks to increase the charge in others, the worst happened. "The simple act of static electricity can ignite them -- an electronic device, a pilot light, any source of a spark in that area. If you shuffle your feet on the floor and get a static electricity shock, you can set off that powder," Mace said. Other experts also said static electricity from a plastic bag holding fireworks can ignite them, particularly if for example the bag is slid across a table. The Missouri State Fire Marshal said in addition to the Raytown incident that a man suffered a hand injury on Saturday when fireworks exploded in Camden County. Experts advise caution when using fireworks in the coming days. A simple sparkler can get almost as hot as volcano lava and create a third-degree burn in seconds. More than 30,000 fires are believed to be started each year by fireworks. In 2008, emergency room personnel treated more than 7,000 people injured by fireworks, according to national consumer protection organizations. About seven out of 10 firework-related injuries occur between June 20 and July 20.

On The Internet: Fireworks Safety Tips

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USA, WI, MADISON, JULY 28 2010. AT HOME FIREWORKS CAUSE SAFETY CONCERNS

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Many will take in big fireworks shows put on by the professionals for July 4th, but others will celebrate from their backyard. While those smaller fireworks may lack the big boom, they're still plenty dangerous. Greg Lee also likes making sure his family has fun over the fourth, and he's hoping these fireworks do just that. "My brother and his kids are coming home for the fourth so, I'm buying what I can to make it better," said Lee. Tri-State paramedics say every year, those at-home fireworks cause trouble. "Typically around the 4th of July what we see are burns. Even with something as simple as sparklers, they burn at

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such a high temperature and it's easy to get burned on," said paramedic Jason Santos. Those burns can be serious. "You can not only have burns on fingers, but you could also have tissue damage that may or may not recover," Santos added. The State Health Department says, in 2008 13 Wisconsin people were hospitalized and 82 visited the emergency room because of injuries from fireworks. "Keep an eye on your kids," advises Santos. "When you light the fuse you have to back away from it," said Laura Pomeroy who sells fireworks at the Cornellier Fireworks tent located right off highway 16. A few other ways to stay safe, make sure you read any instructions that come with the fireworks and take a good look at the caution labels that come on the packaging. But despite all the advice and warnings, Tri-State ambulance says they're bound to see people injured by fireworks this upcoming weekend. Remember that in Wisconsin, any firework that explodes or leaves the ground is illegal without a permit. If you're caught, the fine will cost you \$101.

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EGYPT, SOUTH SINAI PROVINCE, JUNE 28 2010. ILLEGAL FISHING ENDANGERS RED SEA MARINE LIFE

Looking at the dead fish on the Ras Mohammed nature reserve shores of the Red Sea, Mohammed Salem said those who murdered the fish were criminals and should be put behind bars. "During the last few days, we found a large amount of dead fish, killed by the explosions by fishermen," Salem, general director of the national parks in South Sinai province, told Xinhua. Fishing by means of explosions at the Ras Mohammed National Park, some 25 km southwest of the Egyptian resort of Sharm El-Sheikh, has led to the death of rare fish and dolphins. Last week, local police arrested 16 fishermen who used dynamite to fish in the nature reserve. They had already been fined 1 million Egyptian pounds (about 177,000 U.S. dollars) for the damage they caused to the coral reefs. They might also be sentenced to at least three-year jail terms according to Egyptian law. The Red Sea boasts a rich and diverse ecosystem. More than 1,200 species of fish have been recorded in the area. And 10 percent of them are native, including 42 species of deepwater fish. Aiming to protect the special biodiversity of the area, the Egyptian government has set up the national park in 1983. There has been effective protection of local marine life over the past three decades. The place has become a major destination for diving enthusiasts. But the recent dead fish showed explosions have posed a great threat to the environment. "Among the dead fish were rare Napoleon fish, whose number is very small in the Aqaba Bay," Salem said. "We have also found some dead dolphins. After investigation, we realized that they were killed by the explosions," Salem added. Fishing inside the Ras Mohammed National Park is banned by law, which aims to protect the habitats of rare fish and coral reefs. Moreover, there has been fishing of rare species of dolphins, turtles and mermaid. Overfishing around that area had caused a sharp growth of some kinds of fish, threatening the sea environment. "The profits those fishermen made are incomparable to the negative impact on the environment," Ziad Basel, head of the Diving Foundation in South Sinai, told Xinhua. Basel urged the authorities to ban fishing near the diving areas which contain coral reefs. South Sinai Governor Mohammed Abdel Fadel Shosha has urged the formation of an independent committee to investigate the actions of some people who explore the sea to bring out remains of ships to recycle them, which have caused damage to the coral reefs. "It is necessary to protect this area against those illegal fishermen, whatever it takes," Salem said.

<http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/4254218>

USA, CO, DENVER, JULY 29 2010. MILLIONS OF GALLONS SPILLED IN COLO. OVER 2½ YEAR PERIOD

burt hubbard

Oil and gas companies have reported almost 1,000 spills to Colorado regulators over the past 2 1/2 years, totaling 5.2 million gallons of drilling liquids and oil. They ranged from small oil leaks from half-closed valves to thousands of barrels of tainted water that escaped from pits. It's far from the volume of oil now shooting into the Gulf of Mexico, but a Denver Post analysis of state spill reports shows that even far from offshore, drilling for oil can regularly create unintended messes:

- Produced water extracted along with natural gas and frac water used in the drilling process were the most common substances spilled. They accounted for nearly half of the spills, 461, and about 85 percent of the amount spilled, 106,000 barrels. Oil spills totaled 319 but accounted for 6,500 barrels of material.
- One hundred eighty-two spills got into groundwater and 82 into surface water. Another 10 reached groundwater and surface water. Most of the groundwater impacts were in Weld County, many of them from historic spills discovered when replacing or moving well equipment.
- Weld County and its 15,000 oil wells had the most overall spills, with 365 — more than one in every three spills in the state. However, Garfield County had the most material spilled, 66,386 barrels, mostly drilling liquids and water used in natural-gas exploration.
- The spills have led to only two fines so far, both for 2008 spills by the same company that fouled springs on the Western Slope. The fines totaled nearly \$650,000.

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- Environmental groups said they are worried about the cumulative effect of so many spills.

"To believe we can have a lot of little spills and a lot of big spills and that we're not going to see a really, really big impact is to ignore the reality of the risks of this industry," said Nada Culver, senior counsel for the Wilderness Society in Denver.

David Neslin, director of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, said many of the spills are small with no real environmental impact, while the state requires remediation for spills that affect the ground and water sources. The state requires companies to routinely report spills of 5 barrels or more. If a spill occurs near a populated area, companies must report even smaller ones. "Our reporting requirements are very low," Neslin said. "Many of these reports are for relatively small spills or relatively benign discharges. "It's not comparable to what's going on in the gulf." And energy companies said they move quickly to deal with spills. "Any drop is too much," said Curtis Thomas, director of government and public affairs for BP in the Rocky Mountains. "We immediately begin any kind of process for mitigation and remediation."

A Major Industry

As in the Gulf of Mexico, energy exploration is a major industry in Colorado, with oil production in Weld County and natural-gas exploration on the Western Slope. In 2009, the state estimated that mineral exploration generated more than \$700 million in revenue for local and state government. The Post review of state documents found that 981 spill reports had been filed with the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission between Jan. 1, 2008, and June 15 of this year. The spills totaled at least 123,193 barrels of material, or about 5.2 million gallons. However, 271 of the reports did not initially list the amount spilled. Many of those involved old spills just being discovered. For comparison, the 5.2 million gallons of fluids and oil spilled over 2 1/2 years is the equivalent of the amount of oil that spewed from the BP well in the gulf in about two days. Kerr McGee, bought by Anadarko several years ago, submitted the most reports, 147, mainly for Weld County operations. Anadarko spokeswoman Kimberly Mazza said the company moves quickly to notify authorities and start cleanup. Later, it reviews procedures to see what went wrong. "We place the highest possible priority on being a safe and environmentally conscientious operator," Mazza said. Companies are not required to publicly disclose the mix of chemicals used in frac fluids. Colorado's new regulations that went into effect last year require that companies disclose the content of frac water involved in spills if the state asks, Neslin said. Environmentalists said if the material is benign, its contents should be disclosed. "It's about the public's right to know and what's going into the streams and aquifers around the state," said Steve Torbit, regional executive director of the National Wildlife Federation. The Post analysis showed that two fines have resulted so far from the spills over the past 2 1/2 years. Both were against Oxy USA in 2008 for contamination of two springs near Parachute caused by leaks from pits containing drilling wastewater and hydrocarbons from oil and gas. State investigators found elevated levels of benzene in the springs.

Minimizing the Impact

Neslin said other investigations of spills from that period are ongoing. "In fairness, there are probably another five to 10 enforcement proceedings that are underway," he said. Neslin said the state instead has concentrated its efforts on new rules designed to minimize the impact of spills. For example, the rules keep drilling operations farther from water sources and people. "I think we would all agree it's more expensive to clean up a problem after it occurs than to avoid the problem in the first instance," Neslin said.

http://www.denverpost.com/commented/ci_15391192

USA, CT, MIDDLETOWN, JUNE 29 2010. CSB CONSIDERS URGENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO OSHA, NFPA, OTHERS TO PREVENT DEADLY EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES DURING PIPE CLEANING AND PURGING OPERATIONS >> BOARD VOTES TONIGHT AT PUBLIC MEETING IN CONNECTICUT NEAR KLEEN ENERGY POWER PLANT EXPLOSION SITE



CSB board members are slated to vote tonight on a series of [18 urgent recommendations](#) aimed at preventing fires and explosions caused when fuel gas is used to clean or purge gas pipes of debris, air, or other substances, typically during facility construction and maintenance. The recommendations - directed to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and others, result from extensive CSB investigations into the February 7, 2010, explosion at the Kleen Energy power plant in Middletown that caused six deaths and multiple injuries, and the June 9, 2009, explosion at the ConAgra Foods Slim Jim plant in Garner, North Carolina, that killed four workers and injured 67. The accident at Kleen Energy occurred during the planned cleaning of natural gas piping during the commissioning and startup phase of construction. Natural gas was forced through large piping that was to fuel the plant's large electricity-generating gas turbines, in an operation called a "natural gas blow." This gas was vented directly to the atmosphere

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from open pipe ends that were less than 20 feet off the ground and were located in congested areas adjacent to the power generation building. CSB investigators obtained gas company records showing some two million standard cubic feet of natural gas were released to the atmosphere during gas blows on February 7—enough, the CSB calculated, to provide heating and cooking fuel to a typical American home every day for more than 25 years. The gas found an ignition source and exploded. In the CSB proposed recommendations, OSHA is urged to pass regulations that would prohibit the use of natural gas for pipe cleaning, the cause of the explosion at Kleen Energy, and would prohibit the venting or purging of fuel gas indoors, the cause of the explosion at the ConAgra Slim Jim plant. Both explosions resulted from releases of natural gas during the installation and commissioning of new piping that led to gas-fired appliances. OSHA is also urged to require that companies involve their workers and contractors in developing safe procedures and training for handling fuel gas. [In testimony](#) this morning at a field hearing before a subcommittee of the U.S House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor, held in Middletown, CSB Board Member John Bresland said there is a "significant gap" in the current gas safety standards for general industry and construction, "a gap that threatens the continued safety of workers at facilities that handle flammable natural gas." An urgent recommendation directed at the NFPA urges the code-development organization to enact a tentative interim amendment as well as permanent changes to the National Fuel Gas Code that addresses the safe conduct of fuel gas piping cleaning operations. Under the draft recommendation, NFPA would be asked to remove key exemptions in the code for natural gas power plants and for high-pressure gas piping and to require the use of inherently safer alternatives to natural gas blows. CSB investigators determined that compressed air is a feasible and economical alternative to using natural gas for pipe cleaning and is already used by many companies. Mr. Bresland [told the House Committee](#), "At our CSB public meeting later this evening, I intend to vote for and support new urgent safety recommendations that we have developed, calling for OSHA to enact new regulations to control this hazard, and I will encourage the other Board members to do the same." Other draft recommendations would seek related safety improvements from the State of Connecticut and other states, the leading gas turbine manufacturers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Electric Power Research Institute. At the public meeting, newly appointed CSB Chairman Dr. Rafael Moure-Eraso will preside; Dr. Moure and Mr. Mark Griffon were confirmed by the Senate on Wednesday June 23 and were commissioned by President Obama the following day. The CSB public meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Saint Clements Castle conference facility, 1931 Portland-Cobalt Road, Portland, Connecticut, (860) 342-0593. The public is invited; no prior arrangements are needed. Attendance is free and there will be ample seating and free parking. The CSB investigation team, headed by Investigations Supervisor Don Holmstrom, will present a report on the Kleen Energy accident as well as a review of existing regulations applying to the practice of gas blows at power plants and general industry. The Board will hear from two witness panels, including – Professor Paul Amyotte – Dalhousie University (Canada), Ervin Patterson – Commissioning Management Services, Inc, Larry Danner – GE Energy, Representative Matthew Lesser – Connecticut House of Representatives, Professor Glenn Corbett – John Jay College of Criminal Justice (New York), Michael Rosario – Local 777, United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters, Steven Schrag – Connecticut Council for Occupational Safety and Health. Following a public comment period in which any interested person may speak, the Board will vote on the recommendations. The CSB staff is expected to propose (subject to Board approval) that upon passage of the urgent recommendations, the Kleen Energy and ConAgra investigations would be concluded. Although no additional written report is planned beyond the statement of more than 60 factual findings, the CSB plans to develop a computer-animated safety video describing the two accidents and the recommendations for safety change. Mr. Bresland told the House committee, "We believe that the 18 urgent recommendations proposed today – together with the two urgent recommendations we issued on February 4 – address all of the principal root causes of these two tragic accidents. If adopted by the recipients, I have no doubt that future accidents will be avoided and lives will be saved as a result."

www.csb.gov.

USA, BOSTON, JUNE 29 2010. MASS. REACHES \$2.9M SETTLEMENT WITH EXXON MOBIL

Exxon Mobil Corp. and two affiliates have agreed to pay a \$2.9 million civil penalty to resolve allegations that the company violated Massachusetts air pollution laws, the attorney general said Monday. The judgment filed in Suffolk Superior Court requires Exxon Mobil to reduce gasoline vapor emissions by updating and improving air pollution control systems at its bulk gasoline terminals in Everett and Springfield. "Big oil can no longer marginalize environmental compliance while increasing their gasoline sales and distribution in Massachusetts," said Laurie Burt, commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Protection. Attorney General Martha Coakley alleged that between 1999 and 2001, and without the approval of Massachusetts environmental regulators, Exxon Mobil made changes to the vapor collection and recovery system used to control emissions of volatile organic compounds at its Everett terminal. Changes included the removal of certain emissions

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controls required under state air permits. Exxon Mobil also failed to control VOC emissions during the degassing of a storage tank in Everett in 2008, Coakley said. The state also alleged that Exxon Mobil did not properly control emissions of VOCs from gasoline tank trucks during loading operations and failed to comply with emissions monitoring, repair and reporting requirements at both locations. "While Exxon Mobil does not agree with the state on the extent of alleged violations, we have entered into an agreement in an effort to resolve this matter and continue focusing on safe and environmentally responsible operations," Exxon Mobil spokeswoman Patty Errico said in a statement. Bulk terminals are facilities where large quantities of gasoline are stored before distribution to gas stations. Exxon Mobil [Corp.is](http://www.exxonmobil.com) based in Irving, Texas.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jYWhw1xuJYFp0qp3shOxiQDXbNjAD9GKDIR80>

USA, NY, CAYUGA LAKE, JUNE 28 2010. DEC: CAYUGA LAKE RAINBOW FISHERY FINAL RECOVERS FOLLOWING 1997 DIESEL SPILL IN LAKE'S INLET

All signs point to a healthy, vibrant rainbow trout fishery in Cayuga Lake, according to the state Department of Environmental Conservation. Dan Bishop, the regional fisheries manager at the DEC's Cortland office, said the lake's annual spring rainbow run has improved in recent years. He said a lot of the past problems with the lake's rainbow population stemmed from a 1997 train derailment/diesel spill. That spill killed a huge portion of the fish in the lake's inlet at the southern end, which is by far the most important spawning ground for the fish, he said. "This year, we recorded 585 spawning rainbows at the Cayuga Inlet fishway. That's encouraging, relative to some lean returns in recent years," he said.

http://blog.syracuse.com/outdoors/2010/06/dec_cayuga_lake_rainbow_fisher.html

USA, S.C, SOCASTEE, JUNE 29 2010. MAN EXTINGUISHES FIRE NEAR TANKER >> SPILLED DIESEL FUEL

mason snyder

■ **Watch the Video** <http://www.wmbfnews.com/Global/story.asp?S=12718747>

■ **Watch the Video:**

http://www2.scnw.com/scp/news/local/grand_strand/article/man_extinguishes_fire_near_spilled_diesel_fuel/205415/



Horry County Fire Rescue responded to a call about an overturned fuel tanker early Monday morning. Hundreds of gallons of diesel fuel spilled out along Peachtree Road in Socastee. A group of construction workers used bulldozers to flip it back upright, but then a fire started. "Actually I was standing over here, but when I looked up and seen everybody running, I looked and seen the flames shoot out and I just stepped back there on the highway to get out of everybody that was running's way," said James Johnson, one member of the clean-up crew working to contain the spill. The fire started when leaking fuel went into a pump box on the side of the tanker. The fire truck on the scene was not equipped to put out the flames, so construction worker, Jay Shepherd stepped in - a small fire extinguisher in hand. "It caught on fire, but I put it out," said Shepherd. It only took a matter of minutes to put out the

fire, but that's far shorter than the days cleanup crews said it could take to clean up the entire spilled diesel. "First we've got to get the top of it up and other than that what's contained in the dirt, and then we've got to dig down as far as it went down," said clean-up crewmember Kevin Smallwood. With workers determined to pump and remove the diesel, town officials said there's no chance it could enter the intercoastal waterway. Crews believe a quick response kept everyone safe from what could have been a disaster. "It would have been bad enough to hurt someone, for sure," said Smallwood. "There would have been a bad scene for all of us." Witnesses and neighbors have Shepherd to thank, for containing flames that were flirting with the fuel spill.

http://www2.scnw.com/scp/news/local/grand_strand/article/man_extinguishes_fire_near_spilled_diesel_fuel/205415/

CANADA, SK, CARIEVALE, JUNE 29 2010. LIGHTING STRIKES, TANK EXPLODES

sylvia macbean

A lightning strike on the weekend caused an explosion in an oilfield storage tank northwest of Carievale, sending plumes of dense, black smoke skyward that could be seen for kilometres around the area. The lightning struck a 400-barrel tank of crude oil belonging to Gold River Oil and Gas Ltd. of Calgary at around 5:30 a.m. Saturday. Norman Gordon lives 200 metres from oilfield lease, which is located on his farmland. "I heard the thunder from the lightning strike. I knew it was close and then a little while later an oil worker knocked at my door and said the oil tank was on fire," he said. "So, I went out to where the Carnduff fire trucks were stationed and watched it burn," he said, adding it burned all day long. "There were two volunteer firefighters who stayed and watched it all night. The fire truck came this morning and sprayed it down with foam," said Gordon

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on Sunday. The Carnduff fire department responded, but firefighters could only keep watch as the oil tank burned and make sure the fire didn't spread to neighbouring cropland. "It is so wet that the fire couldn't spread anywhere," Gordon said. Gordon said he isn't worried about the close proximity of the oilfield site to his home. "The oil battery has been there for five years. I receive a cheque from the oil company once a year. It is for surface rights," he said. A second lightning strike on the weekend hit another 400-barrel oilfield tank near Stoughton. The fire department from that community responded.

<http://www.leaderpost.com/technology/Lighting+strikes+tank+explodes/3209897/story.html>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, LISMORE, JUNE 29 2010. BP CALLED BACK TO FUEL SPILL

ava benny-morrison



Crash scene: Fire and rescue personnel take control of the scene after a fuel tanker carrying petrol and diesel crashed on the Bruxner Highway south of Lismore on June 14, spilling 15,000 litres of fuel.

More soil will be removed from a fuel spill site south of Lismore after leftover contaminants were found to be leaking into a nearby creek. A report in The Northern Star last week showed that a recent 15,000-litre fuel spill following a fatal tanker crash on the Bruxner Highway had not been sufficiently cleaned up by BP distributor Reliance Petroleum. Lismore City Council conducted an inspection at the site yesterday which revealed further soil removal by Reliance was required. "There is sheen on the water surface in parts of the water system that will continue for a time, but that is not a sign of high contamination," Lismore City Council co-ordinator

of compliance, Matt Kelly, said. "There is minor soil staining at the crash site and that will be addressed through (Reliance Petroleum) going to respond. "A boom was put in place by emergency services in the drain system and there is a brown congealed product on the water surface, but it is being collected at the boom and that will be scooped up. "For 98 per cent of the system, they (Reliance petroleum) have done a good job. But at the end of the day the clean-up has to be effective, and if it hasn't been they will come back for a second attempt." Mr Kelly said Lismore City Council served Reliance BP with a legal direction clean-up notice which requires Reliance to remediate the site within 'stringent standards'. Water and soil samples are being tested for contamination levels and further action will be decided when test results are returned. The NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water said it would monitor the situation. "We will continue to provide technical advice to council as required to ensure the site is appropriately remediated," a department spokeswoman said. Reliance had not returned calls from The Northern Star by 5pm yesterday.

Read More: [Fuel remnants leak into river](#)

<http://www.northernstar.com.au/story/2010/06/29/bp-called-back-to-fuel-spill-lismore-oil/>

PAKISTAN, HYDERABAD, JUNE 29 2010. AT LEAST 18 KILLED, 40 INJURED IN LPG CONTAINER BLAST IN HALANAKA BAZAAR



At least eighteen people have been killed and forty others injured in a LPG-Container blast in Halanaka Bazaar near Grid Station Hyderabad on Monday.

RPO Hyderabad Fiyaz Leghari talking to media informed that blasts occurred in LPG Container and the intensity of the blast was so severe that it damaged ten shops in the vicinity of the blast place and approximately fourteen people died on the scene and forty others get injured who were shifted to Civil Hospital. DPO Hyderabad Javed Alam also said that a truck carrying Gas-Container was parked near Grid station in Halanaka bazaar that exploded with a severe bang adding that the blast couldn't be termed as terrorists attack. He also informed that blast occurred owing to explosion in truck carrying LPG Container that was carrying thirty thousand thinner gases and was parked beside the Grid station in Halanka Bazar.

After the blast an electricity transformer also exploded that destroyed all the nearby shops and a hotel. Eye-witnesses also said that Halanaka bazaar has been very congested area, as there have been numerous Truck mechanics shops and various bus-stands and the blast occurred in a truck that was parked before a scrap shop and the intensity of the blast was so severe that it damaged all the nearby shops and number of people also came under debris of their shops. Police and Rangers reaching on the blast place cordoned off the area and assisted the rescue team to shift the victims of the blast to civil hospital. It was worth mentioning that intensity of the blast was so severe that it also

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damaged the main electricity lines that disconnected electricity supply to the city. Interior Minister Sindh Zulifqar Ali Mirza expressing his heartfelt grief over the loss of innocent lives in the unfortunate incident said that the incident couldn't be termed as terrorist activity adding that police has been investigating from all angles over the incident.

<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/Politics/28-Jun-2010/Blast-occurred-near-Hala-Naka-in-Hyderabad>

USA- COST OF CLEANING UP OIL LEAK IN GULF OF MEXICO REACHED 2.65 BILLION DOLLARS:BP



BP has said the cost of cleaning up the oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico has now reached 2.65 billion dollars. The oil giant said this included the cost of the spill response, containment, relief well drilling, grants to Gulf States and claims paid. The total has risen to an average of 100 million dollars a day over the past three days. Later, BP said Tropical Storm Alex would delay plans to boost its oil-siphoning capacity until next week. The company said that more than 39,000 people are now involved in the response effort as oil from the spill washed onto the beaches of Mississippi resort town Biloxi for the first time. BP's embattled chief executive Tony Hayward is in Moscow where he has held meetings with Russian officials including Deputy Prime Minister Igor Sechin. A spokesperson for Mr Sechin said Mr Hayward had given assurances about

BP's commitment to its strategic partnerships in Russia.

<http://colorsnflavors.com/?p=13348>

USA, WA, SEATTLE, JUNE 29 2010. OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL >> FIREWORKS INCIDENT DATA FOR 2009 - ILLEGAL EXPLOSIVE DEVICES CAUSE LOSS AND INJURY

There were 1,236 fireworks-related injuries and fires reported to the State Fire Marshal's Office in 2009 by fire departments and hospitals. Of the 1,236 reports received, there were 1,036 fires and 200 injuries. The majority of these incidents occur on July 4th. Most incidents were caused by males age 8-14. The incidents of greatest concern are:

- 89 residential fires totaling \$5,333,425 in loss, 15 were caused by illegal devices, 9 were caused by legal devices and 65 were caused by an unknown type of firework device.
- 40 school fires that totaled more than \$8 million in losses were reported over a four year period, from 2006 through 2009.
- 105 fires and 91 injuries were caused by devices which are illegal to own or possess in Washington State.
- 9 sparkler bomb incidents that included 6 fires/explosions and 3 injuries to faces and hands. These devices are considered improvised explosive devices. Injuries from one of these devices include, metal puncture wounds with burning from the hot metal, burns and tearing to the hands and trauma to the face, chest and legs.

Parents Need to Know:

Supervision of kids 14 and under is critical in reducing emergency responses to fireworks incidents. Talk to your kids about fireworks and safety. Set family boundaries, only adults should light fireworks. Store fireworks in a secure location out of the reach and sight of curious children. Personal fireworks require personal responsibility. Remember the three B's of fireworks safety:

- Be Prepared - Have water nearby and put pets indoors,
- Be Safe - Only adults should light fireworks, and
- Be Responsible - clean up fireworks debris.

For more information about fireworks safety, public fireworks displays and the fireworks laws for your area, check the

Celebrate Safely website at <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fire/fireworks.htm>

http://www.wsp.wa.gov/information/releases/2010_archive/mr062810.htm

USA, MO, COLUMBIA, JUNE 29 2010. FOUR INJURED IN HYDROGEN EXPLOSION AT MU LAB

Watch the Video <http://www.fox4kc.com/news/wdaf-story-mu-blast-hydrogen-062810.0.7624123.story>

Watch the Video:

<http://www.necn.com/06/29/10/Explosion-at-University-of-Missouri-send/landing.html?blockID=262698&feedID=4215>

Four people were injured after an explosion rocked a building on the University of Missouri campus in Columbia on Monday afternoon. According to school officials, the explosion occurred around 2:20 p.m. in Schweitzer Hall, which houses the university's biochemistry department. According to a statement from MU, the blast is believed to have been caused by a "spontaneous combustion" of gases including hydrogen and nitrogen that were being used in research experiment. Fire officials say that a 2,000 pound hydrogen tank exploded on the third floor of the building near the intersection of College and

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University Avenues. The explosion blew out all of the windows in one corner of the building, which was evacuated following the explosion. School officials say that the building is now closed until further notice. The four victims were transported to University Hospital in Columbia, where one remains hospitalized in good condition. The school says that the Columbia Fire Department is investigating the explosion.

<http://www.fox4kc.com/news/wdaf-story-mu-blast-hydrogen-062810,0,7624123.story>

USA, NY, NEW YORK, JUNE 30 2010. ABDEL NUR PLEADS GUILTY TO HELPING PLOT EXPLOSION OF FUEL TANKS AT JFK AIRPORT

john marzulli A Guyanese national pleaded guilty Tuesday to participating in an international plot to blow up fuel lines and fuel tanks at [Kennedy Airport](#). [Abdel Nur](#) copped to providing material support to co-conspirators a day before he was scheduled to go on trial in [Brooklyn Federal Court](#). Nur faces 15 years in prison under the plea deal approved by prosecutors in [Brooklyn](#) and the [U.S. Justice Department](#). He could have gotten life in prison if convicted after a trial. "I understood the goal of the planning of the destruction of fuel tanks and fuel by planes was to cause major economic loss in the [United States](#)," Nur said in court. Nur, 60, had been recruited to travel to Trinidad in late 2006 to seek financing for the evil plot from the leader of [Jamaat al Muslimeen](#), a Muslim extremist group. The plan, hatched by ex-airport cargo worker [Russell Defreitas](#), targeted the Buckeye pipeline which feeds 8 million gallons of jet fuel and refined petroleum to the airport daily. Had the attack succeeded, the terrorist wannabes hoped the conflagration would eclipse 9/11, according to court papers. Lawyers for Defreitas and co-defendant [Abdul Kadir](#) -- a former member of the Guyanese parliament -- insisted they are fighting the charges. A fourth plotter, [Kareem Ibrahim](#), has been severed from the case because he is too ill to stand trial. Late Monday Federal Judge Dora Irizarry rejected a defense motion to adjourn the trial based on a newly disclosed document suggesting the government's informant was ordered to "increase pressure" on the plotters in October 2006 to travel to Trinidad for meetings about funding and logistical support. Nur's lawyer [Daniel Nobel](#) said his client had been diagnosed in prison with a "spot on his lung" but declined surgery. Nur had no complaints about prison conditions. "I'm OK. I read my Koran and try to do exercises," he told the judge. Sentencing is set for Nov. 18.

[http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/2010/06/29/2010-06-](http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/2010/06/29/2010-06-29_abdel_nur_pleads_guilty_to_helping_plot_explosion_of_fuel_tanks_at_jfk_airport.html)

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USA, N.C, GREENSBORO, JUNE 30 2010. DEMOLITION BEGINS ON DESTROYED FUEL TANK

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Crews were set to start demolishing the Colonial Pipeline tank destroyed in a fire earlier this month. Steve Baker with Colonial Pipeline say the demolition was set to begin on Tuesday. He says the metal from the tank will be taken to a scrap metal yard to be reused. The first started just before 1:00 am on June 13 at the "tank farm" just off Interstate 40 at Gallimore Dairy Road. It took about six hours for the Greensboro [Fire Department](#) and crews from around the area to extinguish the blaze. Company leaders with Colonial Pipeline say they were able to shut down their operation and pump the gasoline out of the tank that was on fire. They've determined the fire was started by lightning. Colonial Pipeline officials are working on a report to determine why the lightning protector failed and how they can prevent another fire from happening in the future.

<http://www.digtriad.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=144458&catid=57>

INDIA, NEW DELHI, JUNE 30 2010. INDIA PM TO ASK U.S. TO EXTRADITE EX-CEO IN BHOPAL CASE

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Tuesday India would try to convince the United States to extradite the former chairman of Union Carbide, wanted in connection with the world's deadliest industrial accident. An Indian court has listed Warren Anderson as an absconder in a case to determine his responsibility in the Bhopal disaster, a gas leak at a Union Carbide pesticide plant that killed thousands of people a quarter of a century ago. The United States has turned down a previous extradition request for Anderson, who was chairman of Union Carbide when the accident occurred. But a ministerial panel reviewing the case recommended reviving the extradition request this month as well as examining the liability of Dow

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Chemical, which bought Union Carbide ten years after the accident. "We will try to ensure that U.S. government takes a more favorable attitude toward extradition. But we have not approached them yet," Singh told reporters. India's Congress party, which heads the ruling coalition, faces embarrassment in the case as the party was in power when the accident happened. Opposition parties have said its leaders allowed Anderson to "flee" Bhopal on a government airplane. Bhopal activists have also accused the United States of double standards after the Obama administration extracted billions in compensation from oil giants BP Plc for the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. They want similar treatment meted out for the Bhopal disaster and have called for more compensation for the victims and a cleanup for the plant site. Singh's government set up the ministerial panel after public outrage over a perceived lenient verdict against former Union Carbide officials this month in the first convictions handed out by India's slow-moving justice system. In a rare admission of failure by the top-ranked government official, Singh acknowledged the shortcomings of the legal system, saying: "That it should have taken 25 years before the case could be decided is something that we have to reflect about and the inadequacies of our judicial system." The Bhopal accident killed at least 3,500 people according to government estimates. But rights activists say 25,000 died in the immediate aftermath and around 100,000 people suffer ailments such as blindness, cancer and birth defects to this day.

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SOUTH KOREA, SEOUL, JUNE 30 2010. GS CALTEX PUSHES SELF-SERVICE GAS STATIONS



Drivers pump gas at the self-service petrol station of GS Caltex in Samseong-dong, southern Seoul.

There are some trends that repeat themselves across the world. One in the refinery industry is that full-service filling stations are being replaced by self-service outlets in line with the development of the economy. In the 1970s, a vast majority of gas stations in the United States and Canada offered full service with employees filling the tanks while drivers remained seated behind the wheel. Things are totally different now as more than 90 percent of petrol pumps are self service in the world's largest economy. And here in Korea, GS Caltex is spearheading the shift. The nation's second-largest refinery started to install do-it-yourself petrol stations in late 2005 and increased the number to 22 in 2007, 61 in 2008, 123 in 2009 and has 150 at the moment. The self-service gas stations of GS Caltex account for more than half of the country's 280 such facilities. The Seoul-based outfit plans to increase the number in the future. "Motorists can get substantial discounts when they fill their vehicles themselves at the self-service pumps. In addition, they tend to feel free to refuel even a small amount," a GS Caltex representative said. "We also gain. With the increasing number of stations offering cheaper fuel, we can expand our market share as amply demonstrated by the one in Samsung-dong, Gangnam." GS Caltex set up a self-service gas station in Samseong-dong where the land prices are ultra expensive in early 2009. Critics said that rich Gangnam residents, south of the Han River, would not frequent the facility. Yet, the outlet flourished to silence such critics to prove that GS Caltex was going in the right direction with its strategies. "More and more people think about how much money they could save if there were more self-service gas stations. But the jitters have been the fears of people pumping gas on their own," the representative said. "But our self-service pumps are as easy as automatic telling machines. Accordingly, folks continue to use such facilities as motorists in the developed countries are doing." In the United Kingdom, the proportion of self-service gas stations has reached 85 percent and in Japan the figure is 12 percent, which is relatively low but has been on the rapid increase.

http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/biz/2010/06/123_68495.html

USA, S.C, MYRTLE BEACH, JUNE 30 2010. CONTAMINATED WATER REMOVED FROM SITE OF LEAKING TANKER

Contaminated water has been removed from the site where a tanker truck overturned Monday morning in Socastee, according to officials. Adam Myrick, spokesman for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, said the water was contaminated with fuel after the tanker overturned during a series of storms that ripped through Horry County Sunday night. Crews with DHEC were called to the scene along Peachtree Road Monday morning after the tanker began leaking fuel, creating a hazmat situation for area emergency crews. Workers are continuing the process of removing and analyzing contaminated soil from the site of the spill. Myrick said crews will continue to remove soil until tests show no signs of fuel contamination. Ervin Lambert, owner of L&L Contractors, the company that owns the 7,000-gallon tanker, said the truck was holding diesel fuel used to fill construction vehicles working on the SC-31 extension. Lambert said they believe about 1,000 gallons of fuel was inside, but it is unknown how much leaked onto Peachtree. In an effort to contain the leak, officials built a dam between the truck and a nearby storm water drainage ditch to prevent fuel from spilling in.

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USA, NY, ESOPUS, JUNE 30 2010. TRUCK DRIVERS OK AFTER TANKER CRASH IN ESOPUS SPARKS MASSIVE FIRE

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Flames and smoke pour out from the scene of this morning's accident on Route 9W in Esopus.

Two truck drivers escaped with only minor burns after their vehicles collided Tuesday morning on U.S. Route 9W, creating a massive fireball that spread to - and engulfed - a nearby warehouse, according to the Ulster County Sheriff's Office. The accident closed Route 9W from state Route 299 to Union Center Road, and it remained closed as of 5 p.m. The Sheriff's Office said a dump truck owned by the J.W. Smith Co. of Marlboro and driven by Jeffrey W. Kays, 55, of Milton, was northbound on Route 9W, towing paving equipment to a job site in Ulster Park, when he passed the site and tried to turn around in a private driveway. A northbound Bottini Fuel truck, driven by Kevin M. Jiave, 42, of Hyde Park, then struck the driver's side of the turning dump truck about 8:20 a.m., and the impact caused both vehicles

to become engulfed in flames. The Bottini truck was carrying 3,000 gallons of fuel oil, according to Ulster County Undersheriff Frank Faluotico, and the resulting fireball could be seen for miles around. The fire from the trucks spread to a warehouse owned by Ande Rooney Inc., and that building also became engulfed in flames, authorities said. The warehouse was used primarily to store merchandise for a Highland-based porcelain sign and magnet company, owned by Ande Rooney, but there also were fireworks inside the structure, and they were set off by the fire, making it difficult for firefighters to battle the blaze, authorities said. Faluotico said the building was destroyed by the fire. Authorities said no one was in the building at the time, and they declined to comment on whether the fireworks were stored there legally. Rooney's husband, Peter, is the Republican candidate for the 101st state Assembly District seat now held by Democrat Kevin Cahill. The two truck drivers suffered only minor burns, the Sheriff's Office said, adding that both men were treated at St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie and released. The fire melted a natural gas line under the road, and there also was damage to telephone poles and wires in the area, authorities said. Faluotico said the gas line was being dug up in the afternoon and pinched off so firefighters could continue their work. "The heat here is excessive, as you can imagine," the undersheriff said. Faluotico said no other buildings were damaged by the blaze, though a field to the north of the warehouse was singed. Faluotico also said he believed three firefighters were taken to area hospitals for minor injuries. Numerous fire companies from a 40-mile radius responded to the scene, including a foam truck from the Stewart Air National Guard base in New Windsor, the undersheriff said. The Kingston Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Unit responded to the scene along with dozens of rescue vehicles.

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USA, MO, BLUE SPRINGS, JUNE 30 2010. MAN BLOWS OFF HAND WHILE TRYING TO MAKE LARGER, STRONGER HOMEMADE FIREWORK

• **Watch the Video** http://www.fox4kc.com/news/wdaf-blue-springs-fireworks-explosion-062910_0,7003410.story

• **Watch the Video** <http://www.kctv5.com/news/24080192/detail.html>

A man is believed to have blown off his hand when a homemade firework exploded while he and another man were trying to make a stronger one. The explosion happened about 10:50 p.m. Monday in the 3100 block of Southeast Third Street in Blue Springs. Police had received a report saying that several people were injured. When Blue Springs police and firefighters from the Central Jackson County Fire Protection District arrived at the scene, they found a 21-year-old man with extreme injuries to his left hand and arm. He also injured his right eye. Another 21-year-old man was also injured along with a woman who was in the home at the time. The explosion occurred while the two men were attempting to make an improvised explosive device by wrapping multiple sparklers together with electrical tape. The device unexpectedly detonated causing the injuries, police said. The explosion extensively damaged the interior of the home, causing one of the exterior walls to be pushed off its foundation approximately three inches, according to police. The kitchen was severely damaged too. The explosion pushed the ceiling upward knocking all the ceiling lights out of their supports and all of the kitchen cabinets doors from their frames. The two men were taken to a hospital for treatment of their injuries. The woman's injuries were only to her hearing. Police are investigating the matter and charges are pending. "It is against the law to create an improvised explosive device," said Detective Troy Pharr, a police spokesman. This is the second fireworks explosion in the Kansas City area in just as many days. Three people were injured — one critically — after they tried to assemble a massive firework at a Raytown home late Saturday night. The three

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had purchased consumer-grade fireworks and disassembled them inside a bedroom to create a more substantial firework, according to Raytown Fire Battalion Chief Mike Hunley. The explosion happened about 10:30 p.m. Saturday in the 7200 block of Ash Street. The explosion blew out the bedroom windows, cracked the ceiling and blew the door of the hinges. A woman was taken to a hospital with life-threatening injuries. She suffered severe burns and was placed in a medically induced coma. A second person was treated for injuries and released. A third person refused medical treatment.

http://www.kansascity.com/2010/06/29/2051594_man-blows-hand-off-while-trying.html?storylink=omni_popular

USA, MA, FOXBORO, JUNE 30 2010. JET FUEL CLEANUP CONTINUES >> OFFICIALS SAY CREWS WILL BE AT FOXBORO SITE FOR SEVERAL MORE DAYS



Crews discuss their clean-up plans for the removal of the soil where the tanker landed. Environmental Recovery Crews, State Dept. of Environmental Protection and many other departments work on cleaning up the jet fuel from an Tanker Roll Over on Sunday morning at the Route 95 and 495 South Exit 6 on the Foxboro-Mansfield line.

The cleanup of Sunday's massive jet fuel spilled on interstates 95 and 495 will take several more days, according to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. State and local authorities expressed confidence Monday the spill of about 11,000 gallons of jet fuel will not affect drinking water supplies. "It did not run off into any rivers or streams. It did not impact any drinking water sources," DEP spokesman Ed Coletta said. "It was all contained in the cloverleaf area," said Foxboro assistant water superintendent Art Reynolds, who went to the accident site Sunday morning at the request of the Foxboro Fire Department, and consulted with the DEP and the

Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Foxboro Fire Chief Roger Hatfield said the spilled fuel did not ignite in part because the tipped truck skidded on the grassy median between two ramps rather than on the pavement. And although all five compartments in the tanker ruptured, the fuel leaked rather than gushed out. "We were very fortunate. A lot of people can't understand why it didn't go boom," Hatfield said. "It's just the way it landed, and skidded across the grass. We're a very lucky community." Vapors from the fuel were quickly contained within a foam blanket applied by firefighters from Foxboro, Mansfield, Raynham and T.F. Green Airport - which was to be the truck's destination. If the fuel had gone up in a fireball, "We'd still be there," Hatfield said nearly 36 hours after the incident. But he said no homes were close enough to be endangered, even if fire had erupted. The driver was treated and released at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence. "The investigation is ongoing; we have not sought any charges at this point but have not ruled them out," said David A. Procopio, spokesman for the Massachusetts State Police. The truck came to rest in Foxboro, about 40 feet from the Mansfield town line. The accident, which occurred at about 4:40 a.m. Sunday, caused traffic backups into the afternoon. At about 1 p.m. Sunday, the tanker truck was towed northbound on I-95 under police escort. The truck's green cab was stove-in on the driver's side, and the tank itself partially flattened along its length on that side. Hatfield said he believes the vehicle was being impounded for the police investigation. Coletta, from the DEP, said the truck, owned by C. White and Sons Inc., of Rocky Hill, Conn. was carrying about 11,000 gallons of jet fuel. "Just about all of it spilled," he said. He said the agency issued a notice of responsibility to the trucking company, requiring it to pay for the cleanup and to hire a licensed site professional to oversee the cleanup, which is being done by Moran Environmental Recovery. Coletta said the fuel spilled onto the grassy area of the ramp and onto the ramp pavement. Some of the fuel ran into catch basins and flowed into a nearby swale that includes wetland. As of nightfall Sunday, 4,600 gallons had been vacuumed up. The vacuum work continued Monday. Small trenches were to be dug to capture the fuel. An undetermined amount of contaminated soil will need to be removed and replaced by clean soil. Short wells, called microwells, were drilled to monitor the groundwater at the site. Initial readings found the fuel had not reached the groundwater, which is only about five feet below the surface at that location, but the monitoring will continue, Coletta said. "We were not affected," Mansfield DPW director Lee Azinheira said. Azinheira said it's his understanding the "prevailing groundwater flow" is away from Mansfield's nearest wells, which are about a quarter of a mile away. "I was extremely pleased with the way everyone worked together," Hatfield said, noting 16 different fire departments responded, as well as state police, the DEP, and the Foxboro and Mansfield water and health departments. Hatfield plans to brief Foxboro selectmen tonight on the incident, during the board's regular meeting.

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