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USA, N.H, CONCORD, JUNE 1 2010. EXXONMOBIL TO SELL 190 MOBIL STATIONS IN NEW ENGLAND

ExxonMobil has signed an agreement with Global Partners to sell all of its 190 Mobil-branded petrol stations and convenience stores in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire for USD200 million. Global Partners has also agreed to supply contracts for 31 additional independently operated Mobil petrol stations. Of the total 221 stations, 179 are located in Massachusetts, 22 in Rhode Island and 20 in New Hampshire. All of the stations will continue to operate under the Mobil Brand. The transaction is expected to close by the end of the year 2010.

<http://www.petroplaza.com/news/industry/MiZlbiY5ODAxJiYx>

BULGARIA, BALCHIK, JUNE 2 2010. BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES LOCATE BALCHIK OIL SPILL SOURCE

Bulgarian authorities have been able to establish the source of the oil spill spotted near the northern Black Sea coastal town of Balchik Monday. The oil had leaked from one of the two barges which have been detained over 5 years ago for illegal fishing and since then remain at the pier of the freight port. The Maritime Administration experts inform the barges' tanks are empty, but a small quantity of the fuel had remained at the bottom and leaked due to corrosion. The authorities are taking measures to prevent further leaks and the boats are to come out of the water ASAP. A task force was formed immediately by teams from the Regional Police, Fire Department, Border Police, Maritime Administration and Civil Defense, which cleaned the spot in less than four hours.

http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=116715

USA, MISS, CAMDEN CO, JUNE 2 2010. FUEL TANKER OVERTURNS; NO ONE HURT

No one was hurt when a fuel tanker rolled over in Cadmen County on North State Highway 5 Monday. The driver of the truck tried to avoid stopped traffic, steering the fuel tanker off the right side of the road, where it overturned. The truck was loaded with 8,200 gallons of fuel. Small leaks were found when first responders got to the scene, but the fissures were quickly sealed. Less than 200 gallons spilled, and the rest of the fuel was transferred to another tanker.

<http://www.connectmidmissouri.com/news/story.aspx?id=464452>

UK, SUSSEX, JUNE 2 2010. INJURED FIREFIGHTER SUES AFTER SUSSEX FIREWORKS BLAST



Geoff Wicker (L) and Brian Wembridge died in the explosion

A retained firefighter who was injured in a fire at a fireworks factory in which two of his colleagues died is suing East Sussex fire service. Timothy Austin, from Barcombe fire station, is also seeking damages from factory owners Alpha Fireworks. Firemen Geoff Wicker, 49, and Brian Wembridge, 63, were killed in the fire at Marlie Farm in Shortgate, near Lewes, East Sussex, in December 2006. The factory owners were last year jailed for their manslaughter.

Health & Safety

Martin Winter, 52, owner of Festival Fireworks UK Ltd, since renamed Alpha Fireworks Ltd, was jailed for seven years at Lewes Crown Court. His son Nathan, 25, was jailed for five years. Both men had denied the charges. Following the trial, the company was fined £30,000 after being found guilty of two counts of breaching health and safety legislation. Commenting on the the legal action by Mr Austin,

deputy chief fire officer Gary Walsh said: "East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service is aware of the legal proceedings involving Timothy Austin. "However, at this stage, we are unable to discuss this matter further until the conclusion of the legal action."

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/england/sussex/10208338.stm>

USA, TX, JEFFERSON CO, JUNE 2 2010. SONS BLAME FATHER'S DEATH ON BENZENE EXPOSURE

kelly holleran

The two sons of a deceased man claim their father died after fighting a battle against multiple myeloma. The sons blame their father's employer for causing his disease. George K. Kleepsies and Glen Kleepsies filed a lawsuit May 18 in Jefferson County District Court against Union Oil Company of California and Chevron. The Kleepsies claim their father, George T. Kleepsies, worked for Pure Oil now known as Unocal and Chevron. Throughout George T. Kleepsies' employment, he became exposed to carcinogenic benzene and benzene-containing products, according to the complaint. Because of his exposure to the products, George T. Kleepsies developed the multiple myeloma and died a "painful and terrible death" on Feb. 8, the suit states. The Kleepsies blame the defendants for causing their father's death, saying the companies knew the products around

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which George T. Kleepsies worked could cause cancer but still allowed their plaintiffs to work around the products. In addition, the defending companies failed to warn their workers of the dangers of benzene exposure and failed to take necessary safety precautions to ensure that George T. Kleepsies was not exposed to carcinogenic materials, the complaint says. In their complaint, the Kleepsies seek punitive and exemplary damages, plus interests, costs and other relief the court deems just. Jefferson County District Court case number: E186-899.

<http://www.setexasrecord.com/news/227211-sons-blame-fathers-death-on-benzene-exposure>

HAITI, PORT-AU-PRINCE, JUNE 2 2010. THE CARIB INDIAN GOD OF EVIL, HURICAN, GAVE ITS NAME TO THE WORD "HURRICANE," AND THE 2010 HURRICANE SEASON THAT STARTED ON TUESDAY IS SHAPING UP TO BE A MONSTER OF POTENTIAL MALIGNANCY.

Hurricanes are feared every year because of the whirling destruction they inflict on human life, property, crops and industry from the Caribbean to the U.S. southeast Atlantic coast and the Gulf of [Mexico](#). The annual hurricane season begins on June 1 and runs through November 30. But this year experts fear destructive storms could unleash additional havoc on two of the biggest disasters -- one natural, the other man-made -- ever experienced in the Western hemisphere in recent years, the January 12 Haitian earthquake and the six-week-old BP oil spill in the Gulf of [Mexico](#).

"Hell of a Year"

The risk of hurricanes complicating the catastrophic situations already caused by these two disasters is increased because U.S. forecasters are predicting an extreme hurricane season with an above average number of powerful storms. "This looks like a hell of a year," says hurricane forecast pioneer William Gray, who founded Colorado State University's respected storm research team. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has predicted one of the more active seasons on record, forecasting 14 to 23 named storms, with eight to 14 developing into hurricanes, nearly matching 2005's record of 15. Three to seven of those could be major Category 3 or above hurricanes, with winds of more than 110 miles per hour (177 km per hour). The Gulf Coast may see a repeat of the 2005 season when a record 28 storms formed, which killed nearly 4,000 people and caused an estimated \$130 billion in total damages. The list included Hurricane Katrina, which devastated New Orleans.

Hurricane + Oil Spill = "Horrible Mess"

Some Gulf Coast officials are already equating the environmental and economic impact of the out-of-control oil spill to a Category 5 hurricane -- with lasting effects on businesses, individual livelihoods and natural habitats. But a hurricane churning through the oil spill zone would disrupt slick cleanup operations and ongoing attempts to control the leaking undersea well -- including one currently seeking to place a containment cap over the leak in a bid to capture most of the escaping oil and pump it to a surface vessel. Other ships and surface platforms are drilling a relief well expected to be completed only in August. "Obviously, the new concern we have is that we are entering hurricane season," top White House energy adviser Carol Browner told CNN. She said spill response vessels might have to stop working in a hurricane, which would further delay the efforts. Even more horrendous, forecasters warn, are the prospects of a storm surge -- an abnormal rise in sea level created by a hurricane -- whipping spilled oil and used chemical dispersants much further ashore onto beaches, vegetation and even homes. "The foul mix would ride inland on top of the surge, potentially fouling residential areas and hundreds of square miles (kilometers) of sensitive ecosystems with the toxic stew," Jeff Masters of Weather Underground wrote in a recent blog. But he added a hurricane could dilute the mix with sea water, and wash much of it off the vegetation with rain. Nonetheless, the thought of a hurricane blasting sticky oil inland is high in the minds of many Gulf Coast residents. "Even a small, small storm would dump the Gulf into our area which would be more oil than water probably," said Ann Griffice, a resident of Empire, Louisiana. Frank Gill, president of the National Audubon Society, sees a risk of a storm-driven surge crashing into the Gulf Coast, "leaving millions of nesting birds vulnerable to oil washing onto breeding islands, beaches, sand flats and mudflats, and seeping into wetlands, and coastal terrestrial habitats."

Haiti Homeless in Harm's Way

In disaster-prone Haiti, nearly five months after a catastrophic earthquake that killed some 300,000 people -- according to government estimates -- more than 1.5 million quake survivors are still living in over 1,000 fragile, crowded tent camps in and around the wrecked capital Port-au-Prince. Relief workers are bracing for the extra-active hurricane season and hoping against hope that it does not unleash the kind of flooding and landslides which have killed thousands of Haitians in the past -- even without the kind of vulnerable situation that the poor Caribbean country now finds itself in. "This is a prospect that we're certainly not happy about ... We don't want to have a secondary disaster on our hands," Julie Schindall, international media officer of Oxfam, said. An evaluation of 28 camp sites where Oxfam works has concluded that thousands of survivors are vulnerable to landslides and flooding due to hurricanes, the organization said. It called on the Haitian government to urgently

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implement a public communications campaign to inform people about risks. Extreme overcrowding, little natural drainage and weak land structure were major problems highlighted in the Oxfam survey. Relief groups were working to improve drainage and help the communities to place sandbags around their shelters. "When you see someone living under a plastic sheet, on a dirt floor, imagine that under a foot of water, Schindall told Reuters, saying there were concerns too that water pooling in the camps would increase the risk of epidemics. The government and its aid partners have moved some survivors to more secure sites and are clearing storm drains. U.S. relief and development group Food for the Poor said housing remained one of the biggest needs. "It takes only a few inches of rain to put lives in danger because that's all that is needed to produce flooding and mudslides," it said. In 2004, Hurricane Jeanne killed over 3,000 Haitians. In 2008, hurricanes Gustav, Hanna and Ike killed some 1,000, destroyed 20,000 homes and wiped out 70 percent of crops

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6505UO20100601>

CANADA, OTTAWA, JUNE 2 2010. GAS SPILLED BY CUSTOMER STRIKING PUMP: IRVING >> POLICE BELIEVE TWO STATIONS DAMAGED



The spill happened Saturday at St. Eleanor's Irving.

A massive gasoline spill in Summerside, P.E.I., Saturday was the result of a customer driving a truck into a gas pump, Irving Oil said. In an email statement, public relations manager Liza Dube wrote that the collision caused a significant underground release of gasoline. Provincial environment officials have said it was 7,500 litres, the equivalent of 7.5 home heating oil tank loads. Dube said a video camera on site caught the incident. "Following the collision, the driver got out of his vehicle, observed the damaged dispenser, and then drove away without notifying anyone on site," wrote Dube. Summerside police believe the same driver struck a

gas pump at another station later that same day, but damage at that station was minimal. Provincial environment officials are investigating the spill. "That's a significant quantity of gasoline that's been pumped into the environment," Glenda MacKinnon-Peters, a hazardous materials specialist with the Environment Department, told CBC News Monday. "It'll be quite an undertaking to clean that up." Environment officials responded as soon as employees at the St. Eleanor's Irving discovered what happened. MacKinnon-Peters said at first employees did not realize that underground gas lines had cracked, and the pump was completely empty before they knew what had happened. She said the system at St. Eleanor's Irving is an older one, and that newer pumps have alarm systems that go off if the gas line has been broken. "The newer installations are alarmed and would have a collection sump underneath them," said MacKinnon-Peters. "So what would happen is if the vacuum on a line was disturbed or broken, then it would alarm and shut the tank down." MacKinnon-Peters says there were no alarms, but they are not required on older systems. Irving has brought in its own environmental team to assess the damage. It's too soon to know how far the gasoline has spread, said MacKinnon-Peters, but homes in the area are on city water and sewer so there's no concern over drinking water contamination. While the cost of the cleanup will be substantial, MacKinnon-Peters wasn't prepared to put a price tag on it yet.

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/prince-edward-island/story/2010/06/01/pei-gasoline-spill-584.html>

USA, N.J, PORT READING, JUNE 2 2010. HESS: TANKER TRUCK ACCIDENT WON'T IMPACT N.J. REFINERY OPPTS



A tanker truck carrying oil flipped over on Port Reading Avenue in Port Reading, New Jersey.

Hess Corp. (HES) said that a fuel truck that overturned early Tuesday outside of its Port Reading, N.J. refinery will not impact the plant's operations. The truck turned over after leaving a fuel terminal. "This incident is not related to Hess and will not impact our operations," a company spokeswoman said.

[http://www.nasdaq.com/asp/stock-market-news-](http://www.nasdaq.com/asp/stock-market-news-story.aspx?storyid=201006011056dowjonesdjournal000279&title=hesstanker-truck-accident-wont-impact-njrefinery-opps)

[story.aspx?storyid=201006011056dowjonesdjournal000279&title=hesstanker-truck-accident-wont-impact-njrefinery-opps](http://www.nasdaq.com/asp/stock-market-news-story.aspx?storyid=201006011056dowjonesdjournal000279&title=hesstanker-truck-accident-wont-impact-njrefinery-opps)

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NIGERIA, LAGOS, JUNE 2 2010. HOUSE PROBES CONSTRUCTION OF FUEL DEPOTS

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Worried by the construction of fuel depots near residential areas, military and police installations, as well as other sensitive areas, the House of Representatives Committee on Downstream has begun inspection of depots across the country to determine their level of conformity with the relevant petroleum and state laws. Addressing journalists after the inspection of the facilities of MRS Oil Nigeria Plc in Lagos yesterday, Chairman of the Committee, Hon. Clever Ikisikpo said the inspection was based on a motion moved at the floor of the House that many tank farms in Lagos, Port Harcourt, Calabar and Suleja pose threat to human lives due to their closeness to sensitive areas. "It was made clear in that motion, which was moved in December 2009, that some tank farms in Lagos, Calabar, Port Harcourt and elsewhere, which are close to commercial and residential areas can cause hazards to human lives. We want to identify the tank farms that pose danger to human lives. "We want to see the engineering design of all the depots across the country to ascertain whether they were done in accordance with international best practices. Specifically, the tank farm owners must also present before us the analysis of the engineering design of the tank farms. It is this analysis that will help us ascertain if there is any societal risk. This committee will also like to know if there are escape routes in the depots, in the case of an emergency," he said. Recalling the various pipeline incidents that claimed lives and properties in Lagos, the committee chairman said those incidents claimed human lives because the facilities were located very close to residential and commercial areas. "We all know that there are a lot of risks associated with tank farm. So, every tank farm must have an escape route. We will also want to know the distance of each tank farm to police station, naval or military base and residential areas. The tank farm owners will also supply us with not only the engineering design but also the analysis, so that with the analysis, even an ordinary man can interpret if there is any threat to human lives," he said. On the nature of the sanction to be imposed on the operators, whose tank farms violate relevant petroleum and state laws, Ikisikpo noted that the work of the committee is to write and submit its findings to the House of Representatives and not to take any other action. According to him, it is the whole House that will determine the appropriate sanction to erring operators. Ikisikpo however noted that the House of Representatives has the powers to recommend for the relocation of any facility that poses a threat to security and human lives. "Ours is to look at each company to know if it is too close to sensitive areas. The end product is the report we are going to write, but for now, we are still inspecting the depots. When we submit our report to the House, it is the House that will advise the government. If a depot is too close to such areas, the House may ask the owner to relocate in the interest of the public and you know how difficult it is to relocate," he added. The Managing Director of MRS Oil Nigeria Plc, Mr. Musa Yahaya had earlier told members of the committee that the facilities, which originally belonged to Texaco Nigeria Plc, were established in 1966, in accordance with all relevant regulations. Yahaya also told the committee that the distance from MRS facilities and other facilities such as NIPCO Plc and Naval Dockyard meet all the specifications provided by the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR). He however pointed out that most of the structures around MRS depot were built after the construction of the depot. The facilities being inspected in Lagos by the 13-member committee include Atlas Cove; Oando; Honeywell, Heyden, Total, Sahara, Mossimi, Statellite, Ejigbo, Mobil, Conoil, African Petroleum, NIPCO, A-Z Petroleum, Eurafric, Lister Oil and Zenon Petroleum. Others include Acorn Plc, Integrated Oil & Gas, Sea Petroleum, ASCON, Aquitaine, Capital Oil, Techno Oil, Rahamaniya, Bovas, Swift Oil, Folawiyo, Obat, Dee Jones, Index Petrolube, Abbeycourt, Ibafor Oil and Eterna, among others.

<http://www.thisdayonline.com/nview.php?id=174748>

USA, TX, FORT WORTH, JUNE 2 2010. STATE FINDS HIGH BENZENE LEVELS AT 2 MORE FORT WORTH-AREA SITES

mike lee

Six days after state regulators revealed that they had suppressed a series of tests showing toxic air pollution near natural gas wells, officials released even more test results Tuesday showing higher-than-normal levels of benzene at additional sites in and around Fort Worth. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality sent the results to environmental officials in Fort Worth and in an e-mail to state Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth. The latest round of tests were taken in late April. The state agency found benzene in the air in two tests near a compressor station near East Berry Street and Yuma Avenue. Another sample found benzene in the air near a compressor station at Interstate 20 and Markum Ranch Road. All three tests were above the state's long-term screening level for benzene, which is known to cause cancer in humans. State officials have said the level is not enough to cause immediate health problems, but it could make people sick if they were exposed continually for several years. It also serves as an indication that more testing in the area is needed. Davis implied that the environmental agency wouldn't have released the information if there hadn't been an outcry last week over the delay in releasing previous test results. "It is apparent that the TCEQ will continue to hide data crucial to the public's health," Davis said in a news release.

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John Sadlier, the agency's deputy director, said Davis is "mistaken." He said he discussed the April results with a city official May 24 -- before last week's dust-up about another set of test results -- and said they'd be released soon. "I said, 'It should be done on Friday,' and I sent it to him today," Sadlier said. Sadlier said the agency plans follow-up testing at the East Berry and Markum Ranch Road sites, including installing a long-term monitor near the East Berry site. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has been at the center of a controversy about how much air pollution is produced by natural gas operations in the Barnett Shale, the giant gas field that lies under Fort Worth and 17 surrounding counties. More than 17,000 gas wells have been drilled in the field, including more than 1,000 inside Fort Worth. Agency officials have repeatedly said that gas drilling doesn't contribute to Dallas-Fort Worth's pollution problem but didn't conduct any tests until December -- years after the drilling boom began. Sadlier announced the results of the December tests at a public meeting Jan. 12 in Fort Worth, saying, "the air is safe." However, a whistle-blower told the environmental agency's internal complaint hot line that the tests were done with equipment that wasn't sensitive enough to measure at low thresholds. When the agency re-tested the samples from December using better equipment, it discovered that three of the samples were above the long-term standards. One sample had a level of p-diethylbenzene high enough to cause nausea and headaches. Two others had benzene levels above the state's long-term screening level. Agency officials knew about those results at the end of January but didn't inform the public or other government agencies until last week, according to a report by the agency's internal auditor. The agency took even more samples in February, without informing the city or the public, and found no levels of toxic fumes that exceeded the guidelines. Several local officials were outraged when the updated results of the December tests were released last week, saying they had been briefed by the agency and not informed about the more-accurate tests. Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief spoke with the agency's executive director Thursday to express his concerns. Fort Worth was already preparing to pay for its own tests of air quality around gas sites, in part because of concerns about the accuracy of the state tests. Moncrief said Tuesday: "We would prefer that TCEQ immediately provide the city and the public with the results of its ongoing testing. That's our expectation, and that's what the people of Fort Worth deserve. I can assure you that once the results of Fort Worth's independent air sampling have been confirmed and verified, they will be presented in full to the public promptly." On Friday, U.S. Rep. Michael Burgess, R- Lewisville, called for an investigation by the state attorney general's office.

<http://www.star-telegram.com/2010/06/01/2231962/state-finds-high-benzene-levels.html>

USA, WASHINGTON D.C, JUNE 2 2010. U.S. OPENS CRIMINAL PROBE OF GULF OF MEXICO DISASTER >> BP SHARES DIVE IN TUESDAY TRADES; OBAMA ORDERS EXTENSIVE REVIEW

robert schroeder

The Obama administration, searching for ways to respond to the worst oil spill in U.S. history, opened civil and criminal investigations of the disaster on Tuesday. Attorney General Eric Holder announced the probes on a Tuesday visit to Louisiana, the same day that shares of BP dove close to 15%. BP owns the damaged well that's been spewing oil into the Gulf since the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig exploded on April 20. Holder didn't specify which companies may be the targets of the investigations.

Obama Vows 'Justice' for Oil Spill

But experts say that BP and other companies involved could face criminal charges as well as civil claims. Justice Department lawyers are examining BP's conduct before and after the disaster, according to The Wall Street Journal.

"We will make certain that those responsible clean up the mess they have made and restore or replace the natural resources lost or injured in this tragedy," Holder said in a statement Tuesday. "We will prosecute to the full extent any violations of the law." [Read Holder's statement.](#)

Obama Briefed

Holder visited the Gulf Coast and surveyed the damage on the same day President Barack Obama met for the first time with the co-chairmen of a special commission charged with finding out the cause of the spill and preventing another similar catastrophe. "We have an obligation to investigate what went wrong and to determine what reforms are needed so that we never have to experience a crisis like this again," the president remarked at the White House. "If the laws on our books are insufficient to prevent such a spill, the laws must change. "If our laws were broken, leading to this death and destruction, my solemn pledge is that we will bring those responsible to justice on behalf of the victims of this catastrophe and the people of the Gulf region," Obama added. Eleven workers died in the accident. With the spill uncontained and still gushing oil into the Gulf, Obama had a late-morning meeting with commission co-chairmen Bob Graham, a former Democratic senator and governor of Florida; and William Reilly, who headed the Environmental Protection Agency under President George H.W. Bush. Obama said he'll appoint five other members soon.

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BP Plots Next Move

BP's last effort to stop the leak, called the "top kill," failed over the weekend, and now the disaster could stretch into August, when relief wells will be completed. Holder was in Louisiana on Tuesday to meet with state attorneys general and U.S. attorneys from the region. Last month, Holder said the administration would uphold the law as it relates to the spill. The size of the spill already has surpassed the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill, for which oil giant Exxon Mobil Corp agreed to pay \$100 million in criminal penalties alone. Exxon pleaded guilty to violating the Clean Water Act, the Refuse Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Obama said he authorized the commission to hold public hearings and request information from government agencies, BP, Transocean Ltd., Halliburton Co. and others. Transocean owned the Deepwater Horizon rig and Halliburton installed some of the equipment on it. The disaster has taken a \$100 billion bite out of the market capitalization of the five key companies connected to the spill over the last six weeks. [Read about spill's effect on energy shares.](http://www.marketwatch.com/story/oil-spill-commission-chairs-huddle-with-obama-2010-06-01?dist=afterbell)

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NETHERLANDS, AMSTERDAM, JUNE 3 2010. DUTCH PROSECUTORS: TRAFIGURA KNEW OF TOXIC CARGO

toby sterling

Dutch prosecutors accused Trafigura AG of putting profits ahead of safety at the start of the company's criminal trial Tuesday, saying the oil trader hid hazardous waste in a ship that docked in Amsterdam in 2006 and then exported it illegally. The waste was later dumped in Ivory Coast in what became a major environmental scandal. Toxic waste sickened thousands in the African country in August 2006, though Trafigura insists the waste from its ship, the Probo Koala, could not have caused serious illness. The company, based in Lucerne, Switzerland, has denied any wrongdoing. But it paid euro157 million (\$191 million) to Ivory Coast to help clean up the waste and another euro40 million (\$50 million) to victims in a British settlement this year. Under the British settlement, lawyers agreed the waste could only have caused minor ailments. But the U.N.'s top expert on toxic waste, Okechukwu Ibeanu, said in 2009 "it is clear that there is a direct and indirect connection" between the waste and 100,000 illnesses and 16 deaths that Ivory Coast attributed to the pollution. The Dutch criminal case focuses only on the docking of the oil tanker in Amsterdam in June and July of 2006, and will not address details of what happened after the ship left port. The ship had begun unloading waste "slops" from one of its tanks in Amsterdam, but then had them pumped back aboard after a dispute over processing costs. An investigation into the composition of the slops was still under way when the ship was granted permission to leave, which prosecutors say violated Dutch law. Prosecutor Luuk Boogert said Trafigura, Amsterdam Port Services BV and city authorities all had put "self-interest above people's health and environment" when they allowed the ship to depart with a hazardous cargo. He said Trafigura first tried to conceal how dangerous the waste was, then "dumped it over the fence" in Africa to save euro400,000. "Cheap, but with consequences," he said. Trafigura is charged with intentionally exporting hazardous waste, concealing the nature of the waste when it arrived in Amsterdam, and fraud. It risks a large fine, though Boogert has not yet made sentencing demands. Trafigura lawyer Aldo Verbruggen said the charges were based on an "unfounded moral judgment." "Trafigura is a company that takes responsible entrepreneurship very seriously," he said. Trafigura trader Naeem Ahmed is named in the suit, but did not appear in court Tuesday. Company CEO Claude Dauphin argued successfully he should not be part of the case, though prosecutors have appealed that argument. The ship's Ukrainian captain, Sergiy Chertov, is accused of assisting the company in fraud. He was not in court, and is expected to testify remotely. Individuals found guilty of breaking Dutch environmental law face a maximum sentence of six years in prison. Amsterdam Port Services director Evert Uittenbosch and the city itself are charged with "leaving dangerous waste in the hands of someone not qualified to process it." They argue they acted correctly. The Dutch case is expected to last around two months. Trafigura eventually paid Compagnie Tommy, a contractor in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, to dispose of the ship's waste. On the night of Aug. 17, 2006, Tommy used trucks to dump waste furtively at 17 sites in the city. Tommy's owner, Nigerian Salomon Ugborugbo, was sentenced in Ivory Coast to 20 years for poisoning. Trafigura says it is not responsible for Tommy's actions.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5j7klyedGJse5kKXMkLqqjWkhl3ggD9G2HEFG0>

INDIA, PATNA, JUNE 3 2010. PATNA PETROL PUMP CATCHES FIRE

Panic prevailed at Boring Road here on Tuesday afternoon as an oil tanker downloading petrol at Gasolene petrol outlet caught fire. Panic prevailed in the area as the flames leapt high with shops in the vicinity downing their shutters. Petrol pump owner Amit Mukherjee said a spark from an adjoining transformer hit the oil tanker and it burst into flames. Tanker driver Tribhuvan Prasad Yadav said the vehicle contained about 6,000 litres of petrol as he had earlier downloaded over 6,000 litres in another underground storage of the petrol pump. A spark emanating from a motorcycle, whose owner started his bike after taking petrol, touched the pipe used in downloading petrol and soon the entire tanker caught fire, he added. On getting

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information, Patna DM Jitendra Kumar Sinha, Zonal IG RS Bhatti, Patna SSP Dr. Amit Kumar Jain and City SP Manu Maharaj reached the spot. Fire tenders reached the spot one after the other with sirens blaring in the locality. Patna DM Jitendra Kumar Sinha said he would be able to say about the exact reason after talking with the petrol pump owner. The flames were doused by the fire-fighting men. The petrol station was badly damaged. Even the oil tanker was completely gutted due to the fire. Patna Fire Station Officer Sunil Kumar Gupta said the reason behind the fire is being ascertained.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/City/Patna/Patna-petrol-pump-catches-fire/articleshow/6001226.cms>

USA, MISS, COLE CO, JUNE 3 2010. DNR CLEANING UP DIESEL SPILL

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is directing the cleanup of an unknown amount of diesel fuel that leaked from a Cole County convenience store. The department was notified Friday morning of a possible diesel fuel leak at the Junction U-NN Quick Shop convenience store, 11816 Lookout Trail, Centertown. Emergency responders dispatched from Jefferson City found diesel fuel seeping up through cracks in the concrete and flowing into a nearby road ditch. Initial steps were taken to absorb the fuel that was visible and prevent it from flowing further. The initial investigation suggests that an above-ground storage tank at the site has lost a significant amount of fuel underground. The department has ordered the store owner to begin a cleanup at the site under department supervision. Because the likely source was an above-ground storage tank, the Department of Agriculture was advised, and officials from that department ordered the sale of diesel fuel at the site be halted. Missouri law places regulation of aboveground storage tanks with the Department of Agriculture.

http://newstribune.com/articles/2010/06/02/news_local/nt212local21spill10.txt

USA, OH, CIRCLEVILLE, JUNE 3 2010. DIESEL SPILL WILL CLOSE 1 LANE ON U.S. 23 TODAY

david amey

One northbound lane of U.S. Route 23 is expected to be closed today as state emergency crews work to discover the degree of contamination from Tuesday's spillage of more than 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel. "We want to make certain the fuel will not enter sources of drinking water or irrigation systems in the area," said Christopher Bonner of the division of Emergency and Remedial Response with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

<http://www.circlevilleherald.com/articles/2010/06/02/news/doc4c05e753aa197658607343.txt>

USA, NY, WHITE PLAINS, JUNE 3 2010. OIL LEAK FROM APARTMENT BUILDING FOULS NY RIVER

A hard-to-find fuel oil leak fouled the Bronx River in the New York City suburbs for hours on Wednesday before workers traced it to a downtown apartment building and stopped the flow, officials said. The spill was discovered Wednesday morning in White Plains and spurted out several hundred gallons of commercial grade heating oil into the river before its source was found and the leak was stanchied, official said. The oil reached about three miles downriver from White Plains to Scarsdale, officials said. Some geese and ducks were found coated with oil and will be treated by wildlife experts, White Plains Mayor Adam Bradley said. He said no dead animals were reported and fish seemed less affected than birds. As hazmat workers extended booms to trap the spill and used vacuum pumps to siphon it off the river, officers searched for the source. "It wasn't as easy as we hoped," Bradley said. "We had to go through storm drains." The source was found in the basement of 235 South Lexington Ave., a 12-story apartment building several blocks from the river. Reporters were not allowed in but a maintenance worker was seen leaving with agents of the state Department of Environmental Conservation. Neither Bradley nor Westchester County executive Rob Astorino would say what caused the leak. Bradley's spokeswoman Antoinette Biordi said the oil came from the basement of the building and flowed through storm drains into the river. The mayor said the district attorney and city police would investigate to see who should be held responsible and determine whether criminal charges were appropriate. Whoever is at fault will pay the cleanup expenses, he said. "The taxpayers won't pay," Astorino added. Officials said the river cleanup could take several weeks. Astorino said first word of the spill, which may have begun Tuesday night, came from a woman out for a run Wednesday morning. "She smelled something and said something," he said. The odor was still prevalent near the river Wednesday afternoon as an oily sheen covered the water. "It smells like an old leaky furnace," said Anita Shenin of Scarsdale, out walking with her Chihuahua, Peppino. The river, once garbage-choked, has been substantially cleaned in recent years. Beaver and herring have been seen in the New York City portion of the river for the first time in many years. The waterway is now home to more than 40 species of fish. In January 2007, more than 1,000 gallons of gasoline spilled from an overfilled tank during a delivery at a service station in downtown White Plains, and some of the fuel reached the Bronx River as far as 2 1/2 miles south. In September, the state attorney general's office reached a \$7 million settlement with municipalities including White Plains that had been accused of dumping raw sewage into the river.

<http://www.timesunion.com/AspStories/story.asp?storyID=936938>

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CANADA, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, SUMMERSIDE, JUNE 3 2010. POLICE SEEKING DRIVER IN GAS SPILL



The Environment Department is supervising the clean up of the spill.

Police in Summerside, P.E.I. want to talk to the driver of a rental truck they believe ran into two gas pumps Saturday, causing a massive spill at one station. About 7,500 litres of gasoline was dumped into the ground at the Irving station at St. Eleanor's when the truck bumped the pump. Surveillance video shows the driver getting out and checking the damage, but he didn't tell anyone what happened, and staff didn't notice until the tank ran dry. Police believe the same driver bumped another pump at an Ultramar station a couple of kilometres down the road. Damage there was minimal because a built-in alarm system was triggered when the gas

started leaking. A small amount of spilled gas was contained before it could cause environmental damage. The Irving station is older and has no alarm system. The station does meet provincial regulations. The Environment Department is supervising the clean up. "It will be very expensive with that large a quantity of fuel and it will take some time," said hazardous materials specialist Glenda MacKinnon-Peters. Irving Oil is paying for the work. The company is also cooperating with police to find the customer who caused the spill.

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/prince-edward-island/story/2010/06/02/pei-gas-spill-driver-alarm-584.html>

USA, N.C, NEWTON, JUNE 3 2010. OVERTURNED FUEL TANKER CLOSES ROAD

Watch the Video <http://www.wsocvtv.com/news/23765210/detail.html>

A major road in Catawba County was closed for several hours Wednesday morning because of an overturned tanker truck. The truck overturned on Startown Road south of Highway 10. The driver was not hurt in the crash. The tanker was carrying more than 7,000 gallons of diesel fuel, but not all of it spilled. Crews got the leak under control in about two hours. Startown Elementary School is about one mile away from the scene of the crash, but is still in session Wednesday.

<http://www.wsocvtv.com/news/23765210/detail.html>

USA, ILL, CHICAGO, JUNE 3 2010. SEMI CRASHES, CAUSING TANKER FUEL SPILL

A semi jackknifed, causing a tanker to rupture and the fuel to spill early Wednesday on the inbound Dan Ryan Expressway on the South Side. About 3 a.m. a truck that was hauling two trailers jackknifed on the northbound Ryan near 67th Street in the local lanes, according to Illinois State Police District Chicago Trooper Garret Lindroth. One of the tankers it was hauling ruptured and fuel spilled onto the roadway three other vehicles were also struck by the truck, according to the trooper, who said there was not a fire and no one was hurt. A Level 1 HazMat was initiated about 3:35 a.m. and was secured at 3:54 a.m., according to Chicago Fire Department Media Affairs Director Larry Langford. As of 3:45 a.m. all northbound lanes near the incident were closed and the incident caused only property damage, the trooper said. Langford also said no one was hurt.

http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/2345898_semi-crash-fuel-spill-060210.article

USA, LA, NEW ORLEANS, JUNE 3 2010. NOAA SHIP TO SEARCH FOR UNDERWATER OIL PLUMES FROM LEAK SITE

A survey vessel named after the U.S. president who founded the nation's first science agency is scheduled to depart this city late Wednesday or Thursday for the Gulf of Mexico, with the aim to answer a burning, ominous question: Are there monstrous, miles-long oil plumes spreading underwater from the [Deepwater Horizon leak](#)? The NOAA ship Thomas Jefferson, based out of Norfolk, will embark on a 10-day mission that is "aggressive, sustained, strategic and scientific," according to [Jane Lubchenco](#), administrator of NOAA, who wore starfish earrings as she addressed media Wednesday afternoon on a wharf at the end of Bienville Street. Last week scientists from Louisiana State University and the University of South Florida [asserted that such plumes exist](#) and could bypass coastal defenses, but their findings were parried by [skepticism from BP CEO Tony Hayward](#) and the U.S. government. "There's been a lot of speculation," Lubchenco said, and the "unique technology on board and a robust methodology will help us detect and characterize any submerged oil." The Thomas Jefferson will carry 36 crew members to within five miles of the leaking wellhead to conduct sonar and ultraviolet scans, collect water samples and, ideally, distinguish deep-water anomalies from actual submerged crude. NOAA crew escorted media on a tour of the Thomas Jefferson, its cozy 45-foot width stocked with mustard-colored salvage drums, torpedo-like side-scan sonar machines and antiquated decorative maps of Virginia and Maryland. In the captain's office, an echogram rendered underwater objects in every color of the rainbow. In a best-case scenario, crew members will use echograms and a fluorometer, which measures light emissions, to identify anomalies and scoop water samples from as deep as 1,000 feet below the surface. But using these

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tools to seek dispersed oil in such a wide area is an uncertain endeavor, according to Larry A. Mayer, director of the Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping at the University of New Hampshire. "We're not 100 percent sure this will work," said Mayer, who is part of the mission. "But we'll be working night and day to figure that out." The 208-foot, 1,600-ton vessel normally provides the staging ground for updating nautical charts, and it happened to be near the offshore border of Texas and Louisiana on April 20, when the rig blew. This is the first oil-focused project for the ship, and its crew for this mission consists of NOAA officers and experts from federal agencies, universities and research institutions -- some of whom were notified just last week that they were needed onboard. The vessel's departure time remained up in the air Wednesday afternoon because the fluorometer had not yet arrived by FedEx, said research associate and crew member Daniel Torres of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/02/AR2010060204237.html>

USA, CA, REDDING, JUNE 3 2010. 1 KILLED, 1 INJURED IN SISKIYOU CO. MINE BLAST

One man is dead and another seriously injured following a blast in a Siskiyou County mine Saturday. The Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office was called to the "Know Nothing Mine" on Saturday afternoon. There they found 62-year-old James Bennett and 59-year-old Michael Harry Engelke both seriously injured. The men were transported to a Redding hospital, where Bennett died. According to witnesses, the two men had set charges inside the mine and come out. They reentered the mine thinking the blast had gone off and were injured when the charges exploded.

<http://kdrv.com/news/local/176347>

USA, CA, ORANGE CO, BUENA PARK, JUNE 3 2010. 2,800 POUNDS OF ILLEGAL FIREWORKS FOUND IN STORAGE UNIT

kimberly edds



More than 2,800 pounds of fireworks were seized.

Authorities seized about 2,800 pounds of illegal fireworks in a Cypress storage unit and arrested two men, police said. Buena Park police followed Earnest Sudberry on Wednesday to Extra Self Storage at 4664 Lincoln Avenue, where they saw him sell illegal fireworks to another man, according to Buena Park police Lt. Rich Forsyth. Officers confronted the two men and found about 2,800 pounds of illegal fireworks inside the storage unit, Forsyth said. Sudberry of Buena Park was arrested on suspicion of selling illegal fireworks. He is being held at the Buena Park city jail. Ryan Castaneda of Buena Park was arrested on suspicion of buying illegal fireworks. He was released on a citation, Forsyth said. Bomb technicians were processing the fireworks.

<http://www.ocregister.com/news/fireworks-251620-illegal-park.html>

USA, WASHINGTON D.C, JUNE 3 2010. AGENTS: CASES OF FIREWORKS STORED IN DC APARTMENT

john henrehan

Watch the Video <http://www.myfoxdc.com/dpp/news/dc/agents-cases-of-fireworks-stored-in-dc-apartment-060210>

Federal agents say they recovered more than "15 cases of suspected commercial explosives / fireworks" from a residential apartment building on 44th Street, NE on Friday. According to a criminal complaint, an undercover Metropolitan Police Department officer had been purchasing both guns and industrial fireworks from 61-year-old Laquinn Williams on several occasions in May. According to ATF special agent Mike Campbell, "Once we set up a final deal [but] found out how much [fireworks were] in the house, it was decided because of a public safety issue, that we needed to make the arrest." Williams was taken into custody on Friday. Campbell says the commercial fireworks seized included the kind of large shells that are exploded over the National Mall on the Fourth of July. Consumer fireworks were also seized. Campbell says the quantity was sufficient to have harmed the building in the event of an explosion. Neighbors expressed relief that the federal/local task force removed the cases of fireworks from the apartment. "I have grandchildren who live here," said Mary Davis, who was making a stop on 44th Street. "If I had known [about the stored fireworks], I'd have called [police] myself." A man answering the door at Laquinn Williams' apartment, who identified himself only as "a friend" of the suspect, denied there was any danger from the stored fireworks. "Nobody smoked cigarettes. Nobody comes in with [a] match, cigarette lighters. No kids ... You keep it at a certain temperature, make sure it doesn't sweat ... and you move it out," said the friend of Williams. According to the criminal

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complaint, Williams has been a cooperative suspect, voluntarily conceding that he sold both commercial and consumer fireworks. Williams has been released on his own recognizance with the stipulation that he have no contact with fireworks, explosives, or guns. A further hearing on the case will take place on June 17.

<http://www.myfoxdc.com/dpp/news/dc/agents-cases-of-fireworks-stored-in-dc-apartment-060210>

USA, CA, BAKERSFIELD, JUNE 3 2010. OGDEN-BASED FLYING J SELLS CALIFORNIA REFINERY TO ALON

james thalman

Flying J Inc. has taken another step toward fulfilling its Chapter 11 bankruptcy obligations by selling a refinery in Bakersfield, Calif. The deal with Israeli-owned refining and fuel retailing company Alon Energy USA, in the works since July, will allow Flying J to focus on its national network full-service fuel stops, its financial services company and its North Salt Lake refinery. Flying J bought the California refinery from Shell Oil Co. in March 2005. In December 2008, Flying J Inc. and its Big West refining and Longhorn Pipeline subsidiaries filed to reorganize under Chapter 11 bankruptcy, indirectly forcing it to stop refining operations in Bakersfield early last year. The \$40 million purchase price includes basically all assets and existing inventory, according to Alon's statement announcing the deal Wednesday. Details of the purchase outlined out by Alon to the Bakersfield Californian newspaper indicate the plant will refine leftover oil from its Los Angeles County operation into mainly gasoline and diesel, with plans to begin piping in the crude in about a year. An expensive, controversial expansion of the refinery that Flying J had planned pre-bankruptcy, intended to increase the plant's efficiency, will not be pursued, an Alon spokesman told the newspaper, noting that doing so would have meant the refinery would stop buying crude oil from local companies. Jeff Morris, a spokesman for Alon, said Wednesday that the Bakersfield plant would extend employment offers to the refinery's existing work force but that there were no immediate plans to rehire any of the roughly 175 workers let go last year. "Our acquisition of Bakersfield will allow us to potentially save up to 100 jobs in the Bakersfield area once the refinery has recommenced full operations," Morris said. The deal is not only attractive, it avoids hundreds of millions of dollars in anticipated new upgrading costs "and will enable us to operate it as an integrated unit with our Paramount refinery, allowing us to significantly increase output at our California refineries," he said. "Additionally, we were able to accomplish the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Big West without incurring additional debt to Alon or its subsidiaries." Still pending in Flying J's reorganization is a merger with Tennessee-based Pilot Travel Centers, a step that is designed to help that part of Flying J's business move more quickly out of Chapter 11. According to court filings, Flying J will receive a stake in Pilot plus \$300 million to \$500 million in cash. The equity portion of the deal will be based on an enterprise value for Pilot of \$3.3 billion and for Flying J of \$1.2 billion. Pilot has agreed to provide \$100 million in "debtor-in-possession" financing for Flying J's operations, "subject to court approval and various conditions." Flying J, with about 270 travel plazas nationwide, and Pilot with 300 locations, are individually among the largest privately held truck stops in the country.

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/700037202/Flying-J-sells-refinery-in-Bakersfield-Calif.html>

USA, TX, TEXAS CITY, JUNE 3 2010. BP HAS MINOR LEAK AT TEXAS CITY REFINERY -OFFICIAL

erwin seba

Firefighters were called to BP Plc's giant Texas City, Texas, refinery on Wednesday for what turned out to be a minor leak, said the city's emergency management director. "It turned to be a minor leak, a very minor leak," said Bruce Clawson, Texas City emergency management director. A BP representative was not immediately available to discuss operations at the 455,790 barrel-per-day (bpd) refinery, which is the third-largest in the United States. The Texas City refinery was the site of a deadly 2005 explosion that killed 15 workers and injured 180 others.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN0219352020100602?type=marketsNews>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE JULY 3 2010. EPA CANCELS MOBIL LICENCE AFTER PETROL LEAK

Oil giant Mobil has been severely rebuked over its environmental performance in Melbourne, having one of its operating licences cancelled after a number of breaches. The State's environment watchdog Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Victoria says it is less than impressed with Mobil. It has cancelled the Altona refinery's accredited licence, held since 2001, after the leaking of a 3.5 million-litre tank of unleaded petrol at the plant near local wetlands in February, and flaring from stacks caused by a power outage in May. The loss of the high-level accreditation means Mobil will no longer be entitled to a reduced licence fee, or conduct works at the plant in Melbourne's west without approval in some circumstances. EPA said it was "less than impressed with Mobil's track record in which there has been a number of incidents at the site all with the potential for environmental and community risk". EPA chief executive John Merritt said the regulator had the power to cancel licences where there was not enough high environmental performance. "It is EPA's belief that Mobil's onsite practices have not

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demonstrated a high level of environmental performance to justify accreditation," he said. Although Mobil remains licensed to continue its operations, it must now comply with a strict set of environmental regulations which EPA will monitor. The cancellation does not affect the company's operating licence. The accreditation is awarded to companies which show commitment to constantly improving environmental performance. Comment was being sought from Mobil Refining Australia.

Related Coverage

- [Australia's Victoria State Critical Of Exxon Mobil Refinery Performance](#) NASDAQ
- [Exxon Australian Plant Faces Greater Scrutiny After Breaches](#) BusinessWeek
- [Mobil on notice over Altona refinery](#) ABC Online

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/breaking-news/epa-cancels-mobil-licence-after-35-million-litre-petrol-leak/story-e6frf7ko-1225874880161>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE JULY 3 2010. "WORKSAFE VICTORIA" - NEW MHF LICENCE CONDITIONS FOR MOBIL'S ALTONA REFINERY

[WORKSAFE Victoria](#) has imposed new conditions on Mobil's licence to operate its Altona refinery. According to [WORKSAFE Victoria](#), these conditions have been put in place because of persisting health and safety incidents at the facility. It has also been reporting more incidents than other facilities of a similar size. [WORKSAFE Victoria](#) is encouraging Mobil to identify any shortcomings in their safety inspection and maintenance systems, and rectify them before incidents have a chance to occur. The new Major Hazard Facilities licence conditions will last until December 2012. However, a deadline in November requires Mobil to analyse past incidents to identify the causes, and address causes through improvements to safety inspection and maintenance systems, and demonstrate that these improvements mean the risk of incidents is significantly reduced.

<http://www.safetowork.com.au/news/New-MHF-licence-conditions-for-Mobils-Altona-refi>

USA, WI, TWP, JUNE 3 2010. LEAKY TANKER SPILLS LIQUID NITROGEN ON HWY. 140

A leaky valve on a chemical tanker left nearly 200 gallons of liquid nitrogen spilled on a two-mile stretch of Highway 140 this afternoon, Rock County Sheriff's Office reported. Authorities said a coupling and valve connection had rattled open on a 3,200-gallon tanker pulled by a truck owned by the DeLong Corp. The truck was traveling south between East County P and East Stateline Road south of Clinton at about 3 p.m. when the leak occurred, officials said. A passerby saw the tank leaking onto the roadway, and called DeLong, who then instructed the driver to stop and check the tank, officials said. The spill left about 175 gallons of liquid nitrogen on the road, officials said. Crews from DeLong and Clinton Fire Department cleaned up the spill, which spanned about two and a half miles on the southbound lane of Highway 140, between East County P and East Stateline Road. Traffic was rerouted during the cleanup, and no accidents or injuries were reported, officials said.

<http://gazettextra.com/weblogs/latest-news/2010/jun/02/leaky-tank-causes-liquid-nitrogen-spill-hwy-140/>

USA, WASHINGTON, JUNE 3 2010. BP'S HORRIBLE SAFETY RECORD: IT'S GOT 760 OSHA FINES, EXXON HAS JUST 1

vince veneziani



Want to hear something scary? BP has been fined by OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) 760 times. By contrast, oil giant ExxonMobil has been fined only once. As [The Stock Masters](#) say: How is BP even allowed to operate? Let's take a look back at BP's horrid track record, courtesy of [ABC News](#):

- Back in 2007, a BP pipeline spilled 200,000 gallons of crude into the Alaskan wilderness. They got hit with \$16 million in fines.
- "The Justice Department required the company to pay approximately \$353 million as part of an agreement to defer prosecution on charges that the company conspired to manipulate the propane gas market."
- In two separate disasters prior to Deepwater Horizon, 30 BP workers were killed and more than 200 have been seriously injured.
- "According to the Center for Public Integrity, in the last three years, BP refineries in Ohio and Texas have accounted for 97 percent of the "egregious, willful" violations handed out by OSHA"
- OSHA statistics show BP ran up 760 "egregious, willful" safety violations, while Sunoco and Conoco-Phillips each had eight, Citgo had two and Exxon had one comparable citation.

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After examining the facts, we're inclined to agree that BP probably shouldn't be operating here in the U.S. considering its horrific safety record.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/bp-has-been-fined-by-osha-760-times-has-an-awful-track-record-for-safety-2010-6>

USA, FLA, SANIBEL & CAPTIVA ISLANDS, JUNE 3 2010. OSHA TRAINING COURSE FOR OIL SPILL CLEANUP

For those interested in helping with clean-up should the Deepwater Horizon spill reach Sanibel and Captiva islands, there will be a fourhour OSHA training session offered on Captiva in June. Oil is a hazardous material and there are very strict state and federal requirements for volunteers once oil hits the shorelines or occurs in nearshore waters. Captiva Erosion Prevention District (CEPD) has arranged for the Ostego Bay Foundation's Marine Science Center to offer their four-hour OSHA training at South Seas Island Resort. The cost is \$25 and reservations are required by June 9. There will be two four-hour sessions offered on June 14: one from 8 a.m. to noon; the second from 1 to 5 p.m. To register, you must call CEPD at 472-2472 no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 9. Or you can email CEPD at mycepd@gmail.com. Give your name, address, phone number, email address, and whether you want to attend the morning or afternoon session. If you reach voicemail, simply leave the information and someone will call you back to confirm. Because seating is limited, walk-ins will not be accepted. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to when the session begins to complete your registration and pay your fee. This is an OSHA training event and you will receive a certificate upon completion. You will not be seated once the training begins nor be granted a certificate if you leave before completion. In 1991, the state of Florida began requiring local communities to either maintain first-response capabilities themselves or contract with outside experts to provide those first response services. The Ostego Bay Environmental Response Co-op was created in 1992 to meet those state requirements. The all-volunteer group is licensed and inspected by the state and operates under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Coast Guard.

<http://www.islandsunnews.com/Sanibel/0603.html>

USA, IN, WAKARUSA, JUNE 3 2010. WAKARUSA WORKER SERIOUSLY BURNED TRYING TO FIX FUEL TANK PUMP

An employee at a Wakarusa business has been transferred to a Fort Wayne burn center Wednesday night, where he was in stable condition after suffering serious burns in an accident at the business earlier in the day. The accident happened about 5 p.m. at Performance Technology, 65251 Indiana 19. The business manufactures and rebuilds engines for racing cars. Paul Funkhauser was repairing a leak on a pump on a tank that held racing fuel when the fuel ignited and caused a flash explosion, Wakarusa Fire Chief Brian Maurer told the SBT24/7 News Desk. He said Funkhauser was in a contained area when the accident occurred. Maurer said Funkhauser suffered first- and second-degree burns on his arms, hands, face and neck, and was taken to Elkhart General Hospital before he was transferred to a Fort Wayne burn center.

<http://www.southbendtribune.com/article/20100602/News01/100609828/1130>

USA, OH, SEVEN MILE, JUNE 4 2010. NEIGHBORS' SPIRITS RAISED AS OLD GAS STATION RAZED

josh sweigart



Simpson, left, and Marc Welz use oil absorbent to clean out a gas tank for scrap at an old gas station at the intersection of Ohio 127 and Ritter Street in Seven Mile on Wednesday, June 2. Butler County commissioners have discussed turning the lot into a community park.

God Gives Gifts, or GGG for short. That was the name of the gas station in the center of the village of Seven Mile before it closed 15 years ago. And after dealing with the blight and public safety nuisance the building has become over the past decade, Seven Mile residents say watching it be torn down this week is a gift from God. "It'll be a blessing for the whole town, I think," said Anna Reiff, who has lived next to the gas station for 30 years and watched from her front porch Wednesday, June 2, as workers pulled gas tanks from the ground. Butler County commissioners

have set aside \$200,000 in federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant money to pay for the gas station to be removed and replaced with a neighborhood park. The gas station building will come down later this week, and the park will be done "by this time next year," said county Community Development Coordinator Donna Everson. But the celebration was tempered by trepidation as the gas tanks were dug up. A leak into the soil could cause a very time-consuming and costly delay. Officials from several state and local environmental agencies surrounded the gaping hole, looking for signs of a leak. They found the tanks empty, and no visible evidence of a leak, according to Martin Smith, brownfield revitalization official with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. But they won't know for sure until soil samples come back in two weeks. Seven Mile Mayor

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Vivian Gorsuch said it was "such a relief" to hear it doesn't appear to be leaking. She has pushed for years for the blighted property to be torn down, but fought the county's fears that it would lead to an expensive cleanup. For that reason, the property is staying in the hands of property owner Irma Schnapp until a clean bill comes back. Then the village will pay off liens against the property with the county's money and take ownership. Neighbors like the Reiffs couldn't be happier. They said vagrants and kids frequently break into the building, it's a magnet for rats, and residents have worried for years about an underground gas leak. Not to mention the blight. "A lot of the residents, it's hurt their property values," said Don Oakes, owner of the Seven Mile Market corner store across the street. "Plus the fact it just looks bad."

<http://www.middletonjournal.com/news/middletown-news/neighbors-spirits-raised-as-old-gas-station-razed-742685.html>

USA, AKA, ANCHORAGE, USA, JUNE 4 2010. THE ALYESKA SPILL: GOOD DESIGN KEEPS AN OIL SPILL CONTAINED

The May 25 spill of about 210,000 gallons of oil from Pump Station 9 near Delta Junction was a major event. There's no other way to characterize the scope of the third-largest spill in the history of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline. Federal and state authorities are investigating and will find out what went wrong during what should have been a fairly routine maintenance operation. The pipeline had been shut down for the maintenance, but a succession of events led oil to pour into, and overflow, a storage tank. Lessons will be learned and procedures quite possibly will be changed. What's important to remember as the cleanup continues, however, is that the design of the pump station complex kept the oil confined to the site and out of the surrounding environment. Oil that overflowed the storage tank spilled into a lined and built-up containment area. More than 56,000 gallons of the spilled oil has been recovered and sent to the Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. terminal in Valdez for reprocessing and reintroduction into the delivery system. The attention now is on recovering oil from gravel that was on the liner in the overflow area. Do spills happen? Yes. Was this one unfortunate? Yes, as they all are. Is this one, even as large as it is, a problem for the environment. It doesn't appear so. And that's because of good planning and good oversight. Government regulators and Alyeska, which operates the 800-mile pipeline, work to ensure that the 33-year-old pipeline operates in as safe a manner as possible and to respond quickly when problems such as spills occur. That's something in which Alaskans should have continued confidence.

<http://newsminer.com/bookmark/7783091-The-Alyeska-spill-Good-design-keeps-an-oil-spill-contained>

USA, ORE, BEND, JUNE 4 2010. EXPLOSION DAMAGES BULLET PLANT IN BEND, ORE.

A bullet plant in Bend was evacuated Wednesday after an explosion and fire. Fire officials say a worker who smelled smoke pulled an alarm, and everybody got out before the explosion minutes later. About 100 people work at the Nosler Inc. plant founded in the 1940s. Company officials say all are accounted for. A company spokesman said he was told work was under way in the ballistics tunnel, a testing area for ammunition, when there was a flash, followed by an explosion. Deputy Fire Marshal Jeff Bond says 10 percent of the 80,000-square-foot building collapsed. The blast about 2:15 p.m. Wednesday shook the ground and rattled windows blocks away.

<http://www.nwcn.com/news/oregon/Explosion-damages-bullet-plant-in-Bend-Ore-95514774.html>

USA, NY, QUEENS, JUNE 4 2010. QUEENS 10-YEAR-OLD BADLY BURNED BY GASOLINE IN PLAYTIME INFERNO TRAGEDY

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Injured Gavin Rogers, 10, is comforted by fireman (r.) as he is rushed to hospital by rescue workers yesterday afternoon in Rockaway, Queens.

it was a day of little-boy hijinks gone bad. A Queens 10-year-old was burned over half his body when a water balloon he had ignited splashed into a gasoline puddle - sparking a vicious fireball. [Gavin Rogers](#) was nearly engulfed in flames, but his quick-thinking friend doused him with a garden hose, extinguishing the flames - and likely saving his life. "He just started screaming, 'Help me! Help me! It burns! It burns!'" said the lifesaving friend, [Chris DeMarco](#). "I just tried to save him. I tried to put out the flames. It was bad. It was scary." Gavin suffered second- and third-degree burns over half his body, including to his legs and face, his shocked family said. "I believe he's going to be okay," the boy's father, [Sean Tyler](#), told the Daily News at [Nassau University Medical Center](#), where Gavin was rushed by ambulance after the 3:30 p.m. accident. "They initially thought it was really bad, but now they think ... it's not life-threatening at

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all." Gavin was playing on a concrete patio behind the garage of his family's home on Beach 146th St. in the Rockaways. With him were one of his brothers, Chris and another pal. His mother was at work, and no other adults were around. The boys, enjoying a gorgeous sunny day, used a can of gasoline to fill up a dirt bike, but they accidentally spilled some of the fuel onto the concrete patio, Chris recalled. Then Gavin began horsing around with the water balloon - first filling it up with water and then touching it with a flame. It was supposed to be just an innocent boyish antic, but it nearly cost Gavin his life. The flame caused the balloon to burst, and amid the shower of water was a still-burning piece of rubber, which made contact with the gasoline on the floor - with devastating effect. The flames that shot up Gavin's body were so intense they melted the rubber on the soles of the boy's sneakers, Chris and other witnesses said. After an [FDNY](#) ambulance rushed Gavin to the hospital, his brothers and friends could only try to make sense of the horrific moment when frivolous fun turned terribly wrong. Gavin's brother [Tyler Rogers](#), 13, was supposed to be watching Gavin and another brother, but he was inside the house when the accident occurred, he said. "He was supposed to tell me what he was doing," Tyler said, adding that he had given Gavin a warning before the fateful stunt because he had recently been injured playing with a firecracker. "I told him not to play with fire," the anguished brother said.

http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/queens/2010/06/03/2010-06-03_playtime_inferno_tragedy_boy_badly_burned_in_gasoline_accident.html

CANADA, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, JUNE 4 2010. P.E.I. GAS STATIONS LACK SAFETY ALARMS

Only half of the 100 gas stations on P.E.I. have alarms that warn of underground leaks, the province's environment department said Thursday. The gas station where a large spill occurred earlier this week did not have an alarm system. Many stations also do not have plastic liners, known as collection sumps, buried in the ground to catch leaks. These safety mechanisms were not required when a lot of older stations were built. "Older stations meet our regulations and they meet the technology at the time they were installed," said Glenda MacKinnon-Peters, a hazardous materials specialist with the environment department. About 7,500 litres of gasoline spilled on the ground at the Irving station at St. Eleanor's, near Summerside, when the driver of a rental truck ran into two gas pumps on May 30. The culprit drove away without telling anyone. Police said the same driver bumped another pump at an Ultramar station a couple of kilometres down the road. Damage there was minimal because the built-in alarm system was triggered when the gas started leaking. A small amount of spilled gas was contained before it could cause environmental damage. Underground alarms and sumps have been required equipment for P.E.I. gas stations for over 10 years. "If they are to be upgraded, then they would be upgraded to the latest standard and would have that sump installed," MacKinnon-Peters said. She said, however, the province is not considering reviewing the law or requiring older stations to upgrade.

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/prince-edward-island/story/2010/06/03/pei-gas-station-alarms-584.html>

USA, TX, MCCOOK, JUNE 4 2010. LIGHTNING STRIKE HITS FUEL STORAGE TANK IN MCCOOK

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[Watch the Video http://www.valleycentral.com/news/story.aspx?id=465599](http://www.valleycentral.com/news/story.aspx?id=465599)

According to Fire Chief Mingo Hinojosa of the Linn-San Manuel Fire Department, lightning struck at a fuel storage tank facility near McCook around 1:00 a.m. Thursday. Six battery tanks caught fire. Hinojosa said Edinburg, McAllen, Alton, Mission, Palmhurst and Linn-Sanuel Fire Departments responded and had the fire under control by 4:00 a.m. Hinojosa said half of the 60 acre facility was left covered in oil. He said no injuries were reported, but much firefighting equipment was damaged by oil. He said within his fire department, oil damaged six firefighting uniforms which are estimated to cost \$3,500 each.

<http://www.valleycentral.com/news/story.aspx?id=465599>

AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, KWINANA, JUNE 4 2010. DRIVER ERROR BLAMED FOR TANKER ROLLOVER

The scene of the rollover in April.



Driver misjudgement has been blamed for a fuel tanker rollover in April which caused massive traffic delays in Rockingham and Kwinana. The Mitchell Corp. B-double truck carrying 75,000 litres of crude oil travelling from Dongara to the BP Kwinana Refinery rolled at the intersection of Thomas Road and Rockingham Road at about 8.30pm on April 27. A spokesman for the company addressed the Kwinana Community Industries Forum on Tuesday night and said misjudgement and speed caused the accident, which blocked the intersection for more than 14 hours. The spokesman said speed and angle of entry into the slip lane from Thomas Road to Rockingham Road caused

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the accident. He said ultimately the driver entered the intersection too fast. The spokesman said despite the rollover only five litres of crude oil was spilt. He said the company had since introduced speed restrictions for vehicles entering the intersection, which were monitored by a GPS system. The driver suffered concussion but was released from hospital in the afternoon.

<http://www.inmycommunity.com.au/news-and-views/local-news/Driver-error-blamed-for-tanker-rollover/7558384/>

SPAIN, SEVILLE, BENACAZON, JUNE 4 2010. FOUR KILLED IN BLAST AT SPAIN FIREWORKS FACTORY

Four workers were killed and one seriously injured in an explosion at a fireworks factory here in southern Spain. The victims - all residents of the small town of Benazacon, part of the Seville metropolitan area - were inside the plant when the blast occurred at around 1:00 p.m. local time Thursday. The reason of the blast was not immediately known. Civil Guard officers, firefighters and emergency-management personnel, as well as several health teams who attended to relatives of the victims, arrived at the site of the blast, which sent up a large plume of flames and smoke. Tensions were running high at the scene and erupted to the point that some relatives and local residents got into altercations with reporters. Civil Guard officers had to widen the initial security cordon as the victims' relatives refused to let cameras near the site of the blast. The fireworks factory, located a few miles from the town, completely collapsed as a result of the blaze.

<http://sify.com/news/four-killed-in-blast-at-spain-fireworks-factory-news-international-kgepacgcbdb.html>

USA, CT, DANBURY, JUNE 4 2010. SENTENCING IN SOIL TESTING FRAUD CASE DUE FRIDAY

The owners of a Bethel environmental cleanup company and a [Norwalk laboratory](#) are scheduled to be sentenced Friday in [Superior Court](#) in Danbury after previously pleading guilty to defrauding homeowners in Fairfield, Newtown and New Fairfield out of thousands of dollars. Ronald Passaro, 45, president of Envirotech of Fairfield County, and [Michael Zubarev](#), 40, president of [Brooks Laboratories](#), pleaded guilty to multiple counts of first-degree larceny, attempted first-degree larceny and conspiracy to commit larceny as the case was to go to trial. They are scheduled to be sentenced on the charges by Danbury Superior Court Judge [Susan Reynolds](#). Senior Assistant State's Attorney [Tamberlyn Conopask](#) said, under a plea agreement, the two men face suspended sentences with the condition they make restitution to their victims. She said the judge also will levy restrictions on the two men's businesses so that they can not continue fraudulent activities. According to Conopask, in June 2007, a former Envirotech employee told state [Department of Environmental Protection](#) officials that Zubarev was falsifying test results that indicated high levels of soil contamination after Passaro's company removed the tanks from properties in Newtown, Fairfield and New Fairfield. Passaro then used the phony results to persuade the homeowners to pay for soil removal work that wasn't needed. The employee, a former office manager, told investigators she "could not sleep at night knowing what (Passaro) was doing to his clients." Property owners Howard and [Karen Sulzman](#), of Weldon Woods Road in New Fairfield, and Michael and [Elizabeth McGrath](#), of Fairfield, paid more than \$34,000 and \$29,000, respectively, to have supposedly tainted soil removed after Passaro's company took out their oil tanks in 2005. The third set of alleged victims, Sarah and [James Naphen](#), of Mount Pleasant Road, Newtown, became dissatisfied with Envirotech's performance and hired another company to finish work on their property in 2006. Passaro subsequently sued the Naphens for the more than \$15,000 he claimed was owed. The ex-employee said after initial test results came back showing no soil contamination in each of the three cases, Passaro would call Zubarev and request a second analysis be done. Each time, Zubarev allegedly responded with a second result indicating high levels of contamination. A check of laboratory records showed no second tests were ever performed, according to the court affidavits.

<http://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Sentencing-in-soil-testing-fraud-case-due-Friday-510958.php>

AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, FREMANTLE, JUNE 4 2010. DIESEL SPILL IN SWAN RIVER



The Swan River Trust has responded to a diesel spill in the Swan River near the Pier 21 marina in North Fremantle. Absorbent materials are being used to clean up the spill, which was reported to the Trust by a member of the public and a charter vessel. The Trust is investigating the source of the spill. Water police and the departments of Transport and Environment and Conservation are also assisting.

<http://www.inmycommunity.com.au/news-and-views/local-news/Diesel-spill-in-Swan/7558408/>

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