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BRAZIL, BRASILIA, SEPTEMBER 23 2010. CAR EXPLODES AFTER COUPLE HIDES CRACK COCAINE IN GAS TANK

diana fasanella



A Brazilian couple's car exploded after they hid crack cocaine in the fuel tank and then tried to fill it with gas. The pair, who were not identified, apparently tried to hide 11 pounds of crack inside their car's natural gas fuel tank before it blew up when they filled it with gas in Brasilia, [The Canadian Press](http://www.thecanadianpress.com) reports. Shards of the car were blasted some 20 yards while the station walls were peppered with the drug. Experts speculated that the crack shoved into the small pipes of the tank caused undue pressure on its integrity and caused it to explode during filling. The 36-year-old man and 24-year-old woman both sustained non-life threatening injuries in the explosion and were taken to the hospital for treatment

<http://blogs.app.com/saywhat/2010/09/21/car-explodes-after-couple-hides-crack-cocaine-in-gas-tank/>

USA, VA, FRANKLIN CO, SEPTEMBER 23 2010. EQUIPMENT FIRE SPREADS WHEN FUEL TANK RUPTURES >> SEVERAL VEHICLES AT OVERFELT'S GARAGE IN CALLAWAY WERE DAMAGED

k.a. wagoner



This harvester was destroyed Friday afternoon when its engine caught fire.

Several cars that were being repaired at a Callaway garage were damaged and one was destroyed by a fire that started in the engine of a piece of heavy farm equipment. An employee of Ron Rutrough was driving a Claas self-propelled harvester along Callaway Road Friday afternoon when the driver noticed smoke coming from the engine, according to Franklin County Fire Marshal Bennie Russell. When the driver pulled into the parking lot of Overfelt's Garage to examine the harvester, the fuel tank ruptured, spilling about 200 gallons of diesel fuel onto the ground, Russell said. The fuel spread the fire quickly through the garage lot, where the cars were parked. One car was destroyed and 12 others sustained superficial damage, like melted bumpers and trim and bubbled paint, Russell said. The heat from the fire also melted the siding on a convenience store next door to the garage. Damage is estimated at \$400,000,

Russell said. No injuries were reported. Volunteers from Callaway, Rocky Mount and Boones Mill fire departments extinguished the fire within 30 minutes, Russell said. APCo, CenturyLink and a private contractor hired by the Department of Environmental Quality also responded to the scene. The fire is under investigation by the Franklin County Department of Public Safety.

<http://www.thefranklinnews.com/article.cfm?ID=17179>

USA, N.Y, LONG ISLAND, SEPTEMBER 23 2010. BELLPORT GAS STATION: PUBLIC MEETING OVER FORMER GAS STATION REMEDIATION

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Plans for the cleanup of the contaminated former Bellport Gas Station site in East Patchogue will be discussed next week at a public meeting.

The property of the former Bellport Gas Station is located at 1401 Montauk Highway. According to the DEC it was operated as a gas station and vehicle repair shop by a number of independent operators over the years and is now abandoned. The County took title in 1999 for failure to pay property taxes. Three underground gasoline storage tanks and one underground waste oil tank were removed in 1988. Four above ground outdoor 275-gallon tanks (kerosene and fuel oil) were removed in 1991. An indoor floor drain discharged waste liquid to an outdoor storm drain dry well.

Related Links [Gasoline Additive Threatens Long Island's Drinking Water](http://www.longislandpress.com/2010/09/22/bellport-gas-station-public-meeting-over-former-gas-station-remediation/)

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USA, MI, BATTLE CREEK, SEPTEMBER 23 2010. OFFICIALS: HIDDEN OIL FROM SPILL A LOOMING HEALTH THREAT

elizabeth willis



Workers from Emergency Response Contractors continue the cleanup of the oil spill on Monday afternoon in Talmadge Creek.

The surface of the Kalamazoo River appears clean. Fish, waterfowl and other wildlife have returned to the area. But below the surface of the water and along the marshy river banks, oil has been pooling that could pose a threat to the health of area residents and wildlife. It is out of sight, but not out of the minds of officials charged with protecting the public health. Paul Makoski, environmental health manager for the Calhoun County Public Health Department, spoke briefly Monday at a public meeting of the Board of Health about the next big steps in the cleanup process. Emergency crews have been cleaning the area since July 26, when a cracked underground pipeline spewed 819,000 gallons of crude oil into a tributary of the river, flowing west from Marshall to the county line. The Environmental Protection Agency set a Sept. 27 deadline for Enbridge Inc., the company responsible for the pipeline leak, to complete the primary cleanup work. Enbridge spokeswoman Terri Larson said the company is working to meet that deadline and begin the transition to long-term monitoring. The pipeline company, which has hired about 1,800 people to remove oil mainly from the surface of the water, will not need all of them to complete the job ahead, Larson said. Enbridge is expected to lay off two-

thirds of its temporary workers by the end of the week, Makoski said. "We've got too many people trying to do the job," Health Officer Jim Rutherford said. "The hotels and the restaurants will be sad to see them go." The good news is the crews have been able to clean up a majority of the oil. "Nowhere has it really soaked into the ground," Makoski said at the meeting. At this point, there is only a slight risk the oil will contaminate groundwater. That depends on how thoroughly cleanup crews are able to remove subsurface oil and oil in marshlands without disturbing the fragile ecosystems. Enbridge has begun siphoning oil from the bottom of the river in select areas where it has been mingling with sediment, Makoski said. Special equipment and feats of engineering are needed to navigate the often mucky environment. These top priority sites will be cleaned first, beginning upstream and heading downstream, he said. Among them are two of the largest sites, one at the Mill Pond in Battle Creek and another just north of the Ceresco Dam. "By Halloween, all of these areas should be taken care of or well on the way," Makoski said. Oil that has washed up the banks of the river -- in some places as much as 300 feet when river levels were at their highest -- continues to pose a problem, particularly in marshes, he said. Officials have yet to determine how much oil can be removed before the marshes will be destroyed beyond a point of recovery. Marshes are porous environments with fragile root systems that can easily break underfoot and under machinery. Makoski postulated that some of the oil can be left on the surface to harden into an asphalt-like substance that will decompose and become a part of the marsh environment over time. Trees trunks that have been blackened by oil could be wrapped in burlap to prevent humans and wildlife from coming into contact with the sticky tar until it has a chance to harden, he said. The burlap would decompose over time. No matter how often Enbridge officials say they will return the contaminated environment back to its original state, however, "that's physically, scientifically and chemically impossible," Rutherford said. Makoski and Rutherford said they are still unsure when the health department might reopen the river for public use, but they say it could be a year or more.

<http://www.battlecreekenquirer.com/article/20100921/OILSPILL/9210316/Officials-hidden-oil-from-spill-a-looming-health-threat>

USA, TX, AMARILLO, SEPTEMBER 23 2010. GILBERT: STATE FAILS TO REGULATE GAS PUMPS

janelle stecklein

The Democratic candidate for the state's agricultural commissioner accused his opponent Tuesday afternoon of not protecting his constituents by allegedly failing to regulate the region's gas pumps. With an Amarillo gas station that hasn't been inspected since 2004 in the background, Democrat Hank Gilbert of Whitehouse said Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is taking "advantage of people in rural Texas" by failing to regularly inspect gas pumps. "We have found a systematic problem throughout this state with gas pumps," he said. Gilbert said Texas Department of Agriculture inspectors are responsible for ensuring that people are getting what they pay for at the pumps by measuring how much gas is dispensed. Gilbert claimed he's seen instances when the consumer is losing between 8 to 12 cents a gallon. "It's not a game when people are getting ripped off every day," Gilbert said. Gilbert said state regulations require the Department of Agriculture, which Staples currently heads, to inspect all gas pumps at least every four years. Gilbert alleges the agriculture department has no idea how many service stations are in the area and doesn't know how many inspections are outdated. Cody McGregor, Staples' campaign

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manager, said in a written statement that Gilbert has failed to mention all the improvements Staples has implemented. "Todd Staples quadrupled the penalty for noncompliance with our state's weights and measures laws, created new consumer protections for fuel quality, posts violators on his agency's website, implemented unprecedented market blitz inspections for those not complying with our laws and heavily published an 800 number for all Texas drivers to use to report noncompliance" to the Texas Department of Agriculture, he said. The Taylor's station at Western Street and 45th Avenue is a perfect example of failed regulation, Gilbert said. On Tuesday, a check of the stickers that were last placed on the pumps by state investigators indicate the station hasn't been inspected since 2004. The Toot'n Totum across the street, however, was last inspected earlier this year, according to the stickers on those pumps. "We have a lack of enforcement, a lack of regulations," he said. Potter and Randall counties have one state inspector, Gilbert said. McGregor said the Department of Agriculture inspections find 94 percent of Texas gas pumps are accurate and the agriculture department has used the weights and measures program, which attempts to eliminate consumer and business fraud by enforcing content and labeling regulations, to inspect 379,922 gas pumps since 2007. Robert Eggleston, Toot'n Totum's vice president of supply and transportation, said it's up to the Texas Department of Agriculture to set the inspection schedule and ensure local stations are regularly inspected. Local businesses have no control over the inspection process, other than to make required corrections, he said.

<http://amarillo.com/news/local-news/2010-09-22/gilbert-state-fails-regulate-gas-pumps>

USA, WA, KENT, SEPTEMBER 23 2010. TANKER CRASH SNARLS COMMUTE ON I-5 IN KENT

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/103523944.html?tab=video>

 **Photo Gallery [20]** <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/103523944.html?tab=gallery&gallery=y&img=0>



A crash involving two large semi trucks forced crews to shut down the southbound lanes of Interstate 5 for nearly 12 hours, snarling the Wednesday morning commute. The crash happened about 10:15 p.m. on Tuesday just south of State Route 516 and the southbound lanes were not re-opened until about 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday. Witnesses said a large class-C tow truck taking away a flatbed trailer from a disabled semi-truck pulled right out in front of a double tanker truck, causing the tanker to crash and roll over. A large amount of diesel fuel spilled from one tank on the overturned truck, and about 10,000 gallons of gasoline had to be removed from the other tank. Because the tanker was on its side, crews had to drill holes in the tank to get at the fuel before pulling the tanker upright. Southbound traffic was detoured over Highway 167 through the night and morning. While northbound traffic was not blocked, drivers slowed down near the scene, backing up traffic for more than nine miles at one point. The drivers of the semi trucks were not injured. "It's pretty amazing that no one was hurt," said Kent Deputy Fire Marshall Don Barberie. John Halberg was driving another tow truck and was there to take away the disabled semi tractor when the crash happened. "I was reaching for my door handle when he got hit," Halberg said of the tanker that was cut off. He said he got out of his truck and "ran like hell" when the fuel tanker flipped. "It was a very dangerous situation," he said. Haz-Mat crews from Kent, Auburn, Federal Way, SeaTac, Sea-Tac airport, Tukwila and Renton were helping clear the wrecked vehicles and manage the fuel transfer and cleanup.

<http://www.komonews.com/news/local/103523944.html>

USA, CA, LOS ANGELES, SEPTEMBER 23 2010. TANKER TRAILER OVERTURNS IN CHINATOWN, SPILLS DIESEL FUEL

A fuel tanker trailer being pulled by a tanker truck overturned today in the Chinatown area, and some diesel fuel spilled, authorities said. The non-injury accident occurred about 6:25 a.m. in the 1600 block of North Main Street, said Devin Gales of the Los Angeles Fire Department. Crews worked to contain the fuel and prevent it from flowing into storm drains leading to the Los Angeles River.

http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_16142466

USA, CA, STOCKTON SEPTEMBER 23 2010. TANKER TRUCK WRECK CLOGS I-5 IN STOCKTON >> BLEACH SPILLS AFTER CRASH

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.kcra.com/mostpopular/25115403/detail.html>

A tanker truck carrying household chlorine bleach crashed Wednesday morning on Interstate 5 in Stockton, resulting in a big traffic backup, the California Highway Patrol said. The wreck occurred at about 8 a.m. on southbound I-5, near the connector

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to Highway 4. The freeway was completely shut down for a short time. Two southbound lanes of I-5 have reopened, while northbound lanes reopened at about 9 a.m. The tanker was carrying about 2,500 gallons of bleach, and about 1,000 gallons spilled. The remaining bleach was expected to be unloaded onto another tanker. The CHP said the Chemical Transfer Company truck hit a freeway barrier. The cab caught fire and diesel tanks exploded. The driver was taken to a hospital for treatment of moderate injuries. No other vehicles were involved. Police said the bleach does not pose a hazard to the public. The truck picked up the load of bleach in Fairfield. The freeway was expected to be cleared sometime after noon.

<http://www.kcra.com/mostpopular/25115403/detail.html>

USA, IL, JERSEYVILLE, SEPTEMBER 23 2010. JAMES DEWAYNE SMITH DIES FOLLOWING JERSEYVILLE PROPANE EXPLOSION



James Dewayne Smith, 39

The propane tanker truck driver severely burned earlier this month in an explosion at the Updike Gas Company in Jerseyville has died of his injuries. James Dewayne Smith, 39, of Alton, died over the weekend following the explosion and fire at the propane facility on September 13th. Investigators continue to investigate the explosion, which apparently occurred while the victim was unloading propane from his tanker truck into a storage tank at the Updike plant in the 200 block of McBride Street in Jerseyville. Residents in the immediate area were evacuated after the explosion which occurred around 8:15 in the evening. Authorities arrived at the blast to find Smith lying in the grass. A passerby to the incident tried valiantly to help the victim who had severe burns over a large portion of his body. Three homes near the blast also sustained damage in the explosion. Smith's funeral services will be Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the Ozarks Bethel Chapel Assembly of God Church in Climax

Springs, Missouri. Visitation will also be held on Thursday between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the church near Lake of the Ozarks. Smith was an Army veteran who served in Operation Desert Storm.

<http://www.ksdk.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=217881&catid=3>

USA, CT, TERRYVILLE, SEPTEMBER 23 2010. RECOVERY FUNDS FOR CLEANUP OF MESS FROM TERRYVILLE GARAGE

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection announced Wednesday it has begun assessment and cleanup operations at seven leaking underground storage sites, including one near the Pequabuck River in Terryville, with \$2 million received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Plymouth site, referred to by DEP is the Fuller Property, 142 Main St, Terryville: This site also is known as the Mayfair Garage. In 2007, the DEP responded to the breakout of gasoline product along the banks of Pequabuck River adjacent to Mayfair Garage. The source was from the gasoline USTs and a cleanup ensued using Federal Coast Guard monies, according to a DEP press release. In order to complete the extensive cleanup, the DEP is using Federal Stimulus funds. designed to identify, assess and clean up federally regulated Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) sites in the state. Resources mobilized by the site assessments and cleanups include environmental consultants and laboratories, construction workers, landfill operators, trucking companies and drilling companies. DEP Commissioner Amey Marrella said, "The allocation of resources for these assessments and cleanups accomplishes many things. First, it protects our environment, specifically one of our most treasured but threatened resources, groundwater. Second, it creates jobs during this tough economy. And third, it fosters economic development by transforming brownfields into attractive opportunities for investment." Assessment and cleanup work is currently being conducted at the seven sites statewide, DEP said.. The sites were chosen because each had leaks documented from federally regulated underground storage tanks and the responsible party is unknown or unable to pay.

<http://www.bristolpress.com/articles/2010/09/22/news/doc4c9a21bda8365783112847.txt>

CA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, WORKSAFE, SEPTEMBER 23 2010. OHS GUIDELINES - THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN ADDED OR REVISED:

Guideline Updates 2010

Many sections of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation and Workers Compensation Act (WCA) have associated guidelines. Guidelines are intended to assist with providing ways of complying with the legislation, not to provide exclusive interpretations. Guidelines generally provide information on administrative matters and on technical matters not already

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addressed by policy. Periodically, guidelines are updated and new ones added. The following list shows the new and updated guidelines for 2010.

OH & S Regulation - Part 5 Chemical Agents and Biological Agents

- [G5.48-1 Table of Exposure Limits](#) - Background information. [Issued October 29, 2003; Revised February 11, 2004; Revised February 4, 2005; Revised September 1, 2010]. This guideline has been updated to add links and a reference to the relevant WorkSafeBC policy, and to remove an outdated statement.
- [G5.48-2 Annual Revisions to Exposure Limits](#). [Issued October 29, 2003; Revised February 11, 2004; Revised February 4, 2005; Revised April 29, 2005; Revised November 28, 2008; Revised July 1, 2009; Revised September 1, 2010]. This guideline has been updated to reflect changes to the process and procedures for annual revisions to exposure limits for hazardous substances.
- [G5.48-13 Monitoring Worker Exposure to Sulfur Dioxide](#). [Retired on September 1, 2010]. The Vice President Directive "Sampling of Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) - Section 5.48" and Guideline G5.48-13 are retired pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of Directors "Re: The Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 2008-2009 Occupational Exposure Limits", dated July 20, 2010.
- [Table of Exposure Limits for Chemical and Biological Substances](#) The Table of Exposure Limits has been updated to reflect recent Board of Directors decisions concerning adoption of occupational exposure limits. Recent revisions to the Table are highlighted and recent deletions are shown as strike-through.

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/publications/OHSRegulation/changestoohsregulation.asp?ReportID=33523#September2010>

USA, ILL, ROMEOVILLE, SEPTEMBER 23 210. ILL. PIPELINE SPILL CLEANUP ESTIMATED UP TO \$60M



Oil flows through the Kalamazoo River on both sides of an oil containment boom in late July in Calhoun County.

The company behind a pipeline leak this month near Chicago estimates it will cost up to \$60 million to clean up the area where hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil spilled. Enbridge Energy Partners LP said Wednesday its estimate of \$40 million to \$60 million doesn't include potential penalties. It said insurance money should reduce the total charge for the cleanup to \$10 million to \$15 million. The Sept. 9 leak spilled oil into vegetation, a retention pond and a sewage treatment plant in Romeoville. The line was closed for about a week, disrupting delivery of as much as 670,000 barrels of oil products a day to Midwest refineries and causing a jump in crude oil and regional gasoline prices. Federal officials have said more than

250,000 gallons of oil have been recovered from the site. Their investigation is ongoing. Enbridge Energy said it expects remediation efforts to continue through the end of the year. The pipeline was closed within hours after the leak was detected. Crews replaced a 12-foot section of damaged pipe before the line was reopened. The pipeline was the third owned by Canada-based Enbridge Inc. to be put out of commission this summer. Enbridge also owns a pipeline from Indiana to Ontario that in July spilled hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil into a southern Michigan waterway, where cleanup is ongoing. Enbridge Energy Partners is an affiliate of Enbridge Inc., based in Calgary, Canada. Its shares rose 61 cents to \$53.98 Wednesday.

Related Links

- [Enbridge Energy Partners Receives PHMSA Approval of Restart Plan for Line 6B](#)
- [FACTBOX-History of Enbridge's pipeline spills in the US](#)
- [Agency OK'S pipeline restart](#)

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jjESZ0otZNdRiYrexijr-ORNXSvQD9ID7SVO0>

USA, VA, FARMVILLE, SEPTEMBER 23 2010. TANKER SPILL SHUTS DOWN BYPASS TO FARMVILLE

Emergency crews and [Virginia State Police](#) have shut down a section of state Route 307, Holly Farm Road, east of [Farmville](#) to deal with a tanker that spilled jet fuel Wednesday afternoon. Route 307 is a popular bypass between [Farmville](#) and [Chesterfield County](#). Around 12:30 p.m., a westbound tractor-trailer on Route 307 rolled onto its left side down a small embankment about halfway between state Routes 616 and [U.S. 460](#), said [Henrico Chief Fire Marshal David Seay](#). Hazmat crews from several jurisdictions are cleaning up jet fuel that spilled from the tanker, perhaps 500 700 gallons from its 8,000 gallon tank, he said. [The driver](#) of the tanker was taken to a local hospital with minor injuries. [State Police spokeswoman](#)

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[Corinne Geller](#) said Route 307 will be closed from [U.S. 360](#) to [U.S. 460](#) overnight. [Seay](#) said the spill has been contained and crews are removing the rest of the fuel from the tanker and will haul it away.

<http://www2.timesdispatch.com/news/2010/sep/22/leak22gat-ar-520020/>

USA, IA, MASON CITY, SEPTEMBER 23 2010. EXPLOSION RATTLES COMBINE OPERATOR

dave Hansen

Watch the Video:

<http://www.kimt.com/content/localnews/story/Explosion-Rattles-Combine-Operator/P8pKf4m87U2z1k16SVIzVg.csp>

A farm worker narrowly escapes injury after there is an explosion in the combine he was operating Monday. Workers at the 19th Street farm were quitting for the day just before midnight when a combine caught fire near 19th and Kentucky Avenue on Mason City's Southeast side. Mike Oppman of Manly said they had been cutting a soybean field since around 2 p.m. Monday afternoon. He said his John Deere combine was running continuously all day. They had just shut it down and he and some crew members were about to drive away. But at the last moment Oppman decided to go back for an energy drink he had left behind. He made it up the ladder and got to the cab. "I felt the blast like say if I would have been on the back of the ladder I probably would have been blown right off the ladder cause it blew the back of the combine off a little bit," said Oppman. He wasn't hurt and is glad he wasn't around the rear of the combine when it happened. Firefighters believe some chaff caught on fire just above the fuel tank and there might have been a dust explosion. The combine valued at around \$300,000 is out of commission and will require repairs. Oppman said it could have been worse if no one had been around when it caught fire. He figures the machine probably would have burned to the ground before someone discovered it on fire in the field.

<http://www.kimt.com/content/localnews/story/Explosion-Rattles-Combine-Operator/P8pKf4m87U2z1k16SVIzVg.csp>

USA, CT, STRATFORD, SEPTEMBER 23 010. TANK SITE MAY GET CLEANUP DOLLARS

brittany lyte

A former bulk heating fuel storage facility at 2350 Stratford Ave. will soon be assessed for cleanup by state regulators. The site includes eight underground storage tanks, some of which contain up to 30,000 gallons of petroleum. The facility is one of seven leaking underground storage sites statewide slated for cleanup by the state [Department of Environmental Protection](#) as part of a \$2 million project funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The sites were chosen because each had leaks documented from federally regulated underground storage tanks and the responsible party is unknown or unable to pay. "These projects provide the immediate benefit of protecting the environment in Stratford and around the state while creating jobs," said Gov. [M. Jodi Rell](#). "They also provide the long-term benefit of making urban sites ready for redevelopment projects that can benefit communities for decades." DEP Commissioner [Amey Marrella](#) said the funding accomplishes several things. "First, it protects our environment, specifically one of our most treasured, but threatened resources, groundwater," she said. "Second, it creates jobs during this tough economy. And third, it fosters economic development by transforming brownfields into attractive opportunities for investment."

<http://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Tank-site-may-get-cleanup-dollars-670259.php>

USA, W.VA, BELLE, SEPTEMBER 23 2010. METHANOL LEAK INTO KANAWHA LARGER THAN FIRST REPORTED



While state officials continue to reassure the public there is no immediate danger following a large chemical leak from the DuPont plant in Belle, Kanawha County commissioners are criticizing the state for failing to inform local emergency services the leak had occurred. DuPont officials are now saying more than 160,000 pounds of methanol liquid was dumped into the Kanawha River over a 24-hour period, instead of over several weeks, according to a new statement from the company. According to a DuPont statement released Wednesday, workers at the Belle plant discovered the leak in a heat exchanger in the Methylamines production unit while conducting regular sampling of the plant's water outfall Tuesday afternoon. DuPont spokesman Dennis Hastings said the leak had traveled through the unit's steam system into the outfall and was discharged into the Kanawha River. The leak was stopped about 8 p.m. Tuesday. Officials with the DuPont plant in Belle first notified the state Tuesday night of the leak. At first, it was reported by media outlets that only 5,000 pounds had flowed into the river. However, that amount reflected only the minimum regulatory requirement for reporting a leak, according to Hastings. "The plant notified regulatory authorities as required," Hasting said in a statement. "In those immediate notifications, we reported

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that the leak exceeded the regulatory threshold reportable quantity of 5,000 pounds. "Our preliminary investigation indicates that approximately 160,000 pounds of methanol was released in the 24-hour period prior to identifying the leak," Hastings said. That would translate into more than 26,600 gallons released into the Kanawha River over the 24-hour time frame. "We are continuing our investigation to determine the actual amount and duration of the release," Hastings' statement said. Jimmy Gianato, state director of homeland security and emergency management, said DuPont updated the amount Wednesday morning, saying the leak actually was 160,000 pounds released over several weeks. At the time, Gianato said the leak presented no danger to the public. "It's a lot, but it's not a type of product that would cause any adverse harm, and when you're going into a river the size of the Kanawha -- it's water soluble, as well -- so it just absorbs into the water." "If you were dumping 50,000 pounds at one time, it's one thing, but over a two-week period, it's not that much." After being told the quantity was leaked over 24 hours, Gianato said Wednesday afternoon that he consulted with the state Department of Environmental Protection and its officials said the updated quantity still did not present a danger to the public. "They're telling us there's no major impact on the community," he said. "The closest water intake is at Huntington, and (DEP officials) don't foresee any issues. However, they have notified the Cabell Health Department, so that they can monitor." Methanol, also referred to as methyl alcohol, is commonly used as antifreeze or a solvent. Gianato said the plant uses large amounts of the compound in its amines manufacturing process and the plant keeps more than 1 million pounds on site in storage. Gianato said as of Wednesday afternoon there had not been any confirmed fish kills in the Kanawha River or any other adverse impacts on the environment. "Everybody's on the same page that this is not a situation where it's going to have a significant impact on the public." DEP investigators were conducting an investigation at the plant site Wednesday. Gianato said it would be several days before the investigation was complete. Meanwhile, Kanawha County Commission President Kent Carper sent a letter to state Department of Homeland Security and Public Safety Secretary Joe Thornton criticizing the department for failing to inform the county the leak had occurred. "It is now being reported this situation resulted in approximately 160,000 pounds of the chemical compound being leaked into the Kanawha River," Carper wrote. "This all occurred without any Kanawha County Emergency Response agencies being notified, including Metro 911, Kanawha County Emergency Management or the Kanawha County 1st responders. "I am extremely concerned with the handling of this situation. The failure of the plant and ultimately the Department of Homeland Security to notify Metro 911 should be corrected in the future." He told the secretary that state code requiring plants to contact either the Department of Homeland security or 911 should be corrected to ensure local first responders also are made aware of chemical incidents. Carper said in an interview Wednesday he had not been pleased with the law since it was passed following an explosion at the Bayer chemical plant in August 2008. The company was criticized at the time for not providing critical information to county emergency services following the explosion, resulting in a delay in implementing a shelter-in-place for the surrounding community. Carper said while the county has regulations requiring plants to notify 911, plant managers may refer to the state code rather than the local code. "They ought to notify the 911 center any time there's a reportable incident because the 911 center would then notify the appropriate first responders," he said. "We've gone over this with the plants before; we just really believe that that's what they need to do." He said he would set up a meeting with all Kanawha County plant managers to advise them of the importance of calling Metro 911 in the case of a chemical release. Carper said while state and company officials have downplayed the safety risk of the potential chemical involved, he wanted to make sure the standards were in place should another, more dangerous chemical leak occur in the county. "If they want to say on this situation it was a benign situation -- I'm worried about the next one. "I've got a responsibility to the public at large, but also to the firefighters, paramedics and law enforcement, and we just can't count on somebody from up at the state to ask the right questions." He said Kanawha dispatchers are thoroughly trained in their chemical leak response protocols and know what information needs to be given by the companies and relayed to first responders. "There's a stringent protocol at 911 now," Carper said. "We stress the notification person to find out what it is, how much, how do you know how much -- there's quite a list." Gianato said when the state was notified Tuesday night, the company was not reporting an emergency situation, but simply reporting the leak was in excess of the allowable requirements under the chemical's Material Safety Data Sheet. "If it had been an extremely hazardous substance, then we usually call the county as well," Gianato said. "This call last night was more in the line of their mandatory reporting requirement under the (MSDS) than an emergency response call." Regardless of the potential hazard of the chemical, Carper said it's important for the county to be notified of releases in case residents detect a strange odor and call 911 to report it. Dispatchers then could respond to those queries with complete information. "Anything of this size, they should have notified 911, and with all due respect to the state, they should have as well," Carper said. "To me, it seems hard to believe you could lose a couple hundred thousand pounds of a chemical in a river and the 911 center and local firefighters, paramedics and police weren't notified about it. Whoever made that decision needs to rethink it."

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VIETNAM, BINH DINH, SEPTEMBER 23 2010. OIL SLICK KILLS FISH, SHRIMP FOULS FISHING GEAR

An off-shore oil slick has killed fish and shrimp and fouled fishing gear in the Ghenh Rang Ward of Quy Nhon City, central Binh Dinh Province. The slick had caused difficulties for almost 100 fishermen afflicted with leprosy since it appeared on earlier this month, said ward people's committee chairman Nguyen Duc Toan. The slick has been attributed to the salvaging of scrap iron from a foreign tanker that was wrecked three years ago. And although the ward People's Committee has complained to the responsible agencies about the slick, it has not been dissipated. Quy Nhon City Natural Resources and Environment Department director Phan Thanh Dam said he would ask provincial People's Committee to suspend the Kim Trieu Company's salvage operation. The company would also be ordered to dissipate the oil slick and any pollution, he said

<http://vietnamnews.vnagency.com.vn/Miscellany/203959/Oil-slick-kills-fish-shrimp-fouls-fishing-gear.html>

EGYPT, CAIRO, SEPTEMBER 23 2010. BARGE SINKS IN NILE RIVER IN EGYPT, CAUSES SPILL

A barge sank on Wednesday in the Nile River in southern Egypt and caused an oil spill as well as threatening the city's water supply, China's Xinhua news agency cited Egyptian media as reporting. Environmental authorities have rushed to the site to contain the spill and salvage the sunken boat in the river's stretch in Naga Hammadi, Qena Governorate, the official MENA news agency said. The report said the city's president had ordered the closure of the city's major water station if the oil slick spread. The cause of the incident and volume of the spill remained unclear. On Sept 11, a river barge sank in the same river near Aswan, southern Egypt. The accident caused a leak of some 100 tonnes of fuel. The Nile River is a major source of water for about 90 percent of Egypt's population.

<http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v5/newsworld.php?id=529690>

USA, AL, ATHENS, SEPTEMBER 23 2010. GOODSPRINGS FUEL LEAK CLEANUP COST AT \$200K

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This pond off Flanagan Road, featuring a picturesque gristmill, has been contaminated by a gasoline leak, environmental officials say.

Darryl Long's pond off Flanagan Road was once an idyllic sight with its landscaping and picturesque gristmill. A few years ago, an underground, gasoline storage tank at Goodsprings Grocery on Alabama 99 began leaking fuel and fouled the surrounding soil, the pond and even the air in the area. Residents said they could smell gas, particularly after a rainstorm. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management investigated and, in April, ordered Watkins Oil Co. owner Lee Boles to implement a cleanup plan using recovery wells and trenches and money set aside by the state. The cleanup at Goodsprings has already exceeded \$200,000, said ADEM spokesman Scott Hughes. "And here is much more work to do." Goodsprings Grocery and the surrounding community is just one of thousands across the nation that have experienced a problem with underground storage tanks. In April, residents told The News Courier they could smell gasoline fumes as

they drove down Alabama 99 near the store. An ADEM geologist was assigned to assess the problem and oversee the cleanup. "We have done a tremendous amount of work at this site," Hughes said. "We have installed a large number of groundwater monitoring wells. We have installed two interceptor trenches that will move or migrate underground the trenches are designed to intercept and treat, or remove, petroleum products. We installed a dual-phase, vapor-extraction system that pumps vapors out of the soil and out of the ground water and treats groundwater." Hughes said ADEM determined the leak had contaminated Long's pond and had "moved off site," meaning it had spread elsewhere. Workers dug trenches and installed underground interceptors that remain at work. "We have been working on this over four years," he said. Residents say the scent of gas is less noticeable but has not disappeared in some areas. They also wonder how much longer the cleanup will take and how long it will be before Long can use his pond. Hughes said he could not estimate that. "We are monitoring the situation and we have an environmental consulting company in charge of monitoring and remediation, and we are working through them," he said.

Cleaning up the Nest

Although leaking fuel tanks don't draw the attention of a Gulf Coast oil spill, they are a major environmental problem. "At one time, these tanks were the No. 1 cause of groundwater contamination," Hughes said. "Every gas station in America had one and, at the time, a lot of them had no testing requirements. Many of the tanks leaked for years before the regulations went into affect. Then, the owners had to take steps to upgrade or install new tanks and to make sure they were monitored so the tanks

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wouldn't leak for an extended period." According to the Environmental Protection Agency, leaking tanks could allow petroleum or other hazardous substances to seep into the soil and contaminate groundwater, the source of drinking water for nearly half of all Americans. In 1984, Congress set rules to regulate such tanks. A year later, it banned the installation of unprotected steel tanks and piping. In 1986, it created the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund to oversee cleanups by responsible parties and to pay for cleanups at sites where the owner or operator is unknown, unwilling, or unable to respond, or which require emergency action. Owners pay a \$5,000 deductible before the fund is used. The trust is funded by collecting 1 cent for every gallon of gasoline from companies that haul fuel from bulk storage facilities. "Station owners and operators who are complying with ADEM rules but who have a leak can obtain money from the trust for cleanup," Hughes said. "This encourages people to comply with our regulations and ensures there is a financial mechanism to make sure cleanup occurs." Today, the EPA estimates there are about 1.1 million federally regulated underground storage tanks buried at more than 400,000 sites nationwide. Although such storage tanks are still installed mainly underground to free up space, Hughes said, "They are significantly better than 25 years ago."

<http://enewscourier.com/homepage/x1327125327/Goodsprings-fuel-leak-cleanup-cost-at-200K>

USA, CT, HARTFORD, SEPTEMBER 23 2010. ASSESSMENT AND CLEAN UP OF UNDERGROUND TANKS



The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has begun assessment and clean up operations at seven leaking underground storage sites throughout the state with \$2 million received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The stimulus funding is designed to identify, assess and clean up federally regulated leaking underground storage tank sites in the state. Sites were chosen because each had documented leakage and the responsible party is unknown or unable to pay.

Sites Include:

Schwartz property, 1124 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, the former Charles A-1 gas station with three underground storage tanks and an abandoned building with no current tenant. The DEP performed an expedited site assessment and the site was found to contain subsurface petroleum contamination.

Monti property, 680-690 East Main St., Waterbury, former HJ Carroll Company. Four underground tanks used to store gasoline or bulk heating fuel for resale, were removed in 1988. Several buildings are currently unoccupied. DEP consultant completed site assessment work and found a large heating oil free-product plume. Intent is to protect the nearby Mad River from being impacted.

Renner property, 666 East Main St., Waterbury, a former gas station adjacent to the Monti property (above). When the gasoline and diesel tanks were removed, gasoline free-product was observed. The property is currently being used for car sales and repairs. The current owners are financially incapable of paying for cleanup.

Pittman property, 3054 Main St., Hartford, former gas station, currently being used for car repairs (TDP Automotive). Assessment in July completed, removal of four underground storage tanks and 1,000 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soil. Owner bought the property in foreclosure and was unaware that tanks were present.

Pitts Chapel property, 672 Dixwell Ave., New Haven. A local church purchased the property that had formerly been used as a gas station. Gasoline tanks and a waste oil tank remain on the property and the building is vacant. Site plan includes building an energy-efficient senior center and employing laborers from the surrounding urban community to perform the construction.

Fuller property, 142 Main St., Terryville, known as the Mayfair garage. In 2007, the DEP responded to the breakout of gasoline product along the banks of Pequabuck River adjacent to the site. The source was from the gasoline underground tanks. A clean up using Federal Coast Guard monies resulted. In order to complete the task, the DEP is using Federal Stimulus funds.

On Feb. 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was signed into law by President Barack Obama. Since then, more than \$3 billion in funding has been used in Connecticut in the form of grants, loans, and entitlement benefits. For details and a complete list of sites, see [Posted 22 Sep 2010 by Editor in Aviation](#), [C-Level](#), [Remediation](#)
<http://www.corpct.com/2010/09/assessment-and-clean-up-of-underground-tanks/>

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USA, W.VA, KANAWHA COUNTY, SEPTEMBER 24 2010. BAYER AGREES TO PAY SETTLEMENT >> STORING DEADLY CHEMICAL METHYL ISOCYANATE

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Bayer CropScience agreed to pay the state Department of Environmental Protection nearly half a million dollars to settle several alleged violations at its plant in Institute over the past year. The \$460,000 settlement, announced Wednesday, does not involve the August 2008 explosion at the plant. "These agreements resolve a backlog with the agency and cumulatively clear the plate," said company Vice President Steve Hedrick. The DEP did, however, allege the company was storing the deadly chemical methyl isocyanate, or MIC, in an underground tank that lacked "full compliance." But Bayer said there were "other redundant control measures" and that it was "operating safely without danger to the plant and community." Bayer has previously announced it would invest \$25 million to eliminate aboveground storage of MIC and reduce underground storage by 80 percent. Right now there is no MIC on site because of a maintenance shutdown. The reduced amount will be stored at the plant beginning in December when the new equipment will be in place. Among the other matters, Bayer and DEP settled several air pollution issues, notably several involving objectionable odors emanating from the plant in late 2007. "Where we had regulatory issues like this, we are working very hard to prevent reoccurrence," Hedrick said. The Kanawha County Commission released a statement saying it remained "concerned" with Bayer's "regulatory issues" but was "pleased" by the settlement. About 700 people work at the Institute Industrial Park. Approximately 520 are Bayer CropScience employees. The 2008 explosion and fire at the Institute site that killed Bayer employees Barry Withrow and Bill Oxley did not involve MIC. However, the U.S. Chemical Safety Board has said that the accident endangered a tank 80 feet away that was used for daytime storage of the deadly substance. Both the DEP and Bayer emphasized this week's settlement did not involve that incident.

<http://www.dailymail.com/News/Kanawha/201009220698>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, PENRITH, SEPTEMBER 24 2010. PETROL SIPHONING ATTEMPT GOES HORRIBLY WRONG

Two Sydney men have suffered critical burns to their bodies during a petrol siphoning incident. One of the men is clinging to life following the fire about 10.30pm (AEST) yesterday in the garage of a house in Sydney's west. Fire crews were called to Kingswood to put out the fire that left a 38-year-old man with burns to most of his body. He was taken to Nepean Hospital, where he remains in a critical condition. A second man, aged 60, suffered burns to his arm and back after coming to the aid of the other man. He is also in hospital in a serious condition. Police believe the incident occurred while the younger man was siphoning petrol from a large drum into a jerry can.

<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/petrol-siphoning-attempt-goes-horribly-wrong-20100924-15p4s.html>

USA, IN, EVANSVILLE, SEPTEMBER 24 2010. LST LEAKING PETROL INTO OHIO RIVER

rachel folz

 [Watch the Video http://tristatehomepage.com/fulltext?nxd_id=200705](http://tristatehomepage.com/fulltext?nxd_id=200705)



The LST 325 is leaking a petroleum product into the Ohio River. The first call came in just before 11:00 Thursday morning. City officials say that someone noticed a sheen on the river near Marina Pointe. Officials say they have identified the source of the leak. They've slowed it but they haven't been able to stop it. The U.S. Coast Guard is on scene and they are working to contain the leak. Right now, the water department says that they have booms surrounding the intake at the plant. The water department says they have been monitoring the water all day and so far they haven't detected any chemicals in the water. LST officials say they hope they will be able to stop the leak today.

<http://www.wfte.com/Global/story.asp?S=13207487>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SEPTEMBER 24 2010. NEW SAFETY FOR CONVENIENCE STORES

A new interactive learning simulation released by the Australian Association of Convenience Stores (AACS) is set to improve the way convenience and service station operators are trained to handle dangerous goods and respond to incidents such as fuel spills at work. AACS received funding under the WorkCover Assist Grants Program to develop the simulation in November 2009 and partnered with simulation and software development experts SimSkill to deliver the innovative program. Research conducted earlier this year by AACS, which involved extensive surveying of small and medium sized retailers, pointed to safety as a key training issue for the sector. There were approximately 800 dangerous goods incidents at NSW forecourt

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based convenience stores in 2008 and of these, 81 were related to fire, 405 related to LPG leaks and 315 were fuel spills. AACS Executive Director Sheryle Moon said the e-learning program provides the most effective response to the numerous challenges involved in training operators in safety procedures to date. "Differing OH&S standards in each state and frequently updated requirements has resulted in a lack of relevant material available for training small operators. Add to this the difficulties in ensuring staff availability for off-site training, the high staff turnover rate in the industry, the fact that English is frequently a second language to operators and the need for a custom-built program with the scope to address these issues is obvious," said Moon.

<http://www.insideretailing.com.au/Latest/tabid/53/ID/9175/New-safety-for-convenience-stores.aspx>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, SEPTEMBER 24 2010. SHELL 'SOFTENED' DAMNING ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT TO BREAK LEASE

saffron howden

Shell abandoned an old petrol station in Sydney knowing it was contaminated, then told its health risk assessors to change their report to "soften" their findings, the Supreme Court has heard. Yesterday Shell Australia was found to have deceived and misled the new owner of the Cabramatta land, Haissam Assafiri, and to owe him more than \$1 million. In his judgment, Justice Robert McDougall said the petrochemical company did not remediate the Hume Highway site, which was a petrol station for 30 years, to the level required under its final "demolition" lease in 2007. Instead, Shell left a concrete slab that was too "severely deteriorated" to contain the polluted soil. Even if the slab had been an appropriate way of "capping" the soil, it would not stop pollution spreading through groundwater, he said. Internal Shell emails show the company would save money by vacating the site early, which it owned until 1996 but then leased back through an investment firm. One internal email referred to a potential saving of "approx \$600k!!" for Shell if it met the earlier deadline to clean the land for a future "best use" scenario. An August 2005 environmental assessment report found that potentially dangerous chemicals could move off the land. "The report suggested that this could affect workers undertaking excavation near the site and, perhaps, residential properties to the east of the site," Justice McDougall said. But when Shell engaged the consultants URS to carry out an environmental risk assessment at the site in 2007, it "made a substantial contribution to the final form of that report". One Shell employee wrote to URS: "The way this paragraph is worded gives the impression that groundwater contamination in that area of the site has occurred ... If you are to include this section, might want to soften it a little ..." Justice McDougall found Mr Assafiri, who sub-leased the land for between the late 1990s and 2005 and then bought the property in 2006 expecting it to be remediated by Shell, was entitled to damages of more than \$1 million for misleading or deceptive conduct and breach of contract. Shell said it may appeal.

<http://www.smh.com.au/environment/shell-softened-damning-environmental-report-to-break-lease-20100923-15ovn.html>

PHILIPPINES, MANILA, SEPTEMBER 25 2010. FUEL LEAKING INSIDE 22-STORY CONDOMINIUM BASEMENT >> BINAY MOVES TO SOLVE BANGKAL FUEL LEAK WOE

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Makati City Mayor Jejomar "Junjun" Binay Jr. has called for an emergency session of the City Council to come up with an urgent resolution to place Barangay Bangkal under a state of calamity because of the imminent danger posed by the continuing fuel leak problem at the basement of the 22-story West Tower Condominium situated in the area. Joey Salgado, the chief of the city's Public Information Office, said Binay will ask the City Council to approve the release of the city's calamity fund to help resolve the two-month-old problem. This developed as appeals mounted from residents of Bangkal for the city government to immediately resolve the problem at the basement of the building. According to the residents, they continue to smell gasoline not just near the area but also in their deep wells, which they suspect have been contaminated by the leak. Acting on their concern, Salgado said Binay has ordered for a water sampling and air quality sampling in the barangay. An inter-agency team composed of personnel from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department Energy (DoE), and Department of Health (DoH), has also been formed to investigate the main source of the fuel spill. Salgado said the First Philippine Industrial Corp. (FPIC) has started a ground radar scan of the area near the condominium whose pipeline system moves oil from refineries in Batangas province to the Pandacan oil depot in Manila. "We will be looking at all possibilities. There is an urgent need to conduct an immediate investigation because of the continued rains that have flooded the building," said Salgado. Since July 23, the building has collected more than 200 drums of water and petroleum products with mixed grades – gasoline, kerosene, and diesel, he said. Meanwhile, unit owners of the West Tower Condominium welcomed the forming of an independent inter-agency task force to investigate the main source of the underground fuel spill. Architect Bobby Dimayuga, head of the West Tower Rehabilitation Team, said the residents want to spend Christmas in their

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own homes. Since the discovery of the leak, the barangay has been placed on high alert. Several deep-well water pumps in the area, which draw water from the ground, have been tested to have traces of gasoline, indicating a wider area of fuel spill. Despite the large amount of petroleum products already collected, residents are still facing a blank wall as to the source of the oil leak. They have appealed for the speedy resolution of the fuel spill by finding the source and plugging the leak as soon as possible. The West Tower Condominium, which is built on deep foundation, is the first structure in the area to discover the underground fuel spill last July 10. "Please make the leak stop! We don't want the whole barangay to go up in flames," pleaded Ruby Chuaunsu, one of the unit owners.

<http://www.mb.com.ph/articles/278825/binay-moves-solve-bangkal-fuel-leak-woe>

USA, ILL, FREEPORT, SEPTEMBER 24 2010. CITY RECOUPS EXPENSES AFTER MINOR ACCIDENT AT ALBERTUS >> AIRPLANE HITS FUEL TANK

Albertus Airport tenant Jack Hooker escaped from a potentially dangerous situation unharmed after driving his airplane into a fuel tank earlier this year. The incident occurred on June 12, and the accident was first reported at City Hall during the Sept. 20 City Council meeting, when Finance Director Craig Joesten detailed the occurrence during his biweekly report to Freeport aldermen. In the report, which dealt exclusively with the financial implications of the accident, Joesten said repairs to the fuel tank cost approximately \$2,200. The city, however, was reimbursed for all the incurred expenses. "As a third-party, we got 100 percent reimbursement (for the repairs)," Joesten said. Joesten emphasized during Monday's meeting that the accident demonstrated why the city has pushed for all pilots to obtain liability insurance. While no one was hurt during the incident, Joesten said the situation could have been much worse. "If you have any kind of motorized vehicle hit a fuel pump, it can have the propensity to be catastrophic," he said. Hooker acknowledged Wednesday that he was the tenant involved in the incident. He said the crash happened after he became distracted while navigating his plane. The accident totaled his airplane and damaged the pump's stainless steel cover. Hooker said Wednesday it was not the first time a pilot at Albertus hit the fuel pump. "Mine was the third we know of that hit that pump," Hooker said. Airport Manager Darrell Janssen could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

<http://www.journalstandard.com/news/business/x1916544356/City-recoups-expenses-after-minor-accident-at-Albertus>

NIGERIA, LAGOS, SEPTEMBER 25 2010. HELL FIRE! >> NIGERIA'S DEADLIEST KILLER ROASTS 90 IN A MONTH



A country where her only source of income is petroleum products and the deadly mode of transportation of the products has made her citizens so vulnerable in the hands of petrol tankers. The trucks supposed to bring products of wealth have over time become arguably the nation's most potent killer. There seem to be no way out of the ever-expanding sphere of death for Nigerians. It might baffle you to find that petrol tanker fires kill, from recorded and reported incidents an equivalent of three everyday or 90 lives in a month which translates to 1080 lives a year. The record 90 deaths from these deadly mobile fires in August have made tanker fire incidents a worse than earlier imagined. From the calamity that has taken place in the last one month on our roads across the nation, at least the reported ones, the presence of fuel tanker puts fears in road users. This has shown the level human lives have been reduced to and how vulnerable we are to man-made disaster. In the last one month truck and petrol tanker accidents have claimed the lives of over 90 persons starting with the holocaust of Sunday, August 16, where over 40 persons were burnt to death in a multiple road accident at the Otedola Millennium Estate, near Berger Bus stop on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway. The accident occurred about 10.30 am, when a truck lost control and rammed into vehicles that were flagged down by the police who mounted a checkpoint on the expressway checking vehicles particulars and extorting money from motorists. Apart from the human lives, over 20 vehicles were razed. Barely two weeks when the victims of the Berger accident were still counting their losses and the Nigeria Police high command was tinkering with the idea of setting up a panel to determine the culpability or otherwise of the police in the carnage another

fuel tanker accident happened. This time, over six persons lost their lives, four tankers and 13 other vehicles were burnt at the Ibafo end of the Lagos – Ibadan Expressway, Ogun State. The accident occurred when a Kia Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV)

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collided with another car. While sympathizers were making frantic efforts to rescue a trapped victim, a truck loaded with fuel hit one of the vehicles from the back resulting in fire outbreak involving three other fuel tankers parked by the left side of the road. About 13 other vehicles that were coming from the Lagos end of the road were caught up in the inferno. On September 6, there was another fuel truck fire at Adodo Junction, Mowo Bus stop, Badagry, Lagos, where over 10 persons lost their lives in the fire that destroyed over 20 vehicles. The fire started when the truck that had brake failure lost control before ramming into some stationary vehicles parked at a mechanic village on Mile Two –Badagry Expressway. Two days after, another fuel tanker fire burnt over seven persons, including a mother with her child in a multiple auto crash along Abuja – Keffi Road. The accident, which occurred near Nyanya Bridge at 6.30 pm, had over 10 vehicles crushed by the fuel tanker. The Federal Capital Territory (FCT) sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Funbi Olawoyin, blamed the inferno on reckless driving by the tanker driver and the failure of the brake system. July 26, was another day of sorrow when at noon, more than 10 persons died when a truck fully loaded with fuel fell on its side and caught fire at Madalla Market, Suleja, Niger State, on the busy Kaduna – Abuja Expressway. Scores of people sustained varying degrees of burn and vehicles trapped in the fire were consumed. The vehicle that had brake failure lost control and rammed into a vehicle before falling on its side bursting into fire, which quickly spread to other vehicles and stalls in the market. Gombe State tasted the fury of fuel tank fire on July 2 where more than 15 persons were burnt and several others seriously injured by the explosion of a fuel tanker. The accident occurred when the driver of the 33,000 litres of fuel lost control and went off the road and spilled fuel causing fire that razed over 40 houses. Mid last month, a truck load of fuel ran into bystanders at the busy Abakpa Nike area of Enugu State killing over seven persons and damaging over 20 motor bikes and cars. The accident was caused by men of Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) over disagreement with the truck driver. A heated argument forced one of the civil defence men to jump into the truck to drive the vehicle to their station and in the process the driver lost control knocking down kiosks near the road and killing people before it fell and trapped some people. Sometime in June, tanker fire killed over a dozen people and razed over 15 vehicles at a police checkpoint in Oba area, the outskirts of Onitsha in Anambra State. The accident happened when a truck-load of fuel lost control and rammed into vehicles at police check-point. As if that was not enough, early in the week another fuel tanker burst into flames around Mile 2 on the Oshodi –Apapa Expressway, Lagos. No life was lost but it caused unbearable hardship to road users.

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Across the country especially, the busy expressways have been converted to parking bays for trucks. The accident early this month at Ibafo should be tonic for the Ogun State government to wield the big stick and put a stop to the insanity at Ibafo where the expressway is now trailer park. It is the same at the old toll gate in Shagamu. The same situation replicates itself after Okitipupa before Ore in Ondo State. Along the Benin Bye pass, a new place of insanity has sprung up. Trucks have taken over one lane on both sides of the two-lane expressway. Accidents are common features there. Edo State government needs to do much if lives should be saved and sanity restored to that spot. Umunede in Delta State is another sore point on the on the nation's highways. Trucks have taken two lanes on each side of the three-lane road. Lokpanta in Abia State on the Enugu-Port Harcourt highway has been converted by truck drivers to parking space along the road, likewise in Osisioma, Aba in Abia State, Mgbidi in Imo State, Ubollo-Afor in Enugu and Lokoja, Kogi State on the deadly narrow expressway to Abuja.

<http://www.sunnewsonline.com/webpages/features/living/2010/sept/25/living-25-09-2010-001.htm>

USA, MO, CAMERON, SEPTEMBER 26 2010. 20,000 POUNDS OF AMMONIUM NITRATE SPILLS NEAR I-35 IN MO.



A portion of a northwest Missouri highway has reopened after being closed several hours because of a fertilizer spill. Interstate 35 was shut down near Cameron on Friday after about 20,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate spilled from a tanker truck in a parking lot just off the interstate. The area is at the intersection of I-35 and U.S. 36. Cameron Police Sgt. Marty Gray says the highway was reopened around 5:30 p.m. Police were concerned the volatile fertilizer might ignite, so they cleared out the area, including businesses, within half a mile of the spill. The highway closure forced traffic to wind through the small northwest Missouri community of Cameron, about an hour north of Kansas City. Some minor accidents were reported.

This is a Breaking News Update. The earlier story is below.

CAMERON, Mo. — A tanker truck spilled about 20,000 pounds of fertilizer near Interstate 35 in northwest Missouri on Friday, forcing police to shut down part of the highway and evacuate nearby homes and businesses. Traffic was backed up in both directions for miles by midday near the busy intersection of I-35 and U.S. 36 in Cameron. Police said the tanker carrying 40,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate pulled

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into a parking lot across the road from a truck stop around 9:45 a.m. and got stuck in mud. Cameron Police Sgt. Marty Gray said the tanker got hooked on something as the driver tried to move the truck, causing about 20,000 pounds of fertilizer to spill onto the ground. In addition to its use as a fertilizer, the Environmental Protection Agency said ammonium nitrate also is used with additives as a blasting agent and can explode when combined with the right amount of heat. Gray said the intersection was closed as a precaution, noting that ammonium nitrate is the same compound Timothy McVeigh used to blow up the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in 1995. "We're looking at a truck that can carry 40,000 pounds, and 20,000-plus is on the ground," Gray said. "Four thousand took out Oklahoma City." Gray said cleanup could take until well into Friday evening, complicating weekend travel for motorists roughly an hour north of Kansas City. "Things are pretty much at a standstill," Gray told The Associated Press at 2 p.m. "It will be six to eight hours before this is alleviated. We had some cleanup crews about 40 miles away and more coming behind, including a crew from Illinois." He said there had been some minor accidents as travelers squeeze their way along U.S. 69 through the town of roughly 8,000 residents, but nothing serious. Amanda Hahn, manager of a nearby restaurant that was not evacuated, said the spill was about a mile away. She said roads in front of her restaurant were closed but they were not evacuated, and her restaurant, Ma & Pa's Kettle, was staying open until they were told otherwise. "We're just kind of waiting to see what happens," she said. "Basically they closed down 35 because it's highly explosive. If it would ignite, it would be like a bomb." Cody Farr, assistant manager of a KFC/Taco Bell located near the law enforcement command center set up to handle the spill about a mile away, said the restaurant didn't open Friday. Roads around the restaurant all were closed, and authorities told Farr they would likely remain closed until later Friday evening. "Everything is just dead," he said. Although the restaurant it closed, he said, workers have been staying busy taking care of some of the emergency crews. "We've been feeding them and giving them coffee," he said. Gray said this is the third such spill in this area in the past 18 months.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hwtMpDe-s78UWf1G2104qfXCswZAD9IEK14O0>

USA, AZ, PHOENIX, SEPTEMBER 25 2010. ROADS OPEN AGAIN AFTER FUEL SPILL >> HAZMAT CREWS CONTAIN FUEL SPILL, RE-OPEN ROADS

Watch the Video:

<http://www.azfamily.com/news/local/Tanker-truck-spills-50-gallons-of-gasoline-on-Phoenix-road-103752374.html>

A quick response by [Phoenix](#) Fire Department's Hazmat Unit kept a fuel spill in one neighborhood from getting too bad Friday afternoon. However, it did close roads in the area for a few hours. A truck carrying 8,500 gallons of unleaded fuel ran over a piece of equipment that had fallen off another semi and ruptured the tank. About 50 gallons of the fuel spilled into the street near 51st Avenue and Van Buren Street. Crews were able to use piles of dirt and dikes to keep the fuel from getting into any of the storm drains in the area. The rest of the fuel was transferred into another truck. The roads opened back up at about 5:30.

<http://www.kpho.com/valleynews/25151854/detail.html>

USA, FLA, HURLBURT FIELD, SEPTEMBER 25 2010. 1ST SOLRS RECEIVES THOUSANDS OF BARRELS OF FUEL VIA BARGE



Senior Greg Crews, 1st Special Operations Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels laboratory technician, collects a sample of fuel at a pump outside the Sound at Hurlburt Field, Fla., Sept. 23, 2010. The 1st SOLRS received nearly half a million gallons of jet fuel delivered by the barge for the first time since October 2009.

For the first time in nearly a year, the 1st Special Operations Logistics Readiness Squadron received nearly half a million gallons, or nearly 12,000 barrels, of jet fuel delivered by a sea-faring barge off the Sound at Hurlburt Field, Sept. 17. The squadron's fuels management flight did not receive any barge deliveries while one of the base's two storage tanks underwent an upgrade beginning in January. "In the past, we would receive a barge with a minimum of 420,000 gallons," said 2nd Lt. Nathan Tilton, 1st SOLRS fuels management acting-flight commander. "But we

couldn't afford to wait for our fuel to get down that low before we refilled it. Now we're 100 percent operational with two tanks in service, and we can use one and have the other filled." During the tanks' maintenance, the base received fuel delivered by 7,500-gallon tanker trucks. The barge's two football-field sized tanks can deliver 90 times that amount. In fact, the barge can deliver in one day what would take the trucks three weeks. Contractors and barge personnel connected the tank to the pipeline that goes straight from the Sound to the base reserves. The squadron also put out a large cordon of protective boom as a

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safety precaution in the water. After 1st SOLRS Fuels Laboratory personnel analyzed the fuel for temperature and quality, Department of Defense fuels contractors from the Maytag Aircraft Corporation began receiving the fuel at a rate of 60,000 gallons per hour. "In fact, every four-and-a-half minutes of pumped fuel is enough for a C-130 during normal refueling," Lieutenant Tilton said. "This type of delivery increases our capability and also reduces the manpower requirements of daily receiving trucks so we can look at the bigger issue of maintaining our tanks and saving money." While the delivery marked the newly-improved tanks first fuel transfer by a pipeline, it also marked the barge, the M.P. Stephanie Kennelly's, first stop at Hurlburt Field. The barge makes regular fuel deliveries down the Mississippi River and at military installations along the Gulf of Mexico. "We love being here, and you all have been great folks to work with," said Peter Maier, captain of the M.P. Stephanie Kennelly. "We're always glad to help the men and women in uniform."

<http://www2.hurlburt.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123223660>

USA, TX, ANDREWS, SEPTEMBER 25 2020. FUEL SPILL CLOSES STREETS IN DOWNTOWN ANDREWS

A fuel spill shut down an intersection in Andrews Friday morning. Officials say a fuel truck was delivering gasoline to a station when the truck hit a barrier. That caused a valve on the truck to break. Between 600 and 700 gallons of gas spilled onto the road. Authorities shut down the intersection of Main and Broadway while they cleaned up the mess.

<http://www.newswest9.com/Global/story.asp?S=13211852>

USA, N.J, MORRISTOWN, SEPTEMBER 25 2010. JETS ASSISTANT FILES LAWSUIT AFTER SUFFERING SEVERE BURNS, PERMANENT SCARS IN FIREWORKS MISFIRE



As the Jets take to the field at the start of a game against the Cincinnati

Brian Smith, an assistant with the New York Jets, was working on the sidelines before a game Sept. 28, 2008, when he says something went terribly wrong. As fireworks went off when the Jets players ran on the field during pre-game introductions, a Fox cameraman tripped over a wire, sending the flames in his direction, Smith says. Smith claims he suffered severe burns to both legs and has been left with permanent scarring on both legs as a result. Today, a lawsuit he filed seeking compensation for his injuries was made public in Superior Court in Morristown. Smith, a Madison resident who has worked for the Jets as an assistant coach and a member of the support staff, is suing the fireworks company, Pyrotecnico, of New Castle, Pa., and Fox Broadcasting Co., which televised the regular-season game in which the Jets beat the Arizona Cardinals 56-35. During pre-game festivities, Smith said, Jets players ran between two rows of pyrotechnic

devices when they entered the field. The devices were wired for remote activation. Smith says the Fox cameraman tripped over a wire that was attached to one of Pyrotecnico's devices. The pyrotechnic device misfired toward the sidelines rather than shooting straight up in the air, causing his clothing to catch on fire and burning his legs, Smith said. At the time of the incident, Smith was a defensive assistant coach working in "quality control," said Bruce Speight, a spokesman for the Jets. Smith is now a member of the football support staff, working in the coaches' booth during games. "It's a change in title. He has similar responsibilities," Speight said. The suit accuses Pyrotecnico of negligence in a failure to properly secure the wires and in a failure to properly secure the pyrotechnic devices. Pyrotecnico was "engaged in an ultra-hazardous activity ... and thus had a heightened duty of care," the suit says. The suit also accuses the Fox cameraman of negligence in performance of his duties by failing to properly observe conditions on the field and failing to exercise proper care to avoid tripping on the wires. Officials from Pyrotecnico, also known as S. Vitale Pyrotechnic Industries, Inc., were unavailable for comment. Lou D'Ermilio, a spokesman for Fox Sports, said, "We're unaware of this lawsuit, so we can't comment."

http://www.nj.com/jets/index.ssf/2010/09/new_york_jets_assistant_files.html

USA, ILL, HARTFORD, SEPTEMBER 25 2010. CRANE OVERTURNS AT CONOCO REFINERY TRAPPING OPERATOR

A small crane overturned at the Conoco Phillips refinery Thursday. According to a spokesperson for the plant, the accident happened in the lay-down yard. The crane was putting pipes on a flatbed trailer to be transported to another location at the plant. During the accident, the operator's foot was trapped between the door and the ground. Conoco Phillips first responders and Hartford, IL first responders worked to extricate him from the crane cab. The operator was alert and talking during the entire event. The victim was transported to a St. Louis hospital by helicopter.

<http://www.fox2now.com/news/ktvi-crane-overturms-conoco-refinery-092310.0.5086739.story>

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