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CANADA, ONT, ASHBRIDGES BAY, APRIL 17 2011. WORKERS TACKLE TWO WATERFRONT OIL SPILLS

madeleine white



The beaches around Ashbridges Bay had several cleanup crews on site to take care of two separate oil spills in the area. On Saturday, a leak from an underground Hydro One pipe allowed mineral oil to ooze out into the ground near Kew Beach. Meanwhile, on the other side of Ashbridges Bay Park, workers from the province's Ministry of the Environment and from Accuworx, a Brampton-based environment waste management company, were vacuuming up diesel from a spill that started late on April 5. A representative from Accuworx said part of the cleanup job involves clearing away the diesel that has been washed out of nearby sewage pipes by Saturday's heavy rainfall. Jonathan Rose, a spokesperson from the Ministry of the Environment, said there was no danger to local drinking water from the diesel leak. The mineral oil leak was temporarily patched up late

Saturday, according to Nancy Shaddick, a representative from Hydro One.

<http://www.thestar.com/news/article/975967--mineral-oil-seeping-out-into-lake-ontario?bn=1>

USA, PA, CHESTER TWP, APRIL 17 2011. GEauga COUNTY: GAS WELL LEAK RENEWS SAFETY CONCERNS

paul thomas



A gas well spewed an estimated 80 to 90 gallons of crude oil, brine and natural gas into the air after a gas pipe sheared at a coupling Wednesday morning. According to a Chester Township fire incident report, a witness reported that the well had been "shooting yellow stuff...for over an hour" before the fire department was notified of the problem. The mixture coated an area 80 feet wide by 400 feet long on a property near Mayfield Road before fire crews turned off the valves at the well. An estimated 10 gallons of oil was also found floating on a private pond. A spokesman for the Ohio EPA said most of the cleanup has been completed and no significant long-term environmental impacts are expected. The spill was contained to the well property. However, the incident has renewed concerns about gas well oversight for

Chester Township trustee Judy Caputo. Caputo said there are 220 gas wells in the township. And there approximately 64,000 gas wells across the state for 30 inspectors to keep tabs on. "The reality here in Chester Township is that all of the residents here are on well water," Caputo said. "Anything plumbing oil, brine and gas 20 to 25 feet in the air is disturbing." The well that leaked Wednesday began production in 2007. It has been inspected seven times by the state. But the last inspection occurred more than 20 months ago.

<http://www.wkyc.com/news/article/185952/15/Geauga-County-Gas-well-leak-renews-safety-concerns>

THE FEDERATION OF SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS, NEVIS, APRIL 17 2011. DELTA PETROLEUM DENIES RESPONSIBILITY IN FUEL TRUCK ACCIDENT



The toppled vehicle

According to a press release from the company, Delta Petroleum Limited has dismissed recent reports that it is the owner of a vehicle that was involved in a traffic accident at the roundabout in the vicinity of the Robert L Bradshaw International Airport on Thursday, April 14. Regional General Manager (RGM) Bevis Sylvester, through Delta's Corporate Communications Department, noted that while the product that was being transported was intended for his company, the vehicle and its driver were representing another entity. An investigation revealed that at approximately 12:30 p.m., Mr. Sylvester Tweed of Ven-Rici Inc. had contacted the company's St. Kitts Island Manager, Mr. Joseph Esdaille, and reported that an accident had occurred. It was also revealed that a flexi tank containing 5000 AG of

diesel fuel capsized at the roundabout while on its way from Nevis to the company's office at OOJJ's compound in Camps. On receipt of the report, Mr. Esdaille immediately left for the scene of the accident and noticed that the flexi tank was on its left side but there was no sign of fuel leakage. The company is happy to report that there was no structural damage to the tank; however, its metal case was bent in two places. Sylvester expressed relief that no one was injured and declared that the

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vehicle and its driver were not autonomous to his company. "As Delta Petroleum Regional General Manager, I am very pleased to note that no one got injured and that there was no leakage of fuel. However, I want to stress that the trailer was being driven by Ven- Rici Inc," the RGM said. The RGM said he is satisfied and pleased to have received full assurance from Ven-Rici Inc. that they would undertake the cleanup of the small spill. "We also learnt that the accident had caused a small spill which contained more hydraulic fluid than diesel fuel. Further, it was just small drops coming from a manhole cover which the company was able to tighten, thus preventing additional leakage. "Delta Petroleum Limited would like to reiterate that it was not responsible for the accident and has therefore received commitment from Ven-Rici Inc. to underwrite any costs, taking into consideration that it was their flexi tank and not the company's, " Mr. Sylvester explained. The RGM added that he is happy to know that the 5000 AG diesel fuel that was being transported have already been entranced to serve the motoring and industrial public of St. Kitts.

<http://www.thestkittsnevisobserver.com/2011/04/15/truck-accident.html>

USA, CA, SAN MATEO, APRIL 17 2011. CREWS WORK TO CLEAN UP DIESEL SPILL IN SAN MATEO MARINA LAGOON

Firefighters are requesting boaters to stay away from the San Mateo Marina Lagoon while crews clean up a diesel fuel spill this afternoon. The spill happened sometime today on the lagoon near 1097 Seal Court, but the fuel should pose no risk of fire or threat to local drinking water, according to the San Mateo Fire Department. People whose skin comes in contact with the lagoon should wash with soap and water to remove any contamination. There may be a smell of diesel in the water but nearby witnesses should not be concerned, fire officials said. Crews should finish cleaning the spill by late this afternoon.

http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_17863703

USA, MI, WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP, APRIL 19 2011. CREWS STOP WHITE OAK TWP. GAS LEAK

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http://www.wilx.com/news/headlines/Crews_Find_Source_of_Gas_Leak_in_Ingham_County_120125434.html

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.wlns.com/Global/story.asp?S=14466188>

Crews have stopped a gasoline leak in a storage tank that had been seeping since at least Wednesday. They discovered the source of the leak late Sunday night, according to Ingham County officials. Contractors for Portage-based Wolverine Pipe Line Co. discovered a broken gasket in a 180,000 barrel storage tank owned by Marathon Pipeline LLC. The tank contained about 14,700 barrels Sunday but has since been emptied, Sgt. Robert Ott, Ingham County's emergency management program manager, said today. The tank was not at full capacity before the leak, but officials did not have an estimate of how much has seeped. Findlay, Ohio-based Marathon Pipeline will take over handling the incident today. The company is a part-owner of the Wolverine Pipe Line and has one tank on Wolverine's tank farm in White Oak Township. Test results from the wells of the four homes closest to the leaking gasoline came back negative. Test results on additional wells are expected later today. A farmer and his wife on Wednesday discovered the leak trickling into a drainage ditch near their hay field in the 2400 block of Mount Pleasant Road in White Oak Township.

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20110418/NEWS01/104180337/-1/communities/Crews-stop-White-Oak-Twp-gas-leak?odyssey=nav/head>

USA, FLA, PORT TAMPA, APRIL 19 2011. CREWS CLEAN UP FROM GAS LEAK AT PORT TAMPA

josé patíño girona

Officials are investigating a gasoline leak found last week at the Chevron Petroleum Terminal in Port Tampa that has affected groundwater and soil in the area. The leak appears to have been caused by someone who broke into the Chevron terminal, 5500 W. Commerce St., and vandalized the piping on a valve. An estimated 210 tons of gasoline-contaminated soil has been excavated, and 120 gallons of water contaminated with gasoline has been recovered, said Michael McDaniel, an environmental supervisor with the Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission. The contaminated soil has been placed in huge trash bins; it will be tested, then safely disposed of, McDaniel said. "Anytime you have a discharge into the environment, it's significant," McDaniel said. "It isn't something you take lightly." Contractors are on the scene continuing to excavate the soil, recover contaminated groundwater and conduct tests. The contaminated groundwater isn't a drinking water supply, McDaniel said. The gasoline leak was found April 11 by workers at a neighboring petroleum terminal. Investigators don't know when the valve was damaged and when the gasoline began to spill. They do know someone got into the Chevron terminal because a lock on a fence was broken, McDaniel said. "We don't know who did it; we don't know the motive,"

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McDaniel said. The damaged valve was immediately repaired and isn't leaking, he said. Chevron doesn't know how much fuel was lost, McDaniel said. However, the gas company will receive another shipment at the end of the week that will help the company determine how much gasoline was lost, he said. Officials at Chevron could not be reached for comment on Monday.

<http://www2.tbo.com/content/2011/apr/19/MENEWSO4-crews-clean-up-from-gas-leak-at-port-tamp/news-breaking/>

USA, N.J, NEWARK, APRIL 19 2011. NEWARK'S EVERGREEN RE-REFINERY STILL CLOSED, HIT WITH MULTIPLE FINES AND VIOLATIONS

chris de benedetti

Ever since the Evergreen Oil plant opened along the western edge of town more than 25 years ago, it has presented the city with an uncomfortable dichotomy, City Councilman Alberto Huezo said. The environmentally friendly business, offering waste storage and disposal, recycling services, and the only oil refinery recycling used oil in the western United States, at times has been a source of pride, even drawing political heavyweights such as President George H.W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore to the Newark facility in years past. On the other hand, Evergreen Oil -- situated less than half a mile from a housing development -- has been cited dozens of times for health and safety violations and fined tens of thousands of dollars through the years, according to multiple county, regional and state agencies. "They've always had problems with their maintenance," said Huezo, a former Newark city manager. "This goes back to the fact that it's an industry we desperately need. But it was put in the wrong place -- and the neighbors were there first." The issue came to the forefront March 29, when malfunctioning re-refinery equipment started a fire that caused a hydrochloric acid tank to rupture, said officials with the Alameda County Fire Department, which handles the city's fire emergencies. An employee broke his arm during the incident, and hazmat teams were called in to clean up the mess, the plant's second fire in 10 months, authorities said. Evergreen Oil, founded in 1984, has a wide variety of operations in the seven buildings at the plant at 6880 Smith Ave., near Cherry Street. It re-refines more than 13 million gallons of used oil each year, operates a wastewater plant that annually can treat up to 55 million gallons and it owns a hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facility, according to the company website. Since the incident, all operations have resumed except for the re-refinery, which was damaged in the fire, city officials said. Meanwhile, multiple complaints of odors being emitted there in recent months have prompted the city, working with Alameda County fire officials, to issue the plant 10 citations and fines totaling \$4,300. Citations tied to odors go at least as far back as 2001, when Newark had its own fire department to administer the fines, Alameda County deputy fire marshal Holly "We've fixed the sources of the odors by keeping the gases contained in the pipes and vessels that are part of the process," Gwaltney said. On Wednesday, Alameda County fire officials Guier said. "The smells have been an issue here for years, big time," said Rosa Burns, a Fremont woman whose elderly mother lives a few blocks from the industrial plant. "All the neighbors here will tell you about it." Bob Gwaltney, manager of Evergreen's Newark plant, said on March 30 that the odors -- which he termed "fugitive emissions" -- are not dangerous. Inspected the plant and found 28 items in violation of the fire code that need to be corrected, Guier said. Other agencies also have cited and fined Evergreen Oil in recent years. Bay Area Air Quality Management issued five violation notices for odor violations from October 2006 to March 2008, spokeswoman Kristine Roselius said. The fines usually vary, according to factors such as the severity of the incident, the number of complaints and how quickly the company eliminates the smell, Roselius said. But the agency fined Evergreen \$1,000 each time, the maximum allowed by law, she said. Cal-OSHA officials would not comment specifically on the March 29 incident, saying they cannot discuss it while they continue to investigate the incident. However, Cal-OSHA fined the company a total of \$5,095 for 19 health violations found after a February 2007 inspection, Department of Industrial Relations spokeswoman Krisann Chasarik said. The Department of Toxic Substances Control has inspected the Evergreen plant each year since at least 1996, spokeswoman Charlotte Fadipe said. Since 2006, the state agency has fined Evergreen five times for a total of \$53,500. According to Fadipe, the violations included:

- Failing to follow procedures to analyze each load of waste oil for the presence of harmful chemicals.
- Failing to operate secondary containment systems to prevent migration of wastes to the soil during use of its tank system.
- Incomplete paperwork for wastewater treatment systems.
- Cracks and gaps in loading-area floors and containment areas.
- Failing to list qualified emergency coordinators.
- Sloppy record-keeping and log tracking of hazardous waste in trucks and its facility.

The Alameda County Department of Environmental Health also inspected the Evergreen plant Wednesday, but officials will not comment on the inspection or past ones until their investigation of the recent fire is complete, spokeswoman Susan Hugo said.

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A phone message left Friday afternoon for Gwaltney in regard to the list of fines and violations was not immediately returned. Meanwhile, the plant's re-refinery will remain closed until Ray Collier, Newark's chief building official, receives clearances from several state and county agencies, City Manager John Becker said. Collier recently sent a letter to Evergreen Oil outlining requirements the company needs to meet before the city will issue a permit for them to rebuild the re-refinery, said Becker, who plans to meet with company officials by the end of the month. The recent fire is an opportunity for the city and other agencies to take a closer look at Evergreen's operations to ensure that odor releases and the potential for additional fires are reduced, Becker said. "When push comes to shove, they have a lot of things they have to do before they can restart operation at the refinery," he said. "After we get the investigation results and we meet with Evergreen, I'll have a better idea of what needs to happen and what they're going to do to address the situation."

http://www.mercurynews.com/top-stories/ci_17860327?nclink_check=1

USA, W.VA, WILLIAMSTOWN, APRIL 19 2011. CORONER: 3 DEAD IN I-77 BRIDGE CRASH, FIRE >> TANKER TRUCK CARRYING LIQUID NITROGEN

Three people are dead after a fiery crash on the Interstate 77 bridge at Marietta Monday night, Wood County Coroner Mike St. Clair said. The trailer, which was hauling liquid nitrogen, collided with a passenger vehicle in the southbound lanes, resulting in a fiery explosion. The victims were all in the passenger vehicle. The driver of the tanker was not injured, Wood County Sheriff Jeff Sandy said. The victims' bodies were sent to the West Virginia state medical examiner's office for identification, St. Clair said. Traffic was being detoured off I-77 through Marietta and Williamstown as officials kept onlookers at least a half-mile away. Traffic on the Ohio River around the bridge also has been halted. Area fire departments, including Marietta and Williamstown, responded to the scene.

<http://www.mariettatimes.com/page/content.detail/id/535371/Coroner--3-dead-in-I-77-bridge-crash--fire.html?nav=5002>

USA, TX, SWEENEY, APRIL 19 2011. CONOCOPHILLIPS (NYSE:COP) TEXAS EMISSIONS FOUND

Dangerous emissions has been reported at ConocoPhillips (NYSE:COP)'s Sweeny Refinery in Texas. Failure in a pollution control device caused pounds of benzene and 268 pounds of unspecified volatile organic compounds to escape from a waste water treatment tank at ConocoPhillips Sweeny Refinery in Texas. Emissions started at 5:54 p.m. yesterday and repairs are expected to be completed by today. ConocoPhillips the third-largest publicly traded U.S. oil company informed today in a meeting with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

<http://www.emoneydaily.com/conocophillips-nysecop-texas-emissions-found/69812449>

USA, N.J, PATERSON, APRIL 19 2011. CAUSE OF PATERSON CHEMICAL SPIKE IS UNKNOWN

james m. o'Neill

The state has determined that an alarming two-month spike in concentrations of a cancer-causing chemical in [Paterson's](#) air during 2006 was a one-time anomaly and that no lingering or chronic problem exists. The chemical, p-dichlorobenzene, was found at levels 205 times the state threshold for acceptable cancer risk during a 14-month study that occurred in 2006. "We put additional air monitors in place, and there's no evidence that there's any long-term problem based on the data we've seen," said Bob Martin, commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Protection. "There's no data indicating that there's a problem in that area. "The initial trouble spike we saw is no longer occurring," he said. "It appeared to be a one-time spike." The state has been unable to determine the source of the spike, Martin said. The follow-up monitoring effort has focused on [Paterson's](#) 100 block of Broadway, where the spike had been detected in 2006. A \$158,000 grant from the federal Environmental Protection Agency paid for the additional monitoring. In addition to being a carcinogen, p-dichlorobenzene can cause skin and respiratory irritation, headache, nausea, diarrhea, weight loss, and kidney and liver damage. The chemical is used in a wide array of products, including fertilizers, mothballs, urinal cakes and garbage deodorant, and it is used in the production of dyes, pharmaceuticals and insecticides. Martin said the monitoring will be completed by the end of this year, and the DEP will issue a final report early in 2012. The 2006 study that recorded the spike was released in 2010 and also found unacceptably high levels of many toxic chemicals in [Paterson's](#) air, including benzene, chloroform, ethyl benzene, tetrachloroethylene and arsenic. The study noted that Paterson's air, while unhealthy, is no worse than that of other urban areas in the state. Since that study occurred, [Paterson's](#) most significant air polluter, Chart Corp., was sold and shut down by the new owner. Chart Corp., a flavor manufacturer, had reported air emissions of 622,655 pounds of methanol in 2005 alone. Several other top polluters in [Paterson](#) have reported significant reductions over the past few years as well. Crown Roll Leaf, which emits methyl isobutyl ketone, saw a 26 percent reduction in toxic chemical emissions in 2009 from the prior year, and

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Microseal Inc., which emits toluene, reported a drop of more than 100 percent in 2009. To read the full 2006 [Paterson](#) air study, called the Urban Community Air Toxics Monitoring Project, go to state.nj.us/dep/dsr/paterson-study
<http://www.northjersey.com/news/120184669> **Pollution spike a one-time incident.html**

USA, KY, LOUISVILLE, APRIL 19 2011. ETHANOL LEAK SENDS EMERGENCY CREWS SCRAMBLING TO KEEP RESIDENTS SAFE

christi reynard & matt mccutcheon

• **Watch the Video** <http://www.fox41.com/story/14463931/gas-spill-in-rubbertown>

• **Watch the Video** <http://www.wave3.com/story/14463950/ethanol-spill>

• **Watch the Video** <http://www.wlky.com/news-archives/27580382/detail.html>



It may have been a perfect night to sleep with the windows open, but early Monday morning, residents living along Kramers Lane near the Rubbertown and Shively area were urged to close those windows and stay inside after an Ethanol spill at 4920 Kramers Lane. One of the two 24-hour monitoring crews noticed the leak during their safety rounds. A blend of 97% ethanol, 3% gasoline was misting out of a 8,000 gallon tank around 3:30 Monday morning. The Lake Dreamland Fire Department responded with other emergency and environmental crews. "The facility personnel are estimating somewhere between 4,000 - 5,000 gallons that they lost," said Lake Dreamland Fire Department Asst. Chief Jody Meiman. They

first tackled the situation by spraying foam around the area to trap the odor, which can be dangerous in large quantities. A piece of wood was used to stop the leak, while the remaining ethanol blend was placed into another tank at the facility. "It's a bulk distribution facility; we have nine above ground storage tanks that serve wholesale and retail customers in the Louisville area," said John Neal with Marathon. With all that fuel on site - combined with the leaking container - crews scrambled to find the best way to attack the problem, first of all spraying a chemical down to create a blanket. "The layer of foam suppresses any type of vapors and it lowers your explosive limits," Meiman said. Crews then jammed a piece of wood into the hole to plug it while the fuel drained into another tank. While all of that was taking place, crews sounded five emergency sirens, activating a "Shelter In Place" warning so that people would know it was advised to stay inside and close windows. The wind direction and speed was a concern, which also prompted that warning. "The fire department didn't know if they'd be able to stop the leak, you don't know much the tank contains, and it's always wise I think when you may have a container that's full and you don't know to take that precautionary measure," MetroSafe Executive Doug Hamilton. While it may have been a startling sound, it was one welcomed by neighbors. "We heard the sirens this morning so we got up and turned the TV on and we got dressed and waited until we heard it was all clear," resident Mary Murphy said. Where the wind could blow the fumes was the big concern officials had for area residents. "Ethanol is a inhalation hazard in high concentrations and can cause respiratory problems," Hamilton said. Just before 6 a.m., that warning was lifted. No injuries were reported, and it isn't clear how much Ethanol was released. The facility, one of two that service Marathon gas stations in the area, contains nine large storage tanks. The cause of the leak - now estimated to have been about 4,000 to 5,000 gallons - is being investigated, and environmental crews and emergency responders were still at the scene hours after the leak was first reported. The following roads were closed until around 8 a.m. - Kramers Lane, Bubbling Over Drive, and Campground Road, but have since re-opened.

<http://www.wave3.com/story/14463950/ethanol-spill>

USA, CO, DENVER, APRIL 19 2011. CONGRESSIONAL REPORT: 29 HUMAN CARCINOGENS FOUND IN HYDRAULIC FRACTURING FLUIDS >> COMPANIES INJECTED 11.4 MILLION GALLONS OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING AT LEAST ONE OF THE SO-CALLED BTEX CHEMICALS

david o. williams

Between 2005 and 2009, the nation's 14 leading natural gas drilling service companies used hydraulic fracturing fluids containing 29 different chemicals regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) as potential human carcinogens, according to a new congressional report released Saturday. Nationwide, the companies injected 11.4 million gallons of products containing at least one of the so-called BTEX chemicals (benzene, toluene, xylene, and ethylbenzene), [according to the report](#) produced by Democrats on the Energy and Commerce Committee, including Colorado's Diana DeGette. Colorado, along with Oklahoma and Texas, ranked in the top three for the highest volume of fluids containing possible carcinogens. "It is

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deeply disturbing to discover the content and quantity of toxic chemicals, like benzene and lead, being injected into the ground without the knowledge of the communities whose health could be affected," DeGette said in a release. "Of particular concern to me is that we learned that over the four-year period studied, over one and a half million gallons of carcinogens were injected into the ground in Colorado. Many companies were also unable to even identify some of the chemicals they were using in their own activities, unfortunately underscoring that voluntary industry disclosure is not enough to ensure the economic benefits of natural gas production do not come at the cost of our families' health." The commonly used gas drilling practice of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, frees up more natural gas by injecting mostly water and sand, along with undisclosed chemicals, deep into natural gas wells to fracture tight geological formations. The process has been increasingly scrutinized because of concerns about groundwater contamination. DeGette and Colorado Rep. Jared Polis have [introduced legislation](#) that would compel companies to publicly disclose the types of chemicals being used in fracking fluids. Colorado is joining a national effort to [set up a voluntary database](#) for companies to disclose the chemical makeup of fracking fluids, but DeGette and Polis want to remove a Safe Drinking Water Exemption for the process that was granted during the Bush administration in 2005. The latest report also comes from Democrats Henry Waxman, the ranking member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and Edward Markey, ranking member of the House Natural Resources Committee. DeGette, the ranking member of the House Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, joined Waxman and Markey in [releasing a report in late January](#) revealing that the same oil and gas service companies injected more than 32 million gallons of diesel fuel into the ground between 2005 and 2009 – a possible violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act. [Colorado natural gas industry officials concurred](#) with national industry representatives in countering that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) never has set any rules for the use of diesel fuel in fracking fluids. Responding to the latest report, Matt Armstrong, an energy industry attorney, [told The New York Times](#) that the methodology of both congressional reports was flawed. "This report uses the same sleight of hand deployed in the last report on diesel use — it compiles overall product volumes, not the volumes of the hazardous chemicals contained within those products," Armstrong said. "This generates big numbers but provides no context for the use of these chemicals over the many thousands of frac jobs that were conducted within the timeframe of the report." Most oil and gas service companies insist they must maintain the secrecy of hydraulic fracturing ingredients for proprietary reasons. In Colorado, state rules that went into effect in 2009 compel companies to provide the chemical makeup of fracking fluids to regulatory officials and emergency workers upon request.

<http://www.americanindependent.com/179533/congressional-report-29-human-carcinogens-found-in-hydraulic-fracturing-fluids>

UK, NEWBURY, APRIL 19 2011. DIESEL FUEL SPILLS AT STATE POLICE BARRACKS

dave rogers

More than 100 gallons of diesel fuel spilled out of a 500-gallon tank and covered the parking lot at the state police barracks behind Scotland Road with the flammable liquid. Newbury fire Chief William Pearson said the fuel, used to power the barracks' generator, leaked out of a broken line connecting the tank to the building starting around 11:45 a.m. The leak prompted a Tier 1 Hazmat response, bringing not only Newbury fire units but technicians from the Department of Environmental Protection, who were charged with cleaning the spill. Tier 1 is considered the least serious environmental accident. As Newbury firefighters remained on scene to make sure the fuel didn't ignite, a Massachusetts Department of Transportation truck spread sand across the parking lot to absorb as much of the fuel as possible and keep it from spreading to vegetated areas. Diesel fumes could be smelled all around and inside the building. "It's a lot of fuel," Pearson said. Pearson said he didn't expect any difficulties removing the diesel fuel by the end of the afternoon.

<http://www.newburyportnews.com/local/x69803678/Diesel-fuel-spills-at-state-police-barracks>

CANADA, VANCOUVER, APRIL 19 2011. DRIVER IN FUEL SPILL ACCUSED OF DRUNK DRIVING, ASSAULT



A fuel tanker crashed in Goldstream Provincial Park on April 16, 2011.

The driver of a tanker truck that spilled as much as 30,000 litres of fuel into a Vancouver Island river is under investigation for drunk driving and the assault of a police officer. The Columbia Fuels tanker truck rolled over early Saturday evening on Highway 1 at Goldstream Provincial Park, damaging the tank and spilling fuel into the Goldstream River. The 33-year-old driver of the truck was arrested at the scene of the crash and police say he is under investigation for impaired driving and assaulting an RCMP officer during his arrest. The officer was not seriously injured in the alleged attack. Columbia Fuels has suspended the driver, a Nanaimo resident

who escaped the crash without major injuries. The company insists it will work with local First Nations and environmental

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specialists to mitigate the damage. The environment ministry says the spilled fuel could impact fish in the area for years.

http://www.ctvbc.ctv.ca/servlet/an/local/CTVNews/20110418/bc_tanker_crash_investigation_110418/20110418?hub=BritishColumbiaHome

CANADA, VANCOUVER, APRIL 19 2011. FISH DYING AFTER TANKER TRUCK SPILLS GASOLINE INTO GOLDSTREAM RIVER

edward hill



Thousands of juvenile chum and coho are showing up dead in the Goldstream River in the wake of tanker truck that crashed and spilled gasoline into the river Saturday night. Tswaout First Nations fisheries manager Dan Claxton walked the northern section of the river near the estuary Sunday and said its likely thousands of emerging chum fry and coho smolts have perished. "There are literally hundreds and hundreds of dead fish in the lower end of the river," Claxton said Monday morning. "It's just devastating to see that many fish gone. If you look under the banks and logs, there are lots of dead fish." Tswaout members and Goldstream hatchery volunteers had released 8,000 coho smolts in Goldstream River Saturday morning, which Claxton suspects would have been moving through the section of river when it was flooded with an estimated 30,000 litres of gasoline. "A lot (of fish)

are showing up dead. Everything is coming out of the gravel," said hatcher manger Peter McCully. Gasoline gushed into Goldstream River Saturday night after a Columbia Fuels b-train tanker crashed into a rock wall and overturned on the Malahat Drive near Goldstream Provincial Park. West Shore RCMP arrested the driver, a 33-year-old Nanaimo man, Saturday night at Victoria General Hospital on suspicion of impaired driving. He suffered minor injuries in the single-vehicle crash was released from custody at the detachment Sunday. "Alcohol is definitely a factor," said Cpl. Scott Braes with West Shore RCMP. "But there's still a lot of work to be done before we have a charge." Ministry of Environment officials estimate 30,000 litres of gasoline spilled into Goldstream River, a prolific and pristine salmon spawning stream that empties into Finlayson Arm. The fuel truck was also hauling diesel, which officials say did not escape the tanks. The southbound truck crashed and rolled around 6 p.m. Saturday, a few hundred metres south of the Goldstream park entrance and about 10 metres from Goldstream River. Fuel spilled from a wide gash in the tank into a ditch on the west side of the Malahat Drive, and flowed through a culvert directly into the river. The Malahat Drive remained closed overnight and well into Sunday as the remaining fuel in the tanks was siphoned into another tanker, while West Shore firefighters kept the vehicle doused in foam to suppress volatile gasoline fumes. The heavy smell of gasoline saturated the normally cool air of Goldstream park Sunday morning as crews slowly and methodically removed pieces of the truck's drive train in preparation for hoisting the sections upright. At the same time, environmental officials from the federal and provincial governments and private environmental contractors scoured the river and estuary seeking signs of habitat damage or signs of sick or injured wildlife. A Ministry of Transportation aircraft made overpasses of Finlayson Arm Sunday morning to watch for a fuel slick. B.C. Ministry of Environment emergency response officer Alex Grant said the majority of the gasoline should evaporate within 18 hours, based on the volume estimate. "That's what we are expecting and we are going to confirm that by going out on the water," Grant said. "Good news is gasoline floats ... there is a very good flushing action with the Goldstream River. The vast majority (of fuel) will stay on the water and carry out to Finlayson Arm where it will evaporate. "What continues from here is an assessment of where the fuel went. We are taking this seriously. We don't want to see fuel getting out into the environment." Allan Willms, director of operations with Columbia Fuels, said the driver was hired last September and went through a standard development regime, working his way up from short haul trucks to a truck and trailer to b-train runs. Willms said Columbia Fuels has hired several environmental response firms to monitor if the fuel is killing fish or otherwise impacting wildlife and park habitat. As of Sunday morning, "they have been up and down the stream and have found no adverse effects from what we have been told," Willms said. A crane crew spent much of Sunday working to right the tanks and truck cab, which was crumpled and embedded in the canyon rock wall. Fire crews kept the crash scene soaked in foam to provide a measure of safety during the delicate operation to hoist the tanks without igniting residual gasoline vapors. To make the operation more difficult and dangerous, pounding rain, followed by pounding hail the size of marbles, fell over Langford around noon. Langford emergency social services volunteers set up a comfort centre at the Langford Legion last night for drivers trapped south of the Malahat. One person made use of the centre. The Vancouver Island criminal crash investigation team, RCMP South Island traffic services and the integrated collision and re-constructionist section are leading the criminal investigation into the crash. B.C. Ambulance, fire crews from Langford,

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Colwood, Highlands and Sooke, West Shore RCMP, Mainroad South Island Contracting and a number of government environmental and hazardous materials response agencies were on scene overnight.

<http://www.bclocalnews.com/news/120079954.html>

MEXICO, MEXICO CITY, APRIL 19 2011. MAN KILLED WHILE STEALING GAS FROM PIPELINE IN MEXICO



A man died in Sinaloa, a state in northwestern Mexico, while filling a tanker truck with fuel stolen from a Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, pipeline, police said. Moises Rodriguez burned to death on Friday in the explosion and subsequent fire, police said, adding that an AK-47 assault rifle was found near his body. Rodriguez was apparently siphoning fuel from the Pemex pipeline when "the tanker truck exploded," killing him and sending flames shooting into the air, police said. The blast on the Topolobampo-Culiacan pipeline knocked out the power grid in Catime, a town near the city of Salvador Alvarado, Pemex said. The fire was brought under control and Pemex officials temporarily shut down the pipeline to avoid further damage. About 50 illegal taps have been found on pipelines in the state this year, making Sinaloa one of the regions most affected by this crime. Theft of fuel from Pemex pipelines, known in

Mexico as "milking," is common, with both individuals and organized crime groups involved in the illegal activity. At least 30 people died on Dec. 19 when a Pemex pipeline exploded after it was tapped illegally in the central state of Puebla. More than 50 other people were injured in the explosion, which completely destroyed 32 houses and damaged 83 others. Investigators suspect that thieves caused the accident as they illegally extracted fuel from the conduit at pumping station No. 7 in San Martin Texmelucan.

<http://www.iaht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=391859&CategoryId=14091>

CANADA, ALBA, CALGARY, APRIL 19 2011. CLEANING UP THE OILY PAST >> CLEANING OLD WELLS IN ALBERTA'S ORIGINAL OILPATCH IS A TIME-AND MONEY-CONSUMING EXERCISE

kelly cryderman

Calgary developer Ken Till was on his way to making a fortune during Alberta's last boom when his plans ran smack into the legacy of the province's original boom. Till was building the first phase of a new residential neighbourhood in Turner Valley five years ago when workers discovered a small natural gas leak. The source was a 1927-vintage well, the third drilled by the now-defunct McLeod Oil Company Ltd. into a massive oil and gas reservoir underneath his Everwood Estates development. "Had it not been for McLeod No. 3, I would have been a wealthy man," Till laments. In a town that celebrates itself as the birthplace of Alberta's oil and gas industry, it's not unusual to have to clean up old oil sites - some dating back to the First World War - as new lands are developed. So Till called the province's energy regulator, who in turn brought in the industryfunded organization that deals with old wells whose owners have gone bankrupt, or are long buried. The re-drill and repair on the leak cost Alberta's Orphan Well Association \$2.3 million and took more than a year of work. The McLeod No. 3 well has now gone down in the association's books as its most expensive cleanup in southern Alberta. For Till, it was 2008 before he got the allclear to begin selling lots again. By then, the economic recession had struck. "We missed the 2007 real estate boom," the developer says with a sigh. "We would have sold every lot we had." It's hard to go for a walk in Turner Valley without passing near a well, or pipeline, and McLeod No. 3 is just one example of the cleanup the town grapples with in order to grow. The inheritance from past booms, and the province's first taste of oil and gas wealth, is always present in the town built around the Dingman No. 1 well, which gushed in 1914 and reeled in investors and speculators from miles around. Turner Valley's history speaks to the experience of the entire province, and the future cleanups and liabilities other communities could face as other oil booms flare and fade. "There's just pipelines all over Turner Valley. That means anytime you put the shovel in the ground you have to make sure you do all the due-diligence which can be done, and yes, sometimes leads to extra costs," said Turner Valley Coun. Barry Williamson "It does pose challenges. But at the same time I think we've been able to overcome them." Everwood Estates is part of a larger push by leaders in Turner Valley to turn the historic town of 2,200 into a larger bedroom community, emphasizing its close proximity to both Calgary and the mountains. However, historian David Finch, the author of Hell's Half Acre - a recounting of the early days of the province's original oilfield near Turner Valley - says anyone who thinks the town is just another Calgary commuter community is mistaken. The real Hell's Half Acre, which referred to a coulee north of town where roaring flares burned off billions of cubic feet of natural gas day and night, could be seen from hundreds of kilometres away. Winston Churchill, who switched the British Royal Navy from coal to oil, visited the province in 1929 and was moved to invest in three Turner Valley companies. In 1942, the area was providing one-quarter of Canada's oil needs. Finch says the

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petroleum under Turner Valley lured Imperial Oil - the company that in 1947 would go on to drill the massive strike at Leduc No. 1 - to Alberta in the first place Turner Valley, Finch says, "has this legacy that's much more complex and nuanced. A number of cleanup projects have already taken place to deal with that legacy. For instance, the Alberta government, which owns and maintains the town's old gas plant as a provincial and national historic site, will be working on a cleanup on the land around Dingman No. 1 this spring. In May 1914, that well located on the gas plant site spurted crude and ushered in Alberta's oil and gas era. In the mid-1980s, Dingman No. 1 and 2, and the gas plant site became the responsibility of the Alberta government when it purchased the property and took on the environmental liability for the cleanup. Taxpayers have since spent \$16 million on gas plant cleanups, including a system to keep hydrocarbons from leaching into the nearby Sheep River during floods. But a smell of sour gas emanating from around Dingman No. 1, now a capped and abandoned well, has prompted community complaints in recent years. The province says gas is coming from a natural seepage and is not a public health concern. However, the government's plan this spring is to set up a capture system for the natural gas. Private operators are also working to clean up old well sites in the community, and a local joint government and industry committee will host an open house for residents this week in an effort to better co-ordinate and communicate about development and cleanups. Legacy Oil and Gas. Inc., a company that bought major productive stakes in the Turner Valley area last summer, says it's spending \$5 million a year on cleanups on old wells in the area. "We're being very proactive in dealing with a number of sites," says Legacy president and CEO Trent Yanko. Other companies have also been trying to clean up abandoned well sites. For example, ConocoPhillips Canada has spent the past decade cleaning up sites from a list of more than 50 old wells it inherited in the area, drilled by now-forgotten oil companies decades ago. The company says their list has been cut down by more than half. Maureen Nelson, a longtime town resident who had a historic well cleaned up just metres from her acreage-like home, where her horses are now penned and fed, says major progress has been made. "Where we've come in the last 10 years is amazing," Nelson says. "It certainly hasn't affected the scenery." Much of the old wells cleanup in the community has fallen to the Orphan Well Association, which is funded primarily by an annual levy on Alberta's oil and gas industry, and has already spent \$6.3 million in the area. Association manager Pat Payne reports McLeod No. 3 alone cost \$2.3 million. It was extraordinarily expensive because the drilling rig could only operate 12 hours a day, instead of 24, as the well was located just 24 metres from homes. The association had to build a new road to get the rig to the site, as the equipment couldn't make it around the corners and under overhead lines in town. To clean up the well, workers pulled out timber from the original rig, along with links of cable and rocks buried underground. They even found an old drive belt, a large rubber ring, below the surface. "It was kind of unbelievable what they yanked out of the hole," Payne says. However, she adds, it was worth taking the time. "It will be for all the landowners - they will have lots of confidence when they purchase the land. They won't have the same issues as some people in Calmar," she says, referring to a town near Edmonton where old, leaking gas wells forced the recent razing of three homes. Today, on the south side of Turner Valley, much of the Everwood Estates development sits vacant, but lots are slowly being sold. For his part, Till says he spent \$1 million cleaning up other old well sites before his company came across the gas leak from McLeod No. 3. He argues landowners deserve more help from the Alberta government and industry as they clean up old environmental messes. "Our anticipation had been that the province and industry, since both parties have benefited from the oil industry, that they would come forward and help with the cleanup," Till says. The town of Turner Valley is looking for government funding as it lobbies for a gas plant interpretive centre to be built in time to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Dingman No. 1, and the industry's imprint on the province. As Alberta looks to exploit new petroleum resources - and reap billions in royalties from developments such as the oilsands - Coun. Williamson says he wants to make sure the gas plant project, and Turner Valley, aren't forgotten. "It's about not just moving forward on how do you handle the oilsands and what's required in that unconventional play," Williamson says. "It's also about what are the footprints that were left here, from the previous oil play."

<http://www.thestarphoenix.com/news/Cleaning+oily+past/4638643/story.html>

RWANDA, MUHANGA, APRIL 19 2011. WATER, RICE PRODUCTION IN MUHANGA AFFECTED BY TRUCK OIL SPILL

daniel sabiti

The water supply in Muhanga District has been disrupted following the accident of a tanker transporting fuel to the Democratic Republic of Congo. A Somali national travelling in vehicle, identified as Abdi Saleh Jesse, 25, died when the fuel tanker overturned at Rugeramigozi marshlands in Nyamabuye Sector, Muhanga District. The accident led to an oil spill, as tonnes of diesel flowed into the nearby rice farms, contaminating the EWSA water sources at the Gifumba water station. According to sector officials, water supply in Gitarama town would be affected for at least three days, due to the accident. "We have received an alert from EWSA, and we advise residents to be patient, to use other sources of water, as the problem is being sorted out," a sector official, Jean Baptiste Mugunga, said on Sunday. Rugeramigozi rice farmers fear that their harvest could

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be affected as the diesel continues to spill over 200 hectares of rice farms. "The damage caused by the diesel has not been determined, but some farmers say that it might take years for the clean up," Mugunga said Jesse was buried at the Muhanga District cemetery, with the help of the Muslim community and some Somali truck drivers who were part of the convoy. Police said that over speeding was the probable cause of the accident. On Sunday evening, a Rwanda Defense Forces (RDF) rescue team, managed to remove the trailer from the rice farmlands, after the accident had blocked traffic on the Huye-Kigali highway. Residents were seen scooping diesel as it flowed into the water sources. However, security officials managed to disperse them.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104190006.html>

INDIA, MANGALORE, APRIL 19 2011. CLEANER OF A TANKER KILLED

Khadar, cleaner of a tanker, was killed when the vehicle fell into a roadside ditch near Jokatte in Mangalore taluk on Saturday. Panambur police who have registered a case of fatal accident attributed the incident to rash and negligent driving by Mohammed Khadar sustained serious injuries and died on the spot.

http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2011-04-17/mangalore/29444163_1_tanker-bantwal-temple-festival

UK, HEMEL, APRIL 20 2011. PETROL TANKER SMASH CLOSES A41

10 were injured in a dual carriageway pile up with a petrol tanker, a van and up to eight cars. Ambulance crews from Watford and Hemel Hempstead rushed to the scene on the westbound A41 about half a mile from the M25. Four fire engines went and one person had to be cut from a vehicle. At least seven police cars rushed out after a 9.15am call-out. The Herts Air Ambulance flew a seriously injured woman to the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel. Police expected the road to reopen by the evening as The Gazette went to press. Gary Sanderson, a spokesman for East of England Ambulance Service (EEAS), said: "This was a very delicate incident to deal with." Ring police on 0845 33 00 222 if you saw the incident.

http://www.hemeltoday.co.uk/news/petrol_tanker_smash_closes_a41_1_2608096

SCOTLAND, LANARKSHIRE, APRIL 20 2011. STRATHAVEN ROAD CLOSED AFTER TANKER OVERTURNS



The tanker was left lying in a field.

Emergency services have "stabilised" a tanker which overturned during a delivery in South Lanarkshire, spilling some of its 35,000 litres of gas oil. The tanker came to rest on its side in a field, on the B743 near Strathaven, just before 0630 BST. The driver was treated for shock and minor injuries and the road is expected to remain closed for some time. A 200m-radius hazard zone was put in place and two homes were evacuated while the tanker was made safe. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue said about 150 litres of gas oil had escaped from six relief valves on top of the tanker. It has sought advice from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency about possible contamination. The fire service said the vehicle had now been

"stabilised" and gas oil was "being decanted by the relief fuel and decanting vehicle now on site". Officers will remain on scene until the vehicle is righted and taken away. The accident has caused long tailbacks in both directions on the A71 through Strathaven. Local diversions have been set up but there are also delays in the area due to roadworks.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-13126442>

USA, TX, GEORGETOWN, APRIL 20 2011. SUN CITY HOMES EVACUATED DUE TO FUEL SPILL

noelle newton & rebekah hood

Watch the Video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoFPvyd_8K8

Watch the Video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZC-Hsl9TlFA>

Watch the Video http://austin.ynn.com/content/top_stories/277866/sun-city-residents-allowed-back-in-homes-after-fuel-spill

Power was cut to 200 Sun City homes at 5 p.m. Tuesday for one hour while crews tried to make an overturned fuel tanker truck upright. About 142 homes were evacuated in Sun City after a tanker truck accident left 3,500 gallons of gasoline on Del Webb Boulevard near Whispering Wind Drive in the Sun City subdivision in Georgetown. It happened around 8 a.m. Tuesday when police say the driver looked down for a second. When he looked back up, his truck was headed for a ditch. He over corrected, and his truck turned over. The impact tore the side of the truck, allowing a free flow of gasoline. Georgetown police,

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fire, a hazardous materials crew and other emergency personnel responded to on the scene. As of 12 p.m. crews were working to ground the overturned tanker truck in order to minimize any potential spark from a static charge. Fire crews monitored vapors in the area for any potential danger of explosion. The truck driver was on his way to a convenience store. It was his first stop of the day, so he had a full load of 6,000 gallons of gas. The fuel not spilled was pumped out of the overturned truck into an empty tanker. Gasoline leaked for about seven hours, but firefighters used sand to absorb the gas, preventing it from flowing into nearby Berry Creek. Estimates are that 20 to 30 gallons of fuel were spilling per minute. Nearby residents were evacuated as a safety precaution while crews cleaned up the spill. Red Cross set up a temporary shelter at the Sun City Ballroom at 2 Texas Drive. Barbara Brown spent the day in the Red Cross shelter. "The people across the street from me back up to the creek bed where it happened. So, I was glad to leave," Brown said. No injuries of residents were reported. The driver suffered minor injuries and was taken to the hospital. Once the truck is removed state environmentalists will dig below the ground to assess the damage. The area is over the environmentally-sensitive Edwards Aquifer. Residents were allowed to return to their homes around 6 p.m.

<http://www.kvue.com/home/Sun-City-homes-evacuated-due-to-fuel-spill-120209354.html>

USA, N.J, BERGEN CO, MAYWOOD, APRIL 20 2011. MAYWOOD OFFICIALS WORK TO CONTAIN OIL LEAK

monsy alvarado

Borough officials on Tuesday were working to contain an oil leak from an underground storage tank, which they say has reached a local brook. Borough Administrator Thomas Richards said he doesn't know how much oil escaped and how far it has traveled, but said the source is a 1,000-gallon heating oil tank located in a private parking lot behind businesses on West Pleasant Avenue. He said the oil tank cap had fallen off, allowing rain water to enter the underground container and the oil to ooze out into a nearby storm water drain. He said rainfall that had seeped into the ground surrounding the container also contributed to the oil leak. "The overflow was going into the storm line," he said. Town officials were notified of the leak this weekend, and the owner was ordered to remove all of the oil in the tank. "Landlord was told to pump it out on Saturday," Richards said as he stood near the storm drain which is surrounded by absorbent pads. "Apparently it refilled again on Monday." Monday night, [Rochelle Park](#) police received a call from a resident who was standing along the banks of the [Saddle River](#) who reported a smell of fuel, said Township Committeeman Frank Valenzuela. He said police and members from the [Bergen County](#) Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team then began to investigate, which led them to [Maywood](#). "Due to all the rain, it had [dissolved] quite a bit, but they were able to track it back," Valenzuela said. [Bergen County's](#) HAZMAT, [Maywood](#), [Rochelle Park](#) and [Lodi](#) officials were called, and all descended on the parking lot Monday night, Richards and Valenzuela said. Valenzuela said township officials reported that a sheen of oil had been spotted along a creek that goes through [Maywood](#) and [Rochelle Park](#), and eventually spills into the [Saddle River](#). "It may have made the river, it wasn't seen," he said. On Tuesday, absorbent pads could be spotted in the creek near the [Maywood](#) Center for Health and Rehabilitation on West Magnolia Avenue. An employee at the county's HAZMAT office referred calls to a county spokesperson, who did not immediately return a call. The owner of the parking lot where the underground tank is located, Joseph Gassib, did not immediately return a call on Tuesday. Richards and Mayor Timothy Eustace said Gassib has already obtained a permit to remove the underground tank, which hasn't been used for more than 15 years. Richards said that is when the owners likely converted their heat source from oil to gas. Valenzuela said the State Department of Environmental Protection was notified.

http://www.northjersey.com/news/041911_Maywood_officials_work_to_contain_oil_leak.html

USA, CA, ROSEVILLE, APRIL 20 2011. TRAIN EXPLOSION 38 YEARS LATER >> PERSONAL MEMORIES LIVE ON AMONG SOME ROSEVILLE RESIDENTS

sena christian

The curator of the Carnegie Museum spends her days keeping the history of Roseville alive. And Phoebe Astill has no problem recalling April 28, 1973, a day that shaped the modern history of this city. On that day, an ammunition train explosion destroyed much of the Roseville rail yard and sent debris flying for miles into surrounding neighborhoods. "I remember it very well," Astill said. "It was a very rude awakening. I was in bed and it threw me out of bed onto the floor." Thirty-eight years later, the episode lives on with a presentation about "The Day Roseville Will Never Forget," hosted by the Roseville Historical Society on Friday, April 29, at Veterans Memorial Hall. The event serves as the group's first fundraiser of the year. The society, with 115 members, relies on membership dues and donations to stay afloat. During the program, retired Southern Pacific Conductor Walt Wilson will present photos and eyewitness accounts of the train explosion. "There's a lot of personal information," Wilson said. "About 20 minutes for an introduction and a 20-minute slide presentation." The self-described

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"history nut" and Auburn resident began researching the explosion about two years ago. He interviewed people who lived in the area at the time and obtained a copy of the Federal Railroad Administration report, giving him more details. Wilson worked for Southern Pacific for 40 years and retired in 2002. He transferred from Los Angeles to northern California in 1978. "I started working with these people never knowing they were involved with train explosions," Wilson said. On that fateful day in 1973, the train had 103 cars — 21 of which contained bombs — and arrived at the Antelope receiving yards in Roseville at 6:30 a.m. About 300 bombs per car, or 7,000 total, were being transported over Donner Summit on their way to the Navy Depot in the San Francisco Bay Area. At 8:04 a.m., the bombs started exploding after a boxcar caught fire. The massive explosions created huge plumes of smoke, destroyed buildings, mangled rail sections and left huge craters in the ground. Windows were shattered four miles away. Thousands of people gathered on nearby roads and Interstate 80 to watch. Around 50 people were injured but no deaths occurred. "A girl got her eye put out, that was the most severe thing," Wilson said. "They were really, really lucky." Astill lived across from the Placer County Fairgrounds, which was a couple miles from the explosion. When she heard the blasts, she thought an airplane might have crashed as it attempted to land at McClellan Air Force Base. She rushed outside but didn't see anything, and returned to her house. Then another explosion occurred. "I had a small son so I didn't do a lot of running around trying to see what was going on," Astill said. Her husband was at Odd Fellows Hall in Roseville's Historic Old Town for a benefit breakfast. As he stood in front of a large commercial stove flipping pancakes, a large detonation hit and he was thrown a few feet away. Police officers evacuated people to the fairgrounds. Astill and her husband remained there for a while but then returned home to watch the television news. Bombs continued exploding throughout the afternoon. The last two blasts occurred the next day. Over the next few weeks, clean-up efforts took place. "There was a lot of work ahead for (some residents) to get their houses together or find a new place to live because some houses were destroyed," Astill said. She had a friend who lived in Antelope about one-eighth of a mile from the railroad tracks. The family had to tear down their house because it was so badly damaged. The floors looked like a roller coaster and doors shifted to an angle. "It's one of our milestones we've gone through, that we hopefully never have to go through again," Astill said.

<http://rosevillept.com/detail/176573.html>

UK, WALES, CEREDIGION, APRIL 21 2011. FIREFIGHTERS ESCAPE BLAST AS BLAZE KILLS LIVESTOCK >> TANK RUPTURES, SPILLING HUNDREDS OF LITRES OF BURNING FUEL

sam malone

Firefighters had a lucky escape after a fuel tank containing around 750 litres of diesel exploded while they tackled a blazing barn which killed nine sheep and eight lambs. Crews were called at 8.22pm yesterday to a large barn containing significant quantities of hay, livestock and general farm equipment in Llanarth, near New Quay in Ceredigion, which was engulfed by flames. The Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service said crews from New Quay, Aberaeron, Lampeter, Llandysul, Newcastle Emlyn and Aberystwyth were involved, with specialist vehicles from Llanelli and Tumble. Soon after their arrival, the fire spread to three diesel tanks causing one to rupture and spill hundreds of litres of burning fuel onto the farm yard. The fuel surrounded one of the fire engines which was parked around 20 metres causing irreparable damage. A Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service spokesman said: "Firefighters saved two of the tanks but due to the severity of the fire one tank ruptured causing approximately 750 litres of burning fuel to spill onto the farm yard which ran downhill engulfing one of the fire appliances which was parked approximately 20 meters away. "Due to the swift actions of the firefighters no one was injured and firefighters continued to fight the blaze in the barn preventing further spread to nearby properties and farm equipment." She added the cause of the fire, which was brought under control around 1.20am, will now be investigated. Officers from Dyfed-Powys Police were involved in diverting traffic away from the area.

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/2011/04/20/firefighters-escape-blast-as-blaze-kills-livestock-91466-28552549/>

USA, TX, PORT ARTHUR, APRIL 20 2011. WORKER FOUND DEAD AT MOTIVA

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Justice of the Peace Brad Burnett has ordered an autopsy to determine the cause of death of a contract worker who died while he was working at Motiva Refinery in Port Arthur. Judge Burnett tells 12 News HD that it was Monday around 5:15 p.m. When workers saw a 52-year-old man slumped over on a scaffold. The man, who is from the Philippines was brought down and transported to Christus Hospital St. Mary where he died just before 6 p.m. The cause of death is unknown but Judge Burnett does not suspect any foul play. According to our news partners at the Beaumont Enterprise, the contractors told Judge Burnett there was welding equipment on the scaffold with the man. Motiva is in the middle of a multi-billion dollar expansion project.

<http://www.kiiitv.com/story/14470154/worker-found-dead-at-motiva>

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USA, CA, SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL 20 2011. OIL SLICK SPOTTED AT AQUATIC PARK; SOURCE UNKNOWN

mike aldax

Authorities are trying to find the source of a wide oil slick spotted at San Francisco's Aquatic Park on Tuesday morning. The "light rainbow sheen" was called in around 6:30 a.m., U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Laura Williams said. The sheen "came in on an ebb tide," she said. Because it was such a wide sheen, authorities said it was difficult to estimate the amount of pollution. The oil sheen appeared to be evaporating, which is a positive sign, Williams said. The National Park Service and marine patrol are investigating.

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/2011/04/oil-slick-spotted-aquatic-park-source-unknown>

USA, CO, MONUMENT, APRIL 21 2011. RAILROAD HAZMAT CREW ARRIVES, ASSESSING ACID LEAK BEFORE STARTING TRANSFER

matt steiner

• **Watch the Video** http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_17891413

• **Watch the Video** <http://www.kdvr.com/news/kdvr-train-acid-leak-evacuation-20110420.0.748584.story>

• **Photo Gallery [4]** <http://www.gazette.com/news/monument-116559-homes-train.html>

• **Photo Gallery [12]:**

<http://photos.denverpost.com/mediacenter/2011/04/train-chemical-leak-prompts-evacuations-near-monument-2/#6>



A vapor of gas from hydrochloric acid leaking from a train tanker car can be seen at the back of the tanker, right, in Monument, Colo. It has prompted the evacuation of 255 homes on Wednesday, April, 20, 2011. Residents of another 160 homes are expected to be evacuated Wednesday afternoon once crews start to transfer the remaining load of acid to another tanker as a precaution in case more acid leaks or causes an explosion. Evacuees are being told to take supplies for 48 hours, in case the cleanup takes longer than expected.

Hydrochloric acid leaking from a train car has forced evacuations of 250 homes in the Monument area Wednesday morning and the cancellation of classes at Lewis-Palmer District 38 schools. El Paso County sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Mike Schaller said the crew on a southbound train noticed vapor coming from a tanker car on a northbound train around 1 a.m. and notified authorities. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight train was stopped on a siding just south of Monument and west of Interstate 25 near Wagon Gap Trail and Elk Valley Trail. The cause of the leak has not been determined, Schaller said. Hazardous materials crews stopped the leak around noon by applying a magnetic patch to the tanker, railroad spokesman Lena Kent said. The patch was a temporary fix until a railroad crew trained to deal with toxic chemicals could be flown in from Fort Worth, Texas. The BNSF crew arrived around 2 p.m. and was assessing the leak before beginning the eight- to 10-hour job of transferring the acid to another tanker. As a precaution, authorities planned to evacuate residents of another 150 homes in the Past Times neighborhood and on Trumble Road while the chemical was being transferred. That was canceled after the tanker was moved farther away from residential areas. Once the chemical is secured, residents who've already been advised to leave were likely to be allowed to return to their homes, officials said. Until the temporary patch was applied, about a cup per minute of the acid was leaking from the tanker, which holds more than 20,000 gallons. "The concern obviously would be a vapor cloud," Schaller said before the patch was applied. "Right now that cloud is contained around the car because of the cool temperatures and high humidity." No serious injuries have been reported, and Kandi Buckland, executive director of the El Paso County Department of Public Health and Environment, said the immediate threat had passed by mid-afternoon. "I think everything is well under control," Buckland said. "It doesn't appear we have any lingering health effects." Inhaling hydrochloric acid can have varied effects depending on the amount of exposure, according to various Internet sites. Initial contact can result in coughing, chest pain and a sore throat. More intense exposure can mean burning of the respiratory tract, coughing up blood, shortness of breath and fluid building up in the lungs. Reverse-911 calls were made to the 250 homes in the Santa Fe Trail subdivision just before 6 a.m. Deputies and Monument Police were going door-to-door to warn residents still in their houses. A shelter was set up at Grace Best Elementary, 66 Jefferson Street in Monument, that can accommodate 461 people. If more space is needed, Palmer Ridge High School also could be used as a shelter. Among those forced to leave in a hurry were Todd Fowler, 47, his wife Kelly, 43, their three teenage children. They arrived at the school around 7 a.m. with their three dogs. Todd Fowler said their phone rang about 5:20 a.m. When his wife checked the message, she said, 'You've got to listen to this because you won't

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believe me when I tell you," Fowler said. Denise Vezey and her 23 year old son Andrew were at the shelter Wednesday morning with their Maltese shitzu, Snickers. At 8 a.m. they were getting ready to go stay with her brother at his home in Palmer Lake. The Vezey's just moved from Black Forest into their house in the Santa Fe Trail subdivision Friday. "I'm not even unpacked yet," Denise Vezey said.

<http://www.gazette.com/news/monument-116559-homes-train.html>

CZECH REPUBLIC, PARDUBICE, APRIL 21 2011. SEMTEX PLANT EXPLOSION: 4 MISSING, 7 INJURED

tom jones

4 people are missing after an explosion at the factory that produces the plastic explosive Semtex; at least 7 people were injured.

Four people are missing, presumed buried in debris, following a powerful blast early on Wednesday morning in the Semtín, Pardubice region at the Explosia factory — famous for producing the plastic explosive Semtex. Seven people have been treated for injuries sustained in the blast, mostly from flying glass. "We don't yet know the details about the explosion, but four of our employees are missing. Currently, we're assessing the extent of the damage," Jaroslava Doležalová, a spokeswoman for the company Synthesia, which owns the Explosia factory, told the server Aktualně.cz. The blast occurred at 6:45 a.m. on Wednesday morning. As of 11:00 a.m., a team of dog handlers that arrived at the scene still had not begun searching for the missing employees as emergency services had warned there was a risk of a further explosion. The blast destroyed a part of the Explosia factory's production plant measuring roughly 10 by 10 meters. Vendula Horáková, spokeswoman for the Pardubice region fire brigade, told Czech Television (ČT). She said that the blast is thought to have been caused by nitroglycerine — an odorless, highly-explosive and volatile substance used in the manufacture of dynamite and plastic explosives — but that no toxic gases had been detected in the air around the plant. Although there are no reports of people outside the plant sustaining injuries, the blast was felt up to 10 kilometers away and the windows of two shops nearby were shattered. Photos taken by local residents show a large plume of smoke rising from the factory. "The wave from the blast was so strong that it shook our entire apartment. We thought it had happened somewhere just around the corner," a resident of Lázní Bohdaneč, some four kilometers from Smetín, was quoted as saying dailyLidovské noviny. The Explosia factory's staff were strictly forbidden from speaking with journalists, Aktualně.cz reported, but an employee who agreed to speak to the news server said the blast was probably caused by human error. "Judging by the location of the explosion, it was most probably caused by a mistake when mixing nitrocellulose with nitroglycerine. It was most likely human error — the failure to observe basic safety rules," said the employee, who wished to remain anonymous.

Not the First Time

Wednesday's blast at the Explosia plant was not the first. On May 28, 1984, gunpowder in storage exploded killing five people and injuring almost 200. The blast left a large crater in the ground where the storage warehouse stood; nearby buildings were damaged and the wave of the blast broke windows up to 20 kilometers away. The gunpowder combusted when a truck scrapped against a loading ramp causing sparks. Founded in 1920, the Explosia's factory is famous for the production of the odorless plastic explosive semtex, which was developed there in the 1960s and named after the village of Samtín where the plant is located. Semtex was supplied to communist North Vietnam during the Vietnam War. The explosive gained international notoriety after it was used to blow up Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie in 1988. The Czechoslovak state arms trader Omnipol sold around 700 tons of semtex to Libya from the mid-1970s to the early 1980s. The explosive was used in several bomb attacks by the Irish Republican Army (IRA). Following the fall of the Iron Curtain, Explosia committed to adding detectable substances to all semtex produced. Explosia says that semtex now accounts for only a small percentage of the company's output.

<http://www.ceskapozice.cz/en/business/companies/semtex-plant-explosion-4-missing-7-injured>

USA, KY, MUHLENBERG CO, APRIL 21 2011. TRACTOR TRAILER OVERTURNS RESULTING IN ETHANOL SPILL

According to KSP officials, John Lord, a 36-year-old Princeton Indiana resident, was traveling southbound on the Pennyrile Parkway in a 2007 International Tractor Trailer. Lord had merged into the left hand lane to allow a slower moving vehicle to exit the parkway at exit 8. As Lord merged left his trailer, for unknown reasons, swerved into the median. The trailer then struck a guardrail causing his vehicle to overturn onto the driver's side. The rear of the trailer then struck a concrete sign support causing the rear of the trailer to rupture spilling approximately 7700 gallons of Ethanol onto the roadway and into a ditch line on the shoulder of the roadway. Mr. Lord's vehicle then continued southbound on the driver's side coming to final rest blocking both southbound lanes and the exit lane. There were no injuries in the accident.

<http://www.isurfmuhlenberg.com/news/local-news/8723--tractor-trailer-overturms-resulting-in-chemical-spill-.html>

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USA, TN, PLEASANT VIEW, APRIL 21 2011. I-24W REOPENS AFTER TANKER WRECK IN CHEATHAM CO.

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A tanker carrying 8,000 gallons of ethanol overturned on Interstate 24 East near New Hope Road.

A tanker transporting a highly flammable chemical crashed on Interstate 24 in Cheatham County Wednesday, creating a major traffic tie-up that was not expected to be fully cleared until tonight, said the [Tennessee](#) Department of Transportation. The wreck was at mile marker 29 just before exit 31. A witness said that a sport-utility vehicle pulled in front of the tanker very quickly. The tanker tried to avoid hitting the SUV but overcorrected and landed on its side. No one was injured, but the chemical, vinyl methyl ether, was spewing from the tanker for about an hour. Vinyl methyl ether is an industrial chemical that is highly flammable, according to Ricky Read, the assistant chief of Cheatham County EMS. He estimated that 700-

800 gallons spilled on the interstate. TDOT brought in sand to dam up the liquid and direct it to a ditch, so crews can dig a hole, create a pond and contain it. A 4 p.m., TDOT reopened I-24 West, but eastbound lanes remain closed. White foam was sprayed onto the truck to prevent the chemical and its vapors from spreading. A second tanker truck had arrived at the scene by 4 p.m. The remaining 7,000 gallons of the chemical will be transferred to that truck. The one alternate route, Highway 41, was severely backed up. TDOT spokeswoman B.J. Doughty said the wreck may not be fully cleared until 9 p.m.

<http://www.wsmv.com/traffic/27612621/detail.html>

USA, TX, LUBBOCK, APRIL 21 2011. ONE DEAD IN TWO-VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN SLATON >> TANKER

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.kcbd.com/story/14476910/two-vehicle-accident-on-the-slaton-hwy-turns-fatal>



Firefighters in Slaton extinguished remaining hot spots of a fire Tuesday that engulfed a pickup upon collision with a tanker truck and spread to the grass at the edge of U.S. 84. The driver of the pickup died in the accident.

Motorists driving on U.S. 84 into Lubbock on Tuesday afternoon met some traffic delays caused by a fatal accident in which a pickup struck an empty tanker truck and became pinned under its side. The Chief Medical Examiner's Office in Lubbock on Tuesday evening had not confirmed the identity of the pickup driver, pending dental records, said Lt. Rick Lewis of the Slaton Police Department. He said the driver was a male between ages 50 and 60. The accident occurred on the highway at around 2:15 p.m. near the intersection of County Road 3300. According to a witness, Slaton Police Chief Royce Goodson said, the black pickup traveling east on U.S. 84 drove over the right shoulder, overcompensated and swerved over the

median into oncoming westbound traffic and collided with the tanker truck. A Slaton detective traveling on U.S. 84 at the time saw the collision and watched as flames completely engulfed the truck and damaged the side of the tanker truck, Lewis said. "The detective said it sounded like an explosion, a loud bang," Lewis said. Part of the pickup wedged between the front and back tires under the front passenger-side of the tanker truck, which dragged the pickup about 400 feet before stopping on the shoulder. The driver of the tanker truck did not suffer any injuries. Investigators did not yet know what factors may have contributed to the crash, and medical examiners had yet to determine the cause of death. The vehicle fire spread to grasses on the westbound shoulder, and diesel from the tanker truck's fuel tank spilled onto the road, Lewis said, but the tank on the truck was empty. About a dozen firefighters from Slaton and Buffalo Springs fire departments quickly doused the blaze. At first, Jeep Haney, whose house faces the accident site, thought something had hit his house due to the strong winds. He heard multiple sounds of tires blowing out that shook the whole house, he said. When he saw the tanker truck, he said, he immediately grabbed his two dogs and jumped into his truck to get away in case the tanker truck exploded. Several feet west, employees of All American Chevrolet witnessed the aftermath of the crash — the flames and heavy black smoke rising from the side of the roadway. "The flames got really high, and it got really dark," said Staci Madrid, a sales consultant. "But the firefighters put it out quickly. I'm glad no one else got hurt." The accident reduced westbound traffic to one lane near the crash site until about 6:30 p.m. and briefly slowed down eastbound travel as well.

<http://lubbockonline.com/local-news/2011-04-20/one-dead-two-vehicle-accident-slaton>

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