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### UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC, ABU DHABI, MARCH 30 2011. WORKERS AT 'LETHAL' SHAH GAS PROJECT TO NEED AIR TANKS, SHELTERS



*Safety Concerns Shah poses a technical challenge because the gas it contains is mostly sour, or high in hydrogen sulfide, which can be fatal if inhaled.*

Partners in Abu Dhabi's \$10bn Shah natural gas project are adopting stringent safety measures to neutralise potentially deadly hydrogen sulfide contained in the deposit, a contractor for the facility said. Abu Dhabi National Oil Co and Occidental Petroleum Corp are designing their project around a "red zone" designating the most dangerous area where workers will be required to wear breathing tanks, said David Schulte, an engineer with contractor Fluor Corp. The facility will provide shelter and clean air to workers in case hydrogen sulfide is released into the atmosphere, he said. "A big percentage of the plant is considered lethal," Schulte said at a conference in Abu Dhabi today. Shah poses a technical challenge because the gas

it contains is mostly sour, or high in hydrogen sulfide, which can be fatal if inhaled. The project, scheduled for completion by the third quarter of 2014, is located in a desert area about 180km from the city of Abu Dhabi, the capital of the UAE.

<http://www.arabianbusiness.com/workers-at-lethal-shah-gas-project-need-air-tanks-shelters-390701.html>

### GERMANY, LOWER SAXONY, LINGEN AN DER EMS, MARCH 30 2011. INFERNO AT GERMAN OIL REFINERY >> TANKER SHIP BLOWS UP ON THE EMS

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The inferno took all night to get under control after a barge being loaded with premium gasoline exploded on a canal in northwestern Germany. No one was seriously injured in the incident, but the cause of the blast remains unclear. Firefighters battled an inferno on a German canal after a tanker caught fire while being loaded with highly-flammable fuel. A police spokesman in the town of Lingen an der Ems, in the northwestern state of Lower Saxony, confirmed a series of massive explosions rocked the ship near an oil refinery on the Dortmund-Ems canal where the ship was being loaded late on Monday evening. A significant

amount of fuel leaked out, with firefighters spending hours trying to tackle the blaze. Eventually, they brought the flames under control, preventing them from spreading to fully-loaded tankers nearby. All five crew members on the ship escaped the inferno, according to police, although one of the men suffered minor injuries. The ship, which had around 900,000 liters (238,000 gallons) of premium gasoline on board, eventually sank next to the dock, with one section still sticking up out of the water. The gasoline also leaked onto the dock and caught fire, a police spokesman said. The six firefighters were able to prevent the flames from spreading across the surface of water with the use of a special foam. But the mixture repeatedly reignited -- and there remains a risk of both fire and explosion, the police said. The firefighters will try to absorb the fuel over the course of the day. Traffic on the Dortmund-Ems canal was stopped following the incident, while roads in the immediate vicinity of the refinery were closed during the night as a precaution. Nearby residents have been asked by the police to keep doors and windows closed due to the soot, although no other harmful substances have been found in the air. The cause of the explosion is still being investigated.

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### INDIA, ADURAI, MARCH 30 2011. 6 KILLED IN FIREWORKS FACTORY EXPLOSION

Six persons, including two women, were charred to death when an explosion ripped through a fireworks factory in Tuticorin on Monday evening. Police said K Arumugam (54) of Madurai, who owned the factory in Mukkani near Athoor in Virudhunagar district, had received orders for the temple festival season. Eight persons including Arumugam, were working in the factory when a loud explosion ripped through one of the rooms where the fireworks were stored. The room was reduced to rubble and the explosion was heard five km father according to Mukkani villagers. As the rooms had been covered with asbestos sheets the fire spread to other rooms destroying them completely. Fire service personnel fought the fire for more than an hour, but as

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darkness set in they had difficulty searching for the injured. Later, some of the villagers found the mutilated body of a victim about 150 meters away from the explosion site in a banana plantation. He was later identified as Murugan (52) of Kayal. Three other bodies that of Chittirai Sekar (55) of Sivakalai, Chellappa (50) of Mukkani and his wife Isakkiammal (48) were found a little later. On Tuesday morning, the bodies of Petchiammal (45) and that of another worker Alwar were recovered from the banana plantation in a charred condition. Tuticorin district collector C N Maheswaran told TOI that mishandling during storage could have been a reason for the explosion. The owner Arumugam and a worker Sudali managed to escape. A case has been registered.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/Six-killed-in-fireworks-factory-explosion/articleshow/7820741.cms>

### USA, OH, ASHLAND CO, PERRY TWP, MARCH 30 2011. ROWSBURG: RECLINING MAN MAKES QUICK DASH AFTER TANKER CRASH

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<http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/article/20110329/NEWS01/110329004/1002/news01/Reclining-man-makes-quick-dash-after-tanker-crash>



Ed Lingler was lying in a living room recliner a little before 8 a.m. today when a tanker hauling 8,000 gallons of fuel crashed through his wall. The 52-year-old saw debris go flying, then took off running. "I thought I was in an earthquake," Lingler said. "You couldn't see anything. It was just dust and insulation everywhere." The tanker truck crashed into the home at 58 U.S. 250 near Rowsburg shortly after 7:50 a.m., said Sgt. Robert Fulmer of the Ashland Post of the Ohio Highway Patrol. No major injuries were reported. Fulmer said the tanker truck was heading west on U.S. 250 when it struck a Chevrolet Trailblazer making a left turn on Township Road 1400, causing the tanker to veer off the right side of the road. The tanker crashed through several trees and struck the corner of a white two-story house, knocking off the chimney and bringing the vehicle to a stop. The driver of the truck was trapped

inside the cab by pieces of chimney. Fulmer said the vehicle's gas tank ruptured, but the 8,000-gallon tanker did not. Traffic on U.S. 250 was halted or rerouted as safety crews extricated the driver and arranged for the fuel to be taken away from the tanker. "This really could have been a lot worse," he said. Names of the drivers involved in the crash have not yet been released. Joshua Knapp was at his adjacent property when the crash occurred. Knapp, 24, also owns the property that was damaged and rents it out. "I heard a really big rumble, a crash and felt everything shake, and looked out the window and saw the truck sticking out of the house," he said. "I saw the gentleman I rent the house to running out the back door. Thank goodness he wasn't injured."

<http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/article/20110329/NEWS01/110329004/1002/news01/Reclining-man-makes-quick-dash-after-tanker-crash>

### UK, LONDON, MARCH 30 2011. ROYAL DUTCH SHELL TO SELL STANLOW REFINERY FOR \$1.3BN



*Stanlow refinery near Ellesmere Port refines 270,000 barrels of oil a day.*

Royal Dutch Shell has agreed to sell Stanlow refinery, the UK's second-biggest oil refinery, to India's Essar Energy in a deal worth \$1.3bn (£814m). The Stanlow plant near Ellesmere Port employs 960 people and accounts for about 15% of total production from the UK's oil refineries. Essar said it had no plans to make any redundancies at the plant, which refines 270,000 barrels of oil a day. The deal is expected to be completed in the second half of this year.

#### 'Regional Benefit'

Shell said the deal was part of its drive to focus on larger assets. "On completion, [the sale] means we will have reduced our global refining exposure through a combination of asset sales and closures by a total of 1.6 million barrels since 2002," said Mark Williams, the company's downstream director. Frank Willsdon, general manager of Stanlow, said the deal served the refinery's future well. "It can only benefit staff, business partners and the local community and region," he said. "After many years with Shell, we now look forward to a smooth transition and moving forward with Essar."

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### NIGERIA, KANO, MARCH 30 2011. THESE CHILDREN LOST THEIR LIVES TO KEROSENE EXPLOSION

kola oyelere



The three children, Mohammed, Fatimah and Abdujabar,

The persistent scarcity of kerosene in the country has, over the years, created a lot of problems for many families and businesses. It has, in some cases, caused havoc and irreparable losses to many families across the nation. During the periods of kerosene scarcity, it had affected many salary earners income, forcing them to opt for firewood or in some cases, gas. However, it is common knowledge that the use of gas for cooking in Nigeria is common among the upper class of the society because it does not come cheap. The family of Mallam Isyaku Bashir will never forget this year's kerosene scarcity experience, after the irreparable loss he suffered. The 40-year-old Mallam Bashir has a sad story to tell. He is one of the many of families in Nigeria who have lost their loved ones to kerosene explosions. The reason for kerosene explosions is not far to seek. Due to scarcity, many retailers resort to various dubious means to make profit and in some cases, other commodities are mixed with kerosene. According to Bashir, this was what happened in his case which resulted in the loss of three children. On that fateful day, while struggling to make life easy for his family, he went to the market in Kano and bought kerosene to be used for cooking. Unknown to him, that same commodity would cause untold hardship and suffering to the family. He gave the kerosene to one of his children while he decided to take a little rest outside the house, in preparation to have his meal. Few minutes later, he was roused by shouts of fire from his house. He wondered what could have started a fire in his house. However, when the reality of the situation dawned on him, he and other people then rushed to salvage items from the fire. All positive attempts made by the good samaritans, however, proved abortive when it was discovered that the fire had already wreaked havoc on the innocent family. Three of his children lay dead when the smoke from the fire cleared. Narrating his ordeal to the Nigerian Tribune, he said, "the incident occurred on the first of February, when I was informed that there was not enough kerosene in the house. I went out and bought the kerosene, after which I came back home and I gave the keg of kerosene to one of my children. "All of a sudden, I heard the shouts of fire! fire! I was informed that the house was on fire," Mallam Bashir narrated, stating that even before he got to the scene of the incident, many good Samaritans had made spirited efforts to put out the fire as well as rescue any person(s) who could be trapped inside the house. "Despite the spirited efforts of the people to rescue both lives and property, the damage had already been done as my innocent children, three in number, had been consumed by the fire. What compounded the whole effort, was that the children, out of confusion, in order to escape from the fire, rushed inside the rooms when the living room was already gutted by the inferno, instead of rushing out of the house. As a result of this pathetic situation, the rescue operation could not achieve any positive result, because while they were struggling to put out the fire in the sitting room so as to gain entrance into the room where my children rushed into. "Before the rescue operation could get into the room, my children they had already suffocated and burnt nearly beyond recognition. My little boy, Muhammed, who was just four years old, died instantly, while Fatimah, seven and Abduljabar, 6, died later," he lamented. Hajara, his wife, he said, was still on admission in the hospital while his brother, Umar and Muhammad Sanni, had been discharged. "I learnt that the sad incident occurred when one of them was pouring kerosene into a lantern that was already lit. Unknown to him, the kerosene that I bought was adulterated and within a

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short period, the lantern exploded." "With the present situation, there is nothing I can do but to accept all that happened to me as the wish of Allah, because this is a pathetic situation to me and my family," Mallam Bashir said. He thanked all the people that rallied round him during the sad incident, especially Alhaji Ahmad Ibrahim Yakasai, who he said not only came to the hospital to condole with him, but also paid the hospital bills. When the Nigerian Tribune spoke with the kerosene seller, one Sale, he said that he was not aware that the kerosene was adulterated. "I could not sleep throughout the night. I have been in the business for many years and this kind of ugly situation has never happened to me in life," he said. Many people that were interviewed over the sad incident, called on the federal government to, as a matter of urgency, find a lasting solution to the kerosene scarcity, because some greedy people in the society were capitalising on it to enrich themselves, to the detriment of innocent citizens, by adulterating the product. They called on the government to come to the aid of the masses and ensure that the scarcity of products that have a direct impact on the immediate society, are made readily available, to avoid cases such as Mallam bashir's. However, Bashir, from his words, may have resigned to fate but the question is, how many more have to die before the issue of fuel scarcity becomes a thing of the past.

<http://tribune.com.ng/index.php/features/19646-these-children-lost-their-lives-to-kerosene-explosion>

### USA, ME, WASHINGTON CO, COLUMBIA FALLS, MARCH 30 2011. 1,000-GALLON FUEL SPILL CONTAMINATES PLEASANT RIVER AND SALMON HATCHERY

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<http://new.bangordailynews.com/2011/03/29/news/100-gallon-fuel-spill-contaminates-pleasant-river-and-salmon-hatchery/>

At least 1,000 gallons of off-road diesel fuel leaked from a truck at Foss Construction Co. overnight Monday, sending fuel into the Middle River, the Pleasant River and through vital smelt spawning beds. "This is a mess," Robert Shannon of the Department of Environmental Protection said while overseeing the cleanup. Shannon said his crew and Clean Harbors Inc. would be on site for days and it could be weeks before the fuel dissipates from the 3½ miles of affected river. "It's kind of like the perfect storm," Shannon said. "We have a ground spill that enters a brook, which feeds a stream [that flows] into one river that connects with another and ends up at a fish hatchery and spawning grounds." Even the weather was too good, he said. "If it would rain, it would help dissipate the fuel," he said. The liquid spilled from a broken fuel pump on a tanker truck parked at Foss Construction, which has been operating from Tibbets Road for 45 years. Randall Foss said the company "will clean it up and go on. We are stepping up, accepting responsibility and doing whatever we have to do." Foss said his company was insured for the cleanup costs, which he estimated at \$15,000 to \$20,000. By early afternoon, 28 yards of contaminated soil had been removed from the company's yard, and 300 gallons of diesel fuel had been recovered from the ground. DEP's attention, however, was strongly focused downstream at the Pleasant River Hatchery, operated by the Down East Salmon Federation, where the river empties into a saltwater estuary and millions of smelt eggs were being deposited by spawning smelt. The smell of fuel was heavy in the air both inside and outside the hatchery and a sheen was visible on the river. "This is not good," said Dwayne Shaw, the hatchery director. A major research project at the hatchery has been compromised, Shaw said, and the fate of 135,000 hatching salmon eggs in a laboratory is unknown. "We shut down the intake pipes from the river," Shaw said, "but we don't know if we did it in time." Shaw said hundreds of smolts, young salmon, have been raised in the hatchery for two years as part of a research project documenting the effects of acid rain in New England. "They were just about to be released," Shaw said. Although he said the research will still be documented, it has been compromised by the introduction of the fuel into the fish's water. Shaw said that outside the hatchery, millions of smelt eggs were getting ready to hatch in the gravel beds at the mouth of the Pleasant River. "This is some of the best smelt spawning habitat on the East Coast," Shaw said. "And they are spawning right now." Alongside the river, in an ancient smelt shack, smelt harvester Sewell Look, 73, was readying his gill nets for another night of fishing. He is one of only eight commercial smelt fishermen still harvesting on the East Coast. "We could smell it last night when we were pulling the nets. Then we could see it on the water," Look said. Look has been fishing for smelts for 60 years, since he was 13, he said. He sells to private customers, restaurants and grocery stores. "But now I'm some worried about it," he said. Monday night wasn't a good night for him — he hauled in 98 pounds of smelts, compared with 262 pounds on March 23 — and Look said he is worried about how the fuel will affect the last two days of the harvest. "And what about those eggs?" he asked. "That's next year's catch." Shannon said the DEP will remain at the scene for several days, digging up the contaminated soil and fuel at the source. Already four booms have been stretched across the rivers to slow the flow. Shannon said DEP personnel will walk the entire length of the waterways from the spill to the sea as part of the mitigation.

<http://new.bangordailynews.com/2011/03/29/news/100-gallon-fuel-spill-contaminates-pleasant-river-and-salmon-hatchery/>

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### USA, CA, HANFORD, MARCH 31 2011. HANFORD CONTRACTOR FACES LAWSUIT FROM FUEL TRUCK DRIVER OVER WASTE SPILL

*annette cary*

A Richland man has filed a lawsuit against CH2M Hill for injuries he said that he received after radioactive waste from an underground tank spilled in central Hanford in July 2007. Lonnie Poteet is claiming that while some workers were warned and alerted not to enter the vicinity of the spill, he was not. Poteet was working as a fuel truck driver for former contractor Fluor Hanford when the spill occurred at the S Tank Farm, which was operated by a different former contractor, CH2M Hill Hanford Group. Court documents show that Poteet drove his truck into the 242-S Parking Lot just outside the fence of the S Tank Farm fence line the morning of the spill to fill a diesel tank there. The spill had occurred hours earlier inside the fence at the end of a night shift as workers were operating a pump to retrieve waste from Tank S-102. CH2M Hill was responsible for pumping waste from single-shell tanks into sturdier double-shell tanks for storage until the waste can be treated. About 85 gallons of radioactive waste spilled onto the ground starting around 2:20 a.m. when a pump clogged, according to earlier Department of Energy and regulator reports. CH2M Hill workers ran the pump in reverse to try to fix the problem. But the pumping system lacked back-flow equipment and waste backed up into a rubber hose that ran above ground to feed water to the pumping operation. The hose burst and spilled waste onto the ground. Workers detected an unusual radiation reading, but dismissed it as waste trapped inside the transfer line. The contaminated ground was not discovered until almost 8 hours later around 10 a.m., according to a Department of Energy investigation. The lawsuit said liquid around the pump pit was discovered at 10:07 a.m. About 10 a.m., Poteet drove into the 242-S parking lot, according to his lawsuit filed in Benton County Superior Court against CH2M Hill-owned Hanford contractors. CH2M Hill has filed to move the case to Eastern Washington Federal District Court. Poteet was checking labels on compressors, pumps and generators near the tank farm fence line at 10:15 a.m., when he was told he was going "to be detained for a little bit," according to his complaint. He moved and secured his fuel truck and then went around 10:30 a.m. to the building indicated, a double-wide trailer, according to the complaint. At the same time, a "take cover" alarm sounded. The lawsuit claims CH2M Hill Hanford Group was negligent, not just in its pump system design and pump maintenance, but also in its safety practices following the spill. As a result, Poteet suffered permanent and severe personal injuries, according to the lawsuit. No further information about his injuries was provided in the lawsuit or by Poteet's attorney, Mark Schoener, of Seattle. Poteet did not answer his phone. A DOE Type-A investigation completed in fall 2007 said that 11 workers reported symptoms they believe might have been related to the spill. The investigating board concluded chemicals likely were not present in sufficient quantities in the air to cause significant health problems, but did acknowledge that concentrations of chemicals could not be precisely determined. Two people were within 10 feet of the spill shortly after it occurred, and one of them later reported symptoms. Other people who reported symptoms were all to the west of the spill and at least 132 feet away, according to the DOE investigation. The investigation report did not identify the people involved. The report also raised the possibility that symptoms could have been caused by herbicide spraying the morning of the spill or by sequestering the workers for hours in a hot, unventilated trailer after they were ordered to take cover. The lawsuit estimated the size of the spill as larger than determined by DOE at as much as 120 gallons spread over 200 square feet. The tank

<http://www.thenewstribune.com/2011/03/30/1605220/hanford-contractor-faces-lawsuit.html>

### USA, VI, ST JOHN, APRIL 1 2011. LOBSTER BOAT RUNS AGROUND ON ST. JOHN, SPILLS FUEL

*karen hollish*

A 30-foot fishing boat ran aground Tuesday morning near the mouth of Mary's Creek and Leinster Bay on St. John, piercing its fuel tank and spilling about 50 gallons of diesel fuel into V.I. National Park waters. Officials from the National Park Service, St. John Rescue, U.S. Coast Guard and Sea Tow responded about 10 a.m. to reports of the MV Rosaly sinking off of Mary's Point. Using flotation bags to float the boat, Sea Tow transported it to St. Thomas Independent Boat Yard, park superintendent Mark Hardgrove said. None of the four people who were on the boat were injured. As soon as weather conditions are favorable, the National Park Service will send divers out to assess any damage caused by the fuel spill, Hardgrove said. That assessment will include taking video footage of the area's coral. Depending on the results, the Park Service could require the boat's owner to pay for any environmental restoration work that needs to be done, Hardgrove said. "In this case, I think it was a rocky bottom, and I think the boat took the worst of the beating," Hardgrove said. Hardgrove said Coast Guard officials will be inspecting the boat and taking reports to determine the accident's cause. "This was a single-boat accident in daylight waters under pretty good conditions," Hardgrove said. "So we're interested to find out what the circumstances were."

<http://virginislandsdailynews.com/news/lobster-boat-runs-aground-on-st-john-spills-fuel-1.1125427#axzz1ILGIkOfG>

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### CANADA, WINNIPEG, APRIL 1 2011. GASOLINE LEAKING AFTER DERAILMENT



*Crews work on five derailed cars in the CN Symington rail yard on Lagimodiere Boulevard in Winnipeg Thursday.*

Gasoline is leaking into an east Winnipeg rail yard after a derailment early Thursday evening. At about 6 p.m., 10 cars went off the rails at Symington Yard during normal yard operations, said CN Prairie spokesman Warren Chandler. Nobody was injured in the incident and it is not yet known why the cars derailed. But one toppled car is leaking gasoline into the yard, Chandler said. CN crews responded quickly to the derailment, Chandler said, and are working to get the mess cleaned up. The rail yard is located just off of Lagimodiere Boulevard near Fermor Avenue. It is not yet known what caused the derailment or how much gasoline may have leaked into the yard, and an investigation is continuing.

<http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/Gasoline-leaking-after-derailment-119031819.html>

### AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, WHYALLA, APRIL 1 2011. SANTOS FIGHTS OIL SPILL CLEAN-UP ORDER

**MAP:** [Whyalla 5600](#)

Oil and gas producer Santos is appealing against an order by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to do more to clean up an oil spill at its processing plant in South Australia's Upper Spencer Gulf. The leak was found two years ago at the Port Bonython plant and Santos built a trench around it to stop groundwater from being contaminated. In its latest sustainability report, Santos says it has complied with its obligations and will appeal against a further site remediation order. Greens' MP Mark Parnell says he is concerned Santos will not be held to account. "Santos would know that when disputes like this have arisen in the past, the Government has often sided with the polluter and against their own EPA," he said. "What the Government needs to do in this case is to make sure the EPA has all the resources it needs to insist that Santos cleans up its mess. "The EPA has a responsibility to the public to make sure that the polluter does pay and they pay the whole cost of cleaning up this oil spill."

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/04/01/3179796.htm>

### USA, FLA, FORT MYERS, APRIL 1 2011. TWO ARRESTED IN WEDNESDAY FUEL SPILL

**Watch the Video** <http://www.abc-7.com/Global/story.asp?S=14352194>

On Wednesday, March 30 a Fort Myers Police Officer spotted a white, Dodge pickup truck pulling a trailer with a black fuel tank on the flatbed of the trailer. The tank was pouring fuel from a lower drain. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the Edison Bridge. The driver and passenger got out of the truck and capped the open valve. Investigators estimate 100 gallons of fuel from the 500 gallon tank spilled onto the roadway and into the river. In addition to FMPD, the Fort Myers Fire Department, U.S. Coast Guard, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection responded to the incident. A sand truck was used in the cleanup efforts. The bridge and surrounding roads reopened at 5:30 p.m. Police have arrested Brian Stewart of North Fort Myers and Anthony Hallmon of Arcadia for polluting water/land, "discharging a pollutant" under F.S. 376.302.

<http://www.winknews.com/Home/2011-03-30/Fuel-spill-causes-traffic-headache-Wednesday-afternoon>

### INDIA, BANGALORE, APRIL 1 2011. UNHEALTHY WORK AT PETROL BUNKS

*umesh r yadav*

While the policy makers are terming the growing young population of the country as the greatest asset, many young men and women who put in long hours as petrol pump assistants are being robbed of their health. The constant exposure to petroleum vapour, which contains benzene that is used as an anti knocking agent in unleaded gasoline, poses great health risks to people working at the bunks. They are prone to skin diseases. "This is my third year in the petrol bunk and I am loosing hair," said Manjunath (25) who works at a petrol pump on Old Airport Road. "While eating we don't get the taste of food and I have been suffering from skin irritation and rashes ever since I joined work." He said sometimes they work continuously for 48 hours and skin irritation gets worse during those days. "Blisters appear by the second day and it becomes almost impossible to hold a pipe again for the next few days," he said. Almost all the bunk staff have breathing problem. "I have throat pain, headache and hair fall problems," said Karthik who works at a petrol bunk. "I spend most of my earnings to get treatment for hair fall and headache." Most of the assistants working at petrol pumps and gas stations will have one or the other health problem. "After

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working at a petrol pump, no one can be healthy. Customers don't understand our problem and they don't switch off their vehicles while at the filling station, which causes a lot of pollution," said C Ramesh, a petrol pump assistant suffering from various health problem. Researches have proved that constant exposure to petroleum vapour can cause various pulmonary and gynaecological disorders. This also leads to loss of appetite and heart problems. Ramya N C, who is working with a petrol pump at Old Airport Road for the last three years, said there were 20 female assistants at the bunk and most of them complained of headache and stomach ache because of the smell of petrol and diesel. "Nowadays, I am not getting my periods on time," she said. "We get Rs 3,000 per month as salary and it is not enough for our daily expenses. How can we afford medical expenses." She said most of her colleagues, especially girls, faced a lot of health problems. Her friend, Kamala, left the job as she was suffering from respiratory problems, which was caused by working for more than one year at a pump. She said the girl had developed an allergy to the smell of petrol and diesel and complained of health problems regularly. The exposure to road pollution adds to their problems as most pumps are located in busy areas. The assistants at the bunks get a starting salary of Rs1,500 to Rs 2,000 and get up to Rs 4,000 by the time they complete three years. Some of the employees are covered under ESI, but 70 per cent of them are finding it difficult to undergo proper treatment with the meagre salary since they are not covered under medical insurance. Karnataka Petrol Bunk Association President Ravindranath said they can't afford medical insurance as "owners get only a small commission in selling the fuel". "The government or the oil companies should take the initiative in providing safety measures to the workers," he said. "All we can do is to cover them under ESI and EPF."

<http://expressbuzz.com/cities/bangalore/unhealthy-work-at-petrol-bunks/261218.html>

#### **USA, CA, TORRANCE, APRIL 1 2011. EXXON SAYS WORKER INJURED AT TORRANCE REFINERY YESTERDAY**

*paul burkhardt*

[Exxon Mobil Corp](#) said a worker was injured yesterday at its Torrance refinery in [California](#). The worker was hurt while performing his duties and was hospitalized, Aarti Ramachandran, a refinery spokeswoman, said in a telephone interview. "According to medical personnel, the employee's injuries are not considered life-threatening," said Ramachandran. She declined to comment on where the incident occurred and what equipment may have been involved. The 155,800-barrel-a-day plant is expected to meet contractual obligations, she said. The state Division of Occupational Safety and Health is investigating the incident, said Krisann Chasarik, a spokeswoman for the agency in [San Francisco](#). No further details were available, she said.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-03-30/exxon-says-worker-injured-at-torrance-oil-refinery-yesterday.html>

#### **USA, MI, BATTLE CREEK, APRIL 1 2011. GRANHOLM SAYS MICHIGAN OIL SPILL RESPONSE 'WHOLLY INADEQUATE'**

*sarah lambert*



*Oil cleanup: Raul Vervuzco of Eagle Services uses a suction hose to clean oil from atop the Kalamazoo River on Wednesday in a containment area in Augusta. A company operating a pipeline that dumped more than 800,000 gallons of oil into a southern Michigan river said Wednesday that it is doubling its work force on the containment and cleanup effort.*

Michigan politicians and Enbridge Inc. officials on Wednesday continued to clash over the adequacy and timeliness of the company's response to an oil spill into the Kalamazoo River. On a day when Enbridge announced it had effectively doubled initial efforts to clean up after a pipeline malfunction sent an estimated 819,000 gallons of crude into Talmadge Creek near the boundary of Marshall and Fredonia townships, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and U.S. Rep. Mark Schauer, D-Bedford

Township, continued to slam the company's response. Tom Sands, the deputy state director of emergency management for the Michigan State Police, said Wednesday evening that he had spotted a sheen of oil past the Morrow Dam near Galesburg, the location where Environmental Protection Agency officials had sought to stop the flow.

#### **Coast Guard Called**

Speaking with Sands on a conference call with reporters, Granholm described Enbridge's cleanup efforts as "wholly inadequate," and said the oil's breach into a federally designated pollution area on the Kalamazoo River "completely explodes the amount of money needed to address" the spill. Granholm said Enbridge's response had prompted authorities to call in the U.S. Coast Guard. The Coast Guard has assessed the spill by air and will send a team to work with the EPA to assist in the

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cleanup, Sands said. Enbridge, meanwhile, maintained that it was ramping up its response to the crisis. Terri Larson, the company's public affairs manager, said after the company canceled an evening news conference on Wednesday that the oil had not reached past Fort Custer Recreation Area. Enbridge was set to install an additional five booms and double its manpower along the river Wednesday, President and CEO Patrick Daniel said.

#### Frank Discussion'

The announcements came after a Tuesday night meeting between Granholm, representatives from Enbridge, and federal, state and local officials. Daniel described the briefing as a "frank discussion." "We do appreciate the governor having been here and my opportunity to hear directly from her where her biggest concerns were," Daniel said. "She has very valid questions, and everyone in the community does."

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20100729/NEWS01/7290342/Granholm-says-Michigan-oil-spill-response-wholly-inadequate-?odyssey=nav|head>

#### USA, NE, DUNBAR, APRIL 1 2011. MAN DIES AFTER SEMI CATCHES FIRE >> HAZMAT CREWS EVALUATING SITUATION

[Watch the Video http://www.ketv.com/mostpopular/27373715/detail.html](http://www.ketv.com/mostpopular/27373715/detail.html)

Highway 2 remains closed near Dunbar, as authorities investigate a fatal crash that caused a gas tanker to roll and a semitruck to catch fire. According to officials, the gas tanker, which was hauling unleaded fuel, was traveling east on Highway 2 before 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, when it slowed to turn south onto state Highway 67, just outside of Dunbar. A semitruck hit the tanker from behind, and the impact caused the semitruck to catch fire, authorities said. The driver of the semi that caught fire was trapped in the cab and pronounced dead at the scene, according to Nebraska State Patrol officials. The driver of the tanker truck was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Nebraska City with non-life-threatening injuries. The gas tanker rolled after the collision, and gas is leaking from the truck. Witness Steve Wilson said he ran to help the driver of the gas tanker when he came upon the crash. "(He was) shook up. I mean really shook up. But that's to be expected. I was shook up just watching it," Wilson said. Wilson said the flames made it impossible to reach the other trucker, trapping him inside the burning cab. Despite that, Wilson said he knew things could have gotten worse. "We're just all lucky, I mean, it was sad that there was one guy killed, but we're just lucky it wasn't more. Because if that tanker would have blown up, it could have gotten all of us," Wilson said. In addition to the Highway 2 closure, both lanes of Highway 67 have also been shut down. State patrol and the Otoe County Sheriff's deputies are diverting traffic to county roads due to safety concerns. Hazmat crews are also on the scene evaluating the situation. Officials expect the road closures to be in place for an extended period of time. The crash is still under investigation.

<http://www.ketv.com/mostpopular/27373715/detail.html>

#### USA, CO, PARK CO, JEFFERSON, APRIL 1 2011. SEMITRAILER OVERTURNS, SPILLS DIESEL AND GASOLINE >> 5,000 GALLONS SPILLED, SAYS PARK COUNTY UNDERSHERIFF

**mike potter**



An overturned semitrailer was spilling gasoline and diesel fuel as of 12:30 p.m. Thursday near a creek that feeds Tarryall Reservoir along Country Road 77, southeast of Jefferson. By 12:55 p.m., emergency crews believed that Tarryall Reservoir was not immediately threatened by the spill. "The waterway is not in danger," said Colorado State Patrol spokesman Nate Reid. "We thought that at first, but it's not in danger." Park County Undersheriff Monte Gore said Park County Road and Bridge crews are on scene trying to build a berm to contain the spill, which he said was around 7,000 gallons. That figure was later revised to about 5,000 gallons. The crash happened sometime before noon on Thursday about 4.3 miles down County Road 77, also known as Tarryall Road, from its intersection with U.S. 285.

<http://theflume.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=1&ArticleID=7958>

#### USA, TX, JEFFERSON CO, APRIL 1 2011. BENZENE SUIT FILED AGAINST 13 COMPANIES

**david yates brown**

Lee Bertrand and his wife, Sally, have filed suit against DuPont de Nemours and 12 other companies, alleging the defendants manufactured and sold benzene products which allegedly caused the man's cancer. The petition was filed March 28 in

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Jefferson County District Court. The other defendants named in the suit include CRC Industries, Dow Chemical, Ineos Chlor America, Brance Krachy, Vallen Safety, Able Fastener, McJunkin-Cambar, Wilson Industries, PPG Industries, Exxon-Mobil, ExxonMobil Oil and Mobil Oil. In his suit, Bertrand says that throughout a period of many years up to the late 1990s, he was employed as an independent contractor at DuPont and ExxonMobil facilities in Beaumont. During his employment, he alleges he was exposed to benzene products. In August, Bertrand was diagnosed with renal cell carcinoma of the kidney, court records show. The suit blames the defendants for negligently placing benzene products into the stream of commerce, exposing workers such as Bertrand to carcinogenic compounds. The plaintiffs are suing for punitive and exemplary damages. Beaumont attorney Darren Brown of Provost Umphrey represents them. Judge Milton Shuffield, 136th District Court, has been assigned to the case.

<http://www.setexasrecord.com/news/234471-benzene-suit-filed-against-13-companies>

#### USA, VA, NEWPORT, APRIL 1 2011. EXXON MOBIL FACES \$25 MILLION MESOTHELIOMA VERDICT

The jury of a circuit court in Newport News, Virginia has announced a \$25 million verdict against Exxon Mobil in an asbestos lawsuit filed by a former shipyard worker Rubert "Bert" Minton, 72, making it one of the largest verdicts in Virginia personal injury history. Minton was a ship fitter in new construction for seven years at Newport News Shipbuilding before being made repair supervisor on commercial vessels between 1966 and 1977. During his 18 years of service, Minton repaired 17 Exxon commercial oil tankers. Now, Minton suffers from [mesothelioma](#), a rare cancer of the protective lining of the body's major organs and cavities that is caused almost exclusively by prolonged asbestos exposure. According to mesothelioma experts, this aggressive and incurable cancer takes decades to develop and often affects the lining of the lungs because inhalation of asbestos is the primary means of exposure. Minton allegedly inhaled billions of microscopic, carcinogenic asbestos fibers while working at the shipyard. This exposure has resulted in a [mesothelioma prognosis](#) of just two more years to live. After a nearly three-week trial, the jury delivered its verdict within just one day of deliberation. Minton was awarded \$12 million in compensatory damages, \$12.5 million in punitive damages and \$430,961 in medical expenses plus interest. The jury awarded two and a half times more in punitive damages than the requested \$5 million. Exxon Mobil is expected to appeal the verdict.

<http://www.mesothelioma.com/news/2011/03/exxon-mobil-faces-25-million-mesothelioma-verdict.htm>

#### USA, MA, NANTUCKET, APRIL 1 2011. FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO FUEL SPILL AT COAST GUARD STATION BRANT POINT

jason graziadei



*Members of Coast Guard Station Brant Point and Nantucket firefighters were at the scene of a fuel spill Thursday afternoon.*

As much as 45 gallons of diesel fuel spilled from a home-heating unit at Coast Guard Station Brant Point Thursday afternoon, but crews were able to pump it out of the ground and clean up the site, according to senior chief T.J. Malvesti. The fuel spill was reported just after 3:30 p.m. Thursday when a tank connected to the station's home-heating unit "burped" and back-flowed out of a vent, Malvesti said. The fuel could be seen pooling on the ground outside one of the station's buildings, and the smell was heavy in the air downwind of the spill. "It's all cleaned up, and we were able to do it ourselves," Malvesti said Friday. "We pumped it into a 55-gallon barrel, and I would say there was between 30 to 45 gallons spilled. It was all recovered and we turned up the soil, so it's pretty much secured at this point."

Malvesti added that the state Department of Environmental Protection was notified, and a representative from the agency will be on Nantucket Monday to inspect the affected area.

<http://www.ack.net/fuelspill033111.html>

#### INDIA. HYDERABAD, MATIARI, SEKHAT, APRIL 1 2011. THREE SCHOOLCHILDREN CRUSHED UNDER TANKER

mehram raj

Three children died in an accident on their way to school on Thursday. A speeding oil tanker flipped over and rolled off the National Highway near Sekhat Town, Matiari. A large group of students was passing by just when the accident occurred and five of the children were caught under the tanker. Twelve-year-old Ghulam Murtaza, 10-year-old Sher Muhammad Kalhoro and eight-year-old Eidain Kalhoro were killed while students Imran and Allah Dino sustained injuries. The injured students were given primary care at the Matiari Taluka Hospital and were then sent to Civil Hospital, Hyderabad. The driver of the tanker

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managed to escape but police managed to detain the cleaner, Ismail, who hails from the Punjab. They have also impounded the tanker. No FIR was registered till the filing of this story. The tanker, PLF498, was heading from Karachi to Lahore. The children were on their way to the Sher Khan Dakhanoo government primary school for boys. The school is located around 20 feet away from where the accident happened, on the main highway. The students belonged to Sekhat Town and Sher Khan Dakhanoo village. Sher Muhammad and Eidain were cousins. The news of the accident brought people from both the town and village onto the streets. Hundreds of residents gathered for the funeral prayers and burial of the three children. They were laid to rest in the Sekhat graveyard. Matiari DCO Saqib Soomro has announced Rs100,000 in compensation each for the families of the victims.

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/140471/three-schoolchildren-crushed-under-tanker/>

#### TURKEY, KOCAELI PROVINCE, İZMIT, APRIL 1 2011. FUEL OIL SPILLED IN İZMIT'S KÖRFEZ



*Around 1 ton of fuel oil was spilled into the sea in the Kocaeli province during a fuel oil transfer from a Turkish tanker to a Georgian tanker.*

Around 1 ton of fuel oil was spilled into the sea in the Kocaeli province during a fuel oil transfer from a Turkish tanker to a Georgian tanker, the Anatolia news agency reported on Wednesday. Because of a break in a pump, approximately 1 ton of fuel oil was spilled into the sea from the Turkish ship "Ural – 1" to the Georgian ship "Amal" at the Rota Port in Kocaeli province's Körfez region. The Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality Environment Protection Chamber Directorate started the process of cleaning up the fuel oil, which damaged the top layers of the sea. Authorities fined the ship "Amal" 40,000 Turkish Liras for causing environmental pollution.

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/n.php?n=fuel-oil-was-spilled-in-izmit8217s-korfez-2011-03-31>

#### UK, NORTH FEATHERSTONE, APRIL 2 2011. 'FIRE RAINING FROM THE SKY': FLAMES TOWER OVER SUBURBAN STREET AFTER DIESEL TANK EXPLOSION

Watch the Video <http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/3505764/Inferno-of-Featherstone.html>



*Inferno: The diesel explosion in Featherstone towered above houses while dozens of people were evacuated.*

Firefighters and police forced dozens of people out of their homes last night, as a fire at a transport depot, believed to have been caused when a diesel tank exploded, towered over a suburban street. Thirty firefighters - especially called in from the surrounding boroughs - battled with the blaze, which started in Featherstone last night at about 5pm, and two people were being treated for minor injuries. They managed to save two houses close to the Welburn Transport depot from catching fire. Some 62 properties within 200 metres of the blaze were evacuated - and residents have been told will not be allowed to return to their homes until later this evening at the very earliest. Stay away! Some 62 houses

within a 200 metre radius of the blast were forced to be evacuated and an exclusion zone has been enforced and remains in place around the area. In addition three roads have been shut off, and are expected not to be opened until tonight. A West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service spokesman said that one person had sustained burns and another was suffering from smoke inhalation when acetylene gas cylinders exploded. One onlooker said: 'A 450-litre tank of diesel fuel exploded sending a fire ball hundreds of metres in to the air of burning diesel fuel. 'It was just fire raining down from the sky, the people - mainly residents in the process of evacuating - were screaming and running from the heat as the fuel began to fall. The heat was unbearable I really thought we were all going to die.' Rachael Smith, a local resident, told the BBC: 'There were mini

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explosions, and big explosions. 'There were massive flames, black billowing smoke over the church, white smoke and some bangs. 'It was horrendous.' A statement from West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service said: 'Firefighters from Featherstone, Pontefract, Castleford and Knottingley were called to the commercial garage in Church Lane at 5.17pm yesterday (31 March). 'At its height more than 30 firefighters tackled the blaze, saving nine nearby buildings (two of which backed on to the workshop). 'Two men who suffered minor injuries were taken to hospital. One suffered smoke inhalation and the other suffered flash burns. 'West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service fire investigation officers are currently working with West Yorkshire Police to establish a cause.' Workers will have to wait until tonight - or tomorrow morning - to determine how it was started, as the cylinders have not yet cooled to a manageable level, a spokesman told MailOnline. Station Manager Stephen Fealy, who was incident commander in the early stages of the incident, said: 'We would like to thank the evacuated residents for their co-operation in what was a very challenging incident. 'We understand it caused enormous inconvenience, but in cases like this public safety is our priority. 'Thanks to the swift response and quick-thinking of firefighters we were able to ensure the fire did not spread to nearby buildings.'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1372322/Fire-raining-sky-Flames-tower-suburban-street-diesel-tank-explosion.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

### **USA, TX, CENTER, APRIL 2 2011. FIRE CHIEF: TANK EXPLOSION >> AIR:DIESEL FUEL MIX CAUSES CENTER FIRE**

jeff awtrey

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**Watch the Video** <http://www.ksla.com/Global/story.asp?S=14361411>

**Watch the Video** <http://www.kltv.com/Global/story.asp?S=14361561>

A diesel tank explosion caused a fire at a manufacturing plant in Center Thursday afternoon, according to the Center Fire Department. According to Fire Chief Keith Byndom, a malfunction of a tank seal caused air to mix with diesel fuel and caused the tank to explode at the Omni plant, located at the intersection of Loop 500 and U.S. 84 South. The plant is a relatively new business in Center, Byndom said, and his department had not had a chance to do a walk-through of the facility. However, Byndom said the plant did an excellent job of following a safety plan. The tank itself was designed to explode up, instead of out, to prevent more explosions. "The explosion blew the top of the tank 50 yards, and that top landed about 50 yards from the tank," Byndom said. Byndom said the fire department arrived at the scene shortly after the fire was called in, around 4:15 p.m. They immediately began pouring foam in the tank to extinguish the fire and also sprayed the tank on the outside to cool it, to keep other tanks from exploding. "There was a lot of danger for about 20 minutes, then everything went back to normal," Byndom said. "The fire department did a great job. The guys got their quickly did everything by the book. They actually used some forklifts on the site to get a more direct attack at the tanks." Nobody was injured in the fire. The Omni plant is a recycling plant which uses drilling mud to make useful items.

<http://www.ktre.com/Global/story.asp?S=14365529>

### **CANADA, ONT, HALTON, APRIL 2 2011. PRICE TAG OF \$11 MILLION ON SPILL**

avid lea



*Price tag of \$11 million on spill. Clean Up: The site of the cleanup by Trans-Northern Pipeline as of last summer. Containment booms were initially set up on the creek underneath the Radial Bridge on Rebecca Street.*

"I really think they put their nose to the ground and did right. They didn't seem to spare any price, probably they couldn't, but they didn't argue about anything and just did what they were told to do by the ministry. I think they did fine." - Ward 1 Councillor Ralph Robinson. The company whose pipeline leaked an unknown amount of gasoline into Bronte Creek more than a year ago, has to date paid more than \$11 million to clean up its mess. Trans-Northern Pipeline Inc., is continuing to deal with ground water and soil contamination present within a 350 metre site, just west of the Speers and Bronte Road area and north of the CN rail line, where its pipeline leaked back in March 2010. "The first phase of the project has been

completed and that involved a mass removal of soil on the north end of the site, which was in the immediate area of the pipeline and under the rail bridge," said Al Conquergood, President of Trans-Northern. "All that soil was removed from the site and taken to a landfill for disposal." Conquergood said a total of 11,000 tonnes of contaminated soil was removed from the

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area and replaced with clean soil, which he said was approved by such regulators as the Halton Region Conservation Authority. At the southern portion of the site, Trans-Northern has been extracting contaminated ground water, treating it and, under permit, discharging it back into the creek. Conquergood estimates that over the course of the clean up effort 50 million litres of contaminated ground water has been processed. "We are continuing to do that and will continue to do that probably for some time until the water we draw out of that area gets back to acceptable levels," he said. "We're just getting to the point now where in the next couple months we will be completing our plan for the second half of this exercise. This will decide if the recovery is going to continue to be just extraction and treating or if there will be some other agent injected into the ground to assist in the breakdown of the hydrocarbons in the ground." Conquergood went on to say nothing would happen without approval from the Ministry of the Environment, the Halton Region, the Town of Oakville and others. He also said soil was removed from the northern portion of the site because this area was essentially barren. The southern area is more forested and as such Trans-Northern has focused on decontamination through treating the ground water to lessen its environmental impact. Trans-Northern has previously estimated that as much as 90,000 litres of gasoline was able to leak into the soil before the leak was discovered on March 16, 2010. A yellow slick was seen in Bronte Creek, in the Speers and Bronte Road area, on March 11, 2010. Exactly how much gasoline was able to seep into the creek is unknown. While the clean up effort has cost Trans-Northern \$11 million, Conquergood is quick to point out the company is not done yet, with the decontamination process expected to last at least another year. Conquergood said his company is not shying away from this commitment. "We are a responsible organization and we're not going to walk away from this thing," he said. "We are going to keep going till we return (the ravine) to the state it needs to be returned to and we are quite proud of the fact that we've been able to work with a myriad of agencies to make sure this is all happening in a cooperative and very effective way." Tim Edwards, district engineer for the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, said the ministry is satisfied with the work Trans-Northern has been doing to deal with its spill and said it would continue to ensure Trans-Northern takes all necessary measures to see that the environment remains protected. Ward 1 Town Councillor Ralph Robinson said he was also happy with the level of clean up work done by Trans-Northern. "I really think they put their nose to the ground and did right," he said. "They didn't seem to spare any price, probably they couldn't, but they didn't argue about anything and just did what they were told to do by the ministry. I think they did fine." Edwards said the ministry has not encountered any adverse environmental impacts in connection with the leak. Conquergood added that the salmon run took place in Bronte Creek without incident.

<http://www.insidehalton.com/news/article/975349--price-tag-of-11-million-on-spill>

### **USA, PA, NORTHUMBERLAND, APRIL 2 2011. DRIVER PARKED FUEL TRUCK AND LEAPED, WITNESSES SAY >> BRIDGE JUMPER DIES**

*bill foley*



*The driver of this fuel delivery truck stopped on the Barry King Memorial Bridge, walked across the traveling lanes and leaped into the Susquehanna River.*

A trucker died one hour after parking his fully loaded fuel tanker on the Barry King Memorial Bridge and jumping into the Susquehanna River in Point Township on Thursday evening. The man, whose identity is being withheld by Point Township police until relatives are notified, leaped into the water at 6:08 p.m. He was located at least 150 yards downriver, where rescuers on a boat attempted to resuscitate him. The man was pronounced dead at Sunbury Community Hospital at 7:01 p.m. Northumberland County Coroner James F. Kelley could not be reached to comment on a cause of death. The man was driving a Superior Plus Energy Services truck. A Sunbury office, on Market Street, was closed by the time of the

incident. A company worker reached at 8 p.m. in a Montoursville office would not comment. Joey Rodriguez and his friend, Justina Dreese, both 19 and of Northumberland, were traveling west across the bridge when they saw the westbound small tanker truck on the north-side berm about a quarter of the way across the span. The truck's emergency lights were not on. A man whom they could describe only as Caucasian and wearing a hat crossed the northern concrete wall separating driving lanes and a pedestrian path, Rodriguez said. "Then he swung his leg over the steel rail and rolled in," Rodriguez said. The man plunged into the Susquehanna River, which is about 8 feet deep under the bridge, Point Township police said. Calls to the state Department of Transportation's Montoursville office to determine the height of the bridge deck above the river were unreturned Thursday night. Rodriguez and Dreese left their car and ran to where the man had been. Two women who had been in a pet-care truck were the first to arrive. "By the time we got there, he was on the (south) side of the bridge," Rodriguez said of the man. "He floated toward the (Shikellamy State Park) marina." Neither witness heard the man yell for help. "But it

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was loud on the bridge with all the traffic, and he was far out," Dreese said. It did not appear to them that the man was struggling. "He was just swimming around," Dreese said. "Just swimming on his back, floating." While it looked as if he were trying to float on his back, it wasn't working, Rodriguez said. "He started bobbing under, then came up for a while and I'm guessing he got pulled into one of the currents," Rodriguez said. "He was getting pulled more into the center of the river." The man was about 25 to 30 feet from the river bank when Rodriguez and Dreese first saw him, then drifted about 50 feet out, they said. "And then he started going under more often," Rodriguez said. As rescue personnel and police arrived, Rodriguez and Dreese wanted to get back into their car before traffic was halted on the bridge, they said. "When we were walking back, I stopped and looked over again," Rodriguez said, "and I couldn't see him anymore. He wasn't coming up. We stood there for at least five or 10 minutes, and he was not coming up." One of the women in the pet-care truck had called police, Rodriguez said. "The ladies said he jumped," Rodriguez said. "It looked like he purposely did." The man was seen in the water shortly after Point Township police arrived at 6:13 p.m., but disappeared from view as members of the Rescue Hose Company, Sunbury, entered the water. The man was later found without the use of divers and pulled onto a boat and taken to shore. The bridge was closed for about one hour. Assisting Point Township police and Rescue Hose Company members were state police from Stonington, and municipal police Northumberland, Sunbury, Shamokin Dam and Selinsgrove; Shamokin Dam Fire Company; and AREA Services and American Ambulance.

[http://dailyitem.com/0100\\_news/x930486968/Driver-parked-fuel-truck-and-leaped-witnesses-say](http://dailyitem.com/0100_news/x930486968/Driver-parked-fuel-truck-and-leaped-witnesses-say)

### **NIGERIA, NARABI, APRIL 2 2011. MORE THAN 20 DIE IN MASS CAR CRASH CAUSED BY PRE-ELECTION ROADBLOCK IN CENTRAL NIGERIA >> FUEL TANKER SLAMS INTO CARS**

Witnesses say more than 20 people have died after a fuel tanker slammed into the back of a line of cars waiting at a police checkpoint in central Nigeria. The crash happened Friday as vehicles waited at a police checkpoint on the border of Plateau and Bauchi states in Nigeria's fertile "middle belt" region. At least 20 vehicles caught fire in the ensuing explosion and blaze that spread across the two-lane highway running through the town of Narabi. The roadblock was in place as Nigeria faces heightened security with the start of its three-week election period. Fatal traffic crashes are common in Nigeria, where old roads are rarely maintained and drivers often ignore speed limits and safety regulations.

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5ghAxEPxmHQaBaGPzDH7-qUbtz\\_w?docId=6436464](http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5ghAxEPxmHQaBaGPzDH7-qUbtz_w?docId=6436464)

### **PHILIPPINES, MANILA, APRIL 2 2011. 2 DEAD, 1 MISSING AS BOAT COLLIDES WITH TANKER OFF CAVITE**

*jerome aning*

Two fishermen drowned while another remained missing after their boat was reportedly rammed by an oil tanker off Sangley Point in Cavite City Friday morning. Philippine Coast Guard spokesman Lieutenant Commander Arman Balilo identified the fatality as Eric Aporto, 18, a graduating high school student, and Mark "Mac Mac" Navarro, 30. The missing fisherman was identified as Armando Huab, who is in his 40s. Reports reaching the PCG headquarters in Manila showed that the wooden-hulled fishing boat Lady Aleah, owned by one Mario dela Cruz, was fishing some 2.8 nautical miles off Sangley Point when it was hit at the starboard or right side by the steel-hulled MT Hagonoy. The Lady Aleah's skipper, Mariano Santiago, 46, said he and his crew left Navotas City at around 4 p.m. on Thursday to fish in Manila Bay. On board were 71 fishermen and crew members. Off Bulacan, they were able to haul seven containers of fish, after which the vessel proceeded to Cavite, where another 23 containers of fish were caught. Following the Lady Aleah was a smaller unnamed craft to which the fish were transferred for transport to Navotas. Two of the 71 fishermen were sent back to Navotas, leaving 69 men on board. Santiago, in his narration to the PCG, said that at around 3:30 a.m. Friday, they noticed a tanker moving towards them. He said they had already lowered their fishing net on the starboard side when they noticed that there was a vessel moving toward them. The tanker came from [the direction of] Rosario, Cavite and was going towards Manila. "I calculated that it would probably take two minutes before impact, when the tanker would connect with our boat," Santiago said. He said he switched on the Lady Aleah's three sirens and the spotlight on the bow of the boat, hoping that the tanker would notice them and still avoid a collision. Just a few seconds before impact, he yelled at his crew to abandon ship, he added. According to the PCG, the Hagonoy hit the Lady Aleah's right side causing the fishing boat to capsize on its left side. The Hagonoy crew threw life rings and life jackets to the fishing boat's crew and helped to the tanker while waiting for the rescuers to arrive. Divers from the PCG district in Rosario were the first to arrive. At around 7 a.m., the PCG's search and rescue vessel, BRP Nueva Vizcaya, which carried additional divers, arrived at the scene to help in the search and rescue of the missing fishermen. Aporto's body was fished out at around 7 a.m. while Navarro's body was found at around 1 p.m. near Sangley Point. The two were believed to have drowned after they got caught in the fish net, which got entangled in the tanker's propeller. Santiago told PCG officials that he was able to talk with the tanker's lookout, who was supposed to have been stationed at the front of the tanker and who should have alerted

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his own captain about vessels approaching dangerously and other obstacles. "The lookout told me that he left his post to make a cup of coffee at the time of the collision," said Santiago. As of press time Friday, both vessels remained at the site. PCG investigators confirmed that the Lady Aleah's fishing net got entangled with the tanker's propeller. According to the PCG, Santiago admitted that of the 71 fishermen, three of them were minors. Two of them were 16 years old and one was 17. Balilo told reporters that the PCG was currently more focused with the search for Huab. The liability of the two vessel's captains, crew and owners would be determined in a Special Board of Marine Inquiry that would be set up, he said. Aside from establishing the cause of the collision, other questions that might be raised during the inquiry include overloading, the employment of minors, and whether the boat was fishing in the authorized fishing ground.

<http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/breakingnews/regions/view/20110401-328823/2-dead-1-missing-as-boat-collides-with-tanker-off-Cavite>

### USA, MO, ST. CHARLES, APRIL 2 2011. GAS TANKER TRUCK CRASH SHUTS DOWN I-70 IN ST. CHARLES

*russell korando*

 **Photo Gallery** <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/MoDOT-worker-injured-in-crash-on-I-70-119069159.html>

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*Wreckage off a Missouri Department of Transportation truck is about to be hauled away just after noon Friday on westbound Interstate 70 between Highway 94 and the Hawks Nest overpass in St. Charles. The MoDOT truck was involved in a crash with the tanker truck in the background, causing I-70 to be shut down.*

A gasoline tanker rear-ended a Missouri Department of Transportation truck that was filling potholes on westbound Interstate 70, shutting down I-70 for hours Friday. St. Charles fire Capt. Dan Casey said the tanker was on fire when units reached the scene between Highway 94/First Capitol Drive and Zumbuhl Road about 11 a.m. The fire was extinguished within 10 minutes of their arrival. Casey

said the tanker's contents weren't compromised in the crash, but the tanker was leaking fuel from its own gas tank. "We're really lucky that (tanker) didn't go (up in flames)," Casey said. "All that would have been needed was a leak." The driver of the MoDOT truck was inside the cab when it was struck by the tanker. Casey said the MoDOT driver was able to exit the cab by himself but complained of head and neck injuries. He was transported to SSM St. Joseph Health Center in St. Charles with serious injuries. "He did seem to have some confusion about what happened," Casey said of the MoDOT driver. All eastbound and westbound lanes of I-70 were closed at the site of the crash for a short time as fire crews worked to make sure the fire didn't re-ignite. MoDOT workers were spreading fuel-drying agents on the interstate at least 100 yards behind the tanker. As of 2:25 p.m., all westbound lanes of I-70 were still closed at the site. The gas tanker had Piasa Oils Transport LLC of Hartford, Ill., written on the cab of its truck. Officials from Piasa Oils Transport could not be immediately reached for comment.

[http://www.stltoday.com/suburban-journals/stcharles/news/article\\_7eb3edf4-5c7f-11e0-86cd-0019bb30f31a.html](http://www.stltoday.com/suburban-journals/stcharles/news/article_7eb3edf4-5c7f-11e0-86cd-0019bb30f31a.html)

### USA, CO, PARK COUNTRY, JEFFERSON, APRIL 2 2011. TANKER SPILLS 7,000 GALLONS OF GAS, FUEL ON COUNTY ROAD

*christina dickinson*



*The driver was 4.3 miles east of Highway 285 when he failed to negotiate a left hand curve in the road and traveled off the right side of the road.*

Officials are still working to clean up the scene after a tanker ran off the road Thursday afternoon, spilling thousands of gallons of gas and fuel onto the road and possibly spilling it into waterways. Park County Undersheriff Monte Gore says the accident happened on County Road 77 about 5 miles east of US 285 when a single-vehicle tanker ran off the road. The tanker has spilled about 7,000 gallons of diesel and fuel onto the road. He says there are high winds and white-out conditions in the area. The Colorado State Patrol says the tanker was traveling over CR 77 because US 285 was closed due to another accident. Deputies were in the area at the time of the spill and were able to respond to the scene quickly, Gore says. They burned the gasoline and fuel in the area, and heavy equipment was brought in to build dirt

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around the spill, keeping it from leaking into nearby creeks. CSP says there may have been some fuel and gasoline leakage into a nearby creek, but everything is in place to keep the drinking water from being contaminated. It is unclear if the Tarryall Reservoir near by has been contaminated. HazMat crews have been called into the scene and emergency notification calls have gone out to residents in a 10-mile radius. CSP says there were two people in the tanker truck when it ran off the road. One person was trapped in the cab, and CSP had to extricate them. Both people were transported by air to St. Anthony Central Hospital. The extents of their injuries are not known. County Roads 77 and 34 are closed while the clean-up is in progress.

<http://www.9news.com/news/article/190717/188/Tanker-spills-7000-gallons-of-gas-fuel-on-county-road->

### USA, MS, JONES CO, HEBRON, APRIL 2 2011. 9 FIRE DEPARTMENTS WORK BLAZE AT CRUDE OIL TANK FARM

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 **Photo Gallery** <http://www.wdam.com/Global/story.asp?S=14357118>

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<http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20110331/NEWS/110331024/1001/Oil-tank-fire-sparks-four-alarm-Jones-County-emergency>



*Jones County firefighters battled a four-alarm blaze at a crude oil tank farm owned by Tellus Operating Group, LLC, located on Fannie Ellzey Road off of Sand Hill Church Road. The fire, which was originally reported before 4 a.m., was successfully extinguished approximately four hours later.*

Officials are investigating the cause of a fire that heavily damaged a crude oil tank farm early Thursday morning in Jones County. Firefighters from nine departments battled the blaze at the tank farm owned by Tellus Operating Group. The Mississippi Oil and Gas Board, Tellus Operating Group and the Jones County Sheriff's Department are investigating the incident. "A preliminary investigation did not reveal any deficiencies in any of the equipment leading to the site, although we will continue to work to determine what may have led to the fire," said John Parker,

chairman of the Mississippi Oil and Gas Board, who responded to the fire. The fire was reported just before 4 a.m. at the site on Fannie Ellzey Road, off Sand Hill Church Road. Upon arrival, firefighters found two oil and salt water storage tanks on fire with five others in the same complex threatened. Firefighters established a water shuttle to the site using fire department vacuum tankers that were filling from nearby ponds along with conventional fire tankers. Firefighters worked to cool the five exposed tanks, which had flames showing from the tops of their venting mechanisms, and to keep flames from spreading from the two tanks that were a blaze. Tellus personnel arrived on the scene almost immediately and successfully shut off the entire facility, preventing additional crude oil from being pumped to the tanks from production wells. As fire conditions worsened following a tank rupture, Collins Fire Department was called to the scene with a special firefighting trailer equipped with firefighting foam used especially for fossil fuel-based fires. The fire was brought under control and extinguished around 8 a.m. Jones County Emergency Management Agency Executive Director Don McKinnon said no residents were impacted by the fire because of the site's remote location. No injuries were reported to any emergency responders or company personnel at the site. One fire truck suffered minor damage when its alternator failed causing the electronically controlled transmission to lock out as the truck was moving into position near the burning tank farm. Firefighters were forced to abandon the truck, which was later protected by other firefighters who sprayed water and foam from a handline deployed from another fire engine. The truck had to be towed from the scene for repairs and replacement of several plastic lens covers, which melted due to the heat.

<http://www.hattiesburgamerican.com/article/20110401/NEWS01/104010329/1002/9-fire-departments-work-blaze-crude-oil-tank-farm>

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