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### NEW ZEALAND, AUCKLAND, APRIL 21 2011. EXPLOSION FEAR AFTER SUNKEN BOAT LEAKS PETROL

Pollution booms have been put out in Auckland's Westhaven Marina and power has been turned off to several piers after 300 litres of petrol leaked from a sunken launch. Firefighters were called just before first light today but the launch had been underwater for several hours and petrol had already leaked, said Fire Service shift manager, Jaron Phillips. "We are not exactly sure when it happened. No-one was believed to be on board." "About 300 litres of petrol has leaked from this sunken petrol. It has contaminated over about three adjoining piers are the marine so the electricians have been isolated because there is some risk from the petrol. "They are using booms to contain the spill," Phillips said. Maritime New Zealand pollution response unit general manager Andrew Berry said much of the petrol would evaporate and reduce the risk of an explosion but it had to be contained. "A very little bit spreads a long way and often looks worse than it is. The benefit on a day like today is that a lot will evaporate quite quickly," Berry said. "The fact that it is outside and the vapours are able to disperse certainly minimises that risk (of a fire) but you never say never."

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/4914377/Explosion-fear-after-sunken-boat-leaks-petrol>

### USA, MA, NORTH READING, APRIL 21 2011. DIESEL FUEL LEAK AT LEW'S MOBIL CAUSES TRAFFIC TIE-UPS



*Approximately Fifty gallons to 70 gallons reportedly leaked onto business and into roadway. Haverhill Street was closed for a short time during the cleanup.*

North Reading public safety and Department of Public Works worked to clean up a 50- to 70-gallon diesel fuel leak at Lew's Mobil, 161 Park St., Wednesday morning. Fire Captain Tom Harris was on Engine 5 when he noticed the leak. He called for the other firefighters and police responded to the scene at 9:06 a.m. Fuel spread from the business onto the corner of Route 62 and Haverhill Street. Lew Harris, who owns the business, said a filter was being cleaned and one part of the pump was not shut off, which caused the spill. Two police officers helped direct traffic at the scene and police ultimately closed Haverhill Street from the south at Mt. Vernon Street and from the north at the Batchelder School so crews could work to clean up the spill in the street. DPW dropped off sand, which firefighters used to sop up the

diesel fuel. As of 11 a.m., cleanup crews were at the scene and traffic was flowing with the help of two officers who were directing traffic. Expect delays throughout the day as the cleanup continues. Harris said he will reopen as soon as the cleanup is completed. Deputy Fire Chief William Warnock said clean up could take several hours this afternoon.

<http://northreading.patch.com/articles/gas-leak-at-lews-mobil-causes-traffic-tie-ups>

### USA, CA, BAKERSFIELD, APRIL 21 2011. HONDO CHEMICAL MEETS DEADLINE TO PASS INSPECTIONS

carol ferguson



*A sulfur fire in February was the latest in a series of incidents that have put Hondo Chemical on Stockdale Highway in Bakersfield under scrutiny.*

After years of scrutiny, [Hondo Chemical](#) got a clean bill of health from county inspectors. On Wednesday, the company was found to be meeting all the requirements laid down by Kern County Environmental Health and the fire department. Hondo will still be watched by officials. "From environmental health violations to a fire suppression system, we're happy to report that as of this afternoon, he had complied to all of the deadlines," Public Health director Matt Constantine told Eyewitness News and BakersfieldNow.com. Hondo owner Jess Karr had been ordered to make the required changes, or he could have been shut down. Fire safety violations could have led to a "red tag." For years, the county has been pressuring Hondo to fix a number of problems. The latest incident was a sulfur fire in February.

Kern County supervisors had set the April 20 deadline. The large facility on Stockdale Highway has a number of chemicals on the site, county officials have worried for a long time about possible groundwater contamination. Hondo was ordered to drill wells to check the ground water. Constantine said the first round of those requirements were met. "Those results did not show any contamination," Constantine said. "But, these tests need to be run regularly to make sure that we don't see any contamination in the ground water which would, of course, lead to potential concerns of contamination in our drinking water." Constantine said samples from those test wells must be approved by the county, then sent to an approved lab. The county then gets those results. As for the fire-response system, Constantine said Hondo meets the minimum requirements for that.

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Wednesday, Eyewitness News tried to contact Hondo owner Karr, but he didn't return our call. The health director said Hondo will still be watched. "There are still some ongoing obligations, from the removal of fly ash to some longer-term issues, that he has to solve," Constantine said. "But for the immediate time period, he has met the deadline."

<http://www.bakersfieldnow.com/news/local/120325754.html>

### USA, OK, TURNLEY, APRIL 21 2011. B ROKEN HOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR OIL TANK FIRE

**Watch the Video:** [http://www.fox23.com/news/local/story/Worker-Escapes-Oil-Tank-Fire-Explosion-Heard-For/0vANTAFBnEe1O0UGagpP\\_w.csp](http://www.fox23.com/news/local/story/Worker-Escapes-Oil-Tank-Fire-Explosion-Heard-For/0vANTAFBnEe1O0UGagpP_w.csp)



Investigators say a broken hose is responsible for a fire at an oil tank near 76th Street North and Highway 75 Wednesday afternoon. It happened at about 2:30 p.m. Authorities tell NewsChannel 8 one of the oil tanks was being worked on when a hose broke, spewing oil onto a pump. The heat from the pump started a fire and within minutes, the tank was engulfed. An ambulance was dispatched to the scene, but the worker was not injured. The fire was contained and crews were still on scene at 4:15 p.m. working to keep any hot spots from re-igniting.

<http://www.ktul.com/story/14484168/large-fire-burning-near-turley>

### STATE OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, APRIL 22 2011. THUMBS UP TO FIRST EVER OIL SPILL EXERCISE



*Minister of Communications and Minister of Home Affairs watch as personnel involved in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan exercise clean the contaminants off their protective gear.*

Bandar Seri Begawan - The biggest ever three-day National Oil Spill Contingency Plan exercise from April 18 to 20 ended yesterday at Tungku Beach in Gadong. The exercise involved more than 700 people, seven vessels, two helicopters and an airplane (Hercules C130) from government agencies, Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd and Oil Spill Response Limited Singapore. Present to witness the final drill were the Minister of Communications, Pehin Orang Kaya Hamzah Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdullah and Minister of Home Affairs, Pehin 'Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin. Also present

were Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, permanent secretary and deputy permanent secretary and senior government officials as well as the Managing Director of Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd. Before witnessing the exercise, the ministers and delegation were briefed by Awg Shabandi bin Haji Abdul Halim, Acting Deputy Director of Fire and Rescue Department at the ICP/Comms Centre, specially set up for the exercise at Tungku Beach. The exercise involved using several equipment and facilities such as shoreline protection booms, aerial dispersant spray and beach clean-up equipment. Personnel involved gave a thumb up to the exercise and said they have gained new experience and improved their respective skills and knowledge, as it was the first oil spill exercise ever held in the country. Fire and Rescue Department said about 216 personnel were involved in the exercise. The exercise was aimed at ensuring the nation's preparation and readiness and at the same time testing the capabilities and effectiveness of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOS COP) in dealing with an oil spill incident along Brunei coastline. It was also to test the cooperation and continuity between government and private sectors concerned in dealing with such cases. The National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOS COP) was one of the action plans established as a guideline in dealing with Stage 1 - oil spills along Brunei coastline and also to support the action committee in dealing with oil spills at the national level (2 and 3). Besides that, NOS COP is also to enable the government parties to coordinate action that involved government agencies and private sector for help and support. If an oil spill incident happens, the Marine Director as the chairman of the plan will examine the incident and if it reaches Stage 2 and 3, the director will order the Management Committee and Incident Management Team to monitor and come up with a strategy to control the oil spill. The exercise scenario yesterday showcased a tanker vessel MT Bou Lung Ghu on its way from Seria to China colliding with a commercial vessel at Lat: 06 .00' N Long: 114 00".00E. The tanker vessel carried a load of 80,000m3 heavy crude oil and because of the collision, 7,000m3 oil spilled into the sea. The drama involved 37 crews and seven of them were injured and three missing. The scenario involved NOS COP members taking their respective roles such as Search and Rescue operation (SAR),

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observing the condition from the air, spraying dispersant and cleaning the beach. The oil spill exercise was the biggest ever conducted in the country. It was conducted by the Marine Department in collaboration with 18 government agencies together with Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd. It involved areas from Tungku Beach to The Empire Hotel & Country Club and to the area in front of UBD and areas eight nautical miles from Tungku Beach.

<http://brudirect.com/index.php/2011042045421/Third-Stories/thumbs-up-to-first-ever-oil-spill-exercise.html>

### **USA, MI, INGHAM, CO, WHITE OAK TWP, APRIL 22 2011. 126,000 GALLONS OF GASOLINE SPILLED IN STOCKBRIDGE LEAK**

*louise knott ahern*

The amount of gasoline that seeped into the ground during a pipeline leak discovered last week was enough to fill up more than 8,000 average-sized cars. Officials from Marathon Pipeline, LLC, the company that owns the leaking pipe, said today that it had determined the amount of lost gasoline to be 126,000 gallons. Only 6,000 gallons of that have been collected so far, said Robert Calmus, spokesman for Marathon Pipeline, which is based out of Ohio. The company still does not know how long the pipe was leaking, Calmus said. Because the pipe ... was underground, we don't know at this time the length of the time that took place," Calmus said. The leak was discovered April 13 by a farmer whose property in the 2400 block of Mount Pleasant Road is adjacent to a four-tank gasoline storage facility owned by Wolverine Pipeline Co. north of Stockbridge. Marathon owns one of the tanks, as well as the pipeline leading to it. The farmer had been smelling gasoline for a couple of days before noticing something strange leaking into a drainage ditch on his property, said Sgt. Robert Ott, Ingham County's emergency management program coordinator. Marathon said the leak was caused by a faulty gasket on the pipeline used to pump gas into the 180,000-barrel tank. Cleanup crews have been testing wells in the area, and have so far detected no contamination, Ott said. However, Marathon has offered free well testing and bottled water to anyone living in the area around the leak if they have concerns about the safety of their drinking water.

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20110420/NEWS01/304200010/126-000-gallons-gasoline-spilled-Stockbridge-leak?odyssey=nav|head>

### **USA, TX, SAN ANTONIO, APRIL 22 2011. FUEL TANKER FLIPS, BURSTS INTO FLAMES >> DRIVER SEVERELY BURNED IN ACCIDENT**

*tim gerber*

**Watch the Video:**

<http://www.woai.com/news/local/story/Driver-burned-when-fuel-tanker-crashes-bursts/XNPDW3jSOEiQgSgW17GJoA.csp>

**Slideshow [22]:**

<http://www.kens5.com/news/slideshows/font-color990000SLIDESHOWfont-Fire-erupts-as-tanker-falls-off-410-overpass-120323199.html>



The Loop 410 Northbound ramp to Interstate 35 Southbound, as well as the FM-78 Kirby exit, finally reopened Thursday morning after a fiery tanker truck accident shut down traffic for hours Wednesday. According to San Antonio Fire Chief Charles Hood, the driver suffered second-and third-degree burns over the upper portion of his body. The driver managed to escape the burning truck and was assisted by another driver. He was recovering from his injuries at Brooke Army Medical Center. "There was a lady that was driving by who put him in her vehicle and drove him down the road to a safer location," Hood said during a news conference. Hood said it was unclear what caused the truck to flip on its side but he

speculated the full load of 8,600 gallons of gasoline shifted. The fire sent a huge plume of thick black smoke into the air which was spread over the northeast side by 17 mph winds. Concerned about the chemicals in the plume cloud, fire officials issued shelter in place orders to surrounding businesses including BAMC. Despite the traffic troubles caused by the accident, Chief Hood said it couldn't have happened in a more ideal spot. "If it would have been on a bridge, we would have had to go in aggressively and try to put it out to mitigate any damage to the bridge," Hood said. "If it would have been on this side (of the road), potentially we would have burned all these buildings down over here because of the amount of heat." Seeing no danger to any structures, Hood allowed the fire to burn itself out. Had it been necessary, he said crews carry enough foam to extinguish a tanker fire. "It's safer this way to do it like this, let it burn, and not to try to put water down because then you have

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to clean up the runoff, so we're not going to have to mitigate the runoff issue with that." The Texas Department of Transportation was called out to check for damage to the road.

<http://www.ksat.com/news/27619213/detail.html>

### USA, CT, BRIDGEPORT, APRIL 22 2011. CITY RESIDENT DUMPS \$200 WORTH OF GASOLINE TO SELL \$60 CONTAINER

*daniel tepfe*

A city man poured more than \$200 in gasoline onto an East End street so that he could sell the metal container for \$60 to a local scrap yard, police said. Emilio Valentine, 52, of Lewis Street, was charged Tuesday with illegally dumping hazardous material. He was released on a promise to appear in court pending arraignment in [Superior Court](#) on May 2. "It was crazy," said [Stephen Scholz](#), of PC Metals on Central Avenue, who saw Valentine dumping the nearly 50 gallons of gas and called police. "He was driving along Central Avenue dumping the gas as he went. It was an explosive hazard. I hate to think what could have happened if someone had flicked a lighted cigarette into the street." He said that Valentine then pulled into the scrap yard with the now-empty tank seeking to sell it. "It was still dripping gas and I told him to get out," he said. Scholz said the tank was worth about \$60. On Wednesday, gasoline was averaging \$4 a gallon in the area. Firefighters and the state [Department of Environmental Protection](#) later arrived to clean up the residue. Officer [Ken Ruge](#) said in his report that Valentine admitted dumping the gas on Central Avenue, but claimed he only did it after failing to sell the gas at a local fire station.

<http://www.newstimes.com/news/article/City-resident-dumps-200-worth-of-gasoline-to-1346062.php>

### USA, TX, SUN CITY, APRIL 22 2011. OFFICIALS CHECK FOR GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION NEAR GEORGETOWN FUEL SPILL



A 3,500 gallon gasoline spill in a residential neighborhood of Georgetown is being investigated by the state to see how deeply the fuel may have seeped into the ground. The [Texas Commission on Environmental Quality](#) is leading the environmental assessment in the [Sun City retirement community](#). "They're continuing to excavate contaminated soil at the site and continuing to assess whether there has been any groundwater contamination," City of Georgetown spokesperson Keith Hutchison told KUT News. A [city press release](#) issued last night said a preliminary check of three caves in Sun City found no signs of contamination. While it is not yet known if gasoline seeped into the underlying aquifer, residents in the vicinity of Sun City with a private water well should be aware of the potential for groundwater contamination. Contaminants can migrate quickly in an aquifer, though the speed of migration can vary greatly. If you smell

gasoline in your tap water, you should call the fire department due to the potential for an explosive hazard. The City of Georgetown says it does not expect the public water supply to become contaminated, but will continue to monitor drinking water quality just in case. As YNN [reported on April 19](#), about 100 people in the retirement community were forced out of their homes when a 6,000 gallon gasoline tanker truck overturned around 8 am Tuesday on [Del Webb Boulevard near Whispering Wind Drive](#). Some of it ran into underground, concrete utility vaults, one of which had an 8-inch gas line running through it. Around 6 p.m., emergency personnel shut off electricity in the area as they tried to suck up the spilled gasoline. "This is the most dangerous part of this overall operation, is the unloading and getting that fuel out of here," Lt. Todd Terbush with the Georgetown Police Department said. The Williamson County Sun [reports the driver of the overturned truck](#) has been identified as Cedric Williams, an employee of South Austin-based Tex-Con Oil Company. Tex-Con's [website](#) says it has operated in Central Texas since 1939.

<http://www.kutnews.org/post/officials-check-groundwater-contamination-near-georgetown-fuel-spill>

### USA, MI, INGHAM, CO, WHITE OAK TWP, APRIL 22 2011. CREWS LOOK TO PINPOINT CONTAMINATION AREA IN INGHAM COUNTY.

*jamie edmonds*

Marathon Pipeline company pinpointed the source of the gas leak in Ingham County last week, and figured out how much had leaked earlier this week, 126,000 gallons to be exact. Now crews work to pinpoint the contamination area. There was tightened security Thursday at the source of the gas leak in White Oak Township. A marathon spokesperson said it's a safety issue, people not properly trained can't be near the site. So,,, what exactly is going on out there? "They're using a machine

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called a geoprobe," Sgt. Robert Ott of Ingham County Emergency Management said. "The company is trying to get a picture of how much is there and how far down it goes." Sgt. Ott said now that Marathon has pinpointed how much has leaked, they're working on figuring out where it all is. So far only 6,000 gallons of gas have been recovered. Still though, Ott said, there's no [public health](#) concern. "We've tested the drinking wells, there's still no evidence of contamination to drinking wells," he said. "We have it contained and people are working round the clock trying to remove anything contaminated." Here's a little perspective: a standard backyard pool holds about 20,000 gallons of water, so of the 126,000 gallons of gasoline that leaked last week, that's enough to fill about six of those [pools](#). The next step will be to remove all the contaminated soil and replace with new. Excavating trucks were already coming and going from the site Thursday afternoon. "The soil will be removed and trucked out of state to only certain landfills that handle this kind of thing because it's saturated with gas," Sgt. Ott said. Ott said the emergency portion of this project is over, now begins the planning for long-term recovery, which could take as long as a year. County officials are assisting EPA and state DEQ officials with direct oversight of the cleanup. If residents in the area have any concerns, you can call the Marathon Woodhaven Station at 734-676-7775, which is available 24/7.

[http://www.wilx.com/news/headlines/Crews\\_Look\\_to\\_Pinpoint\\_Contamination\\_Area\\_in\\_Ingham\\_County\\_120414339.html](http://www.wilx.com/news/headlines/Crews_Look_to_Pinpoint_Contamination_Area_in_Ingham_County_120414339.html)

### USA, WI, WAUKESHA COUNTY, APRIL 22 2011. TWO TANKER TRUCKS COLLIDE ON WB I-94

*lisa sink*

[Watch the Video http://brookfield-wi.patch.com/articles/two-tanker-trucks-collide-on-wb-i-94#video-5740481](http://brookfield-wi.patch.com/articles/two-tanker-trucks-collide-on-wb-i-94#video-5740481)

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Firefighters were cleaning the scene of a collision about 10 a.m. just east of Barker Road on I-94.

<http://brookfield-wi.patch.com/articles/two-tanker-trucks-collide-on-wb-i-94#video-5740481>

### USA, LA, NEW ORLEANS, APRIL 22 2011. LAWSUITS FLY IN BP'S GULF SPILL BLAME GAME

[Watch the Video BP in new suits](#)

A barrage of court claims pitting BP Plc against its partners in the [Gulf of Mexico](#) oil spill could lay the groundwork for billions of dollars in settlements to spread the costs of the disaster. BP has sued Transocean Ltd, Halliburton Co and Cameron International Corp, in one of the biggest legal moves since last year's blowout. It is seeking up to the full cost of the disaster -- estimated at \$42 billion -- plus costs, interest and punitive damages from each of the companies that helped it drill the doomed well. So far, BP has met the cost of the clean-up effort alone and is paying compensatory damages to fishermen, property owners and others in the Gulf area affected by the spill. "To my knowledge, Transocean, Cameron and Halliburton haven't paid a nickel to victims or for the cleanup," David A. Logan, dean of Roger Williams University School of Law in Bristol, Rhode Island, said on Thursday. "These suits are intended to spread liability, but they're also part of a larger public relations effort for BP," he said. "BP wants to remind the world they weren't the only corporation that was a key player in this cascade of bad events that led to a remarkably bad outcome." The lawsuits, filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in New Orleans, come one year after the Deepwater Horizon rig blast killed 11 workers and created an environmental disaster. Wednesday was the deadline for companies connected to the spill to file claims against each other. Transocean owned and operated the rig. Cameron was the maker of the blowout preventer, the so-called fail-safe device that neglected to automatically shut down the well. Halliburton handled the cementing work on the well. Legal experts say they had anticipated BP filing the cases but predicted they would not ultimately go to trial. "I expected that before this was over, they would all be suing one another," said Edward F. Sherman, a professor at Tulane University Law School. "Ultimately the parties will probably divide up responsibility and reach a settlement." A settlement reached among several companies could allow BP to recoup some or all of the money it is spending to compensate victims, run cleanup efforts and provide support to Gulf state governments. James Roy, a lead attorney for plaintiffs suing BP, said he thinks BP will ultimately shoulder most of the disaster's cost. "I don't think these suits change the economy of who pays for the damages," he said. "BP, in our opinion, is the primary target defendant." Meanwhile, BP has been sued by its partners in the well, Anadarko Petroleum Corp and Japan's Mitsui. That lawsuit challenged BP's demands that they contribute to the cost of the clean-up effort. Transocean shares in Switzerland closed down 2.2 percent, while in New York BP shares gained 0.3 percent. Halliburton shares were up 1.6 percent and Cameron slipped 0.6 percent.

#### Fraud Allegation

In court papers, BP said Halliburton concealed critical information that could have prevented the disaster. "Halliburton's improper conduct, errors and omissions, including fraud and concealment, caused and/or contributed to the Deepwater Horizon incident," BP said in the lawsuit. Halliburton, which said it would "vigorously defend" itself against the claims, sued BP in Texas state court Tuesday accusing BP of failing to accept responsibility for the disaster, as called for in its contract. "The

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plain and unequivocal language of the contract requires BP to defend and indemnify (Halliburton) from virtually all claims arising out of the blowout," Halliburton said in its lawsuit. Service providers' contracts with operators usually provide indemnities against any environmental damage that may result from their work. This could limit BP's opportunities to recoup cash from Transocean or Halliburton. In January, Halliburton disputed a U.S. presidential commission's characterization of its cementing work on the blown-out well, saying that the report omitted key facts. Since the outset of the disaster, BP has sought to blame its contractors, namely Transocean. The presidential investigation into the report did criticize these companies, but directed most of its criticism at BP. BP was widely criticized for trying to shift blame onto Transocean during the crisis. President Barack Obama called the mudslinging among the companies a "ridiculous spectacle." The latest legal claims were filed as part of the multi-district litigation in New Orleans that includes hundreds of oil spill-related lawsuits against BP. A federal judge has set February 2012 as a trial date. Separately, BP set up a \$20 billion victims' compensation claims fund called the Gulf Coast Claims Facility run by attorney and mediator Kenneth Feinberg. The case is In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon", U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, No. 2:10-md-02179.

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<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/21/us-bp-halliburton-idUSTRE73K1B820110421>

### **USA, CT, WINDSOR LOCKS, APRIL 22 2011. DIESEL FUEL SPILL CAUSES ODOR AT BRADLEY >> AIRPORT OPERATIONS WERE NOT AFFECTED.**

*leanne gendreau*



*Diesel fuel leaked from a generator at Bradley Airport.*

A diesel fuel leak from a generator at Bradley Airport caused a smell in a terminal on Wednesday and the state Department of Environmental Protection and a private contractor are responding. The leak came from an emergency generator and happened around 11:35 a.m., airport officials said. It was contained in 10 minutes, according to airport officials. The leak caused a noticeable smell in the terminal, which airport officials dealt with by opening doors and reversing the air conditioning flow. Airport operations were not affected and the cause is not yet known. Bradley's in-house environmental expert is also working on the problem.

<http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Diesel-Fuel-Spill-Causes-Odor-at-Bradley-120292869.html>

### **USA, LA, NEW ORLEANS, APRIL 22 2011. DON'T GO NEAR THE WATER**

*kathy malloy*



It's difficult to believe that it has been a year since the Deepwater Horizon explosion that killed 11 crew members and began the worst oil spill in history, with an estimated 5-million barrels (over 200-million gallons) of oil dumped into the Gulf of Mexico over a period of 91 days. And that doesn't count the 1.84-million gallons of toxic chemical disbursements BP pumped into the ocean in an attempt to cover up the magnitude of its malfeasance. Pro-corporate forces from Washington to Wall Street want you to believe that the chemical stew has magically disappeared without adverse impact, leaving healthy coastal communities, pristine beaches, unharmed ecosystems, undisturbed wildlife, and perfectly safe seafood. And if you believe that, I've got a plate of raw oysters from Gulfport I'll be happy to serve you. You won't

believe how smoothly they slide down your throat. Try them with the Tabasco, it cuts the petrol flavor. According to tests performed by the [Louisiana Environmental Action Network](#), blood samples collected from individuals assisting in the Gulf clean-up efforts showed dangerously elevated levels of an assortment of toxins, including Isooctane, Methylpentane, Hexane and Benzene. Benzene is known to cause a host of health problems including anemia, irregular menstrual periods, ovarian shrinkage and leukemia. According to the report, "a 10-year-old boy from the Biloxi, Mississippi area was exposed to the BP

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chemicals along the Mississippi coast while playing outside. The parents of the 10-year-old are crabbers. As a result of his exposure, he had severe respiratory impacts." Other species are not faring well in the aftermath. Dead turtles are [washing up in Mississippi](#). Recently, marine biologists have found unusually high numbers of dead dolphins washing up on the Gulf Coast, with scientists guessing that these animals were born during the oil spill and were permanently damaged by the effects of the poisons on their young developing bodies. At a meeting of the [American Association for the Advancement of Science](#) in February, Samantha Joye, a marine scientist at the University of Georgia in Athens, found evidence of dead invertebrates -- starfish and even coral -- on the bottom of the Gulf, along with oily, sticky bacteria. That is the literal foundation of the marine ecosystem. This disaster is not over, it may just be beginning. But the BP executives continue to rake in record profits and quickly dismiss critics who warn against ongoing safety violations and the fact that this particular disaster was 100% preventable. Adding insult to injury, [The Guardian](#) reports that BP is blocking all scientific efforts to study the impact of its disaster. Documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act show BP officials discussing how to influence the work of scientists: "BP officials tried to take control of a \$500m fund pledged by the [oil](#) company for independent research into the [consequences of the Gulf of Mexico oil disaster](#), it has emerged.

*"Documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act [show BP officials openly discussing](#) how to influence the work of scientists supported by the fund, which was created by the oil company in May last year:*

*"Russell Putt, a BP environmental expert, wrote [in an email to colleagues](#) on 24 June 2010: "Can we 'direct' GRI [[Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative](#)] funding to a specific study (as we now see the governor's offices trying to do)? What influence do we have over the vessels/equipment driving the studies vs the questions?"*

Even now -- after killing and/or maiming 28 of its employees -- BP is up to its old dirty tricks. BP hopes to throw some cash at a small group of claimants and call it over. And the sad truth is, given the Corporatocracy that has replaced our former system of government, they'll probably succeed.

<http://www.opednews.com/articles/Don-t-Go-Near-the-Water-by-Kathy-Malloy-110419-911.html?show=votes>

### **USA, N.J, WARREN CO, , APRIL 22 2011. WARREN COUNTY OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE SOURCE OF SPILL IN BELVIDERE**

Warren County officials continue to investigate the source of a fluid spilled into a storm drain in town. The Warren County Hazardous Materials Team stopped the flow Tuesday night soon after it was discovered at Steckel's Inc., a Shell gas station at 633 Water St., according to team Director Tom Nigro. The fluid appeared to be diesel fuel based on the smell, he said. The team inserted booms into the storm drain to soak up fluid. It did not appear any of it reached the Pequest River, Nigro said. The quantity spilled was undetermined but believed to be in the 5- to 10-gallon range. He said Wednesday the source may have been a container on the premises or a grader on the property. The station's owner, John Steckel, said he believes the grader is the source. He said he disputes county assertions that he agreed to pay to clean up the spill.

<http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/warren-county/index.ssf?/base/news-3/1303358729318470.xml&coll=3>

### **USA, WASHINGTON, APRIL 23 2011. BP AGREES TO PAY \$1 BILLION FOR START OF GULF RESTORATION**

*john m. broder*

BP will provide \$1 billion for early oil spill restoration efforts in the Gulf of Mexico in a voluntary [agreement](#) with the federal government and five states, company and government officials [announced](#) on Thursday. The agreement, the largest of its kind in an [oil](#) pollution case, does not absolve BP of legal liability for the explosion and spill that occurred April 20, 2010, or from the costs of any additional economic and environmental damages. The company faces fines and penalties of as much as \$21 billion as a result of the disaster, the worst [offshore drilling](#) accident in United States history. The company could face additional penalties under a Justice Department criminal and civil investigation. The advance payment, to be divided among the states and the two lead federal agencies overseeing restoration efforts, will be used to rebuild coastal marshes, replenish damaged beaches, conserve ocean habitat and restore barrier islands. The \$1 billion does not represent the governments' estimate of the ultimate environmental cost of the explosion and spill, which poured nearly five million barrels of oil into the gulf over 87 days last year. Federal and state officials are conducting a review known as [a natural resource damage assessment](#) to measure the injury to the gulf habitat and devise a plan for restoring it, a process that generally takes years. Any restoration efforts financed by the \$1 billion will count toward the company's final liability, officials said. As the leaseholder on the well and the party responsible for the spill, BP is responsible for the entire cost, although this week it filed suit against its drilling partners, Transocean, Halliburton and Cameron International, blaming them for the accident and seeking to recover tens of billions of dollars in compensation. The agreement announced hursday allows the complex work of environmental restoration to proceed more quickly and ends some of the squabbling over financing among states and the federal government. The five

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states involved — Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas — will each get \$100 million, as will the [Department of the Interior](#) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The remaining \$300 million will be used for projects proposed by the states and selected by the federal agencies. "This agreement is a great first step toward restoring our natural resources destroyed by the BP oil spill," Gov. [Bobby Jindal](#) of Louisiana said in a statement. "We are eager to continue working with public, state and federal co-trustees and BP to quickly convert this down payment into projects to restore our damaged coast and replace our lost wildlife." Jane Lubchenco, the NOAA administrator, said the BP spill posed unusual challenges because it affected not only beaches, marshes and wildlife, but also the deep-sea environment and the ocean floor. "We need to be thinking not only about the coastal portions of the gulf, but also the open water and deep sea habitat," Dr. Lubchenco said in an interview. "They are all part of an integrated system and we believe there was damage to all of that system." She said that it was impossible today to estimate the total harm to the gulf but that the \$1 billion pledged by BP would allow repair work to begin sooner and create cleanup jobs in the region. Lamar McKay, president of BP America, said that the company was not legally obligated to make such payments until the full assessment was complete, but that financing restoration projects would speed healing in the gulf. "BP believes early restoration will result in identified improvements to wildlife, habitat and related recreational uses in the gulf and our voluntary commitment to that process is the best way to get restoration projects moving as soon as possible," Mr. McKay said.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/22/science/earth/22spill.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/22/science/earth/22spill.html?_r=1)

### **USA, LA, APRIL 23 2011. OFFSHORE PLATFORM WORKER DIES**

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) is responding to a report of a fatality at Hilcorp Energy Company's West Cameron Block 643 Platform A, a natural gas production platform approximately 129 miles offshore Louisiana, south of Lake Charles, in about 375 feet of water. The platform has not been in production since 2008 and operations to plug and abandon its wells were underway. According to the company's report, at approximately 4:00 a.m., an employee of Alliance Oilfield Services working for Hilcorp was assisting in abandonment operations when he fell through a deck opening. The victim was assisted by first responders on the platform, then med-evaced by helicopter for emergency medical attention. He was later pronounced dead at the hospital. BOEMRE inspectors attempted to fly to the platform this morning, but were unable to reach the site due to fog. They will attempt to fly to the facility again tomorrow to conduct an investigation into the cause of the accident. "This was a tragic accident. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the deceased employee, as well as his friends and colleagues. This tragic accident underscores why we are fully committed to working with the industry to ensure the highest safety standards on offshore facilities," said BOEMRE Director Michael R. Bromwich.

[http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a\\_id=106278](http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=106278)

### **USA, FLA, CAPE CANAVERAL, APRIL 23 2011. NASA SATELLITE IMAGES OF OIL SPILL (ONE YEAR ON)**

A year on from the catastrophic explosion of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig and the ensuing oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and news still abounds regarding the cause and affect the spill has had on the region and its inhabitants, human and otherwise. Following the oil spill, NASA satellites provided us with images depicting just how far and fast and wide the oil was spreading. Now, thanks to the NASA Earth Observatory, those images have been put into a great video which shows the sequence of events. Along with the video are a series of links that shed more light and give a greater picture on what happened, courtesy of the NASA Earth Observatory. Over 45 satellite images [have been collated here](#), of the oil slick as it grew from April 21 to July 28, 2010. And a handy [FAQ page has been set up here](#) with some great answers to common questions, specifically regarding the imagery NASA provided.

<http://planetsave.com/2011/04/21/nasa-satellite-images-of-oil-spill-one-year-on/>

### **USA, AL, DODGE CITY, ADEM, EPA, WORK TO CLEAN DODGE CITY SPILL >> OFFICIALS BELIEVE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS MINIMAL**

*sam rolley*

Officials from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have been working for about a week in Dodge City to clean up a fuel spill resulting from a faulty supply line at an area filling station. According to Emergency Management Agency director Phyllis Little, two Saturdays ago she received calls reporting a strong diesel fuel smell from a small creek called Mariot Creek located near the town's walking trail. First responders from local fire departments and HAZMAT arrived on the scene and began cleaning much of the spillage from the creek and a nearby storm drain before calling ADEM. Once the initial clean-up process was underway, ADEM officials began

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an investigation to locate the source of the fuel leak. "The first reports we had about the incident were of a fuel odor in the drainage ditch," said ADEM environmental scientist Jim Luken. "But we weren't initially one hundred percent sure of the source of the fuel or if it was only diesel that we were dealing with because the fuel had broken down some organic material and mixed with it, creating a substance that we don't normally see with fuel leaks of this type." Upon confirming that the substance was indeed diesel fuel, ADEM then turned its attention to trying to locate the source of the leak which was entering the creek through a storm drain adjacent to Highway 69 where several fueling stations are present in the area. "We called in underground tank inspectors to check all of the stations in the area and were able to determine that the leak was coming from one station, but we were still unable to determine the cause," said Luken. According to officials, the inspectors determined that the leak had originated at the Dodge City Travel Center and was the result of damage to a diesel pump supply line servicing one of three underground diesel storage tanks. "The owner of the station has been very proactive and worked diligently to clear up the problem," said Luken. "He has hired contractors and has worked closely with environmental agencies in getting everything fixed." Some officials expressed concern that Mariot Creek is a small tributary of the Mulberry River, entering at Mulberry Fork. Though Luken said that officials at this time have no estimate of the amount of fuel spilled, he believes that most of the contaminant was trapped in the storm drain where it first gathered. "A large scale fuel spill could result in fish and wildlife kill off, and could pose health concerns for individuals that come in contact with the water," said Little. Luken does not believe that the amount of fuel that could have made it to Mulberry is substantial enough to cause any such event. "I can't say with one hundred percent certainty, but from what we have gathered most of the fuel was contained in the storm drainage ditch and only a small surface amount made it to Mariot Creek," he said. "So Mulberry should be okay."

<http://www.cullmantimes.com/local/x1812409153/ADEM-EPA-work-to-clean-Dodge-City-spill>

### **USA, CA, EAST NAPA, APRIL 23 2011. CAL-OSHA INVESTIGATING WINEMAKER DEATH ATOP WINE TANK**

*kerana todrov*

An assistant winemaker died Wednesday at a winery in east Napa when he somehow fell inside a wine tank, authorities said Thursday. Gustavo Javier Muro, 43, of Napa, was found on an adjustable lid six feet inside the tank at Ancien Wines, a winery on the 4000 block of East Third Avenue, said Napa County Sheriff's Capt. Tracey Stuart. It's unclear when Muro was last seen alive. Fire crews responded to the call at 7:10 p.m. Muro was removed from the tank and pronounced dead at the scene at 7:45 p.m., Stuart said. Muro did not drown, Stuart stressed. An autopsy will be conducted Friday to determine how he died, she said. The California Division of Occupational Safety and Health is investigating the death, Cal-OSHA spokeswoman Krisann Chasarik said. The assistant winemaker may have been transferring wine from a small storage tank into a larger 1,500-gallon tank, according to information from the Sheriff's Department and Cal-OSHA. Preliminary information indicates the 43-year-old employee was checking to make sure all the wine was in the larger tank when he fell, Chasarik said. "Cal/OSHA's investigator will be looking at all the circumstances that led to the accident and determine if there were any health and/or safety violations," Chasarik said. Muro was one of three employees listed on Ancien Wines' Web site. In a short interview, Curtis Strohl, marketing director at Ancien Wines, said he is in shock. "I can't believe that my friend is gone," he said. "We're heart-broken by this."

[http://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/article\\_17f4dcd2-6c73-11e0-8714-001cc4c002e0.html](http://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/article_17f4dcd2-6c73-11e0-8714-001cc4c002e0.html)

### **USA, W.VA, WHEELING, APRIL 23 2011. CHESAPEAKE SUED OVER DUMPING**

*casey junkins*

Larry and Jana Rine believe Chesapeake Energy may have dumped radioactive elements into a Wetzel County waste pit, but company attorneys said the material occurs naturally in the soil. U.S. District Judge Frederick P. Stamp heard roughly seven hours of testimony in the Rines' civil suit against Chesapeake on Thursday before deciding to continue hearing from witnesses at 9 a.m. today at the federal courthouse in Wheeling. The Rines want to stop Chesapeake from removing dirt in a pit on their property in the Silver Hill area of Wetzel County so they can gather evidence to show radioactive materials were dumped in the pit. If such evidence is found, they want Chesapeake to perform a more thorough cleanup of their land. But Chesapeake officials say they need to remove the material as part of a slip repair job. Last week, Stamp granted a temporary restraining order against Chesapeake to keep company workers from removing the potential evidence of their alleged illegal dumpings. Stamp did not make a ruling on whether to end or extend the restraining order Thursday because Chesapeake attorneys still had an additional witness to call to testify, requiring the proceedings to continue today. One of the major claims the Rines make against Chesapeake is that the Oklahoma City-based driller dumped benzene and radioactive material into a large hole on the Rines' property. According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, benzene is a carcinogen that can also affect bone marrow and blood production over prolonged periods of time. The organization notes even brief exposure to high

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levels of benzene can lead to "drowsiness, dizziness, unconsciousness, and death." The Rines are represented by Lewisburg, W.Va.-based attorney Joe Lovett. Chesapeake is represented by Charleston attorney Timothy M. Miller. The Rines believe Chesapeake is trying to remove "hazardous waste" from the pit on their land, but officials with the drilling company say they are just working to repair a slip. "Why does Chesapeake think it has the right to do what it's doing? We have not seen the documents," he said. Lovett said a 2010 soil sample from the site showed Chesapeake had radioactive material in the soil, adding, "We do not believe Chesapeake has a permit to dispose of radioactive material in pits." However, Miller said small portions of radioactive elements can occur naturally in the soil, noting, "The question is, 'Is it a tsome dangerous level?'" Later, when questioning environmental consultant Ernest Franz - who traveled from Louisiana to testify on Chesapeake's behalf - Miller noted Chesapeake has been taking drilling waste to the Short Creek Landfill on North Fork Road near Wheeling for some time. Franz said a set of alarms on the sides of the landfill's entrance will sound if the truck contains radioactive material, noting no truckloads of Chesapeake waste have been turned away from the landfill for this reason. Additionally, Morgantown-based RSK Engineering engineer Scott Krabill told Stamp he did not understand why Chesapeake needed to move so much earth to repair a slip. "Ninety percent of what Chesapeake removed did not need to be removed," he said. Next, Marc Glass of Cira Consulting Associates in Morgantown testified about finding high levels of hydrocarbons in the soil. When Miller asked Glass if he was aware that gas in this area is "wet" with materials like propane, butane, pentane and ethane, Glass admitted, "I am not an expert in Marcellus Shale." One substance found in the soil sample was of particular interest to Glass, though, as he MTBE would probably not be there naturally. "In everything that I have read, MTBE is specifically associated with unleaded motor fuel," he said. Later testifying for Chesapeake, company construction foreman Ashley Cowan said the firm needs to repair the slip as soon as possible. "The pit has been open since last Tuesday, and we've had a substantial amount of rain," he said. "You have to fix the slip - you have to remove the cuttings."

<http://www.news-register.net/page/content.detail/id/554304/Chesapeake-Sued-Over-Dumping.html?nav=515>

### USA, OH, CINCINNATI, APRIL 23 2011. ROZZI WORKER HURT IN FIREWORKS MISHAP REMAINS HOSPITALIZED

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<http://www.local12.com/news/local/story/Rozzi-Worker-Hurt-in-Fireworks-Mishap-Remains/ZKL4nxUtyUGH1fRyl5tvcw.csp>



Local 12 has learned that a Rozzi Fireworks employee, hurt in a smokestack malfunction at Great American Ballpark on Sunday, remains hospitalized in critical condition. Justin Seedle, a fireworks technician, suffered burns to his face when the stacks misfired in the sixth inning of the Cincinnati Reds game and is still undergoing treatment at University Hospital. The smokestack malfunction happened around 4 p.m. Sunday during the 6th inning of the game against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Rozzi says fans were never in danger and some said they didn't even know what was going on although fans in the immediate area of the smokestacks were evacuated as a precaution. Some thought the fireworks were a joke or a way to get the crowd to cheer. Most had no idea someone was injured. "All the sudden fireworks were going off and the next thing we knew, there was a guy laying on the ground," said Greg Law. He was just a few feet away from the stacks at the time of the incident. He says the technician looked like he was in serious pain. "It looked like a fire blew up in his face. He had black stuff on his face," said Law. The state fire marshal says they cannot fully understand what happened until they are able to talk with Seedle but they have not been able to do so because of his medical

condition. He's worked with Rozzi for five years. Rozzi company spokesman Dustin Purvis told Local 12 "We have an exemplary safety record and when I heard something like this happened, it's gut-wrenching," Purvis said.

<http://www.local12.com/news/local/story/Rozzi-Worker-Hurt-in-Fireworks-Mishap-Remains/ZKL4nxUtyUGH1fRyl5tvcw.csp>

### USA, AL, MONTGOMERY, APRIL 23 2011. RAILAMERICA, CHEMICAL SHIPPER GROUP DISAGREE ON HAZ-MAT SAFETY MEASURES

A special interest group comprising the American Chemistry Council, Chlorine Institute Inc., The Fertilizer Institute and PPG Industries Inc. recently filed a complaint with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) seeking to halt the implementation of enhanced safety measures associated with transporting chlorine and hazardous commodities at the Alabama Gulf Coast Railway (AGR) and other railroads operated by RailAmerica Inc., the short-line holding company announced yesterday. AGR's

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safety protocols for haz-mat shipments include advance notification of a rail car's delivery, special car inspections and the operation of short, dedicated trains pulling no more than three haz-mat-carrying cars, according to RailAmerica. The chemical industry group wants the STB to order AGR to "immediately discontinue its new safety protocols" and prohibit future implementation of enhanced protocols, RailAmerica officials said in a prepared statement. The group "inaccurately told the STB that the enhanced safety program's procedures and requirements impose 'unnecessary and wasteful additional costs on the movement of [toxic] materials,'" they said. In addition, group members believe there will be "no practicable way" for shippers and receivers of haz-mat commodities to recover the costs incurred by the safety measures, RailAmerica officials said. "Moving toxic materials and poison by rail imposes burdensome, costly and risky obligations on railroads," said Paul Lundberg, RailAmerica's chief operations officer. "Steps that enhance public safety should not be considered unnecessary, wasteful or burdensome where toxic and poisonous materials are concerned."

<http://www.progressiverailroading.com/news/article/RailAmerica-chemical-shipper-group-disagree-on-hazmat-safety-measures--26399>

### USA, TX, LONGVIEW, APRIL 23 2011. LONGVIEW MAN CRITICALLY BURNED AFTER EXPLOSION

ronnie mason

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 **Watch the Video** <http://www.kltv.com/story/14499836/longview-man-critically-burned-after-explosion>



Friday morning around 9:00, some residents of Longview thought they felt an earthquake. Their homes rattled and shook from a shock wave that turned out to be an explosion at Youngblood's Scrap and Metals, in the 1200 block of Highway 31 South. Johnny Zachary says, "Longview Fire Department received a call about an explosion at this scrap metal yard. On arrival, firefighters found a 36-year-old male with critical burns." The man was using a cutting torch to cut metal into smaller pieces when his torch came in contact with a tank that held flammable liquid, erupting into flames. "It was ruptured and melted down from the remaining fuel that was in that tank. A cutting torch was being used to cut the bed rails of a vehicle up into smaller pieces. It is hard to know whether he knew there was fuel in it or not," Zachary stated. Investigators say the problem was that there should not have been fuel in the tank, and that any salvage vehicle should have no fuel remaining in the

tank. The tank exploded, engulfing the victim in flames. The victim had most of his body burned, and is being treated for his injuries at Parkland Medical Hospital Center. OSHA has been called in to investigate, with the assistance of the Longview Fire Department.

<http://www.kltv.com/story/14499836/longview-man-critically-burned-after-explosion>

### USA, CA, SANTA MONICA, APRIL 23 2011. RESIDENTS RALLY AGAINST USE OF LEADED FUEL AT SMO

ashley archibald



*Protestors joined the Venice Neighborhood Council-sponsored Earth Day rally on the corner of Bundy Drive and Airport Avenue on Friday afternoon. Those who attended want to see an end to the use of lead in airplane fuel.*

Residents living in Venice and Mar Vista gathered at the eastern edge of the Santa Monica Airport on Friday to stage an Earth Day rally against the use of leaded fuel by owners of propeller planes that fly over homes nearby. Lead, long banned from normal car fuels and many household products, presents a recognized danger to the development of small children, as well as other health risks including seizures and memory loss amongst adults. It's still used in fuel for piston-powered aircraft, which fly out of the airport on a 210-degree heading over the Penmar Golf Course and then Venice neighborhoods and schools. Lead in fuel exhaust is tiny, particulate

matter that disperses through the atmosphere and deposits based on wind or other weather patterns, like rain. The rally's organizers specifically called out the six flight schools operating at SMO, saying that the piston-powered aircraft used by the schools account for 40 percent of the flights out of SMO. According to the Venice Neighborhood Council's Santa Monica Airport Committee release about the event, members chose the issue for Earth Day because lead is a cumulative toxin. "They

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want to expose this condition of lead still being used in aviation fuel, where it's been outlawed in automobile gasoline, in paints. It's very problematic for young people in schools," said Martin Rubin, member of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, which also took part in the protest. Rubin, a resident of Mar Vista, noted that students at the flight schools travel in a southerly loop around the Mar Vista and Venice neighborhoods. In response to such accusations, airport and city officials point to two studies — conducted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the federal Environmental Protection Agency — which examined lead levels produced by the airport. "The AQMD did the most exhaustive study," said Airport Manager Robert Trimborn. "It looked at the lead during that study, and found no exceedences at all. The EPA then ratcheted down the exposure level ten-fold ... and still couldn't find any evidence that lead exposure exceeded federal standards." That study did find, however, that while at no point did lead concentrations exceed the new, much lower limit of 150 nanograms per cubic meter, lead levels in the air near the runways were higher than elsewhere in the urban Los Angeles region, said AQMD spokesman Sam Atwood. The EPA study showed similar results. Scientists monitored the airport lead levels in two phases, one during the summer and one during the winter, and tested soil in parks and around homes. The winter phase consisted of two, four-day periods, focusing on weekends when the airport would be the busiest, while the summer phase used one week in July. Overall, the EPA found no elevated lead levels in the parks or on airport property. Two of the surveyed homes did show elevated lead levels, but the EPA report suggests that lead had little to do with the airport. The EPA did reiterate that its study served primarily to update its own air quality monitoring models rather than as a risk assessment of any kind. Santa Monica City Hall considers its actions on lead exposure ahead of the game, both by offering the airport up for examination by the EPA and SCAQMD as well as working closely with the Federal Aviation Administration and EPA to develop unleaded airplane fuels, said Kate Vernez, assistant to the City Manager. Those assurances don't phase those concerned about the negative impacts of lead exposure. "There's a high concentration of population there, and any amount of lead is harmful," Rubin said. Although he understands lead can't be taken out of airplane fuel overnight, Rubin sees the vehicles that need leaded fuels as things of the past. "Now, we have new cars that burn unleaded fuel, that are quieter and less polluting," he said. "And aircraft? They're the same ones used years ago, they're not upgrading."

<http://www.smdp.com/Articles-c-2011-04-22-71700.113116-Residents-rally-against-use-of-leaded-fuel-at-SMO.html>

#### USA, OK, TULSA, APRIL 23 2011. FUMES FROM 'SLOP' TANK CATCH FIRE AT WEST TULSA REFINERY

 **Watch the Video** [http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/fire-breaks-out-at-west-tulsa-refinery](http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local_news/fire-breaks-out-at-west-tulsa-refinery)



*The view from SkyNews 6 showed the flames shooting from vents that circle the tank.*

Large flames coming from the Holly Refinery in West Tulsa lit up the night sky Friday. Fire crews say fumes venting from a slop tank caught fire releasing non-toxic hydro carbon. The tank is used to store waste product. The view from SkyNews 6 showed the flames shooting from vents that circle the tank. Holly Refinery fire crews sprayed water and foam on adjacent tanks to prevent the flames from spreading. The Tulsa Fire Department had crews staged in the area if assistance was needed. Crews had the fire under control around 10:30. There were

no injuries

<http://www.newson6.com/story/14500746/large-tanker-fire-in-west-tulsa>

#### USA, CA, VALLEJO, APRIL 23 2011. FIRE ALARM SOUNDED ON MOTHBALL FLEET



*A fire alarm sounded on Friday on a ship being dismantled on Mare Island in Vallejo.*

A fire alarm sounded on Friday on a ship being dismantled on Mare Island in Vallejo. Sixty-five workers were evacuated when a welder accidentally opened a hole in the ship's 15,000 gallon fuel tank. It's not clear how much fuel was in the tank, but firefighters filled it with gases to remove the oxygen and prevent a fire from erupting. The ship, the Solon Turman, is part of the Mothball Fleet of abandoned naval ships in Suisun Bay.

[http://abclocal.go.com/kgostory?section=news/local/north\\_bay&id=8089746](http://abclocal.go.com/kgostory?section=news/local/north_bay&id=8089746)

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### CHINA, HONG KONG, APRIL 23 2011. LPG QUALITY OF CHEVRON PO KONG VILLAGE FILLING STATION FAILED TO MEET AUTO LPG SPECIFICATION

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) received notification from the testing laboratory today (April 22) that the LPG samples taken on April 20 from Chevron's LPG filling station at Po Kong Village failed to meet the Auto LPG Specification in respect of the ratio of propane/propylene and butane/butylene contents. According to the test results, the propane/propylene and butane/butylene contents of the LPG samples were 43% and 57% respectively, while it was specified in the Auto LPG Specification that the ratio should be 20-30% and 70-80% respectively. The EMSD spokesman said, "EMSD is very concerned about the case and has already asked Chevron to submit a report within seven days on the cause and improvement measures. Upon notification of test results, Chevron has arranged to cease the sales of auto LPG. Although the ratio of propane/propylene and butane/butylenes contents of the LPG samples cannot comply with the Auto LPG Specification, it will not affect gas safety." Different countries using auto LPG will specify different propane/propylene and butane/butylene ratios in view of their specific circumstances (e.g. weather). In general, deviation from this ratio will not affect the safety performance of vehicles. EMSD has also collected today LPG samples for testing from the gas terminal and different LPG filling stations of Chevron, to collect further information on the case. EMSD launched the LPG sampling scheme in early January 2010, under which samples have been collected on a random basis from auto LPG filling stations and LPG terminals every week for quality tests against the Auto LPG Specification by an accredited testing laboratory. Test results have been published on EMSD website.

[http://7thspace.com/headlines/380067/lpg\\_quality\\_of\\_chevron\\_po\\_kong\\_village\\_filling\\_station\\_failed\\_to\\_meet\\_auto\\_lpg\\_specification.html](http://7thspace.com/headlines/380067/lpg_quality_of_chevron_po_kong_village_filling_station_failed_to_meet_auto_lpg_specification.html)

### TAIWAN, NEW TAIPEI CITY, WUGU, APRIL 23 2011. 4 DIE, 17 INJURED IN NEW TAIPEI BLAST



*People yesterday inspect the site of a series of powerful explosions that left four people dead in New Taipei City's Wugu District on Friday night.*

At least four people were killed and 17 injured in a fire and a series of powerful explosions at a plant producing paper money in Wugu, in New Taipei City, yesterday evening. Glass windows of many apartments nearby were shattered. The blasts and fire took place at around 8:20 p.m. at the factory manufacturing paper money for worship rituals. The factory is located on Section 3 of Chengtai Road in Wugu District. Four victims died on the site or before being taken to hospital while six were rescued from the two-story factory. The 17 injured people were mostly

passersby and nearby residents. They suffered mostly cuts in varying degrees on the face, limbs or other parts of body caused mainly by shattered glass. They received emergency treatment at various hospitals in New Taipei City and adjacent Taipei City with two having to be confined at a hospital for recuperation. But none was in danger. The fire was placed under control at around 10:00 p.m. after fire engines from 11 fire-fighting teams from various districts rushed to the scene. Fire department officials said eyewitnesses told them that the fire could have started from the explosion of a nearby power transformer box of the state-owned Taiwan Power Co. A chain of explosions was set off after the fire spread to the plant. Some eyewitnesses on the scene said they heard explosions from firecrackers that could have been stored in the plant that has a floor area of close to 100 pings (1 ping = 36 square feet). There were also reports that the fire and explosions were caused by gas leakage. Police and fire department officials said they have to make a thorough investigation into the accident to determine the cause. But they have not ruled out any possibilities, including the illegal storage of firecrackers in violation of regulations, they said. An elementary school near the gutted plant announced the cancellation of anniversary celebrations scheduled for today because of extensive damages to glass doors and windows of classrooms and administrative offices.

<http://news.asiaone.com/News/Latest%2BNews/Asia/Story/A1Story20110423-275206.html>

### USA, W.VA, PUTNAM CO, POCA, APRIL 24 2011. FUEL TANKER TRUCK HITS CAR IN PUTNAM COUNTY

One male was transported to the hospital with unknown injuries. Shortly before 11:30 p.m. Friday, a fuel tanker truck reportedly hit a car in the area of Route 62 at the Food Fair in Poca, in Putnam County. Putnam dispatchers tell 13 News that one male was transported to the hospital with unknown injuries. Route 62 in the area of the wreck was shut down for a few hours, but has since re-opened.

<http://www.statejournal.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=98202>

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**USA, NEV, BOULDER CITY, APRIL 23 2011. LAKE MEAD BOAT FIRE PROMPTS EVACUATION >> OPERATOR WAS FILLING THE BOAT'S TANK FROM A GAS CONTAINER, IGNITION SWITCH CAUSED A SPARK IGNITING FUEL VAPORS.**



*National Park Service rangers and Boulder City firefighters extinguish a boat fire in the Boulder Beach campground caused by ignited fuel vapors. No injuries were reported.*

Campers at Nevada's Lake Mead were evacuated Friday morning as firefighters and park rangers worked to extinguish a boat fire, officials said. Boulder City firefighters and National Park Service rangers responded to a call Friday of a boat fire that burned a tent and surrounding brush at the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the Las Vegas Sun reported. The boat's operator was filling its gas tank when he inadvertently hit the ignition, causing a spark that ignited fuel vapors, investigators told the newspaper. No one was injured in the incident, park officials

said.

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2011/04/22/Lake-Mead-boat-fire-prompts-evacuation/UPI-28661303516554/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/04/22/Lake-Mead-boat-fire-prompts-evacuation/UPI-28661303516554/)

**AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, PERTH, APRIL 23 2011. FUEL TANKER EXPLODES IN PERTH'S SOUTH-EAST**

**MAP: Kenwick 6107**



Firefighters are being praised for their quick actions after a fuel tanker exploded in Perth's south-east. The tanker was carrying more than 45,000 litres of diesel fuel when it was involved in a traffic crash at the intersection of Roe Highway and Brixton Street in Kenwick. The explosion sparked a blaze, which firefighters have brought under control. It is believed the Roe Highway flyover is damaged and it is expected to be closed for a number of hours or possibly days. The Fire and Emergency Service Authority's Les Hayter says it was a big effort by firefighters and the situation could have been a lot worse. "The quick actions of the career firefighters, the bushfire brigade and the airport fireies who turned up here have got on top of this very quickly," he said. "We can now say it's under control obviously

there's still some blackening out around the bridge area but the main thing here is that it's out." Police have cordoned off the area and are urging people to stay clear.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/04/23/3199054.htm>

**AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, COMET, APRIL 23 2011. PAIR SAFE AFTER FUEL SPILL**

*alister thomson*

A 46 year old man who crashed a petrol tanker near Comet yesterday spilling 18,000 litres of diesel had his four-year-old son inside the cab. The accident, 5km east of Comet on the Capricorn Highway, came on the second day of a National Easter Road Safety Campaign which targets "adverse driving behaviour", including drink-driving, speeding and driving while tired. The B-double left the road at 6.55am and rolled down an embankment, puncturing the rear fuel tank. Cental Queensland regional traffic co-ordinator Inspector Lyle Mitchell said both the man and his son were not injured. The diesel was absorbed into the ground. Police are investigating.

<http://www.themorningbulletin.com.au/story/2011/04/23/father-son-safe-after-18000-ltr-fuel-spill/>

**CANADA, NL, BELL ISLAND, APRIL 23 2011. POLICE: LINE TO OIL TANK WAS CUT >> CLEAN-UP OF 250 GALLONS OF FURNACE OIL UNDERWAY**

Municipal officials and contractors are monitoring the clean-up of 250 gallons of furnace oil from a tank servicing a convenience store on Bell Island. Local RCMP are also at the scene, to investigate the cause of the leak— a cut to the line leading from the tank into the building that police say was deliberately made. The damage is believed to have been done at some point late last night or early this morning. The convenience store is located on Lance Cove Road. Since the line was cut, oil from the tank has leaked onto the ground around the building "and surrounding area," the RCMP have stated, adding that "damages are extensive and estimated to be in the thousands of dollars." As part of their investigation, police are asking anyone with information about the oil leak contact the RCMP or Crimestoppers.

<http://www.thetelegram.com/News/Local/2011-04-23/article-2450628/Line-to-oil-tank-was-cut-police/1>

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### MEXICO, NUEVO PROGRESO, APRIL 24 2011. EXPLOSION REPORTED IN GAS STATION IN NUEVO PROGRESO



The Department of Homeland Security confirmed an explosion at a gas station in the south side of Nuevo Progreso. DHS Spokesperson George Garrett told Action 4 News the explosion happened at about 12:20 on Friday afternoon. Garrett said the possible cause of the explosion was someone tapping into a gas pipeline trying to syphon off gas. The Progreso Police Department was immediately notified. An officer said they then contacted the nearest fire department which is in Weslaco. However, per the fire chief's orders, Weslaco firefighters said they will not be crossing the border to assist in putting out the fire. Garrett also said the Progreso International Bridge will remain open, unless they are told otherwise

<http://www.valleycentral.com/news/story.aspx?id=609016>

### INDIA, BELTANGADY, APR 24 2011. OMNI-GAS TANKER COLLISION KILLS FIVE ON SPOT, 8 INJURED

 **Photo Gallery** [http://www.daijiworld.com/news/news\\_disp.asp?n\\_id=100113](http://www.daijiworld.com/news/news_disp.asp?n_id=100113)



Poca, in PutnamIn a head-on collision between gas tanker and omni that occurred on the national highway 48 near Periyashanthi near Nellyadi here on Saturday April 23 afternoon, five were killed and six injured. The condition of two among injured is said to be critical. The deceased have been identified as Krishnan of Salem (tanker driver) Guruprasad Bhat (Omni driver), Bhoja Shetty, Rathi Shedthi and Shambhavi Shetty. The gas tanker was plying from Mangalore to Bangalore, while the residents of Moodbidri, who were traveling in omni had been on a pilgrimage to Subrahmanya and were returning. Among the deceased, four were in omni and one was the tanker driver. After colliding with omni, the tanker turned turtle and the tanker driver was crushed beneath the tanker. The accident occurred at around 1.30 pm. Bhoja Shetty and Rathi Shedthi with their family members were

on a pilgrimage. The injured have been brought in three ambulances and admitted to various hospitals including AJ Hospital in Mangalore.

[http://www.daijiworld.com/news/news\\_disp.asp?n\\_id=100113](http://www.daijiworld.com/news/news_disp.asp?n_id=100113)

### USA, PA, CUMBERLAND, CO, APRIL 24 2011. CREWS WORK TO CLEAN UP SUSQUEHANNA RIVER FUEL SPILL THAT ORIGINATED IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY



*Spill on the Susquehanna.*

Clean-up crews are responding to a diesel fuel spill stretching more than 17 miles along the the Susquehanna river this afternoon. The accidental spill started overnight Tuesday into Wednesday when a piece of training equipment released into the soil in the area of the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks off Fourth Street in West Fairview, said John Bruetsch, public information officer for Cumberland County. The original spill was thought to be contained Wednesday, Bruetsch said, but rains Friday night pushed the fuel into the ground and caused it to flow to the river near the intersection of Market and Front streets in West Fairview, Bruetsch said. The railroad employed the contracting firm of REACT of Downingtown to handle the spill, which was originally thought to be 50 to 80 gallons, but is now

believed to be more extensive. After reports from residents of a fuel smell around 1 p.m., the Harrisburg Bureau of Fire was notified, as the river is considered to be part of Dauphin County and the East Pennsboro Fire Department placed absorbent booms and pads on the river. The spill's sheen reaches about 100 feet from the shore, Bruetsch said. As of 3:30 p.m. today, the fuel had reached 17.6 miles downstream to the York Haven hydro-electric dam. Bruetsch said the crews are working to skim the fuel from the surface of the river and then will dig out the contaminated soil from the point of the spill. Any fines related to the clean-up will be determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, Bruetsch said.

[http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2011/04/crews\\_work\\_to\\_clean\\_up\\_susqueh.html](http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2011/04/crews_work_to_clean_up_susqueh.html)

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