



## Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

### Release 2011 – 744 Newsy Stuff

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/DangerousGoods>

**August 22 2011**



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

[www.joiff.com](http://www.joiff.com)

Every effort has been undertaken to ensure information accuracy however it is not intended to be comprehensive nor to render advice, referred URL's are current at time of the edition release.

An Industry Partner of

ISCO

[www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

#### CHINA, LIAONING PROVINCE, DALIAN, AUGUST 15 2011. CHINA SAYS WILL SHUT PLANT AS THOUSANDS PROTEST



*Residents hold a banner with Chinese characters forming a shape of a skull which reads "Get out PX (paraxylene), give us back our home, never give up" as they demonstrate against a petrochemical plant at the People's Square in Dalian, Liaoning province.*

Authorities in northeastern China on Sunday ordered a petrochemical plant to be shut down immediately after thousands of people demonstrated, demanding the relocation of the factory at the center of a toxic spill scare, state media said. Demonstrators in the port city of Dalian, in Liaoning province, faced down a wall of police in riot gear in front of the municipal government office. Minor scuffles broke out, although there was no report of injuries among the 12,000 protesters, state news agency Xinhua said. The authorities also pledged to relocate the

Fujia Chemical Plant, Xinhua said, citing a statement from the municipal committee of the Communist Party and the government. The report did not say where the plant is likely to move to. State media said last Monday that residents in Dalian were forced to flee when a storm battering the northeast Chinese coast whipped up waves that burst through a dyke protecting the Fujia plant, which makes paraxylene (PX), a toxic petrochemical used in polyester. Although authorities repaired the dyke and insisted that no spills were detected, the incident sparked panic that PX could have been released, fuelling resentment against the project. Calls on popular microblogging site Weibo and QQ, an instant messaging system, urged residents to protest on Sunday. Protesters chanted "Fujia, get out!" Xinhua said, adding that there was no sign of the protest dispersing soon. The outpouring of public anger is emblematic of the rising discontent facing Chinese leaders, who are obsessed with maintaining stability and struggling to balance growth with growing public anger over pollution and environmental threats. In a rare concession, Dalian's Communist Party chief Tang Jun and mayor Li Wancai earlier on Sunday "tried to appease the crowd by promising to move the polluting project out of the city," Xinhua said. But protesters demanded a clear timetable for moving the plant, with some refusing to move until a timetable is established, Xinhua said. Protesters including children marched holding banners that declared: "I love Dalian and reject poison," "return me my home and garden, get out PX, protect Dalian," and "Return my future generations' beautiful home," according to eyewitness accounts. Photographs on Weibo showed a person in a gas mask wearing a T-shirt that said: "Brother wants to live a few more years." Xinhua said protesters threw bottles of mineral water at police who tried to cordon off the main road that passes near the square, but relented after police backed down. "A poster was put on the Internet yesterday calling people to 'stroll' on Sunday morning starting from 10 a.m. on the People's Square, near which the Dalian government is located," a resident in Dalian, who declined to be named, told Reuters by telephone. "We know that the typhoon caused some leak of poisonous chemicals from the PX project and we are all worrying about it, because it is a threat to our life," the resident said. "We hope that such a 'stroll' may push the government to do something as soon as possible to dispel our worries." Group strolls have become one way for Chinese people to show discontent with the government. Calls to the Dalian government went unanswered.

#### Public Distrust

Dalian, home to China's aircraft carrier and with about 6 million residents, is the second-biggest city in Liaoning, which recently suffered an oil spill from two offshore platforms that hurt tourism and aquatic farming businesses. Environmental worries in China have stoked calls for expanded rights for citizens in the one-party state, but this protest has extended it to calls for more government accountability, highlighting the mistrust that Dalian residents have in its leaders. According to Southern Metropolis News, the Fujia plant started full-scale production in June 2009, but it did not get the mandatory environmental approval from the Liaoning environmental protection bureau until April last year. A photograph on Weibo showed crowds sitting in front of the government building, with some people holding a banner that said "stamp out corruption." Chinese authorities, who are quick to suppress dissent from spreading, blocked searches on Weibo for "PX," "Dalian," and "Dalian protests." Search results for these terms showed pages that said "according to relevant laws, regulations and policies, search results are not displayed." China's leaders have vowed to create a more "harmonious society" with cleaner air and water, even at the cost of slower economic growth. But environmental disputes like these pit citizens against local officials whose priority often remains attracting fresh investment and revenue. The Xiamen authorities in southern Fujian province were forced to scrap a similar PX project in 2008 after thousands of people in the city took to the streets in 2007. The chemical PX can cause eye, nose or throat irritation and chronic exposure may result in death. Environmental pollution is one of the major causes of social unrest in

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Un-ported License. Click on the Icon to view a copy of this license.



The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



[www.tanknology.com.au](http://www.tanknology.com.au)



[www.petrotechnik.com](http://www.petrotechnik.com)



## Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

### Release 2011 – 744 Newsy Stuff

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/DangerousGoods>

**August 22 2011**



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

[www.joiff.com](http://www.joiff.com)

Every effort has been undertaken to ensure information accuracy however it is not intended to be comprehensive nor to render advice, referred URL's are current at time of the edition release.

An Industry Partner of

ISCO

[www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

China, which had almost 90,000 such "mass incidents" of riots, protests, mass petitions and other acts of unrest in 2009, according to a 2011 study by two scholars from Nankai University in north China. Some estimates go even higher.

<http://planetark.org/wen/62936>

#### PERU, LORETO, AUGUST 15 2011. WORKERS FROM PLUSPETROL CLEAN UP AFTER OIL SPILL

Workers from Argentine firm Pluspetrol clean up after an oil spill in the Amazon region of Loreto, August 10, 2011. Approximately 1,100 barrels of oil were leaked into the jungle. A press release from Pluspetrol company said a pipeline had been vandalized, causing the spill that will take a month to clean up.

##### Other News sites:

- [Loreto: the Heart of the Amazon Rainforest](#)
- [Loreto, Amazon photos | Paul Kennedy Travel Photography](#)

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/workers-from-argentine-firm-pluspetrol-clean-up-after-an-oil-spill-in-the-amazon-region-of-loreto/2011/08/12/gIQAObSOBJ\\_photo.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/workers-from-argentine-firm-pluspetrol-clean-up-after-an-oil-spill-in-the-amazon-region-of-loreto/2011/08/12/gIQAObSOBJ_photo.html)

#### USA, LA, BOGALUSA, AUGUST 15 2011. OFFICIALS INVESTIGATE WHETHER PEARL RIVER FISH KILL IS LINKED TO PAPER MILL

##### Watch the Video:

<http://www.wvltv.com/news/northshore/Investigators-trying-to-determine-cause-of-dead-fish-turtles-on-Pearl-River--127661853.html>



Dead fish lined the banks of the Pearl River at Poole's Bluff near Bogalusa Saturday. Tiny catfish gasped for breath at the surface. Other vital wildlife, including mussels, turtles, and eels, had washed ashore. It's something L.K. Jones has never seen here before. "The water's black, black as paint, dead fish floating everywhere, it's unreal," said Jones, who lives nearby. Neighbors noticed a film over the river several days ago. Saturday morning, the dark, foamy water proved deadly. "I run three nets this morning, tuck 'em up, they had at least 200-250 pounds of dead fish per net, no live ones at all," said Freddy Lawrence, a longtime Washington Parish fisherman. Now, multiple agencies from Louisiana and Mississippi are investigating. The source of the dark liquid appears to be a

pipeline a few miles upriver. The water color, and quality, officials say, changes drastically downriver from the pipeline. And one can see the dark liquid bubbling up beneath the surface. Officials say that pipeline belongs to Temple-Inland, an Austin-based company with a paper plant in Bogalusa. Officials say the company's allowed to discharge a certain amount of the liquid into the river, but they've never seen the water so black. "I would suggest people stay off the water until we can find out what happened," said Sgt. Darryl Galloway, enforcement division of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. At this point, authorities aren't prepared to say the plant caused the fish kill. But DEQ said Temple-Inland did have a problem Tuesday with the operation's waste water plant, causing them to exceed the daily maximum for biochemical oxygen demand, which measures the amount of oxygen organisms use to break down waste. Now, DEQ says, water oxygen levels below the pipeline are too low for fish to survive. "You can look at the water, look at the foam when a boat goes by, that's not normal," said Lawrence. "It's something happening with the paper mill." DEQ officials said Temple-Inland has been working to fix issues at their waste water treatment facility. According to DEQ, the plant is starting to stabilize, but is still having problems. Officials said the effects can already be seen about 20 miles downriver, near Picayune, Mississippi. But so far, DEQ officials have collected only one fish to test. They say the others appeared to be sitting for days, dead too long to sample. And they hope in the future, residents will report anything unusual as soon as they see it. Officials said they didn't learn of the fish kill until Saturday morning. "The thing I'm worried about is the long term effects," said Lawrence. Officials said they're not sure how long it'll take to figure out what caused this, or how to fix it. In a statement, officials from Temple-Inland said, quote, "We are aware of reports of a fish kill on the Pearl River. We are working with regulatory agencies investigating potential causes." Meanwhile, DEQ says Temple-Inland could face hefty fines from Louisiana, Mississippi, and federal agencies if found to be responsible for the fish kill.

<http://www.wvltv.com/news/northshore/Investigators-trying-to-determine-cause-of-dead-fish-turtles-on-Pearl-River--127661853.html>

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Unported License. Click on the Icon to view a copy of this license.



The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



[www.tanknology.com.au](http://www.tanknology.com.au)



[www.petrotechnik.com](http://www.petrotechnik.com)



## Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network Release 2011 – 744 Newsy Stuff

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/DangerousGoods>

**August 22 2011**



Alliance Partner  
JOIFF

[www.joiff.com](http://www.joiff.com)

Every effort has been undertaken to ensure information accuracy however it is not intended to be comprehensive nor to render advice, referred URL's are current at time of the edition release.

An Industry Partner of  
ISCO

[www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

### UK, LONDON, AUGUST 15 2011. SHELL SAYS NORTH SEA OIL PIPELINE STILL LEAKING

*tom bergin*

Royal Dutch Shell Plc said a ruptured North Sea pipeline continued to leak oil on Saturday and that it had been seeping crude into the sea for two days before the company declared it. Shell said it was continuing to reduce pressure in the pipeline on Saturday, reducing the flow of oil. Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish regional government, told the BBC around 100 tonnes of oil, around 750 barrels, had leaked into the sea. This compares with almost 5 million barrels spilled into the Gulf of Mexico by BP's leaking Macondo well last year. The Anglo Dutch oil major first revealed the leak late on Friday but a spokesman said on Saturday it had been detected two days earlier. A spokeswoman for the Maritime & Coastguard Agency said it had no information on the status of the clean up operation, and that none of its staff were at the spill site. Environmental group Greenpeace complained about the lack of information on the leak. "Right now we don't know how serious this is, what we do know is that the North Sea is supposed to be ultra-safe, we're told spills can't happen there," oil campaigner Ben Ayliffe said in an emailed statement. Shell said on Friday that one of the wells at the Gannet oil field, 180km (112 miles) east of Aberdeen, had been closed but declined to say if output was reduced. According to Argus Media, the Gannet field produced about 13,500 barrels of oil in January-April. The field is co-owned with U.S. major Exxon and operated by Shell. A document available from Shell's website says the Gannet facilities have capacity to export 88,000 barrels of crude oil per day.

<http://planetark.org/wen/62935>

### SCOTLAND, FIFE AUGUST 15 2011. FIFE DISTILLERY EVACUATED AND SHUT DOWN AFTER ACID LEAK



*Closure: The plant was evacuated after the spill was detected at 5.30am on Monday.*

Diageo Distillery in Cameron Bridge in Fife evacuated and shut down after leak from 28,000 litre tank was discovered. A Fife distillery was evacuated and shut down after an acid spill at the site. The spillage at the Diageo Distillery in Cameron Bridge, near Leven in Fife, was caused by a leak in a process storage tank. Fire brigade and emergency services were called to the scene at 5.30am on Monday. The alarm was raised following the discovery of a leak from a 28,000 litre tank. Diageo said the plant has been safely shut down while emergency services tackle the incident. Nearby residents have been advised to keep their

doors and windows closed as a precaution. A Fife Fire and Rescue spokesman said: "No one has been injured and the spillage is being contained safely with no environmental impact. "As a precaution all employees and contractors on site have been evacuated and as a safety measure residents in the immediate vicinity have been advised to keep their windows and doors closed. "The plant has been safely shut down while emergency services monitor the situation. A specialist contractor is on their way to support the remedy and recovery programme." A chemical tanker from Glasgow has been sent to the site to pump out the affected area. In July 2009 nitric acid was found to be leaking from a truck near the Cameron Bridge plant.

<http://news.stv.tv/scotland/tayside/266285-fife-distillery-evacuated-and-shut-down-after-chemical-leak/>

### CHINA, YUNNAN PROVINCE, QUJING CITY, AUGUST 15 2011. ILLEGAL DUMPING POLLUTES WATER

*yan jie*

More than 5,000 tons of highly toxic industrial waste were dumped illegally in rural areas near a Southwest China city, causing livestock deaths and soil and water pollution, local authorities said over the weekend. Water resources experts arrived on Sunday to assess the condition of the Nanpan River, which is the source of the Pearl River, Quan Ende, deputy head of the publicity department in Qujing city of Yunnan province, said on Sunday. Two truck drivers illegally dumped 5,222 tons of chromium compound waste, a highly toxic heavy metal, in three townships in Qujing city between the end of April and June, the city's publicity department said in a statement on Saturday. The drivers, identified as local residents Wu Xinghuai and Liu Xingshui, were under contract with Yunnan Province Luliang Chemical Industry Co Ltd, a local chromium producer, to ship the waste to a treatment plant in neighboring Guizhou province, according to the statement. But the men never made the delivery; instead, they dumped the waste and saved the transport costs, local authorities said. Both have been placed under arrest. "Production has been halted at the plant," said a company executive surnamed Pan. "I don't know when it will resume." Pan added that the company had to take responsibility for the pollution because of its failure to supervise the drivers. The problem came to the attention of local authorities on June 12, when villagers reported that goats grazing near the dumping sites had

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Un-ported License. Click on the Icon to view a copy of this license.



The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



[www.tanknology.com.au](http://www.tanknology.com.au)



[www.petrotechnik.com](http://www.petrotechnik.com)





## Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

### Release 2011 – 744 Newsy Stuff

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/DangerousGoods>

**August 22 2011**



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

[www.joiff.com](http://www.joiff.com)

Every effort has been undertaken to ensure information accuracy however it is not intended to be comprehensive nor to render advice, referred URL's are current at time of the edition release.

An Industry Partner of

ISCO

[www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

died. The authorities found later that the goats had been killed by drinking water polluted by the chemical waste. The statement said 77 livestock died from the pollution, with water in a pond and a small reservoir near the dumping sites heavily contaminated with chromium compounds, according to the statement. However, local authorities said that the pollution had not caused any human deaths or injuries because the source of drinking water for local villagers was far away from the dumping sites. Water quality in the parts of the Nanpan River that pass through the city wasn't affected, the authorities added. As of June 17, local authorities had completed the clean-up work for the chromium compound waste and polluted soil, which amounted to 9,130 tons. In addition, the polluted water, estimated at about 100 cubic meters in the pond, had been recovered and treated at the chromium producer. The water in the small reservoir, which was less polluted and estimated at about 40,000 cubic meters, had been treated to be safe for animals and human beings, said the authorities. They also collected and treated about 3,000 cubic meters of polluted water that had leaked from the dumping sites. The combined 43,000 cubic meters of treated water had been discharged into the Nanpan River, they added. Local authorities were continuing to monitor soil pollution in these areas. The local government will assess the economic impact of the pollution and compensate local villagers for direct losses within three days, said Quan. Environmental protection authorities in South China's Guangdong province said on Saturday that no chromium pollution had been detected in the Pearl River, a water source for tens of millions of the province's residents. The remarks came after posts on weibo.com, a popular Chinese micro-blogging site, claimed that 300,000 cubic meters of chromium-polluted water were piped into the Nanpan River, spawning public concerns over water safety in the country's most populous region.

[http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2011-08/15/content\\_13109446.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2011-08/15/content_13109446.htm)

#### **VENEZUELA, MARACAIBO, AUGUST 16 2011. BLUE CRABS THREATENED BY OIL SPILLS IN VENEZUELA**

*girish gupta & isaac urrutia*

- New York delicacy fished from oil-covered Venezuela lake
- Chavez gov't blamed for failing to act on contamination



*Oil spill on water is seen near an oil production facility at Maracaibo lake near the coastal town of Barranquitas August 15, 2011. Venezuela's state oil company PDVSA has activated an emergency plan to tackle the leak, local media reported.*

Venezuelan fishermen inspect their catch of blue crabs on the edge of Lake Maracaibo, concerned about the greasy oil stains covering their shells. The crustaceans will be processed and shipped to seafood restaurants in Maryland and New York where they are considered a delicacy. But scientists and fishermen in the state of Zulia in northwestern Venezuela worry that the crabs may not be safe for consumption. "The crabs are stained with oil," said fisherman Cesar Burgos as he weighed the day's catch in the fishing village of

Barranquitas. "I don't know at what point it becomes harmful." Pollution in Lake Maracaibo has been a problem for decades. In recent weeks the area has been blighted by several leaks from tangled pipes, corroding pumps and other oil installations that crisscross the lake. "The main source of contamination by hydrocarbons is the oil industry," said Lenin Herrera, a chemical engineer and former president of the Institute for the Control and Conservation of Lake Maracaibo (ICLAM). "If there is a discharge of oil, that does damage to important ecosystems in the lake." The blue crabs -- whose Latin name *Callinectes sapidus* means beautiful, savory swimmers -- are distinctive for their violet-blue legs and claws. They are famed for their succulent, sweet taste. Though not popular in Venezuela, 95 percent of the creatures will be shipped to the United States, where the best of the white jumbo lump meat sells for up to \$40 per pound. Fishermen surrounding Lake Maracaibo will earn around \$0.23 for each crab they catch. The fishermen often sell the crabs to local middlemen who then send the product to one of the 19 processing plants in the area, often at double the price. The plants hire hundreds of staff to separate the meat before it makes its way to the dining tables of U.S. restaurants. In addition to the environmental problems, fishing techniques are also thought to be harming the crab population. In 2002, fishermen began using longline methods rather than traditional small mesh cages to catch the crustaceans. The new method, which does not discriminate by size, has doubled production but is threatening the future of the crab population. "There has been a very strong increase of individuals caught that are under the minimum legal size," said Dr. Glenys Andrade de Pasquier, an investigator at the National Institute for Agricultural Investigation (INIA). When immature crabs are caught it stunts population growth. Feelings against President Hugo Chavez

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Un-ported License. Click on the Icon to view a copy of this license.



**The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:**



[www.tanknology.com.au](http://www.tanknology.com.au)



[www.petrotechnik.com](http://www.petrotechnik.com)



## Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

### Release 2011 – 744 Newsy Stuff

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/DangerousGoods>

**August 22 2011**



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

[www.joiff.com](http://www.joiff.com)

Every effort has been undertaken to ensure information accuracy however it is not intended to be comprehensive nor to render advice, referred URL's are current at time of the edition release.

An Industry Partner of

ISCO

[www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

run high in Zulia, an island of opposition in the socialist nation. Locals blame his government for turning a blind eye to pollution by the oil industry. "The government could do so much but it does nothing," said Eliseo Fermin, deputy of the legislative council of Zulia state. "What the government has done with the lake is a terrible crime." There is little recent research into the wellbeing of Lake Maracaibo, which critics suggest is due to a lack of funding by the government which is eager to downplay the pollution as Chavez looks to win his fourth term in power in next year's presidential election.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/cameroonNews/idAFB37447920110805>

### USA, MA, BOSTON, AUGUST 16 2011. SETTLEMENT WILL PAY CLEAN AIR ACT PENALTIES AND REPAY PORTION OF CLEAN UP COSTS FROM DANVERS, MASS. EXPLOSION IN 2006

david deegan



*The blast flattened part of the small Danvers neighborhood in November 2006, displacing hundreds of residents.*

The United States has reached agreement with the owners and a former operator of an inks and paint products manufacturing facility in Danvers, Mass., that exploded and burned in 2006 the day before Thanksgiving. Under a consent decree lodged today by the U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the owners and operator will pay the U.S. Government a projected \$1.3 million, including cash and the net proceeds from sale of the facility property, assuming the property sells for its appraised value. Most of that recovery will go to reimburse EPA for its \$2.7 million in costs of cleaning up hazardous waste after the explosion. In addition, operator C.A.I. Inc. will pay EPA a penalty of \$100,000 to settle allegations that conditions at the

facility violated the General Duty Clause in Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act. Today's consent decree resolves claims in a complaint against former operator C.A.I. and owners Sartorelli Realty LLC and Roy A. Nelson as Trustee of the Nelson Danvers Realty Trust. A separate consent decree with former operator Arnel Company Inc. was entered by the court in July 2011. The settlement amounts in both consent decrees were based on demonstrations by the settling defendants of limited financial resources. "This case demonstrates that a failure to implement basic safety mechanisms and follow obligations under the law can have dire consequences," said Curt Spalding, regional administrator of EPA's New England office. "The extent of damage from this explosion shows why it is so important that facilities follow basic chemical safety practices. Companies that fail to comply with laws that protect public health and our environment will be held accountable." "Failure to adhere to the Clean Air Act's general duty obligations can lead to serious, potentially deadly accidents and harm to the environment," said Ignacia S. Moreno, Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division. "Today's settlement underscores the importance of industry's compliance with the law to ensure the protection of human health and the environment for the benefit of the American people." EPA's cleanup action and investigation were undertaken as a result of the explosion and chemical fire that occurred on Nov. 22, 2006, at the C.A.I. and Arnel industrial building in Danvers. On the night before Thanksgiving, a series of explosions demolished the manufacturing facility. C.A.I. and Arnel stored and used considerable quantities of ignitable and flammable substances in their manufacturing of solvent-based ink, paint, thinners and/or industrial coatings. The explosion and subsequent fire destroyed the 12,000 square foot building, and the surrounding commercial and residential community experienced significant structural and property damage from the blast. Approximately 24 homes and six businesses were severely damaged and subsequently demolished; another 70 homes were damaged. An estimated 300 residents within a half-mile radius of the facility were evacuated by the Danvers fire department. Firefighting efforts lasted nearly 17 hours. While several people were injured and hospitalized, no fatalities occurred. From Nov. 2006 to March 2007, EPA performed a removal of hazardous substances released or threatened to be released to the environment as a result of the explosion. EPA fenced off the site, took air samples, drained vats, totes and underground storage tanks, removed drums of chemicals, pumped off storm water runoff, and removed soil, debris and scrap steel. After the incident, EPA, in close coordination with other federal and state agencies, investigated the facility operators' compliance with various federal laws, including the General Duty Clause of the Clean Air Act. Under the agreement, operator C.A.I. will pay EPA a penalty of \$100,000 to settle EPA allegations that the following conditions at the facility, among others, contributed to the General Duty Clause violations: failure to identify the hazards of operating an ink mixing process overnight without proper ventilation; lack of appropriate ventilation, lack of vapor detectors and alarms to detect buildup of dangerous vapors while workers were not present, lack of automatic shut-off valves that could shut down processes if human operators forgot to

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Unported License. Click on the Icon to view a copy of this license.



The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



[www.tanknology.com.au](http://www.tanknology.com.au)



[www.petrotechnik.com](http://www.petrotechnik.com)



## Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

### Release 2011 – 744 Newsy Stuff

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/DangerousGoods>

**August 22 2011**



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

[www.joiff.com](http://www.joiff.com)

Every effort has been undertaken to ensure information accuracy however it is not intended to be comprehensive nor to render advice, referred URL's are current at time of the edition release.

An Industry Partner of

ISCO

[www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

do so, failure to have the proper fire permits, and lack of explosion venting construction. C.A.I.'s penalty also resolved a claim under Section 114(a) of the Clean Air Act for failure to respond to an EPA request for information related to the company's handling of extremely hazardous substances.

#### More Information:

The consent decree, lodged in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, is subject to a 30-day public comment period and approval by the federal court. A copy of the consent decree will be available on the Justice Department website at [www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent\\_Decrees.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent_Decrees.html)

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/7220f30a2d4ef4a8852578ed0059ed57?OpenDocument>

#### USA, CA, MARTINEZ, AUGUST 16 2011. PETROLEUM DISTRIBUTOR ORDERED TO PAY \$3 MILLION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS

A Martinez-based petroleum distributor that was found in violation of numerous environmental laws has been ordered to pay \$3 million, a coalition of district attorneys announced today. A Contra Costa County judge ordered Golden Gate Petroleum Corp. to pay \$3 million for civil penalties and costs, according to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. A civil enforcement lawsuit was filed in November 2007 alleging that the company used underground storage tank systems to store hazardous materials and hazardous substances such as gasoline and diesel fuel. Among the violations alleged in the suit were tampering with sensors by improperly raising them, failing to adequately train employees in responding to hazard materials releases or spills, and failing to maintain various records required under state law. Golden Gate Petroleum will be required to comply with California law at their facilities to reduce the possibility of a release or spill of a hazardous substance into the environment. In addition to its Martinez headquarters, Golden Gate Petroleum has 25 facilities in Northern California and Nevada, including in the cities of Hayward, San Jose, Richmond, Salinas and Brentwood. The company sells a number of products including bulk lubricants, diesel, race gas, propane, fuel oil, gasoline, and biodiesel. The settlement was announced by Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen, along with 14 other California district attorneys and state Attorney General Kamala Harris. A call to Golden Gate Petroleum seeking comment was not immediately returned.

<http://www.ktvu.com/news/28874503/detail.html>

#### MALAYSIA, KUALA LUMPUR, AUGUST 16 2011. CHEVRON SEEKS TO EXPAND CALTEX NETWORK VIA ENHANCED RETAILER PROGRAM, ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR B5 BIODIESEL LAUNCH



Chevron Malaysia Limited, the operator of retail brand Caltex, is seeking to expand Caltex's footprint in Malaysia, and the company plans to draw in retailers via its revitalised Retailer Owned, Retailer Operated program, RORO in short. This comes after the 75-year old Caltex brand received an [image refresh and new brand campaign](#) plus tagline – Enjoy the Journey – last month. RORO aims to bring about greater ownership of the business with greater flexibility in selecting backcourt offerings such as convenience stores or franchise offerings. At the briefing, Jeremy Oh, Chevron's Country Chairman, gave a few examples such as kopitiam, 1901 hot dog outlets and even an Indian barber shop that exists in one Caltex station. RORO outlets can also customise promotional offerings to fit

unique geographical needs. Retail partners also have access to dedicated retail business consultants, aggressive Fuels Marketing strategies and reliable supply chains. Besides those, Chevron will also assist ROROs in supporting business processes and retail business systems. "Our unique value propositions ensure prospective and current retailers alike are able to leverage on the value of a world class brand and learn from the experts committed to a profitable business. Chevron has also developed training modules targeted at improving customer service by retailers and customer service reps and making a competitive market work for you. This comprehensive program translates to an opportunity to earn potentially higher returns," explains Oh. So what does one need to open a Caltex RORO station? Prospects must already own, or have identified a land of at least 40,000 sq ft and have investment capital of at least RM2 million. That sum doesn't include the cost of the land, but includes building construction, equipment cost and working capital. Total costs vary depending on location, size and facilities. For more info on the RORO program and its requirements, go to [www.caltexforinvestors.com/MY](http://www.caltexforinvestors.com/MY). On a separate note, Chevron updated us that they're on schedule with the [B5 biodiesel](#) (diesel blended with 5% palm methyl ester) rollout as [mandated by the government](#). The Central region must be B5 ready by November 1 2011, and Chevron already has 29

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Un-ported License. Click on the Icon to view a copy of this license.



The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



[www.tanknology.com.au](http://www.tanknology.com.au)



[www.petrotechnik.com](http://www.petrotechnik.com)





## Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network Release 2011 – 744 Newsy Stuff

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/DangerousGoods>

**August 22 2011**



Alliance Partner  
JOIFF

[www.joiff.com](http://www.joiff.com)

Every effort has been undertaken to ensure information accuracy however it is not intended to be comprehensive nor to render advice, referred URL's are current at time of the edition release.

An Industry Partner of  
ISCO

[www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

service stations in Melaka and Negeri Sembilan offering B5 biodiesel with Techron D (engine cleaning additive), with 73 to come by November. The company's B5 blending facility in Pulau Indah, which took eight months to complete, is already fully operational.

<http://paultan.org/2011/08/15/chevron-seeks-to-expand-caltex-network-via-enhanced-retailer-program-all-systems-go-for-b5-biodiesel-launch/>

### USA, N.J., DELEON SPRINGS, AUGUST 16 2011. DELEON SPRINGS' COMMUNITY LEADERS CONCERNED ABOUT LEAKING GASOLINE >> STATE DEP CLEANUP PLAN FACES LOCAL CRITICISM

*patricio g. balona*

An underground gasoline leak the state has tried unsuccessfully to clean up for years is worsening, and community leaders worry a new cleanup effort will not eliminate the problem, possibly leading to the contamination of one of West Volusia's main attractions, DeLeon Springs. Community leaders and business owners along U.S. 17 in DeLeon Springs believe the proposed November cleanup is a waste of time and money because the state Department of Environmental Protection and its contractor only plan to dig on one side of the core contaminated area. The core area is under a building owned by Cesar Perez, who has a car stereo installation business and thrift store there. DEP initially offered to buy Perez's property opposite the Valero gas station identified as the source of the leak, to demolish the building so Perez could rebuild. DEP offered Perez \$55,000 and lately said it has no money for the building, but the agency is paying an estimated \$8 million for the four-phase cleanup. In June 2009, Universal Solutions Inc., a Tampa company contracting for the cleanup, collected \$3.5 million for Phase 1, excavating an area east of U.S. 17 next to the Valero gas station at 5145 N. U.S. 17. According to Perez, who has seen the plan Universal Solutions recently presented to him, the company only plans to dig in his business' parking lot, bypassing the core contaminated area. According to a December 2005 report submitted to DEP by Universal Solutions, there are two 6,000-gallon gasoline tanks and a 6,000-gallon diesel tank installed in 1989 in the same place where old tanks were removed. These were buried near U.S. 17 and Baxter Street when the highway was widened and expanded. The plume of estimated benzene contamination was 875,514 gallons, extending west from the Valero gas station under U.S. 17, and contamination was shown to have migrated farther west. The gasoline contamination plume has grown over the years and so has the fear of the DeLeon Springs Community Association, whose 65 members believe it's just a matter of time before the underground leaking tanks spew their contents into the springs at the state park about a mile away. Their fears are bolstered after research by the group that recently discovered a September 2007 email from Universal Solutions pointing to contamination of the springs in 2005. In the email, Keith Ford, the company's senior engineer and construction manager, said DeLeon Springs was contaminated with cement grout. "During a well abandonment conducted in 2005, what appeared to be cement grout was observed emanating from DeLeon Springs," Ford wrote in his email.

#### Threat to Springs

The well, west of Perez's property, is about one mile from the springs. Park rangers approached Universal Solutions workers and told them "gray matter" believed to be grout was coming out of the springs, said Jennifer Diaz, DEP spokeswoman. DEP collected a water sample from the spring in April 2007 and the sample only showed a trace amount of petroleum hydrocarbons, not considered a hazard, Diaz said. "By the time the report came in, it was impossible to a) find the grout and b) filter out the small amount that might have been noticeable," Diaz wrote in an email. But the tainting of the spring, no matter how small, has raised the awareness of community members that the risk of gasoline contamination of the springs is high, if not properly removed. "If grout they were pumping into the hole made its way to the springs, what is there to stop to gas leak from getting to it?" said Len Litwiniec, chairman of the association. "And as far as we know the plume keeps growing." The plume has grown 400 feet in 20 years despite several unsuccessful clean-up efforts at the Valero by DEP since 1991. However, Diaz said the plume has decreased since Phase 1 was completed. Nonetheless, an updated potable well survey by the Florida Department of Health Bureau of Water Programs in May shows at least 12 wells within a quarter-mile radius are contaminated. At least six more were not tested because permission could not be obtained from the owners. "Numerous methods of remediation have been applied or studied to address the Fina Express site (now the Valero gas station)," a report from Universal Solution states. "None of the previous methods produced favorable results." "The direction of the groundwater flow in the Floridan Aquifer is principally towards the northwest with possible discharge being Ponce DeLeon Springs," the report states. This gives the jitters to business people and community leaders who depend on the money visitors spend when they visit the springs.

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Un-ported License. Click on the Icon to view a copy of this license.



The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



[www.tanknology.com.au](http://www.tanknology.com.au)



[www.petrotechnik.com](http://www.petrotechnik.com)



## Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network Release 2011 – 744 Newsy Stuff

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/DangerousGoods>

**August 22 2011**



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

[www.joiff.com](http://www.joiff.com)

Every effort has been undertaken to ensure information accuracy however it is not intended to be comprehensive nor to render advice, referred URL's are current at time of the edition release.

An Industry Partner of

ISCO

[www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

### Park Impact

DeLeon Springs is a swimming spot that attracts more than 230,000 visitors a year to the tiny unincorporated community, said Amy Munizzi, association member and head of the DeLeon Springs Utility Task Force. Its economic impact to Volusia County and nearby areas is more than \$8.6 million a year, generating an estimated \$608,000 in sales taxes, Munizzi said. "If gasoline gets into the springs, no one will come," Munizzi said. "That will finish off an already struggling town, not to mention the effect it will have on DeLand, the city that largely benefits from visitors to the springs." Community opinion is for DEP to pay Perez the money he needs to rebuild his business so they can demolish the current structure and dig out the worst of the contaminated soil. The building sits on what DEP has said is the core and worst contaminated area west of U.S. 17. So far the agency has only offered \$55,000 for the property that Perez purchased in 2005 for \$200,000 and most recently told Perez they are only going to dig up his parking lot if he gives permission. The money the state is offering barely covers what he additionally invested in the building to get a new roof and upgrade it to bring it up to county codes. He will never be able to recover if he accepts that money and has his business torn down, Perez said. "I will not let them do it if they will not clean the property 100 percent," Perez said. "Why would I want this half done? It does no good to us here in DeLeon Springs and I would never be able to sell the property if I wanted to."

<http://www.news-journalonline.com/news/local/west-volusia/2011/08/16/deleon-springs-community-leaders-concerned-about-leaking-gasoline.html>

### USA, TX, JEFFERSON CO, AUGUST 16 2011. JONES ACT SUIT FILED AGAINST K-SEA TRANSPORTATION

*david yates*

In 2010, seaman Devon Magill served aboard a vessel owned by K-Sea Transportation. On Aug. 8 Magill filed a suit against the company in Jefferson County District Court, alleging that he was exposed to benzene during his time aboard the vessel. In his suit, Magill claims that he now suffers from leukemia and links the cause of the disease to his service aboard the Dublin Sea in 2010. During that time period, he served as a deckhand aboard the Dublin, which transported benzene and other chemicals across the Gulf of Mexico. The suit alleges K-Sea Transportation negligently failed to train him on how not to be exposed to the benzene. The plaintiff is suing for his alleged past and future medical expenses, mental anguish, pain, impairment, disfigurement and lost wages, plus all court costs. Houston attorney Brian Beckcom of Vujasinovic & Beckcom represents him. Judge Gary Sanderson, 60th District Court, has been assigned to the case. Case No. B190-654

<http://www.setexasrecord.com/news/237588-jones-act-suit-filed-against-k-sea-transportation>

### SCOTLAND, ABERDEEN, AUGUST 17 2011. ROYAL DUTCH SHELL STRUGGLING TO SHUT DOWN NORTH SEA OIL LEAK

Royal Dutch Shell has shut down the main leak at one of its North Sea oil rigs but says it is struggling to stop a secondary spill in a hard-to-reach part of the seabed. The company has stemmed the main leak in the flow line to the Gannet Alpha platform by closing the well and isolating the reservoir, said Glen Cayley, technical director of Shell's European exploration and production activities. The second, smaller leak has proved more elusive to control. "The residual small leak is in an awkward position to get to," he said today. "This is complex sub-sea infrastructure, and really getting into it amongst quite dense marine growth is proving a challenge. "It's taken our diving crews some time to establish exactly and precisely where that leak is coming from." The secondary spill is pumping about two barrels - or 84 gallons - into the water each day. The company estimated Monday that 54,600 gallons of oil had spilled into the sea from the rig off Scotland's eastern coast. Cayley said the company "deeply regrets" the spill, Britain's worst in a decade. In an interview with the BBC, Cayley said an investigation is under way to determine the cause of the spill, which was first noticed last Wednesday. Shell said it believes the oil is now leaking from a relief valve close to the original leak. It said that once it is certain of the source, it will stop the spill. Vicky Wyatt of Greenpeace said Shell had not released information about the spill as quickly as it should have. "The news that there's now a second leak from the Shell platform will only heighten concerns over how this episode is being handled," she said. "While oil has been flowing, timely information has not." Cayley said at its peak, the oil sheen covered an area 31km by 4.3km. He said most of it has now been dispersed by strong waves and it would not hit shore. The Gannet Alpha oil rig, 180km east of the Scottish city of Aberdeen, is operated by Shell and co-owned by Shell and Esso, a subsidiary of the US oil firm Exxon Mobil. The British government said the leak was small compared with the BP spill in the Gulf of Mexico last year - which dumped 206 million gallons of oil - but said it was still substantial for the UK's continental shelf. It supported Shell's predictions that the oil would disperse naturally. The government has promised to investigate the spill, which is four times the amount leaked by all

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Un-ported License. Click on the Icon to view a copy of this license.



The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



[www.tanknology.com.au](http://www.tanknology.com.au)



[www.petrotechnik.com](http://www.petrotechnik.com)





## Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

### Release 2011 – 744 Newsy Stuff

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/DangerousGoods>

**August 22 2011**



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

[www.joiff.com](http://www.joiff.com)

Every effort has been undertaken to ensure information accuracy however it is not intended to be comprehensive nor to render advice, referred URL's are current at time of the edition release.

An Industry Partner of

ISCO

[www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

British rigs into the North Sea in 2009. Britain has already beefed up its inspections of the 24 drilling rigs and 280 oil and gas installations in its part of the North Sea in the wake of the 2010 Gulf spill.

#### Related Stories

- [Shell in the spotlight over UK oil spill](#) Perth Now
- [North Sea oil spill 'substantial'](#) Herald Sun
- [Shell slammed for 'worst spill in a decade'](#) Herald Sun
- [Shell says North Sea oil spill 'reduced'](#) Herald Sun
- [Shell fighting oil leak in North Sea](#) Herald Sun

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/world/struggle-to-shut-down-north-sea-oil-leak/story-e6frf7lf-1226116345610>

### SCOTLAND, ABERDEEN, AUGUST 16 2011. SHELL SAYS NORTH SEA OIL SPILL IS 'SIGNIFICANT'

andy philip



#### *The Gannet Alpha platform in the North Sea*

More than 200 tonnes of oil could have entered the North Sea following a leak at an offshore platform, according to estimates from operator Shell. The spill - the worst in the region for more than a decade - began at the Gannet Alpha platform 112 miles east of Aberdeen on Wednesday. Estimates have only now been released by the firm, prompting complaints from environmental groups that there has been a lack of transparency. Shell said about 216 tonnes of oil, equal to 1,300 barrels, may have spilled into the sea so far. The estimate outstrips annual spill totals for the past decade, according to figures from the UK Government Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC). The total amount of oil discharged into the North Sea in 2009 was 50.93 tonnes. In a statement today,

Glen Cayley, technical director of Shell's exploration and production activities in Europe, said: "This is a significant spill in the context of annual amounts of oil spilled in the North Sea. "We care about the environment and we regret that the spill happened. We have taken it very seriously and responded promptly to it." Mr Cayley, speaking from Aberdeen, added: "The high winds and waves over the weekend have led to a substantial reduction in the size of the oil sheen as can be seen from the current levels on the water. "We continue to expect that the oil sheen will disperse due to wave action and that it will not reach the shore." Shell said the current rate of leakage is under five barrels a day. About one tonne is estimated to be on the surface, although that figure changes from day to day. The surface sheen, which also changes daily, is about one-third of a mile in size. The spill is described as a light crude oil with a low wax content. Hydraulic fluid is also present. A standby vessel, Grampian Prince, is monitoring the area, with oil spill response equipment available if required. A spokesman for the DECC had earlier estimated the spill to be "several hundred tonnes". The spokesman said: "Although small in comparison to the Macondo, Gulf of Mexico, incident, in the context of the UK Continental Shelf (UKCS), the spill is substantial - but it is not anticipated that oil will reach the shore and indeed it is expected that it will be dispersed naturally." The spokesman added: "Current estimates are that the spill could be several hundred tonnes. "However, it is always very difficult and takes time to get an accurate assessment of the size of a spill and this is subject to ongoing revision." The Scottish Government said it will push for a full and formal role in any investigation, given its responsibility for the marine environment. Scottish Environment Secretary Richard Lochhead said: "While there are inevitable difficulties verifying the extent and size of the leak, it's vital that Shell and DECC make information available on an open, transparent and regular basis." Environment groups raised their concerns for wildlife in the area. Stuart Housden, director of RSPB Scotland, said: "We know oil of any amount, if in the wrong place, at the wrong time, can have a devastating impact on marine life. Currently thousands of young auks - razorbills, puffins and guillemots - are flightless and dispersing widely in the North Sea during late summer. So they could be at serious risk if contaminated by this spill. "If Shell is confident that the situation is now under control, we must now start to assess what happened and make sure the relevant precautions are in place to stop this happening again." Greenpeace oil campaigner Ben Ayliffe said: "There is a worrying lack of transparency from Shell in relation to this oil spill and our concerns are only heightened by the news that this spill is now substantial. "It took Shell two days after the spill began before they admitted that there had been a leak, and even now they have refused to say how many barrels of oil per day are seeping into the North Sea. "Given this lack of openness, you have to ask if Shell is the right type of company to be allowed to expand its oil operations into the environmentally-fragile Arctic." Juliet Swann, head of campaigns at Friends of the Earth Scotland, said: "We are

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Un-ported License. Click on the Icon to view a copy of this license.



The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



[www.tanknology.com.au](http://www.tanknology.com.au)



[www.petrotechnik.com](http://www.petrotechnik.com)



## Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network Release 2011 – 744 Newsy Stuff

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/DangerousGoods>

**August 22 2011**



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

[www.joiff.com](http://www.joiff.com)

Every effort has been undertaken to ensure information accuracy however it is not intended to be comprehensive nor to render advice, referred URL's are current at time of the edition release.

An Industry Partner of

ISCO

[www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

deeply worried that we still, even five days after the leak was detected, know far too little about the environmental impact of the spill, how it could impact wildlife, and the scale of the threat to Scotland's coastal communities and the marine environment that they rely on for their income." She said Shell's response "has been close to pathetic" and added: "It is Shell's responsibility to keep the public and stakeholders informed, especially in a crisis such as this, but I fear the longer we wait to hear about what is really happening from Shell, the more chance there is that we will never actually know the truth as Shell's PR machine goes into overdrive."

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/shell-says-north-sea-oil-spill-is-significant-2338073.html>

### CHINA, BEIJING, AUGUST 16 2011. CHINA TO SUE OIL GIANT OVER SPILL DAMAGES



*China's ocean watchdog on Tuesday confirmed that it will sue US oil company ConocoPhillips responsible for oil leaks off China's northeast coast. A ship cleans up the leaking oil near the platform C in the Bohai Sea, China.*

The State Oceanic Administration (SOA) said in a statement that the North China Sea branch of the SOA will, on behalf of the country, file lawsuits demanding for compensation over the oil spill. ConocoPhillips may face compensation demands far higher than the 200,000 yuan (US\$31,000) penalty. At least 100 million yuan (15.6 million U.S. dollars) are expected since the leaking oil have put severe impact on the oceanic ecological system, the Economic Information Daily reported on Tuesday. If the pollution continues, the amount of the payment would be increased as well. The SOA plans to introduce a major policy for seeking the compensation from ConocoPhillips China, the operator of two leaking oil platforms in Bohai Bay. ConocoPhillips China, a subsidiary of U.S. energy giant ConocoPhillips, first reported spills to authorities in June. The oil spills have spread to beaches in Hebei and Liaoning provinces. The spills have been blamed for losses in the provinces' tourism and aquatic farming industries. An area of 3,400 square km in the Bohai Bay has been affected by the spills, with the area's water quality rating slipping from level I to levels III and IV, the North China Sea Branch of the SOA said in a press release.

[http://www.china.org.cn/environment/2011-08/16/content\\_23220147.htm](http://www.china.org.cn/environment/2011-08/16/content_23220147.htm)

### USA, FLA, BREVARD CO, SATELLITE BEACH, AUGUST 17 2011. FUEL TANKER FLIPS, BURSTS INTO FLAMES

**Map of Area SR-A1A and Shearwater Dr., Satellite Beach**

**Watch the Video** <http://www.floridatoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2011110815025>

**Watch the Video:**

<http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20110816/BREAKINGNEWS/110815025/Crews-snuff-burning-fuel-tanker-SR-A1A-Satellite-Beach>

**Photo Gallery** <http://www.wftv.com/slideshow/news/28877842/detail.html>



Cleanup crews restored power lines and fixed a damaged wall off of A1A in Satellite Beach on Tuesday after a gasoline tanker flipped and caught on fire. The crash forced authorities to shut down a stretch of State Road A1A for hours, but has since reopened. The incident happened at the corner of Shearwater Parkway where the truck flipped over and then burst into flames shortly before 11:00 p.m. on Monday. "We had flames 25 to 30 feet high," said David Abernathy, of the Satellite Beach Fire Department. Fire officials said no one was hurt. "The obvious thing that could have happened would be an explosion," said Chief Don Hughes of the Satellite Beach Fire Department. Fire crews from Satellite Beach, Brevard County and Patrick Air Force were called to the scene. Environmental officials said a lot of gas spilled on the road, and they had to

make sure that it was all cleaned up before they reopened the road. The tanker was carrying 8,500 gallons of gas when it overturned, according to officials. After they finally put the fire out, crews worked to clean up the mess, but had to wait for a new tanker to come to unload gas from the one that caught fire. Soil sample tests were taken to see if the fuel from contaminated the ground. Officials said they don't know how much the cleanup will cost, but the company will have to pay for everything. Officials said they are still trying to figure out why the tanker lost control and overturned. "For whatever reason,

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Un-ported License. Click on the Icon to view a copy of this license.



**The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:**



[www.tanknology.com.au](http://www.tanknology.com.au)



[www.petrotechnik.com](http://www.petrotechnik.com)



## Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

### Release 2011 – 744 Newsy Stuff

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/DangerousGoods>

**August 22 2011**



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

[www.joiff.com](http://www.joiff.com)

Every effort has been undertaken to ensure information accuracy however it is not intended to be comprehensive nor to render advice, referred URL's are current at time of the edition release.

An Industry Partner of

ISCO

[www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

went off the side of the roadway and hit the wall and took out a power pole and the trailer caught on fire," said Abernathy. The company that owns the tanker is Kenan Advantage, and WFTV found out it is not their first crash. We searched Department of Transportation records and found the company has been involved in 66 crashes across the US in just the last two years. Three of those crashes were fatal. And while the numbers may sound alarming, according to Insurance Institute for Highway Safety Statistics, the company's number of fatal crashes is close to the average fatal crash rate for large trucks. The driver, whose name hasn't been released, isn't facing any charges.

<http://www.wftv.com/countycounties/28877774/detail.html>

#### INDIA, MUMBAI, AUGUST 17 2011. INDIAN OIL FIRMS TAKE UP AUTOMATION OF PETROL STATIONS

Coming soon. Automated fuel dispensers in India. Indian oil companies are in process of automating retail automobile fueling stations, popularly known as "petrol pumps." Indian Oil Corp. (IOC), the country's largest commercial enterprise, is in an advanced stage of automation of its retail gasoline stations in the country to improve services. IOC owns more than 19,000 fuel stations across the country. The company is spending around US\$3.1 billion this year for the automation of all its retail petrol stations. "We have taken up a program on automation of all the retail petrol stations. Initially we will cover 4,500 petrol stations which retail about 200 kilo liters of fuels every month. In the first phase, about 1,600 petrol stations have been identified and are in the process of automation," RS Butola, chairman and managing director, IOC said, adding that after completing the 4,500 petrol stations, they would move to petrol pumps that retail about 100 kl every month. With this, customers can verify whether they have bought the right measure of fuel in return for their money. "The beauty of automation is you cannot tamper with," he added. Federation of All India Petroleum Traders (FAIPT) sources inform that other oil marketing companies have also begun the process of automation of petrol pumps. The two other oil majors in India -- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation -- are also in the process taking up automation of their petrol stations. BPCL had taken its automation initiative to a higher level making select outlets as automation for outlets. This ensures that all sale transactions shall take place through automation system only. It already has 1,500 automated outlets. FAIPT President Ashok Badhwar says that the move was being taken mainly to avoid "malpractices" in petrol pump stations. "Including the time, date and along with his vehicle registration, the quantity of fuel supplied to him will be known," he added. Initially, the oil marketing companies (OMCs) will implement automation process in all the petrol pumps in metros. Later this will be spread to other urban and rural areas across the country. In 2003, there were only 10,200 petrol pumps in the country. But in 2010 it grew to 35,700 outlets and now it has gone up to 40,700.

<http://www.automationworld.com/news-9234>

#### USA, KS, CEDAR VALE, AUGUST 17 2011. SHERIFF: UNCLEAR WHEN CEDAR VALE RESIDENTS WILL RETURN HOME > A GAS LEAK CONTINUES TO CAUSE CONCERNS FOR DOZENS OF FAMILIES FORCED TO EVACUATE THEIR HOMES.

📺 Watch the Video <http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/residents-evacuated-after-explosive-levels-of-gasoline-found-in-sewers>

📺 Watch the Video:

[http://www.kake.com/news/headlines/Sheriff\\_Gasoline\\_Leaking\\_Into\\_The\\_Sewer\\_Lines\\_Continues.html?ref=468](http://www.kake.com/news/headlines/Sheriff_Gasoline_Leaking_Into_The_Sewer_Lines_Continues.html?ref=468)

📺 Watch the Video:

<http://www.ksn.com/news/local/story/Third-of-Cedar-Vale-evacuated-due-to-gasoline-in/o4Mp5G3SG0mNvo7pBnhsow.csp>

**Update: Tuesday, August 16, 2011**

A gas leak continues to cause concerns for dozens of families forced to evacuate their southern Kansas homes. About 150 people have not been allowed to return to their property one day after gasoline leaked into Cedar Vale's sewer system. Perry Russell, Chautauqua county sheriff, said it is unclear when residents will be allowed back home. Displaced residents spent the night at the town's baptist church. Russell said hazardous levels have dropped since the evacuation orders Wednesday afternoon. But officials expect the hazardous levels to rise once crews begin flushing the system. Kansas Department of Health and Environment plans to dig a trench to catch some of the leaking gasoline. It's not known how many leaks are in the sewer line.

**Update: Monday, August 15, 2011**

Gasoline leaking into the sewer lines of the southeast Kansas town of Cedar Vale continues, after officials first thought the source had been found and repaired. "We are thinking we must have another break in the line or something," Chautauqua County Sheriff Perry Russell tells KAKE News. "The parts per million were coming down fairly well but all of a sudden, they

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Un-ported License. Click on the Icon to view a copy of this license.



The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



[www.tanknology.com.au](http://www.tanknology.com.au)



[www.petrotechnik.com](http://www.petrotechnik.com)





## Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

### Release 2011 – 744 Newsy Stuff

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/DangerousGoods>

**August 22 2011**



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

[www.joiff.com](http://www.joiff.com)

Every effort has been undertaken to ensure information accuracy however it is not intended to be comprehensive nor to render advice, referred URL's are current at time of the edition release.

An Industry Partner of

ISCO

[www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

just started testing higher again. They're higher than before now," Sheriff Russell said. Most of the 150 people evacuated because of the leak are spending the night in the home of friends or family. About forty, the sheriff said, are spending the night in the town's baptist church.

**Update: Monday, August 15, 2011**

The source of a gasoline leak into the sewer lines of the southeast Kansas town of Cedar Vale has been found and repaired. Now, 150 evacuated residents wait for word to move back into their homes. Officials say they traced the gasoline leak to a leaky joint, and that they are now waiting for gas levels in the town's sewers to go down before residents can safely return to their homes. No word yet on when that could happen, but it could be later tonight or Tuesday morning.

**Update: Monday, August 15, 2011**

One hundred and fifty residents have been evacuated in the southeast Kansas town of Cedar Vale after reports of a gasoline leak. That number represents about one third of the town's population. The Kansas Department of Health & Environment began testing near a gas station around 10 a.m. Monday morning, and that led to the evacuation. A resident had smelled gas coming from a sewer line in the area and alerted authorities. That led to the testing, officials said. Chautauqua County Sheriff Perry Russell said Cedar Vale High School is open for the evacuees. KDHE & city officials are working on a way to clean up the gasoline. At this point they do not know how long it is going to take to clean it up. The areas evacuated are west of Kingman Road to Pine Street and Salebarn Road to Marsh Street.

[http://www.kake.com/news/headlines/Sheriff\\_Gasoline\\_Leaking\\_Into\\_The\\_Sewer\\_Lines\\_Continues.html?ref=468](http://www.kake.com/news/headlines/Sheriff_Gasoline_Leaking_Into_The_Sewer_Lines_Continues.html?ref=468)

#### USA, WASHINGTON D.C, AUGUST 17 2011. OIL-LIKE PRODUCT FOUND IN ANACOSTIA RIVER

 **Watch the Video** [http://www.wusa9.com/slideshows/gallery.aspx?slideshowname=Product\\_In\\_Anacostia\\_River](http://www.wusa9.com/slideshows/gallery.aspx?slideshowname=Product_In_Anacostia_River)

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Oil-in-the-Anacostia-127801233.html>

 **Watch the Video** [http://wamu.org/news/11/08/16/oil\\_spill\\_in\\_anacostia\\_river.php](http://wamu.org/news/11/08/16/oil_spill_in_anacostia_river.php)

 **Photo Gallery** [http://www.wusa9.com/slideshows/gallery.aspx?slideshowname=Product\\_In\\_Anacostia\\_River](http://www.wusa9.com/slideshows/gallery.aspx?slideshowname=Product_In_Anacostia_River)



The U.S. Coast Guard searched Tuesday for the petroleum-based product that was found the night before, but came up empty. Several containment booms have been set up along the Anacostia River. The Coast Guard says the booms failed to catch anything significant. But they are not done searching yet. DC Fire's Hazardous Materials Unit is searching for the source of a petroleum-based product on the Anacostia River. The spill was discovered about 6 p.m. Monday in the 2600 block of Benning Road on the Anacostia River near Kingman Island. DC Fire Spokesperson Pete Piringer said it was initially dispatched as a fuel spill but later identified as an unknown petroleum-based product. The source of the

product was not immediately known. The product was found as far south as the 11th Street Bridge and as far north as Bladensburg Road. Originally, it was thought the substance was only as far north as New York Avenue. Containment booms were deployed near the Sousa Bridge, New York Ave., and Kingman Lake. DC Mayor Vincent Gray released the following statement on the spill: "I am very concerned about this petroleum-based substance that has been identified in the Anacostia River. Anything that poses as a threat to the overall health and welfare of our citizens and our wildlife is of great concern to me and deserves immediate attention. I've been informed that once the inspectors from the District Department of the Environment identified the petroleum-based substance in the Anacostia River yesterday, units from the D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services were immediately dispatched to the location. They found an oil-type substance in the area of Kingman Lake, located on the Anacostia River near Benning Road, and a test of the water came back positive for a petroleum product. FEMS immediately surrounded the spill with boom to contain and dissolve it. The Naval District Washington hazmat unit supplied and placed additional boom until all on-scene resources were exhausted. The Metropolitan Police Departments (MPD) Harbor Patrol checked all barges on the river and other possible sources up to the Sousa Bridge to determine the source of the spill, but was not able to do so. And the U.S. Coast Guard arrived shortly after to assess the spill and to take command of the situation. The U.S. Coast Guard advised us that they would complete their assessment in this morning via aerial survey. The U.S. Coast Guard reported that, as of this afternoon, their initial search and assessment has not revealed any petroleum-based product in the river. However, they continue to assess this situation. I am extremely pleased with the swift and professional response from DC FEMS and the U.S. Coast Guard to contain and control this spill. I am equally pleased about

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Un-ported License. Click on the Icon to view a copy of this license.



The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



[www.tanknology.com.au](http://www.tanknology.com.au)



[www.petrotechnik.com](http://www.petrotechnik.com)



## Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

### Release 2011 – 744 Newsy Stuff

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/DangerousGoods>

**August 22 2011**



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

[www.joiff.com](http://www.joiff.com)

Every effort has been undertaken to ensure information accuracy however it is not intended to be comprehensive nor to render advice, referred URL's are current at time of the edition release.

An Industry Partner of

ISCO

[www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

DDOE's efforts to assess potential impact to our water quality, wildlife, and habitat. The cross-jurisdictional cooperation displayed by everyone in addressing this situation aptly demonstrates public service at its best."

<http://wusa9.com/news/article/162887/373/PHOTOS-Oil-Like-Product-Found-In-Anacostia-River>

#### USA, IA, CONWAY, AUGUST 17 2011. EPA:NO WAY TO CAPTURE FUEL LEAKED INTO MISSOURI RIVER

- Enterprise to send divers into river on Tuesday -EPA
- Enterprise recovered fuel, water from pipeline - EPA
- Line carried 140,000 gallons of NGL at time of leak
- Pipeline shut since Saturday

Fuel leaked from Enterprise Products Partners' natural gas liquids pipeline into the Missouri River in Iowa has dissipated or evaporated with little chance of recovery, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said on Tuesday. The leak sprung in a 10 mile (16 km) stretch of Enterprise's Conway North 33,600-barrels-per-day pipeline, which extends between Nebraska and Iowa. The line was carrying up to 140,000 gallons of natural gasoline, a volatile liquid hydrocarbon derived from natural gas, when controllers detected a pressure drop on the line and shut down operations on Saturday. Enterprise's Conway North line is the latest in a string of pipeline accidents in a year, many of which -- like the leaks from Enbridge Inc's two crude lines last summer and the 1,000 barrels of crude oil spilled from Exxon Mobil's Silvertip pipeline in July -- have raised serious environmental concerns. There is no 'real way' of capturing fuel released into the Missouri River according to the EPA. "This is an environmental concern but there has been no evidence of fish killed yet," Chris Whitley, a spokesman with EPA's Region 7 office said. Enterprise contractors will dive into the river Tuesday to locate the specific point of the leak, according to the EPA. The company has collected 150,000 gallons of fluid from the pipeline following the leak, 80 percent of which was river water, Whitley said. "We've determined that the leak is in the floodplains which usually are not underwater," Whitley said adding floods in the region have inundated the area, which is now covered with fast-moving water 5 to 10 feet (1 to 3 meters) high. Enterprise has not yet determined whether the leak is linked to scouring, damage to pipelines caused by debris and other floating matter carried by floods. EPA has assigned a coordinator on site to monitor the cleanup, Whitley added.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/commoditiesNews/idAFN1E77E16G20110816>

#### USA, CA, FRESNO, AUGUST 17 2011. CAR COLLIDES WITH TANKER TRUCK

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.ksee24.com/news/local/Car-Collides-with-Tanker-Truck-127891508.html>

One person was injured when a car crashed into a fuel tanker in Fresno County. CHP officers say at about 4:00 a.m. Tuesday morning a gray car ran a red light at Mendocino and Manning Avenues, and collided with a tanker. One person was pinned in the car, and was later taken to the hospital. Manning was closed for several hours while crews cleaned up the mess.

<http://www.ksee24.com/news/local/Car-Collides-with-Tanker-Truck-127891508.html>

#### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, STOCKTON, AUGUST 17 2011. BROCKOVICH JOINS NEWCASTLE TOXIC LEAK FIGHT >> HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM

[map](#) [Stockton 2295](#)



Celebrity environmental campaigner Erin Brockovich has agreed to meet residents affected by a toxic leak at a Newcastle chemical plant last week. The leak of hexavalent chromium at Orica's Kooragang Island ammonium nitrate plant was detected about 6:00pm (AEST) last Tuesday, August 9. The mining explosives company has come under fire for not advising the New South Wales Office of Environment and Heritage until more than 16 hours later. The NSW Opposition has also targeted the State Government, after the public were not told of the spill until 54 hours after it was discovered. Ms Brockovich rose to prominence for exposing the effects of hexavalent chromium in the United States town of Hinkley, in southern California. Her role in a legal case over the contamination was popularised in a film bearing her name. Ms Brockovich says she is concerned by

what she has been told about the Newcastle incident, and is hoping she can help residents. "Whether it's some semblance of comfort or reassurance or motivation for them to keep digging for the truth, questions to ask so they can get the answers they need. That's what I would offer the community," she said. Her involvement comes at the invitation of NSW Opposition Leader

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Un-ported License. Click on the Icon to view a copy of this license.



The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



[www.tanknology.com.au](http://www.tanknology.com.au)



[www.petrotechnik.com](http://www.petrotechnik.com)



## Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

### Release 2011 – 744 Newsy Stuff

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/DangerousGoods>

**August 22 2011**



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

[www.joiff.com](http://www.joiff.com)

Every effort has been undertaken to ensure information accuracy however it is not intended to be comprehensive nor to render advice, referred URL's are current at time of the edition release.

An Industry Partner of

ISCO

[www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

John Robertson. "I invited her to come out and she said she'd be more than happy to come out and visit and meet with the residents of Stockton," Mr Robertson said.

**Related Stories** [Toxic leak inquiry details released into Hexavalent Chromium leak at Orica explosives plant.](http://www.abc.net.au/news/2011-08-17/brockovich-joins-newcastle-toxic-leak-fight/2843248)  
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2011-08-17/brockovich-joins-newcastle-toxic-leak-fight/2843248>

#### **USA, CA, BAKERSFIELD, AUGUST 17 2011. APARTMENT RESIDENTS COMPLAIN ABOUT CHEMICAL FUMES FROM TANK BUSINESS >> RESIDENTS WORRY NEXT DOOR BUSINESS COULD BE MAKING THEM SICK**

*cris ornelas*

People who live at one Bakersfield apartment complex are worried the business next door is making them sick. They say an industrial tank maker is using paint that is drifting over to the apartments. The business is called Tiger Tanks. They build large above-ground tanks for industrial uses. But the people who live next door say they are not very good neighbors. The people who live in the small apartment complex say when the company paints its tanks, some of the paint drifts over to the apartments. "All of our cars all of our windows are covered with paint splatters," apartment resident Kathy Kelley said. Fine droplets of what appears to be paint are all over the cars in the parking lot of the complex. People who live here say they have even had to use razor blades to scrape their windows. "I think it's illegal for them to not have their spray booth in containment housing. They can't spray that kind of paint in the public where people will be contaminated by it," Kelley said. She says her biggest concern is for all the kids who live at the complex. She says if this is what the paint is doing to their cars, she wonders what it is doing to their lungs. "The fumes from the plant are really solvent smelling and it's really strong and I'm concerned for the health issues of the children," Kelley said. 23ABC tried to talk to the people at Tiger Tanks. A man who said he was in charge declined to comment but said their operation is in compliance with air quality standards. Signs on the outside of Tiger Tanks' fence warn of damage to vehicles from paint and warn that cancer causing chemicals are used on the property. 23ABC asked Kelley why she doesn't just move somewhere else. "Regardless, somebody's going to be living here. There's going to be kids here. It doesn't matter where I go. Still, somebody is going to be at risk," Kelly said. The residents filed complaints Tuesday with both Kern County Environmental Health and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. Environmental Health says while it didn't find any active violations, it says it will have Tiger Tanks complete a business plan and then do a followup inspection. The Pollution Control District will only say that it is investigating.

<http://www.turnto23.com/news/28886325/detail.html>

#### **USA, W.VA, MOUNDSVILLE, AUGUST 17 2011. AEP CIVIL CASE GETS UNDER WAY >> CASE INVOLVES 2007 EXPLOSION AT BEVERLY PLANT >> HYDROGEN STORAGE SYSTEMS**

*art limann*

Attorneys offered opening arguments and called their first witnesses Tuesday in a civil case against American Electric Power in Marshall County Circuit Court. The case was filed by the family of truck driver Lewis Timmons, 61, of New Martinsville, who was killed in a 2007 explosion at the company's Muskingum River Power Plant near Beverly, Ohio. He was delivering hydrogen to the plant at the time of the blast. In his opening remarks, Wheeling attorney Geoffrey Brown told the panel of eight jurors, five women and three men, that known safety violations at the plant were neglected by company officials. "As a result of these safety violations, the explosion took place," Brown told the jury. He pointed to similar explosions, including a December 2005 explosion at the Kammer Plant in Moundsville, which prompted investigations into the reason for the explosion and subsequent safety recommendations that he claimed were never acted on. No one was injured in the Kammer incident. Brown said the copper relief stacks of the hydrogen storage systems at the power plants were not strong enough, and he alleged the roof above the hydrogen system allows for the accumulation of gas. The hydrogen tanks' close proximity to buildings and people was cited as a safety issue by Brown. According to Brown, AEP officials were notified of safety concerns that should have been addressed prior to the Muskingum River explosion. He told the jury he is seeking compensation for the Timmons family's loss. Defense attorney Brian Swiger opened by asking the jury to "consider liability and hear all the evidence." He pointed out the hydrogen gas system at the Muskingum River plant was installed in 1968 and met all code requirements at that time. Swiger also cited service agreements AEP had with General Hydrogen, the company for which Timmons worked, for maintenance of the hydrogen system. Swiger said AEP officials acknowledged they did not have expertise in the hydrogen system and relied on General Hydrogen to inspect it. He said General Hydrogen never gave AEP any notice of an "urgent need" or anything dangerous. In addition, he told jurors General Hydrogen never recommended removing the roof and continued to refill hydrogen tanks at the plant. Swiger asserted that AEP subsidiary Ohio Power Co., which owns and operates

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Un-ported License. Click on the Icon to view a copy of this license.



**The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:**



[www.tanknology.com.au](http://www.tanknology.com.au)



[www.petrotechnik.com](http://www.petrotechnik.com)





## Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

### Release 2011 – 744 Newsy Stuff

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/DangerousGoods>

**August 22 2011**



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

[www.joiff.com](http://www.joiff.com)

Every effort has been undertaken to ensure information accuracy however it is not intended to be comprehensive nor to render advice, referred URL's are current at time of the edition release.

An Industry Partner of

ISCO

[www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

the Muskingum River Power Plant, and Service Corp., which did consulting services for the company, met their obligations to exercise reasonable care. The Tuesday proceedings were interrupted on numerous occasions for bench consultations. Expert witnesses are expected to be called by both sides. Statements made in the courtroom indicated the case may continue through the remainder of the week.

<http://www.newsandsentinel.com/page/content.detail/id/551025/AEP-civil-case-gets-under-way.html?nav=5061>

#### USA, N.Y, RIVERHEAD, AUGUST 17 2011. FIREPOT EXPLOSION LEADS TO FUEL GEL BAN IN SUFFOLK COUNTY >> MOTHER OF 14-YEAR-OLD CRITICALLY INJURED IN EXPLOSION SPURS LEGISLATORS TO ACT



*A backyard firepot, designed to keep mosquitoes away, recently exploded, critically injuring a 14-year-old on Long Island.*

Suffolk County legislators have voted to ban the sale of an ethanol- or alcohol-based fuel gel after a teenager was badly burned two months ago. [Michael Hubbard has third-degree burns after a flash explosion splattered him with fuel gel from a ceramic pot.](#) CBS 2's Ann Mercogliano reports on his mother's fight to save other children from a similar fate. "Lit the candle, didn't think nothing of it. It didn't look like it was lit, pour more fuel in it and boom, my son goes on," Nancy Reyer said. A day doesn't go by that Reyer doesn't relive her real-life nightmare. On May 28, while getting ready for a wedding reception in a cousin's yard, [her 14-year-old son was critically burned when fuel gel, poured into a wickless ceramic firepot by someone other than Michael, exploded.](#) Michael's mother said it was during re-fueling when the explosion happened and it caught her son off-guard. On Tuesday, Mercogliano visited Michael at Stony Brook Hospital and saw that his eyes were open, but, according to his mother, he hasn't been able to speak since the explosion. He is being treated for burns and brain injuries. While taking caring of her injured son, Reyer has also been working with Suffolk County legislators in trying to change the law in an effort to prevent this from happening again. And on Tuesday in Riverhead, there was no argument from legislators. A bill named for Michael Hubbard — "Michael's Law" — passed unanimously. The bill will ban the sale of ethanol- or alcohol-based FireGel in Suffolk County — the type of fuel gel behind Michael's injuries. "Our hearts go out to Nancy, to the family. We just hope it doesn't happen again," Suffolk Legislator Ed Romaine said. After the vote Reyer headed back to the hospital to be with her son. Ironically, on the day a bill in honor of Michael was passed, he also turned 15. "I will tell him when we go there today to celebrate his birthday, but I won't get a response," Reyer said. She may not get a response, but she said she knows Michael will be listening. The Consumer Product Safety Commission said it's investigating the type of firepot involved in Michael Hubbard's case. The company that makes the firepot told its retailers to temporarily pull it off shelves while urging consumers to read warning labels. A call to the company on Tuesday was not returned.

<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2011/08/16/firepot-explosion-leads-to-fuel-gel-ban-in-suffolk-county/>

#### CANADA, ALBA, AUGUST 17 2011. BIODIESEL COMPANY FINED FOR METHANOL RELEASE

The Provincial Court of Alberta has fined Western Biodiesel Inc. \$160,000 under Alberta's Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act for releasing wastewater containing methanol into the environment and providing false or misleading information to investigators. Jason Freeman, a former manager with the company, also pled guilty to directing the release of contaminated wastewater and knowingly providing false or misleading information to investigators. He was sentenced to four months of house arrest. The court heard that on October 27, 2008, Freeman directed workers to release flammable wastewater onto the ground at the back of the company's property near High River. The following day a welder, not knowing of the release, ignited the wastewater with a welding torch causing a fire. No one was injured. When investigators arrived at the site in response to an anonymous complaint, Freeman denied that a release had occurred. Alberta Environment focuses on education, prevention and enforcement to ensure all Albertans continue to enjoy a clean and healthy environment. When individuals or companies fail to comply with legislation, Alberta Environment has a range of options, depending on the offence, to ensure compliance with environmental regulations. To view Alberta Environment's recent compliance and enforcement actions, visit <http://environment.alberta.ca/0942.html>.

<http://www.canadaviews.ca/2011/08/16/biodiesel-company-fined-for-methanol-release/>

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Un-ported License. Click on the Icon to view a copy of this license.



The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



[www.tanknology.com.au](http://www.tanknology.com.au)



[www.petrotechnik.com](http://www.petrotechnik.com)