



Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network Release 2011 – 789 Newsy Stuff

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

December 22 2011



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

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

USA, CA, SAN DIEGO, DECEMBER 14 2011. TWO-YEAR JAIL SENTENCE FOR MAN WHO MADE FIREWORKS IN HOME

A man who made homemade fireworks in his Del Cerro residence pleaded guilty Tuesday to five counts of possession of a destructive device in a public place. Scott James Martin, 51, will be sentenced to a two-year prison term at a Jan. 31 hearing. A bomb squad removed 13 pipe bombs from Martin's home on Madra Avenue on Sept. 9. People moving out of the home found the explosive devices and notified authorities. According to court documents, Martin's fiancée had called police a week before the bombs were found, saying that Martin was hallucinating. Investigators later searched a home office and found components used to make bombs, including black powder and improvised flares. A bomb technician said one of the devices contained 200 times the legal limit of a dangerous firework, according to court documents. Martin's fiancée told police that he started making the explosive devices at home after volunteering for a fireworks company.

<http://www.kusi.com/story/16316313/two-year-jail-sentence-for-man-who-made-fireworks-in-home>

USA, W.VA, MARSHALL CO, DECEMBER 14 2011. GAS WELL HOLDING TANK IN MARSHALL COUNTY CATCHES FIRE

A holding tank at a Marshall County gas well caught fire Dec. 12, briefly forcing about 30 people from their homes. Marshall County Emergency Services Deputy Director Michael L. Muecheck said the fire was on Gastar's Corley well pad on Rines Ridge Road about 4.5 miles from state Route 2. He said a vent on a water flowback tank caught fire. "It damaged some of the equipment in the vicinity, but the actual well was in no danger," Muecheck said. "The shutdown system worked as designed. The biggest thing was waiting for the tanks to cool down to make sure there were no flare-ups." Muecheck said the entire incident played out over about a 90-minute time period. "Things could always be a lot worse," he said. "But everything worked as designed. The safety precautions worked as designed." He said the Gastar employee assigned to the well site spotted the problem and "hit the shutdown button." "They evacuated the area just to err on the side of caution, which is part of our protocol," he said. "Everything went as planned, there were no injuries," he said. "The fire was out, the vent fire was out, when our units arrived. We just had to extinguish the equipment. A couple tires on a trailer were on fire." Muecheck said authorities are still trying to determine what triggered the problem. "We're not really sure," he said. "It could have been static electricity. It could have been a spark."

<http://www.statejournal.com/story/16314516/gas-well-holding-tank-in-marshall-county-catches-fire>

USA, CA, BERKELEY, DECEMBER 14 2011. CREWS CLEAN UP DIESEL SPILL AT UC BERKELEY

sergio quintana

 **Watch the Video** http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/east_bay&id=8463088

 **Watch the Video** http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/12/12/uc-berkeley-oil-spill_n_1143898.html



A worker places absorbent plume onto oil in Strawberry Creek.

Emergency crews are trying to contain a huge diesel spill at UC Berkeley that is posing a threat to the environment. Some diesel has already leaked into the Berkeley Marina. Some absorbent booms have already been set up at the Berkeley Marina where Strawberry Creek meets the San Francisco Bay. The diesel is caked onto some of the absorbent materials after an eight mile journey downstream from the campus of UC Berkeley. "The agencies are telling us that it was a very small fraction that made its way into the bay, unfortunately," said Mark Freiberg with the Office of Environmental Health and Safety. The fuel spill was first noticed at 7 p.m. Saturday by a UC campus police officer who came across a foul

smell along Strawberry Creek. Goopy diesel was seeping through the water. The basement of Stanley Hall on campus was the source of the spill. "We know that we had some 1,700 gallons of diesel fuel spill within the building," said Freiberg, "and a smaller amount, small fraction of that was released to the creek." Crews quickly started siphoning the fuel from the basement with large pumping trucks. The emergency was caused by some sort of malfunction with a tank feeding fuel to the emergency generator basement. The diesel then made it out of Stanley Hall due to the pumps in the basement that remove natural water that often collects. About 100 students were immediately evacuated from the building. A few students looked disappointed that Stanley Hall remained closed on Sunday. At Berkeley Marina, the sight of absorbent booms and barriers prompted concerns



This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Unported License.

The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



Australian Petroleum Industry Contractors & Suppliers Association

www.tanknology.com.au

www.pica.net.au/

www.upp.co.uk



Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

Release 2011 – 789 Newsy Stuff

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

December 22 2011



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

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

about the environment. Susan Danis is a regular at the marina, feeding the geese and ducks at night. "I'm concerned for their welfare," Danis said. "The waters are already polluted with plastic and other things and it's a sensitive environment." The initial assessment on wildlife says the impact is minimal. The birds seem to be reacting, but there are also fish in Strawberry Creek, and the effects on them are still being assessed. Crews plan to have Stanley Hall open Monday in time for finals.

Related Links [UC Berkeley oil spill elicits concern over Strawberry Creek wildlife](#)

http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/east_bay&id=8463088

INDIA, GHAZIABAD, DECEMBER 14 2011. LPG CYLINDERS IN TRUCK EXPLODE, 2 GIRLS INJURED



Two children were injured after several gas cylinders being carried on a truck exploded here on Tuesday, the police said. Ten gas cylinders exploded after one of the tyres of the truck carrying them caught fire, a senior police official said. The villagers and the police prevented a bigger mishap by removing rest of the cylinders in time, he said adding that fire tenders reached after half-an-hour when all the cylinders were already taken out. "A quick response from the fire tenders could have controlled the fire much faster and would have also prevented the gas leak," he added. The two girls, aged 10 and 8, were rushed to the hospital

<http://www.asianage.com/delhi/lpg-cylinders-truck-explode-2-girls-injured-181>

USA, WASHINGTON DC, DECEMBER 14 2011. WASHINGTON GAS TO CLEAN LEGACY POLLUTION OF ANACOSTIA RIVER



The 11th Street Bridge crosses the Anacostia River near the area polluted by Washington Gas Light Company's East Station Facility.

The Washington Gas Light Company has agreed to begin clean up of a polluted area along the Anacostia River in southeast Washington, DC, the U.S. government and the District of Columbia announced Monday. The property, near the 11th Street Bridge, was formerly managed by the National Park Service and owned by the United States, and is now owned by the District of Columbia. The settlement was reached between Washington Gas, which once manufactured gas adjacent to the polluted area, the Department of the Interior and National Park Service, the Environmental Protection Agency and the District of Columbia. "This settlement provides for the cleanup, cost recovery, and comprehensive investigation of historic contamination by manufacturing activities at the Washington Gas Light

Company's East Station Facility," said Ignacia Moreno, assistant attorney general for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Justice Department. Washington Gas manufactured gas from coal and oil at the East Station Facility from 1888-1948 and then intermittently until the mid-1980s. By-products and wastes generated by the gasification process included polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, volatile organic compounds, and other contaminants and hazardous substances including benzene, arsenic, heavy metals, tar, oil, coal, lampblack, and coke. The East Station Facility was demolished in 1986, and aboveground oil storage tanks were removed in 1997. The National Park Service property along the river is used principally by the District's Department of Public Works, Street Maintenance Division, to store and maintain heavy equipment. A small portion of the Park Service property located under and east of the 11th Street Bridge is accessible to the public and mainly used by a rowing club. The 18.8-acre parcel once owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is adjacent to the river and was used as a staging area for the removal of floating debris from the Anacostia and Potomac rivers. Since 1976, Washington Gas has been pumping and treating groundwater to remove dense non-aqueous phase liquid and dissolved organic constituents. Removing these contaminants will accelerate remediation of the site and reduce toxic plumes that still pollute the Anacostia River. In 1993, Washington Gas installed a new groundwater treatment facility office building on the East Station property. Under the settlement, Washington Gas now must excavate and remove from the edge of the Anacostia River up to three feet of contaminated soil and subsurface soil covering the portion of the site that is government property. Washington Gas also will



This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Unported License.

The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



APICSA



Franklin Fueling Systems

Australian Petroleum Industry Contractors & Suppliers Association

www.tanknology.com.au

www.pica.net.au/

www.upp.co.uk



Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network Release 2011 – 789 Newsy Stuff

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

December 22 2011



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

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

pay for an investigation of groundwater and sediment contamination caused by its gas plant and determine if groundwater is an ongoing source of contaminants to the river. Cleanup of contamination in groundwater and sediments in the Anacostia will be addressed in a future settlement or enforcement action when actions to remedy that contamination have been selected by the National Park Service. "Today's agreement is a milestone for our efforts, in partnership with the District of Columbia, to transform what was once known as America's forgotten river into a model urban park," said Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar. The Anacostia Riverwalk Trail is expected to traverse the site once the cleanup is completed. "Cleanup and restoration of the Anacostia River is a priority for the Obama administration as part of the President's America's Great Outdoors initiative," Salazar said. "This settlement is a major step forward in restoring this vibrant river, increasing public access, protecting habitat and wildlife, and educating and employing our youth." In addition to investigation, remediation and oversight costs, the settlement requires Washington Gas to pay \$500,000 to the NPS, \$160,000 to EPA and \$70,673 to the District to reimburse the agencies' costs in investigating the site and associated enforcement costs. The settlement stems from an investigation conducted by the National Park Service to address contamination that had migrated on and under NPS property adjacent to the East Station Facility. The investigation found that surface soils, subsurface soils, groundwater and Anacostia River sediments are contaminated with coal tar, heavy metals and other pollutants. National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis hailed the settlement agreement as an effective collaboration between government agencies to require the party responsible for pollution to be accountable for the costs of cleanup. "The National Park Service has worked closely with our partners to ensure that this agreement will protect the Anacostia River from further contamination resulting from past operations at the Washington Gas facility, at no cost to taxpayers," Jarvis said. The settlement sets the stage for the acceleration of efforts already underway to restore the Anacostia River watershed, including several projects to reconnect area residents and visitors to the natural world. "The responsible cleanup of contaminated land has the power to revitalize neighborhoods," said Cynthia Giles, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. "Today's settlement will ensure that sites along the Lower Anacostia are cleaned up and create new recreational opportunities for the local community." In addition to cleaning up the Anacostia property, Washington Gas announced December 1 that the company is aiming for a 70 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from its fleet and facilities operations by 2020, compared against a 2008 baseline. The company will utilize natural gas and LEED Gold building standards in its new office and operations center in Springfield, Virginia, and will continue to deploy energy efficiency improvements at multiple satellite stations within the Washington Gas service territory. Other greenhouse gas reductions will come from the continued deployment of natural gas vehicles that, on average, have a 25 percent smaller carbon footprint than similar gasoline-powered vehicles. Washington Gas also plans to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from its gas delivery system.

<http://www.ens-newswire.com/ens/dec2011/2011-12-13-091.html>

SYRIA, TARTOUS, DECEMBER 14 2011. WELDING SPARK CAUSES FUEL TANK EXPLOSION IN TARTOUS, INJURING TWO PEOPLE

A Fuel tank exploded during welding operation to install a protective cover over the gauge, causing the injury of two people in Hammam Qenieh village in Tartous governorate. Head of al-Sheikh Badr City Council, Shhadeh Ibrahim, said that a welding spark caused the explosion, adding that fire engines immediately headed to the site of the accident to extinguish the tank and other two nearby cars on fire. He added that the two injured, who are the owner of the welding shop and another person, were transported to al-Basel Hospital to receive medical treatment.

<http://www.sana.sy/eng/21/2011/12/13/388108.htm>

USA, ILL, ROCKFORD, DECEMBER 14 2011. USEPA TO FUND CITY WELL HOOKUPS TO CONTAMINATED WELL HOMES

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has agreed to hook up at least 16 residences in the neighborhood north of Auburn Street and west of the former Amerock plant to the city water supply in the wake of finding contaminated wells in the area. Although the source of the benzene contamination being investigated by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has not been determined, the USEPA has decided residents located on Alliance and Soper avenues as well as homes located on Auburn and Parkside that are not connected to city water will be offered to be connected at no charge. "Any home in that area on a private well was offered connection by the USEPA. We're going to hook up 16 homes to city water without charge," said Bradley Benning of the USEPA Region 5 office in Chicago. "Those are the remaining homes in the area of concern that are still on private wells. Everyone else in the area is on city water." Many of the



This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Unported License.

The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



Australian Petroleum Industry Contractors & Suppliers Association

www.tanknology.com.au

www.pica.net.au/

www.upp.co.uk



Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network Release 2011 – 789 Newsy Stuff

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

December 22 2011



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

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

homes in that area tested for more than the allowable EPA limits for benzene, a component of gasoline. "The homes showed detection in that area, and the potential is there that even the homes that show non-detect are likely down the road going to show some contamination," Benning told the Rock River Times (TRRT) in an exclusive interview. "The decision was made to hook everybody up in that area regardless." The USEPA offered each resident not already hooked up to city water the chance to do so at an invitation-only meeting at the Winnebago County Health Department Dec. 7. Although the media were not invited to attend, TRRT learned of the offer through Benning, and it was confirmed by residents who attended. "Bids went out to contractors the other day and are due back on the 19th," he said. "Work will probably begin by the first of the year." Assistance was requested by the IEPA to the USEPA Oct. 13 for the residents on Soper and Alliance avenues and included the offer of bottled water in 5-gallon containers. TRRT learned by door-to-door survey that only two residents established contact. Since then, other residents have received bottled water in the area of the 1200 block of Soper and Alliance avenues. "Bottled water was just a temporary solution to get them water right away," Benning said. "The solution was either a full-house filtration system or connection to city water. Since the mains were already in place, it was likely cheaper to hook them up rather than the filtration option. We decided to go with the connection option. There is no maintenance on that (city water). Residents would have to replace the filter media (in filtration)." The connection to city water will include sealing off old wells, Benning said. He added water bill rates will be double those of city residents, unless the neighborhood is annexed, which may be forthcoming, he added. Benning said the request for help came Oct. 13 from Bureau of Land official Bruce Everett of the Illinois EPA in Springfield. "They requested assistance from us for assessment and possible funding under the Superfund Program," Benning said. "It's mostly an issue with funding. Local, state, there's no funding mechanism for them to do this." Benning said the area qualifies under the USEPA Superfund Program "based on groundwater contamination in this small area because the contaminated plume basically is underneath this neighborhood. The homes qualify, the area I guess you can say qualifies. The action taken strictly is to provide safe drinking water to the homes." As for who or which business is found responsible for the benzene contamination, Benning said, remains with the IEPA. "There won't be any action by us to do any remediation," Benning said. "The state may continue to investigate a responsible party. If one is found, there may be corrective action or remediation that would be required of someone to stop the plume from continuing." Benning said all homes in the square area will be offered hookups, with as many as 16 identified to this point. No houses on Johnston Avenue have been added to the list, although more tests have been conducted by the IEPA recently in the 1200 block, Benning said. If those houses show a presence of benzene, they will be added, he said. One home in the 1200 block has not been added because it is boarded up, he said. "I'm assuming everyone will probably want it," Benning said of the hookups. "But there is nothing on Johnston right now. Results are still coming in to the state. If it's showing benzene, we would consider adding it. We haven't received the final results yet." The state IEPA declined to comment about the matter when contacted by TRRT. The IEPA has offered little information about their investigation about well water contamination, citing privacy issues. Although the source of the plume has yet to be confirmed, TRRT has confirmed the IEPA has contacted the Mobil gas station on Auburn Street between Johnston and Day about the matter. Three black state trucks were reportedly seen at the station the week before Thanksgiving at the same time another IEPA truck was gathering samples from the ground in the area. The IEPA confirmed it had been testing the soil. Lead investigator Mark Wagner of the IEPA confirmed the white truck belonged to the IEPA and confirmed the visit to the Mobil station but did not name them as the source. Wagner confirmed the white truck seen during Thanksgiving week "has a hydraulic press that comes out of the back and was taking samples." He added the IEPA "met with the Mobil station on the 21st." Maggie Carson, spokesman for the IEPA in Springfield, said the IEPA did collect another series of water samples in the area recently. She added they were at the IEPA lab and that Wagner's team was awaiting results. "We are in the process of evaluating it with groundwater flow and direction," Carson said. Carson added that more specific information was "private and confidential." Benning of the USEPA said the plume of the contamination "is heading due east. Carson declined to elaborate on the Dec. 7 meeting that included residents in the area as well as city, county and state officials. "They were private meetings," she said. Sue Fuller, spokesman for the Winnebago County Health Department, also declined to disclose any details of the meeting, saying, "It was between the home owners and the Illinois EPA and the USEPA." She added the WCHD was only the host of the Dec. 7 meeting. Benning, who attended the meeting, said, "We had a meeting to ask the homeowners and offered them connection" at the Winnebago County Health Department Dec. 7. Benning said officials from the City of Rockford, the IEPA and the WCHD were present. He said the meeting was not private. "It was just informational," he said. No media outlets were informed of the meeting, Fuller said. Previously, public meetings were held at the Northwest Community Center in July and August to discuss possible well water contamination after WCHD testing showed well contamination of Volatile Organic Chemicals benzene, toluene and xylene in as many as six neighborhood wells.



This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Unported License.

The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



APICSA



Franklin Fueling Systems

Australian Petroleum Industry Contractors & Suppliers Association

www.tanknology.com.au

www.pica.net.au/

www.upp.co.uk



Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

Release 2011 – 789 Newsy Stuff

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

December 22 2011



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

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

Media outlets and neighborhood residents were invited to those meetings held in late July and early August hosted by city, Illinois Department of Public Health and WCHD officials to discuss testing and resident options. At that time, residents were informed a hookup to city water would cost around \$2,000 plus the cost of sealing off their wells, which is valued at approximately \$600. The IEPA became involved in the matter in September and began testing wells themselves in October. The number of wells reported tainted by VOCs has varied over the past four months.

<http://rockrivertimes.com/2011/12/14/usepa-to-fund-city-well-hookups-to-contaminated-well-homes/>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, FISKVILLE, DECEMBER 14 2011. CFA UNVEILS DETAILS OF CANCER PROBE



CFA's Fiskville training centre

A Country Fire Authority (CFA) investigation into cancer-causing chemicals stored at a training base will explore whether documents that warned of potential dangers were ignored. Firefighters at the base in Fiskville, western Victoria, used to burn a range of waste oils, containing chemicals such as benzene, toluene, xylene and phenol, as part of their training. Some 17 former firefighters and their family members now claim they have developed cancer from exposure to the chemicals in the 1970s and '80s and are investigating a potential link with their training. The CFA will conduct its own investigation into Fiskville training practices, announcing

the terms of the probe on Wednesday. The CFA will look into the origin and use of the chemicals, identify how they were stored and disposed of and assess the likelihood that these practices contaminated the air, land and groundwater at Fiskville. It will also search for any documentation warning of potential risks of the training and whether they were acted on. Finally, the report hopes to determine whether any drums of flammable substances were buried on the site and make recommendations on any necessary clean-up. CFA chief executive Mick Bourke said the organisation was taking the investigation seriously, but warned it could be a lengthy process given the allegations date back to the 1970s. "I want to leave nobody in any doubt how seriously we take this matter," he said. "We are determined to deal with this matter properly because our people, former and current, are our priority." But the firefighters' union has slammed the CFA probe, saying it makes a mockery of firefighter health. "It is just simply not appropriate in any legal sense for an organisation that is potentially liable to investigate itself," United Firefighters Union secretary Peter Marshall said. "The government should do something about this - it's making a mockery out of the health of firefighters." The union is calling for a coronial inquiry into any links between the chemicals and the onset of cancer in the firefighters.

<http://news.ninemsn.com.au/health/8389669/cfa-unveils-details-of-cancer-probe>

CHINA, SHIJIAZHUANG, DECEMBER 14 2011. FISHERMEN SUE OIL GIANT OVER SPILLS



A ship cleans up the leaking oil near the platform C in the Bohai Sea, China.

More than 100 fishermen filed a lawsuit against the Chinese unit of US energy giant ConocoPhillips Tuesday, demanding 490 million yuan (US\$77 million) compensation following oil spills in Bohai Bay earlier this year. The 107 Hebei Province fishermen took the legal action in a maritime court in neighboring Tianjin City, claiming ConocoPhillips China seriously damaged the local fishery industry. Zhao Jingwei, an attorney representing the fishermen, told the Xinhua news agency. The two spills that began in June in the Penglai 19-3 oil field, in which ConocoPhillips is the operator with a 49 percent stake, unleashed thousands of barrels of oil and oil-based drilling fluids into the bay, a major fishing region off

China's northeast coast, polluting an area of up to 6,200 square meters, according to China's maritime regulator. China's CNOOC Ltd owns the remaining 51 percent of the field. Citing its investigation, the State Oceanic Administration last month blamed the defects in CNOOC's management and production for the spills, saying it violated protocols and failed to take precautionary measures when there were high risks of a spill. The fishermen claimed the oil spills killed sea cucumbers, scallops and other seafood they raised. Zhao said he was confident the case would be accepted, as the investigation conducted by maritime authorities and the responses from the Ministry of Agriculture backed up the fishermen's claims. CNOOC couldn't be reached for comment yesterday. The Ministry of Agriculture said that oil contamination could affect the growth of shellfish and lead to massive deaths, according to the Economic Information Daily. The SOA, which called the spills



This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Unported License.

The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



Australian Petroleum Industry Contractors & Suppliers Association

www.tanknology.com.au

www.pica.net.au/

www.upp.co.uk



Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

Release 2011 – 789 Newsy Stuff

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

December 22 2011



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

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

"the most serious marine ecological incident in China," also has said it was hiring lawyers to sue ConocoPhillips for ecological damage. The first oil spill was discovered near platform B of the Penglai 19-3 field on June 4 and the second leak was at platform C on June 17. According to industry officials, authorities have slowed or put on hold environmental impact assessment approvals for new wells near the Penglai field, effectively slowing drilling in the area.

Related Links

- [Fishermen sue ConocoPhillips for compensation](#)
- [Energy firm asked to pay USD 78 mln over oil spill](#)
- [Chinese fishermen file suit against ConocoPhillips](#)

http://www.china.org.cn/environment/2011-12/14/content_24148296.htm

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, DECEMBER 15 2011. UNDERGROUND PETROLEUM STORAGE SYSTEMS



The UPSS Regulation was amended in November 2011 to extend the EPA's role as appropriate regulatory authority for the implementation of the Regulation for another five years to June 2017. It is anticipated that Councils will resume broader regulatory roles under the Regulation after this date. Underground petroleum storage systems (UPSS) have the potential to leak, leading to expensive clean-up bills and damage to the environment. Persistent leaks can have a major impact on neighbouring properties and impose very significant costs on the tank owner and the broader community. The Protection of the Environment Operations (Underground Petroleum Storage Systems) Regulation 2008 requires owners and operators to regularly check for leaks in the fuel tanks and pipes used to store and handle petroleum products. They also need to meet minimum standards in their day-to-day environmental management of these storage systems. The Regulation

was gazetted on 28 March 2008 and commenced on 1 June 2008 and aims to:

- introduce preventative measures to reduce harm to the environment and human health
- save money and minimise time-consuming remediation by preventing leaks or dealing with them early
- ensure industry best practice is followed
- ensure appropriate validation and decommissioning of systems and sites.

Under the Regulation, it is against the law to allow or ignore contamination resulting from a leaking or faulty UPSS. The person responsible for a UPSS (usually the owner/operator) is required to have in place:

- a system for detecting and monitoring leaks
- groundwater monitoring wells at sensitive locations and a program to test them
- an [Environment Protection Plan](#) for the facility
- systems in place for record keeping, reporting of leaks and notifying the local council when a UPSS is decommissioned.

Documents

- [UPSS Regulation](#) (upsreg2008.pdf; 449 KB)
- [Improving the environmental management of underground petroleum storage systems](#) - a brochure explaining the requirements of the Regulation (0874upsreg.pdf; 195 KB)
- Implementing the UPSS Regulation
- View detailed [guidelines and technical notes](#) on implementing and meeting the requirements of the UPSS Regulation.

Related Links

- Exemptions from the UPSS Regulation: Some operators may be exempted from meeting certain requirements of the Regulation: [more details](#)

Need to Find Out More?

Phone the Office of Environment and Heritage Environment Line on 131 555 (toll free in NSW) or (02) 9995 5555.

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/clm/upss.htm>



This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Unported License.

The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



APICSA



Franklin Fueling Systems

www.tanknology.com.au

Australian Petroleum Industry Contractors & Suppliers Association

www.pica.net.au/

www.upp.co.uk



Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

Release 2011 – 789 Newsy Stuff

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

December 22 2011



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

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

AUSTRALIA, NEWCASTLE, DECEMBER 15 2011. ORICA ADMITS LEAKS HAVE DAMAGED REPUTATION

Orica chief executive Graeme Liebelt admits chemical leaks at its Newcastle site have seriously damaged the company's reputation. Several shareholders queried Orica's response to the chemical spills at the company's annual general meeting on Thursday. They asked why there was nine-day delay before a statement was released by Orica to the ASX, and why the board was not financially liable. A leak of hexavalent chromium in August led to the closure of Orica's ammonia plant at Kooragang Island, and a separate release of ammonium in November resulted in the closure of ammonium nitrate facilities. At a cost of about \$4 million per week, the closures have cost in the range of \$40 million to \$50 million this financial year so far, Mr Liebelt told the meeting. "There's a lot of damage to the reputation of the company in that local community particularly, and in NSW, that's where it's most intense," Mr Liebelt told reporters after the meeting. "I don't know how to rectify that. The reality is we've just got to demonstrate a period of improved performance before that trust will be returned." The ammonia plant began a restart on Thursday following the lifting of a prevention notice by the New South Wales Environment Protection Authority. Ammonium production at Kooragang Island resumed this week, and after a conservative start would be back at full production next week, Mr Liebelt said. The leaks served as a wake-up call for the company, and an improvement in safety mechanisms and training made Orica confident a similar accident would not be repeated, he said. Orica was also addressing the concerns about a lack of communication immediately after the leaks, Mr Liebelt said. There have been no legal claims made against the company, he said. Mr Liebelt also admitted that Orica's previously strong reputation as a supplier of explosives to Hunter Valley coal miners had suffered as well. The shutdown of the plants made conditions tight for all of Orica's customers, including those in the food and beverage, health, agriculture and mining sectors. "Of course it is disappointing," Mr Liebelt said. "We're just determined to put these incidents behind us from the company's point of view, in my remaining time." Mr Liebelt will retire on March 31 next year and will be replaced by former Newcrest Mining chief executive Ian Smith. The meeting generated a sizeable protest vote of 20.3 per cent against the company's remuneration policy for directors and senior managers. Chairman Peter Duncan accepted the vote, which remained below the 25 per cent threshold that can trigger a board spill if recorded in two consecutive years. Meanwhile, Mr Liebelt said demand for chemicals from the resources sector remained strong but demand from other sectors was more moderate. "Our guidance remains the same - to make more profit in 2012 than 2011, subject to global financial conditions," he said. "Underlying demand, excluding Europe, is actually quite strong."

<http://www.thebull.com.au/articles/a/24946-orica-admits-leaks-have-damaged-reputation.html>

USA, CA, MONTEBELLO, DECEMBER 15 2011. TANKER-TRUCK FIRE CLOSES ALL LANES OF 60 FREEWAY IN MONTEBELLO INDEFINITELY

 **Watch the Video**

- [Truck fire damages highway and overpass](#)

 **Photo's**

- [Gasoline tanker under Paramount Boulevard overpass burns as a firefighter aids in battling the blaze.](#)
- [Tanker Truck Catches Fire On 60 Freeway In Montebello](#)



A gasoline tanker burns on the 60 Freeway beneath the Paramount Boulevard overpass in Montebello as foam is used to try to extinguish the blaze.

A tanker truck caught fire on the 60 Freeway in Montebello at Paramount Boulevard on Wednesday, shutting down both sides of the freeway indefinitely. The blaze occurred along the eastbound lanes of the freeway at about noon. The Los Angeles County Fire Dept. declared the accident a hazardous-materials situation at 12:23 p.m. The tractor-trailer was hauling gasoline. The California Highway Patrol closed all lanes of the 60 Freeway in both directions between the 710 and 605 freeways. Connector lanes to and from the 710 Freeway were also closed. The Paramount Blvd. overpass was also closed to traffic due to structural concerns. Officials on

Wednesday night said they'd need to inspect the affected stretch of the freeway and overpass in order to determine when they'd reopen the freeway. As of 11 p.m., the roadway was still smoldering as Caltrans crews continued to work at the scene. Firefighters used chemical foam to spray the burning tanker. The fire flared up several times after momentarily abating. About 200 firefighters from several agencies, including Los Angeles County, Montebello, Monterey Park, Santa Fe Springs and



This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Unported License.

The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



Australian Petroleum Industry Contractors & Suppliers Association

www.tanknology.com.au

www.pica.net.au/

www.upp.co.uk



Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

Release 2011 – 789 Newsy Stuff

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

December 22 2011



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

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

Vernon, were on scene. Officials from the Montebello Fire Dept. and California Highway Patrol held a news conference at 2:30 p.m. A passing motorist called 911 to report the tanker fire, officials said. The vehicle is a double-tanker truck. The rear trailer caught fire but appeared to have been extinguished by 3 p.m. Officials said the tractor-trailer cab and the front trailer had burned to the ground, and firefighters were concentrated on the rear tanker. According to fire officials, there were 8,800 gallons of gas in the tankers. The tankers were hauling gasoline. They were both reportedly full. The driver and one passenger exited the burning vehicle and escaped without injuries. It was previously reported a third person was in the vehicle. One firefighter was injured fighting the fire, suffering a fractured leg. That firefighter was treated at a hospital and released. The sudden severity of the fire forced the occupants to abandon the vehicle as soon as possible, without pulling to the shoulder or driving to an off-ramp. The truck came to a stop in the 3 and 4 lanes, the two farthest on the righthand side. An explosion that was heard was believed to be from exploding concrete from the Paramount Blvd. bridge due to extreme heat. Officials said environmental issues were a concern due to a mixture of chemicals and water used on the fire running into storm drains. The Dept. of Fish and Game was on scene to help coordinate the environmental response. The cause of the fire was under investigation. It was not immediately known if there was a traffic incident with another vehicle. The truck was the only vehicle on fire. The trucking company was assisting in the cleanup and investigation. Motorists were advised to avoid traffic in the San Gabriel Valley altogether if possible Wednesday. Area motorists were advised by the CHP to plan for alternate routes for Thursday morning commutes. CHP also said motorists should plan for the possibility of a long-term closure at the scene.

Related Links

- [Freeway explosion: Tanker truck fire may close 60 for days](#)
- [Tanker truck explodes in fireball on 60 Freeway](#)
- [Freeway explosion: 60 will be closed during morning commute](#)
- [Los Angeles Traffic | Close-up: 60 East at Paramount Blvd Traffic](#)

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/los_angeles&id=8467141

USA, OK, SAPULPA, DECEMBER 15 2011. TRACTOR-TRAILER LEAKING HYDROCHLORIC ACID CLOSES TURNER TURNPIKE

The Turner Turnpike in Sapulpa was closed for nearly six hours after a tractor-trailer began leaking hydrochloric acid, according to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Residents were allowed to return home Wednesday night. Homes and businesses were evacuated in the area of the turnpike, from State Highway 97 to the western Sapulpa city limits, [Creek County Sheriff Steve Toliver](#) said. Interstate 44 was closed from 2:40 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and evacuated residents were allowed to return home Wednesday night. The cause of leak was a loose fitting on the tanker of the truck, which was carrying 4,500 gallons of acid. It wasn't clear how much of the acid spilled. The driver, who noticed the leak, was not sure how long the acid had been spilling before stopping the truck, authorities said. A remediation truck from [Oklahoma City](#) removed the remaining acid from the tanker. Rain and hydrochloric acid could cause toxic fumes and corrosion possibly up to the point of starting a fire, patrol [Lt. George Brown](#) said. Authorities were being extra cautious because of rain Wednesday.

<http://newsok.com/tractor-trailer-leaking-acid-closes-turner-turnpike/article/3632215>

AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, MERREDIN, DECEMBER 15 2011. FUEL CONTAMINATION RISK IN MERREDIN TRUCK CRASH

yolanda zaw

A truck carrying a significant fuel load has rolled over and crashed through a road bridge on Great Eastern Highway just outside Merredin in the early hours of this morning. The crash occurred about 2.20am on the Great Eastern Highway, 500m from Hines Hill. The truck remains in the body of water beneath the bridge and authorities are trying to recover it. The road will remain open but police have warned motorists to traffic to be slowed. There are concerns that acid and other chemicals onboard the truck may leak. Officers from the Fire and Emergency Services Authority and the Department of Environment and Conservation are on the scene monitoring the situation. Police said recovery of the truck could extend into this evening or tomorrow morning.

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/wa/12359808/contamination-risk-in-merredin-truck-crash/>



This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Unported License.

The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



Australian Petroleum Industry Contractors & Suppliers Association

www.tanknology.com.au

www.pica.net.au/

www.upp.co.uk



Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

Release 2011 – 789 Newsy Stuff

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

December 22 2011



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

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

USA, CT, ELLINGTON, DECEMBER 15 2011. WOMAN BACKS INTO GAS PUMP, STARTS FIRE >> ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON, A WOMAN STARTED A FIRE AT THE SUNOCO AT FIVE CORNERS AFTER BACKING HER CAR INTO THE PUMP.

erin quinlan

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGNC8ySPMgM>

At approximately 3:35 p.m. on Tuesday, a woman backed into a pump at the [Sunoco](#) station at Five Corners in Ellington and started a car fire. According to [Ellington Fire Department](#) Assistant Chief Vince Gambacorta, she was backing up and hit the pump, knocking it over, and catching the car on fire. There were no injuries. Gambacorta said that all of the breakaways and security measures worked as they should have and prevented a larger fire. "There was probably an initial spill of a couple of cups from the piping and everything and maybe there was a spark and maybe that's what started the car fire," he said. "It's the car that really burned up – the car and the plastic sheathing on the post. All the safety devices worked the way they were supposed to. There were no explosions like you see on TV, no rivers of gas pouring everywhere." Connecticut State Police Trooper Keith Timme agreed that it was the fuel from the car that was fueling the fire, not from the pump. He added that quick thinking on the part of the station employee who turned off the main switch probably helped to lessen the incident. The station does not have an overhead extinguishing system in the canopy. Unlike Massachusetts, in Connecticut, it is not required for stations to have the system. "It might have contained it but I don't think it would have put it out," Gambacorta said. "It might have held it in check for a little while, but we got here pretty quickly. We have the station right over the top of the hill so that truck was here pretty quickly." The fire department quickly extinguished the fire, ensured that the area was safe, and reopened the rotary to traffic. In addition to the woman who hit the pump, her husband was also filling up at the station, and another vehicle was in front of the one that hit the pump. The woman in that vehicle took off from the station and was found at a friend's house on Penfield Ave. "The lady in the car started running and didn't stop until she got to some friend's house on Penfield Ave.," Gambacorta said. "It took us probably an hour to find her. It took us a long time to find her. She took off and didn't look back I don't think. You watch TV; she was right there when it happened, she saw the original flame. I don't blame her." Timme said that the woman who hit the pump is a middle-aged woman who realizes and admits that she made a mistake. According to Timme, the woman hit the gas instead of the brake. It was an accident on private property and there was no criminal activity. "That's why you have insurance," he said. "There was no negligence as far as malicious negligence at all on anyone's part. It was an accident." In addition to the fire department and police, the building official and a representative from the fire marshal's office were on hand. Gambacorta said that the building official was involved because of a concern for the structural integrity of the canopy. Deputy Fire Marshal James York said that from that department's standpoint, the fire was accidental.

<http://vernon.patch.com/articles/woman-backs-into-gas-pump-starts-fire>

USA, DE, DELAWARE CITY, DECEMBER 15 2011. POLLUTION WOES WORSEN AT SITE NEAR DEL. CITY >> NEW CONTAMINATION FOUND IN GROUNDWATER NEAR METACHEM SITE

jeff montgomery



Pollution plagues the old Metachem site.

Federal scientists have discovered a new pollution plume from the massively contaminated former Metachem Products plant near Delaware City, increasing the urgency of an attempt to map groundwater flows around the area. Well tests on a separate property west of the former chlorinated benzene plant found contamination hundreds of times higher than federal drinking-water limits about 150 feet below ground in an area that officials once insisted was safe and beyond the range of plant spills. Pollutants found under the neighboring, shut-down Air Products Inc. site include cancer-causing benzene and paradichlorobenzene and two other types of chlorinated benzenes, long-lived toxic chemicals used in production of herbicides and pesticides that can cause liver and kidney damage,

among other effects. The contamination was found as federal scientists continue to pore over results of a groundwater "stress test" around the plant, the latest phase of a \$100 million-and-rising taxpayer cleanup. The cleanup effort has focused on protecting the Potomac Aquifer, which provides drinking water to millions of people in the coastal mid-Atlantic. Regulators



This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Unported License.

The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



Australian Petroleum Industry Contractors & Suppliers Association

www.tanknology.com.au

www.pica.net.au/

www.upp.co.uk



Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network Release 2011 – 789 Newsy Stuff

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

December 22 2011



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

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

have banned the use of groundwater anywhere in the vicinity. Residents in the area have their drinking water piped in from distant public supplies. The U.S. Geological Survey-led effort aimed to duplicate an "inconclusive," partially completed 1990 test of deep aquifer vulnerability to surface spills financed by Standard Chlorine of Delaware, the toxic chemical plant's original owner. A USGS researcher recommended the new tests based on concern about unknown groundwater connections and pollution threats to "existing and future public water supplies" that tap more distant portions of the deep Potomac Aquifer. "It's a way to understand the flow of groundwater in the Potomac Aquifer beneath the site," said Hilary Thornton, an Environmental Protection Agency project manager. "It doesn't provide contamination data; it's more about where the groundwater is flowing, that would possibly indicate where you might look for contamination." Investigators pumped a Delaware City Refinery-owned well around the clock for four days for the test, while continuously tracking water levels in dozens of monitoring wells under and around the federal Superfund cleanup site and nearby Red Lion Creek. Sarah B. Bucic, a founder of the Delaware City Environmental Coalition, said she had not heard about the USGS groundwater report, although EPA officials briefed the community group on several environmental issues, many focused on water concerns, in September. "There's a lot going on there," Bucic said Wednesday. "We're told that our aquifer is safe here, so that's what I'm going on for now. We're hoping that they can get to things earlier, rather than doing cleanups." Standard Chlorine -- once the world's largest producer of some types of herbicide and pesticide ingredients -- sold the 65-acre factory site to Metachem Products in 1998. Metachem declared bankruptcy in 2002 after its own series of pollution offenses, walking away from more than \$60 million in business debts and saddling taxpayers with a huge cleanup obligation. Company officials used results from the 1990 study and other findings to shrug off threats to deep groundwater and justify years of inaction and cleanup failures at the site. Plant operators never acknowledged the hazard to deep groundwater, and regulators later admitted that company reports and claims of safety were unfounded and, in some cases, based on inadequate or misleading data. After the factory's shutdown, the EPA removed bulk liquid chemicals and 800 cubic-yard-sized tanks filled with toxic liquids that federal contractors distilled from wastes left by the bankrupt company. Plans are in the works to permanently seal dozens of acres of the main plant area with a dense, waterproof cap, a choice made after officials determined the site was likely to remain too contaminated for public exposure even after much of the toxic soil below was removed. After completion of the \$10 million cap, monitoring could be required for a century or more. Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control officials said Wednesday that the federally directed cleanup is showing "positive results," and that no public drinking-water systems now operate near the site.

Former Metachem Products Site

- Operated from 1966 to 2002
- 65 acres
- Series of spills including 569,000-gallon spill after tank collapse in 1986
- Products included materials sold to make "Agent Orange" herbicide
- Added to federal national priority "Superfund" cleanup list in 1987
- Long history of unreported violations, illegal operations
- Filed for bankruptcy and abandoned to taxpayers in May 2002

<http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20111215/NEWS08/112150325/Pollution-woes-worsen-at-site-near-Del-City?odyssey=tab%7Cmostpopular%7Ctext%7CFRONTPAGE>

SOUTH AFRICA, DURBAN, DECEMBER 15 2011. UMDLOTI OIL SPILL CLEAN-UP UNDERWAY

noloyiso mbalane

A clean-up operation is underway at Umdloti Beach, on Durban's North Coast, after traces of oil were spotted in the water at the weekend. EThekweni officials say they aren't sure at this stage where the oil particles came from but they have dispatched teams to clear them up. Pockets of oil surfaced on the shore in Zinkwazi, Salt Rock, Zimbali and Blythedale around two weeks ago, after a ship experienced a leak, nearly 580km off-shore. The municipality's Christo Swart says they're not sure if the two incidents are related, but officials are investigating. "Approximately pea-sized pieces of oil have been found. It's away from the water edge, and we are cleaning up. We will be raking the area and monitoring it. [The oil] will be picked up, it will be bagged, and it will be taken away. It is however safe to swim. The beach is clean, and we would like visitors to enjoy themselves."

<http://www.ecr.co.za/kagiso/content/en/east-coast-radio/east-coast-radio-news?oid=1492032&sn=Detail&pid=490476&Umdloti-oil-spill-clean-up-underway>



This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Unported License.

The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



Australian Petroleum Industry Contractors & Suppliers Association

www.tanknology.com.au

www.pica.net.au/

www.upp.co.uk



Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

Release 2011 – 789 Newsy Stuff

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

December 22 2011



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

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

USA, AKA, FAIRBANKS, DECEMBER 15 2011. POLLUTION CASE SEES SENTENCING UNDER ALASKA LAW

sam friedman

The owner and the operator of a Tok gas station were both sentenced to pay \$2,500 but avoided any jail time Tuesday for repeatedly failing to have their underground fuel tanks inspected over a period of about 10 years. The sentencing wraps up the first successful criminal prosecution under the relatively new state law that makes it a misdemeanor to negligently fail to have underground tanks inspected. Although the criminal case is completed, a decade-long conflict between the management of Wadsworth Texaco (also known as Camper City Super Service) and state environmental regulators continues in civil court. Business owner Norma Alicia Wadsworth, 62, and 59-year-operator Myron J. Bearson had been under scrutiny for not having their fuel tanks in compliance since not long after new laws took effect in 2000, according to court documents. The gas station burned in 2007, but business and problems with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation resumed not long after. The gas station also has a long-standing conflict with neighboring property owner Tanacross Inc. which says the old cars and other junk on the gas station property encroaches on their land. According to a victim-impact letter the corporation submitted to the court, the appearance of the "burnt out wreck of the gas station," along with concern about "leaking automotive fluids" lowered the value of the corporation's land and influenced a recent decision by the Tanana Chiefs Conference to not put a health clinic on corporation land along the Alaska Highway near the gas station. In 2010, the state filed criminal and civil suits against Wadsworth and Bearson. At the time a plea agreement was reached, the criminal case involved fourteen charges, including failure to close a substandard underground fuel tank, littering, a junk yard violation and failure to have appropriate insurance. Under the plea agreement Wadsworth and Bearson pleaded guilty to one count of failure to have a third-party inspection. The other thirteen counts were dismissed. But at Tuesday's sentencing, which lasted all day at the Tok Courthouse, the two made it clear they do not believe they were spilling fuel or polluting even if they were out of compliance with the letter of the law. Witnesses included a man who informally inspected the tanks for them and a Fairbanks engineer who designed the fuel tanks and said they exceed the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's standards. Wadsworth and Bearson both said in their own comments that they were picked on by regulators.

http://newsminer.com/view/full_story/16791325/article-Pollution-case-sees-sentencing-under-Alaska-law?instance=home_news_window_left_top_1

USA, N.J, RIDGEWOOD, DECEMBER 15 2011. TANKER LEAVES FUEL SPILL ON EAST RIDGEWOOD AVE >> ONE WOMAN INJURED, ONE LANE SHUT DOWN ON E. RIDGEWOOD AVE. WEDNESDAY AROUND NOON

james kleimann



A fuel tanker pumping diesel into the tanks of the [Warner Theater](#) on East Ridgewood Avenue left a fuel spill onto Ridgewood's main shopping street Wednesday afternoon. When pulling out from the tank, the truck's relief valve came loose, according to Ridgewood Fire Chief Jim Van Goor. The truck traveled to the intersection of E. Ridgewood and S. Maple Ave., when the driver realized he had been discharging fuel for about 100 yards. The driver, Van Goor said, estimated about 25 gallons of diesel were discharged onto the streets. The fuel spill caused one injury, according to Ridgewood Police Sgt. Brian Pullman. One woman slipped on the fuel and sustained a minor injury to her rear end, Pullman said. She refused medical attention. Traffic bottlenecked at the heavily-traversed thoroughfare Wednesday afternoon. The east-bound lane on E. Ridgewood Ave. was shutdown as was S. Maple from E. Ridgewood Ave. southbound as responders waited for the

county HAZMAT unit to arrive.

<http://ridgewood.patch.com/articles/tanker-leaves-fuel-spill-on-east-ridgewood-ave>

USA, TX, HOUSTON, DECEMBER 15 2011. TWO TANKERS COLLIDE IN HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL

robert stanton

The [U.S. Coast Guard](#) closed a section of the Houston Ship Channel early Tuesday after two tankers collided just north of the [Texas City Dike](#), officials said. No injuries were reported in the 8 a.m. collision, which is under investigation by the Coast Guard, and there have been no reports of pollution. The deep-draft vessels remained anchored off the dike at 10 a.m., and Coast Guard officials cordoned off the section of the channel where the collision occurred as they launched an investigation.



This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 3.0 Unported License.

The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



Australian Petroleum Industry Contractors & Suppliers Association

www.tanknology.com.au

www.pica.net.au/

www.upp.co.uk



Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network Release 2011 – 789 Newsy Stuff

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

December 22 2011



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

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

Other vessels in the ship channel were being allowed to pass, Petty Officer [Richard Brahm](#) said. Foggy conditions were reported in the channel when the collision occurred, but it had not been determined whether it played a role in the accident, Brahm said.

Meanwhile, the boarding of vessels in the Houston Ship Channel has been suspended until pilots determine it's safe to resume, Coast Guard officials said. Authorities couldn't say how many people were aboard the ships or what loads, if any, they were carrying.

<http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/Two-tankers-collide-in-Houston-Ship-Channel-2399358.php>

USA, WA, CENTRALIA, DECEMBER 15 2011. TRAIN DERAILMENT CAUSES SCARE IN CENTRALIA >> 3 CARS INVOLVED: METHANOL TANKER CAR TIPS OVER, SHUTTING DOWN TRACK FOR 3 HOURS

christopher brewer

Three train cars, including a tanker car carrying methanol, derailed on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe tracks north of downtown Centralia Wednesday morning, sending the chemical tanker car onto its side and causing a brief scare before it was announced that chemicals had not leaked. Riverside Fire Authority firefighters responded to BNSF Centralia Rail Yard just behind the Willamette Valley Company, 1830 Central Blvd., shortly before 8 a.m. and set up a command post. Centralia police and Lewis County Sheriff's Office deputies set up a containment zone within a half-mile of the area, advising residents to leave their homes until it was safe to return.

http://www.chronline.com/news/article_07759500-2671-11e1-9bac-0019bb2963f4.html

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, WOODEND, DECEMBER 15 2011. WICKED WHIFF NOT SUCH A GAS IN WOODEND

barry kennedy

Woodend motorists were caught short last week with the town's petrol station not taking deliveries because of a suspect odour in the township, first detected on Saturday, December 3. BP representatives inspected pipes and tanks, trying to find the source of a leak. The CFA and the Environment Protection Authority attended, after the odour was first detected in or near the town's sewerage system. BP spokesman Jamie Jardine said tests were completed on the service station's tanks and pipes to determine whether they were airtight while new deliveries of petrol and diesel were suspended. Tests on diesel tanks were still taking place last Thursday. Macedon Ranges Council assets and operations director Dale Thornton said the council investigated drains last Monday and found no evidence of contamination. Western Water chief executive John Wilkinson said staff at the Woodend recycled water plant became aware of the petrol smell and notified all relevant bodies. The water company was still trying to find the source of the petrol smell to pinpoint if it had entered the sewerage system. Were you affected by last week's petrol shortage in Woodend?

<http://sunbury-leader.whereilive.com.au/news/story/tell-us-wicked-whiff-not-such-a-gas-in-woodend/>

TAIWAN, KAOHSIUNG, DECEMBER 15 2011. A STUDY OF STORAGE TANK ACCIDENTS

This paper reviews 242 accidents of storage tanks that occurred in industrial facilities over last 40 years. Fishbone Diagram is applied to analyze the causes that lead to accidents. Corrective actions are also provided to help operating engineers handling similar situations in the future. The results show that 74% of accidents occurred in petroleum refineries, oil terminals or storage. Fire and explosion account for 85% of the accidents. There were 80 accidents (33%) caused by lightning and 72 (30%) caused by human errors including poor operations and maintenance. Other causes were equipment failure, sabotage, crack and rupture, leak and line rupture, static electricity, open flames etc. Most of those accidents would have been avoided if good engineering have been practiced.

 **Document:** <http://www.safteng.net/images/stories/PDF/a%20study%20of%20storage%20tank%20accidents.pdf>

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0950423005000641>

BRAZIL, SÃO PAULO, DECEMBER 16 2011. BRAZIL SUES OVER OIL SPILL

samantha pearson

Brazil's federal prosecutors have filed suit against [Chevron](#) and [Transocean](#) for R\$20bn (\$10.6bn) in damages and demanded that both [companies shut their operations in the country](#), in the strongest response yet to an oil spill off the coast of Rio de Janeiro last month. At around 3,000 barrels, the spill in Rio's Campos basin was relatively small and has been plugged, but



This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Unported License.

The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



Franklin Fueling Systems

Australian Petroleum Industry Contractors & Suppliers Association

www.tanknology.com.au

www.pica.net.au/

www.upp.co.uk



Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

Release 2011 – 789 Newsy Stuff

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

December 22 2011



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

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

[Brazilian officials have sought to make an example out of the US oil companies](#) as a warning to other foreign companies looking to profit from the region's lucrative new-found reserves. Prosecutors late on Wednesday said the companies had shown "a lack of planning and environmental management" in their attempts to control the spill, asking that both Chevron and Transocean be banned from Brazil or face daily fines of R\$500m. "(Chevron) also held back information from the National Petroleum Agency (ANP), committed mistakes in their contingency plan and made errors when assessing the size of the disaster," the federal prosecutor's office in Campos said in a statement. Chevron, the second-largest US oil group by market value and Brazil's third-largest oil producer, said it had not received any formal notification of the lawsuit or possible injunction, adding that it had responded responsibly to the incident at its Frade field and dealt transparently with all Brazilian authorities. "The flow of oil from the source was stopped within four days and the company continues to make significant progress in containing any residual oil," the company said, adding that there had been no impact on the coastline or surrounding wildlife. Transocean, the world's largest offshore drilling contractor and Chevron's partner on the project, said it had not been officially notified and added it would continue to co-operate with all the authorities. The company also operated the rig in the Gulf of Mexico spill last year. Brazil's environmental regulator already fined Chevron R\$50m last month and ANP imposed a [temporary ban on Chevron's drilling activities](#), but the latest lawsuit is the toughest action by officials yet and could further jeopardise both companies' roles in Brazil's lucrative oil projects. The spill, which Chevron said was caused when workers encountered unexpected pressure drilling a well, has come at a particularly sensitive moment as politicians argue over how best to exploit Rio's newly discovered 'pre-salt' reserves, estimated to contain at least 50bn barrels of oil. The Gulf of Mexico's three-month-long spill, during which more than 60,000 barrels of oil gushed from BP's ruptured well per day, has also made Brazil's government nervous about the environmental risks of reaching the new reserves, buried beneath a 2km-thick layer of salt in the seabed. Speaking to the Financial Times last month, Carlos Minc, Rio's environment secretary and the country's former environment minister, said the authorities needed to be strict with Chevron and Transocean now to prevent the country's waters from later turning into "a pool of oil".

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/54077ca0-26ab-11e1-91cd-00144feabdc0.html#axzz1gc8nq8h0>

AUSTRALIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY, DARWIN, DECEMBER 16 2011. GAS EXPLOSION KILLS TRADIE

anthea kissel & ashleigh raper

[Watch the Video Man killed in van explosion](#)

[Watch the Video Gas explosion kills tradie](#)

[Download this mp3 file Young Darwin tradie killed in gas explosion](#)

[Photo Gallery Fatal gas explosion 2011](#)

Map: [Parap 0820](#)



The scene this morning.

Update 3pm: Police Interview Housemates

Police detectives have interviewed the housemates of the Irish tradesman killed by a shock gas explosion this morning. They have been allowed back to their burnt home to collect a few possessions and are now being cared for by friends and neighbours. The Irish consulate has been notified of the tragedy. Hudson Fysh avenue remains closed and is likely to be so for the rest of the day, with investigations to continue.

Your Say

"Our hearts go out to his family, they've lost a son, a friend, a mate. Tough times ahead, and you cannot grasp grief until you experience it yourself. RIP" RJP

Update 12.50pm: Body Recovered, Police Issue Statement

The body of a man killed in a gas explosion in Darwin has now been taken away on a stretcher. A large orange tent has been erected across the road from the scene. Police have issued a statement saying they attended the scene about 6.30am. Detective Senior Sergeant Tony Henrys said an exclusion zone had been set up as investigations continue. "It is believed a young male ... was attempting to make ready a work van with gas bottles stored in a rear load space," he said.

"It appears that gas has been ignited, causing an explosion that killed the man, destroyed the vehicle and caused damage to the home." He said forensic investigators, the Territory Response Group, Crime Command, fire investigators, emergency



This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Unported License.

The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



Franklin Fueling Systems

Australian Petroleum Industry Contractors & Suppliers Association

www.tanknology.com.au

www.pica.net.au/

www.upp.co.uk



Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

Release 2011 – 789 Newsy Stuff

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

December 22 2011



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

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

services and NT WorkSafe were all at the scene now. He said roads would be closed for the rest of the day. It is the second refrigeration gas-cylinder explosion this week after Melbourne refrigerator mechanic Joe Cosentino from was killed in a similar blast on his way to work as reported on December 13.

Update 11.55am: Family Notified, Friend Flies Home To Ireland

Friends have joined the housemates of a 24-year-old Irish refrigerator mechanic killed when a gas bottle exploded this morning. A group of about 10 have gathered and it is understood one will board a flight to Ireland tonight. The blast was so powerful it blew off the roof of the car port and the steel garden fence. The roof-rack of the van was flung 30m into the next-door neighbours hot-water system by the force of the explosion and has just been removed. A police chaplain at the scene said the family have now been notified of the tragedy. The man was popular and he and his housemates were well-known at the local bar, the Parap Tavern. Melbourne refrigerator mechanic Joe Cosentino from Melbourne was killed in a similar blast earlier this week prompting calls to look at the safety of the gas bottles.

Update 10.45am: Family Not Yet Notified, Blast Treated As Suspicious

The family of an Irish tradesman killed when a gas bottle in his work van exploded have not yet been notified of the tragedy. Authorities have not been able to identify the body. Officer-in-charge senior sergeant Tony Henrys said the explosion was being treated as suspicious. "This has been declared a crime scene while fire investigators determine the cause," he said. "There was an explosion and a man has lost his life – whether the gas leak was accidental remains to be seen." The Coroner's constable will inspect the body once Territory Response Group bomb technicians have secured the unexploded gas bottles on site. "It will be some hours until (the premises is safe). It is going to be a long day," he said. The man's housemates – who were home at the time the gas cylinder exploded – are being cared for by neighbours. "Crime scene do not cross" tape has gone up 30m around the house on Hudson Fysh. The police forensics unit are filming the scene. Sen-sgt Tony Henrys does not want media present and has asked journalists not to film. A press conference is to be held at 2pm.

Update 10.30am: Housemates With Neighbours, Coroner's Constable On Scene

The Coroner's constable has arrived at the scene of the fatal gas explosion. NT Work Safe has confirmed they are looking into the case. Members of the NT police tactical unit, the Territory Response Group, have just arrived along with the Coroner's constable. Police said they believe one of five gas cylinders exploded when the man started the engine of his work van. The Irish tradesman's three housemates are now with neighbours after their house caught fire as a result of the devastating blast.

Update 10:15am: Darwin In Shock, Bomb Squad On Scene

Shocked Darwin residents have poured out messages of condolence for the young Irish tradesman killed in a gas explosion on Hudson Fysh avenue at 6.30am. Some residents thought a bomb had gone off when the blast occurred in Parap. "I was at CDU Oval and heard a loud bang way off in the distance, thought it was army up to something! OMG poor bloke RIP," wrote Sharon Fairs. "So young, & a week before Christmas," wrote Rach Robertson. "Condolences to his family." Police said Hudson Fysh would remain blocked for most of the day. Major crime detectives are investigating along with the forensics team and bomb disposal specialists. Fire scene investigators from NT Fire and Rescue are also on-scene, she said. Police said it was a matter of course when a death occurred for major crime detectives to investigate. NT Police commissioner John McRoberts was also briefly on scene this morning.

Update: Body To Stay On Scene

The body of an Irish tradesman killed in a large gas explosion in Darwin will stay on scene until the coroner arrives later today. Firefighters have stabilised the scene at Hudson Fysh Ave, Parap. Fire watch commander Shaun Murphy said one of the crew members heard the explosion from the station in Woolner, about 6.40am. He said they believed the 24-year-old refrigerator mechanic was inside his work van or on the way to the car when the blast happened. What was once a car is now a pile of steel. Neighbours reported their windows shattering and fire alarms falling off ceilings when the explosion happened. "This has been tough for everybody," Mr Murphy said. Readers reported hearing the blast as far away as the northern suburbs of Anula and Rapid Creek.

Man Killed In Gas Explosion

A man was killed in a gas explosion in Darwin this morning. The 24-year-old refrigeration mechanic was killed when a gas bottle in his vehicle ignited as he started van in Hudson Fysh avenue, Parap about 6.40am. It is believed the man was on his way to work.

The blast is thought to have set off other bottles in a large explosion that blew the doors off his vehicle, blew out windows across the street and started a house fire. The man was killed instantly, his body blown across the Hudson Fysh roundabout. The explosion was so loud it was reportedly heard as far away as Casuarina. Resident Drew Marson who lives two doors



This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Unported License.

The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



Australian Petroleum Industry Contractors & Suppliers Association

www.tanknology.com.au

www.pica.net.au

www.upp.co.uk



Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

Release 2011 – 789 Newsy Stuff

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

December 22 2011



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

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

down from the burning house said it was the worst thing he'd ever seen. "I saw the guy's body in a real bad state," he said. "The explosion was that loud it woke the neighbourhood. "The house opposite on the corner had its windows smashed." St John Ambulance paramedic Craig Garroway said the house was still burning and there were more gas bottles so people had been evacuated. Darwin police watch commander Louise Jorgensen said the road has been blocked and police and fire services are in attendance.

Related Links

- [Irishman killed in Darwin blast](#)
- [Man dies in Darwin van explosion](#)
- [Refrigeration mechanic dies in Darwin days after Melbourne man killed in similar circumstances](#)

http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2011/12/16/278605_ntnews.html

UK, DORSET, BLANDFORD FORUM, DECEMBER 16 2011. HORROR AT CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AS BOX OF FIREWORKS EXPLODES SENDING ROCKETS INTO CROWD OF CHILDREN

- Misfired rockets hit child on head and another on arm
- Child's mother: 'It was like they were throwing hand grenades at us.'

Watch the Videos

- [Fireworks blast into Blandford festival crowd](#)
- [Four hurt as Blandford fireworks go off accidentally](#)
- [Box of fireworks explodes sending rockets into crowd of children](#)
- [Fireworks fly into crowd at Blandford's Yuletide Festival](#)



Market Square, in Blandford, Dorset, was the scene where the fireworks went off in the wrong direction and injured three people.

Four people, including two young children, were injured when out of control fireworks flew into a packed crowd at a Christmas festival. Rooftop fireworks intended to be fired skywards at the Blandford Yuletide Festival instead rocketed sideways out of a container and towards a crowd of spectators below. Three of the fireworks at the Dorset event struck two-year-old Cara Withers on the head as she sat in her pushchair. Her horrified mother Abbey instinctively pulled the hood of the buggy down to protect her only for another firework to ricochet off it and hit her

three-year-old son Cadan on the arm. Both children burst into tears and were checked over by paramedics at the scene last night. Mrs Withers was told it was only because the children were wearing thick woolly hats and padded jackets that they weren't seriously hurt. A man aged in his 40s suffered minor injuries after being hit in the face by one stray firework while an elderly woman was reported to have had her hair 'burnt off'. None of the victims required hospital treatment. Other fireworks shot into the 30ft Christmas tree in the town square. Several buildings and a police car were also hit. More than 4,000 people attended the Blandford Yuletide Festival, which was organised the town's rotary club. The fireworks display, on top of the corn exchange building, was due to be the end finale of last night's event. Mrs Withers, 32, said she was later told by the organisers the instructions on the side of the box wrongly indicated the rockets were meant to go upwards and not sideways as they did. She said: 'The fireworks started to go off on the roof when all of a sudden they started to come down over the building and down into the crowd. 'They were coming from everywhere, it was like somebody was throwing hand grenades at us. 'As we moved backwards Cara was hit on the head three times. 'I pulled the hood down on her pushchair and two more fireworks hit that and then hit my son Cadan on the left arm. 'Both of them were in tears but there was no obvious signs that they had been badly hurt. 'It was only because Cara had a woolly hat on that she didn't suffer a serious injury. 'I was told that the instructions on the box were wrong and stated the fireworks should have come out of the top when in fact they went out of the side. 'There are two scorch marks on the pushchair today from where it was it.' Witness Suzanne Patrick, 28, said: 'The fireworks started flying down onto the crowd, it was horrendous and people were screaming and trying to run out of the way. 'It was a stupid place to stage the fireworks; the crowd was too close to them. It could have been a lot worse.' A video posted on Facebook shows the alarming moment the fireworks went into the crowd, which prompting many people to scream in terror and children to burst into tears. An investigation into the case of the incident has now been launched by Dorset police, Dorset County Council's trading standards department and the Health and Safety Executive. A number of items relating to the firework display



This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Unported License.

The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



Australian Petroleum Industry Contractors & Suppliers Association

www.tanknology.com.au

www.pica.net.au/

www.upp.co.uk



Dangerous Goods - Hazardous Materials Group & Network

Release 2011 – 789 Newsy Stuff

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

December 22 2011



Alliance Partner

JOIFF

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

were recovered at the scene by police for examination. A spokesman for Dorset police said: 'Shortly after 9pm police attended the Yuletide Festival in Blandford where a box of fireworks had discharged incorrectly during a public display. 'While most of them had discharged into a wall a small number, about five or six, discharged towards the crowd of spectators. 'Fortunately there were no serious injuries although a small number of people were treated at the scene for minor injuries. 'Relevant items have been recovered for examination and police in conjunction with the Health and Safety Executive and Dorset County Council trading standards will be investigating the cause of the incident.'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2074555/Horror-Christmas-festival-box-fireworks-explodes-sending-rockets-crowd-children.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

CANADA, N.S, STELLARTON, DECEMBER 16 2011. SOBEYS SCOOPS UP 250 SHELL CANADA SITES >> ALTHOUGH RUMORS PEGGED COUCHE-TARD, WILSON FUELS AS BUYER, GROCER TAKES THE PRIZE



With the agreed-upon purchase of approximately 250 gas locations in Atlantic Canada and Quebec from Shell Canada Ltd., supermarket chain Sobeys Inc. is acquiring a much sought-after retail network that speculation once put in the portfolio of Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. or Wilson Fuels Inc. Approximately 200 of the sites are in Quebec, with the remainder in the Atlantic provinces. As reported in a Morgan Keegan/CSP Daily News Flash yesterday, the network Stellarton, Nova Scotia-based Sobeys is acquiring will include corporate-owned and dealer-operated locations. Shell Canada said in May it would sell its 260 retail outlets in Quebec and the Maritimes as part of its continuing divestment in Eastern Canada. Then, Laval, Quebec-based Couche-Tard was considered the prime candidate to take the locations. Couche-Tard then operated a network of about 5,900 stores in 10 Canadian provinces under the Mac's and Couche-Tard brands and in the United States in 42 states and the District of Columbia under the

Circle K brand. "They are the big player; anyone else other than them would be a surprise," Robert James David, associate professor of strategy at McGill's Desautels Faculty of Management, told the news agency at the time. Turo, N.S.-based Wilson Fuels was also considered to be a suitor. Wilsons Gas Stops operates its own gas stations and distributes fuel to dealers in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island. All of its company stations provide Go Store c-stores. It then operated 52 company stations, nine Wilsons Gas Stops, 42 Esso and one Shell station. It distributes to 211 dealers in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island. "It's the type of business we're in and we have an interest in it," Ian Wilson, president of Wilson Fuels, told the Turo Daily News in May. Other subjects of speculation included Loblaw's, Canadian Tire and Ultramar. But it was Sobeys that took the prize. A wholly owned subsidiary of Empire Co. Ltd., Sobeys owns or franchises more than 1,300 stores in all 10 provinces under retail banners that include Sobeys, IGA, Foodland, FreshCo and Thrifty Foods, as well as Lawton's Drug Stores. A Sobeys spokesperson told Reuters that the company currently has 43 outlets in Atlantic Canada under various banners, and some dealers in Quebec that also sell gasoline. The new stations will continue to operate under the Shell banner, and Shell Canada will supply the fuel. "We will continue to have direct operations and investments ... in the rest of the country, in certain markets," David Saint-Laurent, Shell Canada's general manager for retail, told the news agency. "It was just really strategically a good thing for us in Quebec and Atlantic." "This is an exciting opportunity for us to grow our existing retail gas operations while leveraging our significant wholesale and convenience business to better serve our customers and support our affiliates and dealer operations," said Bill McEwan, president and CEO of Sobeys. "Shell has earned worldwide prominence and renown on the strength of its brand, innovations and technical leadership. Shell's strong fuel brand connected to Sobeys' leading retail formats and banners and the strength of the AIR MILES program will be a unique and attractive offering to customers." Marc Poulin, president of Sobeys IGA operations business unit, added, "By adding fuel retail to our customer offering in Quebec, Sobeys becomes a strong partner for independent retailers who will benefit from our experience in collaborating with this type of business." He added, "The participation of Shell and IGA in the AIR MILES rewards program means we will seek to leverage cross promotion opportunities to benefit our customers." The transaction is subject to regulatory approval and customary conditions and is expected to close by the end of March 2012. Sobeys expects to use existing cash balances to finance the transaction.

<http://www.cspnet.com/news/corporate/articles/sobeys-scoops-250-shell-canada-sites>



This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Unported License.

The DG-Hazmat Group is proudly supported by:



Australian Petroleum Industry Contractors & Suppliers Association

www.tanknology.com.au

www.pica.net.au/

www.upp.co.uk