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### USA, N.Y, SOUTH FALLSBURG, JANUARY 8 2011. TANK MIGHT BE SOURCE OF NOXIOUS ODOR IN FALLSBURG

leonard sparks



*The Fallsburg Library in South Fallsburg has been closed since December after a fuel-like smell caused headaches and dizziness.*

An unused underground fuel tank found outside the windows of the Fallsburg Library's children's room might be the source of a fuel-like smell that has closed the library for about a month and left town officials considering alternative sites. A contractor called in by state Department of Environmental Conservation officials investigating the source of the smell removed the tank Dec. 30 after digging up part of a parking lot adjacent to the library's building. The soil around the tank was

contaminated with heating oil, according to an online database of spill accidents maintained by the department. "The belief now is that it was the tank that they pulled out of the ground," Fallsburg Fire Department Chief Bernie Deutsch said Friday. "Hopefully, this is the problem." The state Department of Health ordered the one-story building the library leases on Railroad Plaza closed about a month ago after air-quality readings confirmed high levels of carbon-based chemicals. The library reopened to employees and the public on a trial basis Monday. It was closed Wednesday following continued reports of dizziness and headaches. "If you go in there, you're going to get a headache," said Mira Anderson, the library's board president. "It's quite a terrible odor." A sign taped to the library's doors says it is closed until further notice. Another sign, written in Spanish, announces the cancellation of an English class that had been scheduled for Dec. 18. The library is continuing to pay its staff, which includes two full-time employees and about five part-timers, Anderson said. The board also decided to waive late fees for those unable to return materials on time because of the closure. "They're biting at the bit to get back in there," Anderson said of the library's employees. Fallsburg Supervisor Steve Vegliante met with library board members Friday afternoon. The discussion included options for relocating the library if the shutdown continues, Vegliante said. "We have other places on a temporary basis where we can move them," he said. The current building will have to be cleaned before anyone returns, said George Sarvis, the town's deputy code enforcement officer, who was preparing a cleanup order for the owners Friday. "They've got to get somebody in there to evaluate it," he said.

<http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110108/NEWS/101080328/-1/SITEMAP>

### USA, MA, MATTAPOISETT, JANUARY 8 2011. RESIDENTS GET \$12.3M IN BUZZARDS BAY SPILL

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A New York shipping company has agreed to pay more than \$12 million in damages to residents of Mattapoisett for the loss of use of their beaches after an oil spill in Buzzards Bay in 2003. Superior Court Judge Raymond J. Brassard granted preliminary approval to the \$12.375 million settlement agreement reached between Bouchard Transportation Co. and more than 1,000 homeowners, who were kept off their beaches after an unmanned barge being towed by a tugboat ran aground and oil coated their shores. The case represented the first environmental class action suit ever certified by a Massachusetts court, said attorney Martin Levin, who represented the homeowners who lost the use of their beaches, in some cases for years, as a result of the spill. A final hearing on the settlement is scheduled for April 25. Kim DeLeo, who lives at Leisure Shores development, said she did not feel safe letting her 3- and 6-year-old children play on the beach until summer 2010, after it was deemed safe by the state. "It's had a huge impact," DeLeo said of the spill. "This is where I grew up, how I grew up, living on the beach, swimming and boating, digging for clams. My kids have missed out on that in their very young early years. My husband and I decided we wouldn't let them go down on the beach because we knew there was still oil on it. "It feels great," said DeLeo of the settlement. "We've been working at this for many years. We've been wanting to hold them accountable and I think we have." The oil spill occurred April 27, 2003, when an unmanned barge being towed by a tug to a Sandwich power plant was grounded on a shoal in Buzzards Bay. The ruptured hull released 98,000 gallons of oil, which coated the Southeastern Massachusetts shoreline, killing hundreds of birds. More than 100 miles of shore were off-limits during the cleanup, for which Bouchard was responsible. Bouchard has paid \$6 million in compensation for the environmental damage, including dead fish or birds, loss of nesting areas, or people's inability to go swimming, boating, and shellfishing. The company also paid a criminal fine of \$10 million for negligently piloting the tug. The attorneys representing Bouchard could not immediately be reached for comment yesterday. Deeded beach rights are part of the attraction in Leisure Shores, DeLeo's community of about 80 homes, a six-minute walk from the beach. Many residents live there year-round, DeLeo said. Though much of the oil spill was cleaned up by the fall after it occurred, Leisure Shores saw continued problems. "Around the wintertime, we noticed that because of the cleanup effort, the sand taken away from our beach, the beach started to fall apart," said DeLeo. "The oil was there. We knew it was there, and we didn't know what to do." She and others got involved in a class action lawsuit. Leisure Shores was not fully cleaned until 2007, Levin said. The compensation to each homeowner will depend

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on severity of the damage and the value of their property, said Levin, who estimated that those involved in the suit would recover from \$1,500 to \$30,000. At a test-case trial in April, a 13-person jury determined that eight of the homeowners sustained damages ranging between \$1,575 and \$22,650.

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/01/08/residents\\_get\\_123m\\_in\\_buzzards\\_bay\\_spill/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/01/08/residents_get_123m_in_buzzards_bay_spill/)

### USA, CA, SAN JOSE, JANUARY 8 2011. SAN MATEO COUNTY WILL CLEAN UP CONTAMINATED RAINER SERVICE STATION SITE IN EAST PALO ALTO

*bonnie eslinger*

The state will place a lien on a family-owned service station in East Palo Alto to pay for cleaning up soil and groundwater contaminated by gasoline that leaked for years from underground storage tanks, under terms of a legal judgment obtained by the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office. "This will put five people out of work," said Henry Rainer Jr., son of the owner of Rainer Service Station at 1905 East Bayshore Road, which has been in business since 1969. Rainer said his father, 87-year-old owner Henry Rainer Sr., bought the business after serving 22 years in the Navy. The family has tried to address the leaks and even replaced the underground tanks in 2004. But they can't keep up with ongoing regulatory demands, Rainer Jr. said. "I don't know how to monitor the water underground, I know how to fix tires," said Rainer Jr., 57. In 1999, tests at the service station showed concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons in the soil and groundwater, according to a civil complaint filed by county prosecutors last month. The county's health services agency at the time directed Rainer Sr. to regularly provide test results from groundwater monitoring wells installed at the station, but the business often neglected to submit quarterly reports or sent them several months late, according to the county. Rainer Sr. also failed to maintain equipment installed to prevent metal corrosion, according to the court documents. Testing in 2004 also confirmed the presence of leaked gas, according to a California Regional Water Quality Control Board report. After the family emptied the tanks and stopped selling gas in 2008, they were cited the next year by the Menlo Park Fire Protection District for not removing the underground tanks within a year, as required by the state fire code. The service station still does auto and tire repairs, but no longer sells gasoline. "The county health department went out there and told him to do this, that and the other, and he wouldn't," said Deputy District Attorney Chuck Finney. "He didn't have the money. But still, the ground is getting the leaking gasoline." After the district attorney's office threatened to pursue civil penalties that Finney said could have added up to "several hundred thousand dollars," Rainer Sr. agreed to the judgment filed on Dec. 30, 2010. The judgment takes the cleanup and monitoring work out of Rainer Sr.'s hands, but not the cost. For now, the county will use funds from a state program created to clean up underground storage tank sites where owners can't be found, have no resources or refuse to do the work. The county received \$150,000 from the state to remove the station's underground tanks and to investigate soil and groundwater contamination, according to an April 2010 Water Quality Control Board document related to the funding request. Rainer Sr. will eventually have to reimburse the state for its costs, Finney said. In addition, he has been ordered to pay \$25,000 to the county and \$1,520 to the Menlo Park Fire Protection District. "Mr. Rainer will have to sell the property to reimburse the state," Finney said. "But when he sells it, assuming that he doesn't do a lot more borrowing on the property ... he'll end up with several hundred thousand dollars for himself." Rainer Jr. said if the matter had just been about money, his father could have sold the station years ago. His father had hoped to pass the business down to the next generation, he said. "This is an old mom and pop gas station," he said. "This will shut us down."

[http://www.mercurynews.com/peninsula/ci\\_17042315?nclink\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/peninsula/ci_17042315?nclink_check=1)

### USA, CA, JANUARY 8 2011. WATER SAFETY: HEALTH OFFICIALS TAKE NEW AIM AT PERCHLORATE

*david danelski*

California is proposing a tougher target for the rocket fuel chemical perchlorate in drinking water, citing studies that linked minute amounts of the chemical to impaired thyroid function in infants. The current health goal -- for water considered safe for everyone -- is 6 parts perchlorate per billion parts water. On Friday, the state proposed lowering the goal to 1 part per billion. While not an enforceable limit, a health goal is a step in determining a legal limit for a drinking water contaminant. The current legal limit for perchlorate is 6 parts per billion. After a public-comment period ends next month, the health goal could be finalized and forwarded to another agency, which could consider adopting a tougher drinking-water standard. Perchlorate is found in many inland water sources. Suppliers treat or blend the water to meet the limit before delivering it to consumers. Among the contaminated inland sources are the Colorado River and several groundwater basins. The Metropolitan Water District, which serves about 19 million people in Southern California, relies in part on the Colorado River for its supplies. The river now carries about 1.5 parts per billion, MWD spokesman Bob Muir said. Muir pointed out that health goals are not enforceable and said it may be years before the California Department of Public Health revises the legal limit for perchlorate in drinking water. The agency must consider available treatment technologies and costs when and if it changes the perchlorate

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limit. Health goals are based only on studies showing how a contaminant affects people. If the state does limit perchlorate to 1 part per billion, MWD could blend river water with perchlorate-free water from Northern California that travels through the State Water Project system of canals and reservoirs. "We have options," Muir said. The cities of Corona and Redlands also have reported perchlorate levels higher than the draft health goal. Jonathan Daly, general manager of Corona's Department of Water and Power, said some city wells have no perchlorate. If need be, the city could blend and treat its water to bring levels below 1 part per billion, he said.

### **Babies Susceptible**

Perchlorate is an explosive used to make fireworks, munitions and rocket fuel. It also occurred naturally in some fertilizers used in the past century. In the Inland area, the chemical leaked from a former [Lockheed Martin](#) rocket factory in Mentone, causing a stream of underground pollution that invaded the water supplies of several cities, including Riverside. Lockheed has spent tens of millions of dollars to treat the water to remove the perchlorate. The Colorado River was polluted by a Cold War-era perchlorate factory in Henderson, Nev. Scientists at the state Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment found that a wide range of research, including studies by the agency's scientists, showed infants are more susceptible to perchlorate's effects, spokesman Sam Delson said in an e-mail. Perchlorate impedes the thyroid gland's ability to absorb iodide, needed to make hormones that guide brain and nerve development and regulate metabolism. "Adults may go several days without iodide, which is an essential nutrient, but infants cannot store as much, so they need to have more consistent doses," Delson said. A study published last month by scientists with the hazard-assessment agency found that babies born in the 1990s in areas where tap water contained perchlorate -- including Riverside and San Bernardino counties -- had a 50 percent chance of having a poorly performing thyroid gland.

### **Reaction to Proposal**

Industry officials were critical of the proposal to lower the health standard. A group called the Perchlorate Information Bureau, which is funded by Aerojet, Lockheed Martin and other industries that make or use perchlorate, issued a statement saying the lower health goal "would jeopardize water supplies and increase costs for water consumers statewide without any corresponding public health benefit." The group cited a 2002 industry-funded study on 37 adults who ingested the chemical in a clinic in Oregon. That research found no adverse effects at 245 parts per billion. Delson, however, said the 2002 study did not take into account the effects of perchlorate on infants. Penny Newman, executive director of the Glen Avon-based Center for Community Action and Environment Justice, applauded the draft health goal and said state officials should move swiftly to lower the legal limit. She said a decade-old analysis of scientific studies by the U.S. [Environmental Protection Agency](#) concluded that 1 part per billion is a safe level for drinking, but millions of people continue to be exposed to higher amounts.

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_D\\_perchlorate08.11aee4b.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/stories/PE_News_Local_D_perchlorate08.11aee4b.html)

### **MEXICO, MEXICO CITY, JANUARY 9 2011. MEXICAN OIL COMPANY FIRES 45 FOR STEALING FUEL**



Forty-five Petroleos Mexicanos employees were fired over their suspected links to gangs that steal fuel from pipelines, the state-owned company said. A total of 72 investigations of company officials are underway, Pemex Refinacion chief Miguel Tame said. Tame held a press conference on Wednesday to discuss the repairs to the pipeline in San Martin Texmelucan, where an explosion killed 29 people and forced the evacuation of more than 5,000 others on Dec. 19. The investigations are being handled by federal prosecutors and prosecutors from Puebla state, where San Martin Texmelucan is located, Tame said. The preliminary conclusion reached by investigators is that the explosion was caused by manipulation of the pipeline and not by fuel theft because the tool needed to tap the line was not found at the blast scene.

Pemex has paid more than 76 million pesos (about \$6.2 million) to relatives of victims of the explosion, while 42 million pesos (some \$3.4 million) went for repairing damaged dwellings, Tame said. Thirteen children were among those killed in last month's explosion, which leveled nearby houses, officials said. The blast and fire completely destroyed 32 houses and damaged 82 others, and a bridge near the pipeline was rendered unusable. The theft of fuel from Pemex pipelines, known in Mexico as "milking," is common, with both individuals and organized crime groups involved in the illegal activity. San Martin Texmelucan is on the border between Puebla and Tlaxcala state, both located next to the Federal District. The blast scene is about 95 kilometers (59 miles) east of Mexico City and 32 kilometers (20 miles) northeast of Puebla, the capital of the like-named state. Pemex located and repaired 610 illegal pipeline taps in 2010. The state-owned oil company has expanded pipeline monitoring and bolstered security in an effort to reduce fuel theft and the possibility of explosions.

<http://www.laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=383166&CategoryId=14091>

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### **NETHERLANDS, AMSTERDAM, JANUARY 9 2011. AMSTERDAM HARBOUR OIL SLICK UNDER CONTROL**

The authorities say the oil slick round the Port of Amsterdam has been brought reasonably under control. A tanker was involved in a collision with another ship on Tuesday and started leaking fuel oil from one of its cargo tanks. Strong winds over the past few days have spread the oil over a wide area including parts of the North Sea Canal which connects the capital with the North Sea. Following reconnaissance flights, vessels were able to clean up the slick in the waterway. However, there is still oil in parts of the harbour and other areas around Amsterdam. Over the past four days, many birds have been coated in the oil. Animal welfare workers have picked up about 100 of them so far, but only around 25 of them have survived.

<http://www.rnw.nl/english/bulletin/amsterdam-harbour-oil-slick-under-control>

### **INDIA, RANJANGAON, JANUARY 9 2011. TWO KILLED AS OIL TANKER RAMS TRUCK ON NAGAR ROAD**

Two persons were killed and the traffic on Pune-Nagar Road was badly affected for more than nine hours after a tanker carrying edible oil rammed a truck near Ranjangaon, about 35 km from the city, at 6.45 am on Friday. According to the Shikrapur police, both the deceased were travelling in the cabin of the oil tanker and sustained serious injuries after it rammed into a truck parked on the roadside at Kondhupuri village near Ranjangaon. The deceased have been identified as Damodar Londhe (29) and his mother Jamunabai Londhe (68). Both were residents of Moha village from Parali tehsil in Beed district. Subhash Mahajan, assistant sub-inspector with the Shikrapur police station, said: "After the accident, the edible oil that the tanker was carrying started leaking. The traffic was hampered as only a small part of the road could be used by vehicles due to the oil spill. Normal traffic movement resumed only after the oil was washed off by 6 pm."

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/two-killed-as-oil-tanker-rams-truck-on-nagar-road/734914/>

### **U.S VIRGIN ISLANDS, ST. THOMAS, JANUARY 9 2011. TANKER SPILLS FUEL AT ENIGHED OF GASOLINE INTO ST. JOHN POND**

*aldeth lewin*

A gas tanker truck was punctured as it was leaving a barge docked at Enighed Pond on Friday and it dumped out about 1,000 gallons of gasoline into the water and on the land. Various agencies responded to the fuel spill, which occurred about 2:15 p.m. Friday. A 10,000-gallon, five-compartment fuel tanker was being off-loaded when the tank rubbed against the barge, causing a 5-inch puncture in the front compartment, according to a statement by the V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency. The fuel tank contained premium gasoline that was shipped from the HOVENSA oil refinery on St. Croix for gas stations on St. John. The front compartment contained approximately 3,000 gallons of premium gasoline, the VITEMA release said. The V.I. Fire Service's Zulu Company responded along with the V.I. Police Department, which blocked off Route 102 from the V.I. Water and Power Authority's treatment plant to the tennis court at Cruz Bay. Other agencies on the scene included VITEMA, the Department of Planning and Natural Resources and the V.I. Port Authority. Not very much gas ended up in the water, said Austin Callwood, DPNR's director of environmental enforcement. "It wasn't much, maybe 5 gallons got into the water," Callwood said. The fuel tank was moved to a dirt lot close to the dock. Crews from the V.I. Public Works Department worked with local trucking companies to create a dirt barrier around the tanker, preventing the spill from spreading beyond the lot. "It's really a joint effort, Fire Service did a good job containing it, that's really the most important part of the process - to not have it go all over the place," Callwood said. According to VITEMA, about 1,000 gallons of fuel spilled in the incident. The remaining fuel was siphoned out of the damaged tanker compartment. Callwood said DPNR had challenges getting the absorbent materials needed to soak up the gasoline. He said the gas would have to sit like a pool overnight, and today it will be absorbed and the clean-up process can begin. The DPNR's Division of Environmental Protection will contract the actual clean-up to a local company, but the department will monitor the effort, Callwood said. The spill was contained by about 5 p.m., according to VITEMA.

<http://virginislandsdailynews.com/news/tanker-spills-fuel-at-enighed-of-gasoline-into-st-john-pond-1.1087591>

### **USA, TX, HOUSTON, JANUARY 9 2011. EPA REGULATIONS ON REFINERIES WILL KILL JOBS IN TEXAS**

*u.s. sen. kay bailey hutchison*

A day before Christmas Eve, the [Environmental Protection Agency](#) quietly announced plans to implement new regulations that would have the same impact as the job-killing [cap-and-trade](#) policy that Congress rejected last year. Implementation of these regulations would have devastating economic consequences and could jeopardize [American jobs](#) as our nation faces 9.4 percent unemployment. This is the wrong policy at the worst time, and I plan to fight against overbearing regulations that slow our economic recovery. During the [111th Congress](#), one of the major agenda items for the administration and the Democratic majority was passing cap-and-trade legislation. The goal of the legislation was to purposely increase the price of traditional forms of carbon-based energy, such as coal, gas and oil, so that consumers would respond by using less of it. This misguided

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proposal passed the House by a narrow margin. However, the Senate refused to consider a bill that would financially burden Americans and kill energy-dependent jobs, and the cap-and-trade proposal effectively died in Congress. With the EPA's announcement, the administration has taken the unprecedented step of bypassing Congress with these backdoor regulations and is sending the clear message that it intends to impose its cap-and-trade program on Americans — one way or another. On Dec. 29, in reaction to the EPA plans targeting refineries, I sent a letter to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson urging her to forgo the agency's plans to regulate refinery greenhouse gases. These regulations will drive up the cost of energy in [America](#) - and everyone will pay. Americans, who are today facing significantly higher gas prices than last year, will be hit even harder with steep energy costs. Businesses will also shoulder the burden of rising energy expenses. In response, they may be forced to lay off workers and pass on the higher costs to consumers. [Texas](#) would suffer a double blow. Not only is our state the top consumer of domestic energy, we are also the leading producer. Texas remains the nation's largest producer of oil and gas and refining operations, accounting for more than one-fourth of total U.S. refining capacity. The energy sector of Texas employs nearly 400,000 people in high-paying jobs. This means that Texas' energy work force would be more susceptible to job loss and financial hardship brought on by the new regulations. Furthermore, these regulations on U.S. refineries alone will make virtually no environmental impact. The release of greenhouse gases is a global issue. And some of the world's leading emitters of carbon dioxide, like China and India, are doing little to curb their output. It makes no sense to punish American producers and consumers and to send our jobs overseas for regulations that won't make a difference. The EPA must take into account the effectiveness of its regulations, as well as the economic impacts. Protecting jobs in Texas, as well as across America, is my top priority as we enter a new session of Congress. Keeping energy costs low for Americans is essential to stabilizing the economy. To help accomplish these imperatives, I will work with my colleagues to ensure that Congress, not unelected bureaucrats, sets economic, regulatory and environmental policy. Legislation should be properly vetted and scrutinized. Congress must exercise aggressive oversight in the new session - particularly over the federal agencies that are eager to expand their authority. The EPA's recent move is only the latest example of a bureaucratic power grab. Similarly, the unelected members of the [Federal Communications Commission](#) recently issued expansive new rules to regulate the Internet, which threaten to suffocate the open and innovative nature of the [worldwide Web](#) and kill jobs in the process. Over the past two years, the administration has taken multiple steps to grow the size, scope and power of the federal government. Without question, the EPA serves an important role. The recent spill of animal fat in the [Houston Ship Channel](#) is a reminder that an agency looking out for American environmental welfare is vital. However, the agency's role is not to assume powers Congress has not given it. The new regulations will raise prices for consumers, raise costs for businesses and kill jobs while not positively impacting the global environment.

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/editorial/outlook/7371466.html>

### **CHINA, ANHUI PROVINCE. SUZHOU, JANUARY 9 2011. CHEMICAL [PHOSGENE] LEAK SICKENS 62 WORKERS AT CHINA FACTORY**

A chemical leak has sickened 62 workers at a pharmaceutical factory in eastern China. The official Xinhua News Agency reported that 37 of them were still in a hospital Friday after inhaling fumes at work Thursday. The cause of the leak was under investigation. Xinhua said the leaked chemical was phosgene, commonly used to produce pesticides, painkillers and antibiotics. The leak happened at the Wanbei Pharmaceutical Co. in Suzhou in Anhui province. Workplace accidents kill thousands in China every year in part because of lax enforcement of safety rules and poor worker training.

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9KJD2300.htm>

### **USA, N.C, ASHINGTON, JANUARY 9 2011. CREWS MANAGING DAMAGE AFTER MCCOTTER'S MARINA FIRE**

**Watch the Video:** <http://www2.wnct.com/news/2011/jan/07/16/three-people-injured-boats-and-dock-destroyed-fire-ar-674332/>

Crews in Washington spent the day working to control pollution after Friday's fire at McCotter's Marina. The early-morning fire destroyed 26 boats. Workers dropped 2,000 feet of boom around the marina to contain gasoline and oil in the water. The Coast Guard hired Eastern Environmental Management to clean up whatever didn't burn off Friday. Crews say they're trying to prevent long-term damage. "We're also trying to ensure that the environment is returned to the same condition because it's very important that we clean up what oil we can," said Harry Hueston, Coast Guard Coordinator. "We can't get it all, but we'll get the majority of it and we'll get that up and out of the environment." Boat owners who didn't have property damage can go down to the marina. They will need a Coast Guard escort during the cleanup.

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Investigators say an electrical fault is the cause of an early-morning fire at McCotter's Marina that injured three people and damaged 25 boats along with a dock. Foul play is not suspected. The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office says the 911 call came in around 12:30 Friday morning. When crews arrived on the scene, they found the north dock was engulfed in flames. They worked to get boats out of the way of the fire but 25 of them were damaged with most being a total loss. A covered dock was also lost to the fire. Three people were treated for minor injuries including burns and hypothermia. The U.S. Coast Guard is on the scene to see how bad, if any, the environmental damage is from the fire. Watchstanders at Coast Guard Station Hobucken, N.C. got the word from the Beaufort County Sheriff's Department of a fire at the marina around 1 AM this morning. They immediately launched a 24-foot rescue boat crew. A boat crew from Coast Guard Station Hobucken is still on the scene monitoring the situation and has placed boom in the area to contain any debris and pollution from the fire. They've also contracted a cleanup company to respond to the scene. Pollution investigators from Coast Guard Sector North Carolina are on scene as well to assess the amount of pollution caused by the fire. They're using a boom to contain any debris and pollution. They say it could take several days to finish the clean-up. Fire departments from Chocowinity, Bath, Washington, Bunyan, Clarks Neck, Old Ford and Cherry Point responded. The 180-slip marina is on a creek off the Pamlico River. That's about 35 miles inland from Pamlico Sound.

<http://www2.wnct.com/news/2011/jan/07/16/three-people-injured-boats-and-dock-destroyed-fire-ar-674332/>

#### USA, WASHINGTON, JANUARY 10 2011. US EPA SIGNS STATEMENT OF INTENT WITH EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY

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EPA says it has formed a partnership with the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) that will promote enhanced technical cooperation on chemical management activities — as part of EPA's commitment to improve chemical safety. ECHA is the agency that implements the European Union's chemical management program known as REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization, and Restriction of Chemicals). The partnership was formalized through a statement of intent, which provides the first concrete result of this effort, according to EPA. The statement puts in place a process for working together on a range of issues of mutual interest including toxicity testing, the hazard and risk assessment of chemicals, risk management tools, scientific collaboration, and information exchange. One of the major anticipated areas of collaboration will be on the exchange of data and information. For example, the statement of intent will promote the exchange of non-confidential information on hazards, uses, and substance identification between ECHA and EPA, including data collected under REACH. The two agencies will also share criteria for managing confidential business information with the goal to increase the availability of chemical information to the public. The statement also enables the agencies to share information on approaches to more efficiently address chemicals of concern that are prioritized for regulatory action. Text of the Statement of Intent is at:

<http://www.epa.gov/oppt/echa.epa soi.pdf>

#### JAPAN, NIIGATA, JANUARY 10 2011. CHEMICAL TANKER SINKS LEAVING 1 DEAD, CAPTAIN MISSING



*Going down: The bow of the 499-ton tanker Seiyoh is shown Sunday morning before disappearing in the Sea of Japan off Niigata Prefecture.*

A small tanker transporting a flammable chemical sank off the coast of Niigata Prefecture on Sunday morning, leaving one crew member dead and the captain missing, Japan Coast Guard officials said. The 499-ton tanker Seiyoh, with a crew of five, capsized in the Sea of Japan about 1 1/2 hours after telling the coast guard it was listing and partially submerged, the officials said. Four of the crew were rescued by a patrol ship and taken to a Niigata hospital, but Hideki Yamano, the 46-year-old chief engineer, was in cardiopulmonary arrest and died, they said. According to the No. 9 Regional Coast Guard Headquarters in Niigata, two patrol ships and a helicopter have been launched to find the captain, Katsutoshi Sato, 47.

The Seiyoh was carrying 1,000 tons of vinyl acetate monomer when it left the city of Oita in Kyushu on Thursday, said the company that owns the tanker. It was scheduled to arrive at Niigata port on Monday. The crew told the company at around 6:20 a.m. Sunday that they had to abandon ship because water flooded the engine compartment and the vessel was listing badly, the firm said. The ship was being buffeted by 36-kph winds and nearly 4-meter waves, they said.

<http://search.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/nn20110110a4.html>

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### USA, WASHINGTON DC CONFERENCE - "WRECKS OF THE WORLD II: HIDDEN RISKS OF THE DEEP" JUNE 6-7, 2011 WITH EXPANDED PROGRAM.

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This Conference will address 8,500+ world-wide shipwrecks that may contain up to 20 million tons of oil and other hazardous materials. The American Salvage Association (ASA) and the North American Marine Environmental Protection Association (NAMEPA) will co-sponsor a conference, "Wrecks of the World: Hidden Risks of the Deep (WOW) II" on Monday, June 6 and Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS) in the Washington, DC area (Linthicum Heights, MD) USA. The conference will explore the myriad issues (pollution threat, impact modeling, risk assessment, oil removal and remediation, implications to the environment, legal, insurance and funding issues, next steps) related to the more than 8,500 sunken vessels in the world, many of them World War II-era. The program has been expanded to include discussion of the pollution threat posed not just by ship wrecks but also by the tens of thousands of abandoned oil wells that litter coast and offshore waters around the world. The conference program is being finalized, and further details are available on the ASA and NAMEPA websites at:

<http://www.americansalvage.org> and <http://www.namepa.net>

### USA, WA, VANCOUVE, JANUARY 10 2011. 2 HURT BUT NO FUEL SPILLED IN TANKER COLLISION

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.kptv.com/news/26418691/detail.html>



*Police say alcohol may have been a factor in this accident on Washington Street in downtown Vancouver early Sunday.*

Vancouver, Washington, police say a car traveling the wrong way on a one-way street collided with a two-tank fuel truck. The two people in the car were hurt - one seriously - but no fuel was spilled. Police say alcohol was a factor in the accident shortly before 6 a.m. Sunday, and the 30-year-old woman driving the car has a suspended license. Officers say she received minor injuries, but her 22-year-old male passenger suffered life-threatening injuries and needed emergency surgery. Names have not been released. Police say the fuel truck was damaged and had to be towed away.

[http://www.seattlepi.com/local/6420ap\\_wa\\_tanker\\_collision.html](http://www.seattlepi.com/local/6420ap_wa_tanker_collision.html)

### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, IPSWICH, JANUARY 11 2011. STATION CLOSES DUE TO DIESEL SPILL

*zane jackson*



*The BP station on the Warrego Highway, near Gatton, was closed after diesel fuel was spilt.*

A busy petrol station and McDonald's restaurant was forced to close for hours at the weekend after a motorist caused a large diesel spill. The person who caused the 60-litre spill fled the Gatton BP and McDonald's complex without informing service station staff about 7.45am on Saturday. Following spill guidelines the service station and the McDonald's were evacuated while Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) and police were called. QFRS Gatton firefighter Mark Luther said the driver was leaving on security camera. "A truck has pulled up in the service station and locked the trigger on automatic. The nozzle had come out the side of the tank without the driver noticing," he said. "About 60 litres of diesel was spilt. The driver just drove off - they saw it on the surveillance, it's all on their TV. "It wouldn't have

been so bad if they told someone. "They shut down the complex, the McDonald's as well." Fire fighters covered the spill with an absorbent medium, similar to cat litter or sawdust, before specialist cleaners arrived on site about 10.30am. If the culprit was caught, there was a possibility they would have to pay for the costs of the clean-up. Police said there was also a possibility the offender could face charges. They also said that despite the entry to the complex being marked off with witches' hats and a police vehicle, many motorists still tried to enter the service station while it was closed.

<http://www.qt.com.au/story/2011/01/10/petrol-station-closed-petrol-spill-diesel-bp/>

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#### INDIA, NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11 2011. PETROL TANKER BLAST VICTIMS GET JUSTICE AFTER 23 YEARS

The Supreme Court directed the New India Assurance Company to compensate the kin of all the 46 victims who died 23 years ago after an explosion took place because of a leaking petrol tanker in Satara district. A bench comprising justice Aftab Alam and justice RM Lodha dismissed the company's appeal against the compensation saying the mishap was not a road accident but an explosion. The explosion took place four hours after the vehicle was involved in an actual accident. The relatives of the deceased made a claim of Rs 15,000 under the "no fault compensation" provision of the Motor Vehicles Act. The court upheld the Bombay high court verdict and said the claim made by the relatives was clearly covered by an earlier apex court judgement that was delivered in a case related to the same incident. The compensation in that case was, however, sought by the son of just one victim. On October 29, 1987, a petrol tanker collided with a truck on national highway 4. The tanker was on its way to Bangalore. The accident took place near Kavathe village in Satara district. After the accident, the tanker fell into a five-feet-deep pit and petrol started leaking after that. Locals gathered at the site and began carrying the fuel away despite the driver warning of a mishap. Four hours later, an explosion took place that killed 46 people on the spot. The son of one of the victims, Vatschala Uttam More, moved the motor accidents' claim tribunal for compensation. The tribunal rejected the claim on the grounds that the victim did not die during an accident but got killed while stealing petrol. This finding was reversed by the Bombay High Court in 1990. It awarded the compensation that was upheld by SC on July 17, 1991. Similar claims filed for insurance were once again rejected by the tribunal. However, the HC ruled in favour of the claimants following which the insurance company approached the apex court.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/Blast-victims-get-justice/Article1-648421.aspx>

#### UK, APPLEDORE, JANUARY 11 2011. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY CLEAN UP TORRIDGE OIL SPILL IN APPLEDORE

*a mccormack*



*The Torridge and Appledore Ship Yard.*

The Environment Agency carried out a successful clean-up operation of an oil spill at Appledore on the Torridge estuary last week. Members of the public reported seeing the rainbow sheen of oil on the surface of the estuary downstream of Appledore Boatyard. The pollution was traced to a derelict dredger, the 'Panurgic', moored on the foreshore near the boatyard. The 30 metre vessel was in poor condition and Environment Agency officers found diesel leaking from one of two fuel tanks. They successfully recovered more than 100 gallons of diesel from the dredger using a device known as a 'skimmer' and mopped up fuel from the surrounding foreshore using absorbents. It is thought the dredger was damaged as a result of corrosion and fuel escaped as it filled with water on an

incoming tide. The Harbour Authority was alerted and the owner notified of the pollution. The Environment Agency will seek to recover the cost of the clean-up from the owner. All the recovered fuel was transferred to containers and taken away by the Agency for safe disposal. 'Until recently we believe this vessel was afloat, but something occurred and water entered the hull causing a quantity of diesel to spill into the surrounding estuary,' said Andrew Leyman for the Environment Agency. There are a number of similar derelict vessels on the Torridge estuary. Some have been purchased by owners who plan to turn them into houseboats. 'People who buy these types of boat must be fully aware of their liabilities and ensure their vessels do not pose a pollution risk to the environment. Owners should check vessels and, if necessary, remove any surplus fuel if the craft is left on the foreshore for long periods of time,' said Andrew Leyman.

<http://www.bidefordpeople.co.uk/news/Environment-Agency-Clean-Torridge-Oil-Spill/story-10517179-detail/story.html>

#### INDIA, NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11 2011. TRAGEDY HITS KIDS TRYING TO BEAT THE CHILL, SIX HURT IN BLAST

Seven persons, including six children, suffered injuries in south-east Delhi today when a drum containing chemicals exploded outside a printing press while they were burning waste material to beat the chill. The incident took place outside the press located in Okhla Phase-II at around 9 am and two fire tenders were rushed to the spot, fire brigade officials said. The children, all ragpickers and residents of Sanjay Colony, and the guard had gathered around a bonfire to keep themselves warm. The injured have been identified as Subhash, the security guard, and children Vijay (9), Neelam (9), Ankush, Babli, Sammer and Jatin (all 11-year-old). Neelam suffered 60 per cent burns while Ankush and Vijay suffered 55 per cent injuries. The other three had only minor injuries and were discharged from the hospital during the day. "The drum got heated up and exploded. Four children suffered injuries and were rushed to Safdurjung Hospital," the officials said. It has been a cold morning today as icy winds were blowing across the city at a speed of nine km per hour while the mercury fell to a minimum of 4.7 degree Celsius.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/Chemical-drum-explodes-4-children-injured/articleshow/7251740.cms>

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#### **SICILY, CATANIA PROVINCE, JANUARY 11 2011. ROMANIAN WORKER DIED IN AN EXPLOSION IN SICILY AT A FIREWORKS FACTORY**



A Romanian worker and an Italian one died in an explosion on Monday morning at a fireworks factory in Catania province, Sicily, Romanian news agency Mediafax reads quoting La Repubblica. According to the Italian press, the explosion took place at 10:30 AM Romanian time at the Pirotehnica Etnew fireworks factory in Sicily. Two workers died and another one was hurt in the explosion which was followed by a fire. Medical services, firefighters and police officers were called at the accident. According to newspapers, La Repubblica and Il Giornale, one of the dead workers is a Romanian citizen and the second is Italian. According to TGcom.it, the Romanian worker who died is Petru M, aged 39. The Italian is called Giuseppe A., aged 75.

[http://english.hotnews.ro/stiri-top\\_news-8197001-romanian-worker-died-explosion-sicily-fireworks-factory.htm](http://english.hotnews.ro/stiri-top_news-8197001-romanian-worker-died-explosion-sicily-fireworks-factory.htm)

#### **USA, OH, BUTLER CO, LIBERTY TWP, JANUARY 11 2011. MORE THAN 100 WORK TO CONTAIN FUEL SPILL ON I-75, PREVENT FIRE**

*lindsey hilty*

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.wlwt.com/traffic/26427770/detail.html>

 **Photo's** <http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20110110/NEWS01/301100024/SB-75-closed-for-hours>

 **Slideshow** <http://www.wlwt.com/slideshow/news/26430357/detail.html>



*A tanker overturned this morning, Jan. 10, causing a fuel spill that shut down a portion of I-75 from Monroe to Liberty Twp. for several hours.*

Traffic on Southbound Interstate 75 was backed up for hours Tuesday after a tanker truck overturned, spilling gasoline on the highway. More than 100 emergency responders were on the scene near the Ohio 129 exit as crews drained the remainder of the 5,100 gallons of fuel in the truck's tank, cognizant that one spark, could ignite the 1,000 to 2,000 gallons estimated to have drained into a ditch that leads to a retention pond, said Emergency Management Director Jeff Galloway. "That's good news for us that it's all condensed into that drainage pond over on the side of the interstate," he said. As of 1 p.m., he estimated at least six more hours of cleanup from the accident that shut down all southbound lanes from the Ohio 129

exit through the Liberty Way exit just after 10 a.m. Fumes permeated throughout the area. Liberty Twp. Assistant Fire Chief Dan Bailey said this was the largest spill he recalls dealing with in the township's history, and it required the assistance of Monroe, Hamilton, Fairfield Twp. and West Chester Twp. fire departments. Two HAZMAT crews from Hamilton and West Chester Twp. also were on the scene, as was the Red Cross, offering relief in the freezing temperatures. For a while, traffic conditions were dangerous as some drivers crossed the median to the northbound side, while some turned around and were driving the wrong way on the southbound side. Dispatchers said patrol was increased to deter the illegal driving. Traffic was at a near standstill hours after the incident just south of the Ohio 63 exit, because some motorists remained unaware of the road closure. Those vehicles were being rerouted onto westbound Ohio 129. Many drivers were taking Cincinnati Dayton Road south through West Chester Twp. to go around the accident scene. The ramp from eastbound 129 to south I-75 also is closed, although traffic was able to go northbound or exit onto the Liberty Way ramp. The crash that caused the tanker to overturn and leak fuel, which occurred just after the morning rush hour, involved one other vehicle. Officials said a blue car swerved to avoid a cardboard box in the roadway, and the semi swerved to avoid the car. No other cars were involved in the accident. Both drivers were taken to area hospitals for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. EMA officials said the priority now is to stop the fuel from getting into the sewer system. Dams are being utilized to stop the flow to the retention pond. "I'm sure it's a major inconvenience for a lot of people," Bailey said. But, with a possibility of ignition and explosions, he said, it wouldn't be safe to have traffic passing through. Also, he said, crews needed to be able to contain the spill as quickly as possible. The spill would be continuously monitored to ensure none leaks into the water supply, he said. "This doesn't happen very often where you

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have to shut down an entire southbound lane," he said. "We were fortunate we didn't have to shut down northbound lanes. We're going to have it cleared as soon as possible."

<http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/dayton-news/more-than-100-work-to-contain-fuel-spill-on-i-75more-than-100-work-to-contain-fuel-spill-on-i-75-prevent-fire-1050477.html>

### INDIA, CHITRADURGA, JANUARY 11 2011. KEROSENE, TANKER LORRY SEIZED

Challakere police have seized a kerosene tanker, a mini lorry laden with kerosene barrels and a motorbike used by three persons while transporting the kerosene for illegal sale at Molakalmuru on state highway No 19 in Challakere limits on Sunday. The oil was intended for distribution to consumers, the culprits revealed. While the tanker was loaded with 3640 litres of kerosene, the mini lorry was laden with 38 barrels of kerosene. The bike was valued at Rs 19,50, 000. A case has been registered by police.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hubli/Kerosene-tanker-lorry-seized/articleshow/7255422.cms>

### USA, S.C, CLOVER, JANUARY 11 2011. TRUCK CARRYING CHEMICAL CRASHES, FLIPS DOWN EMBANKMENT



A tractor trailer collided with another truck and then slid off Highway 161 and overturned down an embankment near Clover. The incident happened near the intersection with Maynard Grayson Road around 10 am, SC Highway Patrolman Bill Elder said. Earlier, the truck was thought to be a tanker truck, but it was, in fact, just a regular truck that was carrying a the chemical of lithium hydroxide in powder form. The chemical, which could react with moisture, was safely contained in the truck and there were no evacuations. The incident happened across from Bethany Presbyterian Church and has Highway 161 block at Highway 55 and South Grandview Road. Troopers expect the truck to be pulled out from the embankment around 2 p.m. According to troopers, the driver was transported to Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, but is expected to survive. The wreck happened about 6 miles west of Clover, Elder told WBTV.

<http://www.wbtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13814851>

### USA, N.J, POMPTON LAKES, JANUARY 11 2011. WORRIED HOMEOWNERS WANT BAILOUT FROM DUPONT

james m. o'neill

[View an interactive map of contaminated sites in Pompton Lakes](#)



*Regina Sisco, seen here at her home, and other residents have formed Pompton Lakes Residents for Environmental Integrity to fight DuPont.*

Fearful that pollution from a nearby DuPont factory is harming their health and property values, a growing number of Pompton Lakes residents want the company to guarantee the price of their homes — or buy them out. "People feel trapped. They can't sell without disclosing the contamination, they still have to pay high taxes. What would draw people to buy here?" said Regina Sisco, who lives in the contaminated area. The cancer-causing solvents TCE and PCE that DuPont once used at its [Pompton Lakes](#) munitions facility have contaminated the groundwater underneath 450 homes. Those solvents are vaporizing up through the soil into some houses. DuPont has been installing vapor mitigation systems on the homes, and the company will test a possible cleanup treatment for the groundwater in

several months. A full cleanup won't take place for years. Some residents, alarmed by a state health study that found elevated cancer rates among neighborhood residents, want to get out — and they want DuPont to pay. "A lot of people would be interested because we don't see an end to this in our lifetimes," said Sisco, a co-founder of Pompton Lakes Residents for Environmental Integrity. "I just don't have it in me. I just want out." Other residents and the Borough Council want DuPont to resurrect a "property value protection program" it had once used during a different cleanup in Pompton Lakes, when it helped homeowners with loans, interest payments and home sales. DuPont has said no to a buyout or a financial program, arguing that the cleanup work will mitigate health risks and other issues in the neighborhood. "We expect our ongoing remediation work will have a long-term favorable effect on the community," said DuPont spokesman Roberto Nelson. Since President Jimmy Carter arranged buyouts for the residents of Love Canal near Niagara Falls in the late 1970s, dozens of communities near contaminated sites across the nation have been bought out by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, state and

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local governments or polluting companies. Pacific Gas and Electric Co recently announced it would buy out 100 homes and lots in Hinkley, Calif., that sit above a groundwater plume contaminated with cancer-causing hexavalent chromium. PG&E had previously bought out homes in the case made famous by Erin Brockovich, which ended with a \$333 million settlement for residents. The company would not say how much it spent on the buyout. The contaminated groundwater plume has spread, prompting PG&E to expand the buyout. "We know residents are concerned about living there, we've listened and we thought it would be best to expand the purchase program," said utility spokesman David Eisenhower. Hazard in Hoboken Closer to home, a five-story former industrial building in Hoboken that had been converted to residential units was found in the 1990s to be heavily contaminated with mercury. Federal officials declared the contamination posed an "imminent public health hazard" and said the pollution was so widespread the building couldn't be remediated. In all, 16 families and 20 businesses were relocated at a cost of \$13 million. Buyout costs vary widely, based on the size of the neighborhood involved, the property values and the mix of residential or business structures. For instance, a 2010 federal buyout of the Oklahoma mining towns of Picher and Cardin, part of the Tar Creek Superfund site contaminated by lead and zinc, cost \$46 million, with 628 residential structures and 74 business structures involved. Five years earlier, 52 families there had been bought out in a \$3 million state plan. Lois Gibbs, a resident activist from the Love Canal disaster who now heads the Center for Health, Environment and Justice, says the center has helped with three dozen buyout programs nationwide. "Buyouts happen less because of the level of contamination involved and more because the polluting companies think it will be cheaper than dealing with lawsuits or because of public pressure," Gibbs said. "If residents want to get out, they need to put pressure on the right people. The reason buyouts suddenly become feasible is that it becomes politically advantageous. Or else companies face the pressure of shareholder action against them."

#### **Help at Acid Brook**

DuPont has been down this road before in Pompton Lakes. In 1991, the company offered a property protection plan to residents in 150 homes affected by contaminated soil along Acid Brook. The brook runs through the DuPont site and flooding had carried mercury and lead to back yards. Under pressure from the mayor at the time, John Sinsimer, DuPont agreed help those who wanted to sell their homes by providing a low-interest mortgage to the new owners and offering the sellers an interest-free bridge loan on a new home and paying relocation expenses. If a buyer couldn't be found, DuPont bought the home at the fair market value as it existed before the contamination issue arose. DuPont purchased more than 50 homes and later resold them. For those who stayed, DuPont offered to refinance the mortgage at 3 percent below market rate and pay a portion of home improvements. The program ended after DuPont spent \$70 million digging up contamination from the yards and cleaning up the brook. The homes in the plume area are in a different location and the situation is different, company officials said. Because DuPont will clean up the groundwater and is installing vapor mitigation systems in homes, company and federal officials say the health risk has been minimized. Another reason DuPont said it is not considering a property protection plan is because of pending lawsuits by 221 families. In a letter to Rep. Bill Pascrell Jr., D-[Paterson](#), in June, DuPont general counsel Thomas L. Sager wrote that "the topic of property values is subject to active litigation concerning the potential for vapor intrusion in Pompton Lakes' residences. Accordingly, we regret that litigation is the only appropriate means to address this matter. We have said publicly that we are not planning to implement a property value protection program in Pompton Lakes. That remains our position." Pompton Lakes Mayor Kathleen M. Cole said the council would push DuPont to help homeowners. "Everyone on the borough council and I feel very strongly we want a property protection plan in place from DuPont," she said. "That is certainly still on the table for us even if DuPont is saying no." The council recently hired Morristown attorney Gregory Coffey to look at the DuPont situation and other environmental issues.

#### **Superfund option**

Some advocates believe that getting Pompton Lakes on the Superfund list would make it easier to force a buyout, but the EPA disagrees. "We don't have the authority to compel DuPont to do a buyout for this project. We looked into this issue, and even if Pompton became a Superfund site it would not be eligible for buyouts and relocation," said EPA spokesman David Kluesner. "EPA is only authorized to conduct a buyout if it's necessary to implement the cleanup of a site," or if there's an imminent health threat, "and there's definitely not an imminent health issue here. "Buyouts and relocations are extremely invasive and bring drastic changes to a community," he said. "There have to be pretty severe factors to bring that about." The residents who live above the plume represent about a tenth of the borough's population, and a buyout would have ramifications for the entire borough, including the possible loss of property tax revenue. The state does not have a buyout program for contaminated sites, but it does have a Spill Fund Act, and residents could apply for funds. "If you sell your house and can show reduced value because of the contamination, the fund can provide money to make up the difference," said Department of Environmental Protection spokesman Lawrence Ragonese. The median sale price of a single-family home in the neighborhood decreased 24 percent after the vapor intrusion issue was made public in June 2008, according to an analysis by The Record early last year, and that trend continued through 2010. Home sales outside the plume fell by only 15 percent in

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that period. In 2006 and 2007, before the vapor intrusion issue became public, the median sale price of homes in the plume was \$372,500. DuPont, the company that has brought consumers Teflon, Corian, Kevlar and Tyvek, had \$26 billion in revenues in 2009 and net income of \$1.75 billion. It had \$38 billion in total assets. "DuPont has billions in petty cash," Sisco said. "They could buy us out and not bat an eye. 'I'm afraid to live here now,' she said. Pascrell said he thinks the possibility of buyouts "should be explored." "I don't think most residents want to move, but they do want some assistance," he said. "I can understand how people think the contamination issue will damage the property values of their homes. Their years of hard work will vanish through no fault of their own." Some in [Pompton Lakes](#) remain conflicted about the buyout idea. "If it can't be cleaned up in a reasonable amount of time, buyout should be an option for those who want to get out," said Lisa Riggola, a plume resident and co-founder of Citizens for a Clean Pompton Lakes. "I just worry about the impact of a buyout on the town as a whole. I guess I'm too nostalgic." Riggola says she grew up swimming in Pompton Lake in the summer and ice skating there in winter as local firemen handed out hot chocolate. "Living here was like being on vacation," she said. "It was being in a place that was free and safe — or so we thought. "That's the heartbreaking part of it all."

[http://www.northjersey.com/news/environment/113186944\\_In\\_tainted\\_area\\_some\\_hope\\_for\\_a\\_bailout.html](http://www.northjersey.com/news/environment/113186944_In_tainted_area_some_hope_for_a_bailout.html)

### CANADA, MONTREAL, JANUARY 11 2011. MILITARY TOWN RESIDENTS TAKE OTTAWA TO COURT IN \$200 MILLION SUIT

andrew chung



*Last November residents of Shannon, Que. who believe their water was contaminated by a solvent carried out a solidarity march.*

Marie-Paule Spieser won't drink water from a tap. Any tap. Anywhere. Such is the psychological legacy of learning 10 years ago that the well from which she and her young children were drawing their drinking water was laced with a toxic chemical, trichloroethylene, at levels considered unsafe by public health authorities. She watched a best friend die of a rare liver cancer. She saw so many others in their small military town stricken with various forms of the disease. Among them was a couple, each diagnosed with intestinal cancer, improbably the same kind as the previous owner of their house. Spieser thinks about her kids, who were just 3 and 5 years old when they moved into their house in Shannon, a town next to CFB

Valcartier, near Quebec City. They drank the well water. They bathed in it. They're now 23 and 25. "I'm scared mostly for them," she said. "I'm scared for this entire generation. It's like making a 2-year-old child smoke." On Monday, those worries will be laid bare in Quebec's Superior Court, as the trial in a huge class-action lawsuit against the federal government and two private companies finally begins. Scheduled to last up to six months, the trial pits Spieser, on behalf of the hundreds of current and former residents of Shannon, against the Attorney General of Canada, General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems-Canada Inc. (GD-OTS) and Société immobilière Valcartier. The latter, a subsidiary of SNC-Lavalin, owns the land where plants pumped out munitions during World War II. SNC-Lavalin purchased the factories in the 1980s and grouped them in a division called SNC-TEC. That was later acquired by General Dynamics. The class-action suit is asking \$200 million in punitive damages for the roughly 2,000 people who have so far registered to take part, in addition to individual financial damages. The suit alleges the government and these companies were negligent in handling and disposing of [trichlorethylene \(TCE\)](#) and in informing the public of the dangers once they were known. It claims the TCE migrated into their drinking water and that many cancers and other health problems found in Shannon — at rates much higher than in the normal population, according to their medical experts — are the result of exposure to TCE. The allegations haven't been proven in court. The government intends to show the suit has "no basis." The plaintiffs, for instance, must prove that any health problems were recognized scientifically as being linked to TCE. "We intend to demonstrate to the court that this is not the case," justice department spokeswoman Francine Robichaud indicated. TCE is a man-made substance whose use has diminished since the 1970s. It was used as an industrial degreaser and in military equipment maintenance. The class-action suit names witnesses who suggest the TCE was buried or dumped into garbage pits and lagoons for years. One report on tests of an aquifer that supplied water to the factories showed levels of TCE up to 71 milligrams per litre — about 1,500 times higher than the recommended safe level for drinking. The factories didn't close until 1991. However, it wasn't until December, 2000 that public health authorities, alerted to tests being done by SNC-Lavalin itself on wells in the area, informed residents of the problem. In a 2008 report cited by the plaintiffs, Quebec City toxicologist Raymond Van Coillie says there were five times more cancers in 55 residences exposed to TCE in Shannon compared to 55 residences not exposed. Spieser's 25-metre well was pronounced safe and clean when it was dug. Yet nearly from the outset she began suffering gastric problems, nausea and fatigue. Over the years doctors thought it was an ulcer. She thought it was her diet. It wasn't until she took a vacation outside the region in

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1998 that she felt better. She thereafter switched to bottled water and her health problems dissipated, she claims. The plaintiffs also suggest they have, through a lab in the U.S., been able to trace cancers in Shannon to use of the industrial solvents. But others think the links aren't so obvious. Health Canada's own website states: "An association between any specific type of cancer and exposure to trichloroethylene has not been consistently observed (in studies)." Nor is there consistent evidence of effects on human development. The plaintiffs' lead lawyer, Charles Veilleux, argues this is like the tobacco companies denying any link between smoking and cancer. "The fact that those companies still claim that is irrelevant," Veilleux said, "because people know (the truth)." "The fact that for years TCE was dumped into the environment and was percolating to reach underground water, it's a disaster." GD-OTS didn't respond to a request for comment. SNC-Lavalin has forwarded all questions to the government.

<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/article/918792--military-town-residents-take-ottawa-to-court-in-200-million-suit>

### USA, MI, BATTLE CREEK, JANUARY 11 2011. BOLENBAUGH RELEASES INCRIMINATING TEXT MESSAGES >> TEXTS FROM FORMER SUPERVISOR APPEAR TO CONFIRM OIL COVER UP

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 **Watch the Video** [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RYACpKMRXY&feature=player\\_embedded#](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RYACpKMRXY&feature=player_embedded#)



John Bolenbaugh, the fired oil spill worker, has posted a video on Youtube that contains text messages between himself and his former supervisor on the Calhoun County oil spill cleanup that appear to confirm that workers were told to cover up oil in many places rather than clean it up. Bolenbaugh has made a name for himself as a vocal critic of the cleanup efforts. He has alleged that workers were routinely told to cover up oil at contaminated sites with grass cuttings and soil. His accusations echo those of other

workers who were part of a [Michigan Messenger investigation](#) during the cleanup efforts. Bolenbaugh has also released dozens of videos showing oil contamination remaining on the river long after those areas were certified as cleaned up by the EPA. On Dec. 21 he released the video of text messages between himself and a supervisor from S.E.T. Environmental. The supervisor was nicknamed Taco by workers, but his real name is Michael Martinez. In the text messages, Bolenbaugh asks Martinez why workers had been directed to cover up oil during the clean up. On Oct. 20, 2010 at 3:24 p.m., Bolenbaugh wrote: "I have a question. Why did Jason tell us to cover up oil. Isn't his job to clean it up." "At the time there was a dedline (sic) tryin (sic) to meet it," Martinez responded back that same day at 4:03 p.m. "It still bothers me that we left oil or they cover up oil cause they had deadlines to meet. I live here," Bolenbough texted back at 4:07 p.m. "I understand. Wait til SET is gone then say something," Martinez texted backed at 4:09 p.m. "Doin homework with kids when can you call, don't wanna text it!!!" The next day Martinez said in a text at 5:57 p.m., "Thanks for telling me your not there anymore," a reference to Bolenbaugh's dismissal from the clean up work. "Yeah but this could cost me my job!!! Did you ever think about that? Dude you have a suit against my co. Me saying anything is wrong!!!" Then Martinez asked Bolenbaugh to email him links to the videos that had been shot showing oil contamination on the river. Martinez did not return calls seeking comment. The Jason referred to in the text messages was Jason Buford. When reached by phone about the text messages, his response to Michigan Messenger was, "Oh shut up." He then hung up the phone. [S.E.T Environmental](#) did not respond to email inquiries for this story. "EPA does follow up on the information we receive from members of the public," said EPA Spokesperson Anne Rowan when emailed the text messages video. She said the government agency was still looking into the allegations contained in the text messages. Bolenbaugh's videos and activism have drawn sharp criticism from some in the Battle Creek community, while others see the evidence [he is documenting with video as proof that Enbridge](#) and the cleanup crews are not addressing all the oil on the river. In November, Mark Durno, deputy incident commander for the Enbridge spill, [told Michigan Messenger](#) that EPA officials were reviewing Bolenbaugh's videos and comparing them with work sites to better understand what was going on. He said the government agency took the videos seriously. Bolenbaugh is not the only oil spill worker to come forward with such allegations. In September of 2010, Michigan Messenger [interviewed a group of workers](#) who made substantially similar accusations of being told to cover up oil on the river. The workers say that they were routinely directed to by supervisors of Garner Environmental services and one of its contractors to ignore contaminated areas on the shores of the Kalamazoo river. Others, working in a different section of the river, say they were routinely directed to cover oil-soaked soil with uncontaminated soil, rake it and leave it as though the area had been cleaned. Enbridge spokesperson Jason Manshum downplayed the video in an email to Michigan Messenger. "It is impossible to determine the sender of the text messages in question from the video,"

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Manshum wrote. "The cleanup has been and continues to be a top priority for Enbridge, and we remain fully committed to returning this area as close as possible to its pre-spill state." In fact, the identity of the texters is not difficult to know. The number that appears in the video rings to the voice mail of Michael Martinez of S.E.T. Environmental. Regardless, Enbridge says it continues to take all concerns brought forward seriously. "Enbridge has a process to review all concerns regarding clean-up efforts along the river," Manshum wrote. "All concerns brought to our attention with sufficient information for Enbridge to identify the location are then investigated for any oil or need for further remediation." Asked if the statements of a cover up were criminal Manshum demurred. "This question is better directed to local law enforcement authorities. Enbridge will not speculate about the alleged conduct of employees of other companies."

<http://michiganmessenger.com/45489/bolenbaugh-releases-incriminating-text-messages>

### USA, SOUTH CAROLINA, JANUARY 12 2011. IT'S A LITTLE TOO LATE FOR THE DEER HUNTERS AND THEIR DOGS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

A deer hunting trip nearly turned deadly for hunters in South Carolina. Deer hunters in Lee County S.C. faced a life-threatening situation when their dogs came in contact with an unknown toxic material. Thirteen hunters were exposed while trying to clean up their dogs that had rolled in the unknown material. An eleven year old boy and three adults required hospitalization. In addition, four of their dogs died after being exposed to the pesticide. Nine other hunters, exposed to the pesticide, had to undergo extensive decontamination. The pesticide, now identified as Temik, has been used for a number of years on crops ranging from citrus and potatoes to cotton and soybeans. The active ingredient of Temik is Aldicarb, an extremely toxic carbamate insecticide used for controlling mites, nematodes, aphids and other pests. Methyl isocyanate, responsible for the 1980 mass poisoning incident in Bhopal, India that resulted in the loss of thousands of lives, is a precursor of Aldicarb. Since the late 1970's, there have been environmental concerns about the use of this highly toxic pesticide. In 1979, Aldicarb was reported in groundwater on Long Island, New York, at levels exceeding 200 parts per billion (ppb). It has now been detected in water wells across the nation. During the summer of 1985, three adults in California experienced the rapid onset of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, profuse sweating, excessive tearing, muscle twitching and bradycardia (slow heart beat) when eating a watermelon. A quick thinking physician at a local poison control center diagnosed the symptoms as cholinesterase-inhibitor (similar to nerve agent) poisoning. The patients were quickly treated with atropine and recovered. An alert to other poison control centers on the west coast identified more than 1,300 similar cases related to the consumption of watermelons. Field investigations would later show that the poisoned watermelons had been grown in a field treated with Aldicarb. In the U.S., Aldicarb is a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) which may be only be purchased and used by certified applicators. After years of [study](#) on the environmental fate and health effects of this pesticide, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced that all sales of Temik in the U.S. will be phased out. The manufacturer of the pesticide, Bayer, has decided to end worldwide sales of Temik by the end of 2014. While these announcements are good news, it's a little too late for the deer hunters and their dogs in South Carolina.

<http://sportales.com/hunting/deer-hunters-poisoned/>

### USA, MI, ST CLAIR CO, COLUMBUS TWP, JANUARY 13 2011. NOISE AND HEAT, ONLY MINOR INJURY IN COLUMBUS TWP GAS STORAGE SITE BLAST >>

**Photo's:** [Sky 4 Over Blue Water Gas Storage](#)



*Flames shoot from the insulation of one of the towers on the Bluewater Gas Storage facility at 333 Wales Center Road in Columbus Township. There was an explosion at the plant Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. and one person received minor injuries.*

Emergency responders rushed to the scene of an explosion at the Bluewater Natural Gas Storage facility at 333 Wales Center Road in Columbus Township Wednesday morning. "I looked out my window and saw a large plume in the sky that just sort of split in two," Dawn Franz, a Riley Township resident who lives roughly six miles from the plant, observed. The incident occurred around 9 a.m. and responders from the Memphis Fire Department were first to arrive at the scene.

"When we arrived we had found that the fire security and fire safety system had activated and extinguished the fire," said Memphis Fire Chief Tim Franz. He added the explosion could have been connected to a hydrator unit but also stressed that the entire incident is under investigation. Franz said it is believed that the explosion may have occurred in connection with a hydrator unit but also stressed that the entire incident is under investigation. "The unit itself ... takes moisture out of the product - which natural gas is their product. So it is a process, as you will, that will take moisture, water, out of gas ... and that

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piece of equipment failed and there was an explosion resulting from that failure," Franz said. Roughly a dozen people were inside the plant at the time of the explosion. "Everybody was accounted for and there was a very minimal type of injury," he said. The plant manager sustained minor injuries while in the process of performing his duties with respect to activating the plant's emergency safety plan. "In the event of an emergency he is to go to the main shut-off valve and insure that the automatic valve ... has done its part as far as isolation and on his way to that valve, he received some minor burns to his head. The automatic valve system is out in the yard itself so he had to basically go past the fire to get to the manual valve and that is how he kind of got burned, from radiant heat. He was treated and released at the scene," Franz said. He added the explosion resulted in extremely intensive heat. "As you know we had about four to six inches of snow on the ground this morning and in the burn field of the facility all of that snow is gone," he said. The gas handling facility is present closed, secured, and appropriate agencies have been advised. Officials from the Michigan Public Service Commission have been called to investigate the cause of the incident. The impact to the damaged surface equipment and facility operations are also being evaluated. Franz said the plant manager estimated that the facility would be off line for about a month to complete repairs and the investigation. "All in all," Franz said, "because of the safety systems that were in place, it ended up being a very minimal event in that, you know, the explosion occurred, the fire occurred and the safety systems took over and shut it down. They worked flawlessly and did what they were supposed to do."

<http://www.voicenews.com/articles/2011/01/12/news/doc4d2de1e068b80734472832.txt>

#### USA, OH, TOLEDO, JANUARY 13 2011. THIEF STEALS TANK COVERS FROM TOLEDO GAS STATIONS

 **Photo Gallery** <http://www.toledoonthemove.com/news/story.aspx?id=566455>

 **Watch the Video** <http://abclocal.go.com/wtvq/story?section=news/local&id=7895326>



It may be the last thing you'd expect someone to steal from a gas station, but metal tank covers are becoming a hot commodity. Surveillance pictures show a man in a pick-up driving away from a gas station, leaving behind holes in the ground. The covers disappeared at two Toledo Marathon gas stations -- one on Dorr across from Inverness golf course and one at the corner of Bancroft and Reynolds. Toledo police say that's not all. There have been several covers stolen in the past week. The gas tank caps are round, about the size of a hubcap and in the ground. Police say the crooks aren't after the caps, they're after the metal. Investigators suspect the thief is turning in these covers for scrap. If police catch up with the crook who drives a red pick-up, he may not get a cash payout. Instead, he could face time behind bars. Police say that suspect is wanted for felony theft and felony vandalism.

<http://abclocal.go.com/wtvq/story?section=news/local&id=7895326>

#### USA, FLA, COLLIER CO, JANUARY 13 2011. FIRE OFFICIALS CONTINUE INVESTIGATION INTO GAS EXPLOSION

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.abc-7.com/Global/story.asp?S=13830150>

Fire crews are back at the Mangrove Cafe to try to determine what sparked the fireball that blew out the windows and damaged the wall. A vehicle was running outside and an oven was on inside while the Bal Gas employee filled the tank. Fire officials say they may never know what sparked the explosion. Inside, cleanup crews are working to clear out debris so when permitting is complete the owner's engineers and contractors can start the rebuilding process. Engineers say the only structural damage is to one of the walls. Bob Andres, of the Florida Suncoast Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers looked at video footage of the explosion and its aftermath. He said there may have been a leak in the hose or hose connection from the supply truck. In addition, he said the ignition source would likely never be determined.

<http://www.abc-7.com/Global/story.asp?S=13830150>

#### USA, LA, ST GABRIEL, JANUARY 13 2011. MECHANIC DIES, FOUND IN TANK

A mechanic was pronounced dead at a hospital after he was found unresponsive in a tanker trailer filled with nitrogen gas, police reported Tuesday. The St. Gabriel Police Department responded to a medical emergency at Quality Carriers trucking company Monday afternoon, Capt. Curtis Tatney said. The man, whose name was not made public pending the outcome of an investigation, was taken to Baton Rouge General Medical Center-Bluebonnet, where he was pronounced dead, Tatney said. Prior to filling the trailer with cargo, the company had pumped nitrogen gas into it to check for leaks, Tatney said.

<http://www.2theadvocate.com/news/113326684.html>

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