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USA, ME, WALLAGRASS, JULY 21 2011. WEBSITE CREATED TO TRACK WALLAGRASS GAS SPILL CLEANUP

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Roughly six weeks after 5,000 gallons of gasoline spilled along a community roadway, the state [Department of Environmental Protection](#) continues its cleanup effort and has created a website to keep residents updated on the results. Samantha Depoy-Warren, spokesperson for the DEP, said Tuesday that the website's creation comes on the heels of an informal meeting that attracted about 50 people to the Wallagrass Elementary School last month. The meeting was held so that residents could garner more information about the cleanup and its long-term impact on the community. The new website, <http://maine.gov/dep/rwm/wallagrass/> is part of the DEP's effort to effectively communicate with the public, Depoy-Warren said Tuesday. [The spill took place on May 31](#) after a tractor-trailer belonging to the John T. Noble trucking company of Caribou overturned on Route 11. Investigators said that a medical problem led the truck's driver, Joe Nichols, to lose control of the vehicle after it drifted into the soft shoulder of the roadway and became unstable. The truck was hauling 8,000 gallons of gasoline for Daigle Oil Co. of Fort Kent at the time of the crash. An estimated 5,000 gallons spilled and seeped into the ground when a tank was breached. The DEP is working with private contractors to collect and treat any gasoline-contaminated water and to pull gasoline from the ground. Depoy-Warren said that [DEP](#) staffers felt that the recent informational meeting was "quite positive," although residents felt that the situation and the search for fuel was "frustrating." But she added that those who attended the meeting agreed with the DEP that the department and other contractors were working hard to remedy the situation as quickly as possible. Residents also have expressed concern about the impact of the potential spill on property values. In addition to the creation of the new website, the department has named Andrew Flint as spill site project manager. Flint, an environmental specialist in the Bureau of Remediation & Waste Management, has extensive experience managing large remediation projects, according to Depoy-Warren. Flint will be the primary department contact for members of the community and for Stantec, the environmental consultant hired by the trucking company's insurance company to handle site remediation. Staff from the DEP has been working since the spill to monitor possible contamination of nearby wells. Crews found the presence of petroleum compounds above maximum exposure guidelines at one well directly adjacent to the spill site and trace concentrations of contamination at three others. At this point, only one well exceeds the standards, but the DEP has installed temporary treatment filters at the water's point of entry to further safeguard public health. As part of the cleanup effort, crews also have drilled recovery and monitoring wells. Depoy-Warren said that at least 600 gallons of gasoline has been pulled from the ground and the recovery wells. She added that not all of the gasoline spilled will be recovered, as a substantial portion will volatilize into the air, dissolve into water and stick to rock and soil. The new monitoring wells will be sampled this week with the results providing more information about the extent and concentration of contaminants in groundwater. The new wells also will provide information regarding the horizontal and vertical movement of groundwater in the subsurface. The data will help geologists and engineers develop a better understanding of where the contamination is, how it might be moving and guide cleanup actions moving forward. Depoy-Warren said the department still can't say how long the cleanup effort will take because it does not yet know enough about the location of the remainder of the underground contamination. "We want Wallagrass residents to be confident and comfortable in the fact that we will remain focused on ensuring the protection of their health and, collaboratively with Stantec, other contractors and the responsible party, bringing this remedial action to a close in a way that is safest and most effective for the community and for the environment," she said Tuesday. "And we want the community to know we are working to ensure their continued safety and are grateful for the care and concern of the responsible party and related contractors."

<http://bangordailynews.com/2011/07/19/news/arostook/website-created-to-track-wallagrass-gas-spill-cleanup/?ref=latest>

CANADA, ONT, BURLINGTON, JULY 21 2011. GAS SPILL CLEANED UP QUICKLY

The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) is reporting that a gasoline spill, which occurred at the Suncor Pier (near South Shell Park) July 5, has been cleaned up and has had no negative impacts on the local environment. Tina Dufresne, MOE district manager, said about 400 litres of gasoline spilled into Lake Ontario as Suncor attempted to transfer fuel from a tanker docked at the pier, to a storage tank on the Suncor property. "The Ministry of the Environment attended the site to make sure the spill was cleaned up," said Dufresne. "There was no impact to local drinking water or local wildlife and the full clean up was completed later that day." Suncor representatives said a spill of this nature is something the company takes very seriously and measures were taken immediately to contain and clean it up. "Obviously this is something as a company Suncor is always concerned about when something like this happens. In this instance our emergency response team was activated immediately and various regulatory bodies were notified and the spill was cleaned up very quickly," said Michael Southern, Suncor spokesperson. "We will be conducting a full investigation to determine the root cause of this spill." The Town of Oakville's acting director of Roads and Works Operations Enrico Scalera said the Town was made aware by the MOE there had been a

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minor fuel spill off the Suncor Pier on July 5. "Suncor dealt with the situation internally, they did not need any external help," said Scalera. "They also dealt directly with the Ministry of the Environment regarding this spill." Ward 1 Town Councillor Ralph Robinson said he is satisfied with the MOE's report that the spill has been cleaned up.

<http://www.insidehalton.com/news/article/1046165--gas-spill-cleaned-up-quickly>

CANADA, ALBA, CALGARY, JULY 21 2011. ALBERTA PIPELINE SPILL RELEASES 1,300 BARRELS OF OIL

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A fire was sparked after an explosion this weekend at a gas pipeline in the area of Swan Hills, Alta., about 220 kilometres northwest of Edmonton, an oil and gas company has reported.

Another northern Alberta oil pipeline has been shut down after operator Pembina Pipeline discovered a leak in a remote area north of Swan Hills. An estimated 1,300 barrels were released from the underground pipeline onto muskeg and into a creek before the Calgary-based company shut down the line, said Pembina spokeswoman Shawn Davis. "We detected a volume imbalance at our control centre and from that we initiated air and ground investigations," Davis said Wednesday. "And from there we found that there was a leak." The pipeline was shut down around 7:45 a.m. Tuesday when the system showed a dip in volume,

and the oil spill visually confirmed in the evening, she said. The Moosehorn gathering system was flowing an average of 5,600 barrels of oil per day prior to the incident. Pembina has arranged for shippers to move volumes by truck to nearby truck terminals, Davis said. Representatives of Alberta Environment, Sustainable Resource Development and the Energy Resources Conservation Board have been on site since early Wednesday to ensure the leak is contained and to start cleanup efforts, said Darin Barter with the ERCB. "At this point, we don't know what happened," he said. "We're working with the company right now on pure containment and mitigation and cleanup measures." The board also is following cleanup efforts at the Plains Midstream-operated Rainbow pipeline spill which released 28,000 barrels of oil onto sensitive muskeg and into a pond near Little Buffalo in northern Alberta in late April. Both incidents involved pipelines which have been in operation between 30 and 50 years. However, Barter argued existing regulations and requirements should avoid aging pipelines becoming an issue. "Related to these pipeline incidents generally, I think that we are in a situation where we can't say it's a trend, we can't say there is something wrong, it's just an unfortunate series of circumstances," Barter said. The spill likely will be immaterial to Pembina's bottom line and have no short-term impact on producers as they are able to truck out, noted analyst Pat Kenny, with National Bank Financial. The overall trend is expected to unfold differently as maintenance expenses rise and pipeline companies adjust their tolls to cover costs, Kenny said. "They all claim to undertake these extensive maintenance programs and do the proper erosion testing and visual digs and whatnot," he said. "But they are 50-year-old pipelines which have been experiencing some leaks over the last couple of years." Enbridge Inc., which ships the bulk of Canadian oil exports into the United States, continues to clean a May oil spill on its Norman Wells line in the Northwest Territories and the residue of a massive spill last July into Michigan waterways. TransCanada Inc., has faced numerous leaks at pumping stations along its Keystone oil pipeline from Alberta to Oklahoma. In July 2008, a Pembina pipeline rupture resulted in the spilling of up to 200 barrels of sweet crude into the Red Deer River and into the popular recreational site of Gleniffer Lake. Pembina moves approximately 374,000 barrels of conventional crude per day along 8,500 kilometres of pipeline.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/Alberta+pipeline+reports+spill/5131976/story.html>

CANADA, NUNAVUT, IQALUIT, JULY 21 2011. IQALUIT FACES HIGH COSTS FOR FUEL SPILLS

Iqaluit municipal officials are having to spend a lot of money to clean up oil and gas spills, often caused by old heating tanks or vandalism, around the city. The City of Iqaluit spent almost \$500,000 in 2010 to clean spilled fuel from the ground. While some of that amount was covered by insurance, Coun. Romeyn Stevenson said such cleanup efforts are expensive. "To make sure that they're remediated properly costs a lot of money, and it's costing the City of Iqaluit a fair amount to deal with these problems when they arise on our property or when they happen to be our fault," Stevenson told CBC News. The city is still determining the costs related to two major spills on municipal properties in May, both of which are believed to have been caused by vandals. About 900 litres of fuel spilled at the city-run Elders Qammaq facility, while 1,500 litres of diesel spilled onto the ground at the city's Apex garage. "It's speculated that it was caused by kids hanging on the pipe that goes from the

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tank to the inside," Stevenson said of the Apex garage spill. Since the garage spill took place, city crews have moved the fuel tank inside the locked building, officials said.

Money being Diverted from Budget

Stevenson said while the final cleanup costs for both spills are not known yet, the city will have to divert money out of its budget this year to deal with them. "We never have enough money to do any of the stuff we want to do," he said. "When you have to spend money on things that we weren't accounting for, it's very frustrating." Rob Eno, the Nunavut government's director of environmental protection, said more than 65,000 litres of petroleum products have been spilled in Iqaluit since 1999. "It's usually because of aging facilities, because a hole has rusted out in the bottom of a heating oil tank, or because of vandalism," Eno said. Data from the Environment Department shows no real trend, with some years showing greater spill amounts than others. About 9,000 litres of petroleum products were spilled on the ground in Iqaluit last year, while nearly 7,000 litres have already been spilled so far this year. An oil spill prevention guide for homeowners is available on the department's website.

Related Links

[Nunavut Environment Department: Homeowner's Guide to Heating Oil Tanks \(PDF\)](#)

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/story/2011/07/20/iqaluit-fuel-spills-costs.html>

UK, FAWLEY, JULY 22 2011. MAN KILLED IN ACCIDENT AT FAWLEY REFINERY

julian robinson



Fawley Refinery.

A man has been killed in an industrial accident at Fawley refinery. Police were called amid reports that a contractor had become trapped under pipes at the huge plant. Emergency crews were called to the Exxon refinery's COA South Trestle Marine Terminal at 10am. But the man had been released from beneath the pipes by the time fire crews from Hythe and Hardley had arrived and he was rushed to hospital, but has since died. The cause of the accident is unknown at this stage. Detectives have launched an investigation. A spokesperson for the refinery said in a statement: "At about 10.00 hours an incident occurred at the Fawley Refinery that resulted in the death of one of our contractor colleagues. "We immediately deployed our own first aid teams. The ambulance service, Hampshire Air Ambulance and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service attended the scene. "An investigation has been launched which will run in parallel with the HSE's (Health and Safety Executive) and the police's own investigations. "Our key priority continues to be the safety and well-being of our people and the safe operation of the site. Consequently, non-essential work in the area of Fawley where the incident happened has been suspended until further notice. "Everyone at Fawley is deeply saddened by the death and our thoughts and prayers are with

his family at this time."

Related Stories

- Southern Daily Echo [Man killed in refinery accident](#)
- Bognor Regis Observer [Man dies after refinery accident](#)
- Reuters UK [Worker killed at Exxon's Fawley refinery - reports](#)
- Heart Radio [Man Dies In Accident At Fawley Refinery](#)
- London South East [Worker killed at Exxon's Fawley ,UK refinery-local media](#)

[http://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/9152721.Man killed in refinery accident/](http://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/9152721.Man+killed+in+refinery+accident/)

USA, WA, ANACORTES, JULY 22 2011. TESORO RELEASES TOP REPORT ON 2010 INCIDENT AT ANACORTES REFINERY

Tesoro Corporation today announced the release of the TOP (Triangle of Prevention) Investigation Team Report on the April 2, 2010, incident at the Anacortes Refinery in Washington State. The incident occurred when a heat exchanger in the refinery's Naphtha Hydrotreater unit ruptured, causing an explosion and fire that fatally injured seven employees.

Investigation Process

The TOP program is a worker-led, company-supported Health and Safety Program designed to identify the cause of an incident and make recommendations to help prevent a similar incident in the future. The TOP investigation team consisted of Tesoro personnel with both technical and operational refinery expertise. It was led by and included Tesoro personnel who are

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members of the local chapter of the United Steelworkers (USW) union and also included non-represented personnel. The TOP investigation was initiated immediately after the Anacortes incident. The investigation team reviewed thousands of pages of documents, interviewed numerous individuals and consulted with independent experts. The team also reviewed results of the extensive on-site and laboratory testing that was performed on the failed heat exchanger.

Key Report Findings

As detailed in the TOP Report, examination of the damaged exchanger identified high temperature hydrogen attack (HTHA) as the cause of the failure. Weakened by HTHA damage, the steel shell of the failed exchanger could not withstand operating pressures resulting in the shell rupture and subsequent fire. The HTHA damage to the carbon steel was visible in laboratory samples under high magnification but could not be identified through normal visual inspection. Prior to the incident, specialized inspection for HTHA was not performed on the exchanger that subsequently failed as corrosion experts did not recommend the failed exchanger for an HTHA inspection in any of the five corrosion reviews conducted between 1990 and 2008.

Implementing & Sharing Recommendations

The TOP Report provides an important set of findings and recommendations, some of which Tesoro has already implemented, including:

- Issuing a revised HTHA inspection procedure that provides an increased margin of safety above industry standards for determining equipment subject to HTHA testing.
- Issuing a new procedure for the conduct of enhanced corrosion reviews.
- Retaining a third-party engineering firm, that completed a comprehensive engineering evaluation of the company's hydro-processing units and related piping and equipment. As a result of this evaluation, Tesoro has conducted additional inspections, installed additional instrumentation, and has established new integrity operating windows in pertinent hydro-process units.

Constructing new exchangers that are designed to further minimize the risk of HTHA.

The company has shared information about the incident in industry forums and with the appropriate American Petroleum Institute (API) task group; fully cooperated with the Washington Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) during its investigation; continues to fully cooperate with the U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) and respond to requests from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). To date, Tesoro has made its employees available for over 100 agency interviews and provided tens of thousands of documents to the agencies. The full TOP Report is available on Tesoro's home page at www.tsocorp.com.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/21/idUS260863+21-Jul-2011+HUG20110721>

USA, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, SAIPAN, JULY 22 2011. 4 MAJOR BOLLARDS READY TO COLLAPSE AT TINIAN HARBOR >> ADMIN ORDERS EMERGENCY REPAIR >> SHIPMENTS OF MOBIL OIL'S FUEL TANKER ARE ALREADY BEING AFFECTED

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Tinian airport and seaport manager Joseph Mendiola disclosed yesterday that four major bollards at the Tinian harbor are ready to collapse anytime soon, a situation that would critically hamper the operation of the island because it will render the harbor incapable of accommodating bigger shipments such as fuel tankers. A bollard is a short, thick post on the deck of a ship or on a wharf, to which a ship's rope may be secured. Mendiola said the Tinian seaport has several bollards of which many are in poor condition and need replacement. However, four major bollards are in a real state of emergency because they may soon render the harbor incapable of accommodating bigger shipments, he added. Mendiola said that acting governor Eloy Inos has already approved emergency repairs at the harbor, with the concurrence of Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Tony Babauta, who was on island last week. Saipan Tribune learned that shipments of Mobil Oil's fuel tanker are already being affected by the port's condition and is presently doing minimal shipment, based on the capability of the existing bollards. "This is a very important and critical project, which is the reason why an emergency repair was approved by the governor and was concurred by Secretary Babauta. Four of our major bollards will collapse anytime soon and once it happens, we can no longer accommodate the fuel tanker," said Mendiola. Mendiola, a former chairman of the Tinian Legislative Delegation, estimated the total cost for the emergency project at about \$500,000, including design, assessment, installation of four new bollards, and removal of the harbor fender. He described the existing fender as dilapidated. He said the money will be sourced from the \$3.2 million CIP funds reprogrammed by the delegation from its solid waste and waste water projects. The delegation decided to reprogram the entire \$3.2 million after it realized that the total cost for the solid waste and wastewater project will reach more than \$27 million. That number was arrived at in 2009 and expected to be higher now.

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Mendiola said the harbor needs at least three "strong" bollards to hold bigger vessels. He said the existing bollards are still being used for small shipments to the island. He said he will ask the Tinian delegation to use the remaining balance of the reprogrammed funds for other important projects at the Tinian airport and seaport. The invitation to bid for the emergency repair of Tinian harbor will be closed on Aug. 19. Mendiola hopes the new bollards may be operational before the end of the year. He clarified that the emergency repairs for the Tinian harbor is different from the longstanding need to rehabilitate the harbor's breakwater.

<http://www.saipantribune.com/newsstory.aspx?cat=1&newsID=111213>

NIGERIA, LAGOS, JULY 22 2011. SHELL SAYS 100,000 BPD STOLEN IN NIGERIA



Anglo-Dutch supermajor Shell estimates about 100,000 barrels per day of crude oil are being stolen from its operations in the Niger Delta, adding there was no sign that this figure is reducing. "We don't have any confirmed figures for theft of oil, but we estimated about 100,000 barrels a day. But other estimates are much higher," said Nick Wood, Shell vice president of communications for the company's international upstream operations, according to a Dow Jones report. Shell said that in the last five years, 75% of oil spills in the region have been caused by "third party interference". Spills in the Niger Delta are common, caused by militant attacks on oil infrastructure or locals stealing oil from pipelines for use in illegal refineries. Experts estimate that at least 9 million barrels of crude oil have been spilled in the Delta since oil production began there in 1958 – nearly twice as much as flowed last year into the Gulf of Mexico from BP's Macondo well. Shell executive Godson Njoku said final responsibility for preventing crude oil theft, or

"bunkering", rested with the Nigerian government, Dow Jones reported. "Ultimately the oil industry doesn't have the capacity to police all our infrastructure and it is the responsibility of the government to address this issue. Only the government have the authority to provide adequate security to manage what is a terrible drain on Nigeria's economy as well as a source of major oil spills," said Njoku.

<http://www.upstreamonline.com/live/article268676.ece>

USA, CT, NAUGATUCK, JULY 22 2011. TANK FIRE LIKELY CAUSED BY LEAK, SAYS OFFICIAL

ronald derosa

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 **Photo Gallery** <http://naugatuck.patch.com/articles/route-68-shuts-down-due-to-gas-tank-fire-at-naugatuck-business>



Route 68 reopened as of Thursday afternoon following hours-long closure due to gas tank fire at Pisani Steel.

A fire that erupted in a gas tank at [Pisani Steel Fabrication Inc.](http://www.pisanisteel.com), forcing an evacuation, road closure and hours-long response from the Naugatuck Fire Department, was likely caused by a leak that sparked while a worker was welding steel, according to Fire Marshal Robert Weaver. "Exactly what happened we're not sure, but there was a leak at the top of the acetylene tank and something ignited it," Weaver told Patch. Police shut down Route 68, also known as Prospect Street, from the time the Naugatuck Fire Department responded at 8:30 a.m. until about 3 p.m., while fire officials waited for the five-foot-tall gas tank to completely burn out. "At this point it was just an industrial accident, no negligence involved... that's what it appears to be," Weaver said. No one was injured in the incident. Weaver said the incident started when one of the workers at the business was utilizing the gas tank to fuel a welding tool. Pisani, a steel fabrication business, operates a 30,000-square-foot plant at 360 Prospect St. where it does in-house drafting of steel, according to the company's website. The worker was welding a steel girder down to a specific size, and the gas tank he was using, also known as an acetylene

tank, "evidently" contained a leak at the top, Weaver said. That caused a fire to spark and eventually erupt, engulfing the top of the tank. Fire Chief Kenneth Hanks said, at one point, the flames were three feet high and that the blaze burned the regulator that connected the hose and the actual tank. Once the fire started, Weaver said, "everybody ran" from the fire and the business called 911. The Naugatuck Fire Department responded and immediately removed the blazing tank from the

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indoor location. "Luckily it didn't explode... and we were able to get the tank out of the building," Weaver said. The tank was mounted on a handcart, so it was mobile, Weaver said. He estimated it was around five feet tall, however he said he didn't know the specifications on the amount of gas inside. Once the tank was brought outside, the fire department was forced to wait several hours for the gas to leak completely out of the tank. At the same time the firefighters doused the lower part of the tank to keep it cool, Weaver said. Firefighters were unable to just extinguish the fire, because of the gas inside, he explained. "If you put the flame out now you're just going to get flammable gas releasing," he said. He said this method also allowed the department to avoid an explosion. Pisani couldn't be reached for comment. A call to the company wasn't returned as of 3:15 p.m. Hanks said the Department of Environmental and Energy Protection also responded to assist in the incident. The American Red Cross was also on scene providing water to the firefighters. "On a hot day like this, cold water can be very welcome to firefighters working in difficult conditions. We are glad to support first responders with this service," said American Red Cross spokesman Paul Shipman in an e-mail

<http://naugatuck.patch.com/articles/route-68-shuts-down-due-to-gas-tank-fire-at-naugatuck-business>

USA, CO, BERTHOUD PASS, JULY 22 2011. BERTHOUD PASS TO REMAINED CLOSED UNTIL AT LEAST 6:30 P.M.

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Berthoud Pass will be closed until at least 6:30 p.m. this evening, July 21, while clean-up continues on an accident involving a tanker truck. Colorado State Patrol hazmat units are on scene dealing with a spill from gasoline tanker that rolled on Berthoud Pass, just above Floral Park according to Colorado Department of Transportation spokesperson Bob Wilson. Mitigation measures are in place and the gasoline leak has been completely contained and has not contaminated any waterways, Wilson said. The remaining fuel on the tanker truck is being offloaded before the wreckage can be removed. Traffic is being stopped on the east side of the pass at Berthoud Falls and at Mary Jane on the west side of the pass. The single-vehicle accident occurred in the westbound lane about three miles east of the summit at mile marker 245. As of 3:30 p.m., the truck cab remained smashed into the wall with the tank rolled on its side against the wall. The driver was out of his vehicle, according to Wilson. He did not know if anyone was injured in the accident. Emergency services are on scene as a precautionary measure.

<http://www.skyhidailynews.com/article/20110721/NEWS/110729985/1103>

USA, OH, PARMA, JULY 22 2011. CITY OF PARMA PROSECUTES GAS STATION OWNER WHILE DEFENDING ITSELF IN LAWSUIT OVER GAS STATION PROPERTY

bob sandrick



The city is pursuing criminal charges against the landlord of a Marathon station on State Road for allegedly violating municipal building codes. And while the city is taking that action, it has been named one of several defendants in a multimillion dollar lawsuit involving the same property. The lawsuit claims that 48 homes were contaminated and endangered due to gasoline leaking from the Marathon station — and that the city and other governmental entities waited too long to stop it. The landlord, Prime Properties LP in Cleveland, owns the Marathon station at 7411 State. In March, the city filed charges against the firm in Parma Municipal Court. According to city and court records, Prime Properties had failed to replace underground fuel tanks as it said it would. Law Director Tim Dobeck said new tanks were finally installed about two weeks ago. The old tanks were removed within the last two months, he said. Also, Prime Properties has failed to remove old fuel

dispensers and install new ones. In addition, Prime Properties — which started excavating the Marathon property at least 18 month ago, according to Dobeck — failed to grade the excavation site properly. Prime Properties also failed to install a proper concrete surface for fuel dispensers and the parking lot and failed to keep a fence around the excavation site, the city said. Dobeck said a pretrial hearing was scheduled for Friday (July 8) but the hearing was continued to July 28 at the request of Prime Properties. On July 5, City Council authorized the Building Department to determine if the site is a public nuisance. If that determination is made, Prime Properties will have 24 hours to repair the site. If it does not, the city will take on that task and charge Prime Properties, Dobeck said.

Out of Gas

The Marathon site, which is on State at Pleasant Valley, now operates only as a convenience store. It stopped selling gas in September 2009. That was one month after the Parma Fire Department determined that gasoline vapors from the Marathon station caused a house fire on State. Fire inspectors found gasoline in a sanitary sewer near the station, which is two lots

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away from the house that caught fire. The gas-selling operation was shut down by the fire department, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and the state Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks. At that time, Mike Settles, an OEPA spokesman, said it was not the first time that Marathon station has run into problems with state agencies. BUSTR had investigated various gasoline leaks at the Marathon station since 1989, Settles said. In January 2008, the EPA investigated a gas spill there. Settles said there was a leak in the filter beneath a gas pump. However, the homeowners' lawsuit — filed in January 2010 in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court — says the issues at Marathon started in 1982.

No Comments

The lawsuit names as defendants several present and past owners and operators of the Marathon station. The defendants, in addition to Prime Properties, include High Point Marathon Ltd., which now operates the retail business on the property. Also listed as defendants are United Petroleum Marketing LLC, a Cleveland firm, Emro Marketing Co. and Marathon Petroleum, all of which owned the property and operated businesses there in previous years. Marathon Oil and Petroleum Station Properties LLC, a former owner of the property, are also defendants, along with Speedway, which once operated a station there. David Waxman, an attorney for Prime Properties, was contacted but did not provide a comment in time for this article. Robert Calmus, spokesman for Marathon Petroleum and Speedway — which is a subsidiary of Marathon — declined comment. "We do not discuss ongoing litigation," Calmus said. Dobeck said the city was added as a defendant earlier this year. He said he had no comment. "We will resolve the legal issues in court," Dobeck said. The NEORSD and Cuyahoga County are also defendants. The lawsuit said they are or were responsible for maintaining sanitary sewers that contained gasoline from Marathon. Jennifer Elting, NEORSD spokesperson, said NEORSD does not own the sewer lines near the Marathon station. Nicole Dailey Jones, spokesperson for Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald, did not provide a comment in time for this article.

Busted by BUSTR

Exactly 100 residents are listed as plaintiffs in the lawsuit. Tom Merriman, an attorney representing the residents, said they all live north of Marathon on the east side of State or on streets off the east side of State. The streets include Center, Normandy, Stanfield, Hilltop Drive and Hetzel drives, Jeanne and Dentzler roads and Klusner Avenue. The lawsuit is asking for at least \$125,000 in compensatory damages and another \$125,000 in punitive damages for each plaintiff. Here is what happened, according to the lawsuit: In about 1982, residents living near the Marathon station started smelling gasoline in their homes after heavy rains. That same year, Marathon Oil and Marathon Petroleum installed four fuel tanks, each able to contain 10,000 gallons of fuel, on the Marathon property. Initially, at least, the city, county, OEPA, NEORSD, BUSTR, gas station operators and Marathon property owners told residents that the odor did not originate from Marathon's underground fuel tanks. "In fact, plaintiffs were repeatedly advised the gasoline odor came from other sources, including cooking, natural gas or sewage gases," the lawsuit says. However, BUSTR recorded gasoline leaks on the Marathon site in 1989, 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997. In 2006 and 2008, one family had to evacuate their home overnight due to the overwhelming smell of gas. Another family evacuated for the same reason prior to 2007. In early 2008, each family listed in the lawsuit smelled gas in their homes. Some of them reported the smell to the fire department. Firefighters found gas vapor in the sanitary sewer main and water in two of Marathon's underground storage tanks. BUSTR ordered United Petroleum, which owned the Marathon property at the time, and High Point to check for a gas leak or overflow. BUSTR found gas leaking from a pump filter. Also, a catch basin on the gas-pump island contained raw fuel. BUSTR cited United Petroleum and High Point for failing to inspect its equipment and ordered corrective measures. In February 2008, a NEORSD report said the source of the gas odor was the Marathon station. However, the NEORSD did not tell residents what it found, and United Petroleum and High Point did not look into the matter.

Sewer-Station Connection

The lawsuit says that after a heavy rain on Aug. 28, 2009, State residents Alessandra and Elisabetta Riscatti and Laszlo Beres smelled gas in their basement. Flames then exploded from the basement's sanitary sewer drain. The fire spread through the house. All three residents inhaled toxic smoke from the fire. Firefighters treated one of them for carbon monoxide poisoning and smoke inhalation. The three residents had to move because fire and smoke destroyed most of their home's interior. The smell of gas lingered. Parma firefighters believed toxins originating from the Marathon station, two lots away from the house, had caused the fire. Two inspectors found gas in a sanitary sewer main near the station. The fire department, BUSTR, OEPA, the Cuyahoga County Engineer's Office and NEORSD investigated. Inspectors found spilled or leaked gas in a test well in the tank system and in groundwater in the tank cavity. Then inspectors detected gasoline flowing in the sanitary sewer main on State. It was coming from the Marathon station. The gas flow stopped when two sewer pipes running from Marathon were capped. Then BUSTR found drain pipes leading from Marathon's underground storage tank cavity to the sanitary sewer main cavity. The drain pipes had connected the underground fuel tank cavity to the sanitary sewer main since about 1982. The

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NEORSO believed the drain pipes' purpose was to prevent the fuel tanks from floating if groundwater increased due to heavy rains. "Thus, groundwater that had been contaminated with gasoline from the tank system had repeatedly and illegally been discharged into the sanitary sewer main," the lawsuit says. Settles, in 2009, said the drain pipe or pipes, once discovered, were back-filled with clay and sealed off. "By removing that pathway to the sanitary sewer, there should no longer be a concern about gasoline entering the sanitary sewer and vapors entering residents' basements during heavy rain events," Settles said at the time.

http://blog.cleveland.com/parmasunpost/2011/07/city_of_parma_prosecutes_gas_s.html

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, MUSWELLBROOK, JULY 22 2011. MUSWELLBROOK MECHANICS BURNT IN TANK BLAST

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Two mechanics suffered serious burns yesterday after petrol vapours ignited as they worked on a car fuel tank at a Hunter Valley car yard. One of the men, aged 21, is reported to have suffered burns to almost all of his body after being engulfed in flames in the workshop of the Cross Country Ford dealership at Muswellbrook about 3pm. His workmate, aged 17, suffered burns to his arms. Both were flown by the Hunter Westpac rescue helicopter to John Hunter Hospital last night, where the 21-year-old was reported to be in a stable condition. They were expected to be transferred to a specialist burns unit in Sydney once they were stabilised and the poor weather improved. Hunter Valley Inspector Guy Guiana said the pair had been pulling a fuel tank from a car when vapours and fuel ignited. One car was destroyed, another vehicle was damaged and the workshop also suffered fire, smoke and water damage. Several other mechanics working nearby escaped injury. "There were a few of them inside at the time and these guys were the unlucky ones," Inspector Guiana said. The car yard's showroom was not damaged. A police guard was placed on the scene last night and crime scene experts were expected to inspect the premises today. Detectives and Workcover investigators will run separate inquiries into the fire. Fire crews from Muswellbrook and Aberdeen were needed to extinguish the blaze. Cross Country Motors was established in 1979 by the Pike family and has grown from an initial staff of 10 to more than 30.

<http://www.theherald.com.au/news/local/news/general/muswellbrook-mechanics-burnt-in-tank-blast/2234353.aspx>

USA, CA, SAN LUIS OBISPO CO, JULY 22 2011. ATASCADERO WOMAN DIES AFTER EXPLOSION FROM RECALLED GEL FUEL

nancy chen

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.ksby.com/news/atascadero-woman-dies-after-explosion-from-recalled-gel-fuel/>

The family of an 84-year-old Atascadero woman who died earlier this month in an explosion is trying to warn the public about what they call a dangerous product. The product, Napa Home and Garden Gel Fuel, has been recalled nationwide after at least 37 explosions--some deadly, according to the company's website. Users light the gel for ceramic firepots to ward off insects; however, the pot can explode if more fuel is added while it's still hot. The problem--many users have reported they can't see when it's lit. The explosion burned 40 percent of Ola Addante's body on July 3rd; she died four days later. Her family is understandably still in mourning, but they say they need to get the word out about just how dangerous this gel is. "You wouldn't expect that this type of thing would be released to the public," said Jared Heinemann, Addante's grandson. Sitting on the patio, Addante was enjoying dinner with her daughter and son-in-law at the home they shared. The light low in their firepot, Addante added more Napa Gel Fuel, and then instantly--an explosion. "She had rolled on the ground for a while, but that wasn't doing anything," he said. "The gel was just rubbing all over her body and creating more fire." The wicker seats and plastic table where Addante was sitting were consumed--as well as Addante. "When her clothes lit on fire, it was full-fledged," Heinemann said. "She was burned from her chin all the way down, all of her arms." Addante's son-in-law says the whole episode was fast--thirty-seconds, a minute tops from the moment the firepot exploded to when he pushed her in the pool, the only option of saving her. The second-and-third degree burns covered 40 percent of her body. "I'm sure my parents will probably get it out of their minds even coming out here every day, and not seeing her at her house or just sitting here where this sick accident has happened," he said. Her son-in-law also caught on fire in the process with second-degree burns on both hands and his legs. Heinemann says one of the most tragic parts in this tragic story was that the gel had been recalled June 22, a week and a half before. "But we didn't know that," he said. "And I'm sure many, many other people don't know that." Napa Home and Garden was not available for comment; almost half a million bottles of the gel were sold. The Wall Street Journal reports the seller of the gel filed for bankruptcy after the recall.

<http://www.ksby.com/news/atascadero-woman-dies-after-explosion-from-recalled-gel-fuel/>

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VIET NAM, BAC GIANG, JULY 22 2011. PETROL LEAK POLLUTES COMMUNE WATER

Hundreds of residents in northern Bac Giang Province's Duc Thang Commune have been forced to use contaminated water for their daily activities because of a leaking underground tank from a nearby enterprise. Three months ago, more than 40 households in Hung Thinh Village, Duc Thang Commune in Hiep Hoa District reported the smell of petrol and the water had turned oily. Oil slicks were also seen in neighbouring ponds and rice fields. The incident was reported to the district authority. Hiep Hoa District People's Committee found that gasoline leaked from underground storage tanks owned by Ha Quy Co Ltd. Several years ago, the company installed six underground storage tanks with a capacity of 10,000 litres each. The company has been ordered to repair leaking tanks and build a 3,000-litre clean water storage supply for residents while the committee studies the environmental losses. Nguyen Trong Ngoc, a local resident whose house is about 50m from the leaking tanks, said water from his well was so contaminated that his vegetable crops died after being watered. "We have to buy clean water at VND19,000 (US\$0.95) per 20-litre bottle," he said. "It has been three months. Clean water is all we want. Something must be done." Ngoc said about 20,000 litres of gasoline had leaked out and contaminated water resources. Several meetings were held with company representatives but the situation has not improved. Resident Nguyen Van Phuong said the company's water storage was installed far from residential areas and it was too small to supply enough water for about 180 people. Deputy head of the district's Natural Resources and Environment Office Nguyen Quang San said the company had been asked to install water filters free of charge. The district's People's Committee Chairman Nguyen Thi Hoa said the company had been ordered to move all storage tanks out of the residential areas and promptly collect leaked gasoline. The company had also been asked to compensate affected households.

<http://vietnamnews.vnagency.com.vn/Environment/213554/Petrol-leak-pollutes-commune-water.html>

CHINA, HENAN PROVINCE, XINYANG CITY, JULY 22 2011. CHINA BUS BLAZE 'KILLS 41' >> REPORTEDLY CARRYING HAZARDOUS GOODS

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The fiery wreckage of the bus on a motorway in Xinyang.

A fire on an overcrowded bus carrying flammable materials killed 41 passengers in central China on Friday, state television reported, in one of the country's worst road accidents this year. The double-decker bus was taking people to southern Hunan province when it caught fire early on Friday morning on a highway, China Central Television (CCTV) said, adding the cause of the disaster is still being investigated. Five passengers and the driver were pulled alive from the overnight bus, which was reportedly only designed to carry 35 passengers but had 47 people on board. CCTV said there were "flammable materials" on board, but did not provide further details. A police officer told Xinhua the fire raged for two hours

and completely destroyed the bodies of the victims, who would only be identified after authorities carried out DNA tests on the charred corpses. Photos of the tragedy showed the bus had been completely destroyed by the blaze, leaving only a burnt-out shell. The report said the survivors, one of whom was very seriously injured, have been rushed to hospital. A government spokesman in Xinyang, where the accident occurred, told AFP there was no confirmed death toll. The police and fire departments in the city both refused to comment. China's roads are among the world's most dangerous, with traffic and safety laws widely flouted. Drivers looking to maximise profits often load their buses with too many passengers, sometimes triggering deadly incidents. In 2010, more than 65,200 people died in road accidents -- around 178 fatalities a day -- according to official statistics.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hUuaJt1GpXhxaEUWjOOloqEw0XQw?docId=CNG.5d9c0d8cf04bc902249af947dd1dde45.191>

USA, N.J, LINDEN, JULY 22 2011. OVERHEATED PUMP IGNITES ETHANOL FIRE AT CITGO IN LINDEN

An overheated pump ignited an ethanol fire at the Citgo plant on Wednesday night. Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Callahan said firefighters were called to the Citgo fuel storage facility, 4801 S. Wood Ave., at about 8:36 p.m. Wednesday for a report of an ethanol fire. Callahan said the fire was discovered by Perth Amboy firefighters patrolling out in a boat along the waterfront. Perth Amboy firefighters were cross-training with Carteret firefighters when they saw the fire and alerted dispatch to contact Linden, according to Perth Amboy Fire Capt. Brian Cleary. Callahan said the pump at the plant had stopped working and

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began to overheat, turning a glowing red. The coupling on the pipe broke and began leaking ethanol, which ignited from the heat of the pipe. Engine 4 first responded to the scene. Callahan said four engines and one ladder truck fought the fire under the direction of Deputy Chief Mike Cybulski. No injuries were reported. Three companies from Union County provided aid. Callahan said the fire was attacked using a dry chemical foam. "It was quickly put out," he said, adding that the fire was put out in about 15 to 20 minutes. "One-hundred gallons of foam was used to extinguish it." The Union County Hazardous Materials Unit and representatives from the state Department of Environmental Protection responded to the fire. The company has shut down product to that line, Callahan said.

<http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20110721/NJNEWS/307210017/Overheated-pump-ignites-Ethanol-fire-at-Citgo-in-Linden>

UK, ESSEX, JULY 22 2011. COMPANY FINED £25K FOR DIESEL LEAK INTO A BROOK



Dangerous: Pollution in Sandon Brook.

A Company has been fined £25,000 for allowing thousands of litres of diesel to leak into a ditch following a break-in at a farm. It came just two days after a similar major herbicide leak into Sandon Brook at Highlands Farm, Rettendon. D Chennells Ltd, a crop farming company, ended up in the dock at Harlow Magistrates' Court yesterday over last October's incident. The first happened after a farm worker over-filled a sprayer tank and mixed herbicide spilled into the surface water drainage system – contaminating 150 metres of the ditch with a pungent yellow liquid. Two days later, an estimated 4,000 litres of diesel contaminated the same ditch for 350 metres after a storage tank was broken into at the farm and a hose left running overnight. The court heard the farm's accident management plan was out of date, not all drains were shown on its drainage map, and sprayer filling areas were too near surface water drains.

Prosecuting for the Environment Agency, Claire Bentley told the court the company had not taken action to prevent pollution following an earlier diesel spill in 2003. She said: "Following the 2003 incident, the defendant took a deliberate decision to not improve the oil storage system." Miss Bentley said the incidents demonstrated poor site management. David and Janice Chennells, directors of the company, told investigating officers they had been filling sprayers at the designated area for more than 30 years. They reported the diesel tank vandalism to the agency and police and said a gate to the area had been locked at the time. They believed thieves got in through an automatic gate as there had been break-ins before and since the incident. They are now looking to spend £100,000 to improve methods and provide better storage for chemicals and diesel. The company was fined £25,000 with £2,015 costs. After the hearing, environment agency officer Peter Cooke said: "This incident could have had a catastrophic effect on the aquatic environment if the flow of pesticide, and subsequently fuel, had not been stemmed."

http://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/9149865/Company_fined_25k_for_diesel_leak_into_a_brook/

USA, FLA, SEMINOLE, JULY 23 2011. SEMINOLE MAN SERIOUSLY BURNED WHILE WORKING ON CAR >> USES AN ELECTRIC LEAF BLOWER TO SIPHON GASOLINE



This car burst into flames after an explosion from gas being siphoned by two men in Seminole.

A 31-year-old man was seriously burned Thursday as a car's fuel lines ignited while he worked on them, deputies said. Joseph P. Williamson of Seminole was working on a 1997 Saturn that belongs to his girlfriend, Sommer M. Brocuglio, 34, at about 4:45 p.m. when a fire broke out. Deputies, who responded to a report of a blaze at 10816 61st Ave. N, found Williamson with serious burns to his arms. Williamson was flown to Tampa General Hospital, where he remained early Friday. Witnesses told deputies that Williamson had been using an electric leaf blower to siphon gasoline from the car when a spark from the blower started the fire. At the time of the accident, Williamson was attempting to check the gas tank for sugar because he thought the Saturn had been tampered with,

according to the Sheriff's Office. He had found the gas lid open earlier in the day, deputies said.

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/fire/seminole-man-seriously-burned-while-working-on-car/1181840>

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CANADA, OTTAWA, SHIRLEY'S BAY, JULY 23 2022. WORKERS HOSPITALIZED AFTER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT AT GOVERNMENT BUILDING

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Three people were taken to hospital Friday as a precaution after an incident involving an industrial spray being used at a Defence Research and Development Canada building on Carling Avenue. The incident happened at 3701 Carling Ave., around noon on Friday, said DRDC spokeswoman Marie-Helene Brisson. "They were spraying materials as part of a construction project and five people were affected by the spraying of the material," she said. "The materials used were industrial compounds for cleaning and sealing." Five construction workers and security guards were affected, with three of those being taken to hospital to be checked out, she said. As of press time one was still at hospital. The small office building in Shirleys Bay was evacuated during

the lunch hour. Ottawa paramedics said a 56-year-old woman experienced some skin irritation from the chemical, paramedics said. Another woman, 53, inhaled some of the chemical and was complaining of shortness of breath, nausea and vomiting. And a man, 61, also inhaled some of the chemical and complained of shortness of breath. A total of seven people were exposed to fumes from products being used in a routine weld inspection process in a sealed room, said Ottawa Fire Service spokesperson Marc Messier. Ottawa Fire Service received the call around noon and arrived minutes later. Hazardous materials crews ventilated the building and when the chemicals had evaporated they turned the scene over to building staff around 2 p.m., said Messier. About 15 people were evacuated as a precaution, he said.

http://www.ottawacitizen.com/health/Mixed+cleaning+fluids+sicken+three+Industry+Canada+campus/5144799/story.html?cid=megadrop_story

USA, KY, LOUISVILLE, JULY 23 2011. TOLUENE SPILL IN RUBBERTOWN CONTAINED BUT ONE WORKER SENT TO HOSPITAL

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• **Photo Gallery:**

<http://www.whas11.com/home/Level-2-Hazmat-situation-at-American-Synthetics-on-Campground-Rd-125982313.html>



A chemical spill at a Rubbertown plant Thursday evening sent one worker to the hospital but was quickly contained and posed no threat to the public, officials said. An unknown amount of toluene was spilled at the American Synthetic Rubber Company at 4500 Camp Ground Road, according to MetroSafe Communications. The incident was reported at 6:09 p.m. Three employees came in contact with the chemical, and one was taken to the hospital as a precaution because the liquid got in his eye, said Chief John Wilkinson of the Lake Dreamland Fire Department. The spill, which may have been caused by a broken flange, was contained in one building at the plant, Wilkinson said. "This was relatively pretty simple, honestly," he said. Toluene is a colorless liquid used in making rubber as well as paints, lacquers and adhesives, according to the federal Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry. It can harm the cardiovascular and nervous systems. A level 2 hazardous material situation was declared for the area after the spill was reported. That means

the materials involved are hazardous to health, but firefighters and other emergency workers can enter the area with a full facemask and a self-contained breathing apparatus that also provides eye protection. Doug Hamilton, executive director of Louisville Metro Emergency Management, said the RCALL line — a telephone line that warns Rubbertown residents about potentially hazardous industrial accidents — was updated shortly after the spill to tell residents that there was no public danger. The city took over management of the phone line after officials said Carbide Industries failed to promptly report a March 21 explosion and fire at its plant. American Synthetic Rubber's plant makes synthetic rubber for cars, bicycles and

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aircraft, and every year ships millions of 75-pound rubber bales to Michelin and other tire manufacturers around the world, according to the company's website. The company also manufactures liquid polymer that is used as a binding agent for the compounds used in the solid propellant for rockets, and is the sole supplier of that fuel to NASA for the Space Shuttle program, the website says. The company says it "maintains rigorous safety standards" and invests \$400,000 annually in training and upgrades of safety and emergency-response equipment.

<http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20110721/ZONE07/307210082/1001/Hazardous-toluene-spill-reported-Rubbertown-plant?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Home|s>

USA, MI, SAWYER, JULY 23 2011. CREWS STILL TRYING TO CLEAN UP AFTER TANKER EXPLOSION

Haz-mat crews are still trying to clean up an undisclosed waste substance that spilled after a tanker exploded Thursday night in Berrien County. It was nothing short of a close call Thursday night in Berrien County when a truck carrying some type of industrial waste exploded outside a restaurant. A truck driver stopped at a TA restaurant just off of I-94 and Sawyer Road in Sawyer, Michigan. When he came out of the restaurant he noticed a leak from the cargo of his truck. Authorities responded to the scene and a hazmat crew was called in. Authorities say the leak continued to get worse, but when the truck stopped venting, it built up gas, and exploded. Friday afternoon, Chikaming Township Police confirmed the road and business is still closed as crews continue to clean the waste substance. According to a waitress at the restaurant, everyone inside was evacuated around 8:30 p.m. and the explosion happened around 10 p.m. There was no damage to the building, but power lines were knocked out, causing outages in the area. Authorities at the scene say they were trying to determine what type of industrial waste was inside the truck, but some of it did leak into nearby drains. The drain commissioner was called to evaluate the situation. "This is not going to be a hazard to anybody. There's no vapors escaping right now. The Berrien County road commission is bringing a bunch of sand to put dikes on both sides of it so it couldn't escape any further, and the product is in the middle" said Berrien County Sheriff Paul Bailey. Nobody was hurt in the explosion or the leak because the scene had been cleared within a quarter-mile of the truck stop. Authorities say this accident could have been much worse if the explosion occurred on the highway while driving.

http://www.wndu.com/hometop/headlines/Possible_tanker_explosion_in_Berrien_County_125992894.html

USA, CA, SAN JOSE, JULY 23 2011. AT&T TO PAY \$40,000 IN SAN JOSE FUEL SPILL

marisa lagos

AT&T agreed to pay more than \$40,000 to settle a lawsuit over 1,300 gallons of diesel fuel that flowed from a San Jose facility into the Guadalupe River last year, the Santa Clara County District Attorney's office said today. The office said AT&T, in a settlement that became effective today, will pay \$10,000 in penalties as well as \$30,490 to reimburse the public agencies that responded to the Oct. 2 spill. The company admitted that it violated California laws that bar the disposal of hazardous waste and water pollution. The spill occurred at AT&T's facility on South Almaden Boulevard when a valve failed, causing diesel to flow into the building's rain water drain system, onto the street and into a storm drain that leads to the river.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/07/21/BAAU1KDI8E.DTL&tsp=1>

USA, CA, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, JULY 23 2011. FOREST SERVICE INVESTIGATING TAHOE FUEL SPILL

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"The lake isn't threatened. There is no drinking water threatened. We don't expect it to be extensive. There is some soil and ground water contamination and it is not expected to be extensive and it is not extensive right now," said Vince Guthreau with NDEP. The U.S. Forest Service is trying to figure out the extent of a fuel leak at Lake Tahoe. "Soil and water samples were obtained Monday. The results should be in next week and that will help us figure out the impact," said Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit's Cheva Heck. She says that no drinking water is impacted. But there is soil and water contamination according to a brief 1-page report to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. "The lake isn't threatened. There is no drinking water threatened. We don't expect it to be extensive. There is some soil and ground water contamination and it is not expected to be extensive and it is not extensive right now," said Vince Guthreau with NDEP. Workers at the Zephyr Cove Resort, run

by Aramark, uncovered the problem. Pipes connecting to underground fuel storage tanks were leaking. It is not clear how long

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they were leaking or how much leaked. According to Heck, the problem was fixed and Aramark reported the problem to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection as required on June 27. Soil samples weren't submitted until three weeks later. "Three weeks is not unusual," Guthreau said. Investigators are usually dispatched within 48 hours and he says taking soil samples is not automatic. But in this case, they decided to do it. They actually didn't want them for more than a month after the spill. "They followed the protocol that is in place. They (NDEP) said they wanted the information (soil samples) by August 11 so we were actually well before that time frame," said Heck of the Forest Service. Aramark holds a permit from the Forest Service to rent boats on the site. Since the federal agency oversees the property in Nevada, Heck says the Forest Service is making sure Aramark follows the state rules. Some of the test results are expected to be in next week according to Heck. "We are working to determine the clean up." However, we may never know how much fuel was actually spilled. "Our concern is mitigating an environmental disaster," Guthreau said. "The amount of the spill doesn't really help us to do that. Our concern is things that are threatened, if there is soil contamination, how much, how deep. In the process of determining the extent of the contamination we may come up with how much was spilled."

http://www.kolotv.com/news/headlines/Feds_Looking_Into_Fuel_Spill_at_Tahoe_126029694.html?ref=694

CANADA, B.C, COLUMBIA VALLEY, JULY 23 2011. FATAL TANKER CRASH IN KOOTENAY NATIONAL PARK

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http://www.ctvbc.ctv.ca/servlet/an/local/CTVNews/20110722/bc_fuel_tanker_crash_hwy_93_110722/20110722/?hub=BritishColumbiaHome

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Police say it is not clear how many people were killed in the crash and fire.

Police say it's not clear how many people are dead after a three-vehicle crash on Highway 93 in Kootenay National Park Friday afternoon. Police say the crash, which involved a semi truck and two passenger vehicles, happened at about 3 p.m. MT. The crash caused the truck to ignite and explode, engulfing all three cars. The driver of the truck escaped without injuries, police said, but none of the people in the two cars survived the crash and fire. The exact number of fatalities has not been confirmed, nor have the identities of the victims. Witness Vic Ayotte was driving through the park when traffic stopped, and he saw a truck on fire up ahead. "It was quite a spectacular fire because there was flames shooting out of

the side and it was quite an inferno," he said. "Every once in awhile you'd hear this loud bang that sounded like a gunshot and I guess it was the tires blowing up and it was reverberating off the mountain, and it was kind of scary." Ayotte said the fire engulfed the vehicles too quickly for bystanders to help the victims. "The guy that was right behind the truck, he was running up there to help the trucker get out ... and then there was just too many flames everywhere for anybody to help anybody. He could hear the people screaming, but it was too late. There was just fire everywhere," he said. "It was horrible to realize ... somebody mentioned there were people in there. It was sad." Ayotte said emergency officials were not called to the scene immediately because cellular service was unavailable in the area.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/story/2011/07/22/bc-kootenay-crash-fatal.html>

USA, FLA, MIAMI GARDENS, JULY 23 2011. 3 AIRLIFTED AFTER ROLLOVER WRECK INVOLVING TANKER

Watch the Video <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21004906732971/>



Fire rescue and police are on the scene of a violent chain-reaction crash involving several cars and a tanker truck that rolled over. The wreck has left traffic on the 826 Expressway westbound, before Northwest 57th Avenue (also known as Red Road), intermittent at best. At around 5 p.m. Friday, all lanes had to be closed in the area, as an air rescue helicopter landed on the scene to transport as many as three victims, one adult and two children. Traffic would not flow again both ways until 6 p.m., but only one lane was getting by in westbound lane, causing miles of backups. The three injured were taken to Ryder Trauma Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital with neck and back injuries. Police said all three had their seat belts on during the crash.

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Complicating matters at the scene is a fuel leak from the truck, though the tanker was empty. It jack-knifed and rolled on its side in the grassy median between the two lanes. As many as four other cars were believed involved in the crash. At the scene, a sport utility vehicle could be seen on its roof, near a chain-link fence, and another car had its rear smashed in. Police have not said who is at fault, and several rescue vehicles remain at the scene.

<http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21004906732971/>

EGYPT, CAIRO, JULY 23 2011. KUWAITI SHIP SPILLS OIL IN RED SEA

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A Kuwaiti ship was penalized \$500,000 for polluting Suez Canal water and the Red Sea earlier this week, the state-run MENA news agency reported. The Kuwaiti ship, named Hammurabi, had caused a large oil spill in the canal waters and the Egyptian Ministry of Environment had ordered the holding of the ship at the Ain Sokhna port upon its arrival. The incident occurred in the Ras Ghareb area of the Red Sea. Ras Ghareb, 150 kilometer north of Hurghada, produces 67 percent of Egypt's oil and it is where many companies drill for oil deep in the Red Sea. The ship reportedly paid the fine after dealing with Egypt's Environmental Agency responsible for oil spills in Suez. The ministry revealed no further news about the process cleaning the oil slick from the waters and information is scarce over what is currently happening. Once the procedures to release the ship were

completed it commenced travel and is no longer in Egyptian waters, the ministry did report. Oil spills are not new to Egypt. In 2006, two major oil spills occurred in the Red Sea and inside the Suez Canal at the Bitter Lake – the lake used as a place passing ships wait before continuing through the one-lane canal. At least 3,000 metric tons of heavy fuel oil spilled into the Red Sea on February 20 that year. And in September 2009, 1,000 metric tons of crude oil poured into the Bitter Lake.

<http://bikyamasr.com/wordpress/?p=37077>

INDIA, MUMBAI, JULY 23 2011. OIL GIANT'S APATHY TAINTS MARTYR'S KIN

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Late Constable Yogesh Patil's family members speak of the humiliation they suffered owing to the petrol company's slipshod work.

26/11 cop's family under fire for adulterated petrol supplied by fuel pump they got as compensation. After their son died fighting terror in the 26/11 savagery, this family reconciled itself to living a quiet, dignified life, taking pride in the sacrifice made by their son. But owing to the alleged apathy of the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the family has recently been robbed of this peaceful existence as well. Since June 11, members of martyr Yogesh Patil's family have been subjected to a slew of complaints and accusations from irate customers, who claim that they have been supplying adulterated petrol at their pump. The family had been given proprietorship of a petrol pump in Kharghar named Shaheed Yogesh Patil Automobiles as compensation for the life of their son Yogesh Patil, a 32-year-old police constable who laid down his life defending the city when it came under attack on November 26, 2008. However, leakage of the underground oil tank led

to the pump supplying spurious oil. The family has been at its wits' end, parrying angry complaints from irate customers. Local NCP leader Kiran Patil emerged as a saviour for the exasperated family, bringing the matter to the notice of Home Minister RR Patil and urging to take necessary action. Speaking to MiD DAY, he said, "The martyr's family is in no way culpable. They are victims of the IOC's negligence." Unable to cope with the onslaught of brickbats, the Patils have left Mumbai. "We will return only when the IOC fixes the problem," said Narendra Patil, the martyr's brother.

Bereft

Sunita Shivaji Patil, the martyr's mother in whose name the petrol pump had been allotted, said, "My son laid down his life for the country, and this is how they returned the favour. I lost my son three years ago, and now we have lost our dignity. She added, "This pump has added to our woes. Before this, I was known as the mother of a martyr. Now the same people think we are cheats." Narendra said, "We didn't want to be gifted a petrol pump, as we lacked adequate know-how of the business. We had requested for a gas agency instead, in our native town Dhulia. But they insisted that we take the petrol pump. To add

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insult to injury, they gave us one that was not ready yet. We brought the matter to the IOC's notice, but our complaints fell on deaf ears. We were handed the pump on February 1, and as soon as the monsoons started, the tank developed cracks, and groundwater seeped in, adulterating the petrol." The first complaint came on June 11 after a customer's vehicle developed some engine problems, after refuelling at the pump. And then they kept coming, compelling the Patils to pay a sum of Rs 3 lakh as compensation. The family claims to have incurred losses worth Rs 13 lakh, owing to the snag.

The Other Side

G Tiwari, executive director, IOC, said, "They are decent people. Once monsoon set in, pressure of groundwater increased in the area, rupturing the tank and resulting in seepage of groundwater." He added, "This is an aberration. We are working at war footing to fix the problem, and will rectify the snag within three weeks. We will take stringent measures against the contractor and tank manufacturers. We will ensure that they are compensated for their financial losses."

<http://www.mid-day.com/news/2011/jul/230711-Yogesh-Patil-26-11-savagery-IOC-robbed-petrol.htm>

NIGERIA, LAGOS, JULY 23 2011. TANKER DRIVER CRUSHES 3 CARS, DESTROYS

A petroleum tanker driver on Thursday smashed his vehicle into three cars on Funsho Williams Road in Surulere, Lagos no life was lost in the accident. An eyewitness, who gave his name as Akin Johnson, alleged that the accident was caused by a car which broke down on the major road. He said that the driver of a Toyota Camry, with Reg. No. FD742-LND, while trying to avoid a broken down vehicle, was hit by the tanker driver. Johnson said that the Camry driver in turn ran into a Volvo car with Reg. No. NE 200-AAN. He said that after hitting the Toyota Camry, the tanker driver ran into a compound, crushing two more cars and destroying a PHCN transformer. "The Camry driver swerved to the left in order not to hit a Volvo car that suddenly broke down on the way, but hit another car in the process. "The tanker driver was trying to manoeuvre his way so as not to hit the Camry car, but he lost control, hit the Camry car before swerving into a compound and crushing the cars," Johnson said. Mrs Rosemary Ubajake, a lawyer and owner of the Camry, told NAN that she hit a Volvo car after being hit by the tanker driver. "My car boot is crushed. The car in front of me was not really damaged because the owner zoomed off with the car," she said. Mr Lateef Adebawale, another legal practitioner, whose car was damaged by the tanker, said he parked his car in front of his office at 85, Funsho Williams Avenue, Lagos. "Imagine, the tanker driver manoeuvred his way into the compound and crushed my car and another car. He also damaged the PHCN transformer in front of the compound. "Tanker drivers are fond of driving recklessly. If not, how was he able to enter the compound to destroy property," Adebawale said. The driver, who gave his name as Seun Iyiola, wanted to escape after the accident but was caught by Adebawale. The driver said that he could not explain how the accident happened.

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2011/07/tanker-driver-crushes-3-cars-destroys-phcn-transformer/>

USA, WASHINGTON, JULY 23 2011. HOMELAND SECURITY WARNS OF POTENTIAL THREATS AGAINST UTILITIES

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A bulletin the Department of Homeland Security sent to local law enforcement officials this week warns of possible threats to private utility facilities in the United States. Officials said, however, that there is no intelligence suggesting a specific threat. The bulletin, obtained by CNN, says disgruntled current and former employees have in the recent past been able to use their insider knowledge to disrupt operations at water, gas and waste facilities. It also notes that if "violent extremists" were able to "gain access to an insider or acquire an insider position, this increases the likelihood of success and impact of an attack." The bulletin did not talk about a current threat to these sensitive facilities. But the document did detail a case in 2010 when a U.S. citizen was arrested in Yemen during a round-up of suspected al Qaeda members. The person had worked "for several contractors performing non-sensitive maintenance at five different U.S. nuclear power plants from 2002 to 2008," the bulletin said. "While DHS has no specific, credible intelligence of an imminent threat posed to the private-sector utilities, several recent incidents highlight the ongoing threat to infrastructure in the utility sectors from insiders and outsiders seeking facility-specific information that might be exploited in an attack," DHS spokesman Matthew Chandler said. The department will work closely with state and local officials including utility companies "to take steps to best protect from potential threats, including protecting our nation's infrastructure," he said.

http://articles.cnn.com/2011-07-21/us/terror.warning.utilities_1_threats-utilities-bulletin?_s=PM:US

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