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USA, N.D, NEW TOWN, MARCH 17 2011. SEMI TANKER OVERTURNS WEST OF NEW TOWN

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Traffic was stopped for about two hours Monday afternoon west of New Town when an oil-field semi tanker overturned at the N.D. Highway 23 and Sanish Road intersection. Cliff Whitman, director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the Three Affiliated Tribes, said Tuesday he was waiting for the report on the contents of the load the tanker was carrying. Information on the name of the driver and whether the driver was injured were not available. The vehicle, owned by Beaver Creek Trucking, a company working in the oil field, was traveling north on the Sanish Road. According to reports, the vehicle crossed Highway 23 and tipped, ending up on the north side of Highway 23 and facing west. Whitman said there was a large spill at the site. Clean up began immediately after the accident. The clean up was continuing Tuesday. Whitman said late Tuesday that people should

take precautions when driving by the Sanish turnoff. Clean-up personnel from Earthmovers were on the scene and traffic may be delayed, he said. Numerous emergency responders including tribal, city and state, and others helped at the accident scene Monday. The accident happened about 3:30 p.m. Both eastbound and westbound traffic in the area was stopped for up to nearly two hours. Those who were in the traffic lineup said traffic was backed up for a lengthy distance both east and west. The Four Bears Bridge is just west of the accident site. The area was opened to traffic about 6 p.m. Monday, Whitman said. Again, later that evening the traffic was stopped for work being done at the site. The North Dakota Highway Patrol is investigating the accident.

<http://www.minotdailynews.com/page/content.detail/id/552851/Semi-tanker-overtURNS-west-of-New-Town.html?nav=5010>

USA, PA, LANCASTER CO, MARCH 17 2011. TRAILER TIPS, POWER GOES OUT, HOMES EVACUATED IN CHRISTIANA BOROUGH >> TRAPPED OVER AN HOUR IN CHRISTIANA CRASH

larry alexander, ryan robinson & blaine shahan

 **Photo Gallery [50]** <http://www.wgal.com/news/27206254/detail.html>

 **Slideshow** <http://www.wgal.com/news/27206254/detail.html>



Emergency Medical workers move the injured driver of a tractor.

A tanker truck carrying more than 10,000 gallons of propane overturned in Christiana on Tuesday, trapping the driver and forcing the evacuation of homes. The tanker, owned by Diversified Energy of Elizabethtown, overturned at North Bridge Street and Sadsbury Avenue around 10:30 a.m. The driver was trapped inside the cab for more than an hour. Freeing him, Christiana Fire Chief Paul "Sonny" Reimold said, was a "big problem." "He was in there in a real bad awkward position," Reimold said. "And where he was, we couldn't cut the roof off, so we had to push it back." The driver, whose name was not immediately available, was freed around 11:45 a.m. He was treated at an area hospital and released, Reimold said. Reimold said he didn't know what caused the wreck, which was being investigated by state police. "I just think he lost it going around the corner," Reimold said. "He

had 10,800 gallons of liquid propane and he said it just shifted." The tank didn't leak. As a precaution, however, firefighters evacuated "30 or 40 houses" in the area, Reimold said. Some residents didn't wait for an invitation from firefighters to leave their homes. Alan Kellon said he was talking with his mother in his home at 428 N. Bridge St. — they were discussing the tsunami in Japan — when the tanker crashed. "I heard this loud boom," he said. "I thought a car actually jumped the bank and hit our house." Kellon said he ran to the front door and saw a truck on its side and the word "propane" on the vehicle. "I just looked at my mother and said, 'Run! Get out of the house!'" he said. As fast as they could, they grabbed their dog and ran to another street until they were notified that it was safe to return, Kellon said. Originally, Reimold said, crews planned to transfer the propane onto another truck at the crash site. But because the wrecked vehicle was on its side, it was decided that would have taken too long. "The original game plan was to off-load it there," Reimold said. "But it was on its side, and they told us it'd probably be until (today) until they could get it off, on its side like that." Instead, the tanker was slowly righted and taken to Cochranville, where the propane was to be transferred today. "It took a long time to get it upright, but it worked to perfection," Reimold said. At the scene, a telephone pole was "smashed all the way (to) the ground," Reimold said, and numerous power

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lines had been pulled down and yanked from nearby homes. More than 800 homes were temporarily without electricity, but power was restored by about 11:30 a.m., according to PPL. In addition to Christiana, firefighters from Atglen, Bart and Gap rescue helped at the scene.

<http://articles.lancasteronline.com/local/4/362576>

CANADA, WINNIPEG, MARCH 17 2011. OUT OF CONTROL CAR SLAMS INTO BANK, GAS STATION

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An older model Buick came to rest at a Petro-Canada Station after damaging a building, two vehicles and a gas pump in Winnipeg, March 16, 2011. One person was taken to hospital in unknown condition.

City cops are investigating after a woman crashed her car into a bank and then a gas station across the street, as well as two other vehicles, Wednesday morning. "I don't know how that could happen. I don't think it could happen again," said Jason Dale, the driver of one of the vehicles that was hit. Early reports from witnesses say the woman was trying to merge onto westbound Grant Ave. near Nathaniel St. when her car slammed into a large orange truck that was heading west on Grant. From there, her car flew through an RBC parking lot on the north side of Grant, then hit some bushes and a fence before smacking into the building, then smashed into a second vehicle before careening across the street and crashing into a gas pump at the Petro

Canada, on the south side of Grant, one witness said. The woman, who appeared to be elderly, was taken to hospital, witnesses said. There is no immediate word from police on her condition. The drivers of the two vehicles that were struck told QMI Agency they weren't seriously hurt.

<http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/Canada/2011/03/16/17641056.html>

USA, N.C, FORT BRAGG, MARCH 17 2011. 10 WOUNDED BY ARTILLERY EXPLOSION ON FORT BRAGG

john ramsey

 **Watch the Video** <http://www2.wnct.com/news/2011/mar/15/15/explosion-fort-bragg-injures-10-lejeune-ar-863622/>

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http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/03/15/Ten-injured-as-artillery-piece-explodes/UPI-66101300224209/



"The result of an apparent in-bore explosion of one m777a2 while conducting an artillery live-fire exercise aboard Fort Bragg," said Staff Sgt. Jayson Price with Camp Lejeune.

Eight Marines and two Navy sailors were injured Monday by an exploding artillery round during live fire training on Fort Bragg. A Marines spokesman said an explosion apparently occurred in the barrel of an M777A2, a lightweight howitzer that fires 155 mm artillery rounds. The blast occurred about 8 p.m. near the intersection of Turkey and Chicken roads, according to a Fort Bragg news release. Two of the injured were flown to UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, and eight were taken to the Womack Army Medical Center emergency room, said Womack spokeswoman Shannon Lynch. The Fort Bragg news release said that of the eight people taken to Womack, five were flown there by helicopter and three were taken in ambulances by

Fort Bragg and Hoke County emergency services workers. The majority of the injuries were shrapnel wounds and lacerations, according to Fort Bragg, which directed all other questions to the Marine spokesman, Staff Sgt. Jayson Price. Price said the incident is under investigation. He said the Marines would not release the names of the injured troops. The troops were part of Camp Lejeune's Battery G, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Price said.

Annual Training

The 10th Marine Regiment visits Fort Bragg every spring for artillery training. This year, the training started March 9 and was scheduled to end March 21. Price said Marines have halted all firing "until safe training can resume." The 2nd Battalion first fired the new howitzers in 2007, according to the Marine Corps website. They weigh less than half the weight of traditional howitzers and are capable of firing precision-guided Excalibur rounds. Excalibur rounds can be programmed to land within 10 meters of a target more than 25 miles away. The training has been rattling houses in Fayetteville since it began. The 155 mm

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ammunition causes loud explosions and reverberations upon detonation. Fort Bragg is the closest military training area to Camp Lejeune that can accept the 155 mm weapons systems, a Fort Bragg spokesman said last month.

<http://www.fayobserver.com/articles/2011/03/15/1078617?sac=Home>

USA, WASHINGTON D.C, GEORGETOWN, MARCH 17 2011. WASHINGTONIAN FIRE LIKELY CAUSED BY SPACE HEATER IN AUTO GARAGE >> A FIRE BROKE OUT JUST AFTER 8 A.M. AT THE AUTO REPAIR SHOP AND GAS STATION AT THE CORNER OF WISCONSIN AVENUE AND Q STREET.

shaun courtney

 **Photo's** <http://georgetown.patch.com/articles/your-photos-from-washingtonian-fire-in-georgetown>

 **Watch the Video** <http://wusa9.com/news/article/141569/158/Fire-At-DC-Gas-Station-Injures-One-Snarls-Traffic>

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A space heater in the garage area is likely the cause of [the morning fire](#) that severely damaged the [Washingtonian Auto Shop](#) at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Q Street, according to D.C. Fire and EMS Spokesman Pete Piring. Piring said flammable fumes from the auto repair shop likely came into contact with the space heater, leading to the blaze. The fire had a rapid development, burning several cars and debris next to the station. The [Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs](#) has been requested to evaluate the damage. Three employees were evaluated by EMS for exposure to smoke and fumes, though none was transported, contrary to initial reports. The fire also spread to the kitchen of the neighboring restaurant, [Los Cuates](#). Health inspectors have been called to evaluate damage at the restaurant, which is closed for the time being. Piring when cars are involved in a fire, "explosions are a concern...it's not unusual to have an explosion." Piring could not officially determine if there was an explosion, though he said,

"somebody did report hearing an explosion." Due to concerns over the potential for an explosion, the Foam Unit from the Naval District of Washington was called to the scene, though it was not ultimately used. Piring said there were no reported problems with fire hydrants in the area, a valid concern after the Neighborhood Library fire in April 2007. Personnel have set up a collapse zone around the garage and minimart. There is no official damage estimate, but Piring said it would certainly be hundreds of thousands of dollars.

<http://georgetown.patch.com/articles/washingtonian-fire-likely-caused-by-space-heater-in-auto-garage>

NIGERIA, NIGER DELTA, YENAGOA, MARCH 17 2011. EXPLOSION ROCKS AGIP FACILITY IN BAYELSA

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The well-3 head of the Agip Clough Creek flow station in Ekeremor Local Government Area of Bayelsa State on the Atlantic fringe, was Tuesday, night rocked by explosion. Though it could not be confirmed if the explosion had any link with the Movement for the Emancipation of Niger Delta, MEND's latest threat. A security source told Vanguard, that the explosion occurred at about 11pm. "An explosion was heard in the early hours at Agip's Clough Creek oil flow station at Egbema-Angalabiri in Ekeremor council of Bayelsa," another security source hinted Vanguard. The Italian oil firm could not be immediately reached for comment. It was, however, gathered that the attack on the well head was launched by a renegade militant leader simply identified as 'Commander' Plasma. The renegade militant leader, it was learnt, was being fingered in the attack based on a letter of

demand he wrote to the management of Agip for the payment of an undisclosed amount of money or risk attack. The security source said though the letter was written a fortnight ago, "the renegade militant leader is the first suspect." The source, however, distanced the Tuesday night explosion from the recent threat issued by MEND, some 24 hours earlier. While it was learnt that the men of the JTF may have launched a manhunt for the renegade militant leader, other ex-militant leaders denied knowledge of anyone known by the name 'General Commander' Plasma. Also, the relationship between the alleged renegade militant leader and MEND cannot be immediately ascertained. Contacted, the JTF spokesman, Lt. Col Timothy Antigha,

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confirmed the explosion at the well head but said information on the incident was still sketchy. He added that the incident was an isolated event and not connected to any group. It will be recalled that MEND had, Tuesday, issued a fresh warning that it would now carry out bombing and attacks in Lagos, Abuja and Niger-Delta without prior notification as promised earlier since the government was treating its threat as a joke. According to the statement, "The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta, MEND, wishes to strongly advise the general public and all oil companies to disregard all attempts by the Nigerian government and security services in dismissing our latest threat."

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2011/03/explosion-rocks-agip-facility-in-bayelsa/>

MEXICO, TAMAULIPAS, MATAMOROS, MARCH 19 2011. TWO MEN BUSTED WITH BOOTLEG GASOLINE IN MATAMOROS

sergio chapa



Two men are behind bars after they were allegedly caught driving a truck filled with bootleg gas south of the border in Matamoros. The Mexican Navy (SEMAR) reported the incident happened late last week. In a statement released on Thursday, SEMAR officials reported that Marines on patrol came across a cargo truck. The marines found three 317-gallon (1,200 liters) tanks and two 5-gallon tanks in the back of the truck. Two of the 317-gallon tanks still had gasoline inside them. It's not clear if they were selling the gasoline or delivering it but the two men remain jailed while the case remains under investigation by federal authorities. Illegal fuel siphons and a black market for gasoline continue to plague Mexico's national petroleum company, PEMEX. Mexico's El Universal newspaper reported on Friday morning that PEMEX lost \$249 million dollars in revenue due to illegal fuel siphons.

<http://www.valleycentral.com/news/story.aspx?id=594592>

USA, CA, BAKERSFIELD, MARCH 19 2011. CALIF. CREW RESCUES MAN FROM INSIDE OIL TANKER

A man cleaning a tanker truck passed out due to low levels of oxygen, fire crews said. The Kern County Fire Department said that about 1:20 p.m. on Wednesday, a call was received about an unconscious man inside a tank in the 7100 block of Golden State Highway. Crews said a man was found unconscious inside a tanker trailer carrying residual crude oil. The man had been cleaning the tank with a citrus chemical when a coworker noticed him unconscious, according to the KCFD. Crews immediately began to monitor the air within the tank for potential hazards prior to making entry. An air system was placed inside the tank after determining high levels of flammable vapors and low levels of oxygen. A rescue team was set up and began to make entry after the levels were determined to be safe for rescue efforts, at which time the man was able to make his way to the ladder for extrication, the KCFD reported. Crews escorted the man down from the tank. After decontamination, he was evaluated and transported to the hospital.

<http://www.firehouse.com/topic/strategy-and-tactics/calif-crew-rescues-man-inside-oil-tanker>

USA, CA, CALABASAS, MARCH 20 2011. DISSATISFIED CONSUMER SUES CALABASAS-BASED FUEL DOCTOR

arin mikailian

The plaintiff claims a product made by the company fails to fulfill its promise of improving fuel efficiency. Calabasas-based [Fuel Doctor](#), manufacturer of FD-47, advertised as a device that can increase a vehicle's fuel efficiency by 25 percent, is being sued by a consumer who claims the product did nothing for her car. Melissa Drinville alleges false advertising and unfair competition in the lawsuit she filed with the L.A. Superior Court on Wednesday. "(Drinville) was extremely disappointed and frustrated when she experienced no increase in her vehicle's mileage per gallon," the suit states. Drinville is seeking an injunction to stop Fuel Doctor from claiming its product increases fuel efficiency and unspecified damages, according to City News Service. The FD-47 is priced at \$59.99 on Fuel Doctor's Web site. Drinville purchased her FD-47 from a Best Buy store in 2010, according to City News Service. The device must be plugged into a vehicle's cigarette lighter in order to operate. Drinville cites findings in her lawsuit from Consumer Reports stating that the FD-47 only lights up when plugged in and does nothing else. Mark Soffa, president of Fuel Doctor, defended his product in an interview with City News Service. "We'll be more than happy to take anybody on, we have all our ducks in a row," he told City News Service.

<http://calabasas.patch.com/articles/dissatisfied-consumer-sues-calabasas-based-fuel-doctor>

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USA, ID, BOISE, MARCH 20 2011. FUEL TRUCK SPILLS THOUSANDS GALLONS GAS IN IDAHO



The Idaho State Police say a tanker truck crashed on Interstate 84 in southwestern Idaho, critically injuring the driver, spilling thousands of gallons of gasoline and closing a 13-mile stretch of the westbound lanes for about nine hours. The patrol says the semi was eastbound and negotiating a curve east of Mountain Home at about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday when the tanker went off the left shoulder of the road, down a slope into the median and overturned. The driver, 39-year-old Danny Guntrum of Nampa, was taken by air ambulance to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. The nursing supervisor said he was critical condition Thursday morning. Fire crews and hazmat teams worked to contain the estimated 3,000 gallons of gasoline that spilled. The crash is under investigation.

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42133915/ns/us_news-life/

USA, MI, VAN BUREN, GOBLES, MARCH 20 2011. TWO BARRELS OF GASOLINE NEAR SPACE HEATER BLEW UP GOBLES-AREA HOME, AUTHORITIES SAY

 **Photo's** http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/03/fire_chief_says_cause_of_house.html

 **Photo Gallery** http://www.southbendtribune.com/wsb-t-gobles-house-fire-explosion-20110317_0_4094425.photogallery



A Gobles-area house was obliterated by an explosion in its basement Thursday. A fire investigator determined two barrels of gas near a space heater blew up the Pine Grove Township house.

A space heater near two barrels of gasoline stored in the basement of a house near Gobles were the cause of an [explosion Thursday that destroyed the structure](#), authorities said. Michigan State Police fire investigator Trever Slater found that an "explosive vapor or flammable liquid was ignited by a space heater placed near the home's interior well," according to a Friday afternoon news release from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office. The space heater was used to keep the waterlines and pump from freezing during the winter cold, the release said. The explosion was determined to be an accident. No one was inside the house, which was obliterated by the explosion. It was located at 32519 County Road 388, east of the Gobles. The

home's owner, Betty Palmer, lives in suburban Chicago but was remodeling the house in preparation of moving back into it. A new well and a new water heater were among those improvements, a neighbor said. In the aftermath of the explosion, only a chimney remained upright.

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/03/two_barrels_of_gasoline_near_s.html

INDIA, WARANGAL, MARCH 20 2011. LIFE CONVICTS TO MAN PETROL PUMPS IN STATE

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In a unique initiative in the state, the government-owned [Indian Oil Corporation](#) (IOC) is planning to set up [petrol bunks](#) on prison land. The petrol bunks will come up close to the premises of central prisons in the state. The petrol pumps would be operated by the prisoners serving life terms and prolonged sentences under the supervision of jail officials as well as [IOC](#) authorities. To start with, an IOC petrol bunk would come up at Kadapa in April. A top IOC official told TOI that an MoU was signed by the company with the prisons department in this regard. IOC officials said the petrol outlets would also come up soon at Warangal, Visakhapatnam, Chanchalguda and Charlappally in [Hyderabad](#), [Rajahmundry](#) and Tirupati. Sources said it's a win-win situation for both the state prisons department and IOC. The IOC, which would pay rent to the prisons department for using the land, is hoping to cash in on its brand equity. Superintendent of Warangal central prison [B Saidaiah](#) told TOI that the corporation officials gave the final acceptance letter to them recently. The IOC officials would work out petrol sales permission and explosive licence norms shortly before setting up an outlet in Warangal, he said. Sources said top IOC officials conducted a meeting in Vijayawada last week with officials of various central prisons to work out the modalities. Some time ago, an IOC team conducted a survey near the Warangal central prison for setting up a petrol bunk. Saidaiah said the IOC would be paying Rs 1 lakh as rent every month for using the prison land. The prisoners would be paid Rs 50 per day and they would be working in two shifts a day. "We would engage 12 senior prisoners for working at the petrol bunk. They would be

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trained by the IOC officials," he said. Confirming this, a senior IOC official said the prisoners would be taken as pump attendants to serve the customers at the outlets. "Though we are not looking at high returns, it could set an example to showcase a successful government-to-government venture," he observed. He further said the site required for the outlet wouldn't be big. "The AP prisons department has plenty of vacant land. It comes in handy for us to open outlets and run business," he added.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hyderabad/Life-convicts-to-man-petrol-pumps-in-state/articleshow/7740882.cms>

JAPAN, IWATE, OSHU, MARCH 20 2011. MAN IN 1-KILOMETER GAS STATION LINEUP DIES IN CAR

A man has died of apparent carbon monoxide poisoning after trying to keep warm in his car with a kerosene heater while lining up at a gas station here, police said. Shortly after 11 a.m. on March 18, a local resident in his 50s was found unconscious in one of the cars lining up in front of a gas station in the city. The man was rushed to hospital, where he was pronounced dead. A kerosene heater was found placed inside the victim's car, leading police to suspect the man died of carbon monoxide poisoning. His vehicle was turned off. His car was located around the middle of the one-kilometer-long line of cars in front of the gas station at the time of the incident. Following the recent magnitude 9.0 earthquake in northeastern Japan, people living in areas affected by the disaster have been faced with a severe gasoline shortage. By the end of the same day, a total of some 1,500 cars had flocked to the gas station, even though it had only prepared to sell 2,000 yen's worth of gasoline per vehicle to up to 700 customers. Many cars had lined up in front of the station before it opened at 10 a.m. The station is asking its customers not to line up, but there was a line of drivers waiting for the next day's opening by the evening. "I managed to buy some gasoline, but only after waiting half a day at a different station. I understand people are trying a little too hard to get gasoline under the circumstances," said a man running a business in the neighborhood.

<http://mdn.mainichi.jp/mdnnews/news/20110319p2a00m0na004000c.html>

USA, ORE, PORTLAND, MARCH 20 2011. MOTOR SHIP SPILLS SOME 100 GALLONS OF FUEL OIL NEAR KELLEY POINT PARK

ryan kost

A motor ship, Transcenden Time, leaked some 100 gallons of motor fuel oil near the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia rivers Friday afternoon, according to a [U.S. Coast Guard](http://www.uscg.mil) spokesman. The Coast Guard received a report about a leak off Kelley Point Park at about 11:30, said Petty Officer Shawn Eggert. The crew on board was able to secure it. Some of the oil made it into the water, while some of it wound up on the ship's deck, Eggert said. He wasn't sure how much went where. Teams responded quickly with booms and absorbents, Eggert said. "They're in the process of getting it cleaned up." Whether the 100-gallon spill represented a significant one for the area, Eggert said he couldn't say. A spokeswoman with the [Washington State Department of Ecology](http://www.wa.gov) did not immediately return calls for comment.

http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2011/03/motor_ship_spills_some_100_gallons_of_fuel_oil_near_kelly_point_park.html

USA, VA, NEWPORT, MARCH 20 2011. NEWPORT NEWS JURY HANDS DOWN \$25 MILLION VERDICT AGAINST EXXON IN ASBESTOS CASE >> THE JURY VERDICT WILL BE REDUCED TO \$17.5 MILLION, AND EXXON IS EXPECTED TO APPEAL

peter dujardi

A Newport News Circuit Court jury on Thursday hit oil giant Exxon Mobil with a \$25 million verdict in an asbestos lawsuit brought by a former shipyard worker -- among the largest jury verdicts ever handed down in a Virginia personal injury case. Rubert "Bert" Minton, 72, of the Carrollton section of Isle of Wight County, was a repair supervisor on commercial vessels at Newport News Shipbuilding between 1966 and 1977, and had previously worked there for seven years as a ship fitter in new construction. During his time at the shipyard, Minton worked on 17 Exxon commercial oil tankers then being repaired. Decades later, he was diagnosed with mesothelioma, a deadly asbestos-related cancer that doctors said he got from breathing billions of asbestos fibers while at the yard. He has a life expectancy of about two more years and faces a painful death, his lawyer said. He sued Exxon in late 2009. After a nearly three-week trial in Newport News Circuit Court before Judge Timothy Fisher, the seven-member jury began deliberating Wednesday morning, reaching a verdict Thursday morning. The jury awarded Minton \$12 million in compensatory damages, \$12.5 million in punitive damages, and \$430,961 in medical expenses, plus interest. That brings the total verdict to about \$25 million, said Bobby Hatten, Minton's lead attorney. "Exxon got a good, old-fashioned horse whipping is what it is," said Hatten, who was at Al Fresco's restaurant Thursday afternoon celebrating with about 35 staffers and attorneys from his law firm, Patten, Wornom, Hatten and Diamonstein. But the \$25 million verdict will be

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automatically reduced to about \$17.5 million, Hatten said. That's because although the jury awarded \$12.5 million in punitive damages, it was legally limited to the \$5 million that Hatten had requested for that portion of the verdict. "They awarded two-and-a-half times what I asked for," Hatten said, saying he had not previously seen punitive damages of more than \$100,000 in an asbestos case. "That shows how upset they were at Exxon." Exxon Mobil is expected to appeal the entire verdict -- a process that Hatten said could go on for more than two years before a final judgment. After subtracting out the firm's litigation costs, Minton stands to get about two-thirds of any final judgment, with the firm getting the other one-third. Asbestos, made with microscopic fibers with heat-resistant properties, was used heavily on ships for decades, for such things as insulation, gaskets, seals and pumps. Suits against ship owners -- rather than makers of asbestos-laden shipboard parts -- is a recent twist in local asbestos litigation. Most of the dozens of cases brought annually here are against parts makers. Shipyards are immune from worker asbestos suits, on the basis that the yards pay out worker's compensation claims. The suit against Exxon contended that the oil giant had known about the problems with asbestos -- developing rules to protect workers at refineries beginning in the 1930s -- but took no steps to warn shipyard workers or crewmembers. They learned about a cancer link in the following decades, Hatten said. Exxon contends that the shipyard -- not Exxon -- was responsible for worker safety. It has in the past argued that there was no firm evidence workers were exposed to asbestos on the Exxon ships. The company said it's "disappointed" in the verdict. "We relied on Newport News (shipyard) and its personnel to ensure repair activities were safely carried out," Exxon spokesman Ray Botto said. "We believe that the protective practices ... at the time represented the best measures available." He said Exxon is "evaluating our post-trial options, including appeal." It was the second time Hatten's firm had squared off against Exxon and Bill Armstrong, a privately hired attorney from Oakland, Calif. The first time, in 2009, the jury awarded no damages -- the first time in decades Hatten lost an asbestos trial. "I was more prepared this time," Hatten said. "I knew all of his tricks ... He got me once, but he wasn't going to get me twice." Hatten said that Minton had major lung operations in 2009 to help treat the cancer. That increased Minton's expectancy from the time of the operation from 18 months to between three and five years, Hatten said.

http://www.wdbj7.com/news/dp-nws-asbestos-verdict-20110317_0,6076401_story

TURKEY, IZMIR PROVINCE, HALKAPINAR, MARCH 20 2011. PETROL TANKER FIRE ALMOST ENGULFS ENTIRE FUEL STATION

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[Watch the Video Petrol tanker fire almost engulfs entire fuel station](#)



Some heart-stopping footage has recently surfaced on YouTube showing how close a petrol tanker fire came to igniting an entire petrol station. The driver managed to drive the engulfed tanker off the petrol station property to avoid what could have been, potentially, a much larger disaster. The footage was taken by a petrol station CCTV camera in Turkey. It shows the tanker filling the station's fuel supplies when suddenly the fuel being transferred ignites and begins engulfing the entire truck. With loads of surrounding people understandably fleeing the scene, the tanker driver managed to get a hold of a fire extinguisher to calm the flames. Failing that, the driver then courageously took the helm of the engulfed truck and drove it out of harm's way. Unfortunately, some cars were torched during the

ordeal. Reports says no one was seriously injured from the incident though -- a miracle result for what could surely have been a very large explosion and/or fire.

<http://www.caradvice.com.au/110350/video-petrol-tanker-fire-almost-engulfs-entire-fuel-station/>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, FOOTSCRAY, MARCH 20 2011. FOUNDRY EXPLOSION: \$90,000 FINE

grant reynolds

A West-Footscray foundry has been fined \$90,000 after it was found guilty of charges relating to a chemical explosion in 2007 that severely burned one worker and left another with severe trauma. Mark Davis and John Robinson were employed at Graham Campbell Ferrum (GCF) in Geelong Road, West Footscray when, in March 2007, they were attempting to decant chemicals left over in a 1000-litre container into another container they believed contained the same chemical. The two chemicals were a resin and catalyst which, when mixed in a controlled environment with sand, harden to form moulds for molten metal in a casting process at the foundry. Mr Davis drove a forklift carrying one container while Mr Robinson connected

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a hose to begin draining the chemical. The second container contained a different chemical, causing an explosion. "It was like a bomb going off," Mr Robinson said, "that's how I'd describe it. "There were fumes and vapour and I just sensed something wasn't right and I hit the deck." Altona man Mark Davis, who had worked at GCF since March 2002, suffered burns to more than three-quarters of his body. He was hospitalised for three months and spent one month in rehabilitation. Mr Robinson, of Bacchus Marsh, said he was put through an induction six months after the accident and had never been properly trained in the chemicals' use and dangers. The company claimed the employees should have read the labels, but a WorkSafe investigation found the company failed to properly manage chemicals handling and storage, while training for employees was inadequate. The company was found guilty of failing to provide a safe workplace or adequate training in dangerous materials handling. Anton Lindeman, counsel for GCF, argued the company should not be held responsible for the explosion, which management could not have reasonably foreseen. But Victorian WorkCover Authority counsel Nicholas Papas said the workplace law was "risk-driven" and the company should have eliminated or managed risk associated with chemical handling. Mr Lindeman asked magistrate John Bentley in Sunshine Magistrates Court to take in to account the 100-year-old company's history and financial circumstances. "[It's] not a case of managers and directors sitting in ivory towers; they get their hands dirty," Mr Lindeman said.

<http://www.maribyrnongweekly.com.au/news/local/news/general/foundry-explosion-90000-fine/2077642.aspx>

UK, DEVON, CHURSTON, MARCH 20 2011. SHOP MANAGER HAILED A HERO IN EXPLOSION SCARE IN CHURSTON



Shop manager Vic Ellery has been dubbed the hero of the hour after a huge gas explosion alert at Churston. The Churston Farm Shop became a no-go zone on Thursday afternoon when a lady customer reversed into a 2,000-litre cylinder of liquid petroleum gas. Eyewitness Robbie Robinson, of Brixham, praised the actions of the shop's general manager Mr Ellery, who is also a Brixham town councillor. Mr Robinson said: "I was 20 yards from the car as my wife and I had just left the restaurant. "Vic was walking towards me and when the car hit the tank he immediately rushed to the scene. "He immediately climbed up on the car and the tank to get the lady's car door open to assist her in any way he could, at great risk to himself because of the contents of the tank. "He didn't hesitate at all. He went straight there. "I think he was the hero of the day because he was the one who took

the risk. "Because the car was on top of the tank you couldn't see the damage or whether any gas was escaping or not. "The lady driver and Vic would have been in great danger had there been any kind of explosion because they were both on top of the tank." The collision triggered a major nine-hour emergency operation involving firefighters from three towns and dozens of police officers. There were fears the gas tank may have been damaged in the crash and could spark an explosion. A 1,000-metre cordon was put in place at the height of the operation to keep residents, pupils from Churston Ferrers Grammar School, local businesses and motorists safe. The busy Dartmouth Road was also closed to traffic while firefighters helped shop owner Richard Haddock lift the silver Mitsubishi car off the gas tank with a forklift and chain. Mr Haddock said he and some of his employees had worked through the night to fit in a new gas tank so the shop and car wash he runs had gas. He said: "We had the new tank fitted at 4am so we could reopen yesterday morning. "We've received a lot of praise from customers. "I want to praise the firefighters and police who have been brilliant throughout. "They paid us a visit yesterday morning and have given us a clean bill of health. "Torbay Council's health and safety services also gave us the thumb up. "Everything was done properly and we're back in operation." Mr Haddock said the day's loss of trade and the emergency call-out had cost him thousands of pounds. He said he had spoken to the lady driver of the car involved. He said she was not injured but felt very embarrassed.

<http://www.thisissouthdevon.co.uk/news/Shop-manager-hailed-hero-explosion-scare/article-3349069-detail/article.html>

USA, MISS, JACKSON, MARCH 20 2011. GAS STATION TO PAY FOR WATER IN GAS REPAIRS >> 11 CARS STALLED AFTER FUELING UP

 **Related Stories March 10, 2011** [Ag. Department Finds Water In Gas Station's Fuel](#)

Jackson gas station has agreed to pay for repairs to cars that stalled out last week because of water in the gas. Nearly a dozen cars stalled out March 10 after drivers bought gas at the Exxon gas station on Northside Drive, the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce said. The cars were towed to local repair shops. Exxon has already paid cash to one driver to get the car fixed. "I don't think the station had any warning that that had happened, but like I said, since they took care of it I'm impressed," said repair shop owner Steve Gilmore. Inspectors found about 5 inches of water in the tanks at the

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Exxon station. State officials said gas stations are only allowed to have a quarter of an inch of water in their tanks. The Department of Agriculture said an administration hearing will be held to determine whether the Exxon will face fines, which could total up to \$3,000.

<http://www.wapt.com/news/27238843/detail.html>

USA, LA, NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 20 2011. OIL SPILL REPORTED NEAR DEEPWATER DRILLING SITE IN GULF

jerry moran & stuart smith



Photo of Macondo Well area March 19, 2011.

The Coast Guard is investigating reports of a potentially large oil slick in the Gulf of Mexico not far from the Deepwater Horizon site. According to a knowledgeable source, the slick was sighted by a helicopter pilot on Friday and is about 100 miles long. A fishing boat captain said he went through the slick yesterday and it was strong enough to make his eyes burn. According to the Times Picayune, the Coast Guard has confirmed they are investigating a [potentially large 100 mile slick](#) about 30 miles offshore. They are going to a site near the Matterhorn well site about 20 miles north of the BP Deepwater Horizon site, according to the paper. [The Matterhorn](#) field includes a deepwater drilling platform owned by [W&T Technology](#). It was acquired last year from TotalFinaElf E&P. Independent pilots

are attempting to reach the slick today. [Bonnie Schumaker](#) with [Wings of Care](#) reported she saw a slick two days ago and is attempting to reach the site. Also, another Louisiana fisherman reports that fresh oil is coming ashore near South Pass, LA, and that cleanup crews are laying new boom near the beach. He also reports that cleanup crews in four-wheeled vehicles were patrolling the beaches near the marsh filled coast spraying a substance on the beach. Cleanup crews are still operating along the marshes and beach areas of Louisiana and other gulf states. The Bay Jimmy of Louisiana's Barataria Bay remains heavily oiled. Oil is also being discovered in more populated areas too. With spring break coming, students and tourists are already heading to the Gulf to escape the winter up north. Recently a group of Missouri college kids came across oil off the beaches of Pensicola. "We were fishing with nets for shells, we call it shelling, and it was just brown, I thought it was shark poop at first," one incredulous student told local Pensacola station WEAR-TV. "It kind of did surprise me with all the efforts I thought BP was making to clean up but obviously as you can see, there's still so much to do," said another. Check out the entire TV report [here](#). More spring breakers will likely come in contact with oil as they migrate in greater numbers to the Gulf. Residents across the coast complain they continue to see oily sheen and a white dispersant like mix washing in, leaving unusual blobs of brown foam that sometimes shine like tiny rainbows on the shore.

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CANADA, B.C, BURNABY, MARCH 20 2011. QUAKE REPORT LEAKED-CITY COUNCILLOR SAYS CITY CAN ONLY ENFORCE SEISMIC STANDARDS ON NEW CONSTRUCTION >> REFINERY: EARTHQUAKE READY? NOT QUITE ACCORDING TO A LEAKED REPORT.

jennifer moreau



If a major earthquake hit Burnaby's Chevron refinery, several buildings would not hold up, according to a leaked report from the company. A 2009 seismic evaluation looked at 10 buildings at the refinery, and all but one would not withstand a major earthquake. Six would likely suffer extensive structural damage and may be near collapse, while the remaining three were considered hazardous to occupants and likely to suffer a complete or partial collapse. That's not surprising to Coun. Dan Johnston, chair of the city's environment committee. "If you search around Greater Vancouver, you would probably find more than just Chevron. Seeing that Chevron is a special case, it's not a building with five or six people in it that can be injured, it's a situation that could impact several neighbourhoods and the environment for many

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years after that," he said. Johnston said he hopes Chevron will do something substantial about the buildings. Municipal governments are responsible for enforcing the B.C. Building Code, which covers seismic standards, but the city can only enforce the code on new construction, Johnston pointed out. "We don't go in and enforce buildings that are existing that haven't changed," he said. "It's pretty much up to the property owner to keep it up to standards." Johnston also called on the federal or provincial government to take ownership of the Chevron project. "I was a bit disappointed ... with the federal and provincial government playing hot potato," he said. "It would be nice to set the residents in the neighbourhood at ease." Chevron's Ray Lord said the assessment didn't cover all of the buildings on the refinery, just 10 that were of particular concern. The refinery was built in the 1950s, but more buildings have been added over the years. Lord said they are built to the code of the day, and regular inspections and upgrades are done as required. The 2009 assessment is the latest, and Chevron has yet to complete any upgrades since then. However, workers have since been moved from two unsound buildings into more seismically safe workspaces. Lord also said Chevron is undertaking a five-year plan to bring the buildings up to code by retrofitting or replacing them. The plan is scheduled for completion by 2015 and will cost about \$5 million. As for community concerns about a disaster, Lord said the plan is about protecting employees. "We're as prepared as we can be," Lord said. Regarding other infrastructure, such as pipes containing oil, Lord said Chevron does ongoing maintenance, regular inspections and upgrades. "I can't say everything here that holds oil products is up to the latest code. I can't say that," he said. "When we find a problem, it's fixed, as is the case with this sewer system in regard to this seep," he said, referring to the oil that's been migrating offsite through the groundwater since last spring. Chevron has a community advisory panel to address concerns of nearby residents. For years, the panel has been calling for Chevron to create a neighbourhood warning system in case of a major disaster. Lord said if that were the case, other agencies would notify the public. "In the case of an event like this, response involving notification to the neighbourhood would be done with public safety officials - police, fire, the city, and the regulatory agencies, the Ministry of Environment, and if there were something on the water, the port authority," he said. Panel members plan to discuss earthquake preparedness at the next meeting with Chevron on April 6. To read Chevron's seismic assessment and MP Bill Siksay's letter on the issue to government officials, go to Jennifer Moreau's blog, Community Conversations, at www.burn

<http://www.burnabynow.com/news/Quake+report+leaked/4468926/story.html>

USA, MI, DETROIT, MARCH 20 2011. EXPLOSIVE FIRE ROCKS DETROIT WAREHOUSE >> FIREFIGHTERS UNABLE TO GO INSIDE OVER CHEMICAL CONCERNS

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/dpp/news/crews-battle-fire-at-recycling-facility-20110319-s>

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Warehouse Fire on Gratiot.

A fire broke out overnight at Preferred Filter Recycling in Detroit on Gratiot near French road. The call went out early Saturday morning shortly before 2 a.m. and was immediately declared a two-alarm fire. Firefighters said they heard several explosions coming from the building. Fire crews had their hands full as heavy flames and smoke could be seen for miles. However, firefighters were unable to enter the building because of the possibility of chemical concerns from what was in the plant. The business recycles and processes metals. No injuries have been reported. At the time of this update the fire was still smoldering and had not

completely been put out yet by Detroit Fire. Gratiot is expected to remain closed throughout the day.

Stay with Local 4 for updates throughout the day.

<http://www.freep.com/article/20110319/NEWS01/110319003/1003/Firefighters-battle-blaze-plastics-recycling-facility?odyssey=nav|head>

PAKISTAN, BALOCHISTAN PROVINCE, QUETTA, MARCH 20 2011. 7 KILLED, 45 TRAPPED IN COAL MINE BLASTS IN PAKISTAN

At least seven coal miners were killed and about 45 others trapped following a series of blasts that occurred Sunday morning in a coal mine near Quetta, capital city of Balochistan province in southwest Pakistan, reported local Urdu TV channel ARY. According to the report, the accident took place at about 4:00 am (local time) when the gases accumulated due to poor ventilation in a mine located some 40 kilometers northwest of Quetta triggered off three blasts. There were an estimated 52 miners working at the different levels of the mine, which are 200 feet to 1,000 feet deep underground. Rescue team was

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dispatched to the site quickly following the blasts. So far only seven dead bodies have been recovered from the mine despite the fact that nearly eight hours have passed since the disaster happened. The death toll could further rise as some 45 other mine workers were still trapped inside the mine, said rescue workers.

http://www.china.org.cn/world/2011-03/20/content_22180080.htm

USA, W.VA, INSTITUTE, MARCH 20 2011. BAYER WILL HALT PRODUCTION OF TOXIC GAS; TOWN'S LONG FIGHT, LOOMING FEARS OF 2ND BHOPAL OVER

For the first time in 26 years, Barbara Oden can let go of the image that has haunted her — poisonous gas leaking from a Union Carbide tank and killing thousands of people in Bhopal, India, in the world's deadliest industrial disaster. Residents of a tiny town in West Virginia have been fighting to get a toxic chemical manufacturer out of their backyard for nearly three decades, since the days after a cloud of the same deadly gas killed thousands in Bhopal, India. Now, the people of Institute have finally won. Bayer CropScience, which had wanted to resume making methyl isocyanate for use in pesticides, says it is dropping those plans and shuttering its plant, permanently lifting a threat that had loomed over the town for a generation. On Friday, she and other residents of a tiny West Virginia town won what had seemed like a never-ending battle to get the same toxic chemical, methyl isocyanate, out of their back yard. In a surprise move in U.S. District Court in Charleston, attorneys for Bayer CropScience announced they were dropping plans to resume production of the chemical, commonly called MIC, and would begin dismantling the unit. That ends the key part of the latest lawsuit in a nearly three-decade battle. Claims for property damages and medical monitoring remain, and Judge Joseph Goodwin has scheduled a hearing Monday on the remaining issues. But Bayer's decision erases a threat that loomed over the people of Institute for a generation. The company will no doubt replace MIC, which is used to make a pesticide, with some other chemical, but nothing could be as bad, said Oden, a retired biology professor at West Virginia State University who still lives next to the plant. Chemicals don't have to kill," she said. Oden was shocked by Bayer's announcement, but even before it came she had been hoping that for once, a judge would side with the plant's neighbors. "There were so many questions that weren't answered," she said. "And I know there's no such thing as foolproof, because look at the situation in Japan. There's no safe, foolproof ways for doing most of what we do." Even as some residents celebrated, though, others bemoaned the loss of 220 jobs associated with the MIC unit. "We knew those jobs were gone. Now they're going to be gone faster than we'd expected," said former Nitro City Councilwoman Brenda Tyler, a retired chemical worker's wife who organized a vehicle parade to the state Capitol last week in support of Bayer. As many as 1,000 jobs across West Virginia could be lost, she said, citing industry claims that every chemical plant job supports five others. "It's not a celebration," she said. "It's a terrible day for the state of West Virginia." The odds of victory had long been stacked against Institute, a modest, unincorporated and mostly black community of 1,500 that grew up around the college. But lately, things had begun to change. A 2008 accident that killed two workers and sent projectiles dangerously close to an aboveground MIC storage tank brought new scrutiny from Congress and the U.S. Chemical Safety Board. The explosion also showed larger, more affluent communities in the Kanawha Valley that they too could be in danger — towns that the folks in Institute can't help but notice are whiter. In all, some 300,000 people live in the 25-mile MIC "vulnerability zone," which includes the state capital. MIC is a colorless chemical used to make pesticides, polyurethane foam and plastics. It attacks the respiratory system, and at low levels, can irritate the eyes and throat. High concentrations can cause serious lung damage, hemorrhaging and death. Several companies manufacture it, but the Institute plant was the last in the nation to store it in large quantities. Bayer has said it spent \$36 million to improve safety and upgrade equipment after the 2008 accident, and that it eliminated all aboveground MIC storage. It had planned to reduce future stockpiles by 80 percent, but company spokesman Tom Dover said Friday there has been no supply onsite since August, when the overhaul of that unit began. Bayer had planned to phase out MIC production next year as part of a corporate restructuring after meeting the demands of growers this season. On Friday, however, it said "uncertainty over delays" made it unlikely it could resume production in time. For many Americans, Bhopal is a faded memory. The disaster killed about 15,000 people and sickened half a million. The victims clawed at their throats, frothed at the mouth, bled from their eyes and choked on their own vomit.

For Institute, It Has Been Impossible To Forget.

The sprawling, 460-acre Institute chemical complex is the first thing residents see when they turn off Interstate 64. From their modest homes, the view of the plant is blocked only by the taller buildings of the college. Less than two years after Bhopal, Congress passed the federal Right-to-Know Act, to help the thousands of people around the country who live in the shadow of industry know what chemicals are made and stored in their neighborhoods. But that openness began to diminish after the terrorist attacks of 2001. Chemical plants became viewed as potential targets. Reports on the toxic inventory of industries were no longer as readily available to the public. "It made us less safe," says Pam Nixon, environmental advocate with the state Department of Environmental Protection. Bayer was widely criticized for failing to communicate details of the 2008 explosion to

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emergency responders and the 40,000 people ordered to stay indoors — a secrecy its chief executive later testified was intended solely to prevent debate over MIC. “Ten years later, they’re still in that 9/11 mindset,” Nixon says, “trying to keep it secret.” Institute residents say money, power, race and the influence of the chemical companies all help explain why the fight over MIC lasted so long. The community has no government, no official leaders and no political champion. For decades, the chemical industry provided thousands of good-paying jobs. Regardless of who owned the Institute complex — first Union Carbide, then Rhone-Poulenc, then Aventis, now Bayer CropScience — managers and employees were involved in their communities. They wielded influence and social connections the people of Institute couldn’t match. There were protests against MIC, but the companies could muster larger rallies in less time. Just as miners are quick to fight for their employers in the coalfields, employees eager to keep their jobs were quick to defend the chemical plants. But all along, Institute folks say, race was among the factors working against the community. “There certainly was a perception that because it was a poor black neighborhood, no one cared,” says Gerry Beller, a longtime activist and political science professor at West Virginia State. Bayer denies any racial link. The company has operations in more than 120 countries and is “committed to the communities where we work and live,” Dover says.

Nixon Can’t Help But Wonder.

The former West Dunbar resident was injured in August 1985 when a leak of aldicarb oxime and methylene chloride from the plant sent 135 people to hospitals. Other communities, she says, have had far more success fighting industry. Take, for example, lawsuits against DuPont in the Parkersburg area over a chemical used to make Teflon. Plaintiffs there have won court orders for scientific health studies and more. “Then you look at the demographics,” Nixon says. “Race is part of it.”

On The Web

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USA, HI, MARCH 20 2011. BLOG: ETHANOL AND CORROSION FOLLOW-UP

robert rapier

Problem? What Problem?

Following my recent post [What You Aren’t Being Told About Ethanol and Corrosion](#), someone made a comment that gets to the root of why many ethanol proponents mistakenly see me as an enemy of ethanol (indeed, [one of the Top 10](#)). The person said that if there are problems related to our expanding usage of ethanol, we shouldn’t bash ethanol, we should fix those problems. But how do you fix a problem? First you have to acknowledge that there is a problem. I write articles pointing to issues that I view as problems. The other side often denies the problem, as many did over the ethanol corrosion post. I posted results from an Underwriters Laboratories controlled study showing that some materials currently used in our fuel delivery systems are incompatible with higher blends of ethanol such as E15. Some of the responses were [personal attacks](#) upon me, and [complete denial](#) that the study showed any problems at all. Thus, the only way to convince people that we have a problem that needs to be fixed is to continue to argue the point — and this amounts to ethanol bashing in the eyes of many ethanol proponents. In the case of the UL study, I want the ethanol industry to take a responsible stand such as “We recognize that UL has identified some material incompatibilities in existing fuel delivery systems. We propose the following plan to ensure that fuel systems don’t begin to leak and cause safety or environmental problems....” In fact, [some ethanol proponents did just that](#). They agreed that the UL studies identified an issue that needs to be addressed, so let’s propose a fix and move on.

Learning from the 1950’s Auto Industry

But the more common industry position has been to assure us — based on the experiences of many drivers — that ethanol use causes no problems. Of course I could provide testimonials from many drivers who have driven without seat belts for years, “proving” that it is safe to do so. Think of the money the auto industry could have saved if they had kept to the status quo of the 1950’s where seat belts were the exception. But if I am going to advocate this position, I certainly better do a thorough investigation to identify and quantify the risks. I might find that some people have indeed reported negative consequences from not wearing seat belts. The ethanol lobby would be more credible if they spent their time trying to really quantify and mitigate risks, instead of providing testimonials and assurances that there are no risks. As someone pointed out, the EPA waiver that allows E15 in some vehicles investigated whether E15 would cause emissions to increase, not whether any materials in these cars would suffer shortened lifetimes due to E15 exposure. Why else do you think [automakers would sue](#) to stop the introduction of E15 in older vehicles if they didn’t think there might be problems? But the ethanol industry has

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represented the E15 waiver as a green light saying that there are no risks from moving to E15. They simply ignore [reports of ethanol-induced maintenance problems](#) from ethanol blends, profiting while pushing increased costs onto others.

Thus, I think we have a problem that needs to be fixed rather than ignored or covered up.

Conclusions

If you try to look at this objectively, you might see that my posts on ethanol are designed to highlight problems so that they might be fixed. True, one way of fixing these problems would be to just stop ethanol usage altogether (which would also introduce problems), but that is not the position I advocate. I think ethanol can make important long-term contributions toward weaning us away from fossil fuels in a sustainable way, but current ethanol policies risk a huge public backlash and the eventual collapse of the industry. Too many of our ethanol policies are based more on politics than science. I believe many people within the ethanol industry have a short-sighted and selfish view that has certainly worked to funnel a lot of money into the industry, but has also created a growing number of critics. Some day they will either tell their grandchildren about how they helped to create a sustainable, thriving industry, or they will shamefully admit that they were once part of an ethanol experiment that failed due to many costly, negative consequences that they denied to the end.

Up Next

The purpose of this preamble was supposed to set the stage for an article that digs deeper into the question of [taxpayer-subsidized ethanol exports](#). But the preamble was long enough to stand as its own article, so the next article will delve into the question of subsidized exports and the ethanol industry's response. Once again, this is a problem that needs to be fixed, but the ethanol industry denies that it is happening. In fact, many have claimed that the practice is illegal. As I will show in the next post, it is certainly not illegal, and the ethanol industry is turning a blind eye to the practice.

<http://www.consumerenergyreport.com/2011/03/19/ethanol-and-corrosion-follow-up/>

AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA, MARCH 22 2011. OIL COMPANIES TO FOOT INSPECTION BILL

Oil companies will foot the bill for their own safety inspections under draft laws passed by the lower house of parliament. The legislation would require petroleum operators to pay for safety inspections, a move prompted by the Montara oil spill in 2009. Resources Minister Martin Ferguson introduced the legislation following the spill that saw oil and gas condensate spill from the Montara wellhead in the Timor Sea, off Western Australia's northwest, for more than 10 weeks. The National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority (NOPSA) was given greater powers and responsibilities after the spill and now has regulatory responsibility for the structural integrity of petroleum facilities, wells and related equipment. The new arrangement include an annual well levy to recover NOPSA's general costs, a well activity levy to cover costs of approving specific well activities, and a well investigation levy to cover costs, beyond \$30,000, of inspecting a suspected breach. The legislation passed the lower house today with the support of the federal opposition and helps to clarify NOPSA's role and ability in carrying out the drilling and construction of wells. But the government's plans for a single national industry regulator faces stiff opposition from the WA government. Federal opposition resources spokesman Ian Macfarlane said the coalition supported a national regulator but it needed to be in partnership with the states. Mr Macfarlane said he intended to have further discussions with WA Mining Minister Norman Moore so a process could be put in place. The Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Regulatory Levies Legislation Amendment (2011 Measures No.1) Bill 2011 and the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Regulatory Levies (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011 passed the lower house on Monday and will now go to the Senate for consideration.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/breaking-news/oil-companies-to-foot-inspection-bill/story-e6frf7jx-1226025685869>

JAPAN, OSAKA, MARCH 22 2011. BLAZE AT OIL REFINERY NEAR TOKYO PUT OUT



Giant fireballs rise from a burning oil refinery in Ichihara, Chiba Prefecture after Japan was struck by a strong earthquake on March 11, 2011.

Cosmo Oil Co said on Monday that a massive blaze at its Chiba refinery outside Tokyo triggered by the March 11 earthquake off Japan's northeast coast had finally been extinguished. The fire, which broke out near the liquefied petroleum gas tanks at the 220,000-barrel-a-day facility in the city of Ichihara ten days ago, was put out as of 10.10am (9.10am Singapore time), the company said in a statement on its website. 'Cosmo Oil express the sincerest apologies for the problems and unease caused to the nearby residents and to all those concerned,' the company said. 'Every action will continue to be taken to resume normal operations as soon as possible.' The quake and subsequent tsunami, which have left nearly 22,000 dead

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or missing, has crippled Japan's nuclear energy and refining capabilities. Eleven of the country's roughly 50 nuclear reactors were shut down following the quake

http://www.straitstimes.com/BreakingNews/Asia/Story/STIStory_647586.html

USA, WASHINGTON DC, MARCH 22, 2011. CSB RELEASES NEW SAFETY VIDEO: "FIRE IN THE VALLEY" DEPICTS CATASTROPHIC EXPLOSION AND FIRE AT BAYER CROPSCIENCE FACILITY IN 2008



The U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) today released a new [safety video](#) depicting events leading to the August 28, 2008, catastrophic explosion and fire at the Bayer CropScience facility in Institute, WV, that fatally injured two workers. The video is entitled "[Fire in the Valley](#)," a reference to the Kanawha River valley where numerous chemical facilities are located, including the Bayer plant that manufactures insecticides, near Charleston, West Virginia. The video features a detailed computer animation showing how a series of errors and deficiencies during a lengthy startup process resulted in a runaway chemical reaction inside a residue treater pressure vessel. The [CSB's investigation](#) found that operators were not adequately trained, new computer process equipment had not been fully checked out, and a critical safety interlock was bypassed to begin a chemical reaction. Investigations Supervisor John Vorderbrueggen, P.E. discusses the CSB's findings, "We found serious

deficiencies in the company's process safety management program. This resulted in a series of critical omissions during the startup that led to a runaway reaction and violent explosion." These events contributed to the over pressurization of the residue treater which ultimately exploded and careened into the methomyl pesticide manufacturing unit, leaving a huge fireball in its wake. Pieces of the vessel struck a steel-mesh covering surrounding a large tank of methyl isocyanate, a highly toxic chemical of concern to residents of the valley since 1984 when an accidental release of MIC in Bhopal, India, killed thousands. In the video, CSB Chairperson Rafael Moure-Eraso says, "The communities surrounding Bayer CropScience have been concerned for decades about the MIC stored there. Its presence added even more gravity to the series of safety lapses the CSB investigation found to have preceded the tragedy. And when the accident occurred, the company refused to give out critical information to responders and the public." Ultimately, 40,000 area residents were requested to shelter-in-place the night of the accident. The video features comments by county and state officials on the initial refusal of Bayer to provide information to Metro 911 emergency response operators as well as resident's concerns about chemical plant safety in the area. "Fire in the Valley" also details the [key CSB safety recommendation](#) that Kanawha Valley county authorities emulate the regulatory regime of Contra Costa County, California. There, chemical process safety experts regularly inspect the multitude of facilities throughout the county in a program that is paid for by a proportional levy on the plants. The program's director, Randy Sawyer, comments in the CSB video on the success of the program. Chairperson Moure-Eraso concludes the video saying, "Good communications between chemical plants, responders, and community leaders can help assure the safety of workers and residents during an emergency. But preventing accidents requires companies to have effective process safety management programs. The fact that accidents continue to occur shows the need for improved inspections and oversight whether at the federal or local levels." The CSB's safety videos are provided free of charge. DVD compilations may be requested at www.csb.gov. They are available for viewing and downloading on the website, and also at www.safetyvideos.gov and on YouTube. The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating serious chemical accidents. The agency's board members are appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. CSB investigations look into all aspects of chemical accidents, including physical causes such as equipment failure as well as inadequacies in regulations, industry standards, and safety management systems.

www.csb.gov

PHILIPPINES, MANILA, MARCH 22 2011. LPG EXPLODES AT MANILA GAS STATION; NO ONE HURT >> 500 STUDENTS FROM NEARBY CAMPUS EVACUATED

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Five hundred students of a college immediately evacuated from their campus after a liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) exploded at a gasoline station in Manila before noon Monday. Barangay (village) chairman Danilo Miranda of Barangay 343, Zone 34, claimed that residents in the area would not have known of the [sale](#) of LPG at the Petron gasoline station at the corner of AH Lacson Avenue and Aragon Street in Sampaloc, if not for the leak. Fire Chief Inspector Bonifacio Carta of the Manila Fire District (MFD) said that they decided to evacuate the Family Clinic Incorporated Colleges, directly beside the gas station, as a

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safety precaution. Apart from ordering the evacuation of the school, responding firemen averted at around 11 a.m. a potential disaster by diluting the LPG leak with water and clearing the area 50 feet around the Petron gasoline station. "The strong smell of the fumes as well as the slightest spark could set off an explosion. It is good that the area is open," Carta explained. Carta said they also closed off the Quiapo-bound portion of AH Lacson Avenue because the spark from running motor engines could cause a fire. LPG is heavier than air so it lies low when it spreads, according to Carta. "This area being open, there is more air than LPG. If these fumes are confined in a space, then we have a bigger possibility of an explosion," the MFD official said. He described the incident as an "LPG cloud explosion," which was triggered after an LPG-powered taxi loaded at the gasoline station. "The leak was immediately detected and the valves were closed off," Carta said. Meanwhile, barangay Miranda alleged that the owner of the gasoline station did not inform the barangay that it had added LPG among its products for sale. "We were not furnished a copy of its environmental compliance certificate. If not for the leak, we would not have known that they were selling LPG here," he lamented. He said that the barangay would be communicating with the Environment and Natural Resources department to clarify the issue whether the gasoline station is authorized to sell LPG.

<http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/breakingnews/metro/view/20110321-326812/LPG-explodes-at-Manila-gas-station-no-one-hurt>

USA, N.J, ATLANTIC CO, EGG HARBUR TWP, MARCH 24 2011. RESTORED RIVERBOAT LEAKS DIESEL INTO BAY OFF ANCHORAGE POYNTE

dan good & joel landau

 **Watch the Video:**

http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/communities/northfield_linwood_somers-point/restored-riverboat-leaks-diesel-into-bay-off-anchorage-poynte-in/article_0ce06be8-55be-11e0-bd0a-001cc4c03286.html

A riverboat diesel spill turned the waters off Anchorage Poynte red Wednesday. A witness reported the spill at about 2 p.m., said Sgt. Chris Dinger, with the State Marine Police's Atlantic City station. Troopers responded to the scene, as did U.S. Coast Guard crews and Department of Environmental Protection officials. The incident involved the Belle Miracle Ann, a restored riverboat anchored in the bay. Coast Guard Petty Officer Crystal Kneen said the spill involved an unknown quantity of red-dyed diesel fuel - "enough to know that there was a product in the water," she said. Officials stayed at the scene until about 9 p.m., using hoses to try to clear the water. A lightning storm halted the cleanup efforts, but those efforts are expected to resume this morning. The spill did not cause harm to the environment, Kneen said. Before the cleanup was suspended, workers contained the spill with a boom. Kneen said rain and sunlight should also help diminish the spill's potential adverse effects. The incident remains under investigation.

http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/communities/northfield_linwood_somers-point/restored-riverboat-leaks-diesel-into-bay-off-anchorage-poynte-in/article_0ce06be8-55be-11e0-bd0a-001cc4c03286.html

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, GLADSTONE, MARCH 24 2011. SULPHURIC ACID SPILLS AT RIO TINTO SITE

kym agius

Queensland's environment department says an alumina refinery owned by Rio Tinto has spilt sulphuric acid into a creek in central Queensland. Rio Tinto notified the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) that the spill occurred at the Yarwun alumina refinery on Sunday during heavy rain. DERM spokesman Joe Pappalardo said an unknown amount of the acid was released into Boat Creek when the site's stormwater system overflowed in heavy rain. Urgent inspections and water sampling has been done at Boat Creek and nearby Port Curtis, at Gladstone. "Inspections by DERM officers ... have found no evidence of environmental harm suggesting that the recent rain and high tides in Boat Creek have helped to dilute the acid and flush it through the system relatively quickly," Mr Pappalardo told AAP. "Investigations are continuing, however at this stage DERM has found no evidence that environmental harm has been caused by the spill." Investigators are looking at the cause of the spill, how much sulphuric acid was involved and the actions taken by Rio Tinto. Mr Pappalardo said it looks as though it's been a lucky escape for the environment. "If it's confirmed that a large amount of sulphuric acid has been released without significant environmental harm, then DERM would consider that very fortunate indeed." "The risk is unacceptable." A Rio Tinto spokesman told AAP it is estimated that 3000 litres sulphuric acid was released when a drain valve failed. "The vast majority of the sulphuric acid was contained within the on-site spill capture system," the spokesman said. "Heavy rain on Sunday resulted in a small amount of the sulphuric acid and seawater mix being discharging into a local creek." The drain valve has been removed from service and will remain out of operation until repaired and investigations are completed.

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-national/sulphuric-acid-spills-at-rio-tinto-site-20110324-1c8h6.html>

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