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### USA, S.C, GREENVILLE CO, OCTOBER 21 2011. TRACTOR TRAILER SPILLS FUEL ON PELHAM ROAD

sara lewis

 **Watch the Video** <http://www2.wspa.com/news/2011/oct/20/4/tanker-truck-spills-fuel-pelham-road-ar-2581580/>

Air 7 video shows the fuel appears to be leaking into a parking lot and is not slowing down traffic. Workers appear to be pouring dirt onto the fuel as part of the cleanup. Firefighters in Greenville County are on the scene of a fuel spill Thursday morning. The Boiling Springs Fire Department tells 7 On Your Side a tractor trailer turned over at Pelham Road and Interstate Court around 10:40 a.m. About 100 gallons of fuel spilled. We're told the road isn't blocked at this point. The Department of Health and Environmental Control has been notified and was asked to send experts to the scene.

<http://www2.wspa.com/news/2011/oct/20/4/tanker-truck-spills-fuel-pelham-road-ar-2581580/>

### USA, WI, MADISON, OCTOBER 21 2011. GRASS ROOTS: NEIGHBORS SUE OVER CONTAMINATION; KIPP CORP. SAYS IT IS COOPERATING WITH DNR

pat schneider



*Neighbors of Madison Kipp Corporation's Atwood Avenue plant, shown here, filed suit in federal court Thursday seeking clean-up of contaminants and property damages.*

After years of complaints of noise, air, water and soil pollution, seven neighbors of Madison Kipp Corporation are filing [a lawsuit](#) against the metal fabricator over practices at its plant on the city's east side. Here's a press release about the lawsuit, which was filed Thursday: "Seven families living on Marquette Street in Madison, Wisconsin filed a lawsuit in federal court early today against Madison-Kipp Corporation, alleging that the nearby manufacturer is the source of dangerous

chemical contamination recently discovered at their homes, and that Madison-Kipp has failed for more than fifteen years to adequately investigate and cleanup the contamination. "The seven families bringing the lawsuit are: Kathleen McHugh and Eric Fuller at 146 S. Marquette Street; Kenneth Hennrick, Jr. at 142 S. Marquette Street; Deanna Schneider at 150 S. Marquette Street; Doris Yang Berge and Prentice Berge at 154 S. Marquette Street; Peter Uttech at 162 S. Marquette Street; Sharon Helmus and Carla Mills at 166 S. Marquette Street; and Chad Gooblis and Brandi Rogers at 202 S. Marquette Street. "These families allege that a human carcinogen known as tetrachloroethylene ("PCE"), as well as other toxins, have been released from Madison-Kipp's manufacturing facility located at 201 Waubesa Street, Madison. The families further allege that these chemical releases have contaminated the groundwater beneath their homes, and that the contamination in the groundwater has migrated in vapor form up through the soil, and has entered, or threatens to enter, their homes. For example, PCE has been discovered in and around these homes, in soil and in vapor, both immediately underneath and inside some of the homes. "The lawsuit seeks a thorough investigation into the contamination on the properties of these seven families and throughout the residential neighborhood surrounding the plant. Also, the families demand a thorough clean-up of the contamination on their properties, as well as a clean-up of any other contamination found through further investigation. Finally, the lawsuit seeks compensation for property damage due to the contamination, as well as punitive damages, claiming that Madison-Kipp has known for years of the risk to these seven families and their neighbors, but did not act responsibly to protect them. "The Plaintiffs are represented by Shawn M. Collins, Edward J. Manzke of The Collins Law Firm, Naperville, IL; Norman B. Berger, Michael D. Hayes and of Varga Berger Ledsky Hayes & Casey, Chicago, IL and Richard J. Lewandowski of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C., Madison, Wisconsin." After this post went up, I talked with Kipp spokesman Mark Meunier, who said the company hasn't seen the lawsuit yet, but offered this comment: "We're looking forward to vigorously defending against this action. Since the mid-1990s we have been engaged in a voluntary comprehensive soil and groundwater investigation and remediation project, working closely with the DNR for past release of solvents we haven't used since 1987. We have recently agreed to undertake activities on our site that far exceed any enforceable environmental standards the DNR could require of us." Meunier wouldn't say what those actions were, but the DNR has been working with the company on a plan to prevent contaminants from leaking to neighboring properties, as outlined in [this post](#) last week. [Neighbors met with company and DNR officials](#) on Saturday, but apparently were not convinced voluntary action by the company will be adequate.

[http://host.madison.com/ws/news/local/environment/article\\_f986e2c0-fb3f-11e0-b4f1-001cc4c03286.html](http://host.madison.com/ws/news/local/environment/article_f986e2c0-fb3f-11e0-b4f1-001cc4c03286.html)

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### USA, CA, TULARE, OCTOBER 21 2011. SPECIAL REPORT: CHLORINE ACCIDENTS RUPTURE LIFE FOR WORKERS, TOWNSPEOPLE

jane kay



*Nine people died and more than 550 were taken to hospitals, some with serious lung damage, when two trains collided in 2005 in Graniteville, S.C., in one of the worst chlorine disasters in the U.S.*

Over the past 10 years, chlorine has been involved in hundreds of accidents nationwide, injuring thousands of workers and townspeople, and killing some. In one California town, more than a year after a chemical cloud forced them to run for their lives, the employees of a recycling business are back to work – but not back to

normal.

Beverly Martinez was sitting at her desk in the office of a California scrap metal recycling plant when she felt the blast rattle her window. One of her co-workers, Leonardo Morales Zavala, rushed through her door, struggling to breathe. "Run!" he yelled. He had just cut into a one-ton tank to recycle it in the yard – a football field away – and out poured a noxious substance. He didn't know what it was. The workers ran as fast as they could toward the street. But they couldn't escape the giant, greenish-yellow cloud. A couple dozen people – workers and customers – dropped to the ground, gasping for air. Martinez fell, too. "I couldn't get up. I felt like I was being strangled. I thought, 'I'm going to die. I'll never see my granddaughter grow up,'" Martinez said. As she struggled to reach the building across the street, she heard a voice. "Bev, Bev, help!" It was Ricky Mejia, a 23-year-old inspector, calling to her from the ground. "Ricky couldn't breathe, he couldn't walk. I'm stocky, and I told him to grab my side. Myrna Navarro was already hanging on my shoulder. She was praying enough for everyone. In my head, I was getting to the Firestone tire warehouse across the street. It seemed like an eternity," she said. "Then, I couldn't do it anymore. I said to Ricky, 'Your wife is pregnant. You've got a baby coming. Get up!'" They finally made it to the warehouse, where Mejia collapsed. More than a year later, the ghost of a chlorine cloud lingers like a vivid nightmare at Tulare Iron and Metal Inc., located in the heart of California's Central Valley. On that June afternoon in 2010, 23 people were taken to hospitals and six were kept for treatment, including Mejia, who was hospitalized for 11 days, two of them on life support. Sixteen months later, the workers are still beset with health problems, including lung, stomach and Post Traumatic Stress Disorders. Over the past 10 years, chlorine has been involved in hundreds of accidents nationwide [media coverage], injuring thousands of workers and townspeople, and killing some, according to federal databases. It is second only to carbon monoxide when it comes to the percentage of accidents that cause injuries, according to the newest federal data.

Read Total Report at:

<http://www.environmentalhealthnews.org/ehs/news/2011/chlorine-accidents/>

### USA, N.J, RAMAPO, OCTOBER 21 2011. WEST NYACK GAS STATION OWNERS FINED \$18,350 FOR UNDERGROUND LEAKS

jane lerner

The owners of a closed gas station on Route 59 in West Nyack were fined more than \$18,000 for allowing old gasoline storage tanks to leak into the ground, according to the Rockland Department of Health. Bobby Road & Route 59 Corp., owner of the property at 412 Route 59, West Nyack, was fined after inspectors found 30 violations and saw an unidentified petroleum-like substance bubbling up from the ground, workers told the Board of Health at its regular monthly. "The penalty is high because the risk from this property is high," inspector Dan Sullivan told the board. The land, adjacent to the Palisades Center mall, is near a flood plain and close to the Hackensack River. Inspectors are worried that any contamination will find its way into the water supply. Robert Dillon of New City, one of the owners of the property, told the board that he was trying to sell the property. He said that four of the gas tanks are inactive. But he recently found a fifth tank that he was previously unaware of and he believes that is where the problems are coming from. He also told the board that he performed more tests on the underground tanks than he needed to under the sanitary code. Sullivan said that was not true. "The bureau has never seen a parcel of property pose as great a risk as this one," Sullivan told the board. The board voted to fine the company \$18,350. In other action, penalties were assessed against businesses and property owners who violated the county sanitary code:

- Dattilo Management Co., owner of property, and Super Value Inc., owner of the Shell Service Station, 83 Route 59 E., Monsey, were fined \$8,300 for failure to keep proper records and failure to properly maintain underground petroleum storage tanks.

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- Raines & Welsh & Sons, Contractors Inc., was fined \$1,200 for violating regulations concerning storage of petroleum. All the violations were corrected.

<http://www.lohud.com/article/20111020/NEWS03/110200402/West-Nyack-gas-station-owners-fined-18-350-underground-leaks?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|News|p>

### ENGLAND, NORTHUMBERLAND, OCTOBER 21 2011. PROBE INTO FUEL LEAK AT ESSO HEXHAM PETROL STATION

*paul tully*

Around 2,300 litres of fuel have leaked into the ground beneath a busy town centre filling station, investigations have revealed. The petrol and diesel beneath the Esso service station in Hexham, Northumberland, is believed to have lain undiscovered for more than seven years, but the company is assuring the public that there is no health or safety risk. The filling station on Station Road, which is flanked by a pub, car showroom and household hardware shop, was closed over two months ago when traces of fuel were detected underground. The site was sealed off as engineers and environmental consultants moved in to drill test boreholes and the cellar of the Station Hotel opposite was tested for vapours and showed negative. But further tests are still being carried out to establish the extent of the area affected. Richard Scrase, a spokesman for Esso's owners ExxonMobil, said: "It appears that the fuel has been there for many years, and we do not believe that there is cause for concern for people or properties nearby. However, we are taking this incident seriously, we continue to carry out tests, and we are committed to dealing with it as quickly as possible. "We have closed the site, notified the relevant authorities and have specialist engineers and environmental consultants working on site to recover the fuel. "We have drilled a number of boreholes both on and off the site to better understand the nature of the fuel and the extent of the area affected. "Liquid fuel has been found in two of the boreholes, fairly central to the site. There is a mix of sand and impervious clay beneath ground, so the fuel has formed pockets. We have found 2,300 litres, which is about the equivalent of six or seven bathfuls. "Our electronic fuel inventory records for the service station going back to June 2004 have shown no abnormal gains or losses, which indicates the fuel has been there since before then." The closure has meant frustration for local motorists who have crowded into Hexham's only other filling station, the Shell garage on Eilansgate. But while Esso has redeployed its Hexham staff to other service stations in the region, they insist the Station Road site will re-open when it is safe. Mr Scrase added: "The first priority is to complete the investigation and a remediation plan. We will replace the tanks, ensuring everything is clean, and our intention is to re-open when the work is completed and when we are confident that it is safe to do so. "We have been monitoring the cellar of the pub opposite, the Station Hotel, and there are no vapours there. "We take our environmental responsibilities and reputation as a good neighbour very seriously. "We apologise for any inconvenience and reassure neighbours that we are committed to remedying the situation safely and fully in close co-ordination with the authorities involved."

<http://www.journallive.co.uk/north-east-news/todays-news/2011/10/20/2-300-litres-of-fuel-has-leaked-from-filling-station-esso-61634-29627248/>

### USA, CA, SAN FRANCISCO, OCTOBER 21 2011. FIERY TANKER CRASH IN SAN FRANCISCO HOSPITALIZES ONE, CLOSES SOUTHBOUND HIGHWAY 101.

 [Slideshow 101 in San Francisco deserted after big-rig crash](#)

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*A fiery tanker crash on Highway 101 closed all southbound lanes Wednesday morning and sent one person to the hospital.*

One person has been taken to the hospital after a tanker truck overturned and caught fire Wednesday morning on southbound San Francisco U.S. Highway 101, officials said. The freeway is estimated to remain closed until at least noon. The crash occurred around 5 a.m. on southbound U.S. Highway 101 near Cesar Chavez Street, according to California Highway Patrol Officer Kevin Bartlett. Jesus Ruiz with the California Department of Transportation's Transportation Management Center says the cab of the truck caught fire. The fire was out as of 6:15 a.m., according to

the CHP. [Video footage from KGO-TV](#) showed flames and smoke coming from the truck. One person was taken to San

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Francisco General Hospital. Fire crews are still at the scene of the fiery crash, a fire official said. Other vehicles were involved, but Caltrans officials did not know how many or whether there were any injuries. All southbound traffic has been shut down and will remain so until at least noon, officials said. A Sig-alert has been issued, according to the CHP. Caltrans officials will be arriving shortly to access damage to the roadway, CHP officials said.

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/2011/10/one-hospitalized-after-fiery-tanker-crash-closes-highway-101-san-francisco>

### USA, KY, LINCOLN CO, OCTOBER 21 2011. TANKER CARRYING HYDROCHLORIC ACID OVERTURNS IN LINCOLN COUNTY

A tanker truck carrying hydrochloric acid flipped over on a road in Lincoln County Wednesday night, causing people in the area to close their windows to avoid the fumes. The accident happened on Highway 698. Officials say the truck was carrying 78,000 pounds of hydrochloric acid to a water treatment plant when it ran off the road. Hazmat crews say only a few gallons leaked from the tanker, but people in the area were warned to shut their windows and doors because of the fumes. The road is now back open and the spill has been cleaned up.

<http://www.lex18.com/news/tanker-carrying-hydrochloric-acid-overturms-in-lincoln-county>

### USA, OH, MORaine, OCTOBER 21 2011. NEARLY 3,000 GALLONS OF DIESEL SPILLS

 **Photo's** <http://projects.daytondailynews.com/cache/galleries/News/Local/ddn102122fuelspill/>



An estimated 2,000 to 3,000 gallons of diesel fuel spilled and closed Arbor Boulevard between Springboro Pike and Carillon Boulevard. The spill was reported to Moraine police and fire dispatch center after 9:30 a.m. Thursday. The leak happened near Dayton Power & Light's Tait Station. DP&L said that a tanker truck over-pressurized while it was being filled with diesel from a storage tank. Moraine Fire Division officials sought help from the Dayton Haz-Mat team and notified the Ohio EPA about the spill. A private contractor was dispatched to the scene to help with cleanup. The spill happened near the Great Miami River, and Moraine Fire Chief Anthony Trick said, "We are concerned about that." Officials took steps to prevent the diesel from making it to the water, Trick said.

<http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/dayton-news/nearly-3-000-gallons-of-diesel-spills-1271905.html>

### INDONESIA, JAKARTA, OCTOBER 21 2011. POWERFUL EXPLOSION ON TRANSJAKARTA BUS, THREE WOUNDED



*Out Of Action: A Transjakarta bus stands idle at a gas station in Pinang Ranti, East Jakarta, on Thursday. Three people were injured when the bus exploded while refueling at the gas station. The explosion added to a long list of problems that have recently beset Transjakarta's service.*

Powerful explosion happened on a TransJakarta bus corridor IX (Pinangranti-Pluit) while refueling at Pinangranti gas station, Makasar, East Jakarta, Thursday (10/20) about 08.30 AM. In this unlucky incident, one out of six gas cylinders on TransJakarta bus with license plate number B 7228 IV was badly broken. While, the nosel or BBG filling tools is still in good condition. As a result, three people got severe wound and brought to Haji Hospital which is about 200 meter from the

scene. Until now, the cause is still unknown. For further handling, this explosion case is handled by East Jakarta Resort Police Metro. Based on information gathered, Yusak Blegur (47) was refueling his bus. Someone said that his bus machine was still turned on. When the refueling was almost finish, suddenly the orange gas cylinder in the bus was exploded and its vibration felt until 200 meter of radius. Even, its roof was also broken. Besides, entire windows of TransJakarta bus with body number TMB 07 were also cracked and only remain glass shards. The window's shelter was also cracked in about 15 meter far from scene. Ferdian (33), a driver of TransJakarta bus and a witness expressed that he heard loud explosion and appeared like a bomb explosion. While the incident, he and his friends were sitting in the location. The explosion made people around there were surprised and panicked. "I didn't know where the source of explosion is. After the powerful explosion, I saw my friend (Yusak Blegur) was already bleeding and his right foot looked fractured," he asserted, Thursday. Besides Yusak Blegur who

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had wounds and fractured foot and other victims are, Malinda had light injury and fainted as well as Sugiarto as BBG staff had suffered from injury due to get hit by glass shards and broken SPBG roof. Those casualties are brought to Pondok Gede Haji Hospital. Responding to it, Muhammad Akbar as Head of TransJakarta Public Service Agency stated so far, his agency has not known the cause of this incident. "Every bus has six gas cylinders. The capacity is 200 bars or equals 110 LSP (litter equals premium)," he added. Medication fee of the victims will be paid by PT Trans Mayapada Busway as the TransJakarta bus Operator. Actually, all gas cylinders in TransJakarta has received certificate from Manpower and Transmigration Ministry. All of them are feasible in terms of administration. Then, every six months, the bus also runs feasibility test and passed. He declines if the gas cylinders are being used.

<http://www.beritajakarta.com/2008/en/newsview.aspx?idwil=0&id=20787>

#### USA, ILL, ROCKFORD, OCTOBER 21 2011. CN TO PAY ILLINOIS FAMILY US\$36M TO SETTLE LAWSUITS



*This June 20, 2009 aerial photo provided Oct. 19, 2011 by the National Transportation Safety Board shows the aftermath of a Canadian National Railway freight train derailment in Cherry Valley, Ill.*

Canadian National Railway (TSX:CNR) has agreed to pay an Illinois family more than US\$36 million to settle two negligence lawsuits filed after a fiery 2009 derailment led to a woman's death. Zoila Tellez, 44, died after a train containing 7.6 million litres of ethanol derailed at a washout and caused a massive explosion in which flames engulfed their vehicle at a crossing. Her husband, Jose, and the couple's 19-year-old pregnant daughter, Adriana, escaped, but both were injured in

the June 2009 incident. Adriana's daughter was born prematurely after the incident and died. The lawsuit by Jose and Zoila's estate was settled for US\$22.5 million, while a separate lawsuit by the daughter was settled for US\$13.75 million. "We hope the settlement and verdict send a message to the railroads that what happened to our beloved Zoila, Jose and Adriana could have and should have been avoided," the family said in a statement. Besides her husband, Zoila is survived by three daughters aged 11 to 19 years. "We are thankful that the legal process is over but are still scarred and devastated by the tragedy," the statement said. The settlements were announced Tuesday after being approved by a county district court judge. CN said no amount of money can replace the family's losses. "The Tellez family has endured a terrible tragedy and CN wishes to express again its sincerest regrets and deepest sympathies to the entire Tellez family," Patrick Waldron, U.S. manager of public affairs, said in a statement. The family was waiting at a crossing when a CN train travelling to Chicago with 114 cars, including 74 tankers filled with ethanol derailed. The lawsuits alleged that Canada's largest railway was negligent in the operation, maintenance and supervision of the train and track. About 20 minutes before the incident, the local county 911 emergency centre phoned CN's Montreal headquarters to indicate that a portion of the track had been washed out, according to court documents. Also named in the lawsuits were CN subsidiaries Illinois Central Railroad Co. and Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Co. Lawyers for the family said pre-trial documents and witnesses indicated the train's engineer noticed water conditions on the track but nonetheless sped up the train. "This was a tragedy that did not have to occur. There were a series of missteps by the railroad that culminated with this train going over a washout," said Robert Bingle, a lawyer with the personal injury firm Corboy & Demetrio. Fellow lawyer Philip Corboy Jr. added that railways that carry hazardous cargo that travel through crowded residential areas need to be extra cautious about any dangers ahead. "The railroads dropped the ball in this instance and a solid, loving family was literally -- and figuratively -- blown up," he said. "I hope by this settlement the CNR and other like-sized railroads treat their communications systems with the utmost of importance." The derailment remains under investigation by the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board.

<http://www.ctv.ca/CTVNews/Canada/20111020/canadian-national-railway-cn-settle-lawsuits-family-death-derailment-111020/>

#### USA, ARK, STUTTGART, OCTOBER 21 2011. EPA'S SPILL PREVENTION, CONTROL AND COUNTERMEASURE RULE MOVED TO 2013

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released a proposal to extend the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) rule compliance date by two years. The compliance date, originally set for Nov. 10 will be extended to May 10, 2013. If no adverse comments are received, the proposed extension will become effective on Nov. 7. "This is a tremendous victory for rice farmers," USA Rice Federation Environmental and Regulatory Subcommittee Chairman and

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Arkansas rice farmer Ray Vester said. "Compliance with this rule, which was never intended to apply to producers, would have cost farmers thousands of dollars at a time when many are reeling from significant crop losses." The rule requires farmers to have secondary containment structures around most above-ground oil and fuel storage containers when the farm has the capacity to store more than 1,320 gallons. A written spill plan and other items are also required. "An overwhelming segment of the continental United States was affected by flooding during the spring and summer of 2011 — other areas were impacted by devastating fires. Many counties in many states were declared disaster areas by either the federal or state government or both. As a result, EPA believes that because of their unique nature, farms have been disproportionately affected and need additional time to prepare and implement a Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan," an EPA Spokesperson explained. EPA credited the rice industry for providing justification to extend the rule. Along with farmers, the USA Rice Federation's Environmental Regulatory Subcommittee has been working diligently since the rule was announced last November to have the agency extend the deadline. Vester met with EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to discuss the negative effects of the natural disasters to rice country and their impact on rule compliance. Coupled with a lack of compliance assistance, Vester predicted low compliance by the original deadline. With the compliance deadline looming, last week congressman Rick Crawford introduced a bill (HR 3158) to help lessen the impact of the SPCC rule by increasing the tank capacity that triggers SPCC requirements for farms. "This outcome would not have been achieved without the right structure in place, with USA Rice staff working collaboratively with members to fight for farmers," USA Rice Federation Chairman and Louisiana rice farmer Jackie Loewer said. USA Rice said they would continue to work closely with legislative and regulatory officials to address this and other overly burdensome measures that could negatively impact the U.S. rice industry.

<http://www.stuttgarterdailyleader.com/topstories/x464386113/EPA-s-Spill-Prevention-Control-and-Countermeasure-rule-moved-to-2013>

### USA, WYO, CHEYENNE, OCTOBER 21 2011. FACTS LACKING ON EMINENT DOMAIN >> CITY DOESN'T KNOW EXTENT OF POSSIBLE CONTAMINATION AT THE FORMER HOLLYWOOD VIDEO SITE

*josh mitchell*

It appears the Cheyenne City Council is headed toward a crucial eminent domain vote Monday without the facts needed to make an educated decision. The council has proposed using eminent domain to take over a portion of the former Hollywood Video store's parking lot to make way for a large, two-lane roundabout at the intersection of Pershing Boulevard, 19th Street and Converse Avenue. But the owner of the property, 19th and Converse LLC of Colorado Springs, Colo., would prefer that the city just buy the whole site. Taking away a third of the parking lot will render the business useless, the owner argues. It has been confirmed that some of the contamination at the site is the result of a former gas station and its underground fuel tanks. City officials have said that cleaning up the contamination could make it costly for the city to buy the whole parcel. But the truth of the matter is that the city doesn't know the extent of contamination well enough to say whether the cost of cleaning up the pollutants would be expensive. Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality officials say they must conduct more testing before the extent of contamination is known. Is the site really contaminated? City Councilman Sean Allen agreed that there are no facts to support what the level of the contamination at the site is at this point. Councilwoman Georgia Broyles said the council should not vote on the matter until knowing the level of contamination at the site. "I don't think it's right to make a decision when you don't have all the facts," Broyles said. In fact, even if there is contamination at the site, the city may not have to pay anything to clean it up because there may be state funds available. There are two contaminants at the site that exceed DEQ groundwater standards -- trimethylbenzene and benzene, according to the DEQ. The benzene has been traced back to a leaking underground storage tank that was at the filling station. The benzene contamination is only on the portion of the property that the city would take through eminent domain. The city plans to take that piece of the property regardless, so it is not an issue when it comes to whether the city should buy the whole site. Moreover, state funds are being used to clean up the benzene contamination through DEQ's Storage Tank Program. Program supervisor Adrian Ducharme anticipates that the benzene contamination will be cleaned up within five years. However, the location of the trimethylbenzene at the site remains in question. The same DEQ monitoring well that found the benzene at the property also found trimethylbenzene. But it remains unclear whether the trimethylbenzene is just on the portion of the property the city would take through eminent domain. Ducharme said DEQ could have test results as early as a month from now to determine whether the trimethylbenzene is on other areas of the site. The property owner's attorney, Alex Davison of Cheyenne, said he does not think the new tests will find more contamination. At this time, there is no evidence to suggest that the whole site is contaminated, Davison added. If those

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tests turn out clean, it can be fairly determined that the trimethylbenzene is only on the portion of the property that the city is going to take through eminent domain, Ducharme said. Therefore, it would be invalid for the city to argue that buying the whole site is complicated by the cost of cleaning up contamination. Ducharme said it is likely that the trimethylbenzene at the site is from the same storage tank that the benzene came from. If that is the case, the same state funds that are being used to clean up the benzene also could be used to clean up the trimethylbenzene. However, the city could face some costs if its roundabout project disturbs the remediation system already in place at the site. For instance, if the city digs up the street and displaces DEQ's monitoring wells, the city may have to pay the cost of replacing those systems at about \$2,500 apiece, Ducharme said. Council may vote without facts On Monday, the City Council is scheduled to consider a resolution authorizing the city attorney to begin eminent domain proceedings against the property owner. If the city goes forward with eminent domain, it would pay the property owner \$278,110 for about a third of the business' parking lot. The property owner has offered to sell the city the whole site for \$2.5 million. The city, which has had the whole site appraised and said it is worth \$1.24 million, rejected that offer. Davison said his client hopes to have a new appraisal of the property Friday. If the city takes the property through eminent domain, Davison said there will "undoubtedly" be a lawsuit. The council first voted against using eminent domain when it was proposed last month. At that time, some council members thought it would fairer to the property owner if the city bought the whole site. But two weeks ago, the eminent domain resolution was reintroduced, and some members who voted against it the first time agreed to reconsider. Councilwoman Broyles, who originally opposed eminent domain, said she brought the matter back up for reconsideration because of the contamination concerns. Broyles said she supports the city buying the whole site if it is not contaminated, saying that would be fair for the property owner. But she said it would be unfair to city residents if the city bought a contaminated piece of property. Therefore, Broyles said she will probably support postponing a vote until she can get all the facts about contamination at the site. Mayor Rick Kaysen and Councilman Allen also were originally opposed to using eminent domain but agreed to reconsider the matter. Allen said the contamination issue is only part of the reason he voted to reconsider eminent domain. Allen said the main reason he wanted to reconsider the matter was to give council members more time to look into the issue. He noted that his final vote will not be based on the contamination issue. He would not share whether he is leaning in favor of using eminent domain but said his vote will be based on consideration of the private property owner's rights versus the citizens at large. Kaysen said the new information regarding the contamination was the reason he voted to reconsider the use of eminent domain. Kaysen acknowledged Wednesday that the levels of contamination at the site are uncertain. The mayor said there have been preliminary city discussions about hiring an independent firm to look at the site to provide more information. Even if there was no contamination, there are still problems with the city buying the whole site, the mayor said. Those issues include trying to find money to buy the property and finding a use for the site, he said. City engineers hope to get a decision from the council soon regarding eminent domain so construction can start on the roundabout next spring.

[http://www.wyomingnews.com/articles/2011/10/20/news/01top\\_10-20-11.txt](http://www.wyomingnews.com/articles/2011/10/20/news/01top_10-20-11.txt)

#### USA, GA, LOWNDES COUNTY, OCTOBER 22 2011. TWO ARRESTED FOR STEALING DIESEL FUEL



Additional investigation by the deputies resulted in the discovery of a homemade smoking pipe used to inhale illegal narcotics. Both Matt Ponsell and Shane Popham were arrested and transported to the Lowndes County Jail. At approximately 11:30 pm Sergeant Theresa Fisher, a member of the Sheriff's Office Uniform Patrol, was patrolling and noticed a tank truck stopped at the convenience store located at 5145 Madison Highway. Sergeant Fisher stopped and inquired about the activities of the trucks occupants, Matt Ponsell and Shane Popham, and soon discovered that they were about to pump diesel fuel from the stores underground tank into the tanker truck. The locks used to secure the caps of the underground tank had been busted open. Additional investigation by the deputies resulted in the discovery of a homemade smoking pipe used to inhale illegal narcotics. Both Matt Ponsell and Shane Popham were arrested and transported to

the Lowndes County Jail. Following the arrest, Matt Ponsell was connected to an incident that occurred at the convenience store located at 7415 Georgia Highway 376, on September 27, 2011, in which approximately three hundred gallons of diesel was pumped from the stores underground tank. Both Ponsell and Popham remain in the Lowndes County Jail. Sheriff Prine

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commended the efforts of the uniform patrol division, specifically that of Sergeant Fisher, for the diligent effort. The protection of property is paramount to the Sheriff's Office.

#### Data:

- Ponsell, Matt Travis, 40 Years old, Traylor Hill Road – Folkston, Georgia, Charges: Theft by taking, Criminal attempt to commit theft by taking, Violation of the Georgia Controlled Substance Act, Possession of the tools for the commission of a crime, Criminal damage to property.
- Popham, Shane Clinton, 42 Years old, Old River Road – Jesup, Georgia, Charges: Criminal attempt to commit theft by taking, Violation of the Georgia Controlled Substance Act, Possession of the tools for the commission of a crime, Criminal damage to property.

A bond of \$15,000.00 has been set for each of these persons.

[http://www.wctv.tv/news/headlines/Two\\_Arrested\\_for\\_Stealing\\_132319938.html](http://www.wctv.tv/news/headlines/Two_Arrested_for_Stealing_132319938.html)

#### INDIA, WEST BENGAL, DEBRA, OCTOBER 22 2011. 12 KILLED IN OIL TANKER-BUS COLLISION

Twelve people were killed and 15 injured when an oil tanker rammed into a Puri-bound tourist bus at Debra in West Midnapore district early on Friday. The bus had stopped at Debra for a while when the oil tanker hit it from behind, killing 12 passengers, including eight women, police. said. The bus was badly damaged in the mishap. The passengers from Durgachak in East Midnapore district were going on a pilgrimage to Puri. The injured passengers were sent to the Midnapore Sadar Hospital and the SSKM Hospital in Kolkata by the police.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/India-news/WestBengal/WB-12-killed-in-oil-tanker-bus-collision/Article1-759797.aspx>

#### USA, LA, CHALMETTE, OCTOBER 22 2011. OVERTURNED VEHICLE CLOSES PARIS RD. IN CHALMETTE, FORCES SOME EVACUATIONS

**monica hernandez**

 **Photo's** [See 3 Photo's](#)

 **Watch the Video** [Overturned vehicle closes Paris Rd.](#)



An overturned 18-wheeler caused the closure of Paris Road in both directions near Mercedes and Celestine Streets. Officials say the tanker is not leaking, but firefighters are on the scene as a precaution. The sheriff's office says the tanker was traveling southbound on Paris Road when it collided with a red car, crushing the front of the small vehicle. Officials say both drivers suffered minor injuries, but no other injuries have been reported. They evacuated the business, A and A Mechanics, in front of which the 18-wheeler overturned as a precaution. Right now, all lanes of Paris Road are shut down while officials work to clear the scene. They're trying to move the truck upright, and they will then check once again to ensure there

are no leaks. If there aren't, they will take the truck to a nearby refinery and offload the contents to an empty tanker truck. That will mean the road can be opened much more quickly than if the contents were offloaded at the scene of the accident. Regardless, they say the road will still be shut down for several more hours, and if they have to offload the tanker at the scene of the accident, it could take all night. For now, they say both drivers are lucky they didn't suffer more serious injuries. "The damage is to the front side of the vehicles," said Deputy Chief Jimmy Pohlmann. "In these type of crashes, it's just a matter of two feet over toward the driver compartment, it probably would have been a fatal accident." State police are still investigating how the accident happened, and they should make a decision about how to clear the scene shortly. The tanker is carrying liquified petroleum. They say the 10,000 gallon tanker had a full load -- about 8,000 gallons, since they are never loaded to the top.

<http://www.wvlv.com/news/local/Overturned-vehicle-closes-Paris-Rd-forces-some-evacuations--132268133.html>

#### NEW ZEALAND, WAIKATO, OCTOBER 22 2011. DETAILED PICTURE OF RENA OIL EMERGING

Detailed picture of Rena oil emerging thanks to University of Waikato scientists. Scientists at the University of Waikato have made good progress in understanding the chemical composition of the fuel oil aboard the stricken container ship Rena. Professor Alistair Wilkins from the university's chemistry department has examined oil from the ship's tanks, from surface

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slicks and from 'tar balls' found on the Mt Maunganui beach. "Oil from the Rena grounding contains polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon compounds (PAHs), which are known to be harmful to humans and wildlife," says Professor Wilkins. The levels of these compounds will likely determine when it is safe to eat shellfish and other marine species again. "These hydrocarbon compounds are the same as those found in fuel oils from around the world but we have yet to determine how much of each compound is present in the Rena oil." All of the samples collected contain similar substances to those found in diesel fuel bought from the pump but the proportions of different sized compounds in the mixture is different with Rena oil containing a greater proportion of larger compounds than diesel fuel. It is these large compounds that cause the fuel oil to have the consistency of Vegemite at room temperature. When the oil from the ship enters the water, the smaller, lighter compounds begin to evaporate rather like paint drying and the end result is a tarry solid such as we have seen deposited on the beach. Once on the beach, weathering and bacterial action will slowly degrade these deposits but it's not easy to predict how long this will take. Compounds have also been seen in the oil which may make it possible to distinguish Rena oil from local sources of oil using hydrocarbon 'fingerprinting' techniques. University of Waikato scientists will continue detailed analysis of the oil and it is expected that this information will assist researchers that are already studying the effects of the spill on the coastal environment. The University of Waikato has been heavily involved since the Rena ran aground on the Astrolabe Reef earlier this month. The Chair in Coastal Science Professor Chris Battershill, other University of Waikato scientists, PhD students, and student volunteers have all been involved from the outset. Caption for graph:

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/SC1110/S00060/detailed-picture-of-rena-oil-emerging.htm>

### USA, AKA, FAIRBANKS, OCTOBER 22 2011. TANKER ROLLS OVER IN SOUTH FAIRBANKS, SPILLS 1,800 GALLONS FUEL OIL

sam friedman



*Fuel continues to pour out of the uprighted vehicle after an Alaska Aerofuel delivery truck traveling south on Easy Street slid into a curb while attempting to turn left onto Lakeview Terrace Drive, tipping over and spilling diesel fuel Wednesday afternoon, October 19, 2011*

A heating oil truck rolled over near Lakeview Terrace this afternoon, spilling an estimated 1,800 gallons of fuel, according to the Fairbanks Fire Department. Easy Street remains closed from the Old Richardson Highway south to Van Horn Road Extension while a hazardous materials team cleans up the spill. The trailer court is still accessible from South Cushman to East Van Horn and Fairbanks Athletic Club is still accessible from the east. The Alaska Aero Fuels truck reportedly tipped on its side around noon while trying to turn onto Lakeview Terrace. City firefighters responded at 12:10 p.m. Medics tended to the injured driver who was still in the vehicle while another crew set up dikes to limit the spread of fuel, according to a fire department news release. Representatives from the company are also helping with the cleanup and a city public works truck delivered sand to help build the dikes. The truck was reported to be carrying 4,300 gallons of oil, according to the police department. The truck was righted by about 1 p.m., but the road remains closed while the cleanup continues. Slick roads were a contributing factor in this and several other crashes in the area, according to the fire department, which is asking drivers to slow down.

<http://newsminer.com/bookmark/16102142-Truck-rolls-over-in-South-Fairbanks-spills-1-800-gallons-fuel-oil>

### AUSTRALIA, N.S.W, KURNELL, OCTOBER 22 2011. BIRDS PUT DOWN AFTER SUFFOCATING IN OIL AT CALTEX KURNELL

Two oil-covered cormorants found near a pit used for recycling oil at the Caltex refinery in Kurnell were euthanised at Carlingbah Vet Hospital on Tuesday. Vet nurse Emma Lawrence put the birds down, and said five oil-covered birds had been delivered to the hospital by Caltex in the past three months. "They need to do more to stop this from happening," she said. She said the latest cormorants were suffocating in oil. Caltex spokesman Sam Collyer said: "These incidents are thankfully rare and often seasonal. This is largely because of a number of preventative measures that Caltex has in place."

<http://www.theleader.com.au/news/local/news/general/birds-put-down-after-suffocating-in-oil/2331941.aspx>

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#### AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, OCTOBER 23 2011. OIL SPILLS ONTO VICTORIAN ROAD AFTER TANKER CRASH

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*The petrol tanker lies on its side on the Westernport Highway at Tyabb yesterday. A major environmental operation is continuing after an overnight fuel spill at Tyabb on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula. A tanker rolled at a roundabout on the corner of the Western Port Highway and Frankston-Flinders Road at 12.30am. The CFA's David Gibbs says the tanker has spilled 40,000 litres of diesel and unleaded petrol, which is leaking into the drainways. "The bulk of the fuel is diesel and diesel doesn't burn very readily so it's been reasonably safe," he said. "We're quite fortunate it's happened during the night when we've had high humidity and low temperatures so it hasn't been very volatile. "We have had our moments when it got volatile but that's when we covered the product with foam." Mr Gibbs says fire*

crews and EPA officers have been working through the night to contain the spill. "It is causing an environmental problem," he said. "Any discharge of diesel and petrol into a drain does cause an issue but the company that's responsible for the clean up is getting all of its equipment here and they're going to be vacuuming it in effect out of the drains and filtering all of that to make it as clean as they can." The intersection is a major truck route and thoroughfare for the Mornington Peninsula. It is expected to be closed for 12 hours, causing significant traffic disruptions, including delays for people travelling to the HMAS Cerebrus Open Day.

[http://www.abc.net.au/news/2011-10-23/oil-spill-in-vic-after-tanker-rollover/3595684?WT.mc\\_id=newsmail](http://www.abc.net.au/news/2011-10-23/oil-spill-in-vic-after-tanker-rollover/3595684?WT.mc_id=newsmail)

#### CANADA, B.C, WHITEHORSE, OCTOBER 23 2011. GASOLINE THROWN ON BONFIRE SENDS THREE BOYS TO HOSPITAL

Police say three teenaged boys in Whitehorse were badly injured Thursday when what appeared to be gasoline was thrown on a bonfire. The boys, ages 13, 14 and 16, were in a group of people standing around a fire at Hidden Lake park in the Porter Creek neighbourhood of Whitehorse. The fireball resulted in burning gas landing on the boys and setting their clothes on fire. They were taken to the Whitehorse hospital and two of them have since been transferred to BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver. The RCMP is asking any witnesses to the incident to contact them.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/story/2011/10/21/north-yukon-boys-bonfire.html>

#### USA, MI, MICHIGAN CITY, OCTOBER 23 2011. MICHIGAN CITY LATEX SOLUTION SPILL CONTAINED >> FORMALDEHYDE



*Michigan City Fire Department Captains James Young, left, and Mike Moss remove sandbags from a culvert at the Michigan City Municipal Golf Course on Friday.*

A release of 1,500 gallons of a latex solution containing formaldehyde into a ditch at the Fiber Bond Corp. near the golf course contaminated the waterway Thursday.

The accidental release of 1,500 gallons of a latex solution into a ditch leading to Trail Creek has been contained, a spokesman for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management said. Barry Sneed, IDEM spokesman, said the release occurred around 3 p.m. Thursday due to an equipment failure at Fiber Bond Corp., 110 Menke Road. Sneed said the material released contained 600 parts per billion formaldehyde, making it hazardous, but not toxic. Earlier reports that the material was primarily formaldehyde had caused concern. Crews installed several dikes in the ditch, which kept the chemical contained, Sneed said. Heavy rains also helped in diluting the solution, he said. Only trace amounts of solution seeped into Trail Creek, he said. "We didn't notice any fish kill along the way," Sneed said. "There doesn't appear to be any aquatic impact." Michigan City Fire Marshal Kyle Kazmierczak said crews worked throughout the night trying to contain the spill and clear the solution from the waterway with vacuum trucks. Those trucks continued to work throughout the day Friday and likely will

continue through the weekend, with sandbagging also taking place, he said. Some of the dikes broke with the strong currents following heavy rains Thursday night, Kazmierczak said, but the chemical was staying clear of Trail Creek. Trail Creek leads into Lake Michigan, but Sneed said there is no threat to human health or drinking water supplies. Sneed said vacuuming the

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solution off the surface of a retention pond at the nearby Michigan City Golf Course may take a couple of days to complete. Fiber Bond officials were not immediately available for comment Friday morning. According to the company's website, Fiber Bond Corp. manufactures HVAC and other filters.

[http://www.nwintimes.com/news/local/laporte/michigan-city/article\\_40666281-6dfb-5662-9238-60deb6909379.html](http://www.nwintimes.com/news/local/laporte/michigan-city/article_40666281-6dfb-5662-9238-60deb6909379.html)

### USA, N.Y, PORT CHESTER, OCTOBER 23 2011. CLEAN-UP EFFORTS ON BYRAM RIVER AFTER FUEL SPILL >> LARGE AMOUNT OF FUEL SUSPECTED OF RUNNING INTO BYRAM RIVER ON GREENWICH-PORT CHESTER BORDER.

nik bonopartis

 **Photo's [9]** <http://rye.patch.com/articles/fuel-spill-under-investigation>



An investigation of a fuel spill into the Byram River in Port Chester is under way. Initial reports this morning suggest as much as 350 gallons of fuel may have been spilled from Mill Street and made it into the river. Authorities later said they're not yet sure; the 350 gallons represents the total fuel delivery to a Port Chester business nearby, but it wasn't immediately clear how much was leaked into the river and how many gallons remained in storage tanks. Port Chester Assistant Fire Chief Kevin McMinn said the investigation began on the Greenwich, CT, side of the river, where a strong odor of fuel was detected. The investigation crossed into Port Chester, where the spill appears to have originated on Mill Street. "You could smell the fuel in the river," McMinn said of initial signs of the spill late this morning. "Because the tide was up, we really couldn't locate it. Now with the tide going out, you can actually see the fuel coming out the side of the wall here." Emergency

officials say it appears the fuel came from the Carquest store at 10 Mill St. in Port Chester. Where a parking lot adjacent to the store ends, a stone wall meets the river bank. Authorities believe the fuel was leaking through cracks in the wall and into the river, below the Mill Street bridge that crosses the Byram River on the Greenwich-Port Chester border. As of about noon, emergency officials said they do not believe the fuel spill poses an immediate health hazard. In addition to firefighters from Port Chester and Greenwich, the spill is being investigated by Westchester County environmental officials. State officials and Coast Guard representatives were also on hand. A private contractor is expected to be in Port Chester this afternoon to conduct a clean up of the fuel. A slick sheen from the fuel can be seen along the river for several blocks. Drivers rubbernecked and a few called out from their cars, quizzing firefighters on what was going on, but impact to the surrounding streets and businesses was minimal. As authorities probed the rock wall on the river bank, a handful of pedestrians stopped to look. One man in his early 20s stopped, peered over the railing down to the river, and pulled out his iPhone to snap a photo. "It smells like oil," he said, crinkling his nose.

<http://rye.patch.com/articles/fuel-spill-under-investigation>

### USA, N.J, LINDEN, OCTOBER 23 2011. FEDERAL OFFICIALS INVESTIGATE LINDEN OIL REFINERY WORKER'S FALL OFF MOBILE LIFT

tomas dinges



*Google Maps* Federal officials are investigating the circumstances surrounding a worker who was injured in a fall off a mobile lift at an oil refinery in Linden, shown [here](#).

Federal officials are investigating the circumstances surrounding a worker who was injured in a fall off a mobile lift at an oil refinery. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration initiated the investigation this week into Tank Services LLC, a subcontractor at the ConocoPhillips Bayway refinery, said agency spokeswoman Joanna Hawkins. It is the third OSHA investigation at the facility since June, she said. She would not discuss the other incidents in detail. Last week's fall prompted concern by township police when company officials would not provide enough information by the company to determine whether the incident was an accident or

merited further investigation, said Linden police spokesman Lt. Jim Sarnicki. The situation was later described as a

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misunderstanding with company officials, Sarnicki said. Because the company called for paramedics, police believed the injury was serious, he said. Paramedics later said the unidentified man was taken to University Hospital in Newark. Today, no information was available about the man's current condition. In 2009, the refinery was cited by OSHA for unsafe working conditions, including a lack of written guidelines needed to safely deal with large quantities of flammable liquid.

[http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2011/10/federal\\_officials\\_investigate.html](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2011/10/federal_officials_investigate.html)

### USA, DE, DELAWARE CITY, OCTOBER 23 2011. UPDATE: HYDROGEN CYANIDE LEAKS CONTINUE FROM REFINERY

*kim manahan*

Another report taken yesterday afternoon says that process equipment at the Delaware City refinery is down, causing hydrogen cyanide to be released into the air. These reports to the National Response Center have been ongoing since Oct. 2, just days before the official reopening of the refinery. The caller told the NRC that the refinery has adjusted operations to reduce emissions and are still working to repair the boiler. No comments have yet been made by the refinery. The original report Oct. 2 said that repairs caused ammonia, hydrogen sulfide, hydrogen cyanide and carbonyl sulfide to leak from a cracker stack. One hundred pounds of each chemical was released. Each day since then, 200 pounds of hydrogen cyanide continues to be released into the atmosphere.

<http://www.doverpost.com/newsnow/x319041947/UPDATE-Hydrogen-cyanide-leaks-continue-from-refinery>

### PERU, LIMA, OCTOBER 23 2011. 2 SEPARATE EXPLOSIONS LEAVE 19 PEOPLE DEAD IN JULIACA AND MATUCANA



*Outside Juliaca's police station.*

On Thursday night two separate incidents involving fireworks ended up taking the lives of 19 people. In Juliaca, a van belonging to the public prosecutor's office, which was transporting fireworks, exploded in the doorway of Juliaca's central police station, killing 7 people and injuring many more. According to Andina, improper handling of the fireworks caused the explosion. Unconfirmed reports indicated the explosion occurred at around 7:25pm. The shockwave from the explosion damaged the police station and several houses nearby, located on Avenida San Martin. Four police were among those killed in the explosion. A nearby hospital treated the wounded. Jorge López Tejada, Regional Director of Health in Puno said several of those injured had been left in critical condition. "People who were walking near the police building (were affected by the explosion),

and have serious injuries and internal abdominal injuries," he said. López said they had not yet been able to identify all of the casualties because many were not carrying identification. Local news reports speculated that due to the magnitude of the explosion, there might have been explosives used in mines – such as ANFO or dynamite – among the fireworks. Initial reports thought the explosion had been a terrorist car bombing.

#### Matucana

In strangely similar circumstances a bus exploded in the town of Matucana, killing 12 of the people on board and injuring 10 others. According to El Comercio the bus was carrying fireworks and a natural gas cylinder. Local media reported that two of the passengers had suffered second and third degree burns, and were being treated in a hospital nearby.

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### BRAZIL, SAO PAULO, OCTOBER 23 2011. COSAN BUYS EXXON LUBRICANTS ASSETS IN 3 COUNTRIES >> BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY & URUGUAY

*rogerio jelmayer*

Brazil's largest sugar and ethanol group, Cosan Industria e Comercio SA, said Friday it has bought the lubricants business of Exxon Mobil Corp in Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay. The transaction represents an extension of Cosan's 2008 acquisition of

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nearly all Exxon Mobil's distribution and sales assets in Brazil. The companies didn't disclose the value of the transaction. Cosan will continue producing Mobil brand lubricants at its Rio de Janeiro plant. The deal unveiled Friday will allow it to become the brand's exclusive distributor in the three additional countries and increase overall lubricant sales by roughly 5% a year, the firm said. In the April-to-June quarter, Cosan's lubricant sales amounted to 230.1 million Brazilian reais (\$129.3 million), up 14% from a year earlier. "These three countries--Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay--logistically it makes a lot of sense for them to be served from Brazil since they don't have local production," Nelson Gomes, head of Cosan Lubricants, said in a phone interview. "We're making an acquisition in additional territory where we won't have to make investments in fixed assets." Gomes said Cosan should begin operating in the three countries by the end of this year.

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/cosan-buys-exxon-lubricants-assets-in-3-countries-2011-10-22>

#### **CANADA, B.C, VANCOUVER, OCTOBER 23 2011. ASBESTOS EXPOSURE PROMPTS B.C. ARREST WARRANT >> MAN EMPLOYED RECOVERING ADDICTS TO DEMOLISH HOMES WITHOUT PROTECTION, COURT TOLD**

An arrest warrant has been issued for a Metro Vancouver man accused of knowingly exposing his workers to asbestos without protection. The B.C. Court of Appeal ruled this week that Arthur Moore is in contempt of court for continuing to operate his asbestos and drywall removal business in the fall of 2010 despite a court order that he stop doing such work. His business operated in Surrey and other cities under the name AM Environmental, Tri City Hazmat, Surrey Hazmat, Pro Scan Environmental and other names. The appeal court upheld a lower court ruling that Moore was violating an injunction, did not provide proper safety training or equipment to his workers and was posing a significant risk to public safety. The court also said Moore was exploiting young recovering addicts as part of his work force. WorkSafeBC, which brought the legal action against Moore after finding safety concerns on his work sites, says it will seek jail time for him. In a judgment handed down in April, B.C. Supreme Court Justice Jeanne Watchuk said Moore posed a "significant public safety concern." Evidence presented in the Supreme Court case included an instruction Moore gave his young workers to "run" if WorkSafeBC inspectors visited a job site. One worker, David Cooper, said in an affidavit that he worked for Moore for nearly two years at dozens of demolition sites and was given only gloves as protective equipment except on one occasion. Cooper said was never told about the health threats posed by asbestos. The court also heard that most of Moore's workers were under 18, some as young as 14.

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- [The National - In Depth & Analysis: Canada's Ugly Secret](#)
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#### **KENYA, NAIRIOBI, OCTOBER 23 2011. HOUSE HOLDS OPT FOR ETHANOL COOKING GEL OVER KEROSENE >> THIS IS ONE MODEL WE AN USE TO ELIMINATE TOTAL USE OF KEROSENE AS COOKING FUEL IN ALL KENYAN HOMES BY NEXT YEAR**

*david musyoka*

Kenyan homes especially those in the urban areas are set to change from kerosene to a new cooking system that uses ethanol gel as fuel and a specially made stove that can be used for household and industrial purposes. The new system is increasingly becoming preferred because unlike kerosene, ethanol gel does not emit carbon dioxide and although the gel is slightly expensive than kerosene of equal measure, comparable quantity can cook about three times longer than kerosene. "We are not surprised by the popularity of this cooking system among Kenyans because people are becoming aware of the destructive nature of fossil fuels like kerosene and want greener healthier living. It's also cheap in the long run," Mohammed Kadhi, the Business Development Manager of Consumer Choice said. Consumer Choice is one of the Kenyan companies that has developed the ethanol gel cooking stove. The ethanol gel is being manufactured by sugar milling companies because it is largely a byproduct of sugar processing. Independent ethanol processors like Spectre International and Agro-Chemical and Allied Limited are also producing the highly flammable gel. But small companies are also producing ethanol for home cooking either in liquid or gel form from farm crops like the croton seeds. This means the new cooking system could spur the growth of oil processing cottage industries that will also help improve earnings by small scale farmers who will form the supply base of the croton seeds. The ethanol gel as presented itself as a new income stream for sugar millers with potential to replace their main output product of sugar if the use of current cooking system gains mass acceptance. Sugar as the final product of millers is

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also threatened by the fact that its only very few millers that are able to produce the commodity competitively with the majority depending on protection from imports by the government in order to remain in business. The distribution of the ethanol gel is currently being done through two supermarkets with branches across the major towns, where kerosene is mostly used as cooking fuel. "We however plan to expand the distribution network as more people become aware of the new system," said Kadhi in an interview with Xinhua in Nairobi on Tuesday. The new cooking system has given the government new ideas of how to eliminate the use of kerosene from Kenyan homes because it is seen as one of the main drivers of household inflation. Kerosene prices have been increasing as the price of oil goes up, with a litre of kerosene now trading at slightly over a dollar compared 0.85 U.S. dollars six months ago. One litre of gel costs 1.65 dollars but can cook three times more than the kerosene and does not emit harmful carbon dioxide. "This is one model we can use to eliminate total use of kerosene as cooking fuel in all Kenyan homes by end of next year," said Ali Mohammed, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Environment. "It also adds to our opportunities of tapping carbon emission reduction financing money," he added. Kenya government recently directed all government departments to fast track all projects that are able to generate carbon credits as the government seeks to increase revenue by tapping the global carbon market. Kenya already has a thriving private sector that is focused on carbon credits investments, including a carbon trading platform known as Africa Carbon Exchange, although the number of carbon projects in the country is lower compared to those of South Africa and Nigeria. The current projects include tapping geothermal to displace diesel generated electricity, tapping wind power for the same purpose, using solar energy to power water bore holes and essential equipments in at least 2,500 government health centres, planting trees in public primary schools and rehabilitation of water catchment areas like Mau Forest and Mount Kenya, Aberdares forests among others. The ethanol gel has now presented the government with opportunity to expand her carbon revenue platform if for example it participates in making it easier through subsidized pricing or subsidized loans to Kenyans to enable them acquire the cooking stoves.

[http://www.coastweek.com/kenxin\\_111021\\_04.htm](http://www.coastweek.com/kenxin_111021_04.htm)

#### AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, PERTH, OCTOBER 23 2011. COUPLE QUIT HOME AND SUE OIL GIANT

glenn cordingley



*Driven Out: Ken and Sally Marston were forced to leave their weatherboard house in Northam because they claim their property was contaminated by the old Caltex depot and service station next door.*

A Perth couple are suing oil giant Caltex more than four years after they were driven from their home because of contamination fears. In a David and Goliath legal battle, Ken and Sally Marston this week instructed lawyers to "get our lives back". Their worst nightmare unfolded in June 2007 when contractors without notice started demolishing the Caltex service station and fuel depot next to their property on Old York Rd, Northam, about 95km northeast of Perth. The work

included removing overhead storage tanks and contaminated soil, which was later dumped alongside a wire-mesh fence next to their home. The stockpiles were eventually covered, but the plastic soon blew off, exposing the Marstons to potentially toxic pollutants. Mr Marston, chief executive of the Council on the Ageing WA, and his wife reported noxious odours and dust following earthworks. The Marstons say they, and their visitors, experienced sore throats, headaches and nausea within minutes of walking inside their home. Fearing for their health, the couple drove away from the weatherboard house they bought in 1985, leaving behind furniture and clothes still hanging in wardrobes. The building is on a 1012sqm block, but is now a shadow of its former self, surrounded by weeds. The Marstons have so far spent more than \$100,000 in their fight against Caltex on legal fees, rent and independent environmental reports. Soil tests showed the land was contaminated with toxins that included heavy metals such as lead and zinc, and aromatic hydrocarbons such as petrol and oil. Under the Contaminated Sites Act, the Marstons were compelled to notify the Department of Environment and Conservation of the findings or face a fine of up to \$250,000. Once they made the disclosure, the DEC placed a memorial on the title deed recording the site as "possibly contaminated investigation required". That condition remains today. "Our home is now worthless and no one will even insure the property," Mr Marston said. Caltex's own mandatory auditors report stated its contractors were remiss in having no dust-management plan and failing to undertake community consultation. In a stern letter to Caltex in September last year, DEC contaminated sites branch manager Andrew Miller said a "source affected" link between the Caltex site and the Marston property could not be ruled out. This week, the DEC said it could not review the title deed classification until the

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Marstons allowed Caltex to carry out an on-site investigation. Caltex said it was appropriate for tests to be conducted on the Marston site "to gather clear and factual information about the property so we can respond to the questions that have been raised". Mr Marston is claiming damages and all associated costs.

<http://www.perthnow.com.au/news/western-australia/couple-quit-home-and-sue-oil-giant/story-e6frg143-1226173865361>

#### USA, IN, JEFFERSONVILLE, OCTOBER 23 2011. HYDROGEN SULFIDE LEAK UNDER CONTROL IN SO. INDIANA

*bennett haeberle*

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One worker was hospitalized after being overcome by fumes following a gas leak at Idemitsu Lubricants in Jeffersonville. A tanker truck hauling hydrogen sulfide gas began leaking around 2:15 p.m. Saturday. Fire crews blocked off portions of Port Road while clean continued into the evening. Members of the hazardous materials unit from Louisville Fire and Rescue were called in to help with the clean up effort. Emergency Management Coordinator Mindy Christian said she anticipated the clean up process would be finished soon, she stated around 7:15 p.m. Saturday evening. The leak posed no immediate danger to the public, Christian said. No one was order to evacuate. The company, which distributes automotive oils, recently began using the new chemical, hydrogen sulfide, according to Christian the Jeffersonville emergency management coordinator. Christian said the fear was that the chemical was getting too hot and could spark a fire. The employee who was taken to the hospital was working to clean up the leak.

<http://www.wdrb.com/story/15786165/hydrogen-sulfide-leak-under-control-in-so-indiana>

#### CANADA, AB, EDMONTON, OCTOBER 23 2011. HAZMAT CREWS MOP UP OVERNIGHT LEAK

*peter haight*

Not much sleep for some HAZMAT crews Saturday morning. Around 1:30am, Fire Rescue was called to Grimshaw Trucking at 115 Avenue and 151 Street when 1,100 litres of isopropylene alcohol began leaking from a container in the back of a trailer. Fortunately, not all of the flammable liquid escaped the container, and crews were able to transfer it to another one. No injuries and because the compound is in an industrial area, the leak did not threaten any residential areas.

<http://www.inews880.com/Channels/Reg/LocalNews/story.aspx?ID=1559823>

#### ONEW ZEALAND, TAURANGA, OCTOBER 23 2011. FRESH OIL LEAK FROM CRIPPLED SHIP ON NEW ZEALAND REEF

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*The Rena, grounded on the Astrolabe reef, off New Zealand's North Island.*

Divers ruled out on Sunday a major new fuel tank rupture on the crippled cargo ship stranded on a New Zealand reef after up to 10 tons of oil leak. It was the first significant spill for 12 days, but apparently came from oil that had already leaked into the hull of the damaged vessel which ran aground 22 kilometres off the east coast port of Tauranga on October 5. As salvage workers transferred oil from the port fuel tank to a tanker barge, divers confirmed that the submerged starboard tank, which holds 320 tonnes of fuel, remained intact. The new spill was spotted in an observation flight over the vessel as officials lifted a ban on swimming off a 3-kilometre stretch of white sand beach near the port city of Tauranga. The Maritime New Zealand agency overseeing the recovery operation sent four ships with booms to recover the oil and said it was moving offshore and not expected to reach the coast for two days. "Inevitably there will be oil that we can't recover. There is the possibility of a shoreline impact," agency chief Rob Service said. The calmest weather since it ran aground had enabled two days and two nights of continuous pumping of heavy fuel oil off the ship. Salvage workers are trying to get all the oil off the ship, which is cracked through the middle and listing 21 degrees, before it breaks up and sinks. It has already leaked more than 300 tons of oil onto the coast, polluting beaches and killing more than 1,300 seabirds. By Sunday afternoon, Maritime New Zealand said 337 tons of oil had been transferred, leaving about 1,000 tons still on the Rena. With New Zealanders enjoying a long weekend for the Labour Day holiday on

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Monday, the agency lifted a ban on swimming off the main beach at suburban Mount Maunganui.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/article2564910.ece>

### USA, N.Y., OGDENSBURG, OCTOBER 24 2011. EXXON MOBIL SIGNS CONSENT ORDER TO REMEDIATE DUFFY PROPERTY NEAR LIGHTHOUSE POINT, OGDENSBURG>> LIGHTHOUSE POINT: EXXON MOBIL SIGNS CONSENT ORDER ON SITE

*matt mcallister*

Thomas J. Duffy was in his 30s when he began pursuing Exxon Mobil to clean up petroleum contamination at his property near Lighthouse Point. Now in his 60s and living in Greenwich, Mr. Duffy still believes he might get a clean piece of land. "I've had to pace myself with the resources I've had at hand," he said. "It now looks like it will come to pass. I mean, I can sit here and wring my hands over this, but I try not to hold a grudge. I've owned my property for years but have not been able to really use or develop it. It has become just a large front lawn." Then-state Comptroller Alan G. Hevesi in 2006 announced that Exxon Mobil Corp. had agreed to pay \$6 million to the state's Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund to cover the cost of petroleum cleanup at Lighthouse Point. Mr. Hevesi also said the state had agreed to pay Fort La Presentation \$2.25 million and Mr. Duffy \$250,000 from the spill fund. That settlement since has fallen through and no longer is considered valid by Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. Claire R. Hassett, Exxon Mobil spokeswoman, said, however, that Exxon Mobil entered willingly into the 2006 agreement, is ready to pay the settlement and wants to see Mr. Duffy compensated. "We entered into the agreement with the DEC, the New York state spill fund, and the two property owners. We agreed to pay \$6 million into the spill fund. We had the money, we funded the money, and the money is currently sitting in escrow earning interest. Sometime after 2006, someone from the state, and I don't know who that is, decided not to honor it," Ms. Hassett said. Kate Gurnett, comptroller spokeswoman, said the 2006 agreement was tentative and therefore is not recognized by Mr. DiNapoli. She declined further comment. "We're responsible for, and have said all along we'd clean up (Mr. Duffy's) property. From our perspective, we're ready to execute. From our position, we had that agreement in place. We'd like to pay. We want to make a payment (to the spill fund), clean up Mr. Duffy's property, do the right thing and have closure," Ms. Hassett said. Mr. Duffy said it's been a difficult road, but he has come to terms with the saga the cleanup of the 1.6-acre site has become. "It seems so simple. In the beginning, I thought it wouldn't take long. But we're dealing with this big corporation and a lot of bureaucracy," he said. "I've been at this for 27 years." "It has baffled me. New York state has cleaned up Mobil's tank site, but has left me, an individual property owner, with a lot more skin in the game than this international corporation, kind of holding the bag," Mr. Duffy said. Part of the problem with the 2006 settlement agreement is that the \$6 million agreement did not cover the state Department of Environmental Conservation's actual expenditures. Stephen W. Litwhiler, DEC spokesman, said petroleum-contaminated soil was removed by his agency from 7.5 acres of the Lighthouse Point properties from 2006 to 2007 owned by Exxon Mobil, the Fort La Presentation Association and the city of Ogdensburg and from several residences. "Our cleanup was to the tune of just over \$9 million, with the money taken out of the spill fund," he said. The state attorney general's office is responsible for pursuing Exxon Mobil for the cost, according to Jennifer L. Givner, attorney general press secretary. A summons document was filed Dec. 22 in state Supreme Court against the oil company by the attorney general's office, she said. "Our office is suing Exxon Mobil for \$9.3 million on behalf of the state comptroller's oil spill fund unit. We are currently in the discovery stage of litigation." A court date has not been set. But with a DEC consent order signed in September by Clifford L. Pearson, Exxon Mobil environmental services manager, Ms. Hassett said, parameters are laid out for what her company must do to remediate the site, which Exxon Mobil and its corporate predecessors owned from 1899 to 1984. "I've checked with our team and they've informed me that there aren't specific deadlines in the underlying consent order for the Duffy property. Our focus is really on ensuring that we do the remediation as thoroughly as possible, not as quickly as possible. The only other timeline type of activity is that we are required to submit quarterly reports to the state," Ms. Hassett said. Exxon Mobil hopes to conduct soil borings and deliver them to DEC for assessment this fall, and excavation may begin "as early as the spring construction season," she said. How long the cleanup takes depends on what is found.

<http://www.watertowndailytimes.com/article/20111023/NEWS05/710239893>

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