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USA, ALA, ANNISTON, AUGUST 24 2011. JUDGE ORDERS AUDIT OF MONSANTO SETTLEMENT

Calhoun County Circuit Judge Debra Jones released a court order Monday requiring a public accounting of the settlement in a chemical contamination lawsuit, an audit of the settlement and a hearing on the reasonableness of the attorney fees. The Abernathy-Monsanto case, a mass tort filed against Monsanto in 1996 alleging that its production of polychlorinated biphenyls polluted the properties near its plant and contaminated the residents, was one of two such cases filed. Both were settled jointly in 2003. According to recent court documents, the \$300 million settlement awarded \$275 million immediately to be split — \$90 million to adult plaintiffs, \$45 million to plaintiffs without any restrictions, \$21 million to be placed in a trust, \$15 million for attorney costs and \$104 million in attorney fees. The other \$25 million was to be paid in annual installments over 10 years, though recent court documents don't specify who was to receive that money. However, the settlement was questioned almost immediately. It ended up back in court in 2004, in 2010 and again in April 2011. The court order is a result of the April 27, 2011, hearing presided over by Jones. "Just as the people and the land of this community have been damaged and polluted by the toxins made the basis of this mass tort case, the toxins appear to have polluted the minds of some people regarding the judicial process," Jones wrote in her order. Transparency, she wrote, ensures truth and justice and will restore the public's and the plaintiffs' trust. The plaintiffs in the April hearing, represented by attorney Gene Rutledge, requested an accounting of the \$300 million settlement, an audit and a hearing on the attorney fees and asked that the trust be frozen until completion of the audit and hearing. All those requests were approved. The plaintiffs also asked that Donald Stewart, the attorney who argued the case and now manages the trust, be removed as administrator. That request was denied. Stewart's attorney had argued in April that the accounting contained confidential medical records. Jones ruled that it did not. She did order that minors' names be redacted from the accounting and replaced with initials. Attempts by The Star on Monday to reach Stewart were unsuccessful. Rutledge said he was happy with the order. "We'll apparently be re-litigating the amount of the attorney's fees and the accounting and the audit," Rutledge said. "Those were the main concerns that we had." There will be a hearing on Sept. 9, in which the attorneys will suggest a certified public accountant to perform the audit. The attorneys for the trust will have to provide an accounting of the settlement to provide to the public. They will also have to define the amounts of the liens placed against the trust by the federal government for Medicaid and Medicare, explain why the liens were placed on the trust and detail what they have done to resolve the liens. The liens were placed on the fund in 2010, because the federal government wanted to be reimbursed for the medical payments it had made on behalf of some of the plaintiffs.

http://www.annistonstar.com/view/full_story/15182483/article-Judge-orders-audit-of-Monsanto-settlement?instance=home_news

UK, LANKASHIRE, AUGUST 24 2011. BARNOLDSWICK FIREFIGHTERS TACKLE MASSIVE FUEL BLAZE

A massive blaze in a tank holding 5,000 gallons of fuel was tackled by firefighters at a derelict Barnoldswick mill last night. Dozens of firefighters were called to the incident at Fernbank Mill, which is currently being demolished, just before 10 p.m. to find the tank well alight. Damage at the site was limited to the fuel tank as demolition has already started on the structure around it. Watch manager Mick Strickland said: "It was a very risky situation with all that fuel. "Luckily, the wind direction was right for us not to have to evacuate any houses but as you can imagine there was a lot of thick black smoke. "We are investigating the cause of the fire today but it is not clear yet how it happened".

http://www.pendletoday.co.uk/news/local-news/barnoldswick_firefighters_tackle_massive_fuel_blaze_1_3704501

USA, NE, ATKINSON, AUGUST 24 2011. NEDAK ETHANOL TO PAY \$3,600 PENALTY, PURCHASE RADIOS, INSTALL LEAK SENSORS, FOR FAILURE TO DEVELOP RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

chris whitley



NEDAK Ethanol, LLC, an alternative fuels manufacturer, has agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$3,600 to the United States for failing to develop a Risk Management Program and file a Risk Management Plan for its ethanol production facility at Atkinson, Neb. As part of an administrative civil settlement with EPA Region 7, NEDAK Ethanol has also agreed to spend at least \$17,900 on a supplemental environmental project. As part of that project, the company has agreed to spend approximately \$8,700 to purchase six headset radios and five handheld radios for the Atkinson Fire Department to enable more effective communications during emergency response operations. The company will also spend approximately \$9,200 to purchase and install an ammonia leak detector system and combustible gases sensor at its Atkinson facility. According to an administrative consent agreement filed by EPA in

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Kansas City, Kan., the Agency inspected NEDAK Ethanol's Atkinson facility in April 2010 and found that it had not developed a Risk Management Program nor had it filed a Risk Management Plan. Under the federal Clean Air Act, NEDAK Ethanol was required to take those actions because its facility had quantities of flammable pentane and butane in excess of regulatory thresholds. Flammable substances commonly used in the ethanol manufacturing process can make facilities subject to Risk Management Program regulations. EPA enforces the Risk Management Program regulations of the Clean Air Act with a goal of preventing accidental chemical releases and minimizing the impact of releases or other accidents that may occur. Establishment of Risk Management Programs and formulation of Risk Management Plans helps companies operate responsibly, assists emergency responders by providing vital information necessary for them to address accidents and other incidents, protects the environment by preventing and minimizing damage from accidental releases, and keeps communities safer.

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/c439e1827dc37941852578f4005f6b81?OpenDocument>

USA, ORE, ROSEBURG, AUGUST 24 2011. CAR CRASHES INTO GAS PUMPS



A driver lost control and smashed into gas pumps at a service station, sending him and his passenger to the hospital early Monday morning. Henry Allen Hockersmith, 21, of Roseburg faces charges of Reckless Driving, Recklessly Endangering, Driving Uninsured and No Operators License, police in Roseburg said. According to police, Hockersmith was westbound on Stewart Parkway in a 1995 Acura Integra when he tried to pass another vehicle. He lost control of the Acura, which slid sideways into a fence, light pole and telephone box before hitting a set of gas pumps at the Texaco at the corner of Edenbower and Stewart Parkway. Hockersmith and his passenger were taken to Mercy Medical Center by private

vehicle, police said. He suffered a broken left arm with dislocation and possible rib fractures.

<http://www.kval.com/news/local/128199288.html>

USA, TX, CORPUS CHRISTI, AUGUST 24 2011. TANKER TRUCK EXPLODES; DRIVER DEAD, RESIDENTS EVACUATED



An 18-wheeler carrying hazardous chemicals burst into flames after the driver lost control; prompting a forced evacuation of nearby residents in Kingsville. The accident happened around 1:30 p.m. this afternoon on Highway 77 North. The truck driver was not able to escape the cab and died. Police say the driver of the rig might have suffered a heart attack or some other type of medically-related issue before the crash. Witnesses say the driver veered off the road twice before slamming into the barrier and then landing in the embankment. The tanker truck was hauling an explosive chemical called methyl methacrylate mollimar. Officials say the chemical has not yet leaked out of the truck, but have evacuated everyone within about a half mile radius as a precaution. Residents won't be allowed to return home until the truck has been removed and the area has been cleaned up. 77 will re-open once that takes place, however officials say traffic will be diverted to 77 business for at

least another 12 hours.

<http://www.kiitv.com/story/15312405/tanker-truck-explodes-driver-dead-residents-evacuated>

TURKEY, ISTANBUL, AUGUST 24 2011. LNG TANKER GETS STUCK UNDER İSTANBUL OVERPASS



A tanker truck loaded with liquefied natural gas (LNG) got stuck under an overpass in İstanbul, briefly creating the risk of a gas explosion in the area. The incident took place in Ataköy, Bakırköy district, at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning. The driver of the truck, identified as Cihan Demir, was headed to Zeytinburnu and was directed to the Ataköy overpass by a taxi driver whom Demir asked for directions. However, the tanker got stuck under the three-and-a-half-meter-high overpass. Demir attempted to push through, but had to call police for help once he realized that it

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would not be possible for him to pass underneath. Police and fire brigade teams were able to dislodge the vehicle. There was no gas spill.

<http://www.todayszaman.com/news-254646-Ing-tanker-gets-stuck-under-istanbul-overpass.html>

USA, N.J, MAHWAH, AUGUST 24 2011. POLICE STILL WEIGHING ACTION AGAINST TRUCK DRIVER IN MAHWAH OIL SPILL


Authorities on Tuesday still were trying to determine whether to charge a truck driver who allegedly did not report spilling 156 gallons of diesel fuel at a Route 17 gas station, police said. The driver, Derick Phillips, 42, of Willingboro, has been interviewed by police, and investigators have obtained information from the trucking company and gas stations along the route to determine whether any charges — criminal or administrative — will be filed, said Capt. Stephen Jaffe. [Mahwah](#) detectives are working with the state Division of Criminal Justice in the investigation. Phillips, driving for Lee Transport of Elmer, was supposed to deliver 1,900 gallons of diesel to the Getty gas station about 1 a.m. Sunday, when the spill occurred, police said. About 8 a.m., a resident walking his dog near Winters Pond reported an oil sheen on the water's surface. Officers followed the slick to Masonicus Brook, then traced it to the Getty gas station, where they allegedly saw a significant amount of diesel fuel on the blacktop. The fuel apparently had run out of the parking lot, along Route 17 north and entered a storm drain that deposited it into the stream, authorities said. "In terms of gallons, it is not a large spill," said Larry Hajna, a spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Protection. The spill does not appear to be affecting wildlife, he said: "Wading birds that use the pond are being shoed away at this time." Fire Company 2 Hazmat and [Bergen County](#) Hazmat crews responded Sunday to investigate and place booms along the stream to contain the spill. Workers from Atlantic Response Inc. — a state-approved environmental cleanup company hired by Lee Transport — began cleaning up the spill Sunday. The workers were using a rowboat and absorbent pads to sop up the fuel. Anthony DeCandia, coordinator of environmental programs for Bergen County, said the county Hazmat department was assisting the state DEP in overseeing the cleanup at the station. Efforts to contain the spill were aided initially by Sunday's rain and the low level of the pond. "The rain flushed the material out of the brook and into the pond," DeCandia said. "That was good. Collecting it in one spot makes it a little easier to clean up." Winters Pond was lowered significantly last week as the township prepares to dredge it. That project is expected to begin within two weeks and should not be affected by the fuel spill, Township Administrator Brian Campion said. The DEP is taking soil samples to ensure the cleanup is thorough, and "Assuming that the test samples are satisfactory, the [dredging] will proceed," Campion said. [Mahwah](#) Patrolman Kevin McCombs spoke to the owner of Lee Transport and learned Phillips, allegedly was aware of the spill but did not believe it was significant enough to report to authorities. Any spill of diesel fuel exceeding 5 gallons is actionable, according to police. They said computer records at the Getty station indicate only about 1,744 gallons of the expected 1,900 gallons of fuel entered the gas station's tank and that the station owner said the driver told him a connection separated for a short while.

http://www.northjersey.com/topstories/mahwah/Police_still_weighing_action_against_truck_driver_in_Mahwah_oil_spill_.html

USA, TX, ROANOKE, AUGUST 24 2011. TANKER CARRYING JET FUEL BURNS FOR FIVE HOURS AFTER NORTH TEXAS WRECK

 **Watch the Video**

- <http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/Tanker-burning-on-Roanoke-highway-128273988.html>
- <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/128274118.html>

 **Photo's** <http://www.star-telegram.com/2011/08/23/3309078/tanker-filled-with-fuel-overturns.html>



Highway 114 was shut down for hours following a fiery accident involving a tanker truck loaded with jet fuel and a Jeep. The fire finally burned itself out Tuesday night after nearly five hours. Smoke from the wreck could be seen for miles around, and the accident tied up rush hour traffic. Remarkably, no one was seriously hurt. "You would think with that much heat and flame that it'd burn out fast, but it's still burning," said Joe Scarborough, who had a front row seat to the inferno from a Waffle House across the street. "It's so hot and so intense, I could almost feel the heat inside here," he said. Scarborough walked into the restaurant soon after Roanoke firefighters raced to the scene. "They could see the smoke all the way up in Denton and North Richland Hills," Scarborough said. Just after 3:30 p.m., the

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tanker and a Jeep collided. The front end of the Jeep was demolished, but the tanker erupted in flames as 5,600 gallons of volatile jet fuel detonated. Waffle House employee Jennie Jeffery ran to the window when someone yelled what happened. "Well, she said there was a truck on fire. I was expecting a little bitty truck out here with the radiator on fire," she said with a laugh. The accident happened on Highway 114 at Highway 377, just east of the Texas Motor Speedway. Remarkably, both drivers walked away, but paramedics did take a passenger in the Jeep to a hospital with a non-life threatening injury. Roanoke firefighters took air quality measurement devices to an adjoining neighborhood to determine if all the smoke would necessitate an evacuation. The wind, however, blew the plume in a different direction. The tanker belonged to a Montana company. The driver did not wish to speak to News 8, and police did not immediately pinpoint who was at fault. "It's pretty remarkable that all this happened and no one got hurt," Jeffery said, adding that in her 40 year career at Waffle House, this was a first. The Texas Department of Transportation was planning to inspect the main lanes of Highway 114 early Wednesday morning before it is reopened to traffic. At 10 p.m. Tuesday, wreckers were still waiting for the incinerated tanker to cool off before they could haul what's left of it away.

<http://www.kens5.com/news/Tanker-carrying-jet-fuel-burns-for-five-hours-after-north-Texas-wreck-128307518.html>

AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, ADELAIDE, AUGUST 24 2011. SANTOS SANCTIONED \$80,000 FOR GAS BLAST IN MOOMBA

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The SA Industrial Relations Court has sanctioned Santos, regarded as a resources giant, for violating section 19(1) of the Occupational Health Safety and Welfare Act of 1986. A fine of \$80,000 is expected to be collected from the operator, who has earlier pleaded guilty to the charges, following an investigation of the Moomba facility. A [gas](#) explosion in its facility occurred on New Year's Day of 2004, putting 13 of its workers at risk. The investigation revealed that a Liquids Recovery Plant or LRP, whose inlet and flange caused the blast due to mercury erosion. Thus, gases such as [propane](#), butane, methane and ethane have been prematurely released, leading to the formation of a flammable cloud. The workers immediately noticed this and sought to evacuate the people in the premises and shut down the plant, as the gas floated and ignited 150 metres off the area. Only one worker received minor burns from the incident but the blast left significant damage to facility. The investigation also showed that:

- Santos has not conducted [risk assessment](#), which should have helped identify workplace hazards.
- Santos' system of inspection in the plant was inadequate. It failed to identify the traces of mercury, or even remove it from hazardous areas.
- The mercury used in the plant eventually became brittle and useless, thus most likely causing more harm within the work area.

This is reportedly the second time Santos has breached the Act. The company had also been liable for another incident, which occurred in June of 2001. Safework SA reminded all plant operators to ensure that safety in the workplace must be a continuous process and should always be in effect, as a result of this incident.

http://www.safetyculture.com.au/news/index.php/08/sa-santos-sanctioned-800000-for-gas-blast-in-moomba/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+safetyculture+%28Safety+Culture+OHS+News%29

CHINA, BEIJING AUGUST 25 2011. CONOCOPHILLIPS SAYS EVALUATING CHINA SPILL IMPACT

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A subsidiary of ConocoPhillips said it has started evaluating the impact of its oil spill in China's northern Bohai Bay on the marine environment, but has not yet received any claims for the incident. State media have said fishermen in northern China's Hebei Province were preparing to sue ConocoPhillips for wiping out large numbers of scallops in Bohai Bay. Economic losses incurred by the fishing industry were estimated at between 150 million and 170 million yuan (\$23.5 million-\$26.6 million), according to the reports. "We have not received any notification of any claims from this incident," Georg Storaker, president of ConocoPhillips China, said at a news conference on Wednesday. The company has said it had halted original leaks at the Penglai 19-3 oilfield, China's biggest offshore oil field, which started in June. The State Oceanic Administration has said 840 square kilometers of water had been polluted by the leaks. On Monday, media reports said the company was still dealing with several small oil leaks on the seabed 15 meters north of the oilfield's Platform C. Asked if the company was considering establishing a fund for environmental protection activities, as BP did after last year's massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico,

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Storaker said: "First of all, there is no comparison between the two incidents. We have not received any claims today, but we will consider any such claims if they come out." ConocoPhillips owns a 49 percent stake in the oilfield and acts as the operator, while China's top offshore oil and gas producer CNOOC Ltd has a 51 percent stake. A third party was conducting an investigation and evaluation of the oil spill's environmental impact, company officials said. "After these unfortunate incidents, we have started to evaluate the impact on the marine environment. Work is ongoing right now and our vessels are taking samples," said Xu Xianhong, head of health, safety and environmental protection at ConocoPhillips China. Xu declined to identify the third party and gave no timetable for when the evaluation would be finished. ConocoPhillips China again said it was on track to meet requirements of China's marine authorities to finish the cleanup and seal off oil spill sources by the end of the month. "We are on target to reach that goal. At the moment we have 95 percent of the oil-based mud already cleaned up and have sealed off the sources of original releases from June 4 and June 17," said ConocoPhillips spokesman Rich Johnson. CNOOC Ltd said on Wednesday that it had revised its production target to 331 million-341 million barrels of oil equivalent for 2011, down from 355 million-365 million, partly because of the oil spill. "The company has already started performing inspections of major facilities, equipment and production operations of all our oilfields, and reinforcing our risk management measures, to avoid similar incidents happening in the future," CNOOC said in a press release. CNOOC would continue to urge and assist ConocoPhillips China to complete the cleanup work in a timely manner and to minimize the impact on the marine environment, it added. ConocoPhillips has said the shutdown of two platforms at Penglai 19-3 would result in a temporary reduction of about 17,000 barrels of oil per day.

<http://planetark.org/wen/63046>

IRELAND, DUBLIN, AUGUST 25 2011. WATCHDOG DISCOVERS 1,400 FAULTY FUEL PUMPS

treacy hogan

Unsuspecting car owners got less, but sometimes more, than they bargained for at 200 petrol pumps around the country last year. The faulty pumps, which were among 8,000 tested by the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) in 2010, were discovered to be delivering inaccurate quantities of fuel. In some cases the owners of petrol stations were losing out because the wrongly calibrated pumps were delivering overly generous amounts of petrol to drivers. In other cases, however, motorists were getting less fuel than they were charged for. More than 1,400 warning notices about faulty petrol pumps were issued by the NSAI, according to its annual report published yesterday. Around 200 of these related to amounts of petrol, while the remainder focussed on technical issues.

<http://www.independent.ie/national-news/watchdog-discovers-1400-faulty-fuel-pumps-2856066.html>

USA, MD, ALLEGANY CO, LAVALE. AUGUST 25 2011. SERVICE STATION FIRE LOSS PUT AT \$250,000

Tuesday's accidental fire at the Athey's LaVale Autocare station at 1253 National Highway caused an estimated quarter-million dollar loss, according to the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office. The 2:45 p.m. fire caused an estimated \$150,000 loss to the structure and an additional \$100,000 to its contents. The property is owned by Gary Athey Jr., and was leased to Jeremiah Custer. The property was fully insured, according to the fire marshal's office. The fire began in a garage bay of the business when gasoline being removed from a vehicle's gas tank ignited while the vehicle was on the repair lift, investigators said. It took 50 volunteer firefighters 45 minutes to bring the fire under control. Companies from LaVale, Bowling Green, Clarysville, Frostburg, Corriganville, Ellerslie, Cresaptown and Bedford Road were involved in the fire operation following alert by the Allegany County 911 center. Traffic through the area was reportedly controlled by five units of the Allegany County Sheriff's Office, a Maryland State Police unit and the Allegany County Fire Police.

<http://times-news.com/breakingnews/x1222604218/Service-station-fire-loss-put-at-250-000>

USA, MN, ST. PAUL, AUGUST 25 2011. CHS PARTICIPATES IN PROPANE SAFETY DEMOS

Nearly 100 propane marketers, firefighters, hazmat trainers, law enforcers and towing professionals learned crucial rules for safely and effectively handling propane emergencies at a two-day Industry Responders' Conference in White Bear Lake, Minn. "We had great participation. I think everyone took away something to help them respond to incidents involving leaking and/or burning propane," says Bryan Lewis, manager-propane risk management, CHS, and an organizer of the event. As chairman of the Propane Emergencies Task Force, Lewis helped plan hands-on demonstrations for the training, which was held at Century College and hosted by the Minnesota Propane Association in conjunction with the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC). Demonstrations included how to handle a propane fire and rescue following a car-bobtail collision, how to effectively

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transfer product and/or overturn a large transport truck after a rollover, and how to handle a leaking or burning domestic propane storage tank. "This event marks the first time the Industry Responders' Conference has been held in Minnesota. We believe it's crucial to take a proactive approach to preparing for dangerous incidents because, while rare, they can potentially put a lot of people at risk without warning," says Lewis. "As a major propane marketer, CHS has had a long-standing commitment to safety, and we also encourage our customers to go above and beyond when it comes to protecting our communities. One of our propane customers, Sheehan's Gas, provided propane and a propane autogas-powered bobtail for the demonstrations." Demonstrations covered topics such as safety valves, tank cooling, using water spray to control fire, and the importance of including towing professionals in the incident command circle. In addition, speakers emphasized the need for responders to be aware of (and prepared for) the growing number of cars, pickups, delivery trucks and buses on the road today that run on propane autogas.

<http://www.4-traders.com/news/CHS-participates-in-propane-safety-demos--13767378/>

USA, FLA, PONTE VEDRA, AUGUST 25 2011. OVER 800 GALLONS OF GAS STOLEN: SJSO SEEKS INFORMATION

rachel leitao

Detectives with the St. Johns County Property Crimes Unit are seeking information following the theft of over 800 gallons of gasoline from Buddy Boys convenience store, located at 2700 South Ponte Vedra Blvd. According to the St Johns County Sheriff's Office, the theft occurred early Tuesday morning between 3:00-4:00 a.m. while Buddy Boys was closed. An offender(s) gained access to the underground fuel tank by cutting a lock to the secured lid of the tank. The substantial amount of fuel was pumped into a large container. In February a similar theft of gasoline was reported to a closed Orange Park service station. The suspect vehicle could be a small tanker type truck or a full sized pickup truck or van with concealed fuel bladders installed. Anyone with any information concerning the theft of gas at the St. Johns County business, or if you observed a suspicious vehicle at the business in the 2700 block of South Ponte Vedra Blvd. early Tuesday morning, should contact Detective Jeremy Bouchard at the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office at (904) 824-8304. You can also remain anonymous and possibly be eligible for a cash reward by calling CrimeStoppers of N.E. Florida at 1- (888) 277-TIPS (8477).

<http://staugustine.firstcoastnews.com/news/crime/59373-over-800-gallons-gas-stolen-sjsso-seeks-information>

NIGERIA, Ogoniland, AUGUST 25 2011. NIGERIA'S OIL-TAINTED OGONI WEARY OF BLAME GAME

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Skillfully scooping water from beneath a thick black carpet of crude, veteran Nigerian fisherman Suagelo Kpalap gives a shrug of resignation at the mention of the latest twist in an oil spill blame game he's watched for decades. A U.N. report released this month told Kpalap and the other inhabitants of Ogoniland, a region within the vast, oil-rich Niger Delta, what they've known for years -- their environment is dangerously polluted and Royal Dutch Shell and the government aren't doing enough to clean it up. "Oil spills have wasted my life, my environment and livelihood. There isn't much for me to enjoy at my age," the 57-year old said, wiping oil-stained hands on ragged clothes. "My fishing nets are all soaked in oil, I don't have money to get new ones and my canoes have been destroyed by the spills." In some Africa delta regions, tourists enjoy the calm waterways and wildlife. The landscape of banana trees and a pineapple farm where Kpalap stands looks bleak, stained with oil, in air filled with dark smoke from gas flaring. The U.N. report said Ogoniland required the biggest oil clean-up in history, which could take 30 years and cost an initial \$1 billion. The paper, the most scientific and detailed report ever on Niger Delta spills, found levels of pollution that shocked the most pessimistic observers. In one community, drinking water was contaminated with benzene, a substance known to cause cancer, at levels over 900 times above World Health Organisation guidelines. Shell and Nigeria's state-owned oil firm NNPC were criticized in the paper for not meeting their own best practices. In 10 out of 15 areas the U.N. visited where Shell said it had completed its clean-up, high levels of pollution were still found.

Kicked Out

Shell was forced out of Ogoniland in 1993 by the Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People (MOSOP), led by poet and activist Ken Saro-Wiwa, after they said the oil giant had destroyed their fishing environment. Saro-Wiwa was later hanged by the military government, prompting international outrage. In the years since, Shell has stopped pumping oil from the region but its pipelines and other oil drilling infrastructure remain, largely unprotected, and are susceptible to leaks, sabotage attacks and theft. Shell says it is working to better protect its equipment in Ogoniland but repairs are thwarted by persistent sabotage attacks and illegal tapping by local oil thieves. MOSOP and residents of hundreds of communities across the Niger Delta are angry with Shell and other oil majors operating in the oil-rich country and frustrated with the government for not enforcing

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stricter operating practices. The government says the foreign oil company operators have to look after their equipment. In a region where most people live on less than \$2 a day, despite around \$240 million-a-day in oil export revenue flowing into Nigeria, residents are tired of decades of fighting and want a proper clean-up along the lines of what the United Nations has mapped out. Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan last week constituted a committee to review the report and Shell and NNPC have both said they will look carefully at the findings. But there is skepticism that the positive statements of intent following the release of the report will result in any long-term changes in an area of the world far from the international media glare. Suanu Baridam, secretary of the Ogoni Council of Traditional Rulers, hopes the U.N. report will build momentum that will force Shell, NNPC and the government into long-term action. "We don't want anything short-term ... I know how they normally do their thing. Once you agree with them to do one thing now and they say they will come later, they end up not doing anything. People forget again," said Baridam. Shell, NNPC and the government have all supported the U.N. report's depth and integrity and have promised to investigate its findings -- a small victory has been met with cautious optimism by rights groups and many Nigerians. The report proves the unacceptable environmental damage caused by oil drilling in Nigeria and offers a tough and long solution. One thing that has become clear is that the Nigerian government will have to drive any change. "There is no point blaming Shell any more than we should blame ourselves," said Senator Magnus Abe, the representative in the upper house of parliament for Rivers South-East, one of the three states in the Niger Delta. "It is our responsibility as Nigerians to enforce our laws and ensure people obey our rules. If we compromise ourselves, compromise our offices and allow people to do what they like, it doesn't make sense for us to blame everybody else."

<http://planetark.org/wen/63048>

USA, N.Y, HENRIETTA, AUGUST 25 2011. TANKER TRUCK OVERTURNS AT LEHIGH STATION EXIT FROM I-390

A tanker truck carrying 55,000 gallons of lubricant overturned around 4:30 p.m. today on the exit ramp from Interstate 390 to Lehigh Station Road. The truck was one of three heading from New Jersey to Ontario, Canada, said Henrietta Fire District Chief Jim Comstock. The male driver, whose name was not released, was taken to Strong Memorial Hospital with injuries not believed to be life-threatening. None of the lubricant from the tanker spilled. Fire officials and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office are investigating the cause of the crash.

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20110823/NEWS01/110823034>

USA, FLA, CAPE CORAL, AUGUST 25 2011. "MISSING" FUEL MAY NOT BE MISSING

 **Document** [Click here to view all of the documents NBC2 compiled for this story.](#)

Every drop of fuel in the city of Cape Coral is under scrutiny after \$5-million worth was reported missing or misused. There have been months of speculation about it being stolen; even a so-called "smoking gun" in the form of a fuel logger. But the NBC2 Investigators discovered there may be a more plausible reason - deleted or missing files. The story started back in November 2010 when a report came out that there was a \$5-million increase in fuel costs. That prompted an audit by the City of Cape Coral and the Lee County Clerk's office. City Manager Gary King admitted the city was at fault for losing most of it. No one was tracking the amount of fuel coming in or going out; and a city employee deleted 77,460 records as part of a bookkeeping measure to take old vehicles out of the system. "I have never said the fuel was stolen. I said it was unaccounted for. Do I personally believe there was unauthorized fuel from time to time? Yes. Can I prove that? No," King said. While the employee error accounted for more than half the missing fuel, where was the rest of it? Cape Coral Officer David Dye, a computer expert, was brought in to look at the city's fuel management software, designed by a company called SCI. Dye sent an email to the city auditor in January 2011. In it he says "...some issues that were originally thought to be suspicious have been found to be software related." A month later, auditors interviewing Dye admitted he presented a "pretty convincing case that SCI has poor system design causing discrepancies in fuel records." On March 23, Dye explained further that "deficiencies in the software application cause data entry failures creating gaps which could explain some 48,000 'missing' transactions. Auditors took all of Dye's information and met with SCI on April 7. And in June the final audit was released. But the bulk of Dye's concerns about SCI's software and his conclusion about the missing transactions weren't included. We obtained copies of the auditor's drafts which clearly show Dye's concerns. It says the "coding appears inefficient;" and even SCI's CEO agreed the system discarded records automatically. So why wouldn't that be in the final report? Possibly because of a letter obtained by the NBC2 Investigators from SCI to Cape Coral City Manager Gary King. The letter says "SCI has a serious financial investment at stake and must not suffer damages caused by untrue and misleading information. Therefore SCI is prepared to and will defend any concerns regarding alleged defects in SCI software." We asked King about the letter.

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Karla: "Things weren't taken out of the audit because of this letter?"

Gary King: "The city auditor controlled the audit and they engaged Lee County's services. I didn't control, oversee or direct the audit." "I'm trying to figure out why the components of what you're sitting with here today didn't make it to council," said Marty McClain, a Cape Coral City Council member. McClain says any potential software glitches should have been made public.

Karla: "Does that look like a cover up?"

McClain: "I would fall just short of saying that. I feel we weren't provided with the full picture."

Despite our findings, councilman Bill Deile still believes someone misused fuel; and doesn't believe SCI's letter was a threat. "I interpret that as they stand behind the product and that they will defend the product. I think that's what the letter does," said Deile. Something Gary King is doing, too. He recently signed a purchase order for \$43,000 to upgrade the software. We contacted SCI for comment, but did not hear back from them. City Council meets on Monday. Council member McClain says each member should be given a copy of the documents we obtained. Count on us to continue following this story.

<http://www.nbc-2.com/story/15327630/missing-fuel-may-not-be-missing>

USA, N.D, BISMARCK, AUGUST 26 2011. SUIT FILED ON BEHALF OF MEN BURNED IN OIL RIG EXPLOSION

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 **Slideshow** <http://www.kxnet.com/slideshow.asp?ArticleId=827092&Position=1>



A lawsuit seeking compensation for pain, medical expense and loss of income was filed in Northwest District Court in Williston against seven companies on behalf of three men who sustained severe burn injuries when an oil rig exploded northwest of Beach last month. The workers, all from North Dakota, were bringing up drilling pipe on Cyclone Drilling Inc., rig No. 18, when gas escaped the well, causing an explosion and fire July 25. Andrew Rohr, 53, and Timothy Bergee, 53, both remain hospitalized. The lawsuit says Rohr, of Marmarth, has burns over 60 percent of his body, suffered septic shock and now has heart problems. Bergee, of Jamestown, has burns covering 80 percent of his body and a compromised immune system also has caused life-threatening pneumonia, the suit says. The third worker, Jeff Morton, 39, of Stark County, is being treated as an outpatient for similar burns to his arms, said their attorney, Robert Hilliard, of Texas. "These men have all been put through

hell over the past few weeks. Two of our clients have more than half of their bodies covered with burned flesh. The third has had his arms horribly burned," Hilliard said. "Bottom line, six different companies failed to protect human lives to turn a buck." The suit was filed Friday. The lawsuit names Continental Resources Inc., as operator, along with well majority owner Pride Energy Inc., M-I SWACO Inc., Noble Casing Inc., Superior Well Services Inc., Panther Pressure Testers and Warrior Energy Services Corp. Hilliard said resolution before trial is possible. "Juries all over the country in oil cases, for injuries much less severe than these, have made awards for over \$50 million," he said. The suit alleges that Continental Resources and Pride Energy rushed the operation, failed to prepare an adequate well plan and to control downhole conditions with mud and cement. The suit says Continental and Pride failed to ensure the rig had adequate blowout preventers to protect the workers. The suit says that M-I SWACO failed to provide mud capable of holding pressure inside the drill hole and failed to provide a properly trained mud engineer. In drilling operations, drill mud is injected as counter pressure against gas and volatile compounds as the drill pipe is pulled up. The suit also alleges that Noble Casing's pipe plan was negligently designed and that both Superior Well Services and Warrior Energy Services Corp. provided negligent cement programs for the well and the pipe used in the rig's drilling processes. It alleges that Panther failed to properly test the well, or notify the drilling contractor that the collars around the pipe weren't completely closing. Hilliard said Cyclone Drilling is not named in the suit because state law prohibits suing employers, who are covered under Workers Compensation, unless the employee is killed. The suit seeks compensation for pain, medical expenses, mental anguish, loss of future earning capacity, physical impairment, disfigurement, and in Rohr's case, loss of spousal consortium. No specific dollar amount is named in the suit and companies have 20 days to respond. Continental Resources' spokesman Brian Engel said the company acknowledges the tragic nature of the men's injuries but has no comment on the lawsuit. He said Continental is conducting its own investigation into the explosion and will report to OSHA, the federal health and safety regulator. He said the well, anticipated to be a top producer in the Three Forks-

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Samish formation, which lies below the Bakken formation, is "undergoing remediation." The suit says the oil rig toppled during the blaze and oil, gas and debris burned for several days. A specialized well fire control unit was brought in to control the fire. http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/suit-filed-on-behalf-of-men-burned-in-oil-rig/article_7526f736-ced5-11e0-88b9-001cc4c03286.html

USA, WI, FOND DU LAC, AUGUST 26 2011. CAMPBELLSPORT BONFIRE EXPLOSION BRINGS CHARGES

A 25-year-old West Bend man is accused of causing a bonfire explosion in Campbellsport that burned seven people. Kyle W. De Ruyter allegedly admitted to Detective Nate LaMotte that at about 10:30 p.m. on June 4 he was attending a bonfire at the Mueller residence, 639 Stonehedge Circle, said Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Mark Strand. De Ruyter attempted to make the fire larger by pouring gasoline from a five-gallon can onto it. The flames traveled up the stream, and De Ruyter dropped the can in the fire, according to the criminal complaint. Strand said De Ruyter escaped injury while others ran into a nearby pond and later drove to a hospital for treatment of severe burns. De Ruyter was charged Tuesday with seven Class I felonies of injury by negligent handling of fire, a crime that carries a potential maximum penalty of 1½ years in prison. He also was charged with a misdemeanor of negligent handling of burning material. He is free on a \$2,500 signature bond. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Sept. 22. According to the criminal complaint:

- ✦ Benjamin Carlson received second-degree burns to his legs.
- ✦ Carlson reported his best friend, Craig Kell, had skin missing from his nose and skin hanging from his arm following the explosion. Carlson said Kell was convulsing during a ride to the hospital and suffered second-degree burns to 40 percent of his body. Kell declined to talk with a detective about the incident.
- ✦ Tami Mueller spent 12 days at [Columbia](http://www.columbia.edu) St. Mary's Burn Center in Milwaukee for second-degree burns to her feet and legs.
- ✦ Nicole Meyer suffered second- and third-degree burns to 35 percent of her body, including her face, arms and shins. She spent about a month at the burn center.
- ✦ William Otten received second-degree burns on his face, hands, forearms and feet.
- ✦ Joshua Mueller was at the burn center for several days for second-degree burns to his face and arm and third-degree burns on his right arm.
- ✦ Nathan Mueller received treatment for a burn to his arm.

All of those injured were older than 21 at the time of the incident. The Sheriff's Department originally looked into whether underage drinking was occurring at the residence. An ambulance never was called to the Campbellsport residence after the explosion. Strand said the Sheriff's Department does not view the lack of a 911 call as a means to cover up the incident. "The people that ran into the pond didn't realize they were burned that bad until they got out of the water and started feeling the burns. (Kell) was immediately taken to a nearby hospital," Strand said. "They put him into a car instead of calling an ambulance."

<http://www.fdlreporter.com/article/20110824/FON0101/108240357/Bonfire-incident-brings-charges>

USA, ME, AUGUSTA, AUGUST 26 2011. EPA FINES FUEL DEALERSHIP



A Maine heating oil company has agreed to pay \$50,000 to settle claims that it violated the Clean Water Act and federal regulations designed to prevent oil spills from reaching waterways. Fabian Oil Inc. sells heating oil, gasoline, and other petroleum products from several facilities in Maine. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Fabian failed to maintain and fully implement spill prevention control and countermeasure plans at three of these facilities. Fabian Oil has businesses in Oakland, Jay, Augusta, and Route 131 in South Thomaston. After EPA performed inspections in 2009-10, Fabian revised and updated its spill prevention plans for the facilities and proceeded to implement them. The work included installing concrete pads to contain potential spills from tank truck loading areas, updating spill control equipment, and performing oil tank integrity testing. The bulk fuel storage sites were in Oakland and Jay. Because Fabian's old spill prevention plans were out of date and only partially implemented, Fabian's three facilities were not fully

prepared to deal with oil spills or to prevent spills from having potentially serious environmental consequences, according to an EPA news release. The news release stated that EPA's oil spill prevention regulations and spill prevention plan requirements help ensure that tank failures or accidental spills from oil-storing facilities do not lead to oil contamination of surface waters,

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such as rivers or streams, which could harm human and ecological health. These regulatory requirements generally apply to facilities with above-ground oil storage capacity of more than 1,320 gallons. Fabian's three violating facilities have storage capacities of 30,000 to 60,000 gallons. "Because oil spills can do significant damage to the environment, it's very important that facilities handling and storing oil do everything possible to minimize the risk of oil spills," said Curt Spalding, regional administrator of EPA's New England office. "It's much easier and less expensive to prevent pollution before it occurs."

<http://knox.villagesoup.com/news/story/epa-fines-fuel-dealership/436806>

USA, MI, DETROIT, AUGUST 26 2011. MARATHON REFINERY FIRE SPURS TEMPORARY WORKER EVACUATION

aaron clark

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Marathon Petroleum Corp. shut a continuous catalytic reformer at its Detroit refinery after a fire Thursday, according to a state official. The fire started after a flange leak caused by a pressure change in the unit following a power failure, said the official, with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The person, who spoke directly with refinery officials, declined to be identified because the information isn't public. Shane Pochard, a Findlay, Ohio-based spokesman for Marathon, declined to comment beyond an e-mailed statement that the refinery experienced a "small fire" and that all contractors were temporarily evacuated as a precautionary measure. A boiler at the plant was reduced to 50 percent output after the power failure and will likely be shut so workers can check for a possible tube leak, according to the state official. The 114,000-barrel-a-day refinery is adding equipment to process heavy crude and is expanding capacity to 120,000 barrels a day, according to a company website.

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20110825/BIZ/108250476/1361/Marathon-refinery-fire-spurs-temporary-worker-evacuation>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, SUNSHINE, AUGUST 26 2011. SUNSHINE COMPANY FINED FOR OIL SPILL



A picture from the site.

Sunshine scrap metal company has been fined \$6000 after spilling oil into a stormwater drain following an the Environmental Protection Agency investigation. The EPA were alerted to the spill by a member of the public, who noticed large amounts of oil going into a stormwater drain at a residential property in Judge St, Sunshine. The company responsible, Newline Metals International, were investigated and deemed to be responsible for the spill coming from one of their leaky bins. EPA pollution response manager Richard Marks said a concerned local tipped them off when he saw the large amount of oil flowing into the drain. "Officers inspected the site and found black oily material covering the forecourt of the site and a trail of the same material in the gutter leading to the drain," he said. "Pools of oil were also found onsite, along with uncovered skips and greasy residue covering

the whole forecourt of the premises." Newline Metals told the EPA the incident occurred when a bin used to hold greasy parts had filled with water and causing the bin to overflow. It's the second time the company have been investigated by the EPA after receiving a warning for an oil leak in March last year. They have until September 15 to pay the fines, or could face prosecution and fines of up to \$286,000.

<http://brimbank-leader.wherelive.com.au/news/story/sunshine-company-fined-for-oil-spill/>

USA, MT, GREAT FALLS, AUGUST 26 2011. CUT BANK OIL SPILL CLEANUP FINISHED AFTER 6 WEEKS

The cleanup of an estimated 840-gallon oil spill in northwestern Montana is finished after six weeks, with federal regulators planning to inspect the site this week. Cleanup contractor Indian Country Environmental Associates completed the work on Sunday, owner Gabe Renville told the Great Falls Tribune (<http://bit.ly/oUcpVkJ>). The crew collected 20 55-gallon barrels of oil and water by cleaning oil from soil, pools of water and rocks down a steep ravine where the oil spread from a broken line on an oil field on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation to the Cut Bank Creek nearly a mile away. The Environmental Protection Agency, which is overseeing the cleanup, and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, which regulates oil and gas development on the reservation, will inspect the cleanup Tuesday or Wednesday, said Don Judice of the BLM's Great Falls office. "I'm thinking the tribe and EPA will be pretty satisfied, too," Renville said. "I don't anticipate any problems." Hays Griswold, an on-scene coordinator for the EPA's Emergency Response Program, said the EPA will approve the cleanup if the

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tribe is satisfied. "We enforce the cleanup but the property owner has the last word," he said. "We checked it all along and it's just fine." The spill happened June 12 when a 3-inch flow line connecting two small oil wells broke on the oil field operated by Salt Lake City-based FX Energy. The company shut down the line and fixed the leak that day, but oil flowed down the ravine to the Cut Bank Creek and it was not discovered until July 12. FX has informed the BLM that the company plans to abandon several wells in the Cut Bank Creek drainage as a result of the spill, Judice said. The BLM is considering requiring the company to replace aging flow lines. The collected oil and water mixture will be recycled by an on-site separator and bags of oil-soaked soil will be taken to a landfill near Conrad that's certified to take hazardous waste, Renville said.

http://www.nativetimes.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5927:cut-bank-oil-spill-cleanup-finished-after-6-weeks&catid=56&Itemid=32

USA, CA, LOS ANGELES, AUGUST 26 2011. FIREFIGHTER GOES SOLO ON A CAR IN LA, SHRUGS OFF EXPLOSION

 **Watch the Video** [Firefighter Goes Solo on a Car](#)



Los Angeles firefighters are as tough as they come and you can see why in this video. When you see a car entirely engulfed in flames, you know it's only a matter of time until the gas tank explodes. I know it, you know it, he knows it, everyone knows it. Some brave men just don't care, and this firefighter is a prime example of standing tall in the face of imminent (and certain) danger. This video was shot from someone's balcony in Los Angeles, California. You can see the firefighter prepping his hose and going in solo as soon as he gets his water pressure adjusted. Without hesitation he starts hosing down the car seconds before you see the explosion. The shockwave packed such a profound punch that even the cameraman was knocked back by it. The firefighter shrugged it off and continued carrying out his duties like a champ. Thanks to Morningstaric for the video.

<http://www.carbuzz.com/news/2011/8/25/Video-Firefighter-Goes-Solo-on-a-Car-in-LA-Shrugs-off-Explosion-7704518/>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, BENDIGO, AUGUST 26 2011. CULPRITS USING DIRTY FILL WILL BE CAUGHT

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Two Bendigo based companies have been fined approximately \$6000 each after it was discovered they were responsible for transporting contaminated soil to two residential properties being built at the south east of the town. EPA Victoria's north west regional manager Tim Eaton said industry is aware of the law and in this instance they've chosen to flout it. "This sort of behaviour is not tolerated and this incident should serve as a warning to operators that those who break the law will be caught. Using contaminated soil for these purposes poses a risk to the environment and to human health," Mr Eaton said. "It is also well known across the industry that you need to be EPA permitted to transport contaminated waste." Mr Eaton said the fines related to an incident that happened on March 28. "EPA Victoria received a community report alleging contaminated soil was being transported from an old service station in Strathfieldsaye to two regional properties at Junortoun and Emu Creek." EPA officers attended the old service station site and on arrival saw a truck drive from the site and turn down Emu Creek Road. The officers followed the truck to a vacant property where the truck deposited the load of soil that smelt strongly of petrol, alongside 16 other piles. On further investigation EPA officers found that it was ACETEC CONTRACTORS PTY LTD who was transporting the soil under the direction of building company PHLAR PTY LTD. PHLAR was required by EPA to remove the contaminated soil from the building site, resulting in 30 truckloads of soil being disposed of at Bacchus Marsh landfill. ACTEC has since sought a permission to transport prescribed industrial waste. "Do the right thing, or face the consequences," Mr Eaton said. The companies have 28 days to pay their fines, seek an internal review or have the matter dealt with in court.

<http://epanote2.epa.vic.gov.au/EPA/media.nsf/7957c9b407150e5f4a256695000c4970/32ee887c509a5e2bca2578e8000a821c?OpenDocument>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE, AUGUST 26 2011. JET FUEL SPILL AT MELBOURNE AIRPORT LEADS TO \$6,000 EPA FINE

EPA Victoria has fined an aeroplane engine testing company almost \$6000 for causing an environmental hazard at Melbourne's Tullamarine airport late last year. Approximately 3000 litres of jet fuel was released early morning on December

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2, 2010 after a rubber gasket seal from an LTQ Engineering Pty Limited, fuel pump base plate blew out. The company uses the fuel to test Qantas aircraft engines and fuel pumps are used to carry fuel for testing, which operate under enormous pressure. The hazard was first detected when LTQ employees smelt the odour while on a break at 1am. Airport Emergencies were called immediately, spill kits were deployed. EPA environmental services director Chris Webb said it was estimated that 2000 litres entered Arundel Creek, and another 1000 litres was captured. "On the same day 38.8mm of rain was measured at the site causing nearby storm water drains to overflow," Mr Webb said. "It was impossible for authorities to contain the spill because they would have had to close down the storm water drain system, which would lead to the flooding of Melbourne Airport. "Nevertheless this sort of incident should not have happened and the consequences are damaging not only to the surrounding environment but also poses a risk to safety." An EPA investigation revealed American company Aero Systems Engineering installed the pumps for LTQ in 2005. It showed the gasket that blew out should have been made of cork not rubber and over time the rubber seal wore out. It was noted that Aero Systems Engineering failed in their duty to provide LTQ with the correct infrastructure. The company has 28 days to pay the fine, seek an internal review or have the matter dealt with in court.

<http://epanote2.epa.vic.gov.au/EPA/media.nsf/7957c9b407150e5f4a256695000c4970/2b90dc408f9cfda7ca2578db00218606?OpenDocument>

USA, AK, ENDICOTT OIL FIELD, AUGUST 26 2011. NORTH SLOPE POLAR BEAR DIES AFTER HAZING SHOT BY GUARD

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service law enforcement is investigating after a guard at BP's Endicott oil field apparently mortally wounded a polar bear by shooting it with a pyrotechnic shotgun shell in a hazing incident.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service law enforcement is investigating after a guard at BP's Endicott oil field apparently mortally wounded a polar bear by shooting it with a pyrotechnic shotgun shell in a hazing incident. BP spokesman Steve Rinehart said Wednesday that the security guard, who works for the contractor Purcell Security, was hazing an aggressive polar bear on the night of Aug. 3 in an attempt to stop it from moving toward a housing unit at the North Slope oil field. He said the guard believed he was firing a non-lethal bean bag round from his 12-

gauge shotgun. The wounded bear remained in the area near the Endicott causeway, coming and going a couple of times, before dying on or around Aug. 15. Rinehart said the Fish and Wildlife Service conducted a necropsy of the bear on Aug. 16, "and during the course of that they discovered that the bear had suffered a projectile wound that is not consistent with the bean bag hazing round the guard had intended to use." "When we learned about this we investigated further and we now believe the bear was shot with a noisemaking cracker shell ... that punctured the body cavity and caused internal injuries and led to the death of the bear," Rinehart said. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spokesman Bruce Woods said the incident is under investigation by USFWS law enforcement and he could not make any comment. The Endicott facilities are located on gravel pads at the end of a causeway into the Beaufort Sea. It is polar bear territory and BP has Fish and Wildlife Service permits that include a protocol for trained security guards to haze bears away from where they could be a threat. "The guard was trying to protect people, he was not trying to hurt the bear," said BP's Rinehart. "And beyond that we'll see where the investigation leads. We're doing everything on our end to make any kind of changes to our procedures to make sure this doesn't happen again ... Frankly we feel awful about it." Rinehart said BP is reviewing its procedures and is going to make sure all hazing ammunition is clearly identifiable by type, packaging, color and labels. He said during future hazing incidents a backup person is going to "examine and confirm the type of ammunition being loaded before it's used." Polar bears are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act and the North Slope is designated critical habitat for them. The Fish and Wildlife Service is the federal agency that's responsible for managing Alaska's polar bear population. The fact that the animal was allowed to slowly die over the course of more than 10 days near the Endicott causeway didn't sit well with at least one oil field worker who contacted the Daily News and said employees there weren't happy about the situation. Rinehart said BP reported the hazing to the Fish and Wildlife Service when it happened and gave USFWS regular updates on what was going on. "We did what we felt we were authorized to do, which is to keep the Fish and Wildlife Service regularly apprised of the bear. They directed us to keep people away from it and to keep other bears away from it, we actually did keep some other bears away from it. And to

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see what happened," Rinehart said. Fish and Wildlife Service spokesman Woods said it was not a clear-cut situation. "We were observing the bear during that period and continued to be hopeful the bear would recover," he said. "Anything like drugging it to do a closer exam may have actually made the situation worse." BP is not disclosing the name of the security guard who shot the bear, only saying he has more than five years experience and was up to date on his required annual bear hazing training course approved by the USFWS. The guard's company, Purcell Security, is a division of NANA Management Services. "All I can tell you right now is that it is being investigated by the federal Fish and Wildlife and that we're cooperating with that investigation fully," said Helena Hall, an attorney for the security firm. BP's Rinehart said there's no record of this happening before in BP's North Slope operations over 35 years. He said the incident began when the bear was acting aggressively toward the security guard and his vehicle along the causeway. So Rinehart said the guard started honking his horn, sounding his siren and flashing his lights, following the protocol set up by USFWS. But the bear didn't let up and was moving toward the housing area, according to Rinehart. That's when the guard fired what he believed was a non-lethal bean bag round at the polar bear, Rinehart said, but apparently fired the cracker shell at it instead. Both are approved ammo under the USFWS hazing protocol, he said, but the cracker shell is supposed to be fired in front of the bear where it explodes like a firecracker and is meant to change the animal's direction. He said BP is cooperating in the USFWS investigation of what happened as well as doing its own. "These hazing shells look a little bit different from one another and we just don't know the details of the how the guard intended to load one and apparently loaded another," Rinehart said. "That's part of the Fish and Wildlife Service's investigation for sure and will be a part of ours."

Related Links

- [Polar Bear Death at BP Oil Field Under Investigation](#)
- [Polar bear's death described as accident](#)
- [North Slope polar bear dies after hazing shot by guard](#)
- [Polar bear shot and killed at BP Alaska oil field](#)

<http://www.thenewstribune.com/2011/08/24/1794641/hazing-proves-fatal-for-slope.html>

AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, PERTH, AUGUST 26 2011. W.A DEPARTMENT OF MINES & PETROLEUM FUEL TANKER FIRE REPORT RELEASED.

 **Report Document:** http://www.dmp.wa.gov.au/documents/Reports/DGS_R_FuelTankerFireAtMaddington2009.pdf

 **Watch the Video:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5m-VgWwfh0c>

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Fuel Tanker Fire Report out, the links above are to the official report from the West Australian Department of Mines and Petroleum into a fuel tanker fire at a suburban Perth service station in 2009.

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http://www.northjersey.com/news/128448208_Wood-Ridge_OKs_funds_for_cleanup_study.html

INDIA, DELHI, AUGUST 27 2011. INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LAUNCHES INDIA'S FIRST SELF SERVICE PETROL BUNK!



Say goodbye to oily petrol bunk attendants as Indian Oil Corporation as the country's largest state owned oil retailer, Indian Oil Corporation, has just thrown open India first self service petrol bunk at Delhi. This concept, which is almost de rigeur in many countries across the world eliminates the need for an attendant to fill fuel into a customer's car. Instead, the vehicle owner can operate the fuel nozzle at the petrol bunk fill the required amount of fuel into the vehicle by paying cash or swiping a credit or debit card at a terminal placed on the petrol bunk.

<http://www.indiancarsbikes.in/auto-news/indian-oil-corporation-launches-indias-service-petrol-bunk-47706/>

USA, ME, LEBANON, AUGUST 27 2011. TANKER TRUCK, CAR TOTALED IN LEBANON ACCIDENT

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A tractor-trailer lies on its side in Lebanon this morning after its driver veered to avoid hitting a car on Carl Broggi Highway. Both drivers were transported to Goodall Hospital in Sanford with non-life threatening injuries.

A tanker truck and car had to be towed from the scene of an early morning accident on Carl Broggi Highway. The accident occurred around 6:40 a.m. when it appears a 2006 Chevrolet Malibu attempted to turn onto Carl Broggi Highway from Spruce Street and did not see a tanker truck traveling westbound, said Lebanon Rescue Assistant Chief Jason Cole. The tanker truck attempted to avoid the collision and skidded sideways until it rolled over in a ditch, Cole said. The Lebanon Fire and Rescue departments and Maine State Police responded to the scene. The drivers of both the car and the tanker truck, whose identities are not being released at this time, were taken to Goodall Hospital in Sanford with non-life threatening injuries, Cole said. The driver of the tanker truck was wearing a seat belt, but the driver of

the Malibu was not, he said. "Had (the driver of the tanker truck) not seen the car coming onto the highway, he would have had a direct crash into the driver's side of the car and I am positive the outcome would have been more serious," he said. "The collision was still severe, but the truck driver probably saved the life of the other driver by quickly reacting to the car entering the road in front of him." Authorities say the tanker truck was carrying calcium carbonate, a white chalk-like substance derived from limestone and used in many antacids and as a sodium-free version of baking soda. While the truck was full, its contents did not pose a hazard. Cole said there was diesel fuel spilled from the tanker truck as a result of the accident, which was absorbed by sand, speedy dry and pads. Crews were on the scene until 11:30 a.m. Traffic was rerouted as four wreckers worked to remove the tanker truck. [Maine Department of Transportation](http://www.pressherald.com/news/Tanker-truck-car-totaled-in-Lebanon-accident.html) and [Department of Environmental Protection](http://www.pressherald.com/news/Tanker-truck-car-totaled-in-Lebanon-accident.html) both responded to help with clean up. Maine State Police are investigating the accident.

<http://www.pressherald.com/news/Tanker-truck-car-totaled-in-Lebanon-accident.html>

USA, TX, CATON, AUGUST 27 2011 TWO TEENS HOSPITALIZED AFTER CRASHING TRUCK INTO GAS STATION

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Canton Police have confirmed that two 17 year old boys had to be taken to a Tyler hospital after their Ford truck crashed into the Exxon Twin Stop gas station on Highway 243 Thursday evening. The crash happened at about 10:00 pm. At this time,

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authorities are not sure why the driver of the truck left the roadway, but say the driver may have fallen asleep at the wheel. The truck traveled about 234 feet before crashing into the gas station, injuring the 26-year-old cashier. No names have yet been released. One of the boys is in serious but stable condition, while the other is in stable condition. The cashier was taken to an Athens hospital with minor injuries, and was treated and released. The gas station will remain closed while it is being repaired.
<http://www.cbs19.tv/story/15338924/two-teens-hospitalized-after-crashing-truck-into-gas-station>

USA, N.J, EGG HARBOR TWP, AUGUST 27 2011. EHT GASOLINE SPILL CAUSES PROBLEMS

harvey cox



A fueling mishap at the super WaWa in Egg Harbor Township at English Creek and Ocean Heights Avenue led to some anxious moments this morning. It happened just after 7:30 as an attendant was pumping gas into a boat on a trailer, apparently unaware an interior hose leading to the boat's fuel tank was broken. According to Bargaintown Fire Chief Bob Dube, the attendant realized something was wrong when gas started leaking from the boat. Then when the trailer was disconnected, it tipped backwards, spilling gasoline onto the pavement, then running down to a storm drain. Bargaintown and Cardiff Firefighters were called to the scene. They set up containment barriers around the spill and ran hose lines in case the gas caught fire. A check of the gas pump showed that more than 130 gallons of gas had been pumped into the boat before the leak was discovered. That was about 450-dollars worth. The entire WaWa was shut down while firefighters worked to contain the spill.

Around noon one of two sections of gas pumps and the store itself were allowed to re-open. Chief Dube said the company had called in a private hazmat company from Delaware to clean up the remaining gasoline.

<http://www.nbc40.net/news/18876/>

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