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USA, ID, OROFINO, JANUARY 2 2012. N. IDAHO CREWS RESPOND TO OIL LEAK IN CLEARWATER RIVER

A Lewiston Fire Department official says experts are working to determine the cause of a petroleum leak in the Clearwater River along U.S. Highway 12 in northern Idaho. Capt. Erik Kelly tells the Lewiston Tribune (<http://bit.ly/rSkglA>) that the substance reported Friday is coming out of a 60-foot-wide sandbar just downstream from the Orofino bridge. Kelly, leader of a five-member Hazmat team, says two absorbent booms have been placed downstream. Capt. Erik Kelly tells the Lewiston Tribune that the substance reported Friday is coming out of a 60-foot-wide sandbar just downstream from the Orofino bridge. Kelly says samples of the substance have been too diluted to make precise identification possible. The Environmental Protection Agency is investigating.

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/47cb52d1cfce45ddb0e4802944fd6bd8/ID--Petroleum-Leak-Clearwater-River/>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE, JANUARY 2 2012. A VICTORIAN MAN HAS DIED IN HOSPITAL AFTER A BACKYARD FIRECRACKER EXPLODED AT A NEW YEAR'S EVE HOUSE PARTY - FAMILY ISSUES SAFETY PLEA AS POLICE PONDER CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL FIREWORKS

amelia harris

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<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/more-news/familys-plea-after-man-dies-of-fatal-fireworks-injuries/story-fn7x8me2-1226234417782>



Carlos Rodriguez died after being hit in the face by a firecracker.

Update 12.15pm: The family of a man who died after a firework exploded in his face have urged caution with illegal crackers. Father of two Carlos Rodriguez, 34, died in hospital last night after a firework exploded in his face early yesterday morning. The death has prompted authorities to warn of a crackdown [following the man's death and fireworks-related injuries to two others in separate New Year's Eve accidents](#). Police believe Mr Rodriguez was having a New Year's Eve party at his home in Tarneit and playing with a firecracker with his brother when one exploded in his face just after midnight. The projectile went through his eyes. It is understood a large number of people were celebrating at the event before the blast just after midnight. An off-duty nurse, who was in the street, helped the man, who paramedics later put in a coma. A relative - believed to be the brother - collapsed with chest pain and was taken to the Western Hospital in Footscray in a stable condition. Today, Mr Rodriguez's uncle Luis Barrigos said his nephew was a loving father to a daughter, aged about 5, a son, 4, and was a keen soccer fan. "It was just a horrible, horrible accident. The two of them were playing with fireworks and it went horribly wrong," Mr Barrigos said. "Just think of the consequences of playing with fireworks. They are illegal for a reason and people should take that into account."

He said he thought police should more vigorously target people selling illegal fireworks, including frequent raids on venues selling them. Deputy Commissioner Kieran Walshe said the incidents would prompt police to reconsider their role regarding illegal fireworks. He said the main focus on New Year's Eve was policing the streets and he did not have statistics on illegal fireworks set off in the suburbs. Mr Walshe added: "But if you were around your homes last night, you would have heard fireworks. "The issue for us is certainly the danger they present, not only to the people using them, but, I suppose if we take a learning from what happened at the Arts Centre spire, there is potential for other fire damage to be caused elsewhere in the residential area. "So it's something we'll need to think about and talk to other agencies about." Police believe most illegal fireworks come from the NT and ACT. Mr Walshe said the accident in Tarneit sent a warning to Victorians. "These are explosive devices, they are dangerous, that's why they're illegal and people need a particular permit or licence to use them," he said. Two others were also hurt in New Year's Eve incidents. At Rainbow Park, Inverloch, an 18-year-old suffered lower rib injuries from a fireworks explosion just after midnight. He was taken to Wonthaggi Hospital. A Preston man, 49, was holding a cracker when it went off in his face about 10pm on Saturday during a party at his home. Intensive care paramedic Peter Crane said the man suffered burns to his face and a serious injury to one of his eyes. "It's possible some of the firecracker went into his eye," Mr Crane said.

 **Related Links** [Fireworks display: Probe into Arts Centre spire's blaze](#)



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USA, CA, PALM SPRINGS, JANUARY 2 2012. LNG FUELING STATION IN PALM SPRINGS THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME >> 'THIS IS HOW THE INDUSTRY IS GOING TO EVOLVE,' SAYS LOCAL EXPORTER

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Ulrich Sauerbrey (left), project manager for GreenFIX America and Greg Braun, president of Border Valley Trading, at the liquid natural gas fuel station in Palm Springs, not yet in operation. Border Valley Trading and Hayday Farms have converted their fleet of trucks to liquid natural gas.

Right now, the liquid natural gas fueling station going in off Interstate 10 in Palm Springs is a rather unimpressive sight — a 30-foot-long tank on an acre of raw land with a U-shaped, paved road running from entrance to exit. But, for Greg Braun, president of Border Valley Trading, a hay exporter in Brawley, it's the first step in getting more diesel trucks off the highway — along with the air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions they cause — and replacing them with cleaner-running LNG vehicles. The large trucks rolling down Interstate 10 account for about 30 percent of the Coachella Valley's annual emissions of 4.31 million metric tons of greenhouse gases, according to a regional greenhouse gas inventory the Coachella Valley Association of Governments released in June. "We think this is how the industry is going to evolve," said Braun, who replaced most of his diesel fleet with 20 LNG trucks about four years ago. "That's exciting," he said, standing by the tank Wednesday as two large container trucks made a dry run through the Palm Springs station to test out its turning radius. "Someone has to take the leap of faith." Braun is taking the leap with another hay exporter, Hayday Farms in Blythe, and GreenFIX America, a clean energy development and management firm. Their goal is to create a model station that can be used as a template for similar projects and, in turn, make LNG more available and encourage other haulers with relatively small fleets — 20 trucks or fewer — to convert their vehicles to the cleaner-burning fuel. "We want to be able to do it all — the fleet (operations), the fuel, the permitting and development," Braun said. "If you don't understand all the aspects, natural gas is not going to take hold. "Let's prove the concept and let other people make good business decisions with the real facts," he said. The \$2 million project also has funding support from the California Energy Commission and the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which together have committed about \$900,000 in grants.

<http://www.mydesert.com/article/20120101/BUSINESS/112310344/LNG-fueling-station-Palm-Springs-shape-things-come>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, JANUARY 2 2012. UNLEADED BAN EXPECTED TO CAUSE RISE IN FUEL PRICES

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'The majors are doing anything they can to stop ethanol' says David Zsynzacak, ethanol producer.

NSW drivers could face more petrol price rises this year after the government bans regular unleaded fuel, pushing up demand for ethanol-blended and premium unleaded fuel, the industry has warned. From July, petrol stations will no longer be permitted to sell regular unleaded petrol, because the government wants to promote renewable biofuels. To meet demand, the state's only ethanol distiller, Manildra Group, will need to increase its production of ethanol-blended petrol to 300 megalitres by July, up from 250 megalitres last financial year, according to Ecco Consulting, an energy advisory firm. "We believe demand will exceed supply," Jamie Jardine, a spokesman for BP, said. "Consumers, particularly in rural areas, will have to pay more." Manildra did not return requests for comment. An Australian Competition and Consumer Commission report on the issue last month warned of a "significant impact" on consumers, particularly those forced to pay for

the much more expensive premium unleaded petrol if their cars cannot run on ethanol-based petrol, which is the case with all cars made before 1986. The ACCC also warned of a potential national shortage of premium petrol. In October, the government required 60 per cent of all fuel be ethanol-based. Current and former state governments had previously delayed



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the quotas because of concerns about the availability of ethanol fuel. Mike Cochran, a director at Ecco, expects Manildra can produce enough ethanol petrol to provide for the government's target to be met by July. "But it's cutting it very fine," he said. Even if ethanol supply falls short, petrol would not be rationed. Under biofuels legislation, the government can give suppliers exemptions that allow them to sell regular petrol. A spokesman for the Energy Minister, Chris Hartcher, said the government expected industry to meet targets but had granted exemptions in the past and would continue to consider them. But there are concerns that ethanol-based fuel is becoming more expensive. The ACCC found ethanol was increasing in price relative to regular unleaded petrol. Last year ethanol was 2.6¢ a litre cheaper; this year the difference fell to 1.7¢. Some motorists argue ethanol is already functionally more expensive because it provides less mileage than regular petrol. The NRMA says ethanol-fuel is between 1 and 3½ per cent less fuel efficient. David Zsynzcak, of Dalby Biorefinery in Queensland, said his company supplied ethanol-blended fuel for 4¢ a litre less than unleaded petrol at some Sydney petrol stations but others did not pass on the discount. "Clearly the majors are doing anything they can to stop ethanol," he said. But the industry says consumers might also choose premium petrol in preference to ethanol, which might raise the price of premium fuel. "Ethanol has proved very unpopular with customers," said Paul Zennaro, of Shell, which says it supports ethanol fuel but not through a mandated quota. <http://www.theage.com.au/national/unleaded-ban-expected-to-cause-rise-in-fuel-prices-20120101-1ph95.html>

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, FUJAIRAH, JANUARY 3 2012. FATALITIES IN FUJAIRAH TANKER EXPLOSION

Investigations have begun into a series of explosions on a tanker at Fujairah that left three people dead, one injured and two missing. Some 105 local repair workers and crew were on board the Mercator-managed Aframax 'Prem Divya' when welding work created a spark that triggered three explosions last Thursday. The Vessel was in ballast at the time of the casualty, according to local UAE newspaper, The Nation. Fujairah port officials said that the vessel had been certified as having been gas free. Technicians representing both the owners and insurers have arrived in an effort to determine the cause of the incident, Capt Mousa Morad, Fujairah port general manager, told the newspaper. Half of the 24 crew were transferred to a hotel, while the other half remained on board. The repair workers had left, according to Ishtiaq Ahmed Malik, an official at the vessel's agency, Blue Sea Shipping Agency, talking to The Nation. 'Prem Divya' is to remain at Fujairah until the incident has been fully investigated, a damage assessment has been carried out and compensation paid to the repair companies, plus the repatriation of the dead bodies. The Aframax arrived at Fujairah on 27th December for a 10-day repair project. Workers from local companies had arrived on board to check the vessel's piping and to undertake welding work in the engine room, plus other repair and maintenance work, the newspaper reported.

<http://www.tankeroperator.com/news/todisplaynews.asp?NewsID=3215>

USA, TX, SAN ANTONIO, JANUARY 3 2012. TANKER FIRE SHUTS DOWN LANES OF THE HIGHWAY

A tanker truck turned on it's side causing a huge traffic jam Monday morning. It happened around 6 o'clock in the morning, right before rush hour traffic. Fire crews were on scene and were able to get the flames under control. The west bound lanes of 1604 near NW Military drive have been shut down to one lane, and traffic is backing up. Try to avoid this stretch of highway and find an alternate route if possible. Clean up crews will be working on this accident for a while.

http://www.woai.com/mostpopular/story/Tanker-fire-shuts-down-lanes-of-the-highway/d3JMIqv9f06iqu_3emOwyQ.cspq

PAKISTAN, TIMERGARA, JANUARY 3 2012. OIL TANKER GUTTED IN TIMERGARA

A driver and cleaner of an oil tanker were injured when it caught fire at a filling station at Danwa the other day, eyewitnesses said. They said the tanker was being emptied when it suddenly caught fire due to some technical fault. The fire brigade was called that extinguished the fire. The injured driver and his cleaner were taken to the DHQ hospital Timergara where their condition was stated to be out of danger. The sub-divisional magistrate Timergara Noor Wali Khan Wazir visited the venue. Talking to journalists, he said the tanker had 5,000 liters of diesel and 3,000 liters of petrol. He said while petrol had been burnt diesel was saved.

<http://www.dawn.com/2012/01/02/oil-tanker-gutted-in-timergara.html>

NEPAL, KATHMANDU, JANUARY 3 2012. DEPT FINDS FAULT IN NATIONAL TRADING'S PETROL PUMP

Department of Commerce's market monitoring team has found technical fault in Teku-based petrol pump of National Trading Corporation (NTC). The team has found problem in totaliser metre in National Trading petrol pump, under-secretary of the department Tika Prasad Bhandari said, adding that they have directed the National Trading to repair the faulty machine or



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replace it new within three days. The totaliser metre indicates stock and sell quantity. The department has given emphasis on petrol pump monitoring as the country is facing severe petroleum crisis. Hundreds of vehicles are seen queueing in front of petrol pumps across the country since last week. Nepal Oil Corporation (NOC) has been unable to maintain smooth supply of the petroleum products as it has curtailed the supply to 40 per cent following fund crunch to pay its sole supplier Indian Oil Corporation (IOC). Currently, there is around 100 kilolitre market demand of petrol and diesel in the Kathmandu Valley – 400kl petrol and 600 kl diesel, according to the state oil monopoly. "Monitoring of petrol pumps will continue for few days," said acting director general of the department Shanker Prasad Poudel. "The department has also issued order to distribute petroleum products equally to vehicles." "The department has issued order to Jaya Kumar Enterprises of Sorhakutte and Newa Trade Concern of Dhalku," Bhandari informed, adding that the department has advised pumps to sell five litre petrol to motorcycles and 10 liter to taxis and private vehicles. The department has also monitored three more petrol pumps – Mayaram Bholaram (Tripureshwor), Kanak Trade (Teku) and Sanjaya Services (Sundhara) – but they were not selling petroleum products. "They had 'No Petrol' and 'No Diesel' sign, so we checked their stock," he said. "There was no irregularities." Meanwhile, petrol pumps across the country remained closed for two hours – from 10am to 12pm today – to protest against NOC. Nepal Petroleum Dealers' Association is protesting against the NOC asking for more commission and smooth supply of petroleum products to them.

<http://www.thehimalayantimes.com/fullNews.php?headline=Dept+finds+fault+in+National+Trading's+petrol+pump+&NewsID=314982>

USA, KY, DAVIESS COUNTY, DECEMBER 3 2012. KY GAS STATION CATCHES FIRE

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Some tense moments for the Daviess County Fire Department as a gas station catches fire. The three alarm fire broke out Sunday around noon at the Key Stop on US 60 East. Officials say they rushed to get the fire out before it reached the station's 1,000 gallon fuel tank. It took crews just 15 minutes to strike the fire. The building suffered extensive smoke damage. The State Fire Marshal was called in to investigate. No cause has been determined.

http://tristatehomepage.com/fulltext?nxd_id=479357

USA, MO, KANSAS CITY, JANUARY 3 2012. TWO INJURED FOLLOWING CHEMICAL LEAK IN NE BOTTOMS > HYDROGEN CHLORIDE LEAKING >> NEIGHBORHOOD EVACUATED

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- [3 Treated After Possible Chemical Leak](#)
- [Officials on scene of hydrogen chloride leak](#)



Firefighters and a hazardous materials team are trying to solve the mystery of what caused two railroad workers to get sick on Monday morning. Initially, they suspected hydrogen chloride was leaking from a rail car in the city's East Bottoms in the area of Nicholson Avenue and North Walrond. Crews alerted near-by homes and businesses and asked them to stay inside and keep their windows and doors shut. "I can't get to the house, there's firetrucks," said neighbor Sharon Bowers. "I'm standing out here in the cold." People like Sharon Bowers who live in the area were frustrated and worried because they were unable to go home. "Right now it's a mystery to us," said Fire Chief Smokey Dyer. Police also closed down Chouteau Trafficway between St. John and Front Street due to the threat of fumes being carried by the wind. A HazMat team then approached the rail car with

oxygen masks and thermal imaging cameras, but didn't detect any gas or substance. Smokey Dyer, Kansas City Fire Chief, said it's possible the car filled with the gas but then released pressure, causing the gas to dissipate and become undetectable. "I think our biggest concern right now is we had trained personnel that had reported a hazardous material release and we're having trouble locating it," Chief Dyer said. Chief Dyer sent his team back in a second time with fresh Oxygen tanks to focus on a rail car containing hydrogen chloride, a chemical known to be dangerous if inhaled. "That's why we're going to go with thermal imaging cameras," Chief Dyer said. "There may have been something with the the rail car may have been overfilled



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originally. Then, with the sun shining on it this morning, the pressure could've have increased and then the pressure relief valve could've released some vapor material and now that pressure relief valve has reset. Right now we're not detecting any leak or any releases from that train." The two railroad workers were taken to an area hospital for minor inhalation injuries.

<http://fox4kc.com/2012/01/02/railroad-car-leak-leads-to-evacuation/>

USA, OH, YOUNGSTOWN, DECEMBER 3 2012. OHIO QUAKES LINKED TO OIL-DRILLING WASTE PUMPED INTO WELLS

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Oil-drilling wastewater pumped into a northeast Ohio well "almost certainly" triggered 11 minor earthquakes around Youngstown since last spring, including one Saturday, a seismologist tells the [Associated Press](#). Ohio officials [closed four inactive "fluid injection" wells](#) within a five-mile radius of the Youngstown well, which is near a fault that geologists apparently weren't aware of. Pressure from the wastewater caused the fault to shift. Northstar Disposal Services has used the wells to dispose of brine wastewater from [shale oil and gas drilling](#), which officials said is different from so-called [fracking](#), the Youngstown [Business Journal](#) and AP report. Despite the disclaimer, The Christian Science Monitor writes that the disposal wells -- and the earthquakes -- are related to fracking, or hydraulic fracturing ("[How fracking caused an Ohio earthquake](#)"). The seismologist interviewed by the AP, John Armbruster of Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, said

more minor shakes can be expected throughout 2012. "The earthquakes will trickle on as a kind of a cascading process once you've caused them to occur," he said. "This one year of pumping is a pulse that has been pushed into the ground, and it's going to be spreading out for at least a year." The [magnitude 4 tremor New Year's Eve day](#) was felt in northwestern Pennsylvania and in Buffalo. [The Vindicator](#) has more details. A magnitude-3 quake jiggled the region on Christmas Eve.

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/ondeadline/post/2012/01/11-ohio-quakes-linked-to-oil-drilling-waste-pumped-in-wells/1?csp=34news>

NIGERIA, LAGOS, JANUARY 3 2012. ON OUR RADAR: OIL WASHES ASHORE IN NIGERIA

The oil-encrusted Atlantic beach in Orobiri, Nigeria, on Saturday.



Nigerian villagers and environmental groups say the [oil washing up on the coast](#) must be from the recent Royal Dutch Shell loading accident, which caused the biggest offshore spill in the country's waters in 13 years. Shell denies that the oil is from the spill, saying its dispersal efforts prevented any of that crude from washing ashore. [Reuters] A [sighting of the Sierra Nevada red fox](#) last year by a camera trap near the Sonora Pass in California has led the federal government to consider it for protection under the Endangered Species Act, the Fish and Wildlife Service says. [The Stockton Record] [Speculation persists](#) about the identity and motives of the person who released climate scientists' private e-mails online just before a recent international climate conference

<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/01/02/on-our-radar-oil-washes-ashore-in-nigeria/>

USA, N.Y, FORT EDWARD, DECEMBER 3 2012. FORT EDWARD MAYOR: SOURCE OF IGNITION REMAINS UNKNOWN, GAS LEAK DAMAGE STILL BEING ASSESSED IN FORT EDWARD

jamie munks

It's likely to be a long time before the full extent of the damage to village infrastructure resulting from last week's gasoline leak is known. Six days after a gasoline leak that caused explosions in the sewer system in the village, officials convened to discuss the incident, but don't have much information about its lasting effects yet. "It will be interesting to see what if any damage there is," Mayor Matt Traver said, adding that there's no known timeline in place for repairing any damage. "It's going to be a long time." It remains unclear what the source was that caused ignition in the blasts, Traver said. A regular Village Board meeting was held Monday night, preceded by a special meeting about last week's gas spill and its aftermath. The spill,



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caused when a vehicle hit a gas pump at the Cumberland Farms store on Main Street in Hudson Falls, resulted in explosions in the sewer system that forced manhole covers to shoot into the air. An emergency shut-off on the pump malfunctioned and an estimated 1,200 gallons of gasoline got into the sewer system and flowed to Fort Edward, where it pooled. There was damage to roads and broken windows in a few buildings when the manhole covers popped off, and village Highway Superintendent Kevin Stimpson suffered a knee injury, but no one was seriously hurt in the blasts. Traver anticipates that most of the damage within the sewer system will be concentrated in the area of Satterlee Lane and Liberty and Washington streets, where most of the explosions occurred. In the nearby building that formerly housed St. Joseph's School, 22 windows were blown out, he said. A crater-sized hole in Satterlee Lane indicates that was where the biggest explosion happened, and Traver said in one area of the lane, it appeared that the blacktop had been raised by about 8 inches after the blast. "That road is going to need to be addressed pretty quickly," he said of Satterlee. An effort to vacuum gasoline out of the sewer system from Hudson Falls to Fort Edward is ongoing, and engineers have been putting cameras down through manholes and into sewer pipes to determine the damage. The cameras can take a 360-degree view of the pipes so officials can see what the damage is and determine what repairs must be made. The village has asked that the engineering company commissioned by Cumberland Farms also use the cameras to assess damage in the lateral lines that connect from the sewer system to residences, Traver said. An insurance adjuster for Cumberland Farms was expected to be in the area Tuesday to begin assessing the damage, but it will likely be a long time before the amount of money the company is required to pay for repairs is known, Traver said. Village officials said they haven't heard much information from residents about problems with sewers backing up. Officials advised residents to let their insurance companies know, if they think a property damage claim is possible. Traver wants to see the sewer lines flushed out so that any lingering gasoline fumes are released from the system. A concern remains that when the volume in the lines increases during a spring thaw, additional problems in the sewer system could be possible. Readings taken with meters late last week indicated that gasoline vapors couldn't be detected at that time, but it's also a typically low-volume time of year, Traver said. Officials were happy with the response from members of the community and emergency responders, they said. "In a small community, people come together time and time again," Trustee Ed Carpenter said.

http://poststar.com/news/local/gas-leak-damage-still-being-assessed-in-fort-edward/article_cb444d72-35b8-11e1-b7e8-001871e3ce6c.html

ENGLAND, LONDON, JANUARY 3 2012. FIRE CREWS CALLED TO EXPLOSION RISK AT PETROL STATION IN PERRY STREET, CHISLEHURST

A risk of explosion at a petrol station in Chislehurst has led to firefighters being on standby there for the past six hours. The first crew from Sidcup fire station was called to the BP garage in Perry Street at about 1.45am this morning (January 3) after reports of an underground petrol tank leaking. Their job is to make sure the area is safe while a specialist extraction team from BP drains the tank which reportedly contains 1,600 litres of fuel. No-one has been evacuated from nearby homes.

http://www.newshopper.co.uk/news/top_stories/9447511.Fire_crews_called_to_explosion_risk_at_Chislehurst_petrol_station/

THAILAND, BANGKOK. JANUARY 3 2012. THAILAND SWITCHES TO EURO IV STANDARD FOR GASOIL, GASOLINE

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Thailand on January 1 became the first country in Southeast Asia to move to Euro IV fuel standards -- a move that is expected to cut the country's sulfur dioxide emissions by 12,000 mt/year and benzene emissions by 181,000 mt/year, officials at the Ministry of Energy said Sunday. The higher quality gasoil is expected to begin flowing into the distribution chains within nine weeks from January 1 and gasoline within 15 weeks, officials said. Euro IV standards allow for a maximum sulfur content of 50 ppm in gasoline and gasoil and limit the benzene content in gasoline to 1%. Thailand's refiners have spent a combined Baht 50-60 billion (\$ 1.6 billion-1.9 billion) on upgrading their plants to produce Euro-IV compliant fuels, officials said. The country's six refineries have a total crude processing capacity of 1.2 million b/d. Currently, all but one refinery in the kingdom is producing the higher quality fuel. Only Star Petroleum Refining Company has missed the January 1 deadline. Some, such as ThaiOil, began Euro IV-compliant production of gasoil and gasoline as far back as October 2011. SPRC has been given a 30-day reprieve from January 1 to comply with the new standard, instead of the 65 days it had requested, according to a December 28 ruling by the Energy Policy Administration Committee chaired by Energy Minister Pichai Nariphaphan, ministry officials said. But the delay only affects its gasoline production as SPRC, which is 64% owned by Chevron and 36% by state-owned PTT, has been producing Euro IV-standard gasoil at its 160,000 b/d facility in Rayong since October 2011. SPRC's lag



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was due to a Thai court injunction in late 2009 which led to the suspension of 76 industrial projects in the eastern seaboard province of Rayong for an investigation and affecting the company's Euro IV upgrade plans, ministry officials said. Industry analysts said that SPRC was likely to buy Euro IV grade gasoline from other refiners in Thailand while it is unable to meet the new specification.

<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/Oil/7952849>

TURKEY, KIRIKKALE, YAKHSIHAN, JANUARY 3 2012. FOUR DIE IN TURKEY MUNITIONS DEPOT BLAST



A Turkish military ammunitions disposal facility.

At least four people have been killed in an explosion at a military ammunitions disposal facility in the central Turkish province of Kirikkale. The state-run Anatolia news agency said that the blast occurred in a TNT warehouse in the town of Yahsihan in Kirikkale province on Monday and that those killed were civilian workers. The district governor, Ferhat Ozen, said the early morning blast caused a large fire in the military-owned four-storey building. The cause of the incident is under investigation. Some reports, however, suggest that the explosion might have been caused by gas pressure build-up. In 1997, an explosion at a state-run weapons plant in Kirikkale caused an enormous fire that took days to extinguish. Thousands of people were evacuated from the area for fear the fire would spread to

residential areas.

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- [Blast at military facility in Turkey](#)
- [Four die in Turkey munitions blast](#)

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/218975.html>

USA, TN, NASHVILLE, JANUARY 3 2012. OSHA FINES MILLERSVILLE BOAT FACILITY OVER FATAL FLASH FIRE EXPLOSION >> JULY BLAST KILLED ONE WORKER, INJURED ANOTHER

sarah kingsbury

A midsummer explosion in Nashville that killed one worker and severely burned another has led to \$46,600 in penalties against a Millersville-based company that builds and sells dredging equipment. The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration found 12 safety and health violations at Dredge & Marine Co. after the July 2 blast. Company President Tom Kroeger declined to comment on OSHA's fines or discuss whether the corporation plans to fight the agency's findings. The flash fire explosion was caused by a light that sparked and ignited paint vapors inside the compartment of a pontoon boat dredge as the workers were painting it, an OSHA citation report said. The incident occurred at the John W. McDougall Co. facility at 3731 Amy Lynn Drive in Nashville. McDougall, a metal products manufacturer, acquired Dredge & Marine in October 2010. Nashville resident Shawn Austin, 28, died from his injuries on July 5, three days after the fire, according to obituary information confirmed by a family member. Austin was married and had three children. The incident is still under investigation by the fire marshal's office, said Nashville Fire Department Deputy Chief Kim Lawson. Among findings, OSHA inspectors cited violations related to inadequate exhaust ventilation, failure to use explosion-proof lighting, use of an extension cord missing a ground prong, and situations in which materials weren't stored or secured to prevent sparks. Dredge & Marine was also cited for health violations for not testing the oxygen content of a confined space, not training workers to perform duties safely in a confined space, not providing a qualified shipyard rescue team and failure to monitor conditions, among other problems. "A serious violation occurs when there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known," an OSHA statement said. Dredge & Marine hadn't indicated by late last week whether it planned to contest the citations, said OSHA spokesman Michael Wald. Federal OSHA officials have jurisdiction over the maritime industry in Tennessee.

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20120102/BUSINESS01/301020009/OSHA-fines-Millersville-boat-facility-over-fatal-explosion>



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AUSTRALIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY, DARWIN, JANUARY 3 2012. TOXIC RIVER SPILL PROBE STALLED BY HOLIDAYS

alyssa betts

NT WorkSafe's investigation into a train derailment that spilled 1200 tonnes of copper concentrate into a Territory river has ground to a halt - "due to public holidays". The watchdog, which exempted the mining company involved from national laws so it could transport hazardous goods covered by tarps, is supposed to be working on an investigation into what happened. Yesterday the NT Government revealed that WorkSafe had not yet contacted the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB), which it is supposed to be helping. The ATSB is the lead investigating authority and already visited the site last week. Chief Minister Paul Henderson last week said WorkSafe would be supporting the ATSB with its investigations. But holidays appear to have hampered it. "Due to public holidays, NTWS (NT WorkSafe) has not yet been contacted or made contact with the Australian Transport Safety (Bureau)," the NT Government said in a statement. "Contact will be made Tuesday, January 3, to share information." The derailment happened on Tuesday last week. The Environment Department (NRETAS) has so far done two lots of sampling in its hunt to determine if there was actual, or potential for, environmental harm. Government spokeswoman Lesley Major said officers visited on Wednesday and Saturday last week to take water samples. Sediment samples were also taken on the Saturday. "NRETAS will continue water and sediment sampling twice a week for the next two weeks, then assess whether further sampling is required," she said. "Samples have been collected from four locations - two ... upstream of the rail bridge, and two ... below." Samples are being tested for a range of heavy metals, total dissolved solids, dissolved organic carbon, total organic carbon, pH, and electrical conductivity. Ms Major said all roads and bridge works were expected to be completed in about a week's time. Edith River low level crossing and Cullen River bridge now just need sealing. "Bitumen sealers are coming from Darwin to site this week to seal the road," Ms Major said.

Related Links

- [Derailed train firm refuses to speak](#)
- [No excuse for river pollution](#)
- [Polluted pond still spilling into Edith](#)
- [Unknown contaminants leaked into river](#)

http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2012/01/03/281331_ntnews.html

PHILIPPINES, DUMAGUETE CITY, CALINDAGAN, CANDAYONG, DECEMBER 3 2012. NO OIL SPILL FEARED AS SHIP YIELDS FUEL

Successful retrieval operations of diesel fuel recently from a grounded cargo ship off the coast of Candayong in Calindagan, Dumaguete City, have eased fears of an oil spill. Lt. Commander Agapito Bibat, head of the Philippine Coast Guard-Dumaguete Station, reassured the public that there is no danger of oil seepage from the M/V Ever Transport III, as containment measures and suction operations have been conducted. During the retrieval last week by the M/V Morning Glory, close to 12,000 liters of diesel fuel were siphoned off the M/V Ever Transport III that ran aground on Dec. 17 after Tropical Storm Sendong battered Dumaguete City and other parts of the province. A recent underwater survey also failed to find the missing lube oil drums, he added. The Uni Orient Pearl Ventures, the shipping company that owns the M/V Morning Glory, reported to the Coast Guard that it had conducted a 100 percent fuel suction operations, but about 2,800 liters of fuel are still unaccounted for and are either trapped inside the cargo hold of the storage tank on the port side of the grounded ship or lost to sea, Bibat said. So far, no oil slicks have been monitored in the area, as oil spill booms have been lowered since last week to prevent possible leaking fuel from spreading, he said. Close monitoring by Coast Guard personnel and Calindagan village officials continue to ensure against oil spills in Candayong, Bibat also said.

<http://www.visayandailystar.com/2012/January/03/negor1.html>

MEXICO, ACAPULCO, DECEMBER 4 2011. MEXICO GAS STATION ATTENDANT DIES, SEEN AS HERO

A gas station attendant who died of burns after shutting off pumps set alight during a violent protest was being honored Monday in the southern Mexico state of Guerrero. Officials held a ceremony to honor Gonzalo Rivas Camara in the main square of the state capital, Chilpancingo, where he worked. The Guerrero state government said he died of his injuries Sunday at a hospital near Mexico City.

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/mexico-gas-station-attendant-dies-hero-15274222#.TwOMwTUzC8A>



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USA, N.Y, SOUTHDOLD TOWN, DECEMBER 4 2012. FORMER SOUTHDOLD COUNCILMAN SUCCUMBS TO BURN INJURIES >> BIO-DIESEL FUEL FIRE

denise civiletti



Former Southold Town Councilman John Romanelli, who was badly burned in an accident at his business Friday morning, succumbed to his injuries early Tuesday morning at Stony Brook University Medical Center. Romanelli, 47, was the owner of Burt's Reliable Fuel in Southold. The accident occurred when a trucking company was attempting to unload bio-fuel into a tank at Romanelli's Youngs Avenue, Southold business. A connection valve that distributes the fuel from the truck to the tank was frozen, police said. Romanelli attempted to thaw the valve with a torch, according to a police report. As he did so, the rubber pipe connecting the valve to the truck came loose, causing the fuel from the truck to spray onto Romanelli, who caught fire as a result. Employees at Romanelli's company used fire extinguishers to douse the flames burning Romanelli's clothing, police said. Romanelli was treated at the scene by Southold Fire Department EMTs before being airlifted to Stony Brook, where he was listed in critical condition. First elected in 1997, Romanelli served two four-year terms on the Southold Town Board. He mounted an unsuccessful challenge for supervisor against incumbent Josh Horton in 2003. Romanelli is survived by his wife Heather, and his two children, Ethan and Tara. "Unfortunately,

John's injuries were far too extensive despite the incredible efforts of the doctors and nurses of Stony Brook University Hospital and John's fearless battle to survive," his brother, Paul said in a statement issued Tuesday morning, according to a report in [The Suffolk Times](http://www.suffolk.com). "We ask that you please give the Romanelli family and the employees of Burt's Reliable time to grieve over this sad event," he said.

<http://www.riverheadlocal.com/local-news-content/4110-former-southold-councilman-succumbs-to-burn-injuries>

USA, KY, LAUREL CO, JANUARY 4 2012. WRECKED TANKER SPILLS FUEL OIL ON I-75 IN LAURE

bill estep

[Watch the Video Crash Causes Large Fuel Spill](#)

Several thousand gallons of fuel oil spilled from a ruptured tanker Monday afternoon after a wreck on Interstate 75 in Laurel County, Kentucky State Police said Tuesday in a news release. The wreck happened when William B. Smith, 51, of Gate City, Va., lost control of his cargo tanker on the snow-slickened road and hit a car driven by Lisa G. Estep, 49, of Corbin. The impact knocked Estep's car into a car driven by Shirley M. Laing, 53, of Woodbine. Laing was taken to a hospital for treatment. The interstate was closed for several hours as crews worked to clean up the spilled fuel oil. The crash, which happened at 4:25 p.m., was one of several in the area Monday afternoon as snow squalls created hazardous driving conditions.

<http://www.kentucky.com/2012/01/03/2014220/fuel-oil-spills-on-i-75-after.html>

USA, WYO, CASPER, JANUARY 4 2012. AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATE FATAL NATRONA COUNTY CRASH



Authorities investigate the scene of a fatal car accident along U.S. Highway 20/26 on Monday just east of Casper, Wyo. The wreck involved a passenger car and a tanker truck, which was carrying about 3,000 gallons of crude oil.

An early morning crash involving a semitrailer and a passenger car on U.S. Highway 20/26 on Monday left one man dead and a stretch of the highway closed for much of the day as authorities cleaned up an oil spill. The fatal crash occurred between Casper and Glenrock about 6:45 a.m. at mile marker 182. Natrona County Deputy Coroner Wayne Reynolds on Monday afternoon declined to release the identity of the victim as authorities were still contacting family members. Wyoming Highway Patrol Trooper Josh Hardee said the crash involved a Chrysler passenger car and a semitrailer hauling roughly 260 barrels of crude oil. The driver of the

semi, which was westbound toward Casper at the time of the incident, told investigators that he looked up and saw the eastbound Chrysler traveling in the westbound lane. Both of the vehicles swerved and were involved in what Hardee described



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as a "glancing head-on" collision. The driver of the Chrysler was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the semi suffered head and rib injuries, Hardee said. The semi tipped over less than 100 feet from the site of the wreck. Hardee estimated that about 90 barrels of oil leaked out of the semi's tanker, which was punctured in the crash. Authorities brought in a vacuum truck to help clean up the oil, said Lt. Stew Anderson with the Natrona County Emergency Management Office. The highway remained closed from approximately the Edness K. Wilkins State Park turnoff to Hat Six Road while the site was cleaned. Most of the oil leaked into a ditch on the south side of the highway. The roadway was reopened about 5 p.m. The Wyoming Highway Patrol is investigating.

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/authorities-investigate-fatal-natrona-county-crash/article_e99855ce-555e-5b06-9a6e-9dd0899cd6f8.html

INDIA, HARYANA, SONEPAT, GOHANA, JANUARY 4 2012. FIVE KILLED IN CAB-TANKER COLLISION

A road accident in Sonapat district on Tuesday claimed at least five lives and injured over 10 people. The accident took place because of heavy fog, when an overloaded cab collided with an oil tanker. A minor blast took place, due to which the cab caught fire. Vehicular traffic was disrupted, owing to the severe chaos on the highway. The injured were immediately rushed to a nearby hospital. Ironically, the Haryana police observed the third day of the Road Safety Week on Tuesday. "Five to six people died on the spot, around 15 to 20 got injured. We have asked the injured and investigation is on. We will act on the statement of the driver of the tanker," said policeman Birbhan Singh. According to media reports, the death toll is likely to rise as some of the victims are critically injured. The police have started an investigation on the basis of the

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/gurgaon/Five-killed-in-cab-tanker-collision/articleshow/11357643.cms>

USA, AKA, NOME, JANUARY 4 2012. IN SOUTHWEST ALASKA, ICE-CUTTING FUEL SHIP READIES FOR HISTORIC WINTER VOYAGE

jill burke



The specialized ice-cutting tanker that will carry fuel to an ice-buffered town on Alaska's west coast could be under way as early as Tuesday night, according to Pete Garay, the Alaskan who will oversee the foreign ship's movement in and out of Alaska ports. Garay (pictured left), a career [Alaska Marine Pilot](#), landed the unique job of piloting the ice-class tanker Renda on its unprecedented mission to Nome. On board, Garay will act as an expert consultant, advising the captain and the crew on safe entries and exits to Alaska ports and moorings. When the ship is three miles within shore, he's in charge and directs the ship's movement. When farther offshore, the Russian captain will call the shots. "We are the safety net underneath the commercial shipping industry," Garay said Tuesday of the state's marine pilots. "We

make decisions based only on safety, unencumbered by financial interests." Garay volunteered for the assignment, intrigued by the historic undertaking and new challenge. If successful, this will be the first winter fuel delivery to arrive in Nome by ship. Generally, Alaska's ice-clogged winter seas bring marine transportation to a halt, leaving the state's remote villages to rely on plane flights for supplies. A private fuel supplier from Nome was forced to look for an alternate delivery method when the barge originally commissioned was delayed by a late November storm and subsequent heavy ice build up, stranding the fuel in Dutch Harbor, more than 600 miles away. Early Tuesday, Garay had hoped to get the fuel load transferred to the Renda and get the Renda on its way by about 8 p.m. With stormy weather in the forecast -- the National Weather Service is calling for 4-foot seas, snow and 28-to-40-mph winds -- Garay prefers to get the ship moving. If it does leave Tuesday night, the Renda will steam at a slow pace to give its Coast Guard escort time to catch up, he said. The U.S. Coast Guard cutter [Healy](#) will travel with the Renda as it makes its way to Nome. The newest and most technologically sophisticated of the U.S.'s polar ice-breaking fleet, the Healy is capable of punching nonstop through 4-and-a-half-foot-thick ice at about 3 mph. The two ships will cut through hundreds of miles of ice on their anticipated four-day journey to Nome.

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- [Anger turns to joy as icebreaker shows up off ice-encased Nome](#)
- [Coast Guard checks on Russians](#)

<http://www.alaskadispatch.com/article/southwest-alaska-ice-cutting-fuel-ship-readies-historic-winter-voyage>



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USA, N.Y, HAUPPAUGE, JANUARY 4 2012. POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE HAZMAT SHUTS DOWN OSER AVE >> SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE EXPECT ROADWAY TO BE CLOSED FOR HOURS AS THEY WAIT FOR ADDITIVE TO STABILIZE A 55-GALLON DRUM OF CHEMICALS.

sara walsh

Suffolk County Police have shut down part of Oser Avenue Tuesday after a 55-gallon drum of chemicals delivered to Pall Corporation in the Hauppauge Industrial Park was found to be potentially explosive. Pall Corp is a filtration, separation and purification leader providing solutions to meet the critical fluid management needs of customers across the broad spectrum of life sciences and industry, according to its [website](#). Police said the material underwent a chemical change that transformed it into a potentially volatile substance due to fluctuations in temperature during its delivery, according to police. Suffolk County police are attempting to get in contact with the out-of-state vendor who delivered the chemical to locate a chemical additive that will stabilize the materials when both substances are mixed together. Meanwhile, Oser Avenue has been shut down from Marcus Boulevard east to Plant Avenue. Police and Hauppauge firefighters are on the scene. Police said they expect the roadway to be shut down for several hours while the additive is obtained the materials stabilized.

<http://hauppauge.patch.com/articles/potential-explosive-hazmat-shut-down-oser-ave>

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, JANUARY 4 2012. DANGEROUS GOODS TRUCK ROLL CAUSES DELAYS

Traffic on the Bruce Highway 15 kilometres south of Marlborough was disrupted for hours this morning after a truck carrying dangerous goods ran off the road and overturned shortly before 6am. One lane of the highway was blocked as rescue services conducted a delicate operation to make the vehicle safe. Marlborough SES set up traffic control as fire officers worked to get the truck on to its wheels, finally succeeding at about 1015am. Delays were compounded by the lack of a tow truck and the requirement for a replacement vehicle into which the load the goods which were described as a variety of dangerous items. The driver sustained only minor facial injuries and did not require hospital treatment

<http://www.themorningbulletin.com.au/story/2012/01/04/hway-truck-roll-causes-delays/>

NIGERIA, BAYELSA NEMBE, ,JANUARY 4 2012. SHELL SHUTS IN 70,000BPD OIL ON NEMBE CREEK TRUNKLINE

emeka ugwuanyi



Just two weeks after Shell shut its 200,000 barrels per day offshore Bonga facility, the company has announced the closure of operation of its Nembe Creek Trunkline (NCTL) in Bayelsa State shutting-in another 70,000 barrels per day. In a statement issued by Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC) Corporate Media Relations Manager, Tony Okonedo, the company said it shut the facility to repair leaks found on it. The facility has been prone to attacks by militants before the amnesty programme was put in place.

The statement said: "The Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC) is mobilising to repair the Nembe Creek Trunkline (NCTL) after crude theft leaks forced it to be shut down. "SPDC had confirmed the leak on the 90-kilometre line and quickly shut in some producing flow stations, while also isolating the facility. Some 70,000 barrels of oil per day is deferred. The NCTL evacuates majority of SPDC and third party crude oil production in Eastern Swamp operations to Bonny Terminal." Shell said a joint investigation conducted by the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR), the Bayelsa State Ministry of Environment, SPDC and the community showed oil thieves had installed valves at two points near the Tora

manifold in Nembe in Bayelsa State. More than 200 barrels of spilled oil have been recovered. Commenting, the Vice President HSE & Corporate Affairs, Shell Sub-Saharan Africa, Tony Attah, said: "What is really worrying about this leak is that it happened on a facility which was inaugurated in October 2009 to replace an old line, which was repeatedly targeted by crude oil thieves. Sadly, the crude thieves continue to hinder efforts to maintain the integrity of key national oil and gas assets." he company said it is working to complete repair of the line before the end of January 2012. The 90-km Nembe Creek Trunkline, constructed at a cost of over \$1.1 billion, has a capacity to transport 600,000 bpd from 14 flow stations in the Niger Delta to the Bonny export terminal in Rivers State. It has been attacked many times. In September 2010, a major repair work was carried out on it following leaks caused by saboteurs. Royal Dutch Shell said last week an oil spill from the Bonga field,



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the largest spill in the African nation since 1998, has been contained, but the oilfield remained closed. The company has not said how long the field would be shut, and traders said yesterday no nominations has yet been seen for cargoes.

<http://www.thenationonlineng.net/2011/index.php/business/32116-shell-shuts-in-70-000bpd-oil-on-nembe-creek-trunkline.html>

USA, LA, SULPHUR, JANUARY 4 2012. ARSON RULED OUT IN SATURDAY'S FIREWORKS WAREHOUSE BLAST

e'lyn taylor

[Watch the Video](#) [Fireworks warehouse blaze](#)



State fire investigators have ruled out arson as the cause of a Saturday morning fire that gutted the Angelo's fireworks warehouse near Sulphur. Authorities with the Office of the Louisiana State Fire Marshal spent Tuesday morning looking into the source of the flames. Investigator Nick Heinen said the investigation regarding the exact cause of the blaze was ongoing, but they do know it was not intentionally set. Nothing suspicious was found inside the remains of the building, and Heinen said foul play is not expected. He also said it may be awhile before a definite cause of the fire is released. No injuries were reported following the fire that destroyed a warehouse belonging to Angelo's Fireworks Saturday morning. Around 150 people were affected by an evacuation and a shelter-in-place order. Approximately 60 people were evacuated. A shelter-in-place order for the

immediate vicinity was lifted after a few hours. The Carlyss Fire Department received the initial call about the structure fire. The blaze took several hours to contain, and fire crews stayed at the warehouse overnight to ensure the flames did not ignite again.

Related Links

- [Fire at Fireworks Warehouse investigated](#)
- [Woman credits 'angels' for help in fireworks blast, fire](#)

<http://www.kplctv.com/story/16438100/state-fire-marshal>

USA, MA, MILFORD, JANUARY 4 2012. MILFORD GAS STATION TO BE TORN DOWN

brian benson



Vincent Cuttone has gotten a demolition permit to tear down his gas station at the corner of routes 16 and 85 in Milford.

The owner of the now-closed Gibbs service station has obtained a demolition permit from the town as cleanup of a diesel spill on the site continues. Vincent Cuttone, who owns the property on the corner of routes 16 and 85, received a permit on Dec. 13 from the town's Building and Inspections Department to demolish the one-story building on the lot. The work is expected to cost \$7,500, according to the permit on file in the building department. Cuttone in October agreed to pay \$200,000 to resolve allegations that he and his companies failed to notify the proper authorities in 2008 about a 15,000-gallon diesel fuel leak from an underground tank at the station. Cleanup of that spill is ongoing, said Joe Ferson, a spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Protection, which is overseeing the cleanup. "A treatment system is in place to slowly remove the

contamination," Ferson said, adding it will likely take several more years to clean up. Crews placed a containment structure under the contaminated soil. The fuel slowly seeps through the soil into the structure, Ferson said. Ferson said work performed on surface buildings will not affect cleanup. Deputy Fire Chief William Touhey has said investigators believed the leak was caused by workers bouncing measuring sticks off the bottom of the tank when determining how much liquid was in it. Diesel fuel was released at about 8 gallons an hour, resulting in about 15,000 gallons of spilled fuel between April 2008 and July 2008. Cuttone, who did not return a message seeking comment, must start demolition within six months of being issued a permit or the permit will expire, said Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer Lorian Braza-Butts said. Joe Lahoud, president of the Greater Milford Business Alliance, said he drives by the property every day while commuting to his Beach Street pizza



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shop and wonders why it is vacant. "I'm shocked that nothing has gone in there," Lahoud said. "It's a prime piece of land with a lot of visibility."

<http://www.milforddailynews.com/features/x2023109558/Milford-gas-station-to-be-torn-down>

ENGLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE, JANUARY 4 2012. HOW INGENIOUS SOLUTION TO UNDERGROUND OIL SPILL KEPT LINCOLN SHOPPING CENTRE PLANS ALIVE



An unusual history: The Debenhams store in Lincoln.

Lincoln's St Marks Shopping Centre is marking 15 years since it was opened. In the second in a series of features, Ed Grover finds out how the discovery of an underground oil spill required an ingenious solution to keep the project alive. The St Marks development was thrown into doubt when thousands of gallons of diesel were found under the current Debenhams site. Investment from landowners Barclays Bank Staff Pension Fund would only be assured if a way to remove the fluid was found. Development director Giles Walter, who oversaw the St Marks project for construction firm Simons, explained the desperate measures required to deal with the slick. "After completing the first phase of the development we had to decide what to do with the other part of the site, because it was a big chunk of land

with a redundant railway station sitting on it," said Mr Walter. "At that time, what wasn't part of the scheme or ownership of Barclays was the offices of Lincolnshire Road Car, a countywide bus and coach company, on St Mark's Street. "We concluded that we had to buy that building to give us enough space for a Debenhams department store, which is obviously what we see now. "Lincolnshire Road Car were quite happy to move because it really had got too big for them. "So we started the negotiations and we decided, quite rightly, as part of the due diligence to test for any contamination. "We used a sister company called Delta-Simons, and one day I got a call saying 'Giles, you had better come down and take a look'. "I remember arriving on site and they had dug this huge great hole. "And at the bottom you could see this ground water, because it was not far from the river. "It was very scientific but for the purposes of what they wanted to show me, they dunked a jam jar into the water and pulled it up, and inside was water with neat diesel on top. "We then started to investigate, because obviously we didn't want something like that there. "It transpired there had been some tanks underneath the Road Car building, one of them had ruptured and there had been a serious leak. "I think it had actually spilt in the 1970s and it was still sitting there on top of the ground water. "I think they reckoned there might have been up to around 50,000 gallons of diesel. "I don't know if that was right or wrong, but that was what was going round. "Obviously it had to be dealt with, because you couldn't start putting buildings up with neat diesel underneath, especially as it was quite close to the river. "So to deal with it what we ended up doing was, underneath Debenhams, to dig an enormous trench. "We then put a whole series of wells at the bottom of this trench, which we filled with gravel. "The idea was that we sucked out ground water and diesel into a pump room behind where the ATMs are now. "And of course nobody will know this, but for about two or three years after Debenhams was built we were still sucking out diesel. "And every so often a tanker used to come to collect the diesel that we had collected. "It was quite challenging engineering actually. "I think the diesel was reused, but I'm not sure what for. "And that's the sort of thing people would not have a clue about. "From a financial point of view, Barclay's Bank Staff Pension Fund didn't want to be owning a site that was full of diesel. "And so we had to resolve that and come up with a solution that would ultimately create a clean site, because if it wasn't taken away it would still be there now. "The worry was that if there had been a breach in the river wall, the diesel could have got into the Brayford and who knows where. "The danger with contamination like that is that it could end up in water courses." The first phase of the development, including Toys R Us, was completed in 1993. As reported in last week's Echo, after other subterranean finds were unearthed, including the remains of 20 monks, Debenhams opened in time for Christmas trading in 1996.

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USA, S.D, FLANDREAU, JANUARY 4 2012. BOARD HOPES TO MAKE AIRPLANE FUEL AVAILABLE

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Pilots may soon be able to fuel up at the Flandreau Airport, if the city council approves a request by the airport board to install a fuel tank there. Airport board chairman Brad Bjerke and other board members appeared before the Flandreau City Council Dec. 19 to discuss the issue. "What we're proposing is a 1500 gallon, fully FAA- (Federal Aviation Administration) compliant



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tank to be placed out there. We'd like to buy it with the airport funds. We'd like to put the fuel in it with airport funds and then have a cardrol charge," Bjerke said. As of this spring, 13 aircraft will be housed at the airport. One pilot at the Dec. 19 meeting said he has his own fuel station, but the others have to go out of town to fuel up: Pipestone, Madison, Sioux Falls and Brookings are all selling fuel to local planes, Bjerke said. Pilots are not allowed to store fuel in their hangers for a convenient fill-up, Bjerke added. "A guy can't go out and buy and put something in his hanger. So we need to provide it, and I think it's time that we do that," he said. Pilots sometimes get into a dangerous situation when they land at a field that does not offer fuel, he said. For that reason, Flandreau is not as much of a destination for planes as it could be. "It will draw more activity in – people coming to the community, not only as a business place but for recreation. The museum, the casino, the golf course, the hamburger place. People look for places to fly, but they need to have fuel to get back out," Bjerke said. A few years ago, the airport raised its user fees so it could offer better services, possibly including fuel. An engineer, Helms & Associates of Aberdeen, looked at the airport earlier this year and said there should be no problem installing a fuel tank, though its exact location may need to be discussed, Bjerke said. He said the tank is planned for the east side of the airport, close to the airport office. The tank is actually already on order, and has been since July. Several pilots originally planned to buy it themselves, so they ordered it this summer. Then, the airport board decided it should be available to all pilots. It's expected to be available in mid January. It will cost about \$13,000 with key access; Bjerke said the cost would be slightly higher for a cardrol model, but was not sure exactly how much it would be. Coles Petroleum of Madison would service the tank. The airport receives no city money: It is fully self-funded by cash rent from its property and fees. Alderman Mark Bonrud said the airport board has \$121,700 in its bank account now. None of the council members made any complaint about the cost of the fuel tank, but Bonrud did ask the board to return with more specifics. "Just come up, the next meeting, with the improvements, what they're going to cost, what the specifications of the tank are," Bonrud said. Bjerke said fuel sales would eventually make a little bit of money for the airport, once the tank has been paid off. However, the airport would incur the ongoing expense of a phone line, if it uses the cardrol machine. Cardrol allows anyone with a credit card to buy fuel, and the machine would need a phone line to approve credit charges. The airport is looking at a few other changes as well, the biggest being that 20-year manager Don Johnston, who is superintendent of utilities and public works for the city, plans to soon retire. Bjerke told the council that the airport board has selected Mike Smith to replace Johnston. Johnston said later in the meeting that he likes the idea of having Smith oversee the airport, but thinks its official manager may need to be a city employee, for liability reasons. An automatic weather observation system also needs to be installed at the airport, Johnston said, and its beacon light needs to be replaced. The weather system may also need a phone system, Johnston said.

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ECUADOR, QUITO, JANUARY 5 2012. ECUADOR APPEALS COURT RULES AGAINST CHEVRON IN OIL CASE



Residents say pollution was widespread, while Chevron says money was spent on a clean-up.

An Ecuadorean appeals court has upheld a ruling that Chevron should pay damages totalling \$18.2bn (£11.5bn) over Amazon oil pollution. Chevron said the judgement was "illegitimate" and "a fraud". Texaco, which merged with Chevron in 2001, was accused of dumping toxic materials in the Ecuadorean Amazon. The original ruling ordered Chevron to pay \$8.6bn in damages, which was more than doubled after the company failed to make a public apology. "We ratify the ruling of February 14 2011 in all its parts, including the sentence for moral reparation," the

court in the Amazonian city of Lago Agrio said in its ruling, according to Reuters.

Long-Running Battle

[In a statement released in response, Chevron said](#) the decision was a "glaring example of the politicization and corruption of Ecuador's judiciary". It said it would continue to seek recourse through proceedings outside Ecuador. The decision is the latest twist in a long-running legal battle between Chevron and the Ecuadorean plaintiffs. The lawsuit was brought on behalf of 30,000 Ecuadoreans, in a case which has dragged on for years. Ecuadorean indigenous groups said Texaco dumped more than 18bn gallons (68bn litres) of toxic materials into unlined pits and rivers between 1972 and 1992. But Chevron says Texaco spent \$40m cleaning up the area during the 1990s, and signed an agreement with Ecuador in 1998 absolving it of any further responsibility. In September, a US appeals court overturned a decision to block the collection of the fine from the company. Plaintiffs, who had agreed not to attempt to collect the damages until the appeals process was completed in



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Ecuador, welcomed Tuesday's ruling. "This [ruling] confirms and ratifies that the company polluted and affected the Amazon," they said in a statement. "It is necessary to clarify that no amount will be enough to repair all the crime they did in our area, nor will it be enough to bring the dead back to life." Ecuador's President Rafael Correa described the dispute as a "David and Goliath" battle. "I think justice has been done," he said after the ruling was announced. "The harm that Chevron caused to the Amazon cannot be denied." Chevron has challenged the fine, arguing that lawyers and supporters of the indigenous groups who brought the case conspired to fabricate evidence. In a previous separate case, international arbitrators ordered the Ecuadorean government to pay \$96m to Chevron because Ecuador's courts had violated international law as a result of delays in resolving commercial disputes involving Texaco.

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USA, OK, OKLAHOMA CITY, JANUARY 5 2012. STATIC BUILD UP NOT JUST URBAN LEGEND AT GAS STATION

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Car ignites from static build up at gas station.

A metro woman's car goes up in flames at a gas station. The cause, static electricity. It's something many believe to be urban legend. Oklahoma City District Fire Chief Tony Davis says, "It's not a myth. It actually can happen." A small static spark, igniting explosions at gas stations. Davis says, "The fumes are very ignitable." Monday afternoon a woman was at a gas station at Southwest 59th St. and Sunnyslane. She began filling her car with gas and then got back in the vehicle, creating static. When the pump clicked off she got out and when she touched the pump handle, a fire ignited. Luke Huynh, a manager at the gas station, says, "Both

her tires blow out and her window blow while we we're trying to get out of the gas station." Huynh says, "She came in a yelled her car was on fire." He rushed to help, shutting off the pump as the truck burned. Davis says, "She had built up a static charge and when she touched the nozzle the static charge went off and the fumes around the gas tank ignited." Getting in your car is the main way to create the static that can potentially cause a spark. It's a mistake often made during cold weather. Davis says, "Living in Oklahoma it's very windy and you want to get back in and get warm but getting in and out will cause that static charge to build up." Another hazard, your cell phone. It's a real risk, even though some think it's urban legend. Experts say clicking the buttons on your cell phone can result in static build up; even swiping your credit card can create static. Davis says the best way to protect yourself is to discharge the static. He says, "If you do get in your car, you want to make sure you touch something metal when you get out to discharge." Fire officials say you can discharge the static by touching your car or something metal before touching the gas pump handle. They also say these fires are rare; however, with the dry conditions we are currently experiencing everyone should be extra careful.

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