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#### NETHERLANDS, FRIESLAND, JANUARY 13 2012. MOUSE TAPED TO FIREWORK DURING NEW YEAR TO BE EXHIBITED

*bruno waterfield*



*Two 20-year-old men from the Frisian village of Drachten were arrested for maltreating the mouse in a country that takes animal cruelty so seriously it has 500-strong police unit dedicated to stamping it out.*

A mouse that was taped to a firework rocket during Dutch New Year festivities and later died of its burn injuries is to be exhibited in a museum. The rodent, named Astromuis – Astro mous – by the [Dutch](#) media, has been stuffed and mounted in a "triumphant position" surrounded by firework rockets on a display that opened to the public on Thursday. Two 20-year-old men from the Frisian village of Drachten were arrested for maltreating the mouse in a country that takes animal cruelty so seriously it has 500-strong police unit dedicated to stamping it out. Astromuis was

rescued by police with burns to his stomach and paws but died last Friday. The mouse is not the first victim of cruelty to animals to be preserved for posterity in Friesland's Natuurmuseum. Also displayed is Dominomus, a stuffed sparrow which was shot in 2005 after it flew into an exhibition centre where 18 million dominoes were precariously balanced ready to be toppled for a world record attempt. The bird had knocked over 23,000 dominoes before it was killed to become an animal cruelty cause célèbre in Holland and has two popular songs and a website dedicated to its memory. Another sparrow on display, Tennisbalmus, was killed by a tennis ball during a high-speed power serve in 1996. Christiaan Walen, the museum's taxidermist, said that the Astromuis exhibit would help prevent future cruelty to animals. "The story behind the mouse can help schoolchildren and other people learn respect for nature and everything that grows and thrives," he said.

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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopics/howaboutthat/9010194/Mouse-taped-to-firework-during-New-Year-to-be-exhibited.html>

#### USA, S.C, NORTH CHARLESTON, JANUARY 13 2012. COMPLETE CIVIL WAR SUBMARINE UNVEILED FOR FIRST TIME

*randall hill*

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*Protective truss lifted from the H.L. Hunley after a decade of preservation work*

Senior conservator Paul Mardikian wets down the Civil War submarine H.L. Hunley after it was freed of the steel truss that was used to raise it from the ocean floor in 2000 at Clemson University's Warren Lasch Conservation Center in North Charleston, S.C., on Thursday. Confederate Civil War vessel H.L. Hunley, the world's first successful combat submarine, was unveiled in full and unobstructed for the first time on Thursday, capping a decade of careful preservation. "No one alive has ever seen the Hunley complete. We're going to see it today," engineer John King said as a crane at a Charleston conservation laboratory slowly lifted a massive steel truss covering the top of the submarine. About 20 engineers and scientists

applauded as they caught the first glimpse of the intact 42-foot-long (13-meter-long) narrow iron cylinder, which was raised from the ocean floor near Charleston more than a decade ago. The public will see the same view, but in a water tank to keep it from rusting. "It's like looking at the sub for the first time. It's like the end of a long night," said Paul Mardikian, senior conservator since 1999 of the project to raise, excavate and conserve the Hunley. In the summer of 2000, an expedition led by adventurer Clive Cussler raised the Hunley and delivered it to the conservatory on Charleston's old Navy base, where it sat in a 90,000-gallon tank of fresh water to leach salt out of its iron hull. On weekdays, scientists drain the tank and work on the



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sub. On weekends, tourists who before this week could only see an obstructed view of the vessel in the water tank, now will be able to see it unimpeded.

#### Heartbreak of the Hunley

Considered the Confederacy's stealth weapon, the Hunley sank the Union warship Housatonic in the winter of 1864, and then disappeared with all eight Confederate sailors inside. The narrow, top-secret "torpedo fish," built in Mobile, Ala., by Horace Hunley from cast iron and wrought iron with a hand-cranked propeller, arrived in Charleston in 1863 while the city was under siege by Union troops and ships. In the ensuing few months, it sank twice after sea trial accidents, killing 13 crew members, including Horace Hunley, who was steering. "There are historical references that the bodies of one crew had to be cut into pieces to remove them from the submarine," Mardikian told Reuters. "There was forensic evidence when they found the bones (between 1993 and 2004 in a Confederate graveyard beneath a football stadium in Charleston) that that was true." The Confederate Navy hauled the sub up twice, recovered the bodies of the crew, and planned a winter attack. On the night of Feb. 17, 1864, its captain and seven crew left Sullivan's Island near Charleston, and hand-powered the sub to the Union warship four miles (6.4 kilometers) offshore. From a metal spar on its bow, the Hunley planted a 135-pound (61-kilogram) torpedo in the hull of the ship, which burned and sank. Some historians say that the submarine showed a mission-accomplished lantern signal from its hatch to troops back on shore before it disappeared.

#### What Scientists have Found

Mardikian has the lantern, which archaeologists found in the submarine more than a century later, in his laboratory. Scientists removed 10 tons of sediment from the submarine, along with the bones, skulls and even brain matter of the crew members, Mardikian told Reuters. They also found fabric and sailors' personal belongings. Facial reconstructions were made of each member of the third and final crew. They are displayed along with other artifacts in a museum near the submarine. In a nearby vault is a bent gold coin that archaeologists also found in the submarine. It was carried by the sub's captain, Lieutenant George Dixon, for good luck after it stopped a bullet from entering his leg during the Battle of Shiloh in 1862. "The submarine was a perfect time capsule of everything inside," said Ben Rennison, one of three maritime archaeologists on the project. The Hunley Project is a partnership among the South Carolina Hunley Commission, Clemson University Restoration Institute, the Naval Historical Center and the nonprofit Friends of the Hunley. The nonprofit group raised and spent \$22 million on the project through 2010, a spokeswoman told Reuters. The next phase of the project will be to remove corrosion on the iron hull and reveal the submarine's skin, preserve it with chemicals, and eventually display it in open air, Mardikian said.

#### Surprisingly Sophisticated

Scientists have found the vessel to be a more sophisticated feat of engineering than historians had thought, said Michael Drews, director of Clemson's Warren Lasch Conservation Center.

"It has the ballast tanks fore and aft, the dive planes were counterbalanced, the propeller was shrouded," Drews said. "It's just got all of the elements that the modern submarines have, updated." There were previous submarines, Drews said, but the Hunley, designed to sail in the open ocean and built for warfare, was cutting-edge technology at the time. "Dixon's mission was to attack and sink an enemy ship and he did," Drews said. "At that particular time, the mindset of naval warfare was, basically, big ships sink little ships. Little ships do not sink big ships. And the Hunley turned that upside down."

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45980970/#.TxAFdKUzC8A>

#### USA, IN, LA PORTE, JANUARY 13 2012. TRUCK HAULING TONS OF FIREWORKS INVOLVED IN CRASH

*matt fritz*

A semi-truck carrying more than three tons of fireworks tipped over Wednesday morning in Westville. No one was hurt in the accident, although the crash required several hours of cleanup work to clear the roadway and right the fallen vehicle, as a separate semi-truck was needed to transfer the explosives first. According to the La Porte County Sheriff's Department, the semi-truck tipped over while trying to make a turn from southbound U.S. 421 to eastbound U.S. 6. The accident was apparently due to a shifting of the explosive boxes inside the truck to one side. The vehicle was reportedly not going fast. The driver told deputies he felt a shifting sensation inside his truck before the accident occurred. The fireworks were on transfer to Melrose Pyrotechnics in the Kingsbury Industrial Park. They were display fireworks only, and reportedly posed no danger to people around the accident. They reportedly would have only been dangerous if the truck caught fire. Workers from Melrose Pyrotechnics transferred each package by hand to a new truck at the scene.

<http://heraldargus.com/articles/2012/01/12/news/local/doc4f0e343b9580b372501033.txt>



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#### USA, PA, NORTH CATASAUQUA, JANUARY 13 2012. 147 GALLONS OF FUEL OIL LEAKS IN NORTH CATASAUQUA BASEMENT

frank warner

**Maps:** [1042 4th St, North Catasauqua, PA 18032, USA](#)

More than 100 gallons of fuel oil gushed from a ruptured basement oil tank in a North Catasauqua home Thursday night, and a haz-mat team helped clean up the spill, a fire official said. At least one person was displaced. "The house has no heat, and it has fumes," making it unwise for anyone to stay there, North Catasauqua fire Capt. Shawn McGinley said. The big leak was reported at 8:30 p.m. in the 1000 block of Fourth Street. Firefighters radioed that 147 gallons of oil had spilled from the oil tank onto an earthen basement floor. North Catasauqua and Catasauqua fire departments were dispatched to the house, as was the Lehigh County Haz-Mat Team, which also serves the Northampton County community. The emergency crews used absorbents to remove most of the oil, McGinley said. He said he wasn't sure if one or two people lived at the house, but no one would be permitted to stay there until the cleanup was complete and repairs were made. McGinley said if oil spills from a tank at home, a resident has to be careful with it. "The best thing is to shut your oil burner down and call the fire department immediately," he said. "Fuel oil is hard to ignite, but the fumes and odors can cause problems." The homeowner will be responsible for hiring an approved agency to finish removing the spilled oil, McGinley said.

<http://www.mcall.com/news/breaking/mc-north-catasauqua-home-fuel-oil-leak-20120113.0.5560143.story>

#### USA, ILL, GIBSON, JANUARY 13 2012. TRAIN CARRYING ETHANOL DERAILS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS

A train carrying ethanol has derailed in central Illinois, slipping off railroad tracks near Gibson City in Ford County. Gibson City fire chief Bruce Kallal says three tanker cars derailed on Thursday afternoon but no ethanol spilled or leaked. Traffic on a 1-mile stretch of Illinois 9 was diverted around the scene of the derailment, near the One Earth Energy ethanol plant. No injuries were reported but emergency workers evacuated nearby businesses as a precaution. Gibson City Mayor Dan Dickey says the train cars remained upright but dug into the ground after the track broke. Dickey says Illinois 9 should be reopened by morning. Norfolk Southern Railroad officials are investigating the incident. Gibson City is about 30 miles north of Champaign and 30 miles east of Bloomington

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-il-trainderailment-g,0,7723129.story>

#### CANADA, B.C, SECHELT, JANUARY 13 2012. FUEL LEAK IN ROBERTS CREEK

ben ingram



*As much as 700 litres of furnace fuel leaked into the Beach Avenue culvert in Roberts Creek sometime before Dec. 25. Residents noticed the spill and notified authorities who were quick to act and get the area cleaned up.*

After hundreds of litres of home heating fuel leaked into a ditch in Roberts Creek during the holidays, the Ministry of Environment (MOE) is reminding residents to have their tanks checked regularly. As much as 700 litres of furnace fuel was discovered to have leaked into the Beach Avenue culvert leading to Flume Road before Dec. 25. "The cleanup bill can be in the neighbourhood of \$10,000 or more depending on how the contamination has occurred, where it's occurred, the volume and how much soil contamination has resulted," said Harold Riedler, an emergency responder with MOE. Riedler said these types of incidents are a common

occurrence in the province and are most frequently related to older tanks needing replacement or repair. The first responders to the incident were Roberts Creek Fire Chief Bruce Searle and Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) emergency program co-ordinator Bill Elsner. Their efforts were praised by Riedler for helping to avoid increased environmental damage. Initially it was feared that Flume Creek might have been contaminated, but an examination of the geography alleviated those concerns. However, the drainage pattern of the culvert does lead towards the beach and nearby park area. "What we did was we placed fuel absorbents in the ditch system to capture as much fuel as possible," Riedler said. "They're pretty effective — they absorb about 10 times their weight in fuel." A drainage pipe on the property where the leak occurred directed the contamination into the Beach Avenue culvert, Riedler said. Residents who first reported the spill said they noticed the oil on the beach along with the characteristic colourful dyes used in the product. Oil absorbers were placed in the culverts as well as signs warning residents of the contamination. After a suspected act of vandalism, the signs had to be replaced. "We're taking this very



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seriously," Riedler said. One of the first to be notified was Sunshine Coast Regional District director Donna Shugar. "I got an email from a constituent who was out walking and there was some pink oily looking foamy stuff in the ditch," she said. "A property owner had an older oil tank, and it had a leak. It was filled, and the contents of it leaked into the property and was picked up by a drainage pipe. "It is making its way to the ocean, no question about that in my mind." Furnace fuel tanks can hold as much as 1,000 litres of fuel, and it is believed that the one in question was recently serviced. The Ministry has expressed an interest in putting together a public education response that could include pamphlets or a communication strategy to ensure residents with fuel tanks on their property are aware of the risks. Symptoms of age like rust and disrepair can have disastrous consequences, and the Ministry said this is especially true during the wet winter months. While the spill has been dealt with in the immediate term, Riedler said a portion of the fuel has likely made its way into the water column. He also added that, in most cases, insurance companies will not pay for environmental damage. "A small effort in prevention can certainly save residents literally thousands," he said.

<http://www.coastreporter.net/article/20120113/SECHELT0101/301139985/-1/sechelt/fuel-leak-in-roberts-creek>

#### USA, PA, BRADFORD CO, JANUARY 13 2012. POLICE: SPILL AT GAS WELL SITE MAY HAVE BEEN VANDALISM

cheryl r. clarke



A fracking brine spill at a Talisman Energy USA Kirkowski well pad in Bradford County is a case of vandalism, police said Thursday. Officials from the state police, state Department of Environmental Protection and Talisman Energy are investigating the suspected criminal mischief incident, which released between 8,400 and 21,000 gallons of fracking brine into the containment area on the well pad. Police described the incident, which happened earlier this week, as "intentional tampering." DEP's Oil and Gas Program was notified Tuesday morning of the spill. The well pad is off of Ayres Road in Canton Township. It is the site of four producing Marcellus Shale wells. A Talisman worker discovered the spill, which was caused by a missing plug and an open valve on a brine water storage tank. Talisman Energy communications Director Natalie Cox said the spill was production brine and was not toxic. Cox said cleanup of the area was nearly completed Wednesday, but she could not say if any of the substance escaped the containment area. Most of the spill was contained, DEP officials said, but about 400 gallons escaped onto the well pad near the six brine tanks. Agency staff collected samples of the discharge Tuesday and a DEP Oil and Gas inspector visited the site Wednesday to monitor the excavation of contaminated soil from the spill area and collect additional information. Enforcement action is under review. Though state police are investigating the incident as criminal mischief, Cox said no one can confirm that the plug or valve were tampered with. "It is still under investigation. We remain unclear of what may have caused fluid to come from this valve," she said. Anyone with information about the incident may call state police at 265-2186.

<http://www.sungazette.com/page/content.detail/id/573278/Police--Spill-at-gas-well-site-may-have-been-vandalism.html?nav=5011>

#### CANADA, EDMONTON, JANUARY 13 2012. EDMONTON COMPANY PENALIZED FOR CHLORINE SPILL >> 12 MILLION LITRES ENTERED THE RIVER

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A city construction company was penalized \$285,000 Thursday for a chlorine spill into the North Saskatchewan River described as the largest in Canada. Clark Builders was fined \$15,000 and ordered to pay \$270,000 to Environment Canada's Environmental Damages Fund after pleading guilty in provincial court to a charge under the Fisheries Act of depositing a deleterious substance in water frequented by fish. Federal prosecutor Erin Eacott told court the July 20, 2009, spill of an estimated eight to 12 million litres of chlorinated tap water into the North Saskatchewan River happened during construction of an indoor swimming pool. Eacott told court it is the "largest spill in Canada of a substance deleterious to fish" and said that such a concentration of chlorine -- described as 3,900 times greater than the Canadian Water Quality Guideline -- is "lethal to fish." She said it is not known how many fish died as a result of the spill, but noted such an amount of chlorinated water would have formed a "toxic plume" that would have persisted at lethal concentrations for "significant" distances. Eacott told court the



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spill was "not intentional," however, she said that the actions by Clark Builders were "grossly negligent" and the incident was "preventable." According to agreed facts, the swimming pool construction involved the relocation of an EPCOR water main, however a mechanical site plan used in the relocation design did not show a below grade water storage tank. As a result, when a worker later drilled holes into the ground to install concrete pilings for the pool's foundation, the relocated water main was punctured. That then led to approximately 3,000 litres of chlorinated water to exit the water main per second from the start of the break at 11:30 a.m until EPCOR was able to shut off the water main about two hours later. The chlorinated water flowed across a parking lot and roadway into the North Saskatchewan River, 200 metres away. The North Saskatchewan River has the highest diversity of fish species of any Alberta river. In the Edmonton area, that includes burbot, mountain whitefish, walleye, sauger, northern pike, goldeye, mooneye and lake sturgeon. Clark Builders president and CEO Paul Verhesen said the spill was an "unfortunate incident," but noted the construction company has an excellent safety record. "We are obviously disappointed that it happened, but unfortunately accidents do happen," said Verhesen. Court heard that Environment Canada's Environmental Damages Fund was created in 1995 and Eacott said it has funded 136 projects across the country after receiving more than \$4 million from 122 monetary awards

<http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/Environment/2012/01/12/19238396.html>

#### USA, TX, MIDLAND, CO, JANUARY 13 2012. TRAIN DERAILS IN MIDLAND COUNTY >> CARRYING METHANOL, ETHYLENE GLYCOL AND XYLENE

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- <http://www.cbs7kosa.com/news/details.asp?ID=31771>
- [Train Derailment in Midland County \(1-12-12 @ 12:20 p.m.\)](#)
- [Train Derails in Midland County \(1-12-12 @ 11:30 a.m.\)](#)



Officials remain on the scene after a train derailment in Midland County. Just after 9 a.m. Thursday morning, five train cars were derailed off the tracks crossing West County Road 127. Three of the cars were carrying methanol, one car was carrying ethylene glycol and other car contained xylene. According to Wikipedia, methanol is a volatile, colorless, flammable liquid with a distinctive odor very similar to drinking alcohol. Officials tell NewsWest 9, the trains were being picked up at Nexeo Solutions to be transported to the main railroad line. There is no immediate threat of an evacuation and the cars are not leaking any materials. However, businesses between FM 1788 and Coors Road remain on alert. This does include the

NewsWest 9 Studios. Officials plan to empty the derailed cars over a 24 hour period. It will take six hours to drain each car. Once the cars are emptied, officials will bring in boom equipment to help lift the cars back on the tracks. HAZMAT as well as numerous other officials are on the scene as well as officials from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

<http://www.newswest9.com/story/16506745/train-derails-in-midland-county>

#### USA, ILL, MADISON CO, THREE ATTORNEYS ANNOUNCE REPRESENTATION OF SHELL IN MADISON COUNTY BENZENE CASE

Richard Korn, Bart Sullivan and Ryan Mohr of Fox Galvin in St. Louis announced their representation of Shell Oil Co. on Jan. 9 in an East Alton man's benzene lawsuit. John Disher filed suit Nov. 17 in Madison County Circuit Court against Shell, BP Products North America Inc., ConocoPhillips Co. and WRB Refining LLC. Disher, who has lived in East Alton since 1983, claims he attended school in Roxana from third grade through high school, 1990-2000, near the Shell Oil and BP Products Wood River facilities. He claims the facility, during the 1990s, leaked or released benzene and benzene-containing pollutants into the air and ground water of nearby neighborhoods and community. Benzene, a known carcinogen, has been linked to the cause of certain blood cancers, according to court records. Furthermore, benzene is a natural constituent of crude oil, and is one of the most basic petrochemicals. Because it is a known carcinogen, its use as an additive in gasoline is now limited, but it is an important industrial solvent and precursor to basic industrial chemicals including drugs, plastics, synthetic rubber and dyes, according to Wikipedia. Disher says he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma in May 2009 and claims his exposure to benzene was the cause. He accuses Shell and BP Products of negligently releasing the chemical into the



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environment and claims the companies have a history of reckless conduct. He seeks more than \$50,000 in damages. Shell Oil on Jan. 9 denied the plaintiff's alleged exposure to benzene through any products processed, handled, stored or manufactured by Shell. Shell also says Disher's claims are barred due to his own negligence and that his recovery should be reduced by an amount proportionate to the degree of fault attributable to him. Disher's damages were caused by the acts of a party other than Shell over whom Shell had no control, it claims. Disher's alleged injuries were the result of pre-existing conditions, unrelated to any product emitted from Shell's Wood River refinery, Shell claims. It also claims it is not liable to the plaintiff, because it exercised diligence in complying with codes provided by the U.S. and Illinois. Joseph Orlet, Adam Miller, and Jordan Ault represent BP Products North America. BP also denied liability in its Jan. 5 answer to the complaint, saying the plaintiff's damages were not caused by contact with BPPNA-made products, and such conditions would have occurred whether or not the plaintiff had contact with any materials made by BPPNA. Christopher Dysart and Kimberly Steuterman represent the plaintiff. They request a jury trial. The case is one of several benzene lawsuits pending in Madison County. The case is Madison County case number 11-L-1225.

<http://www.madisonrecord.com/news/240904-three-attorneys-announce-representation-of-shell-in-madison-county-benzene-case>

#### **UK, DORSET, JANUARY 13 2012. CHEMICAL TANKER DUE TO LEAVE WEYMOUTH BAY AFTER FUEL PAYMENT ISSUE**

A chemical tanker on its way to be scrapped in India is due to leave the Dorset coast after initially not being able to pay for fuel. Global Star came into Portland to refuel but the captain had no means of paying, so it anchored in Weymouth Bay. Portland Coastguard said it understood the issue had since been resolved and it was due to be refuelled on Friday. Earlier, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) said there were concerns a change in weather could drag it ashore. It stressed there was no immediate danger but a counter pollution team in Southampton was monitoring the situation.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-oxfordshire-16538579>

#### **NEW ZEALAND, TAURANGA, JANUARY 14 2012. MAN SERIOUSLY BURNT AFTER REFUELLING LAWNMOWER WHILE SMOKING**

*genevieve helliwell*



A man is in hospital with serious burns from a fire that tore through his Tauranga home - after he tried to fill a lawnmower with petrol while smoking a cigarette. Neighbours ran to the man's aid when they saw him running screaming from his house in the Parkvale suburb about 3.20pm yesterday. "We saw the smoke, then we heard them come running out of the house screaming, 'fire, fire'," said one woman. "He was alive but he was burnt. His legs were bad and he was burnt on his chest and his face but all he could say was 'my house, my house'." The woman, who didn't want to be named, ran to her garden hose to try to tackle the fire. "But the hose wasn't long enough and we couldn't get close to it. Even the fence [which is about 10 metres from the house] was hot and we just couldn't get close." She lay with the man on the roadside while he repeated "my house, my house". She said he

was "really lovely" and had lived there only about five months. Firefighters were on the scene within minutes. They helped the man by pouring water from the garden hose over his burns and spent about 20 minutes dousing the flames. St John Ambulance paramedics stabilised the man, who suffered serious burns to his legs and superficial burns to his face and arms. "We gave him some pain relief then took him to hospital in a stable condition," said a St John ambulance officer. A woman who was with the man at the Housing New Zealand property was injured. A witness said the fire was unlike anything she had seen. "It was nasty, there were flames coming out of the windows." The fire melted the white guttering, charred weatherboard at the front of the house and an explosion blew out windows and created a small hole in the roof near a chimney. Fire inspector Ken McKegg said there was "significant damage" throughout the house. "The kitchen area is singed and the flames have made their way into both sides of the hallway." He said the man was interviewed by Tauranga police last night. Detective Senior Sergeant Greg Turner said they were satisfied the cause of the fire was accidental. "So the motto from this is, when filling appliances with petrol, extinguish your cigarette first," Mr Turner said.

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=10778501](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10778501)



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#### USA, OH, WELLINGTON, JANUARY 14 2012. CREWS REMAIN ON SCENE OF WELLINGTON GASOLINE LEAK

kiera manion-fischer

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- [Gas Pipeline Rupture Spills 10,000 Gall](#)
- [10,000 gallons of gas spills in Wellington](#)



Crews continue working to clean up an underground gasoline leak reported last night in Wellington. The Fire Department got a call about an odor of gas about 10:45 last night and found a leak in an gasoline transmission line under the township maintenance garage at 105 Maple St, according to Chief Mike Wetherbee. About 75 people were evacuated from Brookside Park Mobile Home Park. Gasoline had pooled in the parking lot and gotten into a nearby waterway, the White Ditch, Wetherbee said. Crews built dams in the ditch to contain the gasoline and had the spill contained about an hour and a half after it started, Wetherbee said. "We're very confident that we held it in check," Wetherbee said. Tom Kelley, Lorain County Emergency Management Agency director, said it is estimated that 125,000 gallons of gasoline leaked. The cleanup is expected to take a couple days. Most of the residents who were forced out of their homes are staying with relatives, and others are taking advantage of a Red Cross shelter that has opened up in the Wellington Village Hall. Sunoco Logistics, the company that

owns the pipeline, is handling the cleanup with the assistance of firefighters and under the watch of the Environmental Protection Agency. The Lorain County Emergency Management Agency and a Lorain County hazardous materials squad responded to the scene along with firefighters from Oberlin, Spencer, LaGrange and Elyria. Wetherbee said no one was hurt due to the leak. He said the underground gasoline transmission line is used to transport gasoline between holding facilities, not to deliver it to gas stations.

<http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2012/01/13/crews-remain-on-scene-of-wellington-gasoline-leak/>

#### KENYA, UASIN GISHU, JANUARY 14 2012. RESIDENTS RESTRAINED FROM OVERTURNED TANKER

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Some Kenyans have once again put aside the risk to their own lives and attempted to scoop spilt fuel from an overturned tanker, in Uasin Gishu County. Police officers had a rough time trying to keep them gathered crowd away from the tanker.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFFH5eLtUTY>

#### USA, OK, EDMOND, JANUARY 14 2012. ONE EMPLOYEE IN ICU AFTER EXPLOSION IN EDMOND

mark schlachtenhaufe

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- <http://www.newson6.com/story/16505465/chemical-explosion-in-edmond>
- <http://newsok.com/four-workers-burned-in-edmond-explosion/article/3639691>
- <http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/state/4-hospitalized-after-explosion-at-edmond-company>
- <http://www.koco.com/r/30195558/detail.html>

**Photo's** <http://www.koco.com/slideshow/news/30195643/detail.html>

A dust cloud and a kerosene heater caused an explosion that injured four employees Thursday morning at an Edmond manufacturing business, a fire official said. Edmond Fire Maj. Kelly Lewis said, shortly before 9 a.m., one of the machines at NOV Tuboscope, 3600 S. Kelly, became clogged and maintenance workers were attempting to clear the obstruction. A pipe became disconnected and the polymer, a type of powdery substance, was released, creating a dust cloud, Lewis said. The cloud reached an industrial space heater that runs on kerosene and had an open flame, he said. Four employees suffered burns from the fire caused by the explosion, Lewis said. One has been released from the INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City, he said. Two others with less severe burns were admitted to the hospital's Paul Silverstein Burn Center. An employee with more severe burns is in the intensive care unit, Lewis said. Lewis said Maj. Mike Barnes and Maj. Mitch



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Rainwater conducted the Edmond Fire Department's investigation. Becky Byrd, a spokeswoman for the parent company, National Oilwell Varco, headquartered in Houston, said the company's thoughts and prayers are with the employees and their families, a sentiment echoed by Lewis. Byrd said the entire facility in Edmond, which has a total of 23 employees, has been shut down pending the outcome of the company's own investigation. The site coats pipe with corrosion prevention material, she said. National Oilwell Varco puts a premium on safety, she added. In addition to doing its own investigation, National Oilwell Varco has hired a nurse to be at the INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center to see to the needs of the employees as long as they are there, Byrd said. Fire crews at the scene dealt with bitter cold and fierce winds. At about 10:30 a.m., the temperature was 27 degrees and the wind was 14 mph out of the northwest, with gusts up to 30 mph, according to the National Weather Service reading from the Guthrie-Edmond Regional Airport. "When we got inside, we determined there was no fire," Lewis said. "Had one occurred, it was out. There was a little bit of burn debris that they found. So, there was the explosion." Inside the facility, early on, the immediate area where the explosion occurred was evacuated and gas and utilities in that area were shut down to allow furnaces and ovens the business uses to cool down, Lewis said. Initially, traffic in the vicinity of the business was shut down to protect the public until the situation was stabilized, Lewis said. By 10 a.m., all four lanes of traffic on Kelly were reopened. Officials are thankful that the explosion was limited in size and it is fortunate there were no further victims, Lewis said. National Oilwell Varco provides major mechanical components for land and offshore drilling rigs, complete land drilling and well servicing rigs, tubular inspection and internal tubular coatings, drill string equipment, extensive lifting and handling equipment, and a broad offering of downhole drilling motors, bits and tools, according to information posted on its website

<http://normantranscript.com/headlines/x87190245/One-employee-in-ICU-after-explosion-in-Edmond>

### USA, IN, FORT WAYNE, JANUARY 14 2012. BLAZE, EXPLOSION LEAVE FORT WAYNE AUTO BUSINESS IN RUINS >> WORKER ACCIDENTALLY IGNITED A CAR'S GASOLINE LINE

*christian sheckler*

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- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjCLf3IA2dk>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUHKTkMDmSI>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7u9r2G5PPGA>

#### Photo's Explosions Heard At 20/20 Import Auto Parts



Put a cutting torch and fuel line together in a garage, throw in a few propane tanks, and you can get explosive results. A fire and explosion left a southeast-side auto business in ruins Thursday morning after a worker accidentally ignited a car's gasoline line while trying to remove its engine, authorities said. When firefighters arrived at 20/20 Import Auto Parts, 2020 S. Anthony Blvd., just after 9:30 a.m., they found the business engulfed in flames and took a defensive stance against the blaze, staying outside the building because of concerns that it might collapse and propane tanks inside might explode, said Fort Wayne Fire Department Assistant Chief Michael Miller. As crews battled the fire, setting up a wide perimeter for safety, at

least one large blast shook the area, department spokeswoman Stacey Fleming said. There was a pretty good explosion in there," Fleming said. Only two people were inside when the blaze erupted, and they both escaped without injury, Miller said. But he described the building as a total loss, with its roof collapsed and the walls threatening to crumble, and fire officials called for excavators to tear down what remained of the structure. Authorities couldn't immediately place a dollar amount on the damage. Five trucks and at least 30 firefighters were deployed to the fire, and some would remain at the scene for at least three hours, Miller said just before 11 a.m. Crews remained on the scene after 12:30 p.m., Fleming said. A police officer near the scene said he felt tremors from the explosion while he sat in his car at Creighton Avenue, about half a block from Import Auto Parts. Meanwhile, the fire belched plumes of smoke visible from blocks away. Though officials think the building housed some propane tanks, they didn't know Thursday morning exactly what set off the blast, Miller said. Air-quality tests did not indicate a hazardous level of airborne toxins, and firefighters took precautions against toxic runoff into nearby sewer drains, Fleming said. Authorities blocked South Anthony for hours between Wayne Trace and Creighton, and the street remained



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closed as of 12:45 p.m. Thursday, according to Fleming. Thursday's fire marks the second blaze in less than three months to wipe out a Fort Wayne business. A massive inferno Oct. 30 destroyed the Momper Insulation warehouse at 2431 W. Main St. <http://www.news-sentinel.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120113/NEWS/120119811>

#### USA, ILL, WORTH, JANUARY 14 2012. WORTH WARNS AGAINST DRINKING WELL WATER PETRO SPILLS TAINTED SOURCE

*bob jaderberg*

Two petroleum spills that occurred years ago have prompted Worth to enact laws prohibiting the drinking of well water in certain parts of the village. Worth trustees last month passed two ordinances in response to the spills, which occurred in separate incidents in 1993 and 2003 and contaminated ground water flowing beneath the Friendly Village, according to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The purpose of the ordinances is to ensure residents and businesses living or operating in the affected areas do not use groundwater as a source for drinking water. The ordinances are part of remediation and corrective actions mandated by the IEPA and facilitated by Groundwater & Environmental Services of Aurora. In 1993, a spill of an unspecified amount of motor oil occurred at Jiffy Lube, 7201 Southwest Highway in Worth. The area affected by the spill is from Southwest Highway to 107th Street, and from Harlem Avenue to approximately a few blocks south and west of the business. Contaminated soil from the site was excavated and transported to an appropriate dumping facility, according to IEPA project manager Liz Schwartzkopf. The IEPA's website lists that spill as "non-petroleum," however, an IEPA spokesperson confirmed that spill involved motor oil. The other spill, actually a series of underground gasoline tank overfills, occurred in 2003 at the Shell gas station at 6358 W. 111th St. in Chicago Ridge. The area affected by the spills includes an tract of land more than an acre wide that begins at Ridgeland Avenue and extends west to Natchez Avenue, and a smaller section of property north of 111th Street and west of Ridgeland Avenue. Soil borings taken after the spills at the Shell station indicated contamination, and the levels of the gasoline component benzene and gasoline additive methyl tertiary butyl ether necessitated further testing, Schwartzkopf said. Groundwater samples taken from two nearby wells returned contaminant levels that necessitated appropriate actions be taken, she added. IEPA spokesperson Dennis McKinnon said the spills are among many thousands that occur statewide and millions nationwide each year.

<http://www.thereporteronline.net/atf.php?sid=27611>

#### CANADA, OTTAWA, JANUARY 14 2012. ENBRIDGE AFFILIATES HAVE HAD 175 LEAKS, SPILLS OVER 10 YEARS IN U.S.

*glen mcgregor*



*Workers contain and remove oil at the confluence of Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River near Marshall, Michigan, after a July 26, 2010, pipeline break that sent 20,000 barrels of crude into a creek and the Kalamazoo. Enbridge cleaned up about 18,000 barrels and kept the oil from flowing into Lake Michigan. The EPA considers the spill the worst in the history of the Midwest.*

Subsidiaries of the company that wants to build the Gateway pipeline through northern B.C. have reported more than 170 pipeline leaks and spills in the United States since 2002, accident reporting data show. Records filed with the U.S. government show companies owned by Calgary-based Enbridge Energy experienced 159 reportable accidents and incidents involving liquid pipelines and another 16 in their natural gas lines. The reports detail minor incidents, with only a few gallons lost, and major accidents, including the 2007 leak from an Enbridge

pipeline in Clearbrook, Minnesota, that killed two workers and led to \$2.4 million U.S. in fines against the company. The great majority of the incidents occurred in the American Midwest, around the Great Lakes and close to the Canadian border. National Energy Board hearings into the proposed Gateway pipeline kicked off this week. The Conservative government is pushing the project hard and has denounced environmental groups who want to testify against the pipeline as foreign-funded "radicals." Enbridge's safety record is expected to be one aspect under consideration for a pipeline that will slice through the B.C. wilderness to a port in Kitimat, where bitumen will be shipped by tanker to Asian markets. Enbridge did not respond to a request for comment. The company has defended its safety and environmental record in the past, saying it spills less oil than the industry average. At a speech in 2010, company CEO Patrick Daniel said Enbridge pipelines spilled only about 4.2 barrels



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of oil for every billion barrel-miles, compared with the industry average of more than 10.7 barrels spilled. A barrel-mile is defined as one barrel of liquid moving one mile. Projecting Enbridge's figure of 4.2 barrels spilled per BBM onto the Gateway pipeline would result in about 588 barrels spilled each year — about 94,000 litres. The company's own data, from 2004 to 2008, shows 32,000 barrels spilled from its liquid pipelines, a rate of about 7.7 barrels per billion barrel miles. Projected on to Gateway's average capacity, that rate would produce more than 1,000 barrels spilled each year. One of Enbridge's worst pipeline accidents occurred in July 2010, when a line belonging to Houston-based Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership ruptured near Marshall, Michigan, gushing 20,000 barrels into a creek and the Kalamazoo River. Under the direction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Enbridge cleaned up about 18,000 barrels and kept the oil from flowing into Lake Michigan. The EPA considers the spill the worst in the history of the Midwest. Less than two months later, another Enbridge line burst in Romeoville, Illinois, about 30 minutes' drive south of Chicago, spilling more than 7,500 barrels of crude. Also in 2010, an Enbridge line broke near Neche, North Dakota, with 3,700 barrels contained on the company's right-of-way near a highway. Still, the company claimed it had a 99.99-per-cent safety record that year. The U.S. provides pipeline accident data freely online but the equivalent data are not publicly available in Canada. The National Transportation Safety Board, however, does provide details on some incidents: September 2009, near Odessa, Sask. About 1,100 barrels of crude oil leaked from a crack in a section of Enbridge pipe in densely-vegetated marsh. Most was recovered. April 2007, near Glenavon, Sask. A rupture in a section of pipe through a wetland area on a farm leaked about 6,200 barrels, of which all but 480 barrels were recovered.

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/technology/Enbridge-affiliates-have-leaks-spills-over-years/5987092/story.html>

#### ENGLAND, LONDON, JANUARY 14 2012. MAN WHO DIED IN VAN IN FERNY HILL NAMED AS CHRISTOPHER MATON OF NEW BARNET

*tristan kirk*

A man who died in his van on the edge of Trent Park has been named. Christopher Maton was found dead on Tuesday morning in Ferny Hill with a canister of helium in his van. The 44-year-old, of Victoria Road, New Barnet, was pronounced dead at the scene. The cause of death is believed to be asphyxiation and inhalation of helium. An inquest into Mr Maton's death has been opened at North London Coroners Court and adjourned until March 5. The presence of the helium canister in the van sparked a chemical alert, with specialist firefighters put on standby. Police cordoned off Ferny Hill, which borders Trent Park, for several hours to make the gas canister safe before Mr Maton's body could be removed and the road reopened.

[http://www.enfieldindependent.co.uk/news/localnews/9471440.Man\\_who\\_died\\_with/](http://www.enfieldindependent.co.uk/news/localnews/9471440.Man_who_died_with/)

#### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, Pilliga, JANUARY 14 2012. COAL-SEAM GAS POLLUTION SPILL WENT UNREPORTED

*anthony klan*

Coal-seam gas giant Santos has admitted a company it now owns last year spilled 10,000l of polluted waste water in the Pilliga State Forest, in northern NSW, potentially contaminating 1.2ha of bushland. Santos, which bought fellow coal-seam gas operator Eastern Star Gas in November last year, said the spill had occurred in June and the incident had not been reported to authorities at the time. The NSW government yesterday said such spills were required to be reported by law and it was "pursuing enforcement actions" relating to the spill, "including the potential for prosecution". Coal-seam gas extraction produces water that is typically salty - it can kill fauna and contaminate soil - and can contain a range of chemicals, including some that cause cancer. Santos spokesman Matthew Doman said the group had conducted a "preliminary" investigation into the spill but the composition of the water was unclear other than that it was "saline". The spill had occurred as a result of a "pipeline failure". Mr Doman said Santos was reviewing all of Eastern Star's "plans, systems and activities" and Santos had notified NSW authorities of the spill on Friday last week. Alarm bells about conditions at the site were first raised in October when a local environmental group contacted NSW authorities to report that trees were dying in the area and dead animals had been found in the vicinity of the CSG operations. Mr Doman was yesterday unable to state when Santos first became aware of problems at the site or when the company first became aware of the October complaint to NSW authorities. Announcements about the spill from Santos and the NSW Department of Trade yesterday came days after grazier Tony Pickard noticed a "black tarry substance" spreading for about 500m along the ground and contacted local media. "Santos initially tried to tell me it was from the eucalyptus trees and I told them they had hairs on the palms of their hands," Mr Pickard told The Weekend



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Australian yesterday. Mr Doman said it was unclear at this stage whether or not that black tarry substance was related to the June spill and its investigations were continuing. The NSW Department of Trade said it was working with the Environmental Protection Authority to "further investigate the incident". Mr Doman said most of the senior management of Eastern Star had been replaced at the time of the takeover, but Santos had retained most other workers. The Weekend Australian was yesterday unable to contact David Casey, the former managing director of Eastern Star who headed the company at the time of the spill. Greens mining spokesman Jeremy Buckingham said the NSW government had displayed it was incapable of policing the environmental impacts of coal-seam gas extraction. "Santos has shown it is no different to other gas companies," he said. "They are using the tried and tested model of deny, deny, deny and then when forced by overwhelming evidence into a mea culpa, they claim to be co-operating with authorities."

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/coal-seam-gas-pollution-spill-went-unreported/story-fn59niix-1226244002610>

### USA, OH, WELLINGTON, JANUARY 14 2012. WELLINGTON GASOLINE PIPELINE RUPTURE RELEASED ABOUT 116,760 GALLONS OF GAS

tonya sams

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 **Photo's** [Clean-Up Continues At Site Of Gasoline Leak In Wellington](#)



*A vacuum truck backs up down Maple Street toward Brookside Drive in Wellington yesterday as crews from various departments work to clean up a 125,000-gallon gas leak.*

An underground gasoline pipeline rupture released an estimated 116,760 gallons of gasoline near Ohio 58 Friday morning, forcing the evacuation of dozens of people from 30 homes in a nearby trailer park. Wellington Fire Department firefighters, workers from the Sun Pipeline Co., a subsidiary of Sunoco, and the Ohio and U.S. Environmental Protection agencies were still at the scene Friday evening, vacuuming up pools of gasoline from a ditch along Maple Street. Officials are not sure when the clean-up will be completed. Air monitoring is continuing. The break occurred about 10:45 p.m. Thursday. Workers in a Sunoco pipeline control room

noticed a deviation of the pressure and flow in the pipeline, and shut down valves upstream and downstream of the rupture were closed to minimize the release, spokeswoman Nora Jacobs said. Gasoline started spilling into a gravel parking lot, then spread to the White Ditch Creek, which is along Maple Street. Workers succeeded in keeping the spill from reaching the Black River and the city's sewage treatment plant. Village Manager Steve Pyles said the break created a strong smell in the area. "The winds blew the fumes right into a trailer park," Pyles said. "We evacuated everyone; most went to the homes of relatives or friends, but about 20 people ended up sleeping in the town hall. As of this morning, the residents are still unable to return home permanently, but they will be allowed to enter the homes to pick up clothing and essentials. The 8-inch pipeline, which originates in Toledo, crosses northern Ohio and ends at Allegheny, Pa., according to a news release. Valves upstream and downstream rupture were closed to minimize the release. The Lorain County Red Cross is helping people find temporary shelter.

 **Related Links** [125,000 gallons of gasoline leak in Wellington](#)

[http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2012/01/wellington\\_gasoline\\_pipeline\\_r.html](http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2012/01/wellington_gasoline_pipeline_r.html)

### USA, TX, LIVE OAK CO, JANUARY 14 2012. EXPLOSION NEAR GEORGE WEST, SMOKE SEEN FOR MILES

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- [Explosion Near George West, Smoke Seen For Miles](#)

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It was a monster fire that burned for several hours Friday morning and sent thick black smoke billowing into the air. That fire sparking up at 6:30 AM Friday at an industrial site along Highway 281 just North of George West. No one was near the fire when it ignited and no one was hurt. The site burning was a disposal site where crude oil is separated from saltwater. It was that crude oil that fueled the flames, keeping fire crews busy throughout the day. That smoke could be seen from miles away, the flames reached 70' into the air at one point. The fire taking place at Key Energy Services. Fire fighters from George West and Three Rivers were able to keep the fire from spreading. Fire officials say at least nine tanks filled with the crude

oil and salt water mixture were involved in the blaze. The fire was contained within the property of the disposal site. While the public was never really at risk, it was an impressive sight that had plenty of people talking. "I woke up this morning first thing I saw when I walked out my back door was this huge column of black smoke several thousand feet in the air," says Jerry Hines who lives nearby. "We were just fortunate no one was there, no one was hurt, everything was contained, the fire department came out. All we can do now, is our investigation find out what happened," said Walter Brown with Key Energy Services. The fire was out by 10:00 AM Friday morning. However, as we were about to leave George West, we noticed smoke fill the air, once more. The fire had re-ignited. It took crews about 30 minutes to control the scene for a second time. An investigation into what sparked the fire is now underway.

<http://www.kiitv.com/story/16518246/explosion-near-george-west-smoke-seen-for-miles>

#### **USA, N.J, WASHINGTON TWP, JANUARY 14 2012. FUEL SPILL CONTAINED; SEVERAL ANIMALS FOUND DEAD >> STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS WARN RESIDENTS TO STEER CLEAR OF LAKES AND TRIBUTARIES AFFECTED BY THURSDAY'S DIESEL FUEL SPILL.**

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The local diesel fuel spill befouling Blackwood and Grenloch lakes is significant, one state official said, but contained. Initial cleanup efforts continued through Friday and will likely last about a week. An estimated 26,000 gallons of diesel fuel leaked into the lakes from a New Jersey Transit garage in Washington Township Thursday morning. Officials believe a failed gasket caused the leak from two 16,000-gallon fuel storage tanks at the facility. The fuel amounts to roughly two average-sized, in-ground swimming pools. The fuel spread to Lebanon Run, Grenloch Lake and Blackwood Lake, officials said, but no further. No evidence of the spill has been observed in Big Timber Creek downstream from Blackwood Lake, according to a joint statement from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and New Jersey Transit. "The spill is contained," DEP spokesman Lawrence Hajna said. "This is a significant spill, but the positive thing is it's not spreading." As of about 8 a.m. Friday, roughly 13,000 of the 26,000 gallons of diesel fuel believed to have leaked from the New Jersey Transit underground storage tanks had been collected, Gloucester Township Mayor David Mayer reported. "I do believe they're doing a very good job in collecting the material," the mayor said. The pungent odor of diesel fuel hung heavy over the waterways Friday as crews from Clean Venture Inc., a contract environmental remediation firm, worked to clean up the spill for New Jersey Transit. Workers in protective suits installed 1,300 feet of yellow booms to stop the fuel's spread. Water vacuums, skimmers and absorbent pads were all deployed as part of the cleanup. The equipment helped trapped patches of fuel floating on the water's surface. In some areas, the fuel patches mixed in with reeds and grass near waterways' banks. "It's going to take a week, at least, for the initial response," Hajna said. "Crews will be out there every minute of daylight and into dusk to clean this up." Mayer credited firefighters from Gloucester and Washington townships for helping contain the spill Thursday morning by putting booms into the water prior to Clean Venture's arrival.

#### **Wildlife Impact**

Tri-State Bird Rescue, a nonprofit rescue firm based in Newark, DE, has responded to the scene and is working to protect wildlife. Hajna said crews have found one dead Canada goose, as well as a muskrat and one or two turtles. Residents should not attempt to handle or rescue an animal in distress in the area impacted by the fuel spill. Instead, call New Jersey Transit's customer service hotline at 973-275-5555. Provide as much information about the animal as possible, including the nearest location or intersection.

#### **Safety Concerns**

Residents should not enter the impacted waterways or fish in them or their tributaries until further notice, officials said. New Jersey Transit has installed signs around the area notifying the public of the ongoing cleanup efforts. Drinking water safety is



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not a concern at this point. "As this was a surface water incident, there was no indication that public drinking water was compromised," Camden County officials said in a statement. "There are no intakes for public water systems on the waterways, and there is no reason to believe that private wells were impacted." Camden County continues to monitor drinking water, spokeswoman Joyce Gabriel added. Mayer noted one of the first steps his office took Thursday was to contact New Jersey American Water and Aqua New Jersey—the two companies that supply drinking water for Gloucester Township. "The confirmation that I have from New Jersey American Water and Aqua New Jersey is that our drinking water is safe," he said. Mayer added that health officials have informed him the fuel spill did not reach the aquifer that supplies private wells. "Keep in mind this is surface water. ... We don't get our drinking water from those lakes," he said. Despite the heavy odor of diesel on the waterways, officials said there are no air safety concerns at this point, either. Mayer noted the odor, while still present, had dissipated by the time he was joined along the water by state Sen. Fred Madden, Assemblyman Paul Moriarty and assemblywoman-elect Gabriela Mosquera around 8 a.m. Friday. "The odor was better today than it was (Thursday)," he said.

#### The Cost of Cleanup

While the DEP is coordinating the cleanup response effort among multiple state, county and local agencies, the ultimate cost will fall on New Jersey Transit, Hajna said. He could not provide an estimate for cleanup on Friday. A New Jersey Transit spokesman did not return a message seeking comment.

#### What Residents Can Do

With professional cleanup and rescue crews on the scene, residential volunteers are not needed at point, according to Mayer. Tri-State Bird is using trained volunteers and will put out a call for additional volunteers if necessary, the nonprofit posted on its website. Anyone with concerns or questions should contact New Jersey Transit's 24-hour customer service hotline at 973-275-5555. Mayer suggested that anyone who wants to be put on a volunteer list use this number.

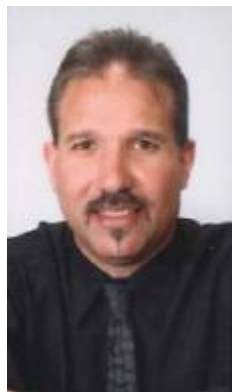
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<http://gloucestertownship.patch.com/articles/fuel-spill-contained-several-animals-found-dead>

## USA, MO, ARNOLD, JANUARY 14 2012. ARNOLD MAN KILLED WHEN HOMEMADE NOISE CANNON EXPLODES

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He wanted his friend to hear the deafening boom of his homemade cannon. Ronnie G. Sanders had already ignited it for one friend several times on New Year's Eve, his mother said. But when another buddy came by his Arnold home Thursday to hear the bang, the cannon itself exploded and shot shrapnel straight into Sanders' neck. The blast killed him as he stood near a metal barn on his property. "No one ever expected it to happen," his mother, Connie Sanders of Otto, said Friday. "They shot it off five or six times on New Year's Eve with no problems." She said his sons, Micah, 11, and Lucas, 6, were at their father's side when he was hit; nobody else was hurt. It happened about 4 p.m. in the 2000 block of Jean Drive, said Jefferson County sheriff's Capt. Ron Arnhart. The cannon had an attached wick and was made of metal pipe packed with black powder, Arnhart said. Connie Sanders said she believes this week's freezing temperatures made the pipe brittle. "It wasn't anything sophisticated," Connie Sanders said. "He was just trying to show his friends." She said she was inside the house when she heard the explosion. Sanders was an independent welder who worked on steam turbines at power plants in the area, his mother said. He attended Fox Senior High School in Arnold and earned a degree from a technical school before starting work as a welder. He was not married and had custody of his sons. "He was a fun-loving, caring man," she said. "He was always looking for

excitement." Sanders, 41, had been at the center of a strange episode in the news in Page, Ariz. Police there detained Sanders at a municipal airport after security stopped him for trying to board a plane with several wires hanging out of a computer, said Capt. Ray Varner of the Page Police Department. Varner said TSA screeners called police because Sanders was intoxicated and volunteered to them that his laptop wasn't a bomb. "You know what happens when you say that word" at an airport, Varner said. The airport was closed for several hours as bomb squad specialists investigated Sanders' luggage and deemed it safe. Visitation is planned from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Jay B. Smith Funeral Home in Fenton. A prayer service will be



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held at 10 a.m. Monday at St. John Catholic Church in Imperial. Burial will follow at the church's cemetery. Leah Thorsen of the Post-Dispatch contributed to this report.

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#### USA, ILL, CHICAGO, JANUARY 14 2012. HOMER GLEN WORRIES GAS LEAK CONTINUES TO HAUNT

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The village is considering banning future private wells in an area near an underground gasoline leak that occurred eight years ago at a gas station at 143rd Street and Bell Road. Village officials are also urging those in the area of the gas leak who have private wells to get the water supply tested, although the chance of contamination is "very unlikely," according to the village's environmental consultant, Greg Michaud. The village will request that Shell Oil, the owner of the station, pay for any water testing in the area. One of the station's underground storage tanks began leaking about eight years ago, and the contaminants remain in the ground, Michaud told the village board Tuesday night. He said it appears the soil contamination has spread beyond the station property. As part of Shell's corrective plan with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, it is asking the village board to pass an ordinance banning future private wells within a radius of an eighth-mile of the station. Michaud emphasized that the effects of the leak pose "no immediate risk to residents or the environment," but any excavation work in that area would have to take extra precautions. Some private wells are near that intersection. When the intersection of 143rd Street and Bell Road is widened in the near future, Homer Glen and Will County will ask Shell to remove the contaminated soil and clean up the area, Mayor Jim Daley said. "Nobody is letting Shell off the hook," Daley said. In other news, Homer Glen plans to apply for a grant to help protect its ash trees from the emerald ash borer beetle that has invaded the Chicago area and killed thousands of ash trees in recent years. If received, the grant of up to \$20,000 would help the village take an inventory of its ash trees and assess their health, said Trustee Margaret Sabo, chairman of the village board's environment committee. It's not known how many ash trees are in Homer Glen, she said.

<http://heraldnews.suntimes.com/9945823-417/homer-glen-worries-gas-leak-continues-to-haunt.html>

#### USA, PA, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, JANUARY 14 2012. EPA CHIEF CRITICIZES THE WAY PENNSYLVANIA'S DEP HAS HANDLED WELL WATER QUALITY IN DIMOCK

The head of the federal Environmental Protection Agency says Pennsylvania officials aren't doing what they should to help people whose wells have been found to have been contaminated since natural gas drilling began in their area. EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson says federal regulators need more data to decide whether to ship water to residents in the northeast Pennsylvania village of Dimock (DIH'-muhk). About a dozen residents have filed a lawsuit claiming that the drilling caused contamination. Jackson said at a news conference Friday in Philadelphia that it was "puzzling" that Pennsylvania's environmental protection secretary wrote her last week to criticize the EPA's knowledge of the situation. She says his letter won't help people in Dimock.

##### **This Is a Breaking News Update. AP's earlier story is below.**

Residents of a small northeastern Pennsylvania town at the center of the political fight over natural gas drilling struck out Friday when they tried to take their complaints directly to the head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. A handful of residents-turned-activists from Dimock joined about 50 environmental activists from neighboring communities and elsewhere to rally outside a conference at Philadelphia's Academy of Natural Sciences on urban environmental issues, chanting, "Lisa Jackson, take some action!" Their hope was to find a kindred spirit in EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson and to ask her directly to have fresh water delivered to them.

##### **But They Didn't Get the Chance.**

The moderator of the panel on which Jackson sat did not ask any of the Dimock-related questions that were submitted. And at the end of the session, Jackson did not respond when one activist shouted out a question. She also did not meet with any of the protesters who attempted to confront her afterward. The Dimock residents among the protesters remained optimistic that Jackson will come to their aid \_ something they say state officials are refusing to do. "We're here to make sure that she knows we appreciate that and putting a face to what's going on," said Julie Sautner, a Dimock resident whose well is contaminated. A state investigation found that 18 wells in the Susquehanna County village were contaminated after natural gas drilling began there in 2008. About a dozen residents have sued Cabot Oil & Gas Corp., claiming the energy company caused the contamination when it extracted natural gas using a process known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, a method that has



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spurred a boom in natural gas drilling in several states while raising concerns about the toll on the environment and public health. Cabot denies contaminating the wells, saying most wells in the region were laced with methane long before the arrival of drilling. Nevertheless, the company trucked in fresh water for the residents to use for bathing and washing clothes and dishes. The deliveries stopped Nov. 30 after state regulators determined that Cabot had fulfilled its obligations to the residents under a 2010 consent agreement. The residents say their aquifer is still contaminated. Pennsylvania's environmental chief, who works for a pro-drilling governor, has criticized his federal counterparts, saying the EPA has only a "rudimentary" understanding of the contamination. The federal government, meanwhile, has wavered about its role over the last two months, initially saying the water posed no health risk, then that it merited more study, then in the span of 24 hours last week promising to deliver water and reneging. Craig Stevens, a resident of Silver Lake, near Dimock, said he called the EPA on Thursday and was told that Jackson would visit the town and would consider bringing water with her. Spokeswomen for the agency did not immediately return a call seeking comment. In a move that was partly symbolic and partly a practical goodwill gesture, several of protesters brought with them bottles and jugs of water for the Dimock residents to take home. "It's a ridiculous redefinition of life to have to get bottles of water and to have to live by the graciousness of others," said Victoria Switzer, a Dimock resident who sold gas drilling rights under the 5 acres she owns.

<http://www.newser.com/article/d9s8a0c01/epa-chief-criticizes-the-way-pennsylvanias-dep-has-handled-well-water-quality-in-dimock.html>

#### USA, TX, MIDLAND CO, JANUARY 14 2012. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REMOVED FROM DERAILED TRAIN CARS



Nearly a full day after a train derailment in Midland County, the accident scene is finally cleared up. It took crews 18 hours to unload dangerous chemicals from some cars that went off the tracks off of West County Road 127. Five cars derailed; three carried the toxic chemical methanol, which is highly explosive and poisonous. Luckily nothing leaked. The cars were going to Nexeo Solutions. Their workers had to empty the cars of the hazardous materials so a boom could be used to pick up the cars and put them back on the tracks. Crews are now fixing the tracks that were damaged in the derailment.

<http://www.newswest9.com/story/16518371/hazardous-materials-removed-from-derailed-cars>

#### SERBIA, BELGRADE, JANUARY 15 2012. NIS TO INVEST EUR 100MN IN GAS STATIONS

Oil Industry of Serbia (NIS) will invest some EUR 100mn in modernization and construction of new gas stations in Serbia in the next two and a half years. NIS General Manager Kirill Kravchenko announced this on Friday at the opening of the first NIS gas station sporting new three-color appearance. The quality of gas and diesel fuels at the stations will be satisfactory for customers, Kravchenko said at the opening of the first rebranded facility Zmaj Dva, which was also attended by Belgrade Mayor Dragan Đilas and President of the Belgrade City Assembly Aleksandar Antić. Kravchenko said that by opening this "three-color" gas station, the NIS moves a step closer to Serbia, taking into account the colors used in the new NIS brand - red, blue, and white. The first rebranded NIS gas station opened on the site of the existing NIS retail facility Zmaj Dva on the highway E-75 on the outskirts of Belgrade. The new visual identity of the NIS gas stations will retain distinctive features of the old brand, and the blue color, used for the company's name, has been introduced to mark synergy with the brand Gazprom Neft.

[http://www.b92.net/eng/news/business-article.php?yyyy=2012&mm=01&dd=13&nav\\_id=78274](http://www.b92.net/eng/news/business-article.php?yyyy=2012&mm=01&dd=13&nav_id=78274)

#### VIETNAM, HO CHI MINH, JANUARY 15 2012. FIRMS LOSE LICENCES FOR SUBSTANDARD PETROL

The deputy chairman of the HCM City People's Committee, Le Manh Ha, has signed a decision to fine the Sai Gon Passenger Transport Co, Ltd VND30 million (US\$1,420) for selling substandard petrol with an octane rating lower than regulated. The committee also revoked the company's licence for petrol trading after the city's Department of Science and Technology tested petrol samples. The test results showed that the company sold petrol with an octane rating of 93.8, even though it was advertised as 95. Seven petrol trading enterprises have been asked to pay fines for the same violations, and their licences have also been revoked.

<http://vietnamnews.vnagency.com.vn/social-issues/219727/firms-lose-licences-for-substandard-petrol.html>



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