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INDIA, SURAT, SAIYEDPURA, FEBRUARY 22 2012. TANKER CATCHES FIRE AT PETROL PUMP; NO CASUALTY



A major tragedy was averted at the crowded Saiyedpura area in the walled city on Monday when a petrol tanker of [Indian Oil Corporation](#) (IOC) caught fire during refilling at M/s [Market Auto Petrol Pump](#). Official sources said the tanker arrived at the [IOC](#) petrol pump at Saiyedpura for refilling on Monday afternoon. About 12,000 litres of petrol were being off-loaded in the underground petrol tank. Suddenly, the petrol tanker caught fire due to an electric spark and the fire spread to the underground petrol tank as well. Sensing major trouble, the petrol tanker's driver immediately drove the burning vehicle out of the petrol pump area and proceeded towards the cramped Bhagal intersection. About 14 fire tenders were immediately rushed to the spot along with foam tenders. While four fire tenders doused the burning petrol tanker on Bhagal intersection within a few minutes, it took about an hour for the fire fighters to control the fire at the petrol pump. Sources said that about 8,000 litres of foam were sprayed to control the fire at the petrol pump and on the petrol tanker. There has been no casualty in the fire incident. Interestingly, a similar incident was reported at the same petrol pump on January 5. The fire tanker had caught fire due to some technical snag, but the fire was controlled by the petrol pump staff with fire extinguishers. [Pankaj Patel](#), chief fire officer (CFO), told TOI, "Had it been a big fire it would have affected more than 400 residential houses and shops surrounding the petrol pump. This is the second fire incident at the same pump. We had issued a notice to the pump owner to follow fire safety norms. Now, after this incident, we are planning to initiate strict action against the petrol pump owner." Patel added, "It is compulsory for all petrol pump owners in the city to renew their fire safety licences every year, but less than 1% are following norms. We have urged the municipal commissioner to issue a notification in this regard."

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[Petrol pump gutted in Surat](#)

[Surat petrol pumps are a disaster in waiting](#)

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/surat/Tanker-catches-fire-at-petrol-pump-no-casualty/articleshow/11971623.cms>

USA, WI, WALDO, FEBRUARY 22 2012. EXPLOSIVES CONFISCATED, HOMEOWNER ARRESTED IN WALDO NEIGHBORHOOD

tom murray

[Watch the Video Explosives Confiscated, Homeowner Arrested](#)



Jerome Hammerlund worries about what's going on a few doors down on W. Second Street. There is a 'Got Fireworks?' sticker near the front door. "I can feel the house shaking and windows shaking from the explosions down the block," Hammerlund told TODAY'S TMJ4 reporter Tom Murray. "I have a wife and young kids. We don't know. Whatever he's making could take out a neighborhood." In this otherwise quiet Sheboygan County village of Waldo, neighbors say 38-year-old Daniel Shilts, Jr. is known for experimenting with explosives. The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Explosive Ordnance Unit, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF) agents and the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department confiscated containers of bulk explosive powders and commercial grade fireworks Monday, described by technicians as "extremely volatile." Catherine Halle has lived on this block for decades and knows Shilts. "I just don't think he would do anything deliberately," she said. It is the potential for accidents and the suspect's past that worry other

neighbors. In 2008, Shilts was accused of a urinating on a Plymouth police officer from the back of a squad car after a repeat drunk driving arrest. TODAY'S TMJ4 has video of the bomb squad at Shilts' home in 2007. Shilts told investigators he kept the explosives to loosen tree stumps and blow up things in his backyard, according to past reports. A judge ordered that Shilts possess no explosives as part of a probation sentence for a past crime. He is now in custody for violating probation while investigators review what they found at his Waldo home Monday.

<http://www.todaystmj4.com/news/local/139907283.html>



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USA, S.D, ABERDEEN, FEBRUARY 22 2012. DIESEL LEAK CLEANUP CONTINUES NEAR ABERDEEN

anita meyer



It could take up to 10 days to clean up diesel after a pipeline leak from the NuStar Energy pipeline about two miles north of Aberdeen, a company spokesman said. The company initially estimated that around 500 barrels spilled from the Monday leak, though it's possible it's less than that, said Greg Matula, a NuStar spokesman based at headquarters in San Antonio, Texas. He said the leak is under investigation to determine the cause and help prevent any future reoccurrence. NuStar crews as well as its third-party response team and other agencies continue to clean up the diesel, Matula said. The public is not in any danger, said Kim McIntosh, environmental senior scientist with the South Dakota Department of

Environment and Natural Resources, one of several agencies involved with the cleanup. NuStar Energy said the leak affected less than a half acre. There are no houses near the leak, which is in a sort of pothole region, McIntosh said. About 4:15 p.m. Monday, NuStar's continuous self-monitoring system on its pipeline system discovered a leak in a small section of the company's petroleum products pipeline, according to NuStar. The 6-inch pipeline, which carries diesel, was immediately shut down and NuStar and third-party response teams were mobilized, according to a statement from NuStar Energy. To clean the area, the affected soil is excavated, removed and taken for safe disposal, Matula said. Then fresh soil is put back in its place. Shutting down the line will not affect the diesel supply in the region because there is abundant supply of diesel in NuStar's other terminals in the region, including Aberdeen, according to NuStar. Matula said numerous local, state and national agencies were notified including Department of Public Safety, Brown County Emergency Management, SD DENR, Aberdeen Fire Department and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Central Region, which all responded. The National Response Center and EPA office in Denver also were contacted.

http://www.aberdeennews.com/news/aan-crews-cleaning-up-diesel-spill-this-morning-near-aberdeen-20120221_0.5404243.story

USA, FLA, ST. AUGUSTINE, FEBRUARY 12 2012. OSHA CITES COOMES OIL & SUPPLY AND FLORIDA ROCK & TANK LINES IN AUGUST BP GAS STATION EXPLOSION IN ST. AUGUSTINE

 **Photo Gallery [56]** [Coomes Oil & Supply, Florida Rock & Tank Lines Cited](#)



The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration today announced Coomes Oil & Supply Inc. has been cited in August's explosion at a BP gas station. According to an OSHA news release, a delivery driver for Florida Rock & Tank Lines was refilling an above-ground gasoline storage tank that had a broken gauge. The tank overflowed. Vapors then combined with heat from the running delivery truck to trigger the explosion. The OSHA inspection found that the gas station and Florida Rock & Tank Lines refilled the tank despite the inoperable liquid level gauging system. OSHA has proposed a \$70,000 fine be leveled against Florida Rock & Tank Lines along with a citation for one willful violation. This violation is for "failing to provide the delivery driver to determine if the storage tank had enough capacity for additional gasoline." A "willful violation" is one committed with intentional knowing or voluntary disregard for the law's requirements,

according to the release. In addition to Florida Rock & Tank Lines, Coomes Oil & Supply has also been issued a citation by OSHA. Coomes Oil & Supply has been cited for failing to provide employees and delivery drivers a mean to determine the gasoline levels in the above-ground storage tank, a "serious violation" according to OSHA. According to the release, 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. A \$7,000 fine has been proposed for Coomes. Brian Sturtecky, OSHA's area director in Jacksonville said, "Despite the fact that safety gauges and devices were inoperable, the employers chose to proceed with the operation and risk the lives of their employees. Unfortunately for the injured employee, the two companies involved in this explosion learned a safety lesson by means of a terrible incident instead of taking the steps they should have



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to protect their workers in the first place." Jacksonville-based Florida Rock & Tank Lines transports petroleum and other liquid and dry bulk commodities throughout the Southeast. Coomes Oil & Supply owned and operated 5th Wheel BP, a full-service gas station located on State Road 16 in St. Augustine that closed following the explosion. First Coast News attempted to interview a representative from Coomes this afternoon, however, the company replied, "No comment." According to OSHA, the companies have 15 business days from receipt of the citations and proposed penalties to comply, request a conference with OSHA's area director or contest the findings before the independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

Related Links

- [Gas station explodes in St. Augustine](#)
- [Truck driver sues after gas station explosion](#)
- [Tanker company has been investigated before](#)
- [Investigators dig into cause of gas station explosion](#)

<http://www.firstcoastnews.com/news/article/242944/3/OSHA-Cites-Two-Companies-in-St-Augustine-Explosion>

USA, V.I. ST. CROIX, FEBRUARY 22 2012. HOVENSA COMPLETES VIRGIN ISLANDS REFINERY SHUTDOWN

Hovensa LLC completed shutdown of its 350,000 barrel-per-day St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands refinery on Tuesday, the company said in a statement. The complex will be operated as an oil storage terminal. "Hovensa's operation of the complex as an oil storage terminal is subject to the completion of negotiations with the Government of the Virgin Islands," the company said. Losses at the Hovensa refinery, owned by Hess and Venezuelan state oil company Petroleos de Venezuela, totaled \$1.3 billion over the past three years and were projected to continue. The company had announced the refinery shutdown on Jan 18. On Tuesday, when Hovensa said the shutdown was complete, the markets focused on geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, the Euro and the strength of the S&P 500. [O/R] March RBOB futures ended the day up 1.81 percent at \$3.066 per gallon and the cash market in the New York Harbor saw values of either side of 4.00 cents per gallon under the screen. The 46-year-old refinery was once one of the largest plants in the Americas, with 500,000 bpd capacity. The company idled 150,000 bpd of older, less efficient units in 2011 on the WestSide of the plant. Sluggish oil demand growth in the United States and Europe, growing competition from new, advanced Asian refineries and spike in the price of Atlantic Basin Brent-based crude oil relative to inland U.S. grades has devastated refining margins for many older East Coast and European refiners. The U.S. East Coast is now facing a tight summer gasoline supply outlook. In September, ConocoPhillips and Sunoco Inc. announced they would close three refineries with nearly 700,000 bpd of capacity in the region, two plants have already been idled, and Sunoco's 335,000 bpd Philadelphia refinery is slated for closure if no buyer is found.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/02/21/hovensa-shut-idUSL2E8DLEL120120221>

USA, OH, YOUNGSTOWN, FEBRUARY 22 2012. CHARGE FILED AGAINST DRIVER IN FUEL TANKER CRASH

 **Watch the Video** [Charges filed in Fuel Tanker Crash](#)



A failure to control charge has been filed against the driver of a tanker that flipped last week, spilling thousands of gallons of fuel and tying up the downtown area for hours. According to Youngstown police reports, Wesley Gilbert, 57, of Mentor-on-the-Lake, was driving the tanker that rolled over along the ramp from Interstate 680 south to the Route 711 connector, spilling about 2,000 gallons into a nearby storm sewer. The incomplete crash report released last week named Allen Albert, 48, of New Vienna, as the driver. Det. Patty Garcar on Tuesday said Albert was involved in a separate crash up the road on Interstate 680 the same day, but his name was mistakenly written on the tanker crash report. The approved, complete traffic crash report states Gilbert was behind the wheel of the tanker. Gilbert said in

his witness statement to police that he'd picked up a load of fuel just before the crash. He was on Interstate 680 and took the ramp to get onto state Route 711. He said as he went around the curve, he tapped the brakes and lost control of the truck. When police arrived at the scene, Gilbert was trapped in the cab of the tanker. The tank portion of the tanker had ruptured, and large amounts of fuel was flowing down the drainage ditch into the sewer system, reports state. Fire officials ordered the



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area be shut down, including Interstate 680 from Meridian Road to the Madison Avenue Expressway and the state Route 711 expressway from the crash scene to the Gypsy Lane exit. After the driver was removed from the tanker cab, reports state that crews were having difficulty containing the spill, so additional fire crews were called to assist. Hydrants were opened in downtown Youngstown in an effort to flush the storm sewers that day and through the next morning, and several homes in a nearby neighborhood was evacuated when a house fire broke out at about the same time as the crash. Officials said cleanup likely will cost upward of \$1 million. Gilbert will appear in court March 5.

http://www.wkbn.com/content/news/local/story/Charge-Filed-Against-Driver-in-Fuel-Tanker-Crash/-P7GDcHBUyo0_FwZigX0g.csp

USA, PA, NAZARETH, FEBRUARY 22 2012. PENNSYLVANIA COMPANY SETTLES TOXIC CHEMICAL REPORTING VIOLATIONS AT NAZARETH, PA. FACILITY

donna heron

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today announced that Essroc Cement Corporation has agreed to pay a \$82,000 penalty to settle alleged violations of toxic chemical reporting requirements at its manufacturing facility located at 401 West Prospect St., Nazareth, Pa. According to EPA, Essroc failed to submit three years of required reports on a regulated toxic chemical (lead) which was processed at this facility. EPA cited the company for violating the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). This law requires companies that manufacture, use or process more than a threshold amount of listed toxic chemicals to file an annual toxic chemical release form with EPA and the state. These reports are used to compile the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) -- a publicly available EPA database, searchable by zip code, that contains information on toxic chemical releases and waste management activities. The multi-establishment Nazareth, Pa., plant processes lead as part of the manufacturing process for bulk and packaged cement. Lead and lead compounds are regulated under EPCRA due to the public health effects of ingestion or inhalation of lead, particularly among children, including damage to the nervous system. According to EPA, a June 2011 inspection revealed that Essroc did not submit annual reports for lead for three years (2006 through 2008) when the Nazareth facility processed lead in amounts in excess of 130,000 pounds annually -- significantly exceeding EPCRA's 100 pound reporting threshold. (This settlement involves alleged reporting violations, not unlawful releases of toxic chemicals.) The settlement penalty reflects the company's cooperation with EPA in resolving the alleged violations, and its compliance efforts. As part of the settlement, the company did not admit liability for the alleged violations, but has certified compliance with applicable EPCRA requirements. In a separate matter, the United States recently announced a \$1.7 million settlement of alleged Clean Air Act violations at six Essroc facilities nationwide, including the Nazareth plant.

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/1115d2eb45f70bdb852579ab006f246e?OpenDocument>

USA, PA, HARRISBURG, FEBRUARY 22 2012. PENNSYLVANIA STATE FIRE ACADEMY OFFERS COURSE IN ETHANOL RESPONSE

The State Fire Academy is taking its school on the road, beginning with a training course next month on how to respond to ethanol incidents. State Fire Commissioner Ed Mann today said the International Association of Fire Chiefs already had a program available and, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, assisted with the training the instructors, so that the program would be available in March to all 67 counties. "Responding to Ethanol Incidents is an eight-hour course that covers issues including transportation, storage, dispensing and firefighting foam principles for ethanol-blended fuels," said Mann. Instructors, course materials and certificates will be issued by the Fire Academy at no cost to the local sponsoring agency. The local agency will be responsible for providing a suitable classroom with tables and chairs for a maximum of 40 people. Ethanol is added to gasoline to reduce tailpipe emissions of carbon monoxide. Its use is growing and expected to increase substantially in coming years, according to the Fire Chiefs association. "Ethanol presents some challenges to firefighters where traditional means of fighting a gasoline fire are ineffective. It can also be encountered in different blends, so it is important that firefighters know what they are facing," Mann said. To sponsor a "Responding to Ethanol Incidents" training program in your county, please contact Pat Pauly, resident instructor, at 717-247-3750 or ppauly@pa.gov. To learn more, visit the Office of the State Fire Commissioner online at www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/state_fire_commissioner_home/4462 http://www.osfc.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/state_fire_commissioner_home/4462



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USA, MT, BILLINGS, FEBRUARY 23 2012. LAWSUIT OVER EXXON SPILL SENT BACK TO STATE COURT

A federal judge has returned to state court a lawsuit by Montana landowners whose property was contaminated with crude oil from a broken Exxon Mobil pipeline. A federal judge has returned to state court a lawsuit by Montana landowners whose property was contaminated with crude oil from a broken Exxon Mobil pipeline. U.S. District Judge Richard Cebul's Feb. 16 ruling is an early victory for the plaintiffs. They are seeking damages against Exxon for not preventing the July 2 spill and then allegedly botching the cleanup. More than 1,500 barrels spilled into the river, fouling 70 miles of shoreline. The case originally was filed in state court Yellowstone County, then transferred to federal court at the request of Exxon. Plaintiffs' attorney Cliff Edwards says he wanted the case heard by a jury made up of residents of Yellowstone County, where the spill occurred.

http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/business/technology/20120223_exxon_spill_lawsuit_montana.html

ENGLAND, YORKSHIRE, BATELY, FEBRUARY 23 2012. BATLEY BISCUIT FACTORY EVACUATED AFTER SPARK TRIGGERS EXPLOSION >> CONTRACTORS DRAINING & CLEANING 3 DIESEL TANKS, SPARK CAUSES ONE TO CATCH FIRE.



An oil storage tanker being decommissioned at the plant exploded at 10:45 GMT.

A factory was evacuated after a stray spark created an explosion which hospitalised a worker. 450 staff followed emergency procedures to clear the plant at Fox's Biscuits in Batley this morning. The man in hospital is believed to have been working on cleaning out a diesel tank which then exploded in a yard. He was taken to Pinderfields suffering from burns to his legs. Reports suggested at least five others were treated for minor injuries. The explosion is believed to have hit the Wellington Street factory at 10.45am leaving a number of workers "walking wounded". Firefighters attended the accidents site and carried out checks. They remain on scene. It is understood that the

Health and Safety Executive are already on site investigating.

<http://www.examiner.co.uk/news/local-west-yorkshire-news/2012/02/22/explosion-at-fox-s-biscuits-site-in-batley-injures-three-86081-30383442/>

USA, ORE, EAGLE POINT, FEBRUARY 23 2012. TEENAGE GIRL DIES AFTER INHALING HELIUM AT PARTY IN OREGON

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- ['Even the good ones slip up'](#)
- [Katherine McAloon Released, Criminal Charges Considered](#)
- [Autopsy reveals teen's cause of death](#)



Last weekend, 14-year-old Ashley Long told her parents she was going to a slumber party. But instead of spending the night watching videos and eating popcorn two blocks away, she piled into a car with a bunch of her friends and rode to a condo in Medford, Ore., where police said the big sister of one of her friends was throwing a party with booze and marijuana. After drinking on the drive, and downing more drinks in the condo, it came time for Ashley to take her turn on a tank of helium that everyone else was inhaling to make their voices sound funny. "That helium tank got going around," said Ashley's stepfather, Justin Earp, who learned what happened from talking to Ashley's friends at the party. "It got to my daughter. My daughter didn't want to do it. It was peer pressure. They put a mask up to her face. They said it would be OK. 'It's not gonna hurt you. It'll just make you laugh and talk funny.'" Instead, she passed out and later died at a hospital, the result of an obstruction in a blood vessel caused by inhaling helium from a pressurized tank. It's a common party trick — someone sucks in helium to give their voice a cartoon-character sound. But the death exposes the rare but real dangers of inhaling helium, especially from a pressurized tank. The gas is also commonly seen in suicide kits — mail-order hoods sold out of Oregon and elsewhere that can be attached to a helium tank by people who



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want to kill themselves. In those cases, the helium crowds out the oxygen, asphyxiating a person. For Ashley, the pressurized tank forced the helium into her lungs, her blood vessels and her brain, her father said. Dr. Mark Morocco, associate professor of emergency medicine at the Ronald Reagan Medical Center in Los Angeles, said what happens is similar to when a scuba diver surfaces too quickly. A gas bubble gets into the bloodstream, perhaps through some kind of tear in a blood vessel. If it is a vein, the bubble will stay in the lungs. If it is an artery, it can block the flow of oxygen-laden blood to the brain, causing a stroke. If there is a hole in the heart, the bubble can go from a vein to an artery and then to the brain. Morocco said the other risk of using helium is apoxia, which can cause wooziness, but it's not lethal. Death from inhaling helium is so rare that the American Association Poison Control Centers lumps it in with other gases, such as methane and propane. Only three deaths from simple asphyxiants were recorded in 2010, said spokeswoman Loreeta Canton. It's important to remind kids that ingesting any substance — for the sake of getting high or just changing their voices — can be dangerous, said Frank Pegueros, executive director of DARE, Drug Abuse Resistance Education. Pegueros said the first defense is for parents to tell their kids about the dangers of certain substances. He said kids need to also ask themselves whether going along with the crowd at a party is worth it. "Peer pressure is a very potent force," he said. "We've all gone through it growing up." "It's getting somebody to pause and think and evaluate the situation and determine, is this something that's going to have a bad consequence," he said. Police have arrested 27-year-old Katherine McAloon, who lived in the condo, on charges of providing alcohol and marijuana to minors. Four men who were at the party have been questioned by police, but have not been charged, said Medford Police Lt. Mike Budreau. More charges may be filed after police turn over their evidence to the district attorney.

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- [Katherine McAloon Released, Criminal Charges Considered](#)
A 14-year-old girl lost her life at a party Saturday night and now police say the 27-year-old hostess of that party has now been released. Medford police says they took 27-year-old Katherine McAloon into custody,...
- [Air embolism killed girl who died after inhaling helium](#)
An autopsy performed today determined 14-year-old Ashley Long died from an air embolism caused by the inhalation of helium from a pressurized canister, police said. Deputy State Medical Examiner Dr. James Olson conducted the autopsy three days after...
- [Ashley Long's Autopsy Results Released](#)
Deputy State Medical Examiner Dr. James Olson conducted an autopsy of Ashley Long this afternoon. The autopsy revealed the following: Medford Police released Dr. Olson's findings just before 5 pm, the medical examiner found the immediate cause of death...

<http://www.theledger.com/article/20120222/NEWS/120229788>

USA, WI, MADISON, FEBRUARY 23 2012. FIREFIGHTERS HELP CONTAIN DIESEL SPILL ON NEAR EAST SIDE



Madison firefighters worked with personnel from the city's Engineering Division and Streets Division to prevent a diesel fuel spill from spreading into the storm sewer system on Wednesday morning. The spill occurred at the intersection of Helena Street and Russell Street at 8:42 a.m., fire officials said. A rock punctured the fuel tank of a semi-tractor trailer and about 150 gallons of diesel fuel leaked out, fire officials said. Most of the fuel ran into a nearby storm sewer drain and collected in a catch basin across the street, but firefighters said they were able to use absorbent material to catch the fuel that leaked onto the street and stop additional fuel from entering the storm drain. Vacuum trucks from the Engineering Division were used to soak up the fuel out of the catch basin and sewer pipes attached to it. This prevented the fuel from traveling through the storm sewers and into the waterways, officials said.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources was notified of the spill and responded to the scene. The trucking company is responsible for cleanup costs, fire officials said.

<http://madisonneareast.channel3000.com/news/news/66101-firefighters-help-contain-diesel-spill-near-east-side>



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USA, ARK, WHITE CO, FEBRUARY 23 2012. TANKER TRUCK CARRYING HYDROCHLORIC ACID TURNED OVER IN WHITE CO.

[Watch the Video Tanker Carrying Hydrochloric Acid Overtuns](#)

Hazmat crews in White County have cleaned up a spill from an overturned tanker. Deputies say that just after 9:30 Tuesday night a tanker truck carrying 3,000 gallons of hydrochloric acid turned over at the intersection of Shilo and Peanut Ridge roads. Officials tell Today's THV that the spill has been cleaned up, and the intersection has been reopened. Corporal Steve Hernandez with the White County Sheriff's Department told Today's THV that only 100 gallons spilled. A nearby home was evacuated as a precautionary measure. The driver of the tanker was not injured. The accident is still under investigation. According to the [EPA](#), "hydrochloric acid is used in the production of chlorides, fertilizers, and dyes, in electroplating, and in the photographic, textile, and rubber industries." The Environmental Protection Agency says "Hydrochloric acid is corrosive to the eyes, skin, and mucous membranes. Acute (short-term) inhalation exposure may cause eye, nose, and respiratory tract irritation and inflammation and pulmonary edema in humans. EPA has not classified hydrochloric acid for carcinogenicity."

<http://www.todaysthv.com/news/article/197476/2/Update-Hazmat-spill-cleaned-up-intersection-reopened>

BORNEO, MIRI, FEBRUARY 23 2012. TANKER TURNS TURTLE AFTER COLLISION



A fuel tanker turned turtle at KM130 Miri-Bintulu road about 3.30pm Tuesday after trying in vain to avoid a car (Kancil) that was trying to overtake from oncoming traffic. According to a source, the driver lost control of the tanker after the Kancil grazed the front wheel of the tanker and due to the uneven road surface the driver lost control of the vehicle (tanker). It skidded and fell into a ravine. The tanker was on its way from Bintulu carrying about a half a tank of diesel to a petrol station at KM 96 Miri-Bintulu road. "Luckily, there was no fuel leak," the source said, adding that the diesel was successfully pumped out to another tanker, which arrived shortly, with help from Fire and Rescue Department personnel. Meanwhile, both drivers were unhurt in the incident.

<http://www.theborneopost.com/2012/02/23/tanker-turns-turtle-after-collision/>

CANADA, B.C, SAANICH, FEBRUARY 24 2012. OIL TANK SPILLS CONTINUE TO CAUSE CONCERN IN SAANICH



Crews dig up oil-contaminated soil in the 2800-block of Adelaide Ave. in Saanich after an estimated 300 litres of home heating oil spilled on Feb. 3.

Since last November's oil spill that saw 1,000 litres of home heating oil pollute the Colquitz River and kill a number of salmon, Saanich's environmental advisory committee has been looking at ways to prevent a similar disaster in the future. But in that time, at least three more home heating tanks in Saanich have had spills, leaking at least 400 more litres of oil into the ground. "That is a big number, and how many more are there that we don't know about that the homeowner hasn't noticed yet?" said Coun. Vicki Sanders, who chairs Saanich's environmental advisory committee. "There aren't a tremendous number of people still using oil as their fuel, so what we can do is mainly on the education side." However, education wouldn't have helped prevent the most recent spill. On Feb. 3, an oil company mistakenly delivered and pumped oil into the wrong house on Adelaide Avenue – one that wasn't even using oil as a heat source. "What I understand is the oil delivery was made to a house that used to have an oil tank. And when (the home-owner) went to a different form of heating, they removed the tank and furnace, but there was still (an oil supply) pipe making a hole in the side of the house," said Adriane Pollard, Saanich's manager of environmental services. B.C. Hazmat continues to work on the property, testing oil



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samples and replacing portions of Saanich's storm water system that were contaminated. "We still don't know the extent of the contamination on the property, but the crews are chasing the oil down in the storm water system," said Dave Rogers, senior incident commander with B.C. Hazmat, a private company that specializes in hazardous material management. Rogers expects crews will remain on Adelaide Avenue for a few more weeks. In a typical winter, Rogers says his company responds to one spill a month. In the last seven weeks, there have been 11 home-heating oil spills in Greater Victoria that required B.C. Hazmat's services. "Most of them have been because the oil tanks are made by Burrard Yarrows and Victoria Machinery Depot. Those places went under and closed 20 years ago," Rogers said. "All those ones are now deteriorating from the inside out. That's been the major cause of a lot of contamination this winter." The municipality recently unearthed some old records that shows which Saanich homes have oil tanks – or had them years ago. "Once we can establish where they all are, I would think we could send out a notice making people aware of the issue," Coun. Sanders said. Clean-up is now complete from the devastating Nov. 25 spill that saw oil contaminate the Colquitz River, as well as Colquitz Creek and Swan Creek. "At this point no further remediation is required," said Graham Knox, manager of B.C.'s environmental emergency program. "Key for us was (water quality) – sampling results and comparing them against the provincial aquatic life standards, and they've all come back (within acceptable levels)." Ian Bruce, a biologist who was brought in by Saanich to help in the remediation, says the municipality shouldn't be criticized for its response to the spill. "In my experience of over a dozen fish kills including pollution events, each one is an individual case and there is no easy template to follow," he wrote in a report on the spill. "In the future, with incidents approaching or exceeding the scale of this event, Saanich should look at engaging the stewards as 'eyes and ears' to supplement staff efforts. ... It may be prudent for Saanich to make sincere efforts to reduce or eliminate the present adversarial relationship with the stewards of the Colquitz and other watersheds in the municipality." Chris Bos, one of the Colquitz River stewards who helped in the response efforts, says he'd like to sit down with all the agencies involved. "It's not about finger pointing, it's about learning from what happened so that we can avoid it in the future," he said. Like the environmental advisory committee chair, he anticipates better education for oil tank owners will play a crucial role. Bos says he, as well as Saanich, will continue to keep an eye on the river and creeks through the coming months to see if the residual oil that remains trapped in upstream vegetation evaporates naturally or if further removal is required. "There's still oil on a lot of the vegetation, but it's not causing a massive problem at the moment," he said. "It's still something that needs to be addressed because it's not right to have it in the creek." He's optimistic the spill no longer poses a danger for aquatic life – salmon, insects, seals, otters and herons. "We're going to try and count the (juvenile salmon) in the spring so we know how the overall watershed has done," he said. Bruce made seven recommendations to Saanich to help minimize the impacts of future oil spills, and improve the response. Among the recommendations was posting signage along public waterways informing the public how to "observe, record and report" pollution. There's also a call for more training for field staff to help them identify spill material and track it back to its source. Mike Ippen, Saanich's director of public works, said the cleanup costs related to the November spill have surpassed \$60,000. The Kenneth Street homeowner who is on the hook for that bill, after his underground oil tank feed line failed, told the News that he's still dealing with his insurance company on the issue. He said that oil tank owners need to be better educated on the potential environmental and financial impacts an oil spill can have.

<http://www.saanichnews.com/news/140085213.html>

NIGERIA, LAGOS, FEBRUARY 24 2012. CHEVRON NIGERIA GAS WELL FIRE 'MAY BURN FOR MONTHS'



Local people fear that the fire may have contaminated the fish they normally eat. A gas-fuelled fire, with flames as high as 5m, may burn for months in waters off the Niger Delta in south-east Nigeria, Chevron has told the BBC. Two workers died after January's explosion at the KS Endeavour exploration rig, owned by the US firm. Friends of the Earth says this is the world's worst such accident in recent years. Chevron spokesman Lloyd Avram says, despite the fire, the situation is now under control and no oil is leaking. Nigeria is the largest oil producer in Africa. A fire is burning in a 40m-wide area on the surface of the Atlantic Ocean, 10km off the Nigerian coast. The company is trying to put out the fire by piercing a hole in the original gas well - through which cement will be poured. "There'll be 10,000ft of drilling and interestingly we need to hit an area that is approximately 12sq inches," Mr Avram told the BBC. "It is going to take some time, but I cannot predict how long that is going to be - conceivably months," he said. Scientists are conducting tests to find out if local food and water has been contaminated by the gas in the ocean - after local people raised concerns. Almost 100 people have left towns close to the fire.



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and local chiefs are asking Chevron to relocate more. A major build-up of gas pressure from drilling caused the explosion that set the rig on fire in the middle of January, according to the Nigeria's state run oil company.

At the Scene - Mark Lobel

Looking on, it was like watching a volcano erupting, fire spewing in every direction. On a boat 50m from the fire, we saw black bubbles rise to the surface and black smoke spread into the air. Chevron had previously assured me there was no black smoke since the time a little fuel spilled just after the explosion in January. Many people in Koluama, the community 10km away from the fire, are too afraid to eat fish, despite it being so crucial to their diets. The new deputy state governor, on a visit of Koluama in Bayelsa State, was surprising critical of Chevron. He said the firm should have been better prepared for the accident. He told me he had seen signs of chemicals washing ashore.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-17126335>

NORTHERN IRELAND, CO ARMAGH, SILVERBRIDGE, FEBRUARY 24 2012. ILLICIT DIESEL SEIZED IN CO ARMAGH



An illegal fuel laundering operation is discovered in Co Armagh.

A man has been arrested following the discovery of more than 20,000 litres of illicit diesel at a laundering plant in Co Armagh. The laundering plant was capable of producing over 5.2 million litres of illicit fuel a year, evading over £3million in duty. Revenue and Customs, along with PSNI officers, made the discovery in the Silverbridge area on Tuesday. A quantity of bleaching earth, which used during the laundering process, a fuel tanker, pumps, equipment and seven tonnes of toxic waste were seized during the operation. The detained man was questioned by Revenue and Customs (HMRC) officers. He has been released on bail and investigations are continuing. John Whiting, Assistant Director Criminal

Investigation, HMRC said: "Every illegal laundering operation has significant environmental and safety issues. These operations typically generate tonnes of toxic waste, which is often dumped indiscriminately in the countryside." He added that not only is the tax payer and ratepayer missing out on the tax, which is going into "the pockets of the criminals", they are also paying the substantial clean up and disposal costs. "Buying illicit fuel not only funds crime but supports and encourages these dangerous activities within our communities. The only winners are the criminals, who are profiting at the expense of honest businesses and endangering the future viability of our legitimate fuel retail service."

Related Links

- [HMRC raid fuel-laundering plant](#)
- [Diesel laundering plant uncovered in Silverbridge](#)

<http://www.u.tv/Articles/Article.aspx?guid=de150a92-0a3c-4640-9a7f-515f23c010f0>

USA, N.J, PAULSBORO, FEBRUARY 24 2012. DEP: MAJOR LEAK AT PAULSBORO REFINERY POSES NO HEALTH THREAT >> A LEAK AT AN OIL TANK SPILLED MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF OIL INTO A CONTAINMENT AREA THURSDAY.

bryan littel



A leak at a container at the Paulsboro refinery led to a major oil spill, equalling nearly a day's worth of refining capacity, Thursday afternoon, but the spill was contained to the refinery and poses no major health risks, according to the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). As of 6 p.m., around 157,000 barrels of oil—or 6.6 million gallons—had spilled into an emergency containment area, which is cut off by a large berm near the tank, according to the DEP. The containment was preventing the oil from spreading beyond the immediate area, and the DEP said the Delaware River and groundwater should be safe from contamination. Initial air tests by the Gloucester County Department of Health and refinery personnel indicated no serious health risk from the odor from the leaking oil. The smell, similar to natural gas or gasoline spreading out from the refinery through the



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afternoon, spread out from the refinery, and was noticeable within a few miles of the plant less than an hour after the spill. In the evening, people in Deptford and other parts of Gloucester County said they could smell the leak. The DEP said though there's no major health risk posed by the smell, older adults and people with respiratory issues should consider staying inside to limit their exposure. DEP spokesman Lawrence Hanja said the Paulsboro Refining Company, and its parent company, PBF Energy, are responsible for the cleanup. Emergency crews were spraying the spill with foam to knock down the smell, and refinery workers had begun pumping oil from both the spill and what remains in the 12-million gallon tank into other storage spots on site. The 950-acre refinery, which processes about 180,000 barrels of medium and heavy oil per day, produces mostly gasoline, jet fuel and heating oil. It's one of three refineries run by PBF, which also has operations in Delaware City, DE and Toledo, OH.

<http://westdeptford.patch.com/articles/dep-major-leak-at-paulsboro-refinery-poses-no-health-threat>

SCOTLAND, EDINBURGH, FEBRUARY 24 2012. CHEMICAL VAPOURS CAUSE SALON FIRE IN EDINBURGH



The fire was caused by nail varnish remover vapours catching light on a candle.

A beautician is being treated for shock after vapours from nail varnish remover caught fire from a candle in an Edinburgh shop. An ambulance was called to treat the 46-year-old following the incident at Moi in Comiston Road. Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue was called to the fire just after 13:00 and it was extinguished by 13:46. The incident happened after the acetone was spilled and the vapours caught light.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-17146958>

USA, GA, STATESBORO, FEBRUARY 24 2012. GEORGIA SOUTHERN CNG BUS EXPLODES

 **Slideshow** [GSU bus explodes due to electrical problems within headlight](#)



A bus is engulfed in flames Thursday on the campus of Georgia Southern University in Statesboro. No one was injured.

A compressed natural gas powered bus at Georgia Southern University exploded about noon today. The driver of the Southern Express campus transport bus was taking students through the heart of campus when he smelled gas, pulled over near the nursing and chemistry buildings at Forest Drive and Akins Boulevard on campus. After the bus was evacuated it became fully engulfed in flames, said university spokesman Christian Flatman. When the fire reached the natural gas cell it exploded. No injuries are reported. The area has been roped off and traffic has been diverted from the area until the bus can be removed. Flatman said the university has been using natural gas-powered buses as well as diesel engine buses since 2007. No previous issues have been reported.

http://savannahnow.com/latest-news/2012-02-23/gsu-bus-explodes#.T0cRfvE_8WQ

USA, TX, GALVESTON CO, FEBRUARY 24 2012. CRUDE OIL EXPLOSION RATTLES GALVESTON >> EXPLOSION HAPPENED AFTER 7 P.M.

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Galveston County firefighters responded Thursday evening after fuel tanks exploded on a water front property in Galveston. Firefighters said it happened at 37st Street and Harborside Drive at the Port of Galveston shortly after 7 p.m. Galveston police said the two tanks were holding crude oil. As of 10 p.m., firefighters were trying to bring the flames under control. The fire was



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considered a 3 alarm fire. Firefighters were being rotated often because of the intense heat. They plan on fighting the fire into Friday morning. Crews were trying to drain the tanks so the crude oil doesn't fuel the fire. Galveston Fire Department had 11 trucks at the scene along with several Texas City and La Marque fire crews. No injuries were reported. Firefighters are investigating the cause of the explosion. Witnesses said the explosion could be heard from different parts of the island. The bridge to Pelican Island was closed late Thursday. People at Texas A&M University at Galveston, which is on Pelican Island, were being asked to stay in place late Thursday. The city hopes to have all roads open Friday morning.

<http://www.click2houston.com/news/Crews-fight-fuel-tanks-fire/-/1735978/8939428/-/ryfng4/-/>

USA, WA, EDMONDS, FEBRUARY 24 2012. 5 WORKERS INJURED IN EXPLOSION AT PICNIC POINT AREA CONSTRUCTION SITE THURSDAY

Watch the Videos

- [5 hurt in propane explosion near Mukilteo](#)
- [Propane explosion at Edmonds wastewater treatment plant](#)



Firefighters spray water Thursday on the burned remains of a truck after five workers were injured when a propane tank exploded at the Picnic Point Wastewater Treatment facility. Two buildings are under construction, and all of the injured workers were in the larger of the two.

Five workers were injured in a propane explosion at a construction site north of Edmonds Thursday morning. Damage from the blast is expected to total at least \$1 million, including the two buildings under construction, building materials, the propane tank and truck, and a construction trailer. All five injured workers were inside the larger of the two buildings, said Leslie Hynes, public information officer for Snohomish County Fire District 1. The propane explosion had a blast zone with a 300-foot radius, and the blast extended into both buildings. Fire investigators believe there was most likely a second explosion inside the building where the injured employees were working,

Hynes said, and the explosion occurred when flames from the propane explosion ripped through the building and ignited flammable vapors from a painting process. The blast was reported at 11:10 a.m. in the 6300 block of Picnic Point Road, where workers are building a wastewater treatment plant for Alderwood Water and Wastewater District. Contractors estimated about 60 workers were at the site when the explosion occurred as a 1,000-gallon propane tank was being loaded onto a truck to be removed from the site. "About 300 gallons of propane remained in the tank. The tank shifted during the loading process and a valve snapped, expelling the propane," Hynes said. "The truck driver told firefighters he yelled for everyone to get away from the truck, but the propane immediately ignited and exploded." Two of the five workers injured in the blast sustained injuries that appeared to be life-threatening, Hynes said. All five workers were transported by paramedics to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. Four were admitted and one has been released. More than 50 firefighters from Fire Districts 1 and 7, Lynnwood, Mukilteo and Snohomish County Airport Fire departments responded. "The propane tank, truck and the ground surrounding it were in flames when firefighters arrived. An adjacent construction trailer was burning. We also had fires in two two-story buildings that are under construction," Hynes said. Firefighters had the fires under control by about 1 p.m., but crews continued to battle small brush fires in a wooded area behind the site throughout the afternoon. The Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the fire.

<http://myedmondsnews.com/2012/02/five-workers-injured-in-explosion-at-picnic-point-area-construction-site-thursday/>

USA, TX, JEFFERSON CO, FEBRUARY 24 2012. BENZENE SUIT FILED AGAINST DUPONT ON BEHALF OF LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE

david yates

Bradley Family members of the late Kenneth Brumley have filed suit against their benefactor's long-time employer, DuPont De Nemours, alleging the chemical company exposed him to benzene during his 33-year career. Plaintiffs Jo Ann Brumley, Alan Brumley, Allyson Friedrich and Andrea Lauper filed the suit Feb. 17 in Jefferson County District Court. According to the lawsuit, from 1960 to 1975 Kenneth Brumley worked as an operator for DuPont plant in Victoria. From 1975 to 1988, he



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worked at the Corpus Christi facility until being transferred back to Victoria. He was working as a relation's specialist until retiring in 1993. "His exposure to benzene ... occurred during 1960 to 1975," the suit states. "This exposure resulted in Kenneth Brumley developing myelodysplasia which resulted in his untimely death." The suit accuses DuPont of knowingly causing Kenneth Brumley's death by exposing him to benzene and failing to warn him of the dangerous of benzene. The plaintiffs are suing for punitive damages. Beaumont attorney Tina Bradley of Hobson & Bradley represents them. Judge Bob Wortham, 58th District Court, is assigned to the case.

<http://www.setexasrecord.com/news/242049-benzene-suit-filed-against-duPont-on-behalf-of-long-time-employee>

USA, PA, EAST STROUDSBURG, FEBRUARY 24 2012. CYANIDE SUICIDE BRINGS IN HAZMAT TEAM TO EASTBURG

david pierce



After removing a substance thought to be cyanide used in an apparent suicide near East Stroudsburg, Rob DeLayo, left, and Joe Healey work at the scene on Thursday, February 23, 2012.

A powdery substance found in the East Stroudsburg hotel room where a man apparently committed suicide Thursday was identified as cyanide, Monroe County Coroner Bob Allen said. The victim was a 53-year-old businessman from Florham Park, N.J. His identity is being withheld pending notification of his wife. The man checked into the Budget Inn, off Interstate 80 in East Stroudsburg, at 2:54 p.m. Wednesday. He was found dead at 9:35 a.m. Thursday by a maid who let herself in after knocking several times without

response. A Stroud Area Regional Police officer and Suburban Ambulance responder entered the room and found a computer-generated note warning others not to touch two containers on a nightstand that the writer said contained cyanide, a poison that can cause death by blocking delivery of oxygen to red blood cells. They backed out of the room, locked the door and called Monroe County Emergency Services, which contacted a hazardous materials response team in Old Forge. Environmental Products and Services tested the containers and confirmed the substance was cyanide. The hazardous response team, dressed in protective gear and using air packs, tested and confirmed the air was safe to breathe. They carried the body out of the room into a hallway after investigators completed examination of the room and victim. The man was found on the floor next to the bed, near the nightstand, face up, Allen said. "Everything was consistent 100 percent with a suicide," Allen said. Police found no vehicle in the Budget Inn parking lot registered to the victim and haven't determined how he got to East Stroudsburg, Allen said. The man had no known connection to the area, he added. The two cyanide containers were carried by the hazmat team to the back of the parking lot for testing to confirm the content was cyanide. The man put cyanide powder into his mouth and drank it down with bottled water, Allen said. No decision has been made to do an autopsy, Allen said, noting the cyanide poses a danger to anyone performing the procedure.

<http://www.poonorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120224/NEWS/202240342/-1/NEWS01>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, STOCKTON, FEBRUARY 24 2012. ORICA URGED TO RELEASE BLAST INFORMATION

Map: [Stockton](#)



Orica urged to come clean on the potential impact of a blast from its Newcastle plant.

Orica has been accused of withholding documents on a predicted blast zone, should its troubled Newcastle plant explode. A parliamentary inquiry will report back today after conducting a probe into a Hexavalent Chromium leak in August. Chemical engineer, Keith Craig says the plant is planning to expand and store ammonium nitrate material equivalent to 3,000 tonnes of the chemical explosive, T-N-T. Mr Craig says when a plant in Toulouse, France that stored the equivalent of 100-tonnes of TNT exploded it devastated a four-kilometre radius. Mr Craig says the ramifications from an explosion in Newcastle could be much worse. "So 3,000 tonnes would be catastrophic and the Newcastle CBD, the buildings would just be destroyed," he said. "So



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we've asked Orica to release the area affected from an explosion from their expansion and they just flatly refused, they just said, 'no way.' Mr Craig says it's crucial the Government acts on recommendations in the parliamentary report. "It's probably a bit of a political exercise and could get buried but we are hoping something positive will come out of it," he said. "I mean I think as far as the community action group is concerned, I think really in the longer term we'd like to see Orica gone because I think the hazard from the explosion risk is too great." Orica says it provides information regarding risks at its Newcastle plant in accordance with Planning Department guidelines. It says the data allows comparisons across a broad range of activities and to provide only one side of the risk equation may lead people to false conclusions.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-02-23/orica-fears/3846836/?site=newcastle>

USA, MD, BALTIMORE, FEBRUARY 24 2012. UNDERGROUND FUEL LEAK CONTAINED NEAR SCHOOL



[Baltimore City](http://www.baltimorecity.gov) firefighters and hazardous materials crews contained an underground diesel fuel tank leak that spewed fuel at a steady rate. Crews were called at about 3:30 p.m. Thursday to the 2700 block of Seamon Avenue in Cherry Hill, near the campus of Southside Academy. No injuries were reported. The Maryland Department of the Environment has also responded to the scene. "At this time, no determination has been made as to the actual cause of the leak or how many gallons have poured out of the tank at this moment," said Baltimore City Fire Department spokesman Kevin Cartwright. "Efforts are also under way to prevent fuel from entering nearby storm drains." It took about 90 minutes for crews to contain the leak. A cause remains under investigation.

<http://www.wbaltv.com/r/30528004/detail.html>

EGYPT, CAIRO, FEBRUARY 24 2012. EGYPT OIL REFINERY FIRE KILLS AT LEAST 4 IN SUEZ



At least four workers were killed when a fire erupted at an oil refinery in the port city of Suez on Wednesday, officials said. Another 6 workers were injured in the fire that broke out inside a lubricants unit of the state-run company located around 140 kilometres east of Cairo. The director of the oil refinery says four of his Egyptian workers died as they tried to put out a huge fire that erupted at the plant's complex in the port city of Suez. Reda Abdel-Samad says the floor on which the men were standing collapsed as the fire raged in the lubricating oil section at the refinery. Abdel-Samad says the fire raged for at least two hours before firefighters managed to put it out.

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2012/02/22/fire-at-egypt-oil-refinery-kills-4-workers/>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, FEBRUARY 24 2012. JOBS WORRIES FOR LYTTON CALTEX REFINERY

Hundreds of jobs will be lost and the local economy will suffer if Caltex moves to shut down its Lytton refinery, locals say. Pete Baines, from the Wynnum Chamber of Commerce, said shutting down Caltex could create a devastating affect on the bayside. "Caltex is not only a major employer in this area but is also an integral part of the this community and the local economy," he said. "I'm not in a position to speculate about the outcome of the Caltex review of its Lytton operation, however, if the final decision is to close or downsize the refinery it would be a blow to the Wynnum Manly region." Last week, Caltex slashed \$1.5 billion off the value of two refineries Lytton and Kurnell, in Sydney with drastic measures to be taken to sustain the company. The closure of the two refineries would cost almost 1500 jobs. Caltex Managing Director and CEO Julian Segal blamed the strong Australian dollar and rising operating costs for the shock move. Rather than refining, Caltex is expected to focus on marketing and distribution including sourcing more refined petroleum from abroad. The company says Caltex is "disadvantaged" compared to the modern, larger scale, cheaper Asian refineries.

[Related Links](#) [Caltex poised to scrap refining](#)

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/questnews/east/jobs-worries-for-lytton-caltex-refinery/story-fn8m0sve-1226280327614>



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PHILIPPINES, DAGUPAN CITY, FEBRUARY 24 2012. EMB ORDERS LA UNION DEPOT SHUT DOWN AFTER OIL SPILL

The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) issued a cease and desist order to oil depot operators at Poro Point in San Fernando City after thousands of liters of oil leaked from the depot's pipelines on Tuesday. Joel Salvador, EMB regional director, said the leak occurred when MV Panglao was discharging oil into the pipelines of Chevron Philippines Inc. (CPI), one of the companies that share the depot. The two other companies are Shell and Petron. CPI, in a statement on Thursday, said the spill occurred as the depot's common receiving line sprung a leak while it was receiving diesel. Salvador said the spill violated the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999 (Republic Act No. 8749) and the depot operations should cease until a cleanup is completed and the pipelines are repaired. Adamor Dagang, La Union information officer, said Gov. Manuel Ortega has ordered an investigation. He said CPI officials attended a meeting and committed to reimburse all expenses incurred by the provincial government and the San Fernando City government to contain the spill and clean the area. "They were apologetic," Dagang said. Salvador said records of MV Panglao showed that it discharged 530,000 liters of oil into the depot. He said the amount of oil that spilled was still undetermined. The area around the vessel was clear so the leak could not have come from it, he said. He said some residents living near Poro Point collected the spilled diesel from the water. CPI, in its statement, said it completed recovering the spilled diesel in its San Fernando terminal. "We have closed our containment and recovery operations at the site," said lawyer Raissa Bautista, CPI spokesperson.

<http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/150757/emb-orders-la-union-depot-shut-down-after-oil-spill>

USA, WI, MILWAUKEE, FEBRUARY 24 2012. PIN HOLE IN PIPELINE IS CAUSE OF JET FUEL LEAK AT AIRPORT

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Officials with the [Wisconsin DNR](#) say a pin hole in a pipeline is the cause of a jet fuel leak at Milwaukee's [Mitchell International Airport](#). Some 9,000 gallons of jet fuel leaked into a creek near the airport before it was flagged as being a problem. [Shell](#) officials tracked the leak to somewhere in a 300-foot section of pipe located underneath an airport taxiway. Excavation of the site to find the source of the leak in the pipeline began more than a week ago. To date, 3,465 tons of contaminated soil has been excavated from the airport site.

Repair to jet fuel pipeline.



Pin hole in jet fuel pipeline.



<http://fox6now.com/2012/02/23/pin-hole-in-pipeline-is-cause-of-jet-fuel-leak-at-airport/>

USA, FLA, HILLSBOROUGH CO, FEBRUARY 24 2012. THIEVES USING CRAZY CONTRAPTIONS TO STEAL HUNDREDS OF GALLONS OF FUEL FROM UNDERGROUND TANKS >> POLICE EXPECT THEFT CASES TO RISE AS PRICES SOAR

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[Watch the Video Thieves Using Crazy Contraptions to Steal Fuel from Underground Tanks](#)

Soaring gas prices may hit your wallet hard, but it's welcoming news for some thieves who see an opportunity on the black market. Investigators have noticed that as gas prices go up, so do the number of people who attempt stealing hundreds of gallons of fuel from the underground tanks at gas stations. "Typically they just park over these gas pumps, and they have these trap doors inside a van or any type of box cargo type of truck," said Det. Larry McKinnon with the Hillsborough Sheriff's Office. McKinnon demonstrated how easy it is for people to access the underground tanks -- it's about as easy as opening the



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fuel cap on a car. What the thieves do next is when it gets really interesting. On Tuesday, investigators say they interrupted two men using a van to pump out hundreds of gallons of fuel from a tank at a BP gas station. Pictures of the van show a hole in the bottom of the van so the men can quickly drop down a hose that is attached to an electric pump. "The whole thing is to expedite the theft," McKinnon said. In a matter of minutes, they can pump out hundreds of gallons of fuel into large plastic tanks stored in the van. "While they're doing that they'll have a secondary vehicle that's actually a look-out, and that's what happened in yesterday's event," he said. In this case, the look-out man spotted a police car, and alerted his partner in crime. McKinnon said they took off, but left their home-made pump flowing -- causing hundreds of gallons to spill. These guys are not alone. Two weeks ago, investigators say surveillance cameras caught Jose Linares stealing more than 200 gallons of diesel at a station in Riverview, using the same elaborate scheme. "If you see someone suspicious and the vehicle is kind of parked at a weird looking angle over these pumps, look and see if you see a tube coming out of the bottom of these in ground tanks, and give us a call," McKinnon said. These cases of fuel theft are not limited to Hillsborough County. McKinnon said it's happening all over the state and the country. If the thieves are successfully at stealing the fuel, they likely will sell it on the black market for a major profit.

http://www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/region_hillsborough/thieves-using-crazy-contraptions-to-steal-hundreds-of-gallons-of-fuel-from-underground-tanks

AUSTRALIA, A.C.T, CANBERRA, FEBRUARY 24 2012. RESTRICTING ACCESS TO CHEMICALS FOR HOMEMADE BOMBS

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Industry and community members have until 30 March to comment on proposed measures to reduce risks of common chemicals getting into the wrong hands and being used to make homemade bombs. There are over 400,000 chemical-based products on the market, which are used by some 570,000 workplaces and millions of Australian consumers. While the vast majority of these products have legitimate uses, in the wrong hands, some products can be used to make homemade chemical weapons. A statement from the Australian Attorney-General's Department, released this month, cited the fact that the bomb detonated in Oslo on 22 July last year was composed of common chemicals including fertilizer, nitro-methane and aluminium. Australia's National Terrorism public alert remains at 'medium', which means authorities believe a terrorist attack could occur, the Attorney-

General's Department statement noted. A draft Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) has recently been released, weighing up the costs and benefits of several policy options, including a targeted awareness campaign, codes of practice and supply-chain regulation. The Government is now asking stakeholders to comment on the RIS. In particular, views and comment are sought on issues such as cost, effectiveness and likely uptake of various measures. These measures include: employee and contractor checking, inventory and consignment control, security during transport and storage, and point-of-sale procedures.

The Attorney-General's Department stated its particular interest in receiving input from businesses that manufacture, handle or use any products that contain the following chemicals: Hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂), Ammonium perchlorate (NH₄ClO₄), Sodium chlorate (NaClO₃), Sodium nitrate (NaNO₃), Nitric acid (HNO₃), Potassium nitrate (KNO₃), Potassium chlorate (KClO₃), Nitromethane (CH₃NO₂), Sodium perchlorate (NaClO₄), Sodium azide (NaN₃) and Potassium perchlorate (KClO₄)

Comments and input received during the consultation process will inform the final decision on the RIS, including the recommended course of action. To obtain a copy of the Consultation RIS and to find out how to make a submission, readers can refer to the AGD Chemical Security program website at www.chemicalsecurity.gov.au/RIS

http://www.safetowork.com.au/news/restricting-access-to-chemicals-ingredients-for-ho?utm_source=20120223&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletters



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