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USA, TX, TEXAS CITY, JUNE 15 2012. 50,000 SUE BP OVER AIR EMISSIONS EVENT

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Photo's [18] BP Texas City Refinery



More than 50,000 people have sued BP over a 2010 emissions event at its Texas City refinery that sent more than 500,000 pounds of chemicals into the air. Court officials said the number of plaintiffs tops the number who filed legal action against the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association after Hurricane Ike. From April 6 to May 16, 2010, a problem with a compressor on the refinery's ultracracker unit resulted in increased flaring for 40 days as the unit continued to operate. During that time, more than 500,000 pounds of chemicals, including carbon monoxide and benzene, were released into the air. A state investigation and subsequent lawsuit found that BP's decision to keep operating the unit and flare led to a violation of the state's air quality laws, and the company paid a \$50 million fine in a comprehensive settlement with the state that included past air emission violations.

According to records from the Galveston County District Clerk's Office, BP now faces 53,800 people who claim they suffered ill health effects as a result of the emissions event. While the cases have been clumped together in blocks of 100 to create 538 cases, the number of people suing the company eclipses the number of people who sued TWIA over Ike claims. District Clerk Doryn Glenn said there were 4,572 Ike cases and most had two plaintiffs. Given that, about 9,100 people sued TWIA, which was considered one of the largest litigation efforts in the county's courts. The deadline to file a claim in the BP emissions event passed in May, but most of the cases were filed in early April, Glenn said. The cases are filed in Judge Lonnie Cox's 56th District Court. BP maintains the chemicals released during the emissions event did not harm anyone. "Neither the community air monitoring network nor the BP fence-line monitors showed elevated (harmful emission) readings during April and May 2010, and we do not believe that any negative health impacts resulted from flaring at BP's Texas City Refinery during this period," BP spokesman Michael Marr said. "BP is defending and will continue to defend the lawsuits brought against it concerning this matter." Because of the volume of people suing BP, Glenn said the district clerk's office asked Cox to allow the plaintiff's attorneys to file the lawsuits in groups of 100. That process has helped the caseload management system the county uses, Glenn said. Tony Buzbee, whose firm has the largest volume of cases, said that all clients were screened before they were allowed to join the lawsuit. "Our team screened each client prior to filing and encouraged court dismissal of any claimant who wasn't in Texas City during the relevant time frame," Buzbee said. "Indeed, as liaison counsel, we are working with BP to ensure that all claimants who have filed are proper claimants. We expect those exposed to be paid fairly by BP either voluntarily or by verdict and anyone not actually exposed denigrates the case of those who actually suffered." A trial date has not been set, but it's possible a test trial for the first 100 plaintiffs could be held before the end of the year, Buzbee said. In some cases, a judge could allow a test trial where multiple plaintiffs are making similar claims. A ruling in that case would be similar to a precedent, often resulting in quick settlement agreements.

<http://galvestondailynews.com/story/321774>

USA, LA, BATON ROUGE, JUNE 15 2012. WORKERS TESTED FOLLOWING BENZENE LEAK >> WORKERS TESTED, BUT NO HEALTH EFFECTS IDENTIFIED

Precautionary tests were performed Thursday on a number of ExxonMobil Chemical Plant employees and contractors after an early-morning leak of a liquid that contained benzene, ExxonMobil Baton Rouge spokeswoman Lana Venable said. As of 5 p.m. Thursday, there had been no reports of health effects related to exposure to the benzene-containing material, and all employees and contractors were cleared to return to work, said Stephanie Cargile, public and government affairs manager with ExxonMobil Baton Rouge. A leak in a bleeder line was discovered at 4:35 a.m. and an unknown quantity of benzene spilled on the ground, said Jean Kelly, spokeswoman for the state Department of Environmental Quality. She said although the amount of benzene released is unknown, it's expected to be above reportable levels. The reportable level for benzene is 10 pounds or more, said Peter Ricca, emergency response manager with DEQ. The leak was stopped at 5 a.m. Benzene that spilled on the ground and into a ditch was flushed with water and taken back to the plant, Ricca said. DEQ staff did air monitoring around the perimeter of the facility and in nearby neighborhoods but found no indication of benzene, he said. The



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facility has seven calendar days to submit a report on the incident to DEQ, which will include such information as was the incident preventable, what can be done to prevent it from happening again, and how much material was released, Ricca said. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website, short-term exposure to benzene can cause drowsiness, dizziness, headaches and irritation of the eyes, skin or respiratory system. It is classified by the EPA as a cancer-causing material. Venable said the material was contained in the wastewater treatment system and no injuries or symptoms of exposure were reported. As a precautionary measure, Venable said, ExxonMobil tested employees and contractors who could have been exposed. An investigative team has been formed and will follow up to better understand the cause of the leak, Cargile said.

<http://theadvocate.com/home/3098969-125/workers-tested-following-benzene-leak>

USA, AZ, PHOENIX, JUNE 15 2012. TANKS EXPLODE IN FIRE AT PHOENIX WELDING COMPANY

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- [Tanks Explode in Fire at Phoenix Welding Company](#)
- [Explosions Erupt at Welding Company In Downtown Phoenix](#)



The fire was burning near 7th Street and Buckeye Road.

Crews were able to get a quick handle on a fire that sparked Thursday afternoon at a welding shop in Phoenix. Phoenix Fire Department officials say the blaze broke out about Thursday in a debris area in the back of the business and ignited several welding tanks. Fire department spokesman Jorge Enriquez said the tanks caught fire at around 4 p.m. at the business near 7th Street and Buckeye Road. Video from the scene Thursday afternoon showed a plume of smoke rising into the sky from the welding yard, but Air15 video over the area around 5 p.m. showed firefighters had gotten a handle on the flames. Crews at the scene were able to keep the fire away from a warehouse that contained dozens of oxygen and other combustible tanks. Fire officials said there are no reported injuries. It's still unclear how the fire started.

http://www.theindependent.com/news/local/lightning-strike-ignites-explosion-near-jbs-plant/article_71904c18-e82d-5c3a-babd-96b4afce206.html

USA, MI, LANSING, JUNE 15 2012. ILLEGAL, HIGHLY TOXIC HOGWEED PLANTS ARE POPPING UP IN MID-MICHIGAN

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- [Hogweed Plant Could Cause Blistering, Blindness](#)
- [Toxic Plants Pop Up in Mid-Michigan](#)
- [Hogweed can cause Blindness Just by Brushing Against it](#)

Hogweed plant could cause blistering, blindness; Michigan residents finding it illegal and highly toxic plants are popping up in Mid-Michigan. They're called giant hogweed and they're extremely dangerous to the touch. "We liked it, it looked tropical," said Kim Huguelet, who unknowingly planted the weed. Little did they know the impressive plant can cause depressing damage and just touching it can make you go blind. "So we just said, it's gotta go now," said Huguelet. They called experts at Michigan State University who needed hazmat gear to dispose of the 10 foot tall hogweed with leaves as big as 5 feet that were covered in little hairs of toxic sap. "The public needs to understand that this is not like having a plant. This is really a toxic hazard for family and loved ones," said Peter Carrington, MSU toxic plant expert. "We have grandchildren running all over, small grandchildren running all over here all the time, and we were very concerned," said Huguelet. They weren't hurt, but children and pets are especially at risk while they play outside. They just have to brush against it, then expose that skin to sunlight and some type of wetness, like sweat or rain," said "And what this produces is rather disfiguring, unsightly fluid-filled blisters, which unfortunately also pigment the skin," said Carrington. It's looks and feels like leaving your arm on a hot stove and it takes months to clear up, then there are scars. Clinical steroids can help. "Modern treatment of this is not as great and efficacious as treatment for poison ivy is," said Carrington. It doesn't always take a hazmat team to kill the plant, round up works, you just have to watch out next year. "Once they get started, they do have to be followed," said Carrington, adding that there has been a hogweed eradication effort recently, but he knows of sightings in Jackson and he has even heard of people selling seeds in



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Lansing. That can land you in trouble, if you knowingly sell or plant giant hogweed, expect a federal fine. If you think you've seen one of these monsters, or have one in your yard then you're encouraged to call the Michigan department of agriculture or the Michigan invasive plant council.

<http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/Illegal-and-highly-toxic-plants-are-popping-up-in-Mid-Michigan/-/1719418/14860446/-/oc2ilm/-/index.html>

USA, LA, BATON ROUGE, JUNE 15 2012. EXXON CHEMICAL LEAK UNDER CONTROL

michael oliver

Exxon officials say a chemical leak has been brought under control. According to reports, the Naphtha leak was contained to the plant itself. Naphtha is a liquid that contains some benzene. The air inside and outside the plant has been monitored and was given the all clear. No injuries were reported. Employees in the area of the leak are being tested as a precaution. An investigation is underway into the cause of the leak.

<http://www.wafb.com/story/18791393/exxon-chemical-leak-under-control>

USA, MT, LIVINGSTON, JUNE 15 2012. HAZMAT CREWS CONTAIN LETHAL CHEMICALS NEAR APARTMENTS >> PERSON TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE, FIRE OFFICIALS SAY



Hazmat crews were working to contain fumes at a Fishers apartment complex Thursday after a person tried to commit suicide using a lethal chemical mixture, fire officials said. The incident happened just after 6 a.m. at a complex near State Road 37 and 126th Street. Fire officials said a person tried to commit suicide by mixing several chemicals in a car in the complex's parking lot. The person was pulled from the car, decontaminated and taken to Methodist Hospital. Hazmat crews taped off a large area of the complex's parking lot as they worked to control fumes and dispose of the chemicals. "Residents of the apartment complex who need to leave and can do so without entering the area taped off may do so. Areas inside the taped-off area are considered unsafe for unprotected people to enter," said Ron Lipps with the Fishers Fire Department. The complex was not evacuated. Detergent or chemical suicides involve mixing together two or more common chemicals to create a lethal gas that will fill an enclosed space.

<http://www.theindychannel.com/news/31190189/detail.html>

ENGLAND, MANCHESTER, JUNE 15 2012. CHEMICAL MANUFACTURER HIT WITH FINE FOLLOWING CAA ENFORCEMENT ACTION

A Manchester-based chemical company has been fined £5,000 for breaching regulations on shipping dangerous goods by air, following enforcement action by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). Atom Scientific Ltd was convicted of five offences relating to the carriage of dangerous goods by air at Chelmsford Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 12 June. The offences date back to May 2011, when a consignment of hydrogen peroxide bound for Murcia, Spain arrived at the FedEx premises at Stansted Airport. A package had leaked and although it was prevented from being loaded onto an aircraft, seven FedEx employees experienced minor chemical burns. The incident was reported to the CAA's Dangerous Goods Office who, following an investigation, found that the consignment was not in accordance with the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air, and was therefore in contravention of the Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations 2002. Specific breaches of the regulations related to the incorrect packaging, labelling and documentation of the dangerous goods, as well as Atom Scientific Ltd's failure to ensure all staff involved in the preparation of the consignment for air transport had received the necessary training. Peter Keenan, Commercial Director of Atom Scientific Ltd pleaded guilty on behalf of the company to all five breaches of the regulations, and was ordered to pay £1,000 for each offence and a total of £5,173.64 in costs. Geoff Leach, Manager of the Dangerous Goods Office at the CAA said: "Many items, even some which are used in everyday life, are classed as 'dangerous goods' and strict requirements exist to ensure they do not pose a risk to safety when transported by air. "Thankfully in this instance the goods were stopped before being transported and no-one was seriously hurt, but the risks are there and this case serves as a reminder that anyone wishing to transport dangerous goods by air must prepare them properly, or face the risk of



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enforcement action." The CAA is the UK's specialist aviation regulator. Its regulatory activities range from making sure that the aviation industry meets the highest technical and operational safety standards to preventing holidaymakers from being stranded abroad or losing money because of tour operator insolvency.

<http://www.aviation.ca/content/view/11498/117/>

USA, MA, BOSTON, JUNE 16 2012. TANKER TRUCK CRASH TRIGGERS FUEL SPILL IN DORCHESTER

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- [Fuel Truck Leaks 1,000 Gallons Of Gasoline on Dorchester Avenue after Hitting Pole](#)
- [Fuel Spill Forces Dorchester Neighborhood to Evacuate](#)
- [Tanker Truck Leaks Hundreds of Gallons of Fuel in Dorchester](#)
- [Hazmat Crews Respond to Fuel Spill on Dorchester Avenue](#)

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The leaking truck.

A huge fuel spill caused several problems in Dorchester early Friday morning. An 11,000 gallon Sunoco fuel tanker truck ran over the base of a street light fixture, rupturing two of its tanks on Dorchester Avenue by Freeport Street around 11:15 p.m. Thursday, triggering the spill. It appears the driver had a problem turning a corner. The Boston fire department said the tanker had 5 separate sections, but only 2 were affected in the crash. One part holds 2,000 gallons of fuel, the other 1,800 gallons. About 1,000 gallons of fuel leaked. Some of it ran into nearby storm drains. A large vacuum truck was brought in to clean several manholes on Dorchester Avenue. The leak was stopped around 1:15 a.m., but the cleanup took several hours. The truck was removed around 5:30 a.m. and roads were re-opened about a half-hour later. No one was hurt, but police went door-to-door to evacuate nearby dozens of residents temporarily as a precaution. Citations will be issued to the driver. There's no word yet on how much the cleanup cost.

<http://boston.cbslocal.com/2012/06/15/tanker-truck-crash-triggers-fuel-spill-in-dorchester/>

USA, MO, PEMISCOT COUNTY, JUNE 16 2012. EXPLOSION SENDS BIODIESEL PLANT EMPLOYEE TO HOSPITAL

michael vick

An explosion at an area biodiesel plant ended with first responders flying a plant employee to a trauma center in Memphis, Tennessee. The Pemiscot County Sheriff's Department said they received a 9-1-1 call Friday morning alerting them to the explosion just south of Hayti, Missouri. It's still unclear what caused the explosion. The sheriff's department said the Occupational, Safety and Health Administration have been notified.

<http://www.wpsdlocal6.com/home/ticker/Explosion-sends-biodiesel--159244545.html>

USA, MA, INDIAN ORCHARD, JUNE 16 2012. TEAM BACK AT HOUSE WHERE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FOUND >> INVESTIGATION INTO HOME ON RAPALUS STREET

Watch the Video [Team Back at House Where Hazardous Materials Found](#)



A state hazardous materials team returned to a vacant house in Springfield's Indian Orchard neighborhood Thursday, less than 24 hours after removing hazardous materials from it. A state hazardous materials team blocked off Rapalus Street and started removing potentially dangerous chemicals from [27 Rapalus Street](#) Wednesday night. It was an operation they had been planning for about a year, according to Springfield Deputy Fire Chief of Operations Glenn Guyer. The owner of the house died last year and the house has been vacant ever since. Wednesday night, Rapalus Street was blocked off from Parker Street to Ludlow Avenue while the crew was removing black powder



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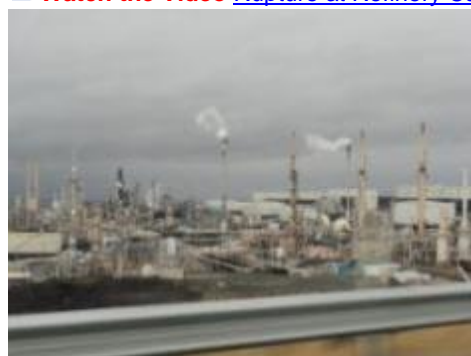
and other unknown chemicals. The Springfield Fire Department was standing by as well. Neighbors told 22News that they were surprised to find out that the vacant house harbored potentially dangerous materials. "Very unaware of what was there in storage," neighbor Rosemary Eskew said. "After he passed away, I had no idea what was happening. I was surprised." The state bomb squad and the Springfield fire and hazardous materials team arrived at the house mid-morning Thursday, and blocked-off the street again for several hours.

<http://www.wvlp.com/dpp/news/local/hampden/team-to-return-to-house-where-hazardous-materials-found>

USA, CA, RODEO, JUNE 16 2012. AIR QUALITY IMPROVING NEAR SITE OF RODEO REFINERY LEAK; HEALTH CONCERNS EASE >> HYDROGEN SULFIDE

sean maher & rick hurd

 [Watch the Video Rupture at Refinery Causes Strong Smell near Rodeo](#)



County health workers continued to pump nitrogen and water into a ruptured tank at the ConocoPhillips refinery in Rodeo, and health concerns were easing. The tank released an unknown amount of hydrogen sulfide Friday morning at the refinery located at 1380 San Pablo Ave., said Randy Sawyer, the county's chief environmental health and hazardous materials officer. Hydrogen sulfide is not dangerous in low concentrations, but its offensive rotten-egg smell is strong and easily noticed, and can cause dizziness and nausea, Sawyer said. The evening commute on Interstate 80 passed directly through the refinery, but the California Highway Patrol said there were no incidents. The tank holds 1.5 million gallons of processed water. The threshold for the gas becoming a health hazard is 30 parts per million, and the highest measurement in the area surrounding the crude-oil refinery was 1 part per million, recorded around noon, Sawyer said. The county health agency said late Friday that the measurement

was still between 5 and 10 parts per billion, with the higher levels located in the higher elevations of Crockett. The total was expected to remain the same into Saturday morning. That total was down from the 17 parts per billion measurement taken about an hour after the leak. Sawyer said the county monitored whether the smell was at a hazardous level throughout the commute, saying the odor can "smell bad, but that's it." If exposed to it too long, a person can become nauseous, he said. The refinery also pumped diesel into the tank as a way to coat the top of the water and act as a cap preventing any more odors from escaping, Sawyer said. The incident began about 7 a.m. when the tank ruptured. ConocoPhillips spokesman Rich Johnson said Friday afternoon that the cause of the rupture was still unknown, and that the investigation likely won't be finished for weeks. County officials said they were notified about 45 minutes after the rupture and began testing throughout the nearby area for gas levels. They warned people with asthma or any other respiratory sensitivity to avoid the area. Though emissions remained at what the county considers safe levels, the gas apparently caused people nearby to suffer burning eyes and nausea Friday morning. Marie Shalz, of Hercules, said her children, ages 6 and 9, were swimming Friday morning at Crockett Pool when they first noticed the smell. She said the children, swim coaches and mothers at the pool all began suffering burning eyes, dizziness and nausea. "One mom had gone out for a walk," Shalz said, "and she came right back and said, 'My chest hurts, so I couldn't walk any more.'" A coach at the pool then told everyone the county had declared a shelter-in-place -- about which she would have been mistaken -- and Shalz drove her children home, she said. "Now we're out of that area, and I think my kids should be fine," she said. "But I want to know, should I take my kids to their doctor? Should we be worried about this? They seem fine to me but I don't know what they've been exposed to." County officials said there is no reason to panic, but that anybody concerned about their health after smelling the gas should consult their physician.

http://www.conracoastimes.com/news/ci_20865681/leak-strong-odor-reported-at-refinery-rodeo

ENGLAND, LONDON, JUNE 16 2012. FORECOURT ATTENDANTS MAKE A COMEBACK TO SHELL SITES

Shell is bringing customer service to the pumps with the return of forecourt attendants at nearly 300 sites across the UK. The new Attended Service programme is a free service designed to help drivers with advice on fuels and fuel efficiency, basic car care and safety tips. Shell has set out to improve the forecourt experience by reintroducing close to 400 forecourt attendants this year to deliver a more personal service at no cost to motorists, including helping them fill their vehicles. All Shell forecourt



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attendants have been trained by the Automobile Association (AA) to be able to carry out a range of car care tasks for Shell customers. Recent research commissioned by Shell shows that efficient and knowledgeable customer service is welcomed by sizeable segments of UK motorists. A survey of more than 2,000 British adults revealed that 20% would rather have help and assistance when buying a product or service than be left to make their own choices. This figure rises to 25% for those aged 55 and over. In addition, 30% view customer service as good when it saves them time by doing all the work for them, and this rises to 34% with the under-35 age group. Shell's new forecourt attendants will offer basic car care advice including checks on oil levels, screen wash levels, tyre pressure and tread. They will also advise customers on driving behaviours and how to make the right fuel choices and provide seasonal tips for driving in great British weather. This service and advice is expected to be welcomed by consumers as Shell's research has revealed 9% of motorists have filled up their car with the wrong fuel. This can be a costly mistake, with men admitting to having done this more than women (11% for men compared to 7% for women). In addition, even though the vast majority of motorists surveyed (90%) claim they know how to check their oil, more than one in eight (13%) leave this to their annual MOT. Melanie Lane, general manager for Shell UK Retail, said: "Shell is renowned for its great fuels and engine oil and we are committed to trying harder than any other UK fuel retailer to bring that same level of quality to the forecourt and service experience. "Across the industry, UK forecourts are generally not considered the most inviting and customer service-focused environments, and we aim to do something about that. The reintroduction of forecourt attendants will be a welcome addition for many of our busy, time poor customers. "During 2012 we will continue to focus on making quality one-to-one service and improved facilities available to more customers across the country," added Lane. "We are also encouraging our customers to tell us how the attendants are doing as well as other ways we can improve their experience through our Tell Shell system at www.shell.co.uk/tellshell. Commenting on the return of attendants at Shell, Edmund King, president of the AA, said: "Our work in training the new Shell attendants to become the front line on road safety and motoring advice will be a great help to UK drivers, and make our roads a safer place to be. "We are proud to be collaborating with Shell on this project and we salute the return of the forecourt attendant, a great reminder of the golden age of motoring." Attended Service is part of Shell's 2012 investment programme, which focuses on making its forecourts and petrol stations the best in the UK. Other developments include 250 former Total sites reopening as Shell service stations after an extensive makeover; the introduction of Costa Express machines at more than 500 stations; the integration and extension of Deli2go, which is Shell's selected service provider for hot wraps, sausage rolls, pasties and 'taquitos'; and members of Shell Drivers Club are now able to use their points to get Waitrose vouchers and make savings on their grocery shopping.

http://www.forecourtrader.co.uk/news/fullstory.php/aid/5856/Forecourt_attendants_make_a_comeback_to_Shell_sites.html

ENGLAND, STAFFORDSHIRE, JUNE 16 2012. INQUIRY INTO FUEL AT PETROL STATION AFTER REPORT OF CONTAMINATION



'Stranded': Motorist Shane Doyle with the petrol he claims the AA said was 70 per cent water.

A petrol station is being investigated by trading standards after a report that contaminated fuel was being sold on a garage forecourt. Stoke-on-Trent Trading Standards has been called in after a motorist claimed he broke down after filling up at the Murco garage, in Ford Green Road, Smallthorne. Father-of-three Shane Doyle says he was left stranded at the end of the school run after he filled his car up with unleaded petrol which he claims the AA told him was 70 per cent water. Shane, aged 31, of High Lane, Burslem, had just dropped off his son and daughter at school when he re-filled his car at the garage on his way to work. But after spending £30 filling up with petrol he broke down only half a mile down the road with his baby son in the back seat on Tuesday morning. Telecom

manager Shane said: "I was on my way to work and my wife was driving. "The garage was quite busy at 8.45am when we got there and lots of other people were filling up their vehicles with petrol. "I had no reason to believe there was a problem." Shane, who has kept a receipt of his purchase, said: "I must have got half a mile down the road when the engine started chugging. "It was a brand new car which we only bought in October so I thought it can't be right. "And then it cut out completely." Shane and wife Eve were left stranded with their four-month-old son Quinlan in their Vauxhall Zafira on a main road. Shane pushed the car into a side street until an AA recovery team got out to them. Shane said that the AA worker advised him the petrol was made up of 70 per cent water and 30 per cent fuel. Shane added: "I couldn't believe what had



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happened. "I had looked under the bonnet and couldn't see a problem." The car was towed to a friend's garage and the engine was drained, which would usually cost £300. It is understood that only one pump was suspected to be contaminated and the management team closed it following the complaint. Garage owner Chris Wardle said: "I have no comment to make while investigations are taking place." Trading standards officials today confirmed they had received a complaint. A spokesman said: "We have received a case referral from the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline and will be visiting the trader to carry out further investigation as to whether any contamination of fuel has taken place. "Should Mr Doyle feel it necessary, we can also offer further assistance and advice for any civil claim he may have."

<http://www.thisisstaffordshire.co.uk/Inquiry-fuel-petrol-station-report-contamination/story-16377937-detail/story.html>

CANADA, ALBA, GLENNIFER LAKES, JUNE 16 2012. GLENNIFER LAKE RESORT COMMUNITY GETS A CRUDE AWAKENING FROM OIL SPILL >> RESIDENTS TALLY DAMAGE FROM PLAINS MIDSTREAM PIPELINE OIL LEAK

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[Watch the Video](#) [Global's Jeremy Hunka was able to meet One Small Survivor of the Disaster.](#)



The docks and boat launch at Gleniffer Lake sit empty as the recreational area has been closed following the Plains Midstream oil spill.

One week after a pipe-line leaked crude oil into the Red Deer River and closed Gleniffer Lake, Diane Bender is worried about her livelihood. For the realtor, who also manages rentals at the resort, the stakes are high: She doesn't have any other income. "People are phoning and wanting to cancel," says Bender, who has already had cancellations on cottage rentals and boat slips in the marina at Gleniffer Lake Resort & Country Club. Her property sales, which average between 35 and 40 a year, have also dried up. "I had sales up until the oil spill," she says, noting eight vacation properties already sold this spring. "Now, the

phone is not ringing at all." A week ago, a section of pipeline owned by Plains Midstream Canada running under a river tributary near Sundre leaked up to 475,000 litres of oil. The company has said high river levels flushed most of the oil downstream into Gleniffer Lake, a man-made reservoir and recreational area about 75 minutes northwest of Calgary. People like Bender worry that with the lake closed, the resort development, which relies on an already short summer tourism season, could suffer. According to Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, the cleanup efforts on both the river and lake are going well. "We're not seeing pooled oil in the reservoir," says Martin Bundred, noting most of the cleanup involves picking up trees and other oily debris, and hauling it away for disposal. Bundred, who is overseeing the cleanup by the company for the province, says they will eventually be able to move a boom now dissecting the lake back to the mouth of the river. "We don't believe it will take too long," he says, suggesting it will likely be weeks rather than months. "We have to be realistic about the weather." In a statement Thursday, Plains Midstream said it's focused on the cleanup and understands the leak's impact on residents and local tourism. "We have 209 people working on cleanup and environmental monitoring," said Darlene Crowell, director of corporate communications. "We understand that everyone would like things to progress as quickly as possible - including ourselves." Indeed, as the cleanup continues, the opening date for the lake is critical. Those who rely on it for their livelihood say the summer tourist season kicks into full swing by the July long weekend, now just 14 days away. "If it's two weeks, it's probably not going to be a big issue," says Randy Westergaard of the resort and country club. "If it's two months, it'll be a big issue. "We'll just have to wait it out, see what the timeline is." Several provincial campgrounds in the area remain closed, while two privately run campgrounds - Dickson Leisure Campground and Carefree Resort - declined to discuss the impacts. "We are being treated very well; they are doing a fantastic job," says Don Shewchuk, general manager of Carefree Resort, which also has a marina with room for 198 boats. Westergaard agrees, noting the company has been trucking in water for residents already living at the resort. It has also set up the containment booms halfway down the lake to prevent oily debris from reaching the resort's shoreline. "Historically, coming into spring, we get a lot of debris coming down the river," says Westergaard, pointing at the large trees caught up by the boom. He's hopeful the lake will reopen, even partially, by the time the July rush starts. "Unfortunately, Alberta doesn't have the longest season in the world," he says. "Tourism has got a very short season." Westergaard, who still has 35 lots for sale at the resort, is hoping for a quick remedy to the spill, but understands they can happen. "When you live in Alberta, it's inevitable. When you've got oil, you're going to have issues with it," he adds. "How many people are able to afford property because they made (money) in oil?" The irony isn't lost



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on Diane Bender. "It's a catch-22," she says. "A lot of people in the park are affiliated with oil and gas," adds her husband, Gary. "Hopefully it gets cleaned up fast."

<http://www.calgaryherald.com/Gleniffer+Lake+resort+community+gets+crude+awakening+from+spill/6786043/story.html>

KENYA, MALABA, JUNE 17 2012. TWO DEAD IN FUEL TANKER TRAGEDY NEAR MALABA BORDER

District administrator Josephine Onunga blamed the incident on speeding truck driver and cautioned them to be cautious while plying the northern corridor. Kenyan officials said two people were burnt to death when a Uganda-bound petrol tanker exploded in Koteko area, 15kms from Malaba town border with Uganda. Local police chief Elphas Korir said on Friday the driver and his turn-boy were killed when the tanker flamed on impact. "The accident happened on Friday morning, the driver and the turn-boy were burned beyond recognition," said the police chief. The ill fated tanker belonged to Upper Hill Trans Company Limited, Nakuru and was transporting petrol to Hashi Impex Limited in Kampala, Uganda. Korir said the tanker was heading to Kampala from Kenya Pipeline Company in Nakuru and was carrying 35,000 litres of fuel when tragedy occurred. Korir said the driver of the speeding truck tried to brake following a tyre burst when the vehicle lost control and overturned. "It then caught fire on impact which burnt a section of the bush which was a few metres away," said the official. "Residents living nearby screamed as billowing smoke covered the sky. District administrator Josephine Onunga who visited the scene blamed the incident on speeding truck driver and cautioned them to be cautious while plying the Northern Corridor. Onunga said lack of fire fighting equipments were major challenges facing residents of the border town and appealed to the government to avail one to save more lives in future. Onunga said the security team had asked Bungoma Municipality to provide their engine to fight the fire but it took about two hours for one to arrive. Malaba Town Council Vice chairman, Ishmael Orodí accused the ministry of local government for failure to purchase fire fighting equipment to the council. The incident came barely 8 months after eight people were burnt to death as they siphoned fuel from a near Sio Bridge along the Kisumu-Busia road. The Busia incident had come 10 days after the Nairobi Sinai fire disaster that claimed over 100 lives. It had come from a leaked pipeline that caught fire.

http://www.coastweek.com/3524_tanker.htm.

USA, TX, IRVING, JUNE 18 2012. CAR CATCHES FIRE AT GAS STATION IN IRVING

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Flames flare up in front of a Irving firefighter as he works to put out a car fire Friday at a Chevron gas station parking lot at Interstate 635 and MacArthur Boulevard.

<http://irvingblog.dallasnews.com/archives/2012/06/car-catches-fire-at-gas-statio.html>

INDIA, UTTAR PRADESH, LUCKNOW, JUNE 18 2012. TANKER MOWS DOWN 3 COPS ON DUTY

Three police constables were killed when a speeding tanker rammed into a police outpost at Barhal in Baghpat on early Saturday morning. Sub-Inspector Dharampal Singh, who was also at the outpost, was injured when a wall collapsed on him. The three deceased have been identified as Suresh Chandra, Rao Virendra Singh and Mohammad Yusuf. All three were natives of Bulandshahr. Police said the tanker driver escaped leaving the vehicle behind. The police informed the victims' families and sent the bodies for postmortem. "Sub-inspector Dharampal Singh has been discharged after medical treatment," said a police officer.

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/tanker-mows-down-3-cops-on-duty/963034/>



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USA, GA, ATLANTA, NIOSH, JUNE 19 2012. CHEMIST DIES FROM BURNS CAUSED BY MIXING CHEMICALS

 **Document** [A Chemist Dies from Burns Caused by Mixing Chemicals](#) [PDF 266 KB]

A 56-year-old chemist received fatal chemical burns from mist released after he mixed sodium hydroxide with hydrogen peroxide. The victim was refilling a container of hydrogen peroxide with the incorrect chemical (sodium hydroxide) using a non-standard transfer procedure. The victim was not wearing any form of personal protective equipment (PPE). The employer did not have a safety and training program to address hazardous chemical handling, storage and use.

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/face/stateface/ca/09CA004.html>

ENGLAND, CAMBRIDSHIRE, PETERBOROUGH, JUNE 19 2012. PEOPLE WARNED TO STAY AWAY FROM RIVER NENE AFTER CHEMICAL SPILL

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A picture of "water scum" on the river Nene taken by a reader.

The Environment Agency (EA) has warned people to stay away from the River Nene in Peterborough following a chemical spill which may have caused the death of a number of fish. The Telegraph reported this morning how City river bailiff Eddie Mulvana reported seeing "thousands" of dead fish in the river near Orton Mere. Since then the Telegraph has been inundated with calls from readers spotting the dead fish. The EA has confirmed that there are dead fish and struggling fish in the river - but it has down-played suggestions that thousands have perished. Fish seen floating in the river reportedly include roach, perch, fry and eels. A spokeswoman for the Environment Agency said: "People are being warned by the Environment Agency to stay away from the River Nene in Peterborough in case chemicals spilled at Orton Southgate are in the water. "The chemicals, although highly diluted by the river, are a potential

irritant to people and may be present in the water as far away as the Dog in a Doublet Sluice. "The agency is issuing a precautionary warning to people although they have not been able to link the chemicals spilled to reports of thousands of fish struggling and some dead fish in the water along the stretch of the River Nene between Orton Mere and sluice. "Anglian Water, local downstream abstractors, the RSPB, Nene Parks Trust, river users, the local authority, internal drainage boards and the Health Protection Agency have also been alerted by the agency. "Samples have been taken from the water and results will soon be known." Environment agency team leader Manfai Tang added: "Although we can not link a report of chemicals spilled at Orton Southgate, the chemicals are toxic to fish. "Although very unlikely to cause a problem for people due to the dilution, we are advising them to stay away from the water as a precaution. "There is no sign of pollution at the moment but we have eliminated other causes such as low dissolved oxygen and ammonia. "The river is flowing fast at the moment as we have had a lot of rain which will, of course, help to dilute any pollution," Anyone concerned about being in contact with the water and who has skin irritation should wash skin and hair with soap and water in the first instance. If irritation persists they are advised to seek medical advice. If anyone has irritation in their eyes after being in contact with the water they should flush immediately with plenty of drinking water for 15 minutes and seek medical attention if irritation persists.

<http://www.peterboroughtoday.co.uk/news/local/people-warned-to-stay-away-from-river-nene-after-chemical-spill-1-3963408>

USA, TX, CISCO, JUNE 19 2012. TRAIN DERAILMENT NEAR CISCO SENDS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INTO CREEK

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Approximately 180,000 pounds of methanol and an unknown amount of various other hazardous materials is believed to have spilled into a creek near Cisco after 24 railcars derailed late Sunday, according to a spokeswoman for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. It was not immediately clear Monday afternoon how the derailment occurred. Raquel Espinoza, a spokeswoman for Union Pacific, said no injuries were reported when the cars derailed from a rail bridge near Interstate 20 just west of Cisco about 11:30 p.m. Sunday. Methanol and various other materials including soda ash, lime and gypsum were reported to have entered the creek. Andrea Morrow, the TCEQ representative, said inspectors were on site and were working with Union Pacific's environmental response team on cleaning up the contained spill. Bernie Lake, which is nearby, was not believed to have been affected, TCEQ officials said on Monday afternoon. Espinoza said the location where the derailment



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occurred is remote and that crews were having some trouble bringing in equipment to clean up the mess. Various amounts of cargo, mostly industrial shipments, was inside the railcars, Espinoza said. Other railcars carried residual amounts of hazardous materials, she said. Espinoza said the bridge was inspected last week. An investigation has been opened into the derailment.

<http://www.reporternews.com/news/2012/jun/18/train-derailment-near-cisco-sends-hazardous-into/>

USA, ILL, ROCKFORD, JUNE 19 2012. FISH KILL STILL A MYSTERY THREE YEARS AFTER ROCKFORD TRAIN DERAILMENT >> ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN TALKS WITH CANADIAN NATIONAL OVER DAMAGES

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Bobby Bushman, of Sterling, pulls a catfish out of the water Sunday, June 21, 2009, at the Arduini boat ramp in Rock Falls.

Three years after 72,000 fish died in the Rock River, an answer remains elusive as to what caused the environmental disaster in one of Illinois' most popular waterways. The fish kill began about two miles north of Grand Detour and ended about 40 miles down river near Prophetstown, although dead fish were reported washing up as far away as the Quad Cities. The initial speculation was that the June 19, 2009, derailment of a Canadian National train carrying ethanol through Rockford was to blame, but subsequent water tests were inconclusive. A second round of tests, this time on the livers of the dead fish, was ordered by state officials. Those results remain under wraps as the Illinois attorney general's office tries to determine if there's any legal action to be taken. "The

main thing being reviewed at this time is trying to get an understanding of the assessment of the environmental studies that have taken place," said Scott Mulford, spokesman for the attorney general's office. He said the state continues to discuss the fish kill with Canadian National, but stopped short of saying the derailment was the direct cause of the natural disaster. "That's an integral part of the resolution of the matter, got to get all facts in." The derailment, which occurred at Canadian National's tracks on South Mulford Road, was caused by a combination of heavy rains, poor maintenance on a nearby flood basin and insufficient communication between the train and Canadian National track dispatchers, according to the National Transportation Safety Board's investigation. One woman died and scores were injured after the train carrying ethanol derailed, sparking a blaze that burned for nearly a day. Among more than 1,000 pages of NTSB investigatory documents is a report that noted the derailment resulted in 60,000 gallons of ethanol mixed with a small amount of gasoline being released into a nearby creek. The creek feeds into the Kishwaukee River, which, in turn, flows into the Rock. Although the report states the ethanol spill "resulted in a significant fish kill" by decreasing oxygen levels in the water, it also notes that the water tests did not conclusively prove a connection. A separate legal action involving the state, Winnebago County and Canadian National is continuing in a local court. After the derailment, the state sued the railroad to force it to monitor the groundwater and soil in the area. The railroad has complied and reimbursed Illinois for its soil and water testing, and is in talks to reach a settlement that will bring the case to a close, Mulford said. The lawsuit is set for a status hearing Wednesday before 17th Circuit Court Judge Edward Prochaska.

<http://www.rrstar.com/businessrockford/x681118910/Fish-kill-a-mystery-three-years-after-Rockford-train-derailment>

PAKISTAN, ISLAMABAD, JUNE 19 2012. THREE MEMBERS OF A FAMILY KILLED IN CYLINDER BLAST NEAR ISLAMABAD

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Three persons, including an 11-year-old girl, were killed and five children of a family sustained injuries when a gas cylinder exploded in a house at Burma Town on Monday on the outskirts of the federal capital, police said. The bodies of two women could not be identified, while a bag of small pieces of dead bodies has been placed in the mortuary of the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, police and PIMS officials said. The explosion was so strong that it was heard miles away from the scene and the double-storey house collapsed in no time. Rescuers and police rushed to the scene and rescued five children



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aged between one and 10 years and shifted them to hospitals in critical condition. The locals told journalists that Mohammad Aslam Dar, hailing from Bagh, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, rented the house nine months back and shifted his family there. Dar was running a motorbike workshop in the locality. According to initial reports, police sources said the incident seemed to be the result of an explosion of gas cylinder and the roof of the house collapsed due to it. However further investigation is underway keeping in view various aspects. Police said that one of the dead bodies was identified as Raju, 11, daughter of Mohammad Aslam Dar, while remaining parts of dead bodies were yet to be identified. The five wounded children, admitted to the PIMS, were identified as Faizan, 7; Shazia, 13; Faisal, 6; Rukkayya, 1, and 3-year-old Ambreen. People engaged in rescue work told journalists that the bodies blew away in pieces, adding that Mohammad Aslam Dar, the head of the family, could be among the dead. Eyewitnesses claimed that it was not a gas cylinder explosion but it was explosive material that went off due to extremely hot weather. Police, however, were investigating into all aspects, police said.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-115325-Three-members-of-a-family-killed-in-cylinder-blast-near-Islamabad>

CHINA BEIJING, JUNE 19 2012. FIREWORK FACTORY BLASTS KILL 14



Firework fatalities: Explosions at firework factories in China have killed 14 people in recent days with the cause of the blasts not yet known.

Explosions have ripped through two fireworks factories in China killing 14 people and injuring 13. A blast yesterday morning at a factory in Dongtun, in Huaiyang district of central Henan province, left seven dead and 12 injured, Xinhua news agency said, quoting local authorities. The factory was operating illegally as its licence had expired, and the family of the owner had been detained by police, it said. Local authorities have ordered the closure of all fireworks factories in the district, the news agency added. An explosion on Sunday at a licensed fireworks factory in Yichun, in eastern Jiangxi province, also killed seven people and injured one. The cause of the blasts was being investigated, Xinhua said. China's huge fireworks industry is notorious for its lax safety standards, especially among smaller producers. Exported Chinese

fireworks also do not always meet the safety standards of their destination country. A cargo of seven tonnes of fireworks destined for Austria was judged to be dangerous and seized in November at the Dutch port of Rotterdam.

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/ipad/firework-factory-blasts-kill-14/story-fn6ck55c-1226400514341>

USA, KS, TOPEKA, JUNE 19 2012. REFINERS PAY \$21.6 MLN TO SETTLE 'HOT FUEL' SUITS

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ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil Corp. and four other oil companies have agreed to pay a total of \$21.6 million to resolve allegations they knowingly overcharged for gasoline by failing to adjust prices to account for changes in volume caused by summer temperatures. Gasoline is sold by volume, but as outside temperatures climb storage tanks heat up and fuel volume expands, diluting the amount of energy delivered per gallon. Several of the refiners had previously announced they had reached a settlement in principle in the case, which combines more than 50 separate lawsuits filed against oil producers and retailers over their so-called 'hot fuel' practices. The proposed settlement filed Friday in U.S. district court in Kansas reveals the financial details of the deal, reached after more than five years of litigation. ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil, Shell Oil Products US and two subsidiaries of BP PLC - BP Products North America Inc and BP West Coast Products LLC - will pay \$5 million each, according to court documents. Citgo Petroleum Corp and Sinclair Oil Corp will shell out \$800,000 apiece. The funds will be distributed among retailers and wholesalers in the 29 U.S. states and territories where the hot-fuel suits were filed. Valero Energy Corp will not pay into the general settlement fund, but will provide up to \$4.5 million in attorney's fees, according to court papers. A spokesman for ConocoPhillips confirmed the settlement and declined further comment. Representatives for the other refiners did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Gas retailers in the U.S. peg their sales at a wholesale level to an industry standard of approximately 60 degrees. Technology to monitor temperature at pumps has been used for decades in Canada, where the oil industry pushed for the law. Conversely, in the United States, consumer watchdogs say the oil industry has lobbied against such a measure despite record high earnings and the relatively modest cost of \$800 to modify an existing pump.

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/06/19/exxonmobil-hotfuel-settlement-idINL1E8HJ04320120619>



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MEXICO, CAMPECHE, CIUDAD DEL CARMEN, JUNE 19 2012. MEXICAN NAVY SEIZES HUGE QUANTITY OF DIESEL

Naval personnel seized nearly 300,000 liters (79,256 gallons) of fuel aboard a tanker headed for Honduras, the Mexican Navy Secretariat said Monday. The fuel was found during a routine inspection in Ciudad del Carmen, a city in the southeastern state of Campeche, by naval personnel, customs agents and employees of the Marineros del Carmen shipping agency. The Mexican-flagged Isla del Carmen was carrying 291,971 liters (77,134 gallons) of diesel that were not listed in the Navigation Daily and the ship's officers admitted it was obtained from other fuel ships, the secretariat said. The crew, ship and fuel were turned over to federal prosecutors following the inspection, which occurred on May 15 but was not reported until Monday, the secretariat said. Fuel theft has been rising over the past few years, increasing 38 percent in 2011, compared to the previous year, to 6.8 million barrels, state-owned oil giant Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, said in a report submitted to Congress in May. Last month, army troops found clandestine oil depots containing 1.5 million liters (396,258 gallons) of stolen fuel in the eastern state of Veracruz. Soldiers from the 29th Military Zone found the clandestine fuel depots in Ejido Tacoteno, a community outside the city of Minatitlan. The depots held 1.4 million liters of crude oil, 141,000 liters of diesel and 16,000 liters of export-grade UBA diesel, the secretariat said. Two tanker trucks and eight tanks on trailers were seized at the site, which is near one of Mexico's six oil refineries. Drug cartels and other transnational criminal organizations, or TCOs, are using fuel theft as a source of revenue. Pemex is suing 14 companies in the United States for allegedly buying stolen fuel from the Los Zetas drug cartel.

<http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/news/2012/06/18/mexican-navy-seizes-huge-quantity-diesel/>

ENGLAND, NORTHUMBERLAND, JUNE 19 2012. SECOND CLOSURE FOR A696 IN NORTHUMBERLAND

A section of one of the main routes in Northumberland has been closed after a tanker containing aviation fuel rolled onto its side. The incident happened on the A696 between Kirkwhelpington and the B6342 in the early hours. Emergency services are at the scene and a pump is removing the fuel from the tanker. Diversions are in place and the road will be shut all day. It is the second time in less than three weeks that it has been blocked. On 28 May, a wind turbine stem came off a trailer near Otterburn and the recovery operation took five days.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-tyne-18492122>

TANZANIA, DAR ES SALAAM, JUNE 19 2012. TBS TO BLAME FOR BAD PETROL IMPORTS

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Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), the quality standards watchdog, is to blame for unsuitable petrol imported through the bulk procurement system (BPS) and distributed in the local market between January and March, this year. Sources within the oil industry told this paper that TBS only conducts 11 out of required 17 tests on imported oil and this created a loophole for importation of petrol blended with ethanol beyond the country's specifications. Laboratory tests by the Chief Government Chemist have proved that petrol supplied between January and March contained more ethanol than is required. In an interview with the 'Daily News', the acting Director General of TBS, Mr Leandri Kinabo, said the standards body conducts only 'critical parameters' on imported oil at the port whereas other tests are conducted later. He added: "Not all tests are conducted at the port. We are, however, in the process of purchasing an equipment called RON which checks overall performance of oil at once." He explained further that before bulk procurement, oil came in different specifications for the local market and transit to neighbouring countries. "This was due to the fact that while Tanzania allows some levels of ethanol in petrol; Rwanda doesn't allow ethanol at all. However, standards bodies within the East African Community (EAC) have now agreed on standard specifications within the region," Mr Kinabo said. The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA)'s Manager for Communication and Public Relations, Mr Titus Kaguo, confirmed over a fortnight ago that petrol supplied between January and March this year was out of specifications. "It is true that we have received results from the Government Chemist, which reveal that the fuel consignment was out of specifications. The petrol had more quantum of ethanol beyond the specification requirements," Mr Kaguo said then. Allowable quantum of ethanol on petrol destined for the local market should not exceed 9.5 per cent and such fuel had to be blended at processing plant (at a refinery) and not elsewhere. Despite the findings of the Government Chemist, TBS had earlier maintained that the petrol matched specifications. Mr Kaguo had told this paper then that the industry regulator was further studying the results including establishing why more ethanol has been found in the product before it submits a report to the EWURA Board for final directives. The Petroleum Importation Coordinator (PIC) Board Chair, Mr Mansoor Shanif, said yesterday TBS had always provided it with clean quality certificate. "If there is any problem within the standards body then I am not in a position to comment," Mr Mansoor, also the MP for Kwimba (CCM), told the 'Daily



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News' in a telephone interview. Oil marketing companies had in April, this year, accused the supplier of petroleum products through BPS, Augusta Energy SA, over what they claimed to be poor quality petrol supplied between January and March. Geneva-based Augusta Energy SA won three successive tenders to supply oil through BPS from January to June this year, with each tender covering two months. Through a letter dated April 5, this year, addressed to EWURA, the oil companies, through their apex body, Tanzania Association of Oil Marketing Companies (TAOMAC), said they suspected the petrol to have been blended with ethanol. At this juncture, EWURA submitted petrol samples from diverse sources to the government chemist for further testing. The oil companies had reported various inadequacies with the fuel, ranging from malfunctioning digital flow meters, failure of dispensing units as well as failures of motor vehicles. The representative of Augusta Energy SA in Tanzania, Mr Orlando de Costa, said he had not been informed on the government chemist's findings. "It should also have been noted that at first the companies were not complaining on petrol having more quantity of ethanol but rather on the presence of ethanol in petrol," he said in a telephone interview. Augusta Energy's Managing Director, Giuseppe Nestola, said in a letter dated April 11, 2012, that the disputed fuel had legally acceptable levels of oxygen content of not more than 1.04 per cent which many oil marketing companies imported prior to commencement of bulk procurement.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201206180839.html>

USA, MD, ELLICOTT, JUNE 19 2012. GASOLINE SPILL ON INTERSTATE 70 >> A COLLISION IN WEST FRIENDSHIP RUPTURED A GASOLINE TANKER, SPILLING HUNDREDS OF GALLONS OF FUEL ONTO THE ROAD.

brandie jefferson

More than 200 gallons of gasoline spilled onto Interstate 70 in West Friendship Sunday morning, closing one lane, according to the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services. A vehicle crashed into a tanker carrying diesel fuel just before 9 a.m., on I-70 just prior to MD Route 32, according to an HCDFRS spokesman. There were no injuries, but one lane was closed to traffic. At about 9:30 a.m., the Maryland Department of the Environment was sending out a crew to mitigate the hazardous spill, between 200 and 300 gallons of gasoline, according to HCDFRS.

<http://ellcottcity.patch.com/articles/gasoline-spill-on-interstate-70>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, THOMASTOWN,. JUNE 20 2012. BRAVE DOCTOR SAVES 'STUPID' MAN FROM FUEL STATION FIRE

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[Watch the Video Man Ignites Himself at Petrol Station](#)



A man who lit himself and his car on fire at a petrol station in Melbourne's north was saved by a heroic doctor who saw flames while filling up his car. A potential explosion was averted at APCO on Settlement Road in Thomastown at about 3pm on Sunday after a man put petrol in his car's tank while playing with a cigarette lighter. APCO petrol station owner Suzy Eid, was not working at the time, watched CCTV footage of the incident and said the man's car door caught fire, sending flames up his jumper. "You wouldn't think anyone would be stupid enough to do that. There are signs everywhere warning you - it's so flammable, and people need to know that," she said. "It's incredible that he wasn't seriously injured." Ms Eid said the man immediately ran off when the fire started, but she

praised the actions of Dr Hussein Zaini, who was filling up his car nearby and came over to help put out the flames. "We were very, very lucky. It could have been a disaster," she said. "The doctor who put out the fire should be commended for his bravery. He saved my service station, and people's lives." Dr Zaini's two sons were in his car as the drama unfolded. "I was shocked at first, but things move quickly, so I just went over and tried to help," the 47-year-old said. "It was very dangerous. There could have been serious damage, so I decided to do something straight away, rather than waiting for the fire brigade." He said he could not get a fire extinguisher, so he began putting out the flames with water used to clean cars, and got the fire under control in about two minutes. The MFB was called to the scene but a spokesman said the fire was out by the time they arrived.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/more-news/brave-doctor-saves-stupid-man-from-disaster/story-fn7x8me2-1226401117087>



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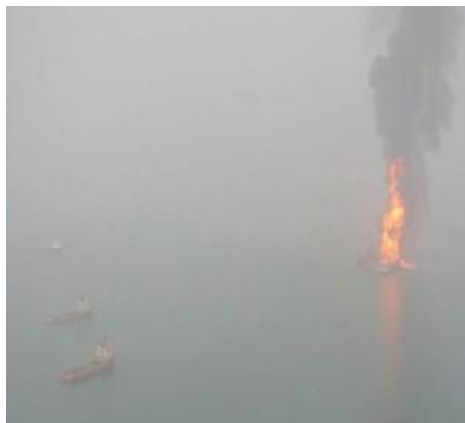
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NIGERIA, LAGOS, JUNE 20 2012. CHEVRON ABANDONS PROBLEMATIC NIGERIAN WELL

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A fire erupted on a drilling rig at Chevron's Funiwa 1A well off the coast of Nigeria on June 16. Chevron Corp. today completed sealing and abandoning a troubled well off the coast of Nigeria, six months after a rig there caught fire and left two workers dead, the company said. The fire burned for more than six weeks after an apparent failure of surface equipment on Jan. 16. The San Ramon, Calif.-based energy giant began drilling a relief well for the Funiwa 1A offshore natural gas well in February. The Funiwa 1A well is located in about 40 feet of water about six miles off the Nigerian coast. The plug and abandonment process was completed today, Chevron spokesman Kurt Glaubitz said. "Production at the North Apoi field, which had been shut in as a precaution, has also been restored and the field is now producing approximately 2,000 barrels of oil per day," Chevron said in a statement today. Chevron has previously said that "initial indications point to the possible failure of surface equipment during drilling operations that led to a loss of well control." "We are working with the regulator on an investigation and that is continuing," said Glaubitz, referring to Nigeria's National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency

and Department of Petroleum Resources. The fire began June 16 and was extinguished March 2. A total of 152 workers at the site were safely evacuated, with few suffering from minor injuries. They have all recovered. Two workers were missing after the incident and are presumed dead, Glaubitz said.

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2012/06/18/chevron-abandons-problematic-nigerian-well/>

ENGLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE, HALTHAM, JUNE 20 2012. LINCOLNSHIRE MAN DIES IN PETROL TANKER CRASH

A 53-year-old man has died after the car he was driving was in collision with a tanker on a Lincolnshire road. Police were called to the A153 at Haltham at about 08:00 BST where they found a Ford Focus had collided with the petrol tanker. The man, believed to live locally, died at the scene. The 39-year-old tanker driver, from Humberside, was not hurt. The road was closed between Horncastle and Coningsby for more than five hours while investigations were carried out. Anyone who may have witnessed the crash is asked to contact Lincolnshire Police.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lincolnshire-18496900>

USA, CA, SAN DIEGO, JUNE 20 2012. CAPTAIN OF NAVY SHIP FIRED AFTER COLLISION >> ESSEX WAS HEADING HOME TO SAN DIEGO WHEN IT HIT A TANKER

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The Navy captain in charge of the Essex, the San Diego-based U.S. warship that collided with an oiler last month, was fired yesterday. Capt. Chuck Litchfield was relieved of his command based on an investigation that found that problems on the bridge contributed to the accident, said Cmdr. Tamsen Reese, spokeswoman for Naval Surface Forces in San Diego. The big-deck amphibious ship Essex was heading home May 16 when it hit the Yukon, an oiler coming to refuel it. No one was injured and no fuel was spilled. The Navy doesn't yet have a cost estimate for damage to the ships. The Essex lost partial rudder control prior to the collision, the Navy said. Following recovery of the rudder, the two ships were closer than normal. At that point, the investigation found that there was a break down in command and control and bridge resource management on the Essex, in addition to poor communications between the two ships, Reese said.

That, coupled with loss of situational awareness on the bridge, led to the collision – and to Litchfield's removal. In the past two years, the Navy has seen a notable spike in firings of commanding officers for personal misbehavior. To be relieved of command for a ship collision is a more traditional occurrence. Litchfield, a 1988 Naval Academy graduate and former helicopter squadron commander, has been reassigned to the staff of Naval Air Forces at North Island Naval Air Station. Capt.



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Jonathan Harnden has temporarily assumed command of the Essex until a permanent replacement is named. He had previously commanded a sister ship, the Bonhomme Richard. The Essex was returning to San Diego after completing 12 years as the Navy's only permanently forward-deployed amphibious assault ship in Sasebo, Japan. Some repairs have already been completed on the Essex and the warship is leaving tomorrow to participate in the Rim of the Pacific exercises in Hawaii. The Yukon is still being repaired.

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/jun/19/captain-navy-ship-fired-after-collision/>

ENGLAND, NORTHUMBERLAND, JUNE 21 2012. KIRKHARLE TANKER AVIATION FUEL SPILL 'THREATENS ENDANGERED CRAYFISH' >> 27,000 LITRES OF AVIATION FUEL



The River Wansbeck is home to a population of native white-clawed crayfish.

A fuel spillage from an overturned tanker has left fears the habitat of the endangered white-clawed crayfish will be damaged. The tanker shed about 27,000 litres of aviation fuel, around two-thirds of its load, when it crashed on the A696 near Kirkharle early on Monday. A clean-up operation is under way, and could take weeks to complete. Environment Agency officers are also monitoring a nearby stream which runs into the River Wansbeck. Absorbent booms have been put into nearby water courses, to contain any leaking oil.

'Noticed a Smell'

Dave Edwardson, from the Environment Agency, said: "We're very concerned about potential pollution. "The Wansbeck catchment is very important for the population of native crayfish, so we've got ecology officers monitoring the impact. "It's inevitable with a spillage of such a large quantity of oil that not all of it will be contained on site. "People living nearby will see some evidence on the surface of water courses, and they will certainly notice a smell in the surrounding area." Environmental officers would be on the site regularly to monitor the progress of the clean-up, Mr Edwardson added. The incident led to the closure of a section of the A696 - one of the main routes into Scotland - for more than 30 hours. On 28 May, the same road was blocked when a wind turbine stem came off a trailer near Otterburn. The recovery operation took five days.

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[A696 Kirkharle Aviation Fuel Spillage Sparks Safety Alert](#)

[Second closure for major route](#)

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USA, CNMI, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, SAIPAN, JUNE 20 2012. CLASS C UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRAINING NOW AVAILABLE

The Federal Energy Policy Act enacted by Congress in 2005 mandates training for all underground storage tank system operators. This means by Aug. 8, 2012, all facilities with underground storage tank systems permitted through the Division of Environmental Quality must have trained Primary and Emergency Response Operators. The Emergency Response Operator (Class C) training is now available and is only available online. To obtain certification as a Class C Operator of an underground storage tank system, you need to complete the five brief interactive lessons, the short quizzes, and review the useful handouts. Once you pass the online course, you will receive a certificate of completion. The course is self-paced and all you need is high-speed Internet and computer speakers. Multiple Users: If you buy more than one Class C license at a time, select the "Training Place" option when you checkout to easily share training with your co-workers. In the event that you do not have high-speed Internet or speakers, you may take the certification and training online at the DEQ office. Testing days are only available on these Mondays: July 2, July 9, July 23, July 30, and Aug. 6. Testing shall be every hour. To reserve your time-slot, call DEQ to make an appointment. As previously announced, the Primary Operator (Class A/B) training and certification shall be held on July 17 and 18; registration will close on Tuesday, June 26. This training is live (in person) and seating is limited. For more information about the UST training and certifications offered, call the DEQ at 664-8500 or 8511 or send an email to jacobblizama@deq.gov.mp

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