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#### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, JUNE 9 2012. SHELL TO CLOSE REFINERY IN SYDNEY AND AXE ALMOST 400 JOBS

kylie williams



*Unions say the Clyde refinery is still profitable but cannot make as much money as moving the facility to South-East Asia.*

Oil giant Shell will close a Sydney refinery in September, shedding almost 400 jobs and raising fresh questions about the future of the industry in Australia. The decision to close down the Clyde refinery, in Sydney's west, comes almost one year after Shell decided to convert the refinery into a dedicated fuel import terminal. Shell Australia downstream president Andrew Smith said the decision was consistent with Shell's strategy to focus its refining portfolio on larger assets and to build a profitable downstream business in Australia. "(But) since the decision was taken (last year), the refinery has continued to struggle against sustained poor industry margins and intense competition from mega-refineries in

Asia," he said. The unions claim the Clyde refinery was still profitable but would not make as much money as moving the facility to South-East Asia because of the high labour costs here and the high Australian dollar. "It is absolutely possible for Shell to maintain the manufacturing facility - it is a profitable operation - but what they've decided to do is pull their manufacturing capability back into South-East Asia where they've got these very large facilities that are even more profitable," Australian Manufacturing Workers Union NSW secretary Tim Ayres said.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/business/shell-to-close-refinery-axe-jobs/story-fn7j19iv-1226388150644>

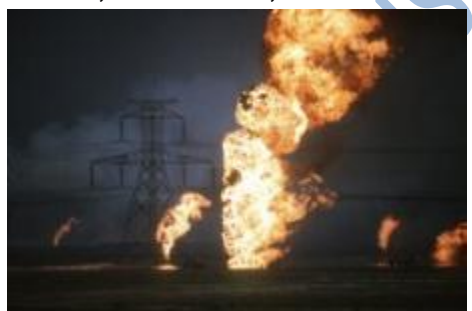
#### CANADA, ALBA, CALGARY, JUNE 9 2012. FIRE SHUTS UNIT AT SHELL'S ALBERTA REFINERY

jeffrey jone

A small fire shut down a production unit at Royal Dutch Shell Scotford refinery in Alberta on Thursday, though there should be "no material impact on production," a spokesman said on Friday. The afternoon blaze at the 100,000-barrel-a-day plant was quickly brought under control and other areas of the plant were operating normally, Shell spokesman David Williams said in an email. He did not provide additional details. "The unit has been safely shut down and is secure," Williams said.

<http://ca.reuters.com/article/businessNews/idCABRE85710W20120608>

#### KUWAIT, KUWAIT CITY, JUNE 9 2012. OAK CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL FIRM TO REMEDIATE KUWAIT OIL DISASTER



Kuwait officials have tapped the resources of BioGenesis Enterprises Inc., a division of Oak Creek-based Amiran Technologies LLC, to remediate the Kuwait oil spill from the first Gulf War. BioGenesis has an initial contract of \$15 million to provide a sand washing system to extract and separate oil, salts and other contaminants. The project will initially employ about 200 people. Biogenesis will use its proprietary systems to clean up the oil and other contaminants in the sands of Kuwait. The oil spill was caused by Saddam Hussein's Iraqi troops in 1990 and the oil leakage lasted at least eight months after the Gulf War ended in 1991. Hussein's forces blew up more than 600 oil wells. The flowing oils and the billions of gallons of sea salt water used to extinguish the flames altered thousands of acres of desert sand, and caused extensive air pollution, plant and animal mortality. Some of the oil has seeped over 40 feet into the sand and the

aquifer used for drinking water and has severely damaged ecosystems. "To provide some perspective about the massive nature of this disaster, the contaminated areas are about 10 times the size of the isle of Manhattan, or three times the size of Yellowstone National Park, or about the size of the state of New Jersey," said Mohsen Amiran, chief executive officer of BioGenesis. Amiran Technologies has developed processes to remove contamination from polluted materials. Amiran, a



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scientist with an expertise in organic chemistry and the founder of Amiran Technologies LLC, has developed the company's processes to remove contamination from polluted materials. The company says it has the capability to establish facilities, with its own equipment and equipment built to spec and provided by another company, and use chemicals that it has developed, to treat contaminated materials, breaking them down into separate, clean, useful materials. The United Nations War Reparations Fund has allocated \$3 billion for the Kuwait sands clean-up. Iraq pays five percent of its oil revenues as war reparations and still owes Kuwait about \$22 billion, according to BioGenesis. This is the second major project announced by Amiran Technologies this year. In April, Amiran Technologies announced that it will build a \$12 million plant in Maria Stein, Ohio, to process swine, poultry and dairy livestock manure into dry organic fertilizer for commercial sale. The fertilizer will be pathogen and e coli free, and will be priced competitively with synthetic fertilizers on the market, the company says.

<http://www.biztimes.com/article/20120608/ENEWSLETTERS02/120609816>

### CANADA, ALTA, SUNDRE, JUNE 9 2012. CREWS TRY TO CONTAIN 475,000-LITRE OIL SPILL FLOWING INTO RED DEER RIVER SYSTEM >> ALBERTA PREMIER VISIT SITE, PROMISES INVESTIGATION



*Oil from a Plains Midstream Canada pipeline leak coats a pond near Sundre on June 8, 2012.*

Crews scrambled Friday to contain and clean up a pipeline leak thought to have spilled up to 475,000 litres of crude oil flowing into a rain-swollen Red Deer River system in west-central Alberta. Plains Midstream Canada said the oil spilled into Jackson Creek near Sundre, about 100 kilometres from Red Deer. The creek flows into the Red Deer River. When the spill was discovered Thursday night, the company closed off its network of pipelines in the area. Premier Alison Redford headed to nearby Dixon Dam to hold a news conference Friday, where she said the spill had been contained to the Gleniffer reservoir and crews were working to minimize the environmental impact. She said there will be an investigation but added that Alberta's pipeline system is supported by a strong regulatory

framework that serves as a model for other jurisdictions. "It's my expectation that the minister of environment and the minister of energy, as well as the (Energy Resources Conservation Board), will have to review those investigations once they're completed to determine the cause of this incident, and then to take whatever steps might need to be taken in order to prevent this in the future. "It is unfortunate when these events happen. We are fortunate in this province that they don't happen very often, and we can have some confidence that when they do happen, we have plans in place to deal with them." Tracey McCrimmon, executive director of a community group that works with the industry, said people who live just north of Sundre phoned in reports Thursday night of smelling rotten eggs. "The first call that we got was at 8:40 p.m.," said McCrimmon, director of the Sundre Petroleum Operators Group. "We called all of the oil and gas operators within six kilometres of the area. They were able to source the odour within an hour." Heavy rains have swollen streams and rivers in the area and local officials are concerned the oil will spread more quickly down the system. "There's oil in the river and the river is moving very quickly right now because of the recent rains and meltwater," said Bruce Beattie, reeve of Mountain View County. "It's going to be a major environmental concern for sure." Marcy Bloss woke up Friday morning to an oily stench drifting in the window of her home about two kilometres from Gleniffer reservoir. "Once you got to the lake the smell was overpowering," Bloss said. Alberta Environment spokeswoman Jessica Potter said people downstream of the spill have been told not to use river water until further notice. "Water intakes have been shut at all facilities downstream and we are encouraging people to shut-in their water and not draw from the river at this time." Sundre is upriver from the spill, but Red Deer is downstream. The City of Red Deer has been told booms will be set up on the river near the Dickson dam and Gleniffer reservoir. "We are monitoring the situation at this time," said Leslie Chivers, a city spokesman. "If things change, then we'll advise residents of further actions that will be happening." Plains Midstream vice-president Stephen Bart said the company is doing everything possible to limit the environmental impacts. "We're committing the resources necessary to mount a full-scale response." Containment booms and skimmers have been set up at the reservoir to sop up the crude oil before it reaches the Dickson Dam and key waterways for municipalities upstream, the company said. The spill comes as Plains Midstream continues to clean up an April 29, 2011, pipeline spill of 4.5 million litres of oil northeast of Peace River. That leak — one of the largest in Alberta history — happened in a remote area on the 772-kilometre, 44-year-old Rainbow line between Zama, Alta. and Edmonton. Energy critics and conservation groups say the spill near Sundre raises new questions about pipeline safety, monitoring and the enforcement of



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environmental regulations. "Albertans should be extremely concerned that these pipeline spills keep happening and (about) the weak detection systems in place," said Madeline Wilson of the Alberta Wilderness Association. Alberta's Opposition Wildrose Party called the spill further evidence the government is failing to effectively enforce the energy industry. "Our regulations are no good unless we have the boots on the ground to enforce them," said Wildrose environment critic Joe Anglin. "There is no reason why these kinds of spills should be occurring in Alberta."

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#### ECUADOR, QUITO, JUNE 9 2012. ECUADOR CLEAN WATER CHARITY STARTED AMID OIL FIGHT

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 **Photo Gallery [9]** [Ecuador clean water charity started amid oil fight](#)



Ecuadorans rinse off with water from a system to collect rainwater installed by veterans of the 18-year legal fight with oil firms to clean up the tribes' contaminated water. The ClearWater Project has put in 52 of the systems so far. Residents of Ecuador's rain forest have spent 18 years fighting American oil companies that they say poisoned their water and land. And while their lawsuit grinds on, the water remains tainted. So several veterans of the legal fight have set up a charity to bring clean drinking water to Ecuador's oil patch, one home at a time. The ClearWater Project buys and installs systems that catch, filter and store rainwater as it rolls off roofs. Fifty-two of the systems have been installed among the area's indigenous tribes. "The whole point of this is that the tribes have suffered for a very long time," said Mitch Anderson, one of the project's founders. "They've waged a very heroic and dignified lawsuit, which has become

a monster, a beast. Someday there will be a resolution to this. But in the meanwhile, the tribes are looking to survive on a daily basis." Like everything else in the lawsuit, which now targets Chevron Corp. of San Ramon, the extent of water contamination around Ecuador's oil fields remains the subject of bitter dispute.

#### Oil or Bacteria

Chevron blames the area's industrial pollution on the state-run oil company, Petroecuador, but insists that water in the area isn't as contaminated as opponents say - at least not by oil. Bacterial pollution from a lack of sanitation is a bigger threat, according to Chevron. Regardless, people in the area don't trust the water that they must drink. "In none of the communities has there been clean water, so clearly it's very important to the communities to get clean water sources finally after all these years," said Robinson Yumbo, a resident of the area and plaintiff in the lawsuit, speaking through a translator.

#### Government No Help

The government, he said, hasn't been much help. "In Ecuador, there are great lacks of many government services: health services, water services," he said. "We've been pressuring the government for so many years in so many areas." A Chevron spokesman said that while bringing the area's residents clean water is a worthwhile goal, the ClearWater Project misleads people about the nature of the problem - and the nature of the suit. An Ecuadoran judge fined the company \$18 billion last year, but Chevron has vowed not to pay, accusing the judge and the opposing team's lawyers of fraud and misconduct. "Any effort to provide a bacteria-free source of water represents progress in a region that's been neglected by Ecuador's



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government," said Chevron spokesman Kent Robertson. "Unfortunately, the project fails to draw attention to the reality of the situation, instead perpetuating knowingly false information that's the foundation of a fraudulent lawsuit." It isn't the first time someone has tried to address the area's water problem. Trudie Styler, wife of pop star Sting, worked with UNICEF in 2008 and 2009 to install barrels with filters in some local communities. The ClearWater Project also started with celebrity assistance. Rea Garvey, an Irish musician popular in Germany, took an interest in the tribes' situation after meeting Anderson, who used to be the corporate campaign director of an environmental group supporting the Ecuadorans against Chevron. Garvey didn't want to get involved in the lawsuit, but he did want to help the people on the ground, Anderson said. Garvey provided the project's initial \$70,000 in seed money.

#### Tastes Like Rust

Tribes living in the Ecuadoran Amazon usually draw their drinking water from streams and springs. Sometimes the water looks, tastes and smells clean, Anderson said. Often, however, it has a taste that Anderson - a sometime-San Franciscan and blogger for SFGate.com who now lives in Ecuador - likens to rust. Many of the streams, he said, have oil sheens visible along their banks. Oil companies have drilled in the area since the 1960s, leaving behind waste pits that contain a mixture of water, petroleum and chemicals. Texaco operated there from 1964 to 1992, and Chevron inherited the lawsuit when it bought Texaco in 2001. When Texaco pulled out of Ecuador, it reached an agreement with the government to clean up a portion of the area. The rest was left to Petroecuador, which continues to pump oil there. The systems that ClearWater installs collect rainwater sluicing down the corrugated metal roofs common in the region. Gutters channel the water through a series of filters, then to a large plastic storage tank. No electricity is required, just gravity. The project hires locals to do the installation, with 10 employed so far. More importantly, the tribes have set up a committee to teach their members how to maintain and repair the rainwater systems.

#### Fund Oversight in SF

A San Francisco humanitarian organization, Groundwork Opportunities, manages the project's finances. In addition, two environmental groups involved in the suit against Chevron will help promote the project, and one of them, the Rainforest Action Network, has given ClearWater money. But Anderson said he wants ClearWater to remain distinct from the lawsuit, which shows no sign of ending. "I believe the lawsuit and the campaign have raised enough awareness about this, internationally, that there's enough people in the world who want a meaningful way to support the communities now," Anderson said.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2012/06/09/BUCV1OTAE7.DTL&type=business>

#### TURKEY, JUNE 10 2012. WATCH A TURBO PORSCHE FLY INTO A TURKISH GAS STATION

##### Watch the Videos:

- [THIS is What Happens When You Mistake the Gas Pedal for the Brake in a Porsche 911 Turbo](#)
- [Watch a Turbo Porsche Fly Into a Turkish Gas Station](#)
- [Female Crashes Porsche 911 Turbo into Gas Station in Turkey](#)



The tall pedal goes and the wide pedal stops. It seems like a simple enough concept, but as this unbelievable video footage showing a Porsche 911 Turbo illustrates, it's still tough for some people to fully grasp. A Turkish woman was pulling up to a gas station this past weekend when she made the more common than it should be mistake of hitting the gas pedal instead of the brake. The result of this brief error in judgment combined with the power of the 997 Turbo is what you see here. After hitting a car park at a gas pump, the out of control Porsche flew into the building at a high rate of speed. An employee of the gas station sustained minor injuries in the violent crash while the driver and her passenger both escaped uninjured. It certainly appears the Porsche got the worst of it.

According to Carscoop, the two young women left the scene of the accident by taxi, wrapped in red sheets to avoid photographers. We sincerely hope for the sake of both Turkish motorists and other Turbo Porsches in the country the driver of this out of control P-car sticks to being driven by somebody else for a while.

<http://jalopnik.com/5917067/watch-a-turbo-porsche-fly-into-a-turkish-gas-station>



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#### PHILIPPINES, BOHOL PROVINCE, PANGLAO ISLAND, DAUIS TOWN, JUNE 10 2012. JATROPHA FRUITS DOWN 41 PUPILS IN BOHOL >> SEEDS USED IN MANUFACTURING BIODIESEL

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At least 41 school children in the town of Dauis in Bohol fell ill after eating the poisonous fruits of Jatropha plants planted around the school while they were on their lunch break on Friday, police and hospital authorities said Saturday. Twenty-five of the children had been discharged from the Governor Celestino Gallares Hospital in Tagbilaran City by Saturday afternoon, but 16 were still confined there, according to pediatric ward nurse Abigail Mercader. The children, she added in a telephone interview, were in stable condition although they still had fever and complained of dizziness. Dauis is located on Panglao Island, one of the major tourist attractions in Bohol, because of its white-sand beaches. Senior Superintendent Constantino Barot Jr., Bohol Provincial Police Office director, said that based on the reports from the Dauis police, Jatropha plants were used as posts for the fence around the Tutolan Elementary School. The pupils, aged 6 to 10, plucked low-lying Jatropha fruits and ate them during lunch break on Friday. The stricken pupils consisted of 23 boys and 13 girls from Grades I, II, III and IV.

At 1:30 p.m., school advisers of the four classes reported that the pupils were complaining of stomach pain. Some vomited inside the classrooms. The school officials called up the provincial emergency and communication group, TARSIER 117, and requested an ambulance to transport the children to the provincial hospital in Tagbilaran City. At least 36 pupils were brought to the hospital at 4:25 p.m., according to a spot report submitted by the Dauis police station to Barot. Five others were taken to the hospital in the evening. Jatropha is a small tree or shrub that normally grows between three and five meters high, according to the website [www.jatrophabiodiesel.org](http://www.jatrophabiodiesel.org). Considered a "wonder plant," the seeds of Jatropha have an oil content of 37 percent and have been used in the manufacture of biodiesel fuel. Hospital nurse Mercader said the children ate the Jatropha fruits because they tasted like chocolates and peanuts. "They said it tasted like peanuts and chocolates. So they decided to peel the fruits and ate them," she said. She added the pupils had already been warned against eating the fruits, which are poisonous. Barot said he instructed the Dauis police to coordinate with the school officials in cutting down the Jatropha plants. He said he wanted the jatropha plants replaced with the edible "malunggay" or moringa oleifera.

<http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/209789/jatropha-fruits-down-41-pupils-in-bohol>

#### USA, TX, BRAZOS, JUNE 10 2012. OSR SHUTDOWN, GASOLINE TANKER OVERTURNED

A busy Brazos Valley highway remains shutdown Saturday evening after a tanker truck carrying gasoline rolled over at OSR near Macey Road in northeast Brazos County. Some of the gasoline inside the tanker leaked onto the highway. TxDOT tells us it could be 8 o'clock before the site is cleaned up and the 18-wheeler towed away. Amazingly the driver was not injured in the rollover and was released from the scene. A scene of destruction littered OSR at F-M 1940 in Brazos County after a driver ran off the road, rolling over his tanker truck. Drivers like Mark Jones of Bryan were waiting for hours to get through. He and his wife are headed to their lake house at Camp Creek. "Well I was coming and Bryan Fire Department ambulance passed me so I caught up to it and I went ahead and blocked off the road to help the sheriff and DPS and everybody," said Jones. The truck's cab was destroyed and gasoline leaked out of the tanker. DPS Trooper Kelly Krieg tells us the truck driver was heading east on OSR when the crash happened a little before noon. "It just left the roadway for unknown reasons at this point due to it being a heavy truck and a soft shoulder on this road once it left the roadway it was done. It rolled ¾ of a turn to the right and came to a rest where it's at now," said Krieg. Crews were working to clean the spilled gas which we're told landed in the nearby grass and isn't close to any water sources. "As soon as we can get the rest of the gasoline pumped out of this tanker and then we get the truck overturned and get it out of that ditch then traffic will be reopened on this highway," Trooper Krieg added. "Experience from driving 18-wheelers for the last 13 and a half years he's very lucky because usually the cabs just crumble they are basically paper thin walls and all that. So he's very lucky," said Mark Jones. As of now the driver is not being ticketed for the single vehicle accident. We'll keep you posted on the cleanup. DPS is still investigating why the driver lost control.

#### Previous Story

OSR near Macey Road is expected to remain closed until Saturday night due to a major accident involving a gasoline tanker truck that has overturned and leaked contents. HAZMAT crews are on scene to clean up the spill. TXDOT says that an 18-wheeler hauling gas has turned over on OSR at FM 1940 in Brazos County. Emergency personnel are on the scene. OSR will remain closed in this area until 8pm tonight while crews clean the spilled gas. Motorists should find an alternate route. The driver was not injured in the accident and was not taken to the hospital. DPS Troopers tell News 3 he lost control for some



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reason and went off onto the soft shoulder which caused the truck to roll over. KBTX will bring more information as it becomes available.

[http://www.kbtx.com/home/headlines/OSR\\_Shutdown\\_Gasoline\\_Tanker\\_Overtuned\\_158306765.html](http://www.kbtx.com/home/headlines/OSR_Shutdown_Gasoline_Tanker_Overtuned_158306765.html)

#### USA, PA, AMWELL, JUNE 10 2012. DEP 'KEEPS YOU IN DARK' ABOUT SPILLS, OFFICIALS SAY

*tim puko*

Gas drilling-related companies spilled oils, gases or chemicals about 134 times onto land and into water across Pennsylvania since Jan. 1, 2011, but the state rarely, if ever, notified the public. By law, it doesn't have to. Officials from a dozen Western Pennsylvania townships affected by the spills want such notification. State Department of Environmental Protection records obtained by the Tribune-Review show at least 27 spills from shale drilling in 19 townships in the agency's 10-county southwestern region during that time. Most officials the Trib contacted said they knew nothing about the incidents. DEP officials "don't tell us any more than they have to. I think we ... have a right to know," said Ed Barale, a supervisor in Amwell. DEP records show Texas-based Range Resources Corp. was responsible for a stream discharge, a drilling fluid leak and an overturned tanker spilling brine in Amwell -- all of which township officials learned about weeks later from workers, Barale said. "DEP keeps you in the dark, anyhow. So I don't have much faith in them," he said. The state agency is revising its policy for spill responses, but during 60 days of public comment this spring no municipal officials complained about its communication practices, said Kevin Sunday, DEP spokesman in Harrisburg. The state's records can be misinterpreted, he said. What DEP classified as a "stream discharge" in Amwell instead was 200 barrels of brine water in a roadside channel that leads to a lined pond the company created to hold spills, Sunday said. "It's just the way they have to enter these things in, which is very, very confusing," said Matt Pitzarella, Range's spokesman. "Unfortunately, you have mechanical errors, but they're engineered so that when these things happen, we're able to excavate it, and there's no impact to the environment, including the one with the stream." Range agreed in April to pay \$18,025 for some violations in Amwell and in Hopewell, Washington County, but a resolution to this spill is pending, Pitzarella said. Three Amwell families are suing the company and DEP over environmental problems they claim stem from Range's operations.

#### State Withholds Some Information

DEP issued citations for at least 52 of 134 drilling-related spills, and said 50 of them involved polluted water. Drillers failed to properly report nearly a third of pollution incidents as required, according to the list of violations. DEP withheld 92 pages of documents about numerous incidents, saying the state's open records law allows it to keep investigative records and informants' names confidential, so the total number of incidents could be higher. The records withheld include "emergency response/notification reports, a chronology of an investigation and an investigative report as to a wide assortment of events in and around various well sites." According to DEP records, incidents unreported to the public include:

- A drilling wastewater truck overturned on June 28, 2011, on its way to a Chevron well, spilling an unknown amount of diesel fuel into an unnamed tributary of Lilly Run in Redstone, Fayette County. Chevron agreed to pay a \$6,000 fine that also covered another diesel spill and sediment pollution at two other Fayette County wells.
- Workers for Williams Companies Inc. illegally dumped sediment and allowed a drilling fluid pit to overflow at separate well sites in Derry in 2011. Williams agreed to pay a \$15,500 fine.
- A plastic tank spilled 130 gallons of methanol on the ground at an Exco Resources Inc. well in Cowanshannock, Armstrong County, on March 30, 2011. Workers recovered 70 percent of the liquid before it saturated the soil. The file for the well contained no record of any related fine, though the company agreed in February to pay \$15,000 for drilling deeper than the Marcellus shale there without a permit.
- The department is required to notify municipal officials about some spills that take more than 90 days to clean, and it must notify water users of any spills that might affect their supply, Sunday said. He said the department notifies local officials during emergencies when violations risk public health or safety though the law does not require that.

#### Neighbors Require Notification

Companies must immediately report to DEP any spills that threaten to pollute state waterways -- and ultimately must report all spills, Sunday said. Any brine spill of more than 5 gallons must be reported within two hours of detection, he said, but noted, "This is categorically a different kind of spill, in need of different response measures than a larger-scale accident, where we would need to -- and do -- coordinate with local officials." Municipal leaders in Center in Greene County met with department officials after Downtown-based EQT Corp. spilled 480 gallons of diesel fuel into Patterson Run in December, said Edward



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"Butch" Deter, chairman of the township's board of supervisors and president of Center Township Volunteer Fire Department, Company 91. Local leaders didn't know about the spill until the Tribune-Review notified them in March. Center officials want automatic notification of any event but haven't figured out how to mandate that, Deter said. Department officials told them they wouldn't want to know about every small spill, he said. It isn't clear that DEP officials should be making that judgement if a 480-gallon spill went unreported to the public, he said. "Any time a company has to notify DEP, they should have to notify a municipal official," Deter said. "Let us know about everything, and we'll decide how we respond to it." In West Virginia, drillers must identify anyone living within a mile of their wells and notify them of any accidents or spills, said Kathy Cosco, spokeswoman for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. They notify an emergency contact at the county level for emergencies, which aren't specifically defined, Cosco said. Ohio has no such requirement, said Linda Oros, spokeswoman at the state's Environmental Protection agency. "If there's some sort of public impact where there's going to be sheltering action, or evacuation that's required, then, of course, we would notify the public," Oros said. Pennsylvania lawmakers have mandated that drillers register geographic coordinates with state and county emergency agencies. An idea with bipartisan support in the House would create a real-time network monitoring system to alert municipal emergency managers - and other county and state officials - of any well-site problems, said state Reps. Randy Vulakovich, R-Shaler, and Bud George, D-Clearfield County.

<http://triblive.com/news/1944049-74/officials-dep-state-county-spills-public-spill-department-drilling-notify>

### USA, TX, CANADIAN, JUNE 10 2012. PIPELINE WORKER HURT IN TEXAS PANHANDLE EXPLOSION

An equipment operator has been slightly hurt in a fiery explosion near a natural gas pipeline in the Texas Panhandle. Hemphill County Sheriff Morse Burroughs says the accident happened Friday morning about 11 miles east of Canadian. Burroughs says a Presser Construction Inc. crew was working on a pipeline that had been shut off. The sheriff says some residual gas got sucked into the running engine of a track hoe, which ignited. Burroughs says the track hoe operator suffered minor injuries and was treated and released from a hospital. The track hoe and three service trucks burned. Firefighters monitored the blaze, which burned itself out. Denver-based DCP Midstream says company officials are investigating and regulators have been notified. The accident involved a 4-inch low pressure gathering line. Presser declined comment.

<http://www.newschannel10.com/story/18739201/pipeline-worker-hurt-in-texas-panhandle-explosion>

### USA, AKA, KODIAK, JUNE 10 2012. 174-FOOT ARMY LANDING CRAFT RUNS AGROUND, SPILLS FUEL INTO ALASKAN BAY

*gil aegerter*



*The Army vessel Monterrey is grounded on Puffin Island in Chiniak Bay near Kodiak on Saturday. A boom was placed around the vessel to help contain spilled diesel.*

A 174-foot Army Reserve landing craft carrying equipment to help move an Alaskan village struck a rock in a bay near Kodiak, then was run aground to keep the vessel from sinking, causing thousands of gallons of fuel to spill, Coast Guard and Army Reserve officials said Saturday. The Monterrey was crossing Womens Bay with a crew of 15 aboard on Friday night when it struck a submerged rock, said Petty Officer 3rd Class Grant DeVuyst, a Coast Guard spokesman in Kodiak. The Coast Guard received a Mayday about 10:15 p.m. local time, and the vessel was grounded about four miles away on Puffin Island

in Chiniak Bay, DeVuyst told msnbc.com. Two fuel compartments appeared to have been breached, spilling more than 15,000 gallons of diesel fuel, DeVuyst said. He said that the fuel was expected to disperse but that the Coast Guard was working to get skimmers in to clean up any remaining diesel. The Monterrey was traveling from Port Hueneme, Calif., to Bethel in western Alaska, carrying a load of construction equipment and vehicles for the Marine Corps, said Maj. Annmarie Daneker, media relations officer with the Army Reserve in Fort Bragg, N.C. Daneker told msnbc.com that three crew members who suffered minor injuries were taken to Kodiak, treated and released. Daneker said the first focus would be on cleaning up any spilled fuel, then getting the equipment off the Monterrey. She said the Army Reserve would dispatch another vessel to pick up the equipment unless the Marine Corps required a quicker effort. The construction equipment was to be used in a federal project to move the villagers of Newtok to Mertarvik, about nine miles away, the Army Reserve said in a statement. The Marine Corps



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is leading the construction of an emergency shelter, homes, roads and an airfield for the villagers. Newtok, a Yupik Eskimo village of about 400 people on the Ninglick River in western Alaska, is threatened by erosion and melting and sinking permafrost.

[http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/\\_news/2012/06/09/12145335-174-foot-army-landing-craft-runs-aground-spills-fuel-into-alaskan-bay?lite](http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/06/09/12145335-174-foot-army-landing-craft-runs-aground-spills-fuel-into-alaskan-bay?lite)

#### ISRAEL, LERUSALEM, JUNE 10 2012. DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE LEAKS AT AIRPORT WAREHOUSE

*eli senyor*

Four tanks containing 800 liters of acrylamide break open at warehouse in Ben Gurion Airport, seven hours after being unloaded from El Al flight. Man, 65, lightly injured. The [Israel](#) Airports Authority (IAA) invoked special protocol on Saturday after four tanks containing 800 liters of a dangerous substance broke open and began to leak, some seven hours after being unloaded from an El Al cargo plane. A 65-year-old man who experienced a burning sensation in his eyes was taken to the Chaim Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer. The tanks had been stored at the Maman group's Cargo Terminal warehouses according to procedure, Ynet learned. An unknown chemical reaction led the containers to break open and the acrylamide substance to leak. The area has been evacuated and experts on dangerous substances from Petah Tikva's fire station were dispatched to the site. Firefighters are trying to prevent leaks from the other containers, 10 of which were unloaded from the plane. IAA chief Yaakov Ganot has barred aerial transport of acrylamide until the circumstances behind the event are made clear. El Al's spokesman said that the incident occurred seven hours after a 747-400 Boeing airplane which departed from Belgium landed at the Ben Gurion Airport. "A malfunction occurred while the cargo was being unloaded," the statement said. "No damage was caused to the plane which departed for another cargo flight." The IAA said that it had invoked the hazardous substances protocol and that the incident is under the responsibility of the Maman Group. "The airport continues regular operations," the statement said. Prof. Amnon Albeck of the Bar Ilan University said that acrylamide is toxic but has no immediate fatal effect. He said that the substance can cause irritation in the eye or the upper airway and that prolonged and intense exposure to it could prove lethal, but not in small amounts. Earlier this week, a wide-scale drill simulating a crash landing and plane inflammation was held at the Ben Gurion Airport.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4240212,00.html>

#### USA, CA, HAYWARD, JUNE 10 2012. FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDED TO HAZMAT SITUATION AT BATTERY COMPANY

Firefighters responded to a hazardous materials fire at a lithium ion battery company's laboratory in Hayward on Friday afternoon, a fire captain said. The fire was reported at 3:35 p.m. at Seeo, a company located at 3906 Trust Way, Hayward fire Capt. Thor Poulsen said. Firefighters arrived to find heavy smoke and fire at the company's lab, and eventually found the source of the blaze -- a bucket with the chemical hexane in it that had caught fire, Poulsen said. The chemical is extremely flammable and burns with a nearly invisible flame, he said, adding that investigators do not know why the material caught fire. The blaze was extinguished at 3:56 p.m. and was contained to the laboratory, according to Poulsen. About 25 employees at the company were safely evacuated from the building and no injuries were reported to any firefighters or civilians, Poulsen said. The fire department's hazardous materials coordinator and fire marshal were at the company late Friday afternoon to try to determine the cause of the fire, which caused about \$1,000 in damage to the lab, Poulsen said.

[http://abclocal.go.com/kgi/story?section=news/local/east\\_bay&id=8695677](http://abclocal.go.com/kgi/story?section=news/local/east_bay&id=8695677)

#### USA, UT, SALT LAKE CITY, JUNE 10 2012. SALT LAKE CITY CREWS BATTLE 3-ALARM FIRE NEAR TESORO REFINERY >> BLAZE » FLAMES ERUPT IN SALVAGE YARD, ALSO DAMAGE NEARBY BAR.

*bob mims*

Firefighters rushed to the area of the Tesoro Corp. crude oil refinery early Saturday as flames and thick smoke filled Salt Lake City's northern dawn horizon. Salt Lake City Fire Department spokesman Jasen Asay said the three-alarm fire, spotted just before 6 a.m. in a salvage yard field adjacent and east of Tesoro property, was fought by about 60 firefighters and numerous engines. By 8 a.m., the flames had been extinguished. "The fire was not on Tesoro's property itself but in a two-acre field that was a salvage yard. There were old tires, wood pallets, wood piles, some trees and a shed that burned," Asay said. "Tesoro did assist Salt Lake City firefighters with its own engine, but the flames never burned into the refinery property." However, flames did cause mostly exterior damage to rear, patio and office areas of the nearby Garage Bar. Firefighters removed computers and file cabinets to save them from being damaged as they fought that portion of the blaze, which was out within an



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hour of their arrival. The bar's owners expected to be closed for at least two weeks, Asay said. Investigators were on scene Saturday to determine the cause of the fire. A contingent of firefighters also remained through the afternoon to guard against any hot spots reigniting, Asay said. Tesoro, based in San Antonio, Texas, processes more than 60,000 barrels per day at the plant at 1200 N. Beck St. It receives shipments of crude oil from eastern Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Canada to process into gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, heavy fuel oils and liquefied petroleum gas. Through a network of terminals and pipelines, those products are then distributed to markets in Utah, Idaho, eastern Washington, Nevada and Wyoming. The refinery also supplies jet fuel to the Salt Lake City airport.

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/utes/54273609-78/tesoro-lake-salt-fire.html.csp>

#### ENGLAND, BIRKSHIRE, BRACKNESSL, JUNE 10 2012. POISONED SWANS IMPROVING AFTER DIESEL SPILL

*hugh fort*

The condition of two swans poisoned after diesel spilled into a lake on Friday is improving, charity workers say. The swans from North Lake at South Hill Park in Ringmead, Birch Hill, were rescued by volunteers from the Swan Lifeline charity on Friday after swallowing large amounts of the fuel. The swans still have a lot of fuel in their feathers and are needing repeated cleaning at the centre in Windsor. However, the male, who was seriously ill, has now begun to feed and is swimming again. Volunteers say the birds will have to stay at the weather for while to ensure they are clean and to allow them to redevelop their natural waterproofing in their feathers. Drainage experts are still at the lake this morning re-oxygenating the water to try ensure other wildlife isn't affected. Volunteers from Swan Lifeline and the Raven Haven charity in Crowthorne are keeping a close eye on the Mill Pond in Wildridings, which is linked to the lake, to see whether any of the diesel spreads into that lake. Several birds have already died after ingesting the fuel and the volunteers fear more will be affected if the fuel spills into Mill Pond. Three young coots are being looked after at Raven Haven after their parents were poisoned by the fuel,

[http://www.getbracknell.co.uk/news/s/2115047\\_update\\_poisoned\\_swans\\_improving\\_after\\_diesel\\_spill](http://www.getbracknell.co.uk/news/s/2115047_update_poisoned_swans_improving_after_diesel_spill)

#### USA, IN, INDIANAPOLIS, JUNE 11 2012. CAR SLAMS INTO GAS PUMP, CATCHES FIRE



Officers are investigating a crash at a westside gas station, where a car slammed into a gas pump and caught fire. The incident happened around 3am Sunday morning at the Shell Gas Station near 10th street and North Glen Arm Road. An emergency stop was put on the gas being delivered to the gas pump and the gas station had to be evacuated as a precaution. Firefighters were able to put out the fire quickly. No one was seriously hurt.

[http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/marion\\_county/car-slams-into-gas-pump-catches-fire](http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/marion_county/car-slams-into-gas-pump-catches-fire)

#### NIGERIA, CROSS RIVER STATE, CALABAR, JUNE 11 2012. FUEL TANKER EXPLOSION KILLS ONE, INJURES 11



One person was yesterday killed in a fuel tanker explosion at the Marina Road, Calabar, injuring over 11 persons and destroying property worth billions of naira. The fuel tanker which skidded off the road shortly after loading fuel from Shoreline Logistic, a subsidiary of Adax, Marina Road Calabar along the cost line of Calabar river overturned as the driver was trying to meander out of the gate of the company spilling off its content and exploding into flames emitting thick smoke that was sighted about 6km radius in Calabar Municipality. The fuel which flowed down the slope at the beach area amidst flames consumed over 20 vehicles parked along the road while residential buildings and shops were also touched. Also burnt were facilities of the Shoreline Logistic Company which included haulage trucks, fuel storage tanks, offices and other equipments worth billions of naira. A camp with over 10 buildings. located about 200m from the scene of the inferno was also burnt displacing over 30 occupants. An eye witness Mr. Okechukwu recounted that he was on the steering of his truck waiting for the fuel



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tanker to meander its way out of the gate of the company unto the road when suddenly it skidded and turn over spilling its content and busting into flames. Okechukwu said the explosion threw up a man suspected to be the driver of the tanker about 10m high and landing him into a thick flame that had enveloped the tanker.

[http://leadership.ng/nga/articles/26964/2012/06/10/fuel\\_tanker\\_explosion\\_kills\\_one\\_injures\\_11.html](http://leadership.ng/nga/articles/26964/2012/06/10/fuel_tanker_explosion_kills_one_injures_11.html)

#### **NIGERIA, LAGOS, OTEDELO BRIDGE, JUNE 11 2012. LAGOS RESIDENTS SEEK RESTRICTIONS ON ARTICULATED VEHICLES >> THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN INCIDENTS OF FUEL TANKERS BEING OVERTURNED**

jewel stephen



Some residents of Lagos State have called on the government to ban the movement of articulated vehicles during the daytime, following Saturday's accident involving a fuel-laden tanker near Berger Bus Stop on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway. According to residents of the area, the timely arrival of firefighters and Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) officials prevented what could have been a major fire disaster, as the tanker emptied its content on the expressway. The accident caused heavy traffic on both sides of the highway, as firemen made frantic efforts to prevent the spilled fuel from igniting. Dele Omogboyega, a civil servant who was at the scene of the accident, said that most of the accidents on the expressway were caused by heavy-duty trucks. He urged the state government to ban heavy-duty trucks and articulated vehicles from travelling on the highway during the day. "Almost everyday, accidents on this road are caused by tankers and we want government to ban them from

moving on the road during the day because we are fed up with this nuisance," he said. Omogboyega noted that most of the tankers were not roadworthy and urged road traffic authorities to intervene and stop the anomaly so as to prevent continued loss of lives on the roads. Shakiru Ishola, a commercial driver, blamed the accidents on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway on the recklessness of the trailer drivers. "Most of the trailer drivers have no regard for traffic rules and regulations; they are always inconsiderate of other road users," he said. Bosede Oloyede, a businesswoman, commended the firefighters for their prompt response, adding that it could have been very catastrophic if the accident had provoked an inferno. "I have spent more than two hours in this traffic gridlock as a result of the tanker that fell but we thank God that no life was lost," she said. "The Federal Government should construct special lanes for heavy-duty trucks, just like the BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) lane constructed by the Lagos State Government."

<http://dailytimes.com.ng/article/lagos-residents-seek-restrictions-articulated-vehicles>

#### **USA, WI, GRAND CHUTE, JUNE 11 2012. U.S. 41, GOLF COURSE REOPENED AFTER SIX-HOUR CHEMICAL SPILL RESPONSE**

[Watch the Video](#) [Golf Course Reopened after 6 Hour Spill Response](#)



*Emergency personnel work at the rear of a trailer at 41 and Prospect Ave. on Saturday June 9, 2012.*

All lanes of U.S. 41 northbound were reopened shortly after 2:30 p.m. today after several local agencies, including the regional hazardous materials team, responded to a leak coming from a semi-trailer that had stopped on the highway just north of W. Prospect Avenue/County BB. About 8:40 a.m. today a semi driver notified the driver of a UPS Freight tandem trailer that the second trailer was leaking something onto the highway as it drove from Oshkosh to the Appleton area. About 100 gallons of methyl pyrrolidinone, a liquid with agricultural uses and also as an industrial lubricant that is combustible and also

an irritant, was spilled along the highway after an apparent load shift caused another shipment to fall onto a 250-gallon plastic container surrounded by a metal cage, causing damage that led to the leak. No evacuation was needed because the truck stopped on the highway just west of Butte des Morts Country Club, away from any buildings. Based on advice from police, fire and hazardous materials officials, the club closed five holes on the front nine as a precautionary measure to keep people away



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from the scene while it was being mitigated. "It had another pallet (or) shipment had fallen on top of it and crushed the top part, causing the leak," said Appleton Fire Department Battalion Chief Ethan Kroll, a haz-mat team leader. "We didn't have anybody come in direct contact with it. If it had the product would have been more of an irritant as opposed to an immediate kind of [health](#) threat." Veolia Waste Management was called to the scene to assist with the cleanup and pump out the remainder of the liquid from the leaking container. Some motorists following the trailer did report being sprayed by the leaking liquid between Oshkosh and Appleton. Christina Muller, Outagamie County director of emergency management, said anyone whose vehicle may have been sprayed by the leaking chemical would find an oily substance that should be cleaned with liquid Tide soap and water while wearing gloves, long sleeves and safety goggles to avoid contact since it is a skin irritant. "The main thing is you don't want anything to be splashed upon yourself," Muller said. "It's going to take time for it to come off so it may be repeated times of using that Tide and water solution." Anyone who might have touched the substance should wash it off with water and soap for 15 minutes. "Unless there's any irritant that you're noticing, there's no need for any concern at this time," Muller said. Muller said area hospitals have been notified and if anyone possibly exposed to the chemical is experiencing any skin irritation or other health issues they should seek medical attention.

<http://www.postcrescent.com/article/20120609/APC0101/120609023/Chemical-spill-from-truck-partially-closes-U-S-41-golf-course-story-video->

#### INDIA, RAJASTHAN, JAIPUR, JUNE 11 2012. OIL TANKER CATCHES FIRE IN RAJASTHAN, NONE INJURED

A fire broke out on Sunday in a crude oil tanker in Rajasthan's Sirohi district. However, no one was injured in the incident which occurred in Riico industrial area, Sirohi SP Loveli Katiyar said. The tanker was parked in the premises of an oil distributor company when it caught fire, she said. The flames were doused immediately, the SP said, adding that the cause of the blaze is not known yet.

<http://www.ndtv.com/article/cities/oil-tanker-catches-fire-in-rajasthan-none-injured-229638>

#### CHINA, ZHEJIANG PROVINCE, DONGYANG, JUNE 11 2012. WASTEWATER TANK POISON KILLS 4 ZHEJIANG WORKERS >> CYANIDE

Four workers were poisoned to death when cleaning a wastewater tank in east China's Zhejiang Province, officials said yesterday. The tragedy occurred on Saturday, when a staffer at the Jinluoma Industry Development Co in Dongyang City surnamed Tu dropped into an electroplating wastewater tank to do cleaning, the city government said. His colleague, an electrician surnamed Peng, found Tu lying unconscious and asked four more people, including the head of the factory and a manager, to help. But the five who went into the tank also were soon overcome. Police and firefighters arrived to find all six people lying unconscious in the tank. Police found the tank contained industrial electroplating wastewater that included highly toxic cyanide, the government said. About 20 police officers and firefighters rescued the six and sent them to a hospital, but three died soon after. Another was confirmed dead yesterday. The other two staffers are in stable condition. None of the nine rescuers has poisoning symptoms. The city said it was investigating and had already punished company officials.

<http://english.eastday.com/e/120611/u1a6616283.html>

#### ANTIGUA & BARBUDA, ST JOHN'S JUNE 11 2012. EXPLOSION AND FIRE AT LIAT HANGAR >> FUEL TANKS IN THE AREA SUCCUMB TO THE HEAT AND BLAZE.



Fuel tanks have exploded and a fire is raging at the LIAT hangar at VC Bird International airport. Latest eyewitness reports are that the LIAT hangar has been completely destroyed. Employees of LIAT have confirmed that one Dash-8 aircraft, apparently under repair, was in the hangar and has been lost. The first of several explosions occurred at approximately 10.00 pm. Since then there have been several further blasts, as fuel tanks in the area succumb to the heat and blaze. A LIAT source advises that fuel and oil would have been stored in the hangar, and would have contributed to the rapid spread of the fire. Several fire engines five at last count are attending the conflagration, dousing the flames with water. Fire Department and Police personnel are keeping the large crowd of several hundred onlookers that has assembled some distance from the blaze, making it difficult to generate clear images of the disaster. The LIAT hangar is



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located near the Northern extremity of the airport complex, near to the Cargo/Customs building and Runway 10, from which FBO 2000 operates. Caribarena will provide further details as they become available. According to eye witness the entire LIAT hangar is completely destroyed, everything in it including Dash-8 aircraft lost, it is reported that an underground fuel line that passes under hangar ruptured and every time Fire crew pours water on it it erupts with flames again, all efforts now concentrated on controlling that ruptured fuel line.

<http://www.antiguaobserver.com/?p=76590>

#### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, GLADSTONE, JUNE 11 2012. CHEMICAL FIRM ACCUSED OF GLADSTONE CYANIDE DISCHARGES



*Gladstone Harbour: Chemical firm Orica charged with 279 offences related to releasing contaminants in excess of licence limits.*

Chemical manufacturer Orica has been charged with 279 environmental offences for allegedly discharging excessive levels of cyanide into Gladstone Harbour. Queensland Environment Minister Andrew Powell says his department has commenced prosecution action against the company for wilfully contravening development conditions during operations at its Yarwun facility, near Gladstone in central Queensland. Mr Powell says the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection became aware of allegations in March that Orica had discharged waste water containing excessive cyanide on several occasions. He says he met Orica's management and ordered them to undertake an independent audit of its plant and procedures. Prosecution action commenced in

Gladstone Magistrates Court on Friday, he says. The 279 offences relate to releasing contaminants in excess of licence limits, failing to notify the department upon becoming aware of contraventions and failing to test for contaminants prior to releasing effluent. "Both the department and myself have taken a particular interest in any behaviour that may affect the Gladstone Harbour environment or have a detrimental effect on the Great Barrier Reef," Mr Powell said in a statement. "This government will work with companies which do the right thing, but it will take action against companies that abuse the privilege of operating within our state." Mr Powell claimed Orica was aware of the licence conditions but chose to ignore them. Gladstone Harbour last year experienced a worrying outbreak of diseased fish and the cause is still unknown. Orica produces ammonium nitrate and cyanide for the mining industry. An Orica spokeswoman said the company had acknowledged the charges and was still considering whether it would respond.

<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/queensland/chemical-firm-accused-of-gladstone-cyanide-discharges-20120608-2016j.html>

#### USA, WA, EVERETT, JUNE 12 2012. FUEL SPILLS AFTER TANKER, TRAIN COLLIDE NEAR BOEING

*rikki king*

A train and a tanker truck collided Monday morning at the Boeing Co. plant in Everett, prompting an hours-long cleanup of spilled fuel. A Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway train was going less than 5 mph when it collided with a Kenan Advantage fuel tanker truck, railroad spokesman Gus Melonas said. The truck rolled over and began slowly leaking jet fuel, Boeing spokeswoman Elizabeth Fischtzur said. No one was injured. The collision happened about 10 a.m., just north of the Boeing receiving gate along Highway 526 in Everett. Everett police and firefighters responded in addition to hazardous materials crews from throughout the area. Some roads on Boeing property were closed during the cleanup. Traffic on Highway 526 was not affected, though a few people slowed down to get a glimpse. Boeing officials were investigating the cause of the collision.

<http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20120611/NEWS01/706119919/0/SPORTS>

#### USA, TX, HOUSTON, JUNE 12 2012. PHILLIPS 66 TO BUY 2,000 RAIL CARS TO TRANSPORT OIL

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Phillips 66 plans to buy as many as 2,000 railroad tank cars to ship oil from shale fields to refineries, yet another sign that the shale boom is reshaping the U.S. energy industry. Phillips Chairman and CEO Greg Garland discussed the plan, targeted for "the next year or two," at the Citi Global Energy Conference this week, according to a transcript of his presentation. Oil companies in fast-growing U.S. shale fields such as the Bakken, Eagle Ford, Niobrara and Permian have turned to rail, trucks and barges to haul crude because pipeline development has not kept up. "We're going to add rail capacity," Garland said.



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"We're considering buying a couple thousand more railcars so we can get Bakken crude either east and west." Phillips 66, the newly spun-off downstream arm of ConocoPhillips has refineries on the East, West and Gulf Coasts, and Garland said the company currently refines about 100,000 barrels per day of shale oil but could handle 500,000 bpd. The initial goal is to increase delivery of shale crudes to Phillips refineries by 100,000 to 150,000 bpd within two years using railroad unit trains, he said. "That's a pipeline on wheels. So, that could go to the Bakken. It could go to the Niobrara. It can shift as the opportunity shifts around the country," he said. Techniques including hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, have given drillers access to vast new deposits of so-called unconventional oil in shale rock formations, helping to reverse a decades-old decline in [U.S. crude](#) output. Many analysts say rail will be a bigger part of the oil delivery picture for years because shale wells - often scattered, small and of uncertain lifespan - won't justify pipeline construction. "We think the E&P (exploration and production) side will develop faster than infrastructure to take it away over the next five to 10 years, so we think that will be a good investment," Garland said. "It's a really quick payback on that." Garland said the typical unit train would be 100 cars carrying 32,000 gallons (750 barrels) of crude. Using those estimates, 2,000 tankcars would equal about 150,000 barrels.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/08/us-phillips-oil-rail-idUSBRE85713A20120608>

#### USA, MASS, SOUTHAMPTON, JUNE 12 2012. "FLASHOVER" BADLY BURNS SOUTHAMPTON MAN >> MAN SUFFERED 3RD DEGREE BURNS IN GARAGE FLASH FIRE

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A Southampton man suffered very serious burns over nearly one-third of his body when gasoline vapors ignited in his garage Monday afternoon. Southampton Fire Chief Stephen Hyde told 22News that gas vapors had accumulated and filled the garage attached to the home at 104 Fomer Road. Chief Hyde said the victim had told him he was working on a car in the garage, and that the gas tank was empty. "That's when it's most dangerous," the chief said. "The fuel line was open, and that's what allowed the garage to fill with vapors." Chief Hyde said the man lit a cutting torch, and that provided the ignition for the vapor, creating a "flashover." The chief said a "flashover" is a sudden ignition of flammable vapors and oxygen causing all of the air in the affected space to briefly burst into flames. The victim was able to put out the resulting fire with a chemical fire extinguisher, according to Chief Hyde. "The garage and house did not catch fire," said Chief Hyde about the 3:15 p. m. Monday incident. Chief Hyde told 22News the victim suffered some third degree burns to the upper part of his body. The chief estimated 28% of the man's body was burned. He was rushed to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, stabilized, and then flown via Life-Flight helicopter to the burn unit at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. The chief declined to identify the victim, and his condition is not known.

<http://www.wvlp.com/dpp/news/local/hampshire/Flashover-badly-burns-Southampton-man>

#### NEW ZEALAND, HAMILTON, JUNE 12 2012. FORMER CITY COUNCILLOR SAYS SORRY' FOR HYDRAULIC OIL SPILL INTO WAIKATO



*Waikato River.*

The man responsible for 640 litres of hydraulic oil spilling into the Waikato River has come clean to say he is "deeply sorry". Property manager Steve McLennan, a former Hamilton city councillor, blew the whistle on himself after learning that a plumbing malfunction in the Tower Building on Ward St caused the oil spill on Saturday morning. Mr McLennan manages the building on behalf of its owner, Waiheke Island farmer Chris Reeve. A member of the public notified the Waikato Regional Council after seeing a large oil slick flowing into the river near Claudelands Bridge from a stormwater drain. Mr McLennan yesterday

apologised to the city council, regional council and visited the Waikato River Authority office to apologise, as well as emailing the 30 tenants of the building. "It's embarrassing for them to be associated with a building that caused a leak like this," he said. Mr McLennan said he confessed after learning the oil had gone into the river and not the sewerage drain - as he had been initially told. "We are fully prepared to face the music. We did nothing to precipitate this. We do everything we can to make sure our buildings are safe. It's an unforeseen tragedy ... we are deeply sorry." The error occurred on Friday night after the ballcock valve in one of the three water tanks broke, causing it to overflow across the carpark in the lower basement and into the lift shaft. The sump pump could not push the water out fast enough and the overflow began to cover the hydraulic buffer,



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which contains 640 litres of oil. As a result, the fluid ran into a stormwater drain in Worley Place which discharges into the river. The ballcock valve had been replaced in November and Mr McLennan was working with plumbers to install early warning systems. "We are doing everything we can to make sure it doesn't happen again. We are very upset," said Mr McLennan. Waikato Regional Council compliance and education manager Rob Dragten thanked Mr McLennan for owning up to the spill and said the council would decide whether to prosecute when the investigation was completed. Mr Dragten said the council would have to consider whether the statutory defence of an unforeseen mechanical failure leading to a discharge could be applied under the Resource Management Act. Mr McLennan said he felt like "lightning had struck twice". In 2009, he was forced to apologise after the wrong application of a bird repellent killed more than 70 swallows. The birds became stuck to a pipe on a Garden Place building after too much Hot Foot gel was applied.

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=10812384](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10812384)

#### INDIA, RAMGARH, JUNE 12 2012. PETROL FLOWS ON NH

A tanker carrying 12,000 litres of [petrol](#) coming from West Bengal's Haldia and on its way to Ranchi Road locality of the district turned turtle on NH-33 near Chutupalu valley late on Sunday night. Around 4,000 litres of petrol flowed on the road after the incident. Police with fire fighting equipment rushed to the spot and vehicular movement on the highway was stopped to avoid any untoward incident. Officer in charge of [Ramgarh City police](#) station [Manoj Kumar](#) said they asked for the fire engines which was a part of precautionary measures. "We stopped the traffic on NH-33 for several hours to ensure safety of commuters," said Kumar. The highway was reopened after police made adequate safety arrangement on the highway. Around two decades, a similar incident had occurred in Chutupalu valley when a petrol tanker turned turtle. Hundred of motorists and bikers stopped their vehicle to collect petrol which was flowing on the road. Fire broke out and at least eight people were burnt alive.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ranchi/Petrol-flows-on-NH/articleshow/14034814.cms>

#### RUSSIA, THE URALS, ORENBURG, JUNE 12 2012. FIRE AT MUNITIONS DEPOT IN ORENBURG REGION CONTAINED



The fire at an army depot in Orenburg region (the Urals) has been contained. Earlier, two aircraft of the Emergencies' Ministry - a Be-200 and IL-76 arrived to fight the blaze, while a third aircraft delivered experts, psychologists, and robotic systems. The military hope to fully eliminate the blaze in the course of Tuesday. Residents of the military settlement adjacent to the munitions depot, some 100 people, have been evacuated. There was no need for evacuation of other settlements. The fire at an army munitions depot started on Monday afternoon. The fire triggered detonation of artillery shells. The Defense Ministry reported two victims. The two missing people have been found.

##### Emergencies' Ministry Planes Arrive to Fight Army Depot Blaze

The Russian Emergencies' Ministry planes have arrived in Orenburg region to tackle the blaze at the army munitions depots. The first to land at Samara airport were an IL-76 and Be-200, intended for fighting the fire from the air. Subsequently, an IL-76 plane delivered robotic mechanical units and a group of experts of the Emergencies' ministry. The blaze started on Monday afternoon on the territory of an army unit. The fire triggered detonation of artillery shells. The explosions are scattering debris and unexploded munitions to 4 kilometers around the site. The Defense Ministry reported two victims. The fate of two others is unknown. Rescuers have evacuated residents of seven settlements located near the burning depots.

##### Robot-Equipped Plane to Cope With Munitions Depot Fire

The Russian Emergencies' Ministry has sent an IL-76 plane with robots to fight a fire at an ammunition depot in Orenburg region, the Urals. Earlier, two more craft took off from Zhukovsky airfield near Moscow, an IL-76 and Be-200, to help tackle the conflagration from the air. The blaze started on Monday afternoon on the territory of an army unit. The fire triggered detonation of artillery shells. The Defense Ministry reported two victims. The fate of two others is unknown. Rescuers have evacuated residents of seven settlements located near the burning depots.

##### Munitions Depot on Fire

A soldier is known to have been slightly injured after a fire engulfing an old munitions depot in the Russian region of Orenburg near the border with Kazakhstan triggered the detonation of artillery shells. The explosions are scattering debris and unexploded munitions to 4 kilometres around the site. The authorities have evacuated 65 children from a nearby summer



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camp. Several local villages are also to be evacuated. Federal emergency services have sent two flying water tankers to deal with the blaze.

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#### UKRAINE, DNIPROPETROVSK, JUNE 12.2012. BLAST IN A TRAM INJURES 9 PEOPLE IN DNIPROPETROVSK



Nine people were injured in the result of sudden explosion of gunpowder, being transported by one of the passengers of a crowded tram in Dnipropetrovsk. According to the preliminary information the owner of the dangerous load bought the inflammable mixture in a capsule for charges in a hunting shop. Experts on explosives say that the gunpowder could explode due to hot temperature or an impact, or both. According to some witness reports, the bag with the capsule fell down when the tram was turning and then there was an explosion. Nine people got light burn injuries and were delivered to a city hospital. the owner of the gunpowder is now giving testimonies in a police department.

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