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USA, OK, WASHINGTON COUNTY, JUNE 2 2012. MYSTERY OIL WELL LEAKING INTO WASHINGTON COUNTY CREEK

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Oil from a 100 year-old well, is spilling into a Green Country creek. State workers are trying to pinpoint the exact leak's location along Coon Creek northeast of Dewey. It's unusual because oil wells aren't drilled in creeks, and this well was never intended to be in such a place. But over time, erosion pushed back the creek banks, essentially swallowing the well. It's a messy and mucky mystery. John Hurd, a field inspector with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, says there's an oil well somewhere in the area that was abandoned possibly a century ago. Hurd says he suspects at some point the well quit producing enough oil to turn a profit, so the operators shut it down and took every bit of equipment with them. He also believes they didn't cap the well. "What we end up with is a hole in the ground which makes this 50 times harder to find, because we've gone over this whole thing with metal detectors," Hurd said. The leak was spotted about three weeks ago and ever since workers have been trying to unearth the well. Hurd says it could be buried some 600 feet under the earth's surface. "They drilled into that, now it's beginning to pressure up and it's pushing the fluids to the surface and they're breaking out in shale," Hurd said. Right now the oil is contained because of series of dams have been created to keep the oil from flowing up Coon Creek. As far as wildlife is concerned, Hurd says so far the leak is having very little effect. The majority of the oil was safely flushed from the water. "I have not seen one dead minnow, and that just amazed me," he said. "We have no dead fish." For now, contaminated soil is being pushed to one side for the EPA to inspect. "That's the least of my worries right now," he said. "My biggest worry is this hole in the ground." Hurd says at this point, it's impossible to say when they'll find the well. But once that happens, crews will anchor it, mark it, and then plug it with cement to stop the flow.

<http://www.newson6.com/story/18681623/mystery-oil-well-leaking-into-washington-county-creek>

USA, ILL, CHESTER, JUNE 2 2012. JURY AWARDS \$179 MILLION IN CHESTER, ILL., GRAIN EXPLOSION LAWSUIT

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Firefighters spray water into silos at a ConAgra mill in Chester, Ill., after an explosion at the facility on April 27, 2010.

A federal jury on Thursday awarded nearly \$179 million to three workers burned in a grain elevator explosion in 2010, plaintiffs lawyers said. The verdicts, which included \$101 million in punitive damages, came after a one-month trial during which lawyers for the three men claimed that the elevator had not been properly cleaned in 20 years and that the proper precautions were not taken to protect workers when the temperature of the grain started rising and smoke and a strange odor were noticed. The silo, located by the Mississippi River in Chester, Ill., blew up on April 27, 2010, injuring four workers, three of them seriously, authorities said at the time. Lawyers for ConAgra, which owned the elevator, could not be immediately reached for comment. The company released a statement Friday: "Clearly, this accident was tragic. However, we do not agree with the verdict or the damages. Specifically, we do not believe our actions caused the injuries, and we will appeal this outcome. Safety has been and continues to be absolute first priority for ConAgra Foods. While we have



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insurance policies that we believe cover the full amount of this judgment, we will further defend our actions and practices as this case continues." Lawyer Marc Taxman, who represented one of the workers, said ConAgra's statement was "the first time that they acknowledged any remorse for the situation." Lawyer Robert Clifford, who represented two other workers, said in a prepared statement that, "Mr. Jentz and the workers on the scene were not properly instructed as to what was going on in the hot bin. Company officials knew the seriousness of what was happening and never conveyed that information to their workers or provide them with the proper precautions so that they would avoid injury. The jury's verdict in compensatory and punitive damages speaks for itself." According to plaintiffs' lawyers, John W. Jentz, of St. Peter, Minn., got a total of \$75.5 million, including \$34.3 million in punitive damages. Jentz suffered burns over 70 to 75 percent of his body. He suffered "disabling injuries" and had undergone "numerous" surgeries and skin grafts, his lawyers said. Another worker, Justin Becker, received \$66.9 million, including \$33.3 million in punitive damages, said Taxman. Becker's wife Amanda Becker received \$237,500. Jurors awarded Robert Schmidt, of Hutchinson, Minn., \$36.2 million, including \$33.3 million in punitive damages. Jurors returned Friday morning and awarded ConAgra \$3 million from West Side in a claim of property damage, Taxman said. The verdicts came in a series of suits and counter suits against ConAgra, West Side Salvage Inc. and A&J Bin Cleaning Inc. ConAgra hired West Side to clean out the silo after the pelletized wheat middlings began decomposing and heating up, Taxman said. West Side hired A&J because the company owns a special piece of machinery, like a household string trimmer, that cleans out silos. Taxman said that the middlings began heating up on March 12. Taxman said that the companies should have removed the middlings immediately. But ConAgra delayed while trying to get a better price, he said. They also refused to douse the smoldering wheat to avoid destroying it, he said. As the middlings heated, up, they began smoking and melted rubber gaskets on the silo, Taxman said. A first explosion knocked grain dust off the silo, which triggered a second explosion, Taxman said.

Related Links

- [Blast in grain silo injures four in Chester](#)
- [Search suspended after grain elevator explosion](#)

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/jury-awards-more-than-million-in-chester-ill-grain-explosion/article_66178938-ac09-11e1-b962-0019bb30f31a.html

USA, MISS, PASCAGOULA, JUNE 2 2012. WORKER KILLED IN MISSISSIPPI PHOSPHATES EXPLOSION IDENTIFIED; 2 OTHERS INJURED



An early morning explosion at Mississippi Phosphates Corp. on Industrial Road, Pascagoula, left one worker dead and two more injured on Friday. Company officials say they are still working to identify the cause of the accident. Mississippi Phosphates on Industrial Road, shown here in a file photo, has now had two fatal explosions in the last 11 days.

Twenty-year-old Jeremy Moore of Moss Point was killed and two others injured in an industrial explosion at Mississippi Phosphates Corp. about 7:15 a.m. today. One of the injured is Jeff Beck, Jackson County Coroner Vicki Broadus said. Broadus was not sure where Beck resides. The identification of the second employee injured has not been released, pending notification of family. The two injured workers were taken to Singing River Hospital in Pascagoula, but one patient will be transferred to USA Medical Center's Burn Unit in Mobile. Mississippi Phosphates Corp. officials confirmed that there was an incident Friday morning at the Gulf Coast facility on Industrial Road during a maintenance procedure involving the accidental death of an employee. A company spokesman said the portion of the plant where the incident occurred was not operational and there is no threat to employees or the public. The company is currently investigating the incident and will release more information as the investigation proceeds. Company officials say they are cooperating with all responding and investigating governmental and regulatory agencies. At this point, the primary concern is with the family of the deceased and the other employees and their families. Jackson County Sheriff Mike Byrd says there was some sort of steam explosion at the plant. He said his investigators and coroner Vicki Broadus were on the scene at 7:15 a.m. "It's basically the same thing, a steam explosion," Byrd said. "It ain't good." This is the second explosion within two weeks. An explosion on May 21 [killed 39-year-old Jeffrey Simpson](#) of Pascagoula.

http://blog.gulflive.com/mississippi-press-news/2012/06/mississippi_phosphates_explosi.html



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USA, LA, PORT ALLEN, JUNE 2 2012. CHEMICAL FIRE PROMPTS LAWSUIT

Residents living near the Air Liquide Specialty Chemical plant have gone to court seeking damages as a result of the plant's May 21 explosion and chemical fire. [The Advocate](#) reports a lawsuit filed May 23 in state court by a Baton Rouge law firm claims Air Liquide conducted negligent operations leading to the fire that forced residents out of their homes for two days while emergency responders brought the blaze under control and secured the site. The suit states it is unknown how many people the fire directly affected, but the law firm claims it is representing more than 100 evacuees. During the emergency, officials reported that more than 200 people were ordered by state authorities to flee their homes the morning of May 21 after hundreds of acetylene-filled cylinders caught fire, touching off several explosions and the fire that also forced the shutdown of a 14-mile stretch of U.S. 190 between Erwinville and Port Allen. The lawsuit further asserts Air Liquide failed to adequately train and supervise its employees in "packaging, inspection, handling, storage and transportation" of acetylene cylinders, and neglected to have a plan in place to minimize the effects of a tank explosion. The company allegedly failed to have a plan in place that would have adequately warned nearby residents of the dangers at the site and failed to provide safe methods for evacuation, the lawsuit says. Residents asked the court to grant them "equitable" compensation from Air Liquide for past and future pain, suffering, emotional distress and medical expenses, as well as loss of income and property damage, according to the lawsuit. Residents want reimbursements for evacuation costs and living expenses they incurred while they were barred from their homes on orders of law enforcement authorities enforcing a safety zone within a one-mile radius of the plant. Mike Rosen, a spokesman for Air Liquide, declined Thursday to comment on the lawsuit, saying he wasn't aware any legal actions had been filed against the company. He also said the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

<http://www.katc.com/news/chemical-fire-prompts-lawsuit/>

REPUBLIC OF CONGO, BRAZZAVILLE, JUNE 2 2012. COMMUNITIES STILL AT RISK AFTER BRAZZAVILLE EXPLOSION; AID AGENCIES HAMPERED



MAG Explosive Ordnance Disposal team prepares a demolition of dangerous items.

Almost three months after the tragic explosion at the ECCRAMU1munitions depot in the Republic of Congo's capital, Brazzaville, residents of the surrounding Mpila neighbourhood remain at risk of death or injury from unstable projectiles scattered by the blast. The explosion, on 4 March 2012, killed more than 280 people and injured 1,500. It is believed to have been caused by a fire as a result of an electrical fault. Those who lost or evacuated their homes – the number made homeless is estimated at 14,000, many of whom are now living in makeshift camps – have been unable to return due to the ongoing threat. The problem doesn't stop there: humanitarian agencies distributing medical supplies and assisting with the clear-up operation have been unable to reach those in

need because of the widespread contamination. Working with the Congolese Armed Forces and United Nations Mine Action Service, four MAG [Explosive Ordnance Disposal](#) (EOD) teams have been carrying out [Battle Area Clearance](#) in the area of the blast's epicentre, while eight [Community Liaison](#) teams have continued to deliver safety briefings and [Risk Education](#) sessions to vulnerable people in the 5km damage radius of the explosion.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal

MAG EOD teams removed 259,767 dangerous items during April, clearing 63,810m² of contaminated land. The EOD teams also carried out 62 spot tasks in residential areas.

Community Liaison

In April, 32,705 people benefitted from MAG's Community Liaison and Risk Education activities, including safety briefings and the distribution of more than 2,000 leaflets and 300-plus posters. In addition, data gathering on contamination levels in areas adjacent to the epicentre of the blast was carried out. Children, naturally inquisitive and attracted to new 'toys' they find, need special attention, so ten billboards with a comic strip design have been produced and set up in schools in the affected neighbourhoods, this on top of the formal Risk Education sessions. Sessions and training on Risk Education delivery were carried out for 39 staff members of aid organisations. And 175 members of local authorities affected by the explosion also received Risk Education; it is expected these people will become central to the reporting of information on contamination in their neighbourhoods.



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Future Plans

The current phase of the emergency response operation will run until mid-September 2012. Current operations are viewed as part of a long-term, sustainable response, and MAG is actively seeking funding to continue its work in the Republic of Congo in order to reduce the likelihood of a future tragic event of this nature. There have been more than 50 unplanned explosions at munitions sites (UEMS) in 34 countries since 2009, and five in the last five months alone. There are numerous depots across the globe where authorities store various state-held weapons and munitions, in various conditions. A range of causes of UEMS include lightning, electrical faults, degrading and unstable munitions and poor management practise. Best known for its contribution to Humanitarian Mine Action, MAG has been delivering ammunition safety management projects, in collaboration with State authorities, for the past five years.

Related Links: Please visit the following pages for more about MAG's work:

- ☞ [MAG calls for preventative action as Unplanned Explosions at Munitions Sites continue to rise](#)
- ☞ [BURUNDI: Massive dynamite explosion risk removed](#)
- ☞ [REPUBLIC OF CONGO: More lives at risk as blast leaves Brazzaville scattered with unexploded ordnance](#)
- ☞ [REPUBLIC OF CONGO: MAG responds as tragic explosion claims more than 200 lives](#)

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/communities-still-at-risk-after-brazzaville-explosion-aid-agencies-hampered>

USA, MASS, EAST LONGMEADOW, JUNE 2 2012. CHEMICAL SPILL SHUTS DOWN SUDDEKOR PLANT IN EAST LONGMEADOW

patrick johnson

 [Watch the Video More than 100 Gl of Ammonia Spills](#)



Fire officials on the scene of a chemical spill at Suddekor in East Longmeadow. The plant was closed down for 5 hours and one employee needed treatment at the hospital.

A spill involving more than 100 gallons of liquid ammonia forced the evacuation of the [Suddekor](#) plant on Deer Park Drive for more than five hours Friday, officials said. One employee was taken to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield to be checked out after he complained of not feeling well after he was exposed to ammonia fumes from the spill, said East Longmeadow Fire Chief Richard Brady. At last report, the worker was doing fine, Brady said. Firefighters were called to the scene shortly after 11 a.m. for a report of a spill. Initially, Brady said, the spill was thought to be less than 100 gallons, but it was soon determined it was somewhat more than that. He said he immediately

placed a call to the Western Massachusetts Regional Hazardous Materials Team to take charge of the scene. It took until about 4 p.m. before the building was declared safe for employees to re-enter, he said. Suddekor hired a private company to finish cleaning up the contaminated area. Approximately 30 employees had to evacuate as fumes were carried through the entire building. Before firefighters arrived, employees tried to contain the spill by pouring absorbent powder on the floor. They also used exhaust fans to try to direct fumes out of the building. The spill was apparently caused by an employee driving a forklift bumping into a pipeline containing ammonia, Brady said. Suddekor officials declined to comment at the scene.

http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2012/06/chemical_spill_shuts_down_sudd.html

USA, ILL, MADISON CO, JUNE 2 2012. CMC RESET IN MADISON COUNTY BENZENE CASE >> IN LAWSUIT AGAINST MORE THAN 60 DEFENDANT COMPANIES.

christina stueve

Madison County Circuit Judge Dennis Ruth on Wednesday reset a case management conference to July 25 in a man's lawsuit against more than 60 defendant companies claiming he was exposed to benzene while working as a pipefitter from 1970-2008. Because of his exposure, he developed acute myelogenous leukemia and was diagnosed with cancer, he claims. Ruth on May 10 allowed a Texas attorney to participate in the case. Frederick Wagner requested permission to participate on behalf of Barton Solvents, Inc. Ruth ordered Jeffrey T. Bash, an Illinois attorney, to be designated as local counsel for Barton Solvents. Plaintiff Ricky Marshall and Jerry Marshall filed the lawsuit last September. The Marshalls are represented by



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attorneys with the Saville & Flint firm of Glen Carbon. Performance Contractors, a defendant in the case, filed a motion to dismiss the complaint May 4, stating the lawsuit pleads numerous conclusions without facts. It also claims the plaintiffs fail to identify a product processed or used by Performance. Illinois law requires a plaintiff to identify the product at issue and link it to the defendant, according to the motion. The complaint lumps defendants together and makes blanket allegations against parties who are alleged to have processed, produced, manufactured, sold, distributed, marketed or otherwise used benzene and benzene-containing products, the motion stated. Technical Chemical Co., another defendant in the case, said on April 19, the suit failed to show it intentionally caused harm or disregarded the welfare of the injured plaintiff. The company said in an April 19 motion to strike and dismiss, the plaintiffs made broad statements and vague allegations regarding the actions of a group of defendants and does not specify any misrepresentations or omissions made by Technical Chemical. In its answer to the complaint, the company says the alleged exposure was not caused by any product it designed or handled. The company says it was the Marshalls' employers who had duty to warn. "The plaintiff was employed by sophisticated employers, and the duty of Technical Chemical to warn plaintiff of any danger to the exposure to benzene and benzene containing products, the existence of which duty is expressly denied, was discharged by her employers' intervening duty to give plaintiff all required warning," Technical stated in its answer. Thomas M. Crawford and Michelle K. Correia of Litchfield Cavo in Chicago represent Technical Chemical, formerly known as Johnsen's Products. Brian Huelsmann, Michael Chessler and Sean P. Sheehan of HeplerBroom represent Performance Contractors. Madison County Circuit Court case number: 11-L-1211

<http://www.madisonrecord.com/about/122463-contact-the-record>

USA, OH, COLUMBUS, JUNE 3 2012. FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE COLUMBUS REFINERY FIRE



Columbus firefighters are on the scene of a fire at a troubled Columbus oil refinery. Firefighters were dispatched to Heartland Petroleum on the 4000 block of East 5th Avenue in Columbus at 6:43 a.m on a report of a fire. According to firefighters on the scene, an equipment failure caused oil to leak. Vapors from the leaking oil ignited, causing a fire, firefighters said. According to Battalion Chief Michael Fowler, crews isolated the leaking line and allowed what was already in the line to burn off. Hazmat crews are on the scene. East 5th Avenue was closed in both directions in the area, but has reopened.

<http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2012/jun/02/8/firefighters-battling-columbus-refinery-fire-ar-1057520/>

AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, PERTH, JUNE 3 2012. COMPANY WINS ACCESS TO ISLAND GAS-BLAST REPORTS

nicolas perpitch

A court has ordered the West Australian government to release two reports and give the "full picture" of the 2008 Varanus Island gas explosion. It is a win for US energy giant Apache, which claims the documents will show the blast could not have been foreseen by the company. Apache had accused the Barnett government of "grossly misrepresenting" its role in the corrosion and rupture of a 30cm pipeline on the island off WA's northwest coast. The rupture cut 30 per cent of the state's gas supply for two months and cost the economy up to \$3 billion. A report commissioned by the government, and tabled in parliament last month by Mines and Petroleum Minister Norman Moore, found the risk of the pipeline exploding was "not only foreseeable but to some extent foreseen". It criticised Apache for not properly assessing the risks inherent in the pipeline system, and also blamed a "confusing mishmash" of government regulations. But the company argued it was misleading for the government to release just one of the documents. It took legal action seeking the release of the two extra government-commissioned reports to put the initial report into "proper context". The government had argued in court that these two reports should not be released because Apache should not be allowed to "cherry pick" which documents should be made public and which should not to suit its argument. But magistrate Elizabeth Woods yesterday said in court she did not agree with that proposition. In her assessment, information contained in the two unreleased reports had "significantly contributed" to a decision by the Department of Mines and Petroleum in March to discontinue its prosecution of Apache over the 2008 incident. Ms Woods ordered the reports be released but that all names and positions contained in the documents, except that of the authors, be redacted. In a statement last night, Apache said one of the two reports, by corrosion expert Rolf Gubner,



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concluded in July last year that Apache "had reasonable grounds to believe the pipeline was in good repair" prior to the explosion. It was not clear when the reports would be released.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/politics-news/company-wins-access-to-island-gas-blast-reports/story-fn59nqld-1226381062391>

USA, S.C, COLUMBIA, JUNE 3 2012. TANKER SPILLS TOXIC LIQUID AT KERSHAW COUNTY GAS STATION

[Watch the Video Tanker Spills Toxic Liquid](#)

A chemical spill shut down part of Highway 601 at the Interstate 20 exit in Lugoff Friday. We're told a tanker truck at the Pilot Gas Station on 601 began leaking a poisonous toxic liquid. Officials say the tanker was on its way to Texas. At the time the leak occurred, fire crews say the driver was trying to secure his payload. Crews say the chemical the tanker was carrying is used to dilute other chemicals. Haz-Mat crews and the Lugoff Fire Department had to detour traffic, but around 10:15 a.m. authorities say traffic was again allowed near the scene.

<http://www.wltx.com/news/article/189102/2/Tanker-Spills-Toxic-Liquid-at-Kershaw-County-Gas-Station>

USA, S.C, OCONEE CO, JUNE 3 2012. OCONEE COUNTY DEPUTIES ARREST ATHENS MAN AFTER HE PARKS ON GAS HOSE, CAUSES PARTIAL EVACUATION

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Oconee County firefighters look on after a pickup truck parked on top of a gas line at the Murphy USA gas station at the Walmart on Epps Bridge Road in Oconee County, Ga., Saturday June 2, 2012.

Oconee County deputies are allowing vehicles back into the Epps Bridge Parkway Walmart after emergency crews cleared a truck that wedged itself on top of a fuel tanker's pump and hose at a gas station a possibly explosive hazard. The 18-wheeler fuel tanker was filling the Murphy USA's underground fuel storage about 3:30 p.m. Saturday when the driver of a Ford pickup truck backed over the pump and a hose leading to the gas station's underground tank, said Oconee County Sheriff Scott Berry. "The underground tank was only 25 percent fuel, which means it was 75 percent full of vapor," Berry said. Gasoline vapor is highly explosive and deputies worried that starting the pickup truck

could ignite a spark that would lead to a large explosion, he said. Deputies evacuated the parking lot around the gas station before emergency crews safely disconnected the 18-wheeler fuel tanker and then used a wrecker to move the pickup truck from the line. Deputies arrested the driver of the truck, 72-year-old Charles Griffith of Athens, for driving while intoxicated, Berry said. "When the first deputies arrived they detected the odor of alcohol," he said. Deputies also found open alcohol containers inside the pickup truck.

<http://onlineathens.com/breaking-news/2012-06-02/oconee-county-deputies-arrest-athens-man-after-he-parks-gas-hose-causes>

INDONESIA, JAKARTA, JUNE 3 2012. JAKARTA TO BUILD 33 ALTERNATIVE GAS STATIONS THIS YEAR

ezra sihite



Two TransJakarta buses fill up on alternative gas-based fuel (BBG) at a special station in East Jakarta on Friday. State gas distributor Perusahaan Gas Negara (PGN) said on Saturday it would built 33 new gas stations for BBG, called SPBG, in Jakarta this year.

State gas distributor Perusahaan Gas Negara aims to construct 33 gas stations for alternative gas-based fuel in Jakarta to support the government's newly-launched fuel-saving campaign. There are already nine such stations, known as SPBG, in Jakarta, PGN director Jobi Triananda during a discussion on energy saving in Jakarta on Saturday. Instead of kerosene and diesel, the SPBG stations provide a compressed-natural-gas-based fuel called BBG. The new



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stations would support the government's promotion of alternative fuel, part of President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono's drive to cut down the use of subsidized fuel. "This year we will build 33 SPBGs, and next year we will try to build even more," Jobi said. Echoing a statement on Friday by Transportation Minister E. E. Mangindaan, Jobi said public transportation systems such as TransJakarta buses would be prioritized in the conversion program. Mangindaan has said the government would provide free conversion kits to support the shift. He has also asked state oil and gas firm Pertamina to equip their gas stations with gas dispensers. Jobi said private car owners were expected to follow suit. "We're seeking to make SPBGs available everywhere so that people will try cheaper and more environmentally-friendly fuel," he said.

<http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/news/jakarta-to-build-33-alternative-gas-stations-this-year/521785>

CANADA, B.C, VANCOUVER, JUNE 3 2012. CLEANING CONTAMINATED PROPERTY TO COST WOMAN MORE THAN \$200,000

tiffany crawford

An Armstrong woman is on the hook for more than \$200,000 after an abandoned oil tank discovered on her mother's property leaked into a neighbour's yard. After her mother, Iris Horvath, died in 2009, Jill Savage took over as executor of her mom's estate at 9573 139th St. in Surrey, according to a B.C. Supreme Court judgment. But when she went to sell the house - worth \$456,000 - she learned there was an abandoned oil tank buried under the ground. Court documents filed May 30 in New Westminster show Savage then hired a company called A Speedy Solutions Oil Tank Removal to remove the tank for \$2,050. But when staff removed it in November 2009, they discovered that not only was the surrounding soil in the Horvath property contaminated, but the contamination had spread into the yard of neighbour Dean Finskars. The soil from both yards had to be removed, as is legislated by provincial environmental laws. Savage was then faced with a bill from Speedy for \$206,296.12, which included a 20-per-cent volume discount for soil removal. When that invoice remained unpaid, Speedy removed the discount and sent another for \$261,719.57. Included in the amounts was \$4,900 for the first 10 tons of soil removed and \$4,500 for each additional 10 tons, plus an environmental engineer's fee of \$2,000 and additional labour and supplies costs to remove and replace any objects on the two properties. In all, Speedy removed about 481 tons of soil from the Horvath and Finskars properties, according to the documents. When Savage failed to pay the money owed, Speedy filed a suit to reclaim costs in B.C. Supreme Court. During trial, Savage argued that there was not enough evidence that all the soil on her neighbour's property was contaminated. Savage claimed Speedy mixed clean overburden (clean soil) with contaminated soil when digging through the layers of dirt and that there was no way to be sure how much of the soil was contaminated. Savage further contended that sight and smell evidence was not enough to prove that all the soil was contaminated. However, Justice Richard Goepel found that Speedy did not misrepresent the amount of contaminated soil and that the Horvath estate was legally liable to remediate the Finskars property. He also accepted the company's testimony that 10 to 20 per cent of overburden on all jobs gets mixed with the contaminated soil, and that Speedy had offered a 20 per cent discount on one of its invoices. "The fact is that [Savage] had to have the contaminated soil removed before she could sell the Horvath property," Goepel wrote in his decision. He ruled the estate must pay Speedy \$196,161.75 plus taxes and five per cent interest dating back to March 30, 2010. The amount reflected the cost of the original invoice with the volume discount, saying the discounts in that invoice reasonably reflected the amount of uncontaminated soil removed.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/Cleaning+contaminated+property+cost+woman+more+than/6719938/story.html>

USA, ILL, METROPOLIS, JUNE 3 2012. UNION CRITICIZES HONEYWELL AFTER LATEST LEAK >> MAINTENANCE MECHANICS WERE EXPOSED TO RADIOACTIVE GAS

caleb hale

A gas leak Wednesday at Honeywell Specialty Materials in Metropolis, the second within a month, was the result of plant management's insistence on using inexperienced, salaried employees for jobs that should be done by laborers, the local union president says. The leak of UF6 gas at the uranium conversion facility was quickly contained with no injuries, a Honeywell spokesman said, but it was the second time a leak has happened within the last several weeks. United Steelworkers Local 7-669 President Stephen Lech said the leak happened after a worker failed to tell others a refrigeration unit at the site was not operational. Lech contends several maintenance mechanics were exposed to radioactive gas. Honeywell spokesman Peter Dalpe said the leak started as operators were preparing for maintenance work. "The leak was quickly stopped and there was no offsite impact," Dalpe said. "Six workers in the area were treated as a precaution in the plant's medical facility and then returned to work." Honeywell notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of the incident. Lech said accidents keep happening



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during shutdowns of the plant. He said the facility is currently undergoing a planned shutdown for maintenance, which entails the temporary laying off of union staff. "Production being shut down does not make our plant more safe," Lech said. "The majority of incidents in the past have happened during shutdowns. We will explore every available avenue to ensure the safety of the workers in the plant and the community surrounding it." NRC recently found no safety problems during a recent review of the Metropolis plant, Dalpe said, adding safety performance has been improving for the last two years. Honeywell, he added, has invested more than \$10 million in the plant since 2006 into areas that bolster safety.

http://thesouthern.com/news/local/union-criticizes-honeywell-after-latest-leak/article_c42fcd92-ac6c-11e1-ba5a-001a4bcf887a.html

USA, TX, HOUSTON, JUNE 3 2012. 1 KILLED, 1 INJURED IN CHANNELVIEW EXPLOSION >> WORKER KILLED IN WELDING ACCIDENT EXPLOSION

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One person was killed and another was injured Saturday in a blast at a Channelview oil storage facility, officials say. It was supposed to be a normal day for workers at the Oiltanking Partners storage facility on Jacintoport Boulevard near South Sheldon Road, but a welding accident quickly changed that. Authorities said the explosion occurred around 8:10am. No hazardous material was released and there were never any fire, environmental or health concerns, officials said. According to Oiltanking Partners, the victim who died was employed by L-Con Constructors Company -- a Houston-based independent contracting company that was doing work on the premises. The injured man is also a contracted worker with L-Con Constructors. He was taken to an area hospital with unknown injuries. We spoke with a witness who heard

and felt the explosion from about 100 yards away. He described hearing a large "boom" and then feeling the ground shake beneath him. "It shook the ground," Mac McClanton said. "The guys felt it all the way over there at the tower over there. One of my buddies works over there, said he felt it." The names of the two men have not been released. A spokesperson with Oiltanking Partners said in a statement that the company is "concerned by this unfortunate accident" and their "main focus right now is on the welfare of the injured worker and to the families of those two workers." "We remain totally committed to the safe operation of our facilities and will provide additional information regarding the accident after the investigation is complete," the statement read.

<http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8686450>

PAKISTAN, PUNJAB PROVINCE, HAFIZABAD, THATTA KHOKHRA. JUNE 3 2012. SIX KILLED IN HAFIZABAD FIREWORKS FACTORY BLAST



At least six persons including two real brothers were killed and several others sustained burn wounds due to blast in a fireworks factory here in Hafizabad on Sunday morning. According to details, fire caused by an electric short circuit erupted in a fireworks factory located in Thatta Khokhran area of Hafizabad city causing multiple blasts. As a result of explosions four persons including two real brothers Zafar Iqbal and Arshad and two labourers were killed on the spot while 10 others suffered severed burn wounds. The blasts were heard in the areas surrounding the fireworks factory and people rushed out of homes in panic. Rescue personnel reached the scene and started the rescue operation. The bodies and injured were shifted to District Headquarter (DHQ) Hospital



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Hafizabad where two injured persons succumbed to their wounds raising the death toll to six. According to hospital sources condition of some other injured people was also serious and it was feared that death toll may rise further. It is worth mentioning that dozen of illegal fireworks factories were functional in various districts of Punjab. Explosions in firework factories due to various reasons have caused several lives during recent years. The citizens have demanded the provincial government to take strict action against illegal fireworks factories to give protection to public lives.

<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/03-Jun-2012/six-killed-in-hafizabad-fireworks-factory-blast>

NEW ZEALAND, MORRISVILLE, JUNE 3 2012. OIL SPILL EDGING CLOSE TO WATER IN MORRISVILLE

Emergency services are trying to stop an oil and diesel spill from entering the water after a truck carrying the liquids rolled in Morrinsville this morning. The truck hit power lines on Cameron Rd at 5.30am, bringing them down. The impact of the crash caused 200 litres of fuel to spill over the road, said Fire Service shift manager Jarron Philips. The lines were hanging dangerously low over the road and emergency services and Environment Waikato were working to stop the fuel from entering the water, he said.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10810240

USA, FLA, GLEN ST. MARY, JUNE 3 2012. BAKER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION ENDS WITH FIREWORK EXPLODING UNDER BLEACHERS FRIDAY

drew dixon



Police and firefighters rushed into the bleachers at the football field after a firework detonated under the stands during the Baker County High School graduation Friday night.

Several people were injured when a wayward firework detonated under bleachers with hundreds of people sitting in them during the Baker County High School graduation ceremony Friday night. Mike Wawzynski was among the crowd in the stands of the Baker County High School football stadium off Wildcat Drive in Glen St. Mary to see his son Keano graduate with hundreds of others friends and families of other graduates. He said at the end of the graduation after diplomas had been issued, a celebratory firework set off as part of the festivities went horribly wrong. "It landed right underneath our feet and exploded and knocked us, it shook us, like a bomb going off," Wawzynski said, adding his hands were "numb" and about another half dozen people around him had some injuries, too,

including his wife, ex-wife and another woman he could not identify. Wawzynski said the commencement had climaxed with the graduating students and faculty of Baker County High School choreographing a so-called "flash mob" scene where they were dancing on the field and stage to the recording of pop star Katy Perry's song "Firework" as darkness fell over the ceremony about 9 p.m. As the song began, there was an orchestrated ignition of fireworks near the football field scoreboard. Wawzynski said a couple of the firework mortars launched hundreds of feet into the air and exploded as they should have. But Wawzynski said one of the shells had a delayed explosion and the firework shell landed under the bleachers where he was sitting in the front row. He said when the mortar landed under the stands beneath hundreds of people, it detonated. "I was about 4 to 5 inches from it when it went off," Wawzynski said. "You could see the green flares fly out. It wasn't just an explosive firework, it was the kind that had the green flower." Officials with the Macclenny Fire Rescue Department reached Saturday morning said they had just relieved the previous shift and had no information regarding the incident. Macclenny firefighters were actually in charge of lighting the fireworks display. Baker County Fire Chief Richard Dolan confirmed the incident involving the faulty firework happened Friday. But he said ultimately the fire investigation falls under the jurisdiction of the Macclenny Fire Rescue Department. David Richardson, director of Baker County Emergency Services, said no injuries were life threatening and no one was transported to any area hospitals. "There was some treatment on the scene for some minor injuries," said Richardson. He acknowledged it's one of the strangest incidents he's heard of. "I was surprised," Richardson said. "To have anything like that is rare. ... There are some conflicting stories out there and everyone's trying to figure out what happened." Richardson added Macclenny firefighters have handled many fireworks displays in the past without incident. Wawzynski said the handling of the fireworks display was a mess. "It seemed ill-prepared," he said. Wawzynski said



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he didn't see any of the victims injured in the incident transferred by ambulance to local hospitals. But police and firefighters rushed into the crowd in the bleachers to quickly treat the wounded. The graduating students and high school faculty stopped dancing and cleared the field while the fireworks display was halted. The worst injury Wawzynski saw was a burn to the leg of a woman sitting near him in the crowd. But he said most of the injuries appeared to be minor burns to the skin.

<http://m.jacksonville.com/news/florida/2012-06-02/story/baker-county-high-school-graduation-ends-firework-exploding-under>

USA, N.J, NEW BRUNSWICK, JUNE 4 2012. OVERTURNED GASOLINE TRUCK CLOSSES ROUTE 1 SOUTH RAMP IN NEW BRUNSWICK

steve strunsky

A tanker truck carrying 8,500 gallons of gasoline lost control and overturned on Route 1 south ramp from Route 18 early this morning, spilling part of its contents and closing sections of both the roads for several hours, officials said. The gasoline did not ignite, and only about 100 gallons spilled onto the roadway as a result of the 5 a.m. accident, said Capt. Chris Boyler of the New Brunswick Fire Department. The driver of the truck, who was not identified, suffered only minor injuries and was taken to a local hospital for treatment. "There wasn't any ignition source," Boyler said. "We were quite lucky." The New Brunswick and Carteret Fire Departments sprayed foam on the scene to prevent ignition and tamp down fumes, Boyler said. The state Department of Environmental Protection responded to the scene, where a private cleanup firm was taking soil samples to determine the extent of any contamination from the spilled gasoline, Boyler said. Emergency workers drilled holes in the tanker and pumped the remaining 8,400 gallons of gasoline from the overturned tanker into another truck that was brought to the scene, before the truck was righted and cleared from the ramp, Boyler said. Both lanes of Route 1 south were closed following the accident, and later Route 18 northbound was also shut, before the scene was cleared and traffic conditions returned to normal at about 1:30, Boyler said.

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/06/overtuned_gasoline_truck_clos.html

USA, FLA, PORT ORANGE, JUNE 4 2012. LIQUID NITROGEN TANKER DRIFTS OFF I-95 NEAR PORT ORANGE, KILLS MAN INSIDE CAR ON SHOULDER

andrew gant

A tanker truck hauling liquid nitrogen drifted off Interstate 95 early Saturday morning and ran over a car that was stopped along the highway, killing the man inside, state troopers said. The 3:20 a.m. crash ended up blocking one lane of northbound I-95 until at least 9 a.m. as the Florida Highway Patrol investigated. Killed was 40-year-old Christopher White of Titusville, whose 2001 Mitsubishi was parked on the interstate shoulder about two miles south of the Dunlawton Avenue exit when the tanker struck, FHP Sgt. Kim Montes said. The tanker's driver, Frank Mocer, was not injured. Both men were listed as Titusville residents. Montes said Mocer's semi drifted toward the emergency lane "for reasons still under investigation." The front of it slammed into the back of White's vehicle, then "drove over (it) as the vehicles came to final rest in the northbound lanes of I-95," according to the FHP's crash report.

<http://www.news-journalonline.com/news/local/southeast-volusia/2012/06/03/fhp-truck-drifts-off-i-95-near-port-orange-kills-man-inside-car-parked-on-shoulder.html>

NIGERIA, LAGOS, JUNE 4 2012. FIVE DEAD AS FIRE RAGES ON LAGOS-IBADAN EXPRESSWAY

ernest nwokolo



The scene of the fire yesterday.

Motorists had another nasty experience yesterday on the ever-busy Lagos-Ibadan expressway. Many were trapped in a terrible traffic jam, which followed an all-night fire sparked by a tanker that spilled its 33,000 litres of petrol on the road. Five persons were feared dead. Ten vehicles, including three tankers, were burnt in the fire, which was still smouldering in the afternoon. The incident occurred at Danko village near Ogere-Remo. The inferno halted traffic on the nation's foremost highway for more than 10 hours. Many people travelling to Ibadan from Lagos aborted their trip. Those who died were burnt, according to eyewitnesses. But the police said only one person died. Spokesman Muiyiwa Adejobi said: "The accident occurred at about 1 am on Thursday. A driver of a



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tanker fully loaded with Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) was trying to manoeuvre his way through two vehicles on the expressway. His tanker fell and the product spilled on the road. "In the course of this spill, a fire broke out and the entire area was engulfed by fire. "A casualty was reported. A male whose identity is yet to be ascertained but investigation is on-going." But a man who claimed to have witnessed it said the incident was preventable if the road was in a good shape. "It is always disheartening to witness how fellow human beings are burnt to death. I have heard the news of accidents on this road but I am still in shock over what I witnessed today," he said. According to him, seven trailers and many cars were burnt. "The tanker driver could not say that he was not aware that the road was bad. He was on high speed when suddenly he ran into a pot hole and this led to the accident. The tanker fell after manoeuvring its way in between two cars. "We counted five bodies but I am sure that the casualty figure would be more than that." Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) Sector Commander in Ogun State, Ayobami Omiyale, said five persons were critically injured. He said the fire was put out by Fire Service men. The injured were taken to hospitals. Reacting to the incident yesterday, the concessionaire of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Bi-Courtney Highway Services Limited, noted that it had always warned of the hazards of parking of trailers on the roadside. In a statement by its spokesman, Dipo Kehinde, Bi-Courtney said: "The concessionaire has created eight temporary trailer parks along the expressway to take heavy trucks off the road shoulders, but drivers still park carelessly along the road. "You will recollect that the concessionaire has offered to build permanent trailer parks on the road, which could have solved the problem, but the move did not receive the support of the Ogun State government through the acquisition of land."

<http://www.thenationonlineng.net/2011/index.php/news/48561-five-dead-as-fire-rages-on-lagos-ibadan-expressway.html>

INDIA, VADODARA, JUNE 4 2012. 3 CHEMICAL TANKERS CATCH FIRE IN NANDESARI

A major fire broke out in a tanker carrying inflammable chemical in Nandesari Industrial Estate near here on Saturday afternoon. The fire engulfed two other tankers parked near the tanker. Fire officers had a tough time controlling it. The fire started at around 1 pm on Saturday on road number 11 in the estate that has chemical units. The tanker with (GJ-6Y-6365) caught fire due to unknown reasons. Officials from the Nandesari Fire Brigade attributed the fire's intensity to the tanker carrying a solvent-like inflammable chemical. One of the other tankers parked near was empty while yet another one was filled with acid. Nandesari Fire Brigade's assistant fire officer D B Parmar said the fire damaged the tankers to such an extent that the contents - that are usually written on the containers in which the chemicals are stored - could not be read. The driver of the tanker where the fire first took place was not spotted near the accident site and the police were searching for him till late in the evening. Fire tenders from RIL, Gujarat Refinery, Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Ltd and GSFC Ltd were also pressed into action to quell the fire. It was brought under control by around 4 pm. While the Nandesari Fire Brigade was the first to reach there, it had to wait for others to arrive. It was decided to launch an operation with multiple fire tenders to douse the fire. Jawaharnagar police inspector B M Chaudhary said forensic experts had been called to collect samples. "They will try to ascertain the probable cause of fire," he said. Chaudhary confirmed the driver was missing and that he may have escaped on seeing or hearing the incident.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vadodara/3-chemical-tankers-catch-fire-in-Nandesari/articleshow/13754621.cms>

USA, N.Y, BRIER HILL, JUNE 4 2012. NAVIGATION LAW SPILLS COSTS ONTO ANOTHER NORTH COUNTRY FAMILY

christopher robbins

When Texaco moved out of New York state in the late 1980s, the company left its tanks and pumps behind in this St. Lawrence County hamlet for property owner Arthur Whalen to deal with later. Mr. Whalen called the state Department of Environmental Conservation to ask what should be done with the tanks, his daughter Michele Whalen said. "My father contacted them years ago after Texaco left because he was building an above-ground tank," she said. "My parents did exactly what they were told to do by the state of New York and they filled the three tanks with sand." Almost two decades later, in 2006, DEC tested the property for contamination, prompting a state-led cleanup of the site. That was when the bills started arriving. On Oct. 11, 2006, the couple received a bill from the state comptroller's office for \$345,362. Under New York's navigation law, owners may be held responsible for the cleanup cost on their property even if they were not responsible for the contamination. Even the state Attorney General's Office characterizes the landowners' plight as a case of buyer beware. To this date, Ms. Whalen said, her parents have not paid. "I have a copy from the Albany county clerk summoning my parents to appear in Albany," she said. "My mother's blind. My father's deaf. They are old. For them to go to Albany once a week is a chore — so they ignored it." Elsewhere in the county, other families have been forced to pay for the cleanup of oil spills. In Ogdensburg, Laurel B. Roethel was coerced to pay more than \$100,000 to the state in a legal settlement. Another couple in



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Madrid has struggled to pay nearly \$500,000 in fees. DEC Region 6 spokesman Stephen W. Litwhiler said the department sets priorities for cleanups of the 350 north country oil spills reported each year by environmental impact. "Emergency response cleanups get high priority, since they just happened and have the best chance for getting a complete cleanup before spread occurs," he said. "Any spill which is a clear threat to human health or the environment will be pursued before spills which don't have a direct chance to affect human health or the environment." At any given time, DEC is working on about 75 spills, Mr. Litwhiler said, noting that DEC is not required to seek property owners' permission before beginning work. The 1974 navigation law places responsibility for cleanups on the discharger, Mr. Litwhiler said. "When the discharger is unknown, or is unable or unwilling to complete the cleanup, the state has the authority and obligation to mitigate the damages, and may hire contractors to perform the cleanup using money from the spill fund," he said. However, the law does not clearly define "discharger," leaving the assignment of responsibility in navigation law cases in the hands of individuals. Mr. Litwhiler said the attorney general's office decides whom to go after to recover cleanup money. "There are many factors that are considered when determining liability for those costs, and the attorney general deals with each case on its particular merits," he said. Jennifer Givner, a spokeswoman for state Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, said it doesn't matter who initially placed pollution into the ground, but who owns the property when a spill is found. "The case comes to us to determine how we can replenish these funds. We have a unit that is in charge of recovering those funds for the state," she said. "The way that it works is it is current ownership; whoever is the current owner of the property when the contamination is cleaned up reimburses the cost." Ms. Givner said these cases are common, especially in dense urban areas where properties may have had a number of uses. In the north country, however, the gasoline business went through a boom as Americans turned toward automobile travel in the 1920s and '30s, followed by a bust as retailers consolidated, leaving abandoned pumps and hidden underground tanks lining the streets of many villages. "It is sort of a buyer beware issue," she said. "It is very clear what businesses were housed on these properties beforehand. The owners knew that there might be contamination on their land." In the Whalens' case, the property in the town of Morristown was already family-owned when Texaco installed the tanks. "They put steel tanks in the ground, which rust and deteriorate, and fill them up with the gas," Ms. Whalen said. "Nobody thought about it; nobody cared. They were Texaco's tanks. Texaco didn't get hit with anything." In the meantime, the bill for their property's cleanup has ballooned to \$402,962.69, Ms. Whalen said — a sum her parents don't intend to pay. "All that is going to happen is the state is going to take the property when my parents die," she said. "They're old school. They don't complain; they just take it and figure it will be dealt with when they're dead, and when they're dead, they're dead."

<http://www.watertowndailytimes.com/article/20120603/NEWS05/706039848>

USA, AZ, TUCSON, JUNE 4 2012. INLAND OIL SPILLS POINT TO PIPELINE THREATS

dan vergano

Even though the Exxon Valdez and Deepwater Horizon disasters have grabbed the headlines, oil spills hit land much more frequently, posing risks for lakes, streams and rivers. That's especially true near pipelines, suggests a study in the current issue of the journal Risk Analysis that looks for places particularly vulnerable to inland oil spills across the Upper Midwest. Despite the attention paid to the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill disaster, which released about 4.9 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico, the majority of oil spills, about 60%, are inland ones. A 30-inch [pipe rupture near Marshall](#), Mich., two years ago, for example, spilled about 19,000 barrels of crude oil into a creek and then the Kalamazoo River, stopping 80 miles short of Lake Michigan. The problem is the plethora of "roads, railroads, pipelines, tanks" crossing some 10,851 watershed locales stretching from Minnesota to Ohio, each one a potential spill location, says EPA analyst Thomas Brody, who led the study. "If you put them on the map, you can see the threats, but it's hard to aggregate them visually all together," he says, to weigh all the risks appropriately. That's partly because fisheries, drinking water sources, migrating birds and other environmentally sensitive spots that leaking oil might spill into aren't always readily apparent from a map. "Liquids like water and oil are going to move," notes the study. So, in the study, Brody and colleagues combined [federal watershed drainage maps](#), two decades of spill records and cleanup cost data to identify areas most vulnerable to inland oil spills. Essentially, these are spots where the combination of past spills, pipelines that crisscross sensitive wetlands and slow response times by cleanup crews leave these locations susceptible to considerable damage in the event of a significant spill. The study focused on the Upper Midwest ("Region 5" in EPA-speak), otherwise known as the lake and river-filled states of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. But the authors think their approach could be applied nationwide. The data in the study showed that inland crude oil spills occurred way more often near small towns of fewer than 10,000 people, accounting for 77% of the spills, which might raise concerns about response times to accidents. The study evaluated several dozen "high-risk" watershed locations,



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rating them as two to five times as vulnerable to spills than the great mass of other watershed locations. "Mostly it is where there are pipelines," Brody says, not a big surprise. So, what does the study tell us about places vulnerable to inland oil spills? A [National Response Center](#) database of voluntary reports by industries of spills that was used in the study suggests that about 87% of their risks came from pipelines and 12.2% came from nearby storage tanks. And in the end, most of the higher-risk locations were reachable by federal emergency response teams within six hours of a disaster. (Richard Karl, an EPA Superfund site official in the region, notes, however, that local officials most often respond to spills ahead of federal personnel.) But the biggest point of the study is that the same mapping methodology could be extended nationwide to warn state environmental agencies and oil pipeline owners about the most threatened locations. The study team would like to add factories, gas stations and other "fixed facilities" that cause 10% to 30% of oil spills nationwide to their analysis as well. Why does this all matter? Environmental worries aside, oil pipelines are a hot political issue, after all, in the aftermath of the bruising fight last year over the proposed Keystone XL pipeline that would carry tar-sands oil from Canada to Texas across the Midwest. A decision on proceeding with the pipeline was put off until 2013 by the State Department, following objections to its proposed route over aquifers in Nebraska. Having maps that point out where the oil spill pipeline risks really look most dire might be helpful to whichever politicians face that decision next year. Or not. That might explain why it took an [unusually long](#) two weeks for Brody [to get permission](#) from EPA's press folks to talk about a relatively straightforward look at oil pipeline safety. Hopefully that won't stop his team's research. "It really is a work in progress. We're hoping to do a lot more," he says.

<http://tucsoncitizen.com/usa-today-news/2012/06/02/inland-oil-spills-point-to-pipeline-threats/>

USA, IN, GRANGER, HARRIS TWP, JUNE 4 2012. TEEN KILLED IN GRANGER TANKER CRASH WAS HOURS AWAY FROM GRADUATION

 **Photo's [11]** [Fatal Crash in Granger](#)



Police have released the names of those involved in a deadly crash Sunday morning on State Road 23 in Granger. The young man who died is 18-year-old James Reeder – a student from Lawrence, Michigan who was due to graduate Sunday afternoon. Around 4:30 a.m. Reeder's pickup truck and a semi collided head-on just south of the Indiana-Michigan state line in Harris Township, spilling fuel on the highway. The semi -- driven by 43-year-old Troy S. Massey of Coloma, Michigan -- burst into flames upon impact. Reeder died at the scene. Massey was taken to South Bend's Memorial Hospital with [back pain](#) and minor facial injuries. The tanker was carrying 8,000 gallons of fuel and was just filled at the Granger fuel depot before the crash. However, the tanker portion of the

semi did not catch fire -- meaning an even larger disaster was averted thanks to the efforts of firefighters. Lieutenant Matt Blank of the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department says information gathered at the scene shows the southbound pickup crossed the center line into the path of the northbound semi. Massey ran from his burning cab. It took emergency crews an hour to douse the flames. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management was called to the scene because of the fuel spill. Toxicology tests are being performed, as is standard procedure in fatal crashes, but the results could take several weeks to come back. WSBT spoke with the Lawrence superintendent, who told us that an empty chair was left for James Reeder at graduation at 2 Sunday afternoon. His graduation cap and National Honor Society cloak were draped over that chair, and a moment of silence was observed in his honor during the commencement ceremony.

<http://www.wsbt.com/news/wsbt-breaking-news-serious-semi-crash-in-granger-fuel-spill-20120603,0,3243078.story>

NIGERIA, WARRI, JUNE 4 2012. TASK FORCE DESTROYS ILLEGAL REFINERIES IN DELTA

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Jesse community in Delta State was last weekend saved from another fire calamity with the destruction of several illegal refineries by the operatives of the Joint Task Force (JTF) code-named Operation Pulo Shield. The troops led by Lt Col, Abubakar Wase, Commander Four Brigade Garrison, Sector One, Benin, had earlier burnt a tanker ostensibly used for loading the product in Aghalokpe, Sapele. Various drums, tanks and pipelines used in connecting the crude oil to areas where it was refined in Onyobru town, Jesse community, Ethiopie West Local Council, were also razed down by the soldiers. The crude line which supplies products from the Warri refinery to the Kaduna refinery had been under attack from pipelines vandals, a



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situation that had caused several disruptions to the line. Over 1,000 persons died in the Jesse community about 10 years ago when a petroleum pipeline from which the product was being siphoned caught fire. But the sad incident had not deterred some members of the community who had found the lucrative business too attractive to abandon. Wase, who led the operation, told Community News that the army got information from some women in the town, who were uncomfortable with the action of the youths. Community News observed that the entire Jesse River had been covered with crude oil, turning the entire water black. The army said it would continue to destroy the illegal refineries and tackle the perpetrators until total elimination of the menace was achieved. "This illegal business already costs the nation a lot in terms of loss of revenue, degradation of the environment and the attendant health hazard that the action of these boys cause. "This is an ongoing programme and all our activities are now geared towards the eradication of this illegal business", said the soldier. He refuted claims that the army was involved in illegal oil bunkering, adding that those involved in the business were mere criminals. With the destruction of the illegal refineries and the deployment of soldiers in the area, Wase said the Warri /Kaduna trunk line would now be more secured and free of frequent disruptions.

<http://tribune.com.ng/index.php/community-news/41932-task-force-destroys-illegal-refineries-in-delta>

USA, ME, SCARBOROUGH, JUNE 4 2012. VAPOR SENDS THREE WORKERS TO HOSPITAL >> THE CHEMICAL REACTION OCCURS DURING CLEANING AT A SCARBOROUGH BUSINESS.

dennis hoey

[Watch the Video 3 Injured In Hazmat Situation In Scarborough](#)



Three employees were taken to the hospital Sunday after a chemical reaction produced a potentially dangerous vapor inside a Scarborough business. Deputy Fire Chief Tony Attardo said all of the workers made it out of QuantumClean at 5 Gibson Road on their own, but he did not know their conditions. Attardo said the workers were doing routine industrial cleaning when a mix of fluoric acid, nitric acid and ionized water produced a vapor that made them feel ill. The vapor was contained in one room. The South Portland and Presumpscot Valley hazardous materials teams arrived at the company off Pleasant Hill Road soon after the incident was reported around 4:30 p.m. Westbrook, Gorham, Portland and Windham also sent ambulances and fire trucks to assist if needed. It might

have appeared like an overreaction to the casual observer, Attardo said, but "you never know what you've got until it's over. We really have to ramp things up because there is a lot of monitoring and other things that go into this type of incident." Hazardous material team members tested the air quality and found it to be stable. The business reopened shortly after 6 p.m. According to its website, QuantumClean is headquartered in Dublin, Pa. QuantumClean describes itself as the leading provider of parts cleaning, part restoration, surface treatment and engineering services to the semiconductor industry.

<http://www.pressherald.com/news/vapor-sends-3-workers-to-hospital-2012-06-04.html>

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, POINT FORTIN, JUNE 4 2012. EMPLOYEES EVACUATED AFTER ATLANTIC GAS LEAK

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Employees at Atlantic's Point Fortin LNG facility were yesterday evacuated after a gas leak was discovered at one of its tanks. Around 12.30 p.m. yesterday workers were alerted to leave the area after gas started emanating from Tank C. The first batch of workers assembled at Clifton Hill and others went to an area called the "rub tank". But workers from another location said evacuation systems in their area failed, as the alarm was not sounded for them to evacuate. The workers said they were confused over their muster point and assembled at different locations. One employee also said the wind assisted in averting a more serious situation at the plant yesterday. The worker at the LNG company said the wind was blowing in a westerly direction, toward the sea, preventing the gas

from blowing directly into one of the flares at the plant. Attempts were being made to put the flare out, but the gas leak was contained before an explosion occurred, he said. But chief executive officer of Atlantic, Nigel Darlow, in a telephone interview,



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described yesterday's incident as "a non-issue". "We had done some maintenance on the pressure safety valves (PSV) during the day. They are designed in certain circumstances to lift to allow the gas to vent, which is what happened. Just as a precaution, we evacuated people in the vicinity, that was it. It didn't stop the operations at the plant. It wasn't a significant incident. If there is a particular pressure on the system, they will lift just to release some of the pressure. They were being calibrated, I think. I'll have to speak to the guys, but they were working on two of the valves, calibrating during the day....whether they reset the right calibration we'll have to find out." Questioned on the possibility of a fire, Darlow said, there was "no concern of ignition". "We would consider this a very low potential incident...that was not a concern. The safety of our people and the integrity of our plant are the most important things to us. The fact that we have had 16 million man hours without significant injury, four-and-a-half years of operations—is testament to that. So I think our safety record is world-class." "We will have an investigation into what caused the PSVs to lift, but I suspect it was the calibration on the valve. I'm not concerned about the incident; I think it had low potential, it was handled properly, the safety system worked according to its design, and I don't think it's something we are going to worry about," he added. A release from the company said two pressure safety valves lifted on Tank C, resulting in a temporary release of gas into atmosphere. The company said the gas dissipated shortly thereafter. "As a precautionary measure, personnel were evacuated from the adjacent GE Turbine Maintenance Workshop. Atlantic technical personnel immediately rectified the situation and the all clear was given for staff to resume work activities. The release caused no harm to personnel or equipment, and Atlantic's facility continues normal operations. A technical team on site is currently investigating the cause of the valves lifting," the release said. Member of Parliament for Point Fortin Paula Gopee-Scoon said, while she was unaware of the details, she knew the company has an outstanding record and places significant efforts on health and safety measures.

Related Links [Gas Leak Causes Atlantic LNG Evacuation In Point](#)

http://www.trinidadexpress.com/news/Employees_evacuated_after_Atlantic_gas_leak-156928595.html

INDIA, KARNATAKA, MALUR, JUNE 4 2012. SIX MEN INJURED AS DIESEL TANK BURSTS

Citizens have condemned the lack of facilities at the government hospital and also the failure of the Arogya Kavacha ambulance to arrive during an emergency in the town on Sunday evening. Six men were seriously injured at a welding shop near the Balaji Circle on Sunday evening as the fuel tank of a lorry burst while work was on.

Welding Trouble

Sheikhubhai, 45, Amaan, 55, Ansar, 32, Ravi, 33, Babu, 65, and Ravi, 30, were the men injured in the accident. The lorry driver brought the vehicle to the shop and asked the workers to weld the fuel tank. The driver claimed the tank was empty and Sheikhubhai, the owner of the shop started work. But the tank burst midway. The six men were admitted to the government hospital immediately.

No Facilities

The hospital, however, lacked basic facilities including electric lamp and fan, forcing the staff to provide treatment using a torch for light. In addition, the Arogya Kavacha ambulance failed to arrive in time, much to the chagrin of the public. Sheikhubhai, Amaan and Babu were admitted to the SNR Hospital in Kolar. Police arrived at the shop and registered a case.

<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/254321/six-men-injured-diesel-tank.html>

USA, PA, PERKIOMEN, JUNE 4 2012. HEATING OIL SPILL AT PERKIOMEN GOLF COURSE

The discovery of an empty heating oil tank prompted clean-up efforts at a local golf course Sunday. John Moran, chief of the Perkiomen Township Fire Company, said an anonymous call came in reporting that an exterior home heating oil tank was leaking at the Rolling Turf Golf Course. The fire company was dispatched before 2 p.m. but the tank was empty by the time they arrived. Fuel oil reportedly leaked from the tank, which reportedly had a capacity of 250 gallons, into an unnamed tributary and ended up in a pond on the golf course, sources said. The tank was almost empty to begin with and leaked a small amount of oil, according to a witness at the golf course. Moran said the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Lewis Environmental, an emergency response cleaning service, took over the scene by 3:30 p.m. Crews worked past 6 p.m. to "skim the pond," a witness said. A Montgomery County Hazardous Material team also responded to the scene, according to officials. Pennsylvania DEP officials could not be reached Sunday.

<http://www.pottsmmerc.com/article/20120603/NEWS01/120609806/-1/NEWS/heating-oil-spill-at-perkiomen-golf-course>



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