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Crews continue cleaning up Rt. 128 in Woburn, Mass., several hours after a tanker truck rolled over and spilled thousands of gallons of fuel. Emergency crews worked through the night, after the truck rolled over late Monday night - leaving a dangerous mess and causing all lanes of the highway to be shut down and diverted to I-93. A car collided with the tanker truck. The truck was carrying about 10,000 gallons of gasoline. When it rolled, it spilled about 8,000 gallons onto the highway. "We've managed to contain a lot of it at the storm drain, some of it has gotten into the storm drain... but we've also headed that off a little bit down stream," said Paul Tortolano, Woburn Fire Department. Because of the spill - homes, businesses, and even an entire hotel had to be evacuated. It also shut down Rt. 128 north and south for several hours, causing an overnight traffic mess. After the cleanup started and the safety concerns were relieved, the investigation began. "Troopers out of the danvers barracks are investigation... who

what where when and how of the crash," said Major Ed Amodeo of the Massachusetts State Police. The Red Cross served breakfast to about 70 evacuated people at a local shelter. All lanes northbound and southbound were reopened after 6 a.m. on Tuesday.

<http://www.necn.com/07/17/12/Fuel-spill-causes-traffic-mess-on-Rt-128/landing.html?blockID=741504&feedID=4753>

NIGERIA, LAGOS, JULY 17 2012. FED GOVT FINES SHELL \$5B FOR BONGA OIL SPILL

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The Federal Government has asked Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company (SNEPCO) to pay \$5 billion for the oil spill that occurred in its Bonga oil field in December last year. But the Managing Director of SNEPCO, Chike Onyejekwe, said the company was not thinking about compensation for affected communities, saying the spill did not reach the shoreline before it was contained. The disclosures were made yesterday at a meeting organised by the House of Representatives Committee on Environment aimed to ascertain progress report on the Bonga oil spill of December 28, 2011. Chairman of the Committee, Uche Ekwenife said going by reports and complaints from affected communities that no clean-up had been carried out by Shell there was a need to have a knowledge of efforts taken so far by the Government and the oil company. Besides Ekwenife pointed out that there were indications that Shell had refused to accept full responsibility for the incident and had rebuffed the claims from communities allegedly impacted by the spill. In his presentation, the Director-General, National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), Mr Peter Idabor, said Shell was sanctioned for the large quantity of crude oil discharged into the environment and the impact on economic and environment of the affected communities. He

said the fine is for 'administrative penalty,' adding that it is consistent with what is obtainable in other oil producing countries such as Venezuela, Brazil and the United States of America. Though he explained that the penalty should not be taken as



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compensation, "because compensation is only demanded from a polluter company after a proper post impact assessment has been conducted and scientific evidence of impact established," he added. According to the director-general, NOSDRA, Shell and other stakeholders plan to conduct the Post Impact Assessment (PIA) on the spill as soon as approval for funding was secured from National Petroleum Investment Management Services. He said: "Although adequate containment measures were put in place to combat the Bonga oil spill, it however posed a serious environmental threat to the offshore environments. "The spilled 40,000 barrels impacted approximately 950 square kilometres of water surface; affected great number of sensitive environmental resources across the impacted area and has direct social impact on the livelihood of people in the riverine areas whose primary occupation is fishing. "It also potentially caused a number of physiological and hispathological effects on aquatic lives while surviving aquatic species around the spill site would migrate farther distance to situate new habitat thereby forcing coastal communities to move deeper into the sea to carry out fishing activities". However, in his remarks, Onyejekwe said the status of the spill could not be known until about the end of the year. While claiming that over 325 claims have been received from different communities over the spill, Onyejekwe, however, said his organisation was not thinking about compensating the communities for now. He said the oil spill did not hit the shoreline of the communities and as such would not compensate for the Bonga oil spill. Shell's spokesman Tony Okonedo said: "We do not believe there is any basis in law for such a fine. Neither do we believe the SNEPCo has committed any infraction of Nigerian law to warrant such a fine." He said the firm handled the incident with utmost care and acted with the consent of the necessary authorities to prevent the environmental impact.

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The Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company, SNEPCO, has been fined US\$5 billion over the massive oil spill that occurred at its Bonga oil field on December 20, 2011. This was disclosed yesterday by the Director General, National Oil...

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ENGLAND, FALMOUTH, JULY 17 2012. TUGS HEAD TO ABANDONED MSC FLAMINIA



MSC denies speculation of calcium hypochlorite on board UK-bound container vessel adrift in the mid-Atlantic.

The fate a German-owned containership on charter to Mediterranean Shipping Co that was severely damaged by an explosion at the weekend will not be known until the first tug arrives on the scene on Tuesday. Neither is it clear at this stage whether any of the cargo on board can be saved. The blast on the 6,750 teu MSC Flaminia cost the life of one seafarer with another one missing and three injured. The 6,750 teu MSC Flaminia is managed by NSB Niederelbe and owned by a KG fund issued by Munich-based Conti. Both hull and protection and indemnity cover, are provided by the Swedish Club. MSC has the ship on a long-term 16-year time charter agreement. Fire broke out in one of the vessel's hatches on Saturday. The explosion occurred as the crew attempted to extinguish the blaze, according to

Buxtehude-based ship-manager NSB. "At the moment, the cause of the fire is completely unclear," a spokesman for NSB said. MSC issued a statement denying early speculation that the cargo may have included calcium hypochlorite, a bleaching agent that has caused several containership fires and explosions over the years. The line told Lloyd's List that it did not carry that particular commodity, and that it was not on board MSC Flaminia. Dutch salvage firm Smit has signed a contract with the



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owner and dispatched two fire fighting tugs Fairmount Expedition will arrive in the area by Tuesday evening while Anglian Sovereign is expected to arrive late Thursday or early Friday. Smit said it was premature to speculate about whether the ship and its cargo could be saved. Details of how many containers were on the ship have not yet been released. The incident happened in "the middle of the Atlantic", the NSB spokesman said. As a result it was not easy to get information about the damage to the ship. The MSC Flaminia's crew comprises 23 members, 15 Filipinos, five Germans and three Poles. In addition, two passengers were on board. The 300,000 dwt tanker DS Crown, owned by a KG fund issued by KG house Dr Peters, picked up 24 people from lifeboats and liferafts after they had abandoned the burning MSC Flaminia. In total, seven ships went to the aid of the stricken vessel. The injured crew members were transferred to another ship and then helicoptered to hospitals in Lisbon, Portugal and the Azores. The remaining crew, together with two passengers, are on board DS Crown, which is expected to arrive in Falmouth on Wednesday evening. MSC Flaminia was sailing from the US to the UK at the time of the accident.

http://www.lloydsloadinglist.com/freight-directory/news/tugs-head-to-abandoned-msc-flaminia/20017974943.htm?source=ezone&utm_source=Lloyd%27s+Loading+List+Daily+News+Bulletin&utm_campaign=9a89108f0d-17_July7_17_2012&utm_medium=email#_UAVwZ7Q_8rU

NEW ZEALAND, TIWAI WHARF, JULY 18 2012. LEAKED PITCH FUMES PUT 16 IN HOSPITAL



Leak Probe: NZAS shipping superintendent Murray Wood will be part of the investigation team looking into a pitch fumes leak, on to the wharf while metal was being loaded on to the Rakiura Maru.

Sixteen people were taken to hospital early yesterday after pitch fumes were released on to Tiwai Wharf. New Zealand Aluminium Smelters (NZAS) general manager Ryan Cavanagh said the incident happened at 2.30am. While metal was being loaded on to the Rakiura Maru, the pitch tank system on the ship appeared to have vented and fumes drifted on to the wharf, he said. Pitch was not being unloaded at the time. Liquid pitch is used in the aluminium smelting process and forms part of the carbon anodes, which are made from petroleum coke, liquid pitch, and recycled carbon anodes. Exposure to pitch fumes can cause irritation to

the nose and throat resulting in coughing and nausea. Exposure to pitch can also cause increased photosensitivity to sunlight. Some team members coughed, felt nauseated and vomited after inhaling the fumes. All members of the metal load out team, seven stevedores, five truck drivers, and four smelter team members, were taken to Southland Hospital for observation but have since left hospital and been cleared to return to work. Hospital protocol required that anyone who had come into contact with pitch fume must be decontaminated before entering hospital, Mr Cavanagh said. NZAS would investigate the incident to prevent it happening again, he said. Fire service assistant area manager Julian Tohiariki said three appliances and 10 staff attended the incident, and set up two decontamination sites - one at Tiwai Wharf and another at Southland Hospital. A doctor also went through the decontamination shower, and three ambulance officers went through low-level decontamination as a precaution, he said.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/7296759/Leaked-pitch-fumes-put-16-in-hospital>

USA, W.VA, CHARLESTON, JULY 18 2012. SHOULD NEW LAW REQUIRE GENERATORS?

Should West Virginia's 1,392 gas retailers be required to have a standby power source in the event of another long-term power outage? That question may be tossed around as West Virginia continues to recover from a storm that left hundreds of thousands in the dark for days. Jimmy Gianato, the state's director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, thinks lawmakers can look into the issue during their next session. Gianato acknowledged that the lack of electricity and standby power at gas stations led to long lines and fuel shortages at stations that did have power. Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., expressed concern. "I would hope some of our area learned the necessity of having backup generators, especially gas stations," the 3rd District congressman said. "That's been a surprise to me, the number of gas stations that have not had backup generators, therefore unable to pump gas. Some had generators, but they didn't do any good." Rep. Zeke Zalaski, D-Conn., vowed to introduce a bill mandating backup generators in gas stations and senior housing in his state after a freak October 2011 snowstorm knocked out power to hundreds of thousands. Michael Fox, executive director for the Gasoline and Automotive Dealers Association of America in Stamford, Conn., called Zalaski's plan "the dumbest thing in the world." Fox said



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it could cost as much as \$27 million to equip Connecticut's estimated 1,100 gas stations with sufficient generators. He said a generator capable of powering gas pumps is "the size of a car" and would cost about \$25,000. Only Florida and Louisiana require service stations to be able to switch to an alternative energy source in the event of a power failure. Florida enacted such a law in 2006, the year after Hurricane Wilma caused widespread power outages. The aftermath created gas lines up to 5 miles long on the Florida Turnpike. Under the statute, every service station in the state must have a power transfer switch installed by a certified electrical contractor, and the fuel pumps, life-safety equipment and payment terminals must be capable of operating on an alternative energy source for at least 72 hours after an outage. Corporations or entities are required to have one generator per 10 gas stations owned. The generator must be stored in or within 250 miles of the state of Florida, and it must be available for use in an affected area within 24 hours of a disaster. Louisiana's law is similar to Florida's but affects only service stations in certain southern parishes constructed after Oct. 1, 2009. Gianato said most of West Virginia Homeland Security and Emergency Management's fuel stations have backup generators. He thinks this week's experience will help those affected be better prepared next time. "You have lessons learned from every event and this is no different," Gianato said. "I think this is something people will look at and make a determination on whether (buying a generator) is the right decision for them. "It would certainly help for the facilities to have the capability to operate without power. We always want to be better prepared. I'm sure when this storm is over, we're gonna take a look at things and see what we did right and did wrong, and see what we can do better."

<http://www.register-herald.com/todaysfrontpage/x694484707/Should-new-law-require-generators>

AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, JULY 18 2012. MAN KILLED IN WORK EXPLOSION

A man has been killed in an explosion at a Welshpool business. Arson squad investigators and firefighters were called to the Welshpool Road business just before 2pm. Welshpool station officer Graeme Green said initial reports were that there was smoke coming from the building. When firefighters arrived they found smoke coming from the side of the property. "We attended and put out the smoke and at the same time found a person had been injured by an explosion," Mr Green said. "At the moment it is subject to an investigation, but it looks like a vapourisation has caused the tank to explode." Mr Green said investigators would examine whether the worker was using an angle grinder on a large fuel tank moments before it exploded. "The blast was quite extensive, it has blown the ends of the tank out and damaged the buildings on both sides," he said. They have not released any details about the man's age. WorkSafe inspectors are investigating the death of a man.

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/wa/14245926/man-reportedly-killed-in-work-explosion/>

USA, PA, WILKES-BARRE, JULY 18 2012. DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO PROBE MISSING FUEL >> 18,000 GALLONS OF MISSING FUEL.

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 [Watch the Video Where's the Gas?](#)



Stefanie Salavantis

Luzerne County District Attorney Stefanie Salavantis has decided to launch a criminal investigation into roughly 18,000 gallons of fuel that's missing from the city's [fuel tanks](#). Salavantis said Tuesday she has assigned detectives Dan Yursha and Larry Fabian to the case. The detectives will interview employees and review records and video surveillance footage of the pumps to determine if any unauthorized use of [fuel](#) occurred. The criminal investigation follows a Times Leader story on July 1 that revealed the city could not account for 10,260 gallons of gasoline and 7,620 gallons of [dieselfuel](#) dispensed from the pumps at the Public Works Department from Dec. 1, 2011 to June 22. "There are 18,000 gallons missing. It's important to see if possibly an outside source might be taking from the city pumps, or if it's just employees that are taking from the pumps who are, or are not, permitted," Salavantis said. A reporter uncovered the discrepancy by comparing fuel logs employees fill out to tank records that show how much fuel was removed from the tanks daily. Salavantis said detectives will review those records, and will also seek to review video tapes from surveillance cameras

located at the Public Works Department. Drew McLaughlin, administrative coordinator for the city, said most of the fuel logs have been turned over to the state Department of Revenue, which is conducting its own audit and criminal investigation.



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McLaughlin said the city will cooperate with all agencies investigating the matter. City officials maintain the missing fuel is a product of poor record keeping. The criminal probes were prompted by a complaint filed by city resident Bob Kadluboski. Kadluboski asked Salavantis and the Department of Revenue to investigate based on the findings of The Times Leader's investigation. Kadluboski had requested Salavantis refer the investigation to the state Attorney General's Office based on the fact Mike Dessoye, chief of Luzerne county detectives, is the brother of Wilkes-Barre Police Chief Gerry Dessoye, who was appointed by Mayor Tom Leighton. Leighton has acknowledged he obtained fuel from the city pumps, for a vehicle he said was used for city business. He admitted he did not fill out logs documenting how much fuel he took or the number of miles he drove for [city business](#). Salavantis said she does not believe there is a conflict. The two detectives assigned to the case will report their findings directly to her. "I looked at it very closely," Salavantis said. "There is always going to be a connection with someone in different departments or different individuals. I want to make sure Luzerne County handles more cases and does not refer them out to an outside agency."

<http://www.timesleader.com/stories/District-attorney-to-probe-missing-fuel,177145>

USA, WA, RICHLAND, JULY 18 2012. SPILLS AREN'T SLICK



Every year, the Washington Department of Ecology handles 3,800 reports of oil spills and hazardous material releases across the state – including conducting 1,200 field responses. Most of our reports involve oil spills at marinas or recreational boats. Ecology's top priority is working to prevent oil spills in the first place. All spills matter, regardless of size, because oil is toxic to the environment. The damage starts as soon as oil enters our waters. A single quart of motor oil can potentially contaminate 100,000 gallons of water. Oil products harm water quality and directly threaten our fish, birds, mammals and other wildlife – and damage critical habitat. When the oil hits water, it spreads out very quickly and turns into a sheen. At this point, the oil is difficult to remove from the water. Using soaps or detergents on spilled oil or fuel is illegal and does not eliminate the spill. When fueling your boat, use an absorbent pad or fuel collar to catch drips. By working together to keep our vessels well maintained so they don't sink and keep oil from

leaking while we fuel our vessels over water, we can all help protect the waters we so deeply cherish. Many people don't know they are required to report their spills, and they don't know it's as easy as dialing 800-OILS-911. While reporting spills is critical, we really need everyone to do all they can to prevent spills from polluting our waters. Curt Hart, Communications Manager for the Washington Department of Ecology Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Program.

<http://www.masoncountydailynews.com/news/news-page/34776-spills-arent-slick>

GHANA, ACCRA, JULY 18 2012. ADENTA RESIDENTS RUN FOR COVER AS AIRCRAFT FUEL TANK DROPS



The Ghana Armed Forces (GAF) has confirmed that two fuel tanks of the Airforces' K8 jet trainers fell off the aircraft around Adenta during a routine training flight on Tuesday morning.

Information reaching RadioXYZonline.com indicates that an aircraft fuel tank fell at Adenta, a suburb of Accra, during a routine training regiment Tuesday morning. It is not clear what might have caused the tank to fall but the head of Public Affairs of the Ghana Armed Forces, Col. Atintande told XYZ News no casualties have been recorded in the incident. "This morning, one of the trainer aircrafts, the K8 trainer Aircraft that we have was on a training mission and then one of the fuel

tanks fell off around Adenta" he narrated. Col. Atintande said some Airforce personnel have been deployed to recover the tank that fell, stressing that "no plane has crashed." About a week ago, a helicopter made an emergency landing at the St Michael's International School at Menan in the Adansi South District of the Ashanti Region. Again, in the latter part of June, a helicopter belonging to Newmont Ghana made an emergency landing at Beposo in the Ashanti region due to poor visibility. Head of the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority, Air Commodore Victor Mumphy in an interview with XYZ News also corroborated Col. Atintande's information. He said the craft is a six wing aircraft which was undertaking its normal training routine but has since



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flown back to its base as the Airforce identifies the fallen tank. Air Commodore Mumphy said there is no cause for alarm as the tank fell on no properties in the Area.

<http://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/artikel.php?ID=244985>

USA, PA, THORNBURY TWP, JULY 18 2012. PRECAUTIONS TAKEN AFTER MAN COMMITS RARE 'CHEMICAL SUICIDE' IN DELCO

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The cases are known as "detergent suicides," "chemical suicides," or "hydrogen sulfide suicides" - references to a lethal mix of common household cleaners and a toxic gas they produce. While such deaths are relatively rare, Delaware County authorities were recently called upon to deal with the situation - which can put rescue workers and others at risk when they also are exposed to the poisonous fumes. On July 2, Daniel Hoertling, 28, of Thornbury Township, was found in a tent in a wooded area owned by the township, south of Cheyney University near Station Road. Hoertling left a suicide note that was automatically posted on a website. "If you are reading this, I am dead. I have taken my own life," it read. He described years of depression and loneliness, and his struggle with anorexia. He also described the mix he used to create the carbon monoxide gas that would kill him. "Put it in a tent, take a nap. Done." Signs posted near his tent warned others away. One trooper and a family member who did venture near the scene were sent to a hospital as a precaution but released soon after, said Rosemary McGuire, spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania State Police. According to a 2011 article in the Western Journal of Emergency Medicine, such deaths are well known in Japan, where more than 500 cases were reported between January and July 2008. In the United States in 2008 there were two cases, according to the journal, with 10 in 2009 and 18 in 2010. Researchers found there were 45 unintentional deaths from such chemical mixing in the United States from 1999 to 2007. In many cases, common household chemicals are used to create hydrogen sulfide. "It is a very toxic type of gas," said Laura Labay, a forensic toxicologist with the National Medical Services Laboratory in Willow Grove. "Basically you don't get oxygen throughout the system." Sense of smell is the first line of defense for those coming onto the scene, said Labay, who may encounter a rotten-egg odor. "If you get enough of it, it will just drop you." At the Delaware County scene, hazardous material crews dressed in protective clothing and wore special breathing apparatus to decontaminate the area and the body before the victim could be sent to the medical examiner. Even during the autopsy, precautions were taken, according to Medical Examiner Frederick Hellman. He wore a special suit with a face shield and respirator, and was monitored by a chemical detector during the procedure, he said. Results of the toxicology screening will not be known for six to eight weeks, said Hellman. To reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline contact 1-800-273-8255 or www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org http://articles.philly.com/2012-07-18/news/32731275_1_suicide-note-chemical-suicide-toxic-gas

CANADA, ONT, MINAKI, JULY 18 2012. TERRIFYING BOAT EXPLOSION SENDS 5 PEOPLE TO HOSPITAL

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- The hose broke, causing fuel to be pumped into the hull.
- The boat takes on 200 litres of fuel but received 360 litres.
- When the boat started there was an explosion



Minaki Marina.

When Doug Gratton's boat exploded into flames with him and four family members on board, all he knew was that he was on fire and so was his family. "My son went flying up in the air and a big fireball went up in the air," he said. "I just knew I was burning, so I jumped into the water." Five people were taken to hospital Friday, including three Manitobans, after a boat explosion in the marina in Minaki, Ontario Provincial Police said Monday. Gratton, from Lorette, said he suffered second-degree burns on his legs, while his other family members suffered burns on their arms, legs and feet. A sixth family member, his wife Christine, was on the dock when the explosion happened. "It happened so fast," she said. "I just saw the ball of fire go through the boat." OPP in Kenora responded to the area at around 5:45 p.m. Friday. They said a five-metre boat was refuelling at the marina when the hose apparently broke, causing fuel to be pumped into the boat's hull. Doug



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Gratton said he realized the problem when they went to pay and found the boat had taken in 360 litres instead of the usual 200. "We were wondering, 'gee, why isn't it full?' " he said. Const. Dave Cain said at least some of the extra fuel that had accumulated in the boat's hull was dumped into the water. Gratton said the fuel had leaked from the hose into the water. Gratton said they waited for the boat to dry out. After an hour, the boat wouldn't start, he said, but on trying again, the boat exploded. "As I turned the key, it went boom," he said. This, he said, was followed by a second explosion and flames shot out from the back of the boat. "It was just crazy, it was hectic," he said. "I remember people running everywhere and people screaming," he said. Christine Gratton said bystanders started to help, including a nurse and a girl who poured water on her burned family members. "I just can't thank them enough," she said. Five people were taken to the Lake of the Woods District Hospital, Cain said. Doug Gratton's sister was still in hospital, Gratton said Monday. He said he was released from hospital Saturday.

<http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/terrifying-boat-explosion-sends-5-people-to-hospital-162690166.html>

MALAYSIA, KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 18 2012. PLAN FOR 74 MORE PETRONAS STATIONS COSTING RM200MIL

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[Petronas Dagangan Bhd \(PDB\)](#), the retail arm of [Petroliam Nasional Bhd \(Petronas\)](#), has allocated about RM200mil in capital expenditure to build 74 petrol stations nationwide this year. "We have 977 stations nationwide currently and expect to have more than 1,000 by year-end," said PDB retail business division senior [general manager Akbar Thayoob](#) at a signing ceremony to renew its partnership with one-stop electronic payment service provider, E-pay (M) Sdn Bhd yesterday. "It's a record number. So far we have never done that many before but we're on an aggressive network expansion. "It's a tall order but we are committed to doing it. This will allow us to reach each and every corner of the country and we expect to surpass 1,000 stations not later than October," he said. PDB signed a nine-year extension agreement with E-pay to provide electronic payment services for mobile reloads, online games top-ups, event tickets and bill payment collection at all Petronas stations via Verifone terminals distributed by [GHL Systems Bhd](#), an end-to-end payment services enabler. E-pay is currently distributing its products to more than 800 Petronas stations nationwide, bringing in an average revenue of RM30mil a month. E-pay [chief executive officer Danny Leong](#) said the company would be investing some RM1mil to deploy its terminals at the remaining Petronas stations currently where the payment service provider is not yet present. "E-pay will be providing Touch n' Go reload services at all Petronas stations. Progressively, we plan to introduce more products," said Leong, adding that the company recorded a 15% year-on-year growth in revenue last year. Revenue growth from its tie-up with Petronas was about 25% during the same period. Leong said he expected the revenue contribution level through its tie-up with Petronas to sustain, if not grow further especially with the introduction of new products and as the increased number of terminals at Petronas fuel stations nationwide.

<http://biz.thestar.com.my/news/story.asp?file=/2012/7/3/business/11591704&sec=business>

AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, BARTON. JULY 18 2012. PROBE INTO PRESS CLUB OIL SPILL



Clean up ... workers moved quickly last night to clean up the oil leak.

Those responsible for an oil spill into Lake Burley Griffin could face significant penalties if negligence is proved to be a factor. The National Press Club yesterday issued a statement to The Canberra Times confirming the spill was related to new plumbing works associated with the installation of a temporary kitchen at its National Circuit headquarters, where \$2 million worth of renovations are now underway. The club's chief executive, Maurice Reilly, said the kitchen was being set up in a demountable building in the members' carpark at the back of the building to service the restaurant and bar upstairs while the downstairs' area was gutted. It's believed plumbers tapped into an old underground diesel

tank, although the main contaminant was cooking oil. Mr Reilly said "once the problem was identified, the Press Club immediately worked with the EPA to deal with the problem and is continuing to cooperate fully with the authorities". "The



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problem has been corrected by the responsible contractor, who is not involved with the major renovation work being undertaken by the club," he said. "The Press Club very much regrets this incident." Workers were yesterday mopping up the remnants of the cooking oil and diesel spill which ran down Brisbane Avenue via the stormwater system, into a channel in Bowen Park and into the lake. A very faint slick remained in the channel yesterday, with the official all-clear not expected for several more days. Environment Protection Authority director Daniel Walters said the authority was certain it was dealing with mostly cooking oil and some diesel but test results expected within a week would confirm the contaminants. Exact quantities were unknown but believed to be "fairly small". The EPA was conducting its own investigation into the spill but other agencies might become involved. Mr Walters also confirmed the spill had been traced to work on the Press Club's temporary kitchen. There was no indication yet as to what had caused the spill or whether an individual or company would be prosecuted. The Environment Protection Act 1997 says it is an offence for a person to allow any substance other than rainwater to enter the stormwater system. Contraventions can lead to an on-the-spot fine of up to \$200 for an individual or \$1000 for a company. More serious offences can lead to penalties of up to \$55,000 and six months' jail. "Once again that's a matter for investigation before we can make any further comment on that," Mr Walters said. The spill was first reported on Tuesday morning with Mr Walters praising the quick response from the National Capital Authority, ACT Fire and Rescue, Roads ACT and Environment Protection Authority. "Any incident that pollutes our lakes, the EPA always takes as a very serious incident. We move very quickly," he said. "It's a credit basically to the NCA, Roads ACT, the EPA guys, who all worked very efficiently to put containment measures in place immediately and start the clean-up. So it was a very effective operation." As well as floating booms, fresh soil along with hay bales and bidum material had been placed in the channel to prevent further oil and sediment going into the lake. The earth mound was expected to be removed yesterday. Bowen Park's famous swans appeared unharmed by the incident. "There's been no evidence of any wildlife being affected by the incident either in the Bowen Park area or in the lake," Mr Walters said.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/probe-into-press-club-oil-spill-20120718-22awc.html>

USA, LA, ST MARY PARISH, JULY 18 2012. US LIQUIDS OF LOUISIANA, LP, FINED FOR VIOLATING THE CLEAN WATER ACT

The Environmental Protection Agency has fined US Liquids of Louisiana, LP, of Jennings, Louisiana, \$13,552 for violating Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) regulations outlined under the Clean Water Act. A federal inspection of the company's Bateman Island marine terminal in St. Mary Parish revealed the terminal's SPCC plan failed to provide a prediction of equipment failures that could result in discharges, personnel working at the facility had no training on the operation and maintenance of equipment to prevent discharges, and facility inspections had not been conducted. The company also failed to schedule periodic spill prevention briefings, address secondary containment of truck loading, unloading and transfer areas, and to regularly inspect above-ground valves, piping and joints. SPCC regulations require onshore production or bulk storage facilities to provide oil spill prevention, preparedness and response to prevent oil discharges. The SPCC program helps protect our nation's water quality since a spill of only one gallon of oil can contaminate one million gallons of water.

<http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/region6.html>

USA, FLA, LAKE LAND, JULY 19 2012. SEMI DRIVER FALLS ASLEEP, CRASHES INTO GUARDRAIL

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 **Watch the Video** [Overturned fuel tanker shuts down part of I-4](#)

 **Photo's [11]** [FHP Reopens Lanes after Overturned Fuel Tanker Shut Down Part of I-4](#)



Eagle Fuel tanker pumps fuel from a crashed Eagle Fuel Truck that sits near the Kathleen Rd exit ramp at east bound Interstate I-4. Wednesday, July 17, 2012.

About 1,100 gallons of spilled fuel shut down Interstate 4 near the Kathleen Road interchange in Lakeland for nearly eight hours Wednesday, the Florida Highway Patrol said. The spill happened about 5 a.m. Wednesday. A 2004 Kenworth tractor-trailer towing a gasoline trailer with 8,700 gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel crashed into a guard rail, FHP said. The driver of the truck, Lucius H. Lawrence, 33, of Winter Garden, fell asleep at the wheel, lost control of the tractor-trailer and crashed into a guard rail, according to FHP. About 1,100



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gallons of fuel spilled onto the roadway when the tractor-trailer overturned, FHP said. Lawrence was transported to Lakeland Regional Medical Center with minor injuries. He was later charged with careless driving. The truck was owned by Eagle Transport Corp. The spill closed all eastbound lanes of Interstate 4 near Lakeland until 1:30 p.m. The exit ramp was reopened later. Eastbound traffic was diverted onto Memorial Boulevard, and motorists were encouraged to use the Polk Parkway. Officials temporarily suspended tolls on the Polk Parkway, but the tolls were reinstated at 1:30 p.m., when I-4 reopened. After a hazmat team cleaned up the roadway, the Florida Department of Transportation inspected the road before the interstate was reopened to traffic. Officials in the Tampa office of Eagle Transport Corp. declined to comment Wednesday afternoon.

<http://www.newschief.com/article/20120719/NEWS/207195002/1003/NEWS?Title=Semi-driver-falls-asleep-crashes-into-guardrail>

USA, TX, ROCKPORT, JULY 19 2012. LIGHTNING STRIKE CAUSES OIL TANKER FIRE IN ROCKPORT

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- [Lightning Strike Blamed for Rockport Oil Tank Fire](#)
- [Lightning Strike Causes Oil Tanker Fire in Rockport](#)

 **Photo's [5] Lightning Strike Causes Oil Tanker Fire in Rockport**



An oil-tanker fire sent flames and smoke up into the air just north of Fulton for more than an hour Wednesday. A passerby said it was started by a lightning strike. It happened along FM 1781, near the Aransas County Airport, and by around noon on Wednesday, the fire was out. Two firefighters had to be treated for heat exhaustion, but are okay. As the fire raged on, firefighters with half a dozen agencies battled the flames. When the fire began, emergency crews raced to the scene. In all, two tank batteries were destroyed, but quick action from firefighters kept the blaze from spreading. It put up lots of smoke, which could be seen from several miles away. The lightning strike hit the tank on property belonging to Derrick Construction, according to officials on the scene. Luckily, no one was seriously hurt, and no one had to be evacuated. However, police did shut

down FM 1781 as a precaution. Firefighters' first priority was to find out what was burning inside those tanks. According to Fulton Fire Chief Rickey McLester, the tank that was struck was mostly salt water, but contained some crude oil. The lightning strike caused the tank to burst, which then caused the fire to spread around the property. Throughout the battle, firefighters also had to deal with the extreme heat. Luckily, the fire corps provided them with plenty of water and shade. Emergency management stepped in as well, such as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Fire officials said it could have been a lot worse.

<http://www.kiitv.com/story/19059191/lightning-strike-causes-oil-tanker-fire-in-rockport>

USA, WASHINGTON DC, JULY 18 2012. EIP: 100,000 TONS OF POLLUTION TIED TO "ACCIDENTS" AT TEXAS REFINERIES, CHEMICAL PLANTS, AND OIL & GAS FACILITIES

The bulk of the Problem Takes Place at Natural Gas Plant Operations; Pattern of "Neglect" Seen As Pollution Sometimes Drags on for Weeks or Even Months. "Accidents" and other non-routine events at Texas oil and gas facilities, refineries and petrochemical plants released almost 100,000 tons of pollution from 2009-2011, according to a new report from the Environmental Integrity Project (EIP) based on data gathered from a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) database. Separately, EIP today indicated that it will pursue litigation, if necessary, in the wake of two notice of intent (NOI) filings the organization made with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) related to major pollution issues at U.S. refineries. (For more information, go to <http://www.environmentalintegrity.org>) During the three-year time period covered in the Texas study, the non-routine emission events at chemical plants, refineries, and natural gas operations released a combined total of more than 42,000 tons of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and just over 50,000 tons of smog-forming volatile organic compounds (VOCs). These so-called "emission event" pollutants are in addition to the emissions released year-round during so-called "normal operations," and are usually not included in the data the government uses to establish regulations or evaluate public health impacts. Natural gas operations -- which include well heads, pipelines, compressors, boosters, and storage systems -- accounted for more than 85 percent of total sulfur dioxide and nearly 80 percent of the VOCs released during these episodes.



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Both pollutants are linked to asthma attacks and other respiratory ailments, and can form fine particles that contribute to premature death from heart disease. EIP Director Eric Schaeffer said: "Too many of these 'accidents' are the norm at some natural gas and chemical plants. These upsets can dump a lot of pollution in a few short hours, and some of them continue releasing benzene and other toxins for weeks. Many of these breakdowns - and the pollution that comes with them - could be prevented by upgrading pollution controls, improving maintenance, and recapturing and reusing gas instead of releasing it to the environment as pollution. The US EPA needs to crack down on polluters who seem to think that these events - no matter how many or how severe - somehow excuse them from the Clean Air Act." Matt Tejada, executive director, Air Alliance, Houston, said: "Texans living in our state's many fenceline communities have, for far too long, been regularly exposed to pollutants from accidental releases that should never be allowed into the air. And the number of Texans whose health is negatively impacted by such damaging pollution is increasing with the growth of gas extraction and processing operations. Texas needs EPA to get serious about eliminating these accidental releases." Hilton Kelley, executive director of Communities In-power and Development, Port Arthur, said: "The Environmental Protection Agency must do a better job of counting the toxic pollution dumped into low-income and minority communities. We must stop the onslaught of this toxic pollution that is causing liver disease, heart disease, and cancer in the communities I advocate for." Juan Parras, founder, Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services, Houston: "I am a firm believer and advocate for clean air, however, I live in an environment where 'clean' is dictated by petrochemical, gas plants, and oil refineries in the Houston Region. They decide what they can get away with and blame their highly toxic emissions on 'accidents' that they claim are beyond their control. OOPS! The EPA needs to comply with its mandate, and that is to protect our environment and public health as it relates to toxins in the air, water, and soil." The five Texas facilities in the petrochemical, oil and gas, and refining sectors reporting the most SO₂ from "emission events" between 2009 and 2011 are:

- Keystone Gas Plant, Kermit, Winkler County, 11,076 tons.
- Valero Port Arthur Refinery, Port Arthur, Jefferson County, 2,569 tons.
- Goldsmith Gas Plant, Goldsmith, Ector County, 2,171 tons.
- Mallet CO₂ Recovery Plant Sundown, Hockley County, 1,730 tons.
- Slaughter Gasoline Company, Sundown, Hockley County, 1,538.

The five Texas facilities in the petrochemical, oil and gas, and refining sectors, reporting the most VOCs from "emission events" between 2009 and 2011 are:

- Magellan Pipeline Company LP Pipeline, Galveston, Galveston County, 15,975 tons.
- Exxon Mobil Beaumont Refinery, Beaumont, Jefferson County, 3,565 tons.
- El Mar 12, Mentone, Loving County, 1,825 tons.
- Boyd Compressor Station, Big Lake, Regan County, 1,176 tons.
- Falcon Refinery, Ingleside, San Patricio County, 1,051 tons.

Every year, refineries, chemical plants, and natural gas facilities release thousands of tons of air pollution when production units break down, or are shut off, restarted or repaired. Most of these "emission events" release pollution through flares, or from leaking pipelines, tanks, or other production equipment. The Clean Air Act makes polluters strictly liable for their mistakes, but loopholes in regulations either excuse violations that result from malfunctions altogether, or allow polluters to escape penalties by claiming that such mishaps are beyond the control of plant operators. As a result, federal or state agencies rarely even investigate these events, much less take enforcement action. EPA's current standards are so relaxed that even the most serious violations are excused, inviting plant operators to defer improvements that could make plants safer -- and sometimes even turn a profit.

About the Data

Texas facilities have been required to submit online reports estimating emissions caused by upsets, maintenance, startup and shutdown activities since 2003, along with an explanation of what caused the events. The data in the EIP report obtained from TCEQ's Emissions Event database. The industry classifications were determined using the facility's SIC or NAICS code, as reported to the TCEQ central registry and EPA's Facility Registration System. When industry classification information was unavailable, the data was supplemented using other information on TCEQ's central registry.

About EIP

The Environmental Integrity Project (<http://www.environmentalintegrity.org>) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization established in March of 2002 by former EPA enforcement attorneys to advocate for effective enforcement of environmental laws. EIP has



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three goals: (1) to provide objective analyses of how the failure to enforce or implement environmental laws increases pollution and affects public health; (2) to hold federal and state agencies, as well as individual corporations, accountable for failing to enforce or comply with environmental laws; and (3) to help local communities obtain the protection of environmental laws.

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/eip-100000-tons-of-pollution-tied-to-accidents-at-texas-refineries-chemical-plants-and-oil-gas-facilities-2012-07-18>

INDIA, SURAT, JULY 19 2012. NOW, OIL SLICK APPEARS ON TITHAL BEACH

Oil slick has now made an appearance on the popular [Tithal beach](#) just days after it was seen on some of the beaches of Umargam taluka of Valsad district. Besides giving a dirty look, the slick is emanating a stench at the beach that attracts thousands of tourists from south Gujarat every month. Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) officials suspect that the slick is a result of either oil leakage or discharge of cargo vessels. The beach that is known for its beauty presents the sight of a dirt collection zone. Officials say that at the beginning of monsoon every year, the addition of fresh waters do make some changes in the sea pattern but what is being witnessed is entirely different. "We are surprised to see the black oily pieces all over the beach. It spoiled our entire trip to the beach. It is a dark spot on the beautiful beach of Tithal. It also raises stink on the coast line," said Tarun Dalal, a tourist from Surat, who visited the beach with his family on Tuesday. The locals fear that the dark oil slick will increase further and cover a larger part of the beach. They said that this is just the beginning. Meanwhile, the [GPCB](#) officials have collected samples of the oily deposits on the beaches of Umargam taluka and tests are being carried out to identify the material found. Officials said that past results have revealed that the material is hydrocarbon and burns easily. The oil slick on the coastal belt of Umargaon started accumulating from the second week of July. The issue was highlighted by TOI after which the officials carried out a spot visit and collected the samples. Oil slick collection on beaches has been reported since 2006. The GPCB has been unable to find the source of the slick till now.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/surat/Now-oil-slick-appears-on-Tithal-beach/articleshow/15037285.cms>

RUSSIA, IRKUTSK, JULY 19 2012. NEW OIL SPILL FOUND IN RUSSIA'S ANGARA RIVER

A new oil slick was discovered on the surface of the Angara River in Russia's Irkutsk region late Tuesday, the Emergency Situations Ministry said. Oil leaked from a storm sewer at the Usolmash plant, but the facility's chief engineer said there had been no accident. There is no threat of polluting the water supply as the oil did not spread along the riverbed and the spill area was less than 0.5 hectares. Specialists will eliminate the pollution and take water samples for testing. The federal environmental watchdog Rosprirodnadzor will investigate the incident. Another oil slick that was caused by an excavator and a self-propelled barge that was extracting gravel was discovered in the Angara River on June 28.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90777/7880039.html>

USA, N.J, TRENTON, JULY 19 2012. CHEVRON TO PAY \$231K FINE FOR AIR POLLUTION VIOLATIONS, LEAKS AT PLANT IN PERTH AMBOY

tom haydon

Chevron USA has agreed to pay a \$231,875 fine for air pollution violations and leaks over a four year period at its asphalt production plant in Perth Amboy, state officials announced today. State Attorney General Jeffrey Chiesa and state Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bob Martin, said the DEP and the federal Environmental Protection Agency filed a complaint accusing Chevron of violating air quality regulations. State officials also allege the company violated rules for detecting leaks of air pollutants and making repairs. Chevron agreed to pay the civil penalty to resolve the complaints, Chiesa and Martin said. "This collaborative effort is critical to protecting our environment and preserving the quality of life for New Jersey residents," Chiesa said. According to a complaint filed in federal court, Chevron failed to identify and properly repair and keep records on leaks for a period from 2004 to 2008. Chevron could have faced civil penalties of \$32,500 per day for unresolved violations from March 2004 to Jan. 12, 2009, court papers state. The settlement also resolves two separate administrative orders the DEP filed against Chevron for violations that occurred between 2005 and 2008, state officials said. They accused Chevron of failing to fulfill conditions of its operating permit, failing to keep proper record of leaks, inspections, and visible flare emissions, and installing equipment without obtaining an operating permit. Chevron originally faced a \$134,000 penalty for those violations, state officials said. Under the settlement that must still be approved in U.S. District Court, Chevron will enhance its leak detection and repair program for valves and pipeline. Chevron earlier this year announced plans to sell the facility, state officials said. They said the asphalt plant is currently closed, but the plant continues a limited



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storage operation. A call to Chevron for the comment was not immediately returned. News of the settlement drew quick criticism from the Sierra Club, which said the penalties "a drop in the bucket for violating air standards. "The fine given to Chevron for the violations is cheaper than if they were to retrofit the plant and put in place pollution control technologies. This is yet another example of the failure of the DEP in regards to holding polluters fully accountable," said Jeff Tittel, director of the Sierra Club's New Jersey Chapter.

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/07/chevron_to_pay_231k_fine_for_a.html

USA, N.Y, NEW YORK, JULY 19 2012. DIESEL FUEL SPILL REPORTED IN SAG HARBOR

Sag Harbor Village Police received two reports of diesel fuel spilling from a vessel docked at the Sag Harbor Yacht Club last week, the latter prompting calls to the United States Coast Guard, which located the departing vessel in Gardiners Bay.

On Wednesday, July 11, Sag Harbor Village Police said they received a call reporting "a slight fuel spill," at the yacht club. According to the incident report, police spoke with Darrin Dutoit, the captain of the motor yacht NCH who told them two-to-three gallons of diesel fuel spilled out of the fuel vent. Dutoit was issued a uniform traffic ticket by village police for violating village code. However, on July 12, another caller phoned village police to report the same vessel was discharging diesel fuel again, prompting police to call Sag Harbor Village Harbor Master Bob Bori and the United States Coast Guard after learning the yacht had already left the Sag Harbor Yacht Club. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) was also called. According to the incident report filed with police, "a large amount" of diesel fuel was in the water. The Coast Guard located the boat off Cedar Point in East Hampton. According to Bori, who said he believed about 10-gallons of diesel fuel had been spilled during the incident, the Coast Guard boarded NCH and said they would conduct an formal investigation into what occurred. The Coast Guard team was unavailable as of press time to discuss the incident. Bori added that the NYSDEC did issue a summons. According to the incident report, the Sag Harbor Yacht Club immediately began cleanup procedures. The Coast Guard also sent in its spill response team to deal with the situation, said Bori. Bori said while he could not confirm the cause of the spill, he believed the rear tank could have been filled to capacity with fuel leading to excess fuel spilling out of the fuel vent. The other possibility for how an incident like this would occur, he said, was if a transfer was being made from one fuel tank to another. According to Bill Fonda, a spokesman with the NYSDEC, the Coast Guard was leading the investigation, but he believed as much as 80-to-100 gallons could have been spilled off the vessel. On Wednesday morning, Sag Harbor Village Harbor Committee Chairman Bruce Tait said he was called by the Breakwater Yacht Club after the second spill occurred, the youth sailing program director seeing fuel in the water. "It was pervasive in the harbor that day," said Tait. "You could smell it."

<http://sagharboronline.com/sagharborexpress/page-1/diesel-fuel-spill-reported-in-sag-harbor-18553>

USA, MI, LAKEPORT, JULY 20 2012. COAST GUARD SAYS BARGE SINKS, TUGBOAT OVERTURNS IN STORMY LAKE HURON, SPILLING DIESEL FUEL



Part of a 110-foot commercial dredge, the Arthur J, can still be seen above the waters of Lake Huron after it sunk about 2 miles off of Lakeport, Michigan, spilling an unknown amount of diesel fuel, early Thursday morning, July 19, 2012. The barge was carrying about 1,500 gallons of diesel fuel but it is uncertain how much escaped. St. Clair County Hazardous Material Team crews are working to contain the fuel with booms.

A 110-foot dredging barge sank in stormy Lake Huron early Thursday and a tugboat that was pushing the barge capsized, spilling an unknown amount of diesel fuel but not injuring anyone, authorities said Thursday. It wasn't immediately clear what caused the Arthur J. to sink around 4:35 a.m., the U.S. Coast Guard said. The commercial vessel went down near the southern end of the lake, just

over a mile from the Michigan coast and about 65 miles northeast of Detroit. A crew from the Coast Guard's Port Huron station accounted for everyone who had been aboard the two vessels, said Chief Petty Officer Kyle Niemi, of the Cleveland district office. The dredge could carry up to 8,000 gallons of fuel, but the owner said it only had about 1,500 gallons when it sank, along with "a minor amount" of lubricating oil associated with dredge equipment, the Coast Guard said. The tugboat had about 300 gallons of diesel. It's unknown how much escaped, but a roughly 500-foot sheen was visible on the surface. By early afternoon, the Coast Guard, St. Clair County's hazardous materials team and other agencies had placed more than 1,400 feet



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of containment boom on the water to limit the fuel's spread — a task hampered by choppy waves and driving rain, Petty Officer Lauren Laughlin said. The sheen appeared to be breaking up and none of the fuel had reached shore, she said. But the St. Clair County Health Department temporarily closed all the county's beaches, Jennifer Michaluk, health education and planning director, told the Port Huron Times Herald. MCM Marine Inc., based in Sault Ste. Marie, owns the dredge and the 38-foot tug Madison. The company has hired a contractor to handle the cleanup, which the Coast Guard will monitor to ensure federal regulations are followed. "We want to do everything we can to make things right and try to get our boats back," said Tom Spencer, accountant for MCM. He said he didn't know what caused the sinking but said the weather on the lake was "really nasty." "We're very grateful our crew is OK. That's the most important thing," Spencer said. Both vessels were partially submerged in 22 feet of water nearly six miles north of the entrance to the St. Clair River, which links Lakes Huron and Erie. Commercial traffic had not been affected because the stricken craft are outside the shipping channel, but the Coast Guard advised mariners in the area to be cautious. "The Coast Guard will continue to ensure the safety of responders and the public," said Lt. Justin Westmiller, spokesman for the Detroit office. One of Detroit's municipal water intake pipes is in the "general vicinity" of the spill but there is no immediate danger that fuel will be drawn into the pipe, said Brad Wurfel, spokesman for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. He said the DEQ had contacted city water officials as a precaution.

<http://www.timescolonist.com/news/Coast+Guard+says+barge+sinks+tugboat+overturns+Lake+Huron+spilling/6958601/story.html>

ISRAEL, TEL AVIV, JULY 19 2012. EZ ENERGY LTD. SELLS U.S. GAS STATIONS

- The company's US operations included the management of 91 gas stations and convenience stores in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Israel-based EZ Energy Ltd. today announced the sale of its U.S. gas stations and convenience stores operations for \$64 million to an unnamed foreign gas station operator, reported Globes. The company's U.S. operations, EZ Energy USA Inc., Seven Hills, Ohio, includes the management of 91 Easy Trip gas stations and convenience stores in Pennsylvania and Ohio. EZ Energy USA owes \$17 million to a US bank and Israel's Mustang Mezzanine Fund, and \$26 million (NIS 107 million) to its bondholders. After repaying these debts, the company expects to report a capital gain of \$10 million on the sale. The sale is expected to close on September 15. EZ Energy recently turned down an offer by Arko Holdings Ltd., controlled by Arie Kotler, CEO and president of GPM Investments LLC, to buy half of the company's U.S. operations, and to use the proceeds to repay the bondholders, who would have had to take a loss. GPM, Richmond, Va., operates 213 Fas Mart and Shore Stop convenience stores and supplies more than 115 independent dealers in Virginia, Maryland, Rhode Island, Delaware, Connecticut, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Tennessee.

<http://www.cspnet.com>

USA, WI, GREEN BAY, JULY 20 2012. SECTION OF MAJOR FUEL PIPELINE FROM CHICAGO TO GREEN BAY SHUTDOWN AFTER LEAK

 **Photo's [6]** [Gasoline Pipeline Rupture Cuts Supply Line to Green Bay](#)

 **Watch the Video** [Pipeline Leak Affects Area Gas Stations](#)



A section of a major fuel pipeline between Chicago and Green Bay has been shut down after a significant gasoline leak. [Buckeye Partners](#) says it closed a 10-mile section of the West Shore pipeline when its equipment indicated a change in pressure about 10 miles northwest of Milwaukee, [WBAY-TV](#) reported. The leak was reportedly detected just before noon on Tuesday. A significant leak of gasoline was then discovered near Elkhart Lake, Wisc., where 1,000 barrels of unleaded automotive gasoline spilled from a break in the pipeline, according to a filing with the [National Response Center](#). The 650-mile long, 10-inch diameter pipeline transports gasoline, diesel and jet fuel to Green Bay from Chicago at a capacity of 70,000 barrels a day. Crews were on the scene, repairing the pipeline and assessing any environmental damage that likely occurred. Some residents in the area were evacuated after complaints of headaches, upset stomachs and



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nausea, [FOX 6-TV](#) reported. But the company says the impact appears to be very limited. "We have fixed monitors in the area as well as handheld monitors, and we haven't registered any concerns to the risk of the residents at this time," Patrick Hodgins, Director of West Shore Pipeline said. The company is investigating what caused the change in pressure that led to the leak. The [Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration](#) says they have an inspector at the scene and will investigate whether the operator is in compliance with federal safety regulations. In a released statement, the company said that the pipeline system will remain closed until it is deemed safe by company officials and regulatory authorities.

<http://www.examiner.com/article/section-of-major-fuel-pipeline-from-chicago-to-green-bay-shutdown-after-leak>

AUSTRALIA, JULY 20 2012. - NOTIFIABLE FATALITIES MONTHLY [REPORT](#)



safe work australia

There were 26 work-related notifiable fatalities reported during March 2012 — 23 male workers; and 3 female bystanders. Of these fatalities, 6 workers and 3 bystanders died as a result of incidents on public roads. Of the 26 fatalities, 9 were categorised as a Vehicle incident—public road crash; 5 as being Hit by a falling object; 4 as a Fall from a height; 2 as Electrocution; and 2 as Vehicle incident—not on a public road. The remaining 4 fatalities involved the following types of incident: Explosion, Hit by a moving object other than a vehicle, Being hit by an animal, and Assault. Eight fatalities occurred at Construction workplaces; 6 at Transport & storage workplaces; 4 at Agriculture, forestry & fishing workplaces; and 3 at Personal & other services workplaces. One fatality each occurred at the following workplaces: Property & business services; Retail trade; Wholesale trade; Education; and Manufacturing. Information on the total number of notifiable fatalities for 2012 to-date is shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3 and Table 2. Figure 1 shows the most common types of incident; Figures 2 and 3 show reporting jurisdictions; and Table 2 shows counts based on both the industry of workplace at which the fatality occurred and the industry of the decedent's employer.

Full Report at:

<http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/SWA/AboutSafeWorkAustralia/WhatWeDo/Publications/Documents/555/NotifiableFatalitiesReportMarch2012.pdf>

USA, WASHINGTON, JULY 20 2012. NEW DOCUMENTS RELEASED IN LEJEUNE WATER-CONTAMINATION CASE

A day after the Senate passed a bill designed to help sick Marines and their families who were poisoned by contaminated water at a North Carolina Marine Corps base, federal officials released thousands of old documents that detail what the Marines knew and when. Calling the episode one of the worst environmental disasters to occur on a domestic military base, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., publicly released more than 8,000 Department of Defense documents relating to the historic drinking water contamination that occurred over several decades at Camp Lejeune. "By getting hold of these documents, the truth is going to come out," said Mike Partain, 44, who lived on the base as an infant and later learned he had breast cancer. "For so long, we have relied on what the Marines told us as being true. Now, we're able to look over their shoulder and read the documents and decide for ourselves what is true and what is false." The release of the previously withheld documents builds momentum for a bill that would help up to 750,000 Marine veterans and their families who were exposed to the contaminated water from 1957 to 1987. It's expected to come before the House within weeks and could be on the president's desk by the end of the summer. It's a bit unclear how much is new in the documents. The massive amount of materials that date back to the 1950s — including letters and water studies — was released with hundreds of other documents that previously had been made available to experts and some media. But for such victims as Partain, the opportunity to sift through the documents for new insights is a chance to find out what really happened, he said. Five years ago, Partain learned that he had breast cancer. Partain was born at Camp Lejeune, where his father was a Marine officer. Fewer than 2,000 men are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, but Partain said he'd since found 80 male breast cancer patients from across the country with connections to Camp Lejeune. North Carolina lawmakers, such as Republican Sen. Richard Burr, who introduced the Senate bill, and Democrats Sen. Kay Hagan and Rep. Brad Miller, have been pushing lawmakers to provide the military families health care after what they say are decades of neglect by the Marines. Hagan called the release of the documents a "step in the right direction" toward providing greater transparency on the tragic events. "The Marines and family members affected by this terrible incident deserve answers," she said. Miller, who previously introduced a similar bill in the House, said it is past time to help Marine families like Partain's. "We've known for a long time that water was badly contaminated," Miller said. "There have been birth defects. There have been rare cancers at levels that cannot be explained by anything else but because of the exposure to that water."

<http://www.newsobserver.com/2012/07/19/2208603/new-documents-released-in-lejeune.html>



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AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE, JULY 20 2012. BOWSER HORROR CLAIMS WOMAN'S LIFE >> WOMAN KILLED AT NORTHCOTE PETROL STATION

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 [Watch the Video Woman Killed at Northcote Petrol Station](#)

The scene of this morning's tragic scene at a Northcote petrol station this morning as a woman was killed after her car rolled and pinned her against a bollard.



A teenager watched in horror as her mother was killed in a freak accident at a Northcote service station this morning. The girl was a passenger in the family car when it rolled back, pinning her 45-year-old mother against a concrete bollard, where she was crushed to death. Shaken staff at the Caltex service station were in tears and too traumatised to talk about the accident, which happened about 8am. A witness said the woman had parked her car on an incline at the High Street service station. "The car has then rolled back on her, pinning her against the bollard," the witness said. Paramedics were called to the scene after receiving a report that a woman had been hit by a car but she was dead by the time they arrived. [Radio station 3AW](#) reported the woman had just waved goodbye to her nephew, who was getting on a tram, and had her daughter in the car when she noticed her Toyota Sedan rolling. When she tried to stop it, the Preston woman was pinned between the vehicle and a concrete pillar. Police will prepare a report for the state coroner. A spokeswoman for Caltex offered the company's condolences to the family of the deceased. "We are offering support and counselling services to our people, including the franchisee and staff member present at the time of the accident," she said.

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/bowser-horror-claims-womans-life-20120720-22dyy.html>

NIGERIA, DELTA STATE, OROBIRI, JULY 20 2012. SHELL TO CHALLENGE NIGERIA OIL SPILL FINE



Villagers stand next to crude oil collected in containers at the shore of the Atlantic ocean near Orobiri village, days after a Royal Dutch Shell's Bonga off-shore oil spill, in Nigeria's delta state.

Shell will challenge a \$5.0 billion (four billion euro) fine imposed by Nigeria over an offshore oil spill last year, a company statement seen by AFP said. The December leak at the Bonga oilfield spilled roughly 40,000 barrels of crude into the Gulf of Guinea, Nigeria's worst offshore spill in more than a decade. When the penalty was announced earlier this week, Shell insisted there was no basis for the fine since the company had acted quickly to contain the spill. The latest statement by the local Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company (SNEPCo) gave the first indication that the firm planned to contest the decision.

"SNEPCo will challenge any attempt to impose such a penalty," the company's Managing Director Chike Onyejekwe said in the statement. The company has said the source of the leak was a flexible line linking a production vessel to a tanker. Peter Idabor, the head of the state-run National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), told AFP Thursday that Shell's failure to maintain that line, or hose, amounted to negligence that could not go unpunished. "This type of thing cannot be done, anywhere, without a fine," he said. Idabor further charged that thousands of people who rely on the ocean for their livelihood have been negatively affected, adding that "health impacts" had been reported. Shell however dismissed that claim. "Some parties are alleging that oil from the spill impacted communities, the shoreline, rivers and creeks," Onyejekwe said. "It was oil from a third party spill that impacted some parts of the shoreline despite SNEPCo's efforts to tackle it," he added. Many delays are expected before the case is resolved and Idabor said he is due to brief President Goodluck Jonathan in the coming days about the landmark penalty. The Bonga oil field, which has a capacity of 200,000 barrels per day, is located some 120 kilometres (75 miles) off the coast of Nigeria, Africa's top oil producer and the eighth largest in the world.

<http://www.timeslive.co.za/africa/2012/07/19/shell-to-challenge-nigeria-oil-spill-fine>



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