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USA, N.C., CRAMERTON, SEPTEMBER 28 2012. HARMFUL FUMES DELAY CLEANUP PROCESS IN CRAMERTON TRAIN DERAILMENT

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The mayor of Cramerton said he is frustrated that train cars from a derailment nearly two months ago are still there after yet another delay. The latest delay is the result of new concerns about safety and that gives city officials and those living near the tracks something new to worry about. "Safety is paramount and is our main concern here in Cramerton," said Mayor Ronnie Worley. Norfolk Southern Railroad said the delay results from concerns about the rubber lining in some of the tank cars that are still laying on their side after a derailment near 8th Avenue on August 6. Four of the train cars were carrying liquefied petroleum gas, a substance that is highly flammable. The petroleum was transferred to other cars without leaking. The plan was to use cutting torches to dismantle the cars but the contractor wants to find out if the torches could cause fumes still in the linings to drift into the neighborhood. "We are not happy to hear about the delay but if it is a concern about safety we certainly would want to wait and make sure that the proper procedures would be followed," said the mayor. Neighbors are concerned because a school -- Cramerton Christian Academy -- is in sight of the cars. Then there are those like Karri Patel who live right next to the tracks. "We were already in danger when the train almost went through our house," Patel said. She added that the new concern about the fumes makes her just as scared. Cramerton has billed the railroad \$8,000 for the costs of police and firefighters who had to work overtime following the derailment. Mayor Worley said the railroad has yet to pay the town back and still the cars sit there. Ed Blake, who lives within sight of the cars said, "The people are really getting irritated at it because we are getting some mice and some rats coming out from under some of them." Cramerton police have stepped up patrols after receiving reports of children playing on some of the cars. The railroad now hopes to know by next week if it is safe to go ahead with the plan to dismantle the cars using cutting torches.

<http://www.wcnc.com/news/local/Clean-up-to-begin-on-derailed--171525691.html>

USA, MD, CURTIS BAY, SEPTEMBER 28 2012. BP PRODUCTS AGREES TO PAY \$210,000 FOR OIL SPILL RESPONSE VIOLATION

BP PLC -- has agreed to pay \$210,000 to settle alleged violations of oil spill response violations at a Maryland facility, the Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency said. The EPA alleged that BP Products North America violated federal regulations requiring oil storage facilities to conduct drills and exercises to respond to oil spills at its Curtis Bay Terminal in Maryland. Under the settlement, the oil company will implement an enhanced oil spill response program at its 33 nonrefinery petroleum products terminals nationwide. The company also agreed to an independence compliance audit of 12 of its marine and high-risk petroleum product terminals to evaluate if the facilities have the resources to respond to major spills. The EPA and the U.S. Coast Guard twice conducted unannounced oil spill response exercises at the Curtis Bay Terminal, which can store about 22 million gallons of oil. During the drills, BP Products was required to demonstrate its response to a small-scale discharge of fuel oil from the facility into Curtis Creek by being prepared to deploy 1,000 feet of oil-containment boom within one hour. However, the company didn't complete the exercise in the allotted time on both occasions. High-risk onshore facilities that store oil, such as the Curtis Bay Terminal, must have a plan for responding to oil spills that includes employee training, spill response equipment, and a "worst case" contingency plan for containing and cleaning up spills, the agencies noted. The EPA had issued a notice of violation to BP Products in 2006 related to spill response training exercises conducted at Curtis Bay in 2005. "BP is committed to safe operations and we conduct regular emergency response exercises at our fuel terminals," said Steve Pankhurst, president of BP Pipelines North America. "In 2005, our spill response contractor did not meet BP or EPA's standards for rapid response during drills. This was unacceptable to us and we took action to replace the contractor." American depositary shares closed at \$43.04 and were unchanged after hours. The stock is up 13% over the past three months.

<http://www.foxbusiness.com/news/2012/09/27/bp-products-agrees-to-pay-210000-for-oil-spill-response-violation/>



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INDIA, TAMIL NADU, SIVAKASI, SEPTEMBER 29 2012. THREE CHARRED TO DEATH IN FIRE AT CRACKER MANUFACTURING UNIT

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Three persons were today charred to death and an equal number suffered burns in a fire mishap at an illegal cottage fireworks unit in Tamil Nadu, barely three weeks after a devastating blaze in a cracker unit claimed 39 lives. The mishap occurred at a cracker manufacturing unit in Vijayakaraisalkulam near here, police said. Today's incident comes about three weeks after a major fire in a cracker unit at Mudhalipatti near Sivakasi, the country's fireworks hub, claimed 39 lives. Police said crackers were being made in a house without permission. The authorities have intensified checking of fireworks units for strict adherence to the government norms and guidelines following the 5th Sept fire. As per rules, even storing chemicals used for manufacturing crackers was not allowed inside any house, official sources said. The injured had been admitted to hospital, police said.

<http://news.oneindia.in/2012/09/28/3-charred-to-death-in-fire-at-cracker-manufacturing-unit-1076528.html>

USA, MD, CHESAPEAKE BAY, SEPTEMBER 28 2012. BP FINED FOR VIOLATING TERMINAL SPILL RESPONSE REGULATION

BP Plc's division that oversees North American refineries has agreed to pay a \$210,000 fine for violating federal regulations regarding spill response drills at a Maryland refined product terminal, regulators said. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Justice Department announced on Thursday that BP Products North America had agreed to pay the fine. The violations did not involve an actual spill. The EPA said BP twice failed unannounced government-initiated oil response exercises at its Curtis Bay terminal near Chesapeake Bay with inadequate containment boom deployment and by missing the deadline to finish the drill. BP said on Thursday that its spill response contractor fell short of company and EPA standards during the drills in 2005. The company said it replaced the contractor, which BP didn't identify. In addition to paying the fine, BP agreed to launch an enhanced spill response system at its 33 non-refinery terminals in the United States and conduct independent audits.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/27/us-bp-fine-terminal-idUSBRE88Q1S720120927>

SOUTH AFRICA, EAST CAPE, STUTTERHEIM, SEPTEMBER 28 2012. FUEL TRUCK PETROL-BOMBED >> THE TRUCK WAS CARRYING FUEL ESTIMATED TO BE WORTH ABOUT R600,000



A truck carrying 40,000 litres of fuel exploded yesterday when it was petrol-bombed on the N6 between East London and Stutterheim. The driver of the targeted fuel delivery truck survived the incident and was treated for burn wounds. Eastern Cape police said they were investigating a case of arson and malicious damage to property. The incident occurred as a nationwide truck drivers' strike entered its fourth day yesterday, the [Dispatch](#) reports. Disaster management spokesman John Fobian, Forbian, who was at the scene, said the road, grass and land at the scene of the explosion had been damaged, and that the heat had caused there were potholes from the heat of the fire. "Amahlathi Municipality and Buffalo City Metro are working together to solve the problem," he said. Provincial roads spokesman Tshepo Machaea said a stretch of about 20km of the N6 near Amebele remained closed and traffic going both ways was

being diverted to the R346 in King William's Town. Given the extent of the damage to the road from the explosion and subsequent fuel spillage of fuel it was difficult to say whether the road would be open today, he added. "It was by the grace of God that the incident happened where there is no civilisation," Machaea said. On Wednesday three delivery trucks and vans



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were stoned and vandalised and the drivers assaulted in the East London CBD by more than 50 striking drivers. The nationwide truck drivers' strike entered its fourth day yesterday. The fuel truck had belonged to Kempston Group. Divisional group director in East London George Murdoch said the driver of the truck reportedly saw a flashing stationary vehicle with six men next to it, so he slowed down assuming there was an accident. But as soon as he slowed the men started throwing petrol bombs at the truck. The driver was alone at the time. "Our driver said when he realised it was strikers, he accelerated but the men chased him with more petrol bombs. "He got out of the truck and tried to stop the fire but it was too powerful, and he had to run for his life," Murdoch said. He said the incident took place around 2am. The driver was on his way to deliver fuel to Sterkspruit. Murdoch said the driver, who cannot be named for fear of victimisation, had burns on his hands. Murdoch said the truckload was carrying fuel estimated to be worth about R600,000. "The strike violence has cost us over millions of rands already. The damaged tank cost about R2.5-million on top of the R600,000 fuel costs," said Murdoch.

<http://www.sowetanlive.co.za/news/2012/09/28/fuel-truck-petrol-bombed>

USA, KS, KANSAS CITY, SEPTEMBER 29 2012. UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO PAY \$12,823 PENALTY FOR UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK VIOLATIONS IN NEBRASKA

ben washburn



The United States Air Force has agreed to pay a \$12,823 penalty to the United States for Underground Storage Tank (UST) violations in three Nebraska counties. The violations occurred at Air Force facilities in western Nebraska. In addition to paying the civil penalty, the Air Force is required to conduct a tank tightness test to determine if one of the USTs is leaking. The Air Force is unable to account for 1,490 gallons of diesel fuel in that tank. According to an administrative consent agreement and final order filed by EPA Region 7 in Kansas City, Kan., routine inspections of the facilities discovered the violations, some of which were repeat violations. The violations included failure to provide overfill protection for an existing tank, failure to conduct annual inspections of the corrosion protection system, and failure to report a

suspected release to the implementing agency. By agreeing to the settlement with EPA, the United States Air Force has certified that it is now in compliance with all requirements of the RCRA regulations.

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/2ad0e85ba388644d85257a870065ad57?OpenDocument>

NIGERIA, PORT HARCOURT, SEPTEMBER 29 2012. 3 DIE AS VAN HITS FUEL TANKER

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Three occupants of a Toyota Hilux van were burnt beyond recognition early today when their vehicle ran into a stationary petrol tanker in Port-Harcourt, capital of Nigeria's Rivers state. The stationary vehicle had been stuck for five days at First Bank Bus Stop, near Airforce Junction, Aba-Port Harcourt Expressway. The accident which occurred at about 1.30 am today caused a serious traffic jam on Expressway, as no traffic officers of Federal Road Safety Commission, FRSC, or Rivers Traffic Management Authority, TIMARIV, had arrived the scene as at 9a.m today, during the rush hour. About 300 metres from the scene of the accident is the collapsed Airforce bridge, which had already introduced an agonising traffic jam as vehicles are diverted away from the section of the ill-fated bridge. Benjamin Ugwuegbulem, the Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO confirmed news of the accident reached the command early enough, but denied knowledge of the identity of the occupants. Motorists had herculean task getting to their places of business as vehicles were diverted through Rumuomasi-Market road. Worse hit by the traffic jam were motorists going from Aba or Oyingbo to the state capital.

<http://pmnewsnigeria.com/2012/09/28/3-die-as-van-hits-fuel-tanker/>

LUXEMBOURG, SEPTEMBER 29 2012. EU COURT CUTS FINE ON SHELL FOR DUTCH BITUMEN CARTEL TO EUR81 MILLION

A European Court Thursday cut to 81 million euros (\$104.3 million) a fine the European Union's executive body had charged on energy giant Royal Dutch Shell PLC (RDSA.LN) for participating in a bitumen cartel in the Netherlands. The General Court, Europe's second highest, reduced the fine from EUR108 million because the European Commission, which had originally imposed the fine, didn't provide enough evidence that Shell was the leader of the cartel, the court said.

<http://www.foxbusiness.com/news/2012/09/27/eu-court-cuts-fine-on-shell-for-dutch-bitumen-cartel-to-eur81-million/>



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BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO. SEPTEMBER 29 2012. CHEVRON PAYS \$17.5 MILLION FINE FOR BRAZIL SPILL

US oil firm Chevron has paid a \$17.5 million fine for a major spill off Rio de Janeiro state last year, Brazilian authorities said Thursday. In a brief statement, the country's National Petroleum Agency (ANP) said Chevron Brasil Upstream Frade Ltda. had paid the sum (35.1 million real) last Friday without appealing it. A report by ANP released in July accused Chevron of negligence and said the company could have avoided the spill, which occurred in November in the Frade field, located 370 kilometers (230 miles) north-west of Rio. The paid fine covered 24 infractions. Another fine linked to the abandonment of the well would be imposed in the next two months, ANP president Magda Chambriard said earlier this month. Chevron could also be hit with an additional fine of \$50,000 for "other items" she said at the time. In late 2011, the Brazilian environment institute Ibama already imposed fines worth a total of \$33.4 million on Chevron for environmental damage and failings in its emergency plan during the accident. In November, some 3,000 barrels of crude spilled into deep Atlantic waters in the Frade field. As a precaution, Chevron voluntarily interrupted its Brazilian activities in March, after detecting another leak three kilometers (1.8 miles) from the first.

<http://www.brecorder.com/fuel-a-energy/193/1243209/>

USA, LA, BATON ROUGE, SEPTEMBER 29 2012. EXXONMOBIL TO EXPAND 2 LA. CHEMICAL PLANTS

ExxonMobil said a \$200 million project to expand two of its Louisiana chemical and lubricant plants will bring more than 400 construction and full-time jobs to the state over the next two years. Company officials say construction on the chemical and lubricants plants in Baton Rouge and Port Allen will begin at the end of the year. When construction is completed in 2014, 45 full-time jobs will be added to the facilities which currently employ 2,600. The project is expected to make the company's Baton Rouge plant the world's largest producer of finished lubricants, which is used in motor oils, gear oils and greases as well as specialized lubricants for aviation, marine and industrial applications. The expanded 8.3-acre plant will replace an existing manufacturing facility in New Jersey. ExxonMobil already operates more than 30 facilities in the state. Company officials say expansion of the Port Allen site will include a new state of the art blending center and the two facilities will be integrated. "Over the past three years, the corporation's capital expenditures in the state exceeded \$930 million," said Paul Stratford, manager of the Baton Rouge chemical plant. Gov. Bobby Jindal said the expansion demonstrates the state's continued commitment to retaining and growing Louisiana businesses. "We're proud that ExxonMobil chose to expand right here in our state because of our world class energy infrastructure, strong business climate and incomparable workforce," Jindal said in a statement. Officials said the expansion has been in the works since 2009 and the state will provide a \$1.8 million modernization tax credit payable over five years to the company. ExxonMobil is also expected to use the state's enterprise zone and industrial tax exemption incentive program.

[http://fuelfix.com/blog/2012/09/28/exxonmobil-to-expand-2-la-chemical-](http://fuelfix.com/blog/2012/09/28/exxonmobil-to-expand-2-la-chemical-plants/?utm_source=WhatCountsEmail&utm_medium=FuelFix&utm_campaign=FuelFixNewsLetter)

[plants/?utm_source=WhatCountsEmail&utm_medium=FuelFix&utm_campaign=FuelFixNewsLetter](http://fuelfix.com/blog/2012/09/28/exxonmobil-to-expand-2-la-chemical-plants/?utm_source=WhatCountsEmail&utm_medium=FuelFix&utm_campaign=FuelFixNewsLetter)

USA, HI, HONOLULU, SEPTEMBER 29 2012. GRAND JURY CHARGES TWO OAHU MEN AND CORPORATION WITH HAZARDOUS WASTE TREATMENT VIOLATIONS AT WAIKELE BUNKER

[Watch the Video](#) [Federal Grand Jury Hands Down Indictment in Fatal Waikale Fireworks Blast](#)



Gifford Koon Fo Chang was found not guilty after being accused of illegally importing fireworks that were among the confiscated explosives that exploded in this Waikale bunker on April 8, 2011, killing five men.

Report From The Us Attorney - Hawaii - A federal grand jury in Honolulu yesterday returned a 21-count indictment against Charles Donaldson, age 37, of Kaneohe, Hawaii, Carlton Finley, age 65, of Honolulu, and Donaldson Enterprises, Incorporated (DEI), a Hawaii corporation, with conspiring to treat hazardous wastes without a permit. The grand jury also charged Donaldson, Finley and DEI with 20 substantive counts of treating hazardous wastes without a permit. Florence T. Nakakuni, United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii, said that according to the indictment, DEI entered into a contract with another company and rented a storage bunker at Waikale to store commercial grade fireworks that had been seized by federal law enforcement. Upon



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notification that commercial grade fireworks, which were initially stored as evidence, but were no longer needed as evidence, DEI was required to manage and dispose of these "now discarded" commercial grade fireworks as hazardous wastes. DEI initially obtained a temporary emergency permit from the State of Hawaii's Department of Health (DOH), which allowed DEI to transport the discarded commercial grade fireworks to the Koko Head Firing Range in Honolulu for burning. DEI's temporary emergency permit expired on September 5, 2010. The indictment further alleges that between September 8, 2010, and April 8, 2011, Donaldson, Finley, and DEI caused DEI employees to treat hazardous wastes at the Waialeale bunker, through the dismantling of the discarded commercial grade fireworks by breaking apart or cutting open the fireworks and/or soaking them in diesel fuel. According to the indictment, breaking apart and/or soaking the discarded commercial grade fireworks in diesel fuel constituted "treatment" of a hazardous waste - an activity that must first be permitted by DOH. The indictment alleges that on April 8, 2011, while DEI employees were engaged in the unpermitted treatment of hazardous wastes, an explosion occurred at DEI's Waialeale bunker killing DEI employees Bryan Cabalce, Robert Freeman, Robert Leahey, Justin Kelii and Neil Sprinkle. The charges in the indictment are merely accusations and each defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty. This case was investigated by the Environmental Protection Agency Criminal Investigation Division. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth Sorenson is handling the prosecution.

<http://www.hawaiireporter.com/grand-jury-charges-two-oahu-men-and-corporation-with-hazardous-waste-treatment-violations-at-waialeale-bunker/123>

USA, OK, WYNNEWOOD, SEPTEMBER 29 2012. ONE DIES, ONE IS HURT AFTER EXPLOSION AT SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA REFINERY

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- [1 Dead, 1 Hurt in Wynnewood Refinery Incident](#)
- [Officials Investigate Fatal Refinery Blast in Garvin County](#)

A refinery explosion killed one and injured another Friday night in Wynnewood, Garvin County officials said. The injured person was taken to a hospital by an emergency medical helicopter, Garvin County Sheriff Larry Rhodes confirmed. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol shut down portions of State Highway 17A and U.S. 77 about 6:55 p.m. Friday after the explosion. The American Red Cross sent volunteers to Wynnewood to provide supplies for fire crews, and stayed on scene about three hours. Rhodes said he is not sure how the explosion happened but said it happened in a unit used in the refining process. No names were released Friday night. Highways were reopened about 9 p.m. Company officials issued a statement late Friday expressing their sympathies to the employees and families affected by the explosion. They said they were assessing the situation and would provide updates as information becomes available. The Wynnewood refinery was acquired by CVR Energy Inc. in December 2011. The refinery can handle up to 70,000 barrels of crude oil a day, turning it into gasoline, diesel fuel, military jet fuel, solvents and asphalt. Between 2006 and 2010, five fires erupted at the refinery. In May 2006, the refinery's explosions and fires forced about 150 residents to evacuate. About a week later, a fire-related acid leak spurred more evacuations. In April 2007, the refinery was struck by lightning, causing a fire that burned for several days. In February 2008, a furnace caught fire. In December 2010, a gas release in one of the refinery's processing units caused an explosion.

<http://newsok.com/update-crews-are-fighting-fire-at-oklahoma-refinery/article/3714055>

CANADA, N.S, SYDNEY, SEPTEMBER 29 2012. MORE CONTAMINATION AT FORMER SYDNEY RADAR BASE >> 3 POCKETS OF OIL HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED, MOST LIKELY FROM OLD UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS



The Department of National Defence has discovered three new pockets of oil contamination in the ground at the former Radar Base in Sydney.

The Department of National Defence has discovered three new pockets of oil contamination in the ground at the former Radar Base in Sydney. The base was owned by DND until the early 1990s. "We're down to one large pocket and a couple of small groundwater plumes," said Lisa Hampson, project manager for DND. "We will be installing socks in the wells which will essentially flood the site with oxygen and allow it to help clean itself." The area has had problems with oil contamination before. In 2004, oil was discovered leaking into the ground from old underground storage tanks. By that point the property had



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been sold to the community development group New Dawn Enterprises. DND assumed responsibility for the site again and started an \$11 million dollar clean up in 2010. Joy Gates, who lives near the site, said she's worried the newly discovered contamination could make its way onto her property. "The ground does slope in this direction which is why we were concerned, yes, that the oil might come under the roadway and get to us," said Gates. Hampson said she doesn't expect any of the contaminants to affect the properties near Gates. New Dawn Enterprises still owns the property. Norma Boyd, director of operations for the group, said once the contamination is cleaned up, they can proceed with their plans for the site. "Restoring the housing we lost, doing more housing development, doing another long term care facility, similar to our guest home we had recreational plans for a walking track and so on," said Boyd. DND is going to begin cleaning up the remaining contaminants in the next few weeks. The department is hopeful the final cleanup will be finished and the property turned back to New Dawn by the summer of 2013.

Related Links [Residents forced to move due to soil contamination](http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/story/2012/09/28/ns-oil-problem.html)

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/story/2012/09/28/ns-oil-problem.html>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, NAGAMBIE, SEPTEMBER 30 2012. PETROL TANKER ABLAZE AFTER CRASH IN VICTORIA

Map: [Nagambie 3608](#)

A petrol tanker carrying around 50,000 litres of fuel has caught on fire near Nagambie, in central Victoria. Police believe the driver of the tanker hit a kangaroo on the Goulburn Valley Highway just before 5:30am today. The driver managed to escape the tanker before a fire spread to the fuel load. Craig Musselwhite from the CFA says it could take firefighters hours to put out the blaze. "It's going to take some time to bring this fire under control due to the nature of the load," he said. "As such, the Goulburn Valley Highway is going to be closed totally in both directions around that south of Nagambie area for quite some time." Mr Musselwhite says dozens of firefighters are battling the fire. "At the moment I've got close to 10 trucks on scene, with around about 50 firefighters, and probably another five or six on route," he said. "The biggest issue with a fuel tanker fire is foam is the major combating agent, and we're trying to get as much foam into the area as we can."

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-09-30/petrol-tanker-ablaze-after-crash-in-victoria/4287782>

USA, W.VA, WEST MILFORD, SEPTEMBER 30 2012. TANKER TRUCK ACCIDENT SENDS 1 TO HOSPITAL

jeff schrock

Watch the Video [Tanker Truck Accident Sends 1 to Hospital](#)

Route 19 was shut down Friday after a tanker truck rolled over in Harrison County. The accident happened just after 6 p.m. between West Milford and Good Hope. The West Milford Fire Department said the truck was carrying water to an oil and gas drilling site when it tipped over. Chief John Elko said it appeared the truck wasn't entirely full of water, and that the shifting of water could have caused the truck to roll over. The driver of that truck was taken to United Hospital Center with non-life threatening injuries. Route 19 has since reopened. West Virginia State police are investigating.

<http://www.wboy.com/story/19671342/water-tanker-truck-accident-sends-one-person-to-the-hospital>

INDIA, UTTAR PRADESH, LUCKNOW, BADALKHEDA, SEPTEMBER 30 2012. EXPLOSION IN CRACKER UNIT CLAIMS 2 LIVES

jawed mohammed

A 22-year-old girl and her teenaged cousin were killed in a massive explosion in a godown filled with raw stock and finished fire crackers in Para locality, early on Friday morning. The explosion was so strong that the entire premises were reduced to a rubble heap and one of the victims was thrown at least 20 metres away due to the impact of the blast. This is the third major incident of blast at a cracker manufacturing unit in and around Lucknow in last six months. The building where the blast took place was licensed to hoard stocks and manufacture firecrackers, but raw explosives possibly in quantity much more than the permissible limit mentioned in the licensee. The victims include the daughter and niece of the licensee. Police have made an entry of the incident in the general diary and are convinced that almost all the precautions to be taken in case of hoarding explosive and fire crackers were adopted. Though the precautions failed to avert the mishap, they helped to restrict the impact of the explosion to a great extent, police said. The incident took place in Badalpur village under Para police station at around 8.30 a.m., when Rubina (22) and her cousin Sana (17) went to the go down of Rubina's father Jawed Mohammed. Into fire cracker production business for decades, Jawed has procured a permit for hoarding of raw stock and finished products, which



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was valid till 2014. He had got a big room constructed right in the middle of a farm field on the outskirts of the village for the purpose. The two girls had gone to the godown and had barely started bringing out packets of firecrackers outside the premises out in the open apparently to keep them under the sun and do away with the dampness, when the disaster took place. Rubina was inside the godown, while Sana was near the entrance when the deafening explosion filled the air, bringing the entire premises down to the extent that it didn't appear as if there existed a tin-roofed concrete structure ever at the site before the blast. Rubina was buried under the debris, while Sana landed at least 20 metres away from the nucleus of the blast. Both were killed on the spot. Though a shattered cylinder of a hand held fire extinguisher was recovered from the debris, it could not be established if it was in a working condition or not. Investigators had failed to find buckets full of sand - another mandatory measure to be taken by the licensee. "The incident was of such a nature that even if the best possible equipments were available to extinguish the fire, it would have made virtually no difference. Everything apparently happened in a matter of seconds," said senior superintendent of police Lucknow AK Chaturvedi, who visited the blast site and observed the entire site minutely. The owner of the premises claimed that the total quantum of finished and raw material was within the permissible limits. "We have done everything possible and imaginable that could be done to avert such a mishap, but it still happened," said Moin, a cousin of the two victims. The villagers too confirmed that almost all possible precautions were adopted to ensure minimum impact of such blasts. "Had the stocks been stored within a congested residential pocket of the village, the results would have been much more disastrous," said Dharmendra, a local resident. Though police were clueless about the possible cause of the blast, fire cracker manufacturers claim that there was a possibility that friction was caused while pulling the packets of fire crackers from inside and that led to a spark that triggered the blast. They believe that there are times when the stock contains parts of highly sensitive explosives which could go off without actually being exposed to fire. Possibilities of any cigarette or beedi butt having triggered the blast were ruled out as the two girls were the only ones present at the scene within a radius of 100 metres of the godown, which exploded. About police action into the incident, SSP Lucknow said the only point that needs to be established is the quantity of the explosives hoarded at the premises. "Other than that, we have failed to find anything that was objectionable at the site," he said. The Lucknow district police chief said an inquiry will be conducted to ascertain the quantity of raw and finished stocks present at the godown at the time of the blast and if it confirms that norms have been violated, adequate action will follow. He said the bodies of the two victims were sent for post-mortem examination after which they were handed over to their respective families for burial.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/lucknow/Explosion-in-cracker-unit-claims-2-lives/articleshow/16595696.cms>

NIGERIA, NIGER STATE, KUDU VILLAGE, SEPTEMBER 30 2012. DEATH TOLL NOW 27 FROM TANKER EXPLOSION IN KUDU

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Death toll has risen to 27 from the tanker explosion that occurred in Kudu village Tuesday night. Besides the dead, eleven people are still on danger list at the Mokwa General Hospital after incurring various degrees of injuries while one of the casualties with very serious injury have been transferred to the Teaching Hospital Ilorin, Kwara state for further medical attention. Director General, Niger state Emergency Management Agency, Malam Mohammed Shaba who gave an update of the incidence while addressing Journalists in Minna yesterday said sixteen people died on the spot on Tuesday at about 10p.m when the tanker loaded with fuel skidded off the road and burst into flames while five others gave up the ghost on their way to the hospital for treatment. According to him, six other dead bodies were discovered in the near-by bush as they were on the run for safety with fire burning them along.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201209290182.html>

INDONESIA, SUMATRA, SEPTEMBER 30 2012. 30 STILL MISSING AFTER INDONESIA FERRY COLLISION

About thirty people are still missing and feared dead after an Indonesian ferry with more than 200 people on board collided with a cargo tanker earlier this week, rescuers said yesterday. Eight people were confirmed dead while 207 others were rescued alive after the KM Bahuga Jaya, sailing from Merak port in West Java to Sumatra island, collided with the tanker early



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Wednesday. The exact number of people on board is not clear. "Based on the accounts by family relatives, about 30 people are still missing," Lampung provincial search and rescue chief Saidar Rahman Jaya said.

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http://www.gulf-times.com/site/topics/article.asp?cu_no=2&item_no=534036&version=1&template_id=45&parent_id=25

JAPAN, HYOGO PREFECTURE, HIMEJI CITY, SEPTEMBER 30 2012. 1 KILLED, DOZENS HURT IN JAPANESE CHEMICAL PLANT EXPLOSION

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- Acrylic Acid Tanks & Toluene Tanks Explode
- Dozens Injured Are In Critical Condition



A large explosion rocked a chemical plant in the coastal Japanese city of Himeji, killing 1 firefighter, and injuring more than 30 workers. Police said the blasts occurred as firefighters were trying to control a blaze that broke out at a plant operated by Nippon Shokubai Co. in the Hyogo Prefecture earlier in the day, forcing 500 workers to evacuate immediately. Television footage showed the facility engulfed in flames, with billowing, black smoke visible, miles away. "The explosion shook our doors so much, we thought it was an earthquake," a resident living near the plant, told broadcaster NHK. A plant employee first noticed smoke, coming from one of its tanks around 2 p.m. Firefighters were attempting to put out the blaze, when a tank containing acrylic acid exploded, according to

Japanese media reports. That blast was followed by two other explosions. A 28-year-old firefighter died of burns, while dozens of other workers, and first responders were seriously injured, Kyodo News reported.

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- [Himeji plant blast kills 1, injures 31](#)
A firefighter was killed and 31 were injured Saturday in an explosion at Nippon Shokubai Co.'s plant in Himeji, Hyogo Prefecture, according to police.
- [UPDATE 1-Fire fighter killed in Japan chemical plant explosion](#)
One fire fighter was killed after a chemical tank explosion at Nippon Shokubai Co's Himeji plant in western Japan on Saturday afternoon, a local fire department official said.
- [Japan's Nippon Shokubai's acrylic acid tank explodes-media](#)
Two acrylic acid storage tanks and one toluene tank at Nippon Shokubai Co's Himeji plant in western Japan exploded on Saturday afternoon, killing one fire fighter and injuring more than 30 people.
- [1 Killed, Dozens Hurt in Japanese Chemical Plant Explosion](#)
A large explosion rocked a chemical plant in the coastal Japanese city of Himeji, killing 1 firefighter, and injuring more than 30 workers.
- [Explosion at Japan chemical plant kills 1, dozens injured](#)
An explosion at a chemical plant in western Japan has killed a firefighter and injured dozens of people. Police said the explosion was reported Saturday at chemical plant Nippon Shokubai Co.
- [Japanese chemical plant explodes](#)
A police officer said a tank at Nippon Shokubai, a major chemical producing factory in the coastal industrial city of Himeji, in Hyogo prefecture exploded at 2.05 pm. "We have 1 fatality. 5 in a serious condition and 16 with minor injuries.

<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/09/1-killed-dozens-hurt-in-japanese-chemical-plant-explosion/>



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INDIA, TAMIL NADU, SIVAKASI, SEPTEMBER 29 2012. SIVAKASI REGION, A METONYM FOR POWDER KEG?

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A child engaged in manufacturing firecrackers at Vijayakariskulam, near Sivakasi.

The death of three workers in an illegal firecracker manufacturing unit at Vijayakariskulam near Sivakasi on Friday has once again exposed how such units in clusters have made the town a powder keg threatening to explode. According to fireworks manufacturers, the practice of outsourcing the production of fuse/wick has now come to the level of manufacturing fancy fireworks. "Fuse wrapping," a highly skilled job, was originally outsourced in 1950s to a few villages where the job was done by a particular community. Today, production of fireworks has become a cottage industry in villages dotting Sivakasi and Vembakottai blocks. Thirty villages, including Vijayakariskulam, have production units in one form or other. Almost all these units are part of the household or their appendages. In the Vijayakariskulam blast, the chemicals were handled under an asbestos-roofed shed behind a house. Handling of banned or substandard chemicals by inexperienced or untrained persons often results in explosions. "For example, there is rampant use of red lead, which is a banned chemical. This is used only to bring down the cost of manufacture," says A. P. Selvarajan, former president, Tamil Nadu Fireworks and Amores Manufacturers' Association. The parallel cracker manufacturing industry has been thriving for decades with a strong nexus among officials, police, brokers and traders. This fact is acknowledged by top officials who feel that it is difficult to restrain the practice with the available manpower. It also involves the livelihood of thousands of families. Many accidents, in which the victims suffer injuries, go unreported in these villages. They get advance information through official channels whenever raids are planned. The modus operandi of this industry is this: middlemen, who canvass for orders for Deepavali and other occasions, join together, buy raw materials like charcoal, barium nitrate, potassium nitrate and even sulphur in the black market; distribute them among villages for production of specific items; get back finished goods on payment and use brands similar to leading ones to push them in upcountry markets. The activity gains steam as Deepavali approaches. These products are priced less and offer a huge profit margin. They are distributed through a chain of transport operators. The parallel industry also bridges the gap in demand and supply when licensed units face a shortfall due to accident, raid, rainfall or labour shortage. Because of their substandard nature, the products release high-decibel noise or cause injuries. The common accident is the bursting of flower pots or zameen chakkar when ignited. All members of a family, including children, are involved in the manufacturing process. The day's food is cooked in one corner and fuses get ready in another in one-room homes. Children, who study in nearby schools, come home only to continue the job they had left in the morning. Child labour has migrated from factories to homes in this sector. Officials and industry leaders feel that stringent steps are needed post-Mudalipatti to curb illegal manufacture of fireworks anywhere. The TANFAMA has mooted a proposal to create a transport yard from where lorries will carry finished goods with legal documents to their destinations.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/states/tamil-nadu/sivakasi-region-a-metonym-for-powder-keg/article3949500.ece>

INDIA, WEST BENGAL, HALDIA, SEPTEMBER 30 2012. HALDIA REFINERY FIRE: OFFICIALS WERE WARNED OF CORRODED PIPELINE

Accidents Can Happen.....

And, in an oil refinery that deals with tonnes of highly inflammable petroleum products, an accident can often take ghastly proportions as it happened on Friday when some contractual labourers were first drenched in diesel and then caught fire leading to over 50 per cent burn injuries to at least four. But, a day after the fateful accident at the Haldia refinery of Indian Oil, questions are cropping up as to whether the company management took adequate precautions to avert the possibility of such an accident. While official sources are tight-lipped, available accounts suggest that the company ignored alerts. The reason behind the accident was a rupture in a diesel pipeline, which was previously identified to have been badly corroded. According to the standard procedure, the company's in-house inspectors recommended replacement of the pipeline at least a couple of months ago. Unfortunately, the recommendation was literally 'partly' followed, as only a part of the pipeline was replaced. The decision proved fatal on Friday when diesel started gushing out at high pressure through a small rupture — described in technical parlance as a 'fish-mouth' rupture — splashing diesel over large area and creating a vapour cloud. Diesel is generally not so inflammable. But the vapour cloud and a welding job in the vicinity made it a deadly combination. Before they



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could realise what had happened the hapless workers were engulfed by a cloud of fire. IOC authorities did douse the fire in 25 minutes, but that was a little too long for at least four, who are now fighting for their lives in a private hospital in Kolkata. Hopefully, the company managers will be more careful the next time.

Related Links

- [11 injured in Haldia refinery fire](#)
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- [Fire at IOC Haldia Refinery](#)
4 persons suffered serious burn injuries at a minor fire at Haldia refinery of Indian Oil this afternoon, according to sources. The injured were reportedly working for a contractor, engaged by the oil major, for maintenance of a product tank within the refinery...
- [Fire at Haldia oil refinery, 11 hurt, 4 critical](#)
4 people suffered critical burn injuries after a fire broke out at an oil refinery in Haldia in East Midnapore on Friday. Sources said 11 workers were injured in the fire incident, of them four are in a critical condition and shifted to Kolkata hospitals.
- [Eleven workers injured in Haldia refinery fire](#)
11 workers were today injured, including four of them seriously, when a fire broke out in Indian Oil Corporation's Haldia refinery, police said. One of the pipelines inside the refinery carrying diesel to storage tank got ruptured leading to leakage of diesel...
- [Four get severe burn injuries in Haldia refinery](#)
4 persons who were working in a diesel storage tank in the Indian Oil Corporation's Haldia refinery got severe burn injuries when fire broke out in the area, company sources said. One of the pipelines inside the refinery which carried diesel to storage tank...

<http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/article3948689.ece>

UPDATE: AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, NAGAMBIE, SEPTEMBER 30 2012. EX-DETECTIVE WAS DRIVING TANKER IN NAGAMBIE BLAZE

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Map: [Nagambie 3608](#)

Watch the Video [Ex-Detective Driving Fuel Tanker in Nagambie Blaze](#)

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Former detective Denis Tanner - the man a coroner ruled shot dead his sister-in-law - was reportedly behind the wheel of a fuel tanker that caught on fire when it hit a kangaroo in Nagambie, in central Victoria, today. The tanker, carrying diesel fuel, caught alight about 5.20am on the Goulburn Valley Highway when the impact of the collision damaged the rear of the vehicle. Mr Tanner was driving the tanker at the time, Channel Seven reported today. About 20 firefighters were needed to control the blaze, but crews were still at the scene 12 hours later to help keep cool a tank containing about 8000 litres of fuel. Mr Tanner



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is seeking to have overturned a finding handed down in a 1998 inquest that he shot and killed Jennifer Tanner at her Bonnie Doon home in 1984. A finding by then state coroner Graeme Johnston found Mrs Tanner, 27, died from a gunshot wound, that she did not commit suicide and that Mr Tanner shot her. Mr Tanner is seeking for state coroner Jennifer Coate to put aside Mr Johnston's 1998 finding and to start a new inquest. Mr Tanner last month told the coroner's court that he was in a Middle Park church playing bingo and then at pubs in South Melbourne and Port Melbourne on the day his sister-in-law died, and therefore could not have killed her. The police and CFA said the section of highway was still closed at 6pm. Motorists were diverted to the Hume Freeway. Mr Tanner escaped injury in the incident.

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/exdetective-was-driving-tanker-in-nagambie-blaze-20120930-26t2u.html>

USA, N.Y, BROOKLYN, SEPTEMBER 30 2012. SPILL IN PAERDEGAT BASIN, AUTHORITIES SAY STAY AWAY

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Updated Post (1928 p.m.): National Grid contractors are cleaning up 1,100 gallons of gas and oil that gushed into the waters of Paerdegat Basin, which connects to the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, after an accident Friday night.

U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Erik Swanson told Sheepshead Bites that National Grid was cementing an older pipe when there was an unexpected discharge of hazardous materials at approximately 1:30 a.m. The discharge was a mixture of natural gas condensate, compressor oil and turbine oil. National Grid alerted the Coast Guard, who sent a pollution responder team to the scene, along with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation inspectors. The company hired Miller Environmental Group, a Long Island-based environmental response contractor, to clean the waters, which involves sucking the water-oil mixture out of the area to prevent anymore sheening or environmental damage, Swanson said. The contractors will be working throughout today and tomorrow, but the repairs are expected to continue past the weekend. Coast Guard and local governmental agencies will investigate the cause of the accident. If National Grid is determined to have caused it or acted inappropriately, they will be fined, Swanson said. There will also be continued testing of the waters to ensure the public's safety. Authorities are cautioning mariners and fishermen to avoid the area.

Original Post (17:00 p.m.): Authorities are telling fishermen, mariners and water enthusiasts to stay away from the Paerdegat Basin are of Jamaica Bay, following a National Grid oil spill. Here's the alert:

Alert issued 9/29/12 at 4:45 PM. Oil spill contractors working for National Grid Corporation, under the direction of the US Coast Guard and the NYS DEC, are working to clean up a spill of oil and hazardous materials in Paerdegat Basin, Brooklyn. The public is advised to avoid fishing and recreational activity in this area until further notice. An odor may also be present in the area. There is no danger of an explosion.

We have contacted the Department of Environmental Conservation regarding the circumstances of the spill and are awaiting a response.

<http://www.sheepsheadbites.com/2012/09/oil-spill-brooklyn-national-grid/>

USA, TX, HOUSTON, OCTOBER 1 2012. UNEXPLODED BOMBS LURK OFF US COAST

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In this April 2010 file photo, an oil rig is seen in the Gulf of Mexico near the Chandeleur Islands, off the Southeastern tip of Louisiana. As technological advances allow oil companies to push deeper into the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, forgotten hazards pose a threat.

Disposed World War II explosives and munitions in the Gulf of Mexico pose a threat to offshore oil drilling, according to Texas oceanographers. Millions of pounds of unexploded bombs dumped in the [Gulf of Mexico](#) by the U.S. government after World War Two pose a significant risk to offshore drilling, according to [Texas](#) oceanographers. It is no secret that the [United States](#), along with other governments, dumped munitions and chemical weapons in oceans from 1946 until the practice was banned in the 1970s by U.S. law and international treaty, said [William Bryant](#), a Texas A&M University professor of oceanography. As technological advances allow oil companies to push deeper into the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, these forgotten hazards pose a threat as the industry picks up the pace of drilling after BP Plc's deadly Macondo well blowout in 2010 that lead to the largest oil spill in U.S. history. Unexploded ordnance has been found in the offshore zone known as



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Mississippi Canyon where the Macondo well was drilled. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will auction 38 million acres of oil and gas leases in the central gulf in March. The U.S. government designated disposal areas for unexploded ordnance, known as UXO, off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, as well as in the Gulf of Mexico. But nearly 70 years after the areas were created, no one knows exactly how much was dumped, or where the weapons are, or whether they present a danger to humans or marine life. "These bombs are a threat today and no one knows how to deal with the situation," said Bryant. "If chemical agents are leaking from some of them, that's a real problem. If many of them are still capable of exploding, that's another big problem." Disposal zones were designated from Florida to Texas, said Bryant, who will discuss his research findings at the International Dialogue on Underwater Munitions conference that begins Monday in [San Juan, Puerto Rico](#). While the practice of dumping bombs and chemical weapons, including mustard and nerve gas, in the ocean ended 40 years ago some effects are just beginning to be seen, said Terrance Long, founder of the underwater munitions conference. "You can find munitions in basically every ocean around the world, every major sea, lake and river," Long said. "They are a threat to human health and the environment." The oil industry is no stranger to leftovers from the World War Two. Last year, BP shut its key Forties crude pipeline in the [North Sea](#) for five days while it removed a 13-foot (4-metre) unexploded German mine found resting cozily next to the pipeline that transports up to 40 percent of the [UK's](#) oil production. BP discovered the mine during a routine pipeline inspection, then spent several months devising a plan to lift the bomb and move it far enough from the pipeline to safely detonate it. In the Gulf of Mexico, which accounts for 23 percent of U.S. oil production and 7 percent of domestic natural gas output, the hazards are known, but generally ignored. In 2001, BP and Shell found the wreckage of the U-166, a German World War II submarine, 45 miles (72 kms) from the mouth of the Mississippi River during an underwater survey for a pipeline needed to transport natural gas to shore. Bryant said he and colleague Neil Slowey have documented discarded bombs and leaking barrels over the past 20 years while conducting research for energy companies in the Gulf of Mexico. Records of where these munitions were dumped are incomplete and experts believe many dangerous cargoes were "short-dumped," or discarded outside designated zones. Bryant said he has come across 500-pound (227-kgs) bombs about 60 miles off the Texas coast and other ordnance 100 miles offshore, outside designated zones. At least one Gulf pipeline was laid across a chemical weapon dump site south of the mouth of the Mississippi River, he said. While the risk of an underwater bomb exploding may be small, environmental damage from chemical weapons, such as mustard gas, is worrisome and needs to be researched, Bryant said. "We would like to do a survey to be able to say if (this material) is harmful or not," he said. "The condition of these barrels is deteriorating, so does it affect anything or not? We ought to know." Calls and emails to various companies with wells or pipelines in the gulf seeking comment were not returned. Neither the [U.S. Army](#), nor the BOEM would comment as well. Sonar data from a routine seabed survey performed by [C&C Technologies](#) identified munitions in about 3,000 feet of water near a proposed project, according to a paper presented at the 2007 Offshore Technology Conference. After determining the bombs presented a low-to-moderate risk, the project continued as planned. The oil and gas industry needs to do more address the problem, Long said. "It makes more sense to start dealing with the munitions from a risk-mitigation standpoint to be able to conduct operations in those areas rather than trying to avoid that they are there," Long said. The BOEM, which regulates offshore drilling in federal waters, warns companies seeking leases to drill or add pipelines about the existence of unexploded ordnance and requires underwater surveys to assess and manage the numerous natural and manmade hazards.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2012/0929/Unexploded-bombs-lurk-off-US-coast>

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, FUJAIRAH, OCTOBER 1 2012. VITOL JV VTTI STUDIES DOUBLING FUJAIRAH OIL STORAGE SPACE

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Vitol Tank Terminals International (VTTI) is studying almost doubling its oil storage capacity at the port of Fujairah, just outside the Strait of Hormuz, and could start construction by early 2014, a spokeswoman for VTTI said on Sunday. VTTI, jointly owned by the world's largest oil trader Vitol and Malaysian shipping company MISC Bhd, currently has 1.18 million cubic meters (mcm) of storage capacity in a total of 47 tanks. The Fujairah terminal is 90 percent owned by VTTI, while the government of Fujairah has a 10 percent stake. A spokeswoman in the Netherlands confirmed VTTI's plans detailed on its website to increase oil storage capacity by 1 million cubic meters. "VTTI is looking into the project. It has to go through a phase where it needs to get permits, finalize plans and then the construction can start," she said. "It would start to be developed from early 2014," she said, adding that the total cost of the project was not available yet. Fujairah's strategic importance outside the Strait of Hormuz has been underscored by Iranian threats to block the world's largest oil and gas shipping route and oil traders have



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been racing to secure storage space at the east coast port of the United Arab Emirates. The opening of a new crude oil pipeline which could carry most of Abu Dhabi's 2.6 million barrels per day of oil overland to Fujairah have strengthened the port's strategic position in the global oil market. Oil storage capacity there is set to rise to nearly 6.8 mcm late this year, while further expansion could take capacity near 10 mcm by late 2014. Some traders say the storage boom could soon cause an oversupply of storage space, decreasing the value of new storage coming online and of existing assets. Some expansion projects that have been announced are yet to be finalised, while others lack financing. But VTTI's interest in Fujairah continues. "Fujairah is therefore excellently placed to serve the major bunker market there and offers VTTI a unique opportunity to develop refining on a world scale," VTTI's website says. "This asset, which has already seen major expansion, is now planning an additional 1,000,000 cubic meters of capacity for early 2014."

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/30/vitol-fujairah-storage-idUSL6E8KU16C20120930>

USA, OH, COLUMBUS, OCTOBER 1 2012. TRUCK CARRYING PROPANE TANKS OVERTURNS, CLOSING I-670 WEST AT I-71 SOUTH

alex mazer



Columbus police and fire are on the scene of an overturned tractor trailer in the westbound lanes of Interstate 670 at Interstate 71.

Columbus police and fire are on the scene of an overturned tractor trailer in the westbound lanes of Interstate 670 at Interstate 71. Crews responded to the scene Sunday afternoon. The westbound lanes of I-670 are closed at I-71 south as a result of the crash. The ramp from I-71 south to I-670 west is also closed. Traffic is being diverted to I-71 south, according to Columbus police. Columbus fire tells NBC4 that the truck was leaking a small amount of fuel but that the leak has been contained. The truck was carrying propane tanks but none of the tanks are leaking at this time. The hazmat crew has been called to the scene as a precaution. Initial reports indicated that the truck was a tanker, it was later confirmed that it was a flat-bed tractor trailer hauling tanks of propane. There is no word on injuries at this time.

<http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2012/sep/30/tanker-overturms-closing-i-670-west-i-71-south-ar-1190322/>

INDIA, CHENNAI, KORRUKUPET, OCTOBER 1 2012. FUEL PIPELINE LEAK AT TONDIARPET >> RESIDENTS COLLECTED PETROL IN CONTAINERS; FAULT WAS SET RIGHT LATER



A clamp was installed to plug the leak in the pipeline.

In the second such incident this month, a petroleum pipeline near Tondiarpet railway station sprung a leak on Sunday morning. The leak in the pipeline belonging to Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited was noticed around 6 a.m. by residents of Karaneeswarar Nagar. It runs through Korukkupet and Tondiarpet and is about 100 metres away from Tondiarpet railway station. The fault in the pipeline was set right by 7.30 a.m. after a contractor installed a clamp to plug the leak, a police officer said. A large posse of police was posted in the area to keep away local residents, who collected the leaking petrol in pots and buckets. However, a company official said fuel was not being pumped through the pipeline at that time. During routine patrolling, some 'sweating' was noticed following which efforts were taken to quickly seal the opening, the official said. Mani, a resident of Tondiarpet, said such incidents were common in the area as pipelines were often misused by the locals. "Children play and fly kites atop the pipelines. They also defecate and throw garbage on the pipes. If proper patrolling is done and pipelines are constantly checked for cracks, such incidents can be avoided," he said. This is the second leak in an oil pipeline in north Chennai this month. On September 16, furnace oil leaked from an underground pipeline at Kummalamman Koil Street. Residents said, after the leak, underground water in the area had become polluted. Till date, borewell water was often found mixed with oil, a resident said. Fishermen in the area recalled that two years ago,



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there was a massive leak inside Kasimedu fishing harbour. Once, there was a leak near Chennai Port's zero gate too, said M.D. Dayalan. "Oil companies need to be careful about such facilities as they run through residential neighbourhoods," he said. A couple of decades ago, an old-timer recalled, there was a major pipeline leak in the same vicinity where the pipeline broke on Sunday. The leak was quite massive back then, he said.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/fuel-pipeline-leak-at-tondiarpet/article3952133.ece>

ENGLAND, LONDON, OCTOBER 1 2012. HSE BEGINS FEE FOR INTERVENTION



The Health and Safety Executive's (HSE) new cost recovery scheme, Fee for Intervention (FFI), will come into force on Monday, 1 October. Under The Health and Safety (Fees) Regulations 2012, those who break health and safety laws are liable for recovery of HSE's related costs, including, inspection, investigation and taking enforcement action. The many businesses that comply with their legal obligations will continue to pay nothing. Detailed [guidance](#) for businesses and organisations is available on HSE's website. Developed in consultation with representatives from industry, it explains how the scheme works and includes examples of how it will be applied. Geoffrey Podger, HSE's Chief Executive, said: "The most basic safety mistakes in the workplace can devastate lives and result in real costs to industry. It is right that those who fail to meet their legal obligations should pay HSE's costs rather than the public purse having to do so." Fee for Intervention provides a further incentive for businesses to manage health and safety effectively and to operate within the law. It should also help level the playing field between those who comply and those who don't. Employers can find practical advice, tools and case studies for controlling common risks and ensuring compliance with health and safety law on HSE's website at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/toolbox/index.htm>
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/press/2012/hse-ffi-begins.htm?ebul=ffi&cr=4/sep12>

BERMUDA, ST DAVIDS, OCTOBER 2 2012. PINOY SAILOR INJURED IN TANKER EXPLOSION OFF BERMUDA

A Filipino crewmember was rushed to a hospital after suffering burns in a cargo explosion aboard a tanker off Bermuda Island over the weekend. The Filipino was a crewmember of the Sea Moon, which was heading for Karachi in Pakistan from New Orleans, the [Bermuda Sun](#) reported. "The 33-year-old Filipino national had suffered full body burns and the ship was diverting to Bermuda for medical evacuation," it cited a report from Bermuda Maritime authorities. It did not name the injured Filipino. Further information from Bermuda Maritime indicated Sea Moon was carrying a cargo of coal at the time of the explosion. Maritime officials said they received a satellite phone call from the ship Friday afternoon, according to [BerNews](#). At the time the explosion occurred, the ship was some 140 miles southwest of Bermuda. The report said an initial inspection showed there was no fire, the cargo was stable and there was no damage to the ships' hull. Sea Moon arrived at St. David's on Saturday, and local authorities boarded the ship with a doctor. The injured Filipino was taken to Ordance Island where an ambulance was waiting to take him to hospital, while the ship was anchored 1.5 miles east of St David's Lighthouse. It will remain in the area until company representatives and surveyors have inspected it.

<http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/276280/pinoyabroad/news/pinoy-sailor-injured-in-tanker-explosion-off-bermuda>

NIGERIA, AKWA IBOM, IBENO, OCTOBER 2 2012. IBENO COMMUNITY LEADER DECRIES DELAY IN OIL SPILL CLEAN-UP



Chief Okon Akpanowong, a community leader in Ibeno in Akwa Ibom, has criticised the suspension of the clean-up of Atlantic coastline contaminated by an oil spill on Aug.13. The National Oil Spills Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) had ordered Mobil Producing Nigeria (MPN) to clean up the coastline within its Qua Iboe oil fields. Reacting to the suspension, Akpanowong said that he participated in the meetings with officials of Mobil on the clean-up exercise but regretted that no action had been taken two weeks after. "It was resolved two weeks ago amongst all stakeholders, namely Mobil, Community and regulators, including Ministry of Environment that clean-up be extended for additional 10 days. "We, therefore, do not know why the extension has not yet resumed, we signed all the papers and there is no reason to justify this delay of

two weeks. "The impact on the coastline environment is serious because it affects our fishing population, the grasses along the sea coast and aquatic life as well," he said. Akpanowong explained that the abandoned spill impacted site had



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contaminated new areas that were originally not affected due to the changing direction of sea currents. Mr Irvin Obot, Zonal Director of NOSDRA, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the agency was concerned and worried about the suspension of the clean-up exercise. ``I got a report that the clean-up has not resumed, but I will get across to find out what the issue is," Obot said. NAN recalls that Mobil had in a statement on Aug. 19, accepted to clean the coastline as directed by NOSDRA. The oil firm also stated that the source of the oil found on the coastline within its operation was unknown. However, Mr Nigel Cookey-Gam, Communications Manager of Mobil, in response to the suspension of coastline clean-up and its impact on the environment, said that the clean-up would soon resume. Cookey-Gam said: ``the contractors have been engaged and they will deploy personnel shortly.'

http://leadership.ng/nga/articles/36120/2012/09/30/ibeno_community_leader_decries_delay_oil_spill_cleanup.html

USA, MS, GREENFIELD, OCTOBER 2 2012. GREENFIELD GAS LEAK CONTAINED, BUT STATION STILL CLOSED >> LEAKING GAS LINE BEING REPAIRED

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- [Greenfield Gas Leak Contained](#)
- [DEP Crews Cleaning-Up Gas Leak at Shell Station](#)



A Greenfield gas station is still closed after a gasoline leak was found at one of the manholes on the property. The [Shell station on the Mohawk Trail](#) closed around 7:00 Sunday night, after Fire Capt. Andrew Garvin says the leak was found. Catherine Skiba, regional spokesperson for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, told 22News that the leak has been contained to the area of the gas station. Booms were set up at a nearby brook after gasoline was found there. The measure has prevented further contamination, and she says that the public should not be concerned. Skiba told 22News that the leak's source was determined to be a gas line, which is currently being repaired.

<http://www.wvlp.com/dpp/news/local/franklin/greenfield-gas-leak-contained-but-station-still-closed>

USA, TX, EL PASO, OCTOBER 2 2012. DRUNKEN DRIVER CRASHES INTO GAS PUMP, SETTING IT ON FIRE

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[Drunken Driver Crashes into Gas Pump](#)
[Driver Crashes into Gas Pump](#)



Police arrested a man they say was drinking and driving after he crashed into a gas pump, catching it on fire. It happened at the Circle-K on Zaragoza and Vista Del Sol before midnight Sunday. El Paso police said they learned that Jose Socorro Ramos was driving a blue pickup truck in the 1600 block of Zaragoza when he lost control and drove into the gas station. Police said Ramos struck a gas pump, sparking a fire. A customer who was standing near the crash was able to run toward the building and hit the shut-off switch before firefighters arrived. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire and keep it from spreading. Ramos had been drinking at a family party before the crash and was arrested on suspicion of DWI, said police. No one was seriously hurt, and damage is estimated at \$40,000. He was booked into the El Paso County Jail with bail set at \$1,000.

<http://www.kfoxtv.com/news/news/local/drunken-driver-crashes-gas-pump-setting-it-fire/nSQZt/>



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