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USA, N.J., TABERNACLE, SEPTEMBER 14 2012. TABERNACLE LOOKS AT CONTAMINATED WELLS >> TETRACHLOROETHYLENE

linda jagiela

Since 2004, the township has been contending with several private well contamination areas. Thirty-four wells were found contaminated in the township with the chemical tetrachloroethylene, or PCE, from a former business on Route 206. Contamination was discovered when a resident had their home's well tested for a real estate sale and discovered contamination. The township, upon recognizing the issues, has been diligently working to correct the situation and to insure that all homes affected have clean drinking water. In conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), homes that were identified to have contaminated wells have had Point of Entry Water Treatment Systems, or POETS, installed. Douglas Stuart, environmental consultant for the township, stressed the need to maintain the POETS to ensure continued safe, drinking water. Stuart feels that some residents may not be aware that regular maintenance needs to be performed and that the expense of it could be bore through the DEP. The systems, which were installed by the DEP, are eligible to be maintained by the DEP so long as the home still maintains the same owner. Once the property has been sold, the new home owner is responsible for the maintenance and up keep of the system. He stressed the need to check your systems. Although the situation is under control with home owners, the problem ultimate still exists. "DEP investigation found that the problem originated from a dry cleaning business at Celebration Plaza on Route 206. The chemical found in the wells is used in the dry cleaning process. Soil and ground water sampling identified that it came from Joane's cleaners which was located in the plaza," he said. The cleaning business no longer exists. "The bottom line," according to Stuart, "is that you need to monitor. The chemical is still out there and does not readily naturally degrade. Sixteen pilot wells have been drilled around the township to monitor the movement of the contaminant. Wells at Seneca High School are checked monthly to ensure their safety." Installation of the POET's is only interim remediation. Essentially, POETS are bandages or interim measures before an ultimate remediation. Since the chemicals are "heavy" they will continue to move deeper as the plume travels. DEP has likely ruled out that water could be piped in from a water treatment plant. Such solution is not really feasible in Tabernacle since the closest plant is in Medford. Other solutions such as treating with hydrogen peroxide may also be used but are under review of a remedy selection at DEP. Unfortunately, recalcitrant parties are not stepping up to fund a solution and the DEP has not finished the clean up. As long as the chemical exists in the ground, residents must be diligent to ensure water safety.

http://www.southjerseylocalnews.com/articles/2012/09/13/medford_central_record/news/doc5051e0244aee4794909589.txt

NIGERIA, APAPA, SEPTEMBER 14 2012. NIMASA, SSS, SEAL TANK FARM OVER FUEL THEFT

Officials of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and armed forces personnel operating under the Global West Vessel Specialist Limited (GWVSL) Thursday invaded the depot of the Integrated Oil and Gas Limited at Apapa over an allegation that the company received stolen petroleum products. GWVSL, a firm believed to be owned by a former leader of the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), Chief Government Ekpemupolo, popularly known as Tompolo is executing a contract worth \$103.4 million, about N15 billion for the supply 20 vessels for the use of the military authorities to secure the waterways. Acting on a tip-off, officials of NIMASA, State Security Services (SSS) and military personnel operating under GWVSL yesterday tracked a cargo "M. T. Grace" allegedly laden with stolen petroleum products to the tank farm of Integrated Oil and Gas Limited. Thisday gathered that the security personnel took over the company's tank farm, arrested some workers, including one Captain Nicholas Okotie, who was alleged to have been transporting hijackers of vessels to the high sea. But in a swift reaction, the Chairman of the Integrated Oil and Gas Limited, Captain Emmanuel Ihenacho, told Thisday last night that the invasion was part of the orchestrated campaigns to damage his reputation and destroy his businesses. He stated that the objective of the invaders was to cripple his business, which he laboured hard to build over the years. Ihenacho stated that his company was not involved in stealing petroleum products or hijacking vessels at the high sea. According to him, his company merely has a business relationship with the owners of the cargo, adding that this business relationship has nothing to do with stolen petroleum products. He noted that instead of arresting the owners of the controversial cargo, the invaders harassed, intimidated, arrested and took away some of his workers on handcuff. "They invaded our facility. They beat up our people and journalists. They seized the phones of our people and took them away in handcuffs. The objective is to cripple our business. We worked so hard to create employment opportunities for Nigerians but the encouragement we receive is harassment, and intimidation. We are not going to run away from our country because this country belongs to all of us," he explained.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201209140537.html>



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INDIA, LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 15 2012. IOC ESCAPES MASSIVE FIRE BESIDES SHILPA SHETTY'S EVENT IN LUCKNOW

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A major accident was averted after a fire, that broke out at an Indian Oil Petrol Pump near Patrakarpuram area, was immediately doused. The cause of the blaze, however, is considered to be short circuit. The incident took place while an Indian Oil tanker was refueling the emptied tanks of the petrol pump. Fire extinguishers immediately became active to turn the fire off and luckily the petrol pump staff got success after struggling for a couple of minutes. But the fire-burst resulted in an immediate stampede in the petrol pump as the staff along with the customers, who had come to fill the tanks of their vehicles, started running from the insecure spot sniffing a possible major threat.

Here's What Could Have Happened, Had The Fire Not Doused On Time:

While the empty oil tanks of the oil station were being filled through the pipes from the tanker, a spark came off a generator which was installed to power an ongoing Shilpa Shetty event besides the petrol pump. This could have turned disastrous had the fire engulfed, as it may have resulted in a blast in the petrol pump tank and would have skirted the nearby areas too. The incident happened next to the place where Bollywood actor Shilpa Shetty was briefing a press conference for the launch of her slimming cum beauty centre 'iosis Spa'. The heavy gush of people, media persons along with delegates was present at the event. Just next to the petrol pump, city's one amongst few renowned hospitals 'Ford' is also located. When our reporter conversed with one of the staff members of the petrol pump, he very casually said, "It wasn't a big accident. The cause of fire was short circuit from the wires that were being used to power Shilpa's event. It was completely their fault."

<http://www.pardaphash.com/news/ioc-escapes-massive-fire-besides-shilpa-shettys-event-in-lucknow/697014.html>

USA, IND, MISHAWAKA, SEPTEMBER 15 2012. HUNDREDS EVACUATED IN MISHAWAKA FOR CHEMICAL LEAK

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- [Hundreds Evacuated In Mishawaka for Chemical Leak](#)
- [Hazmat update 1: Officials explain the situation](#)

 [Photo's \[16\] Mishawaka Chemical Fire Evacuation](#)



South Bend Tribune/JAMES BROSHER Red Cross and local firefighters wait for evacuees to arrive on Friday, Sept. 14, 2012, at St. Joseph's School in Mishawaka. Police and firefighters evacuated a large area of Mishawaka after a reported chemical fire.

A portion of the south side of Mishawaka was evacuated for a fire and confirmed chemical leak at a former metal plant. Now the [Environmental Protection Agency](#) says the air in the evacuation area isn't safe enough yet for people to return to their homes. Around 8 p.m. Friday crews were called to put out a small rubbish fire in a vacant building at 1302 Industrial Drive. It used to be Baycote Metal Finishing. After the fire was out, Mishawaka fire official Jim Cocquyt said they noticed a low-hanging vapor cloud and began the evacuation. Officials said some residents reported skin irritation and burning eyes. Roads were closed

between Byrkit Avenue west to Merrifield, and 12th Street north to Lincoln Way East. The evacuation area was shrunk down somewhat to 12th to 5th streets. People on 4th and 5th streets were being told to stay inside, keep the windows closed and AC off. Officials say if you are in the area and are not feeling well, call for help. If you are feeling OK but you are panicked, go to an evacuation center. Mishawaka Catholic School at the Saint Joseph campus will house evacuees. That's at 230 S. Spring Street: The Red Cross has supplied cots and other necessities to roughly 45 people who have been displaced and took place - some with their animals - at St. Joseph Grade School in Mishawaka. Cocquyt said hundreds were evacuated. Most went to stay with family and friends. Two people were checked out at local hospitals, including a local TV reporter who does not work at WSBT, but there were no serious injuries. At 10:45 p.m., Cocquyt said the vapor cloud had mostly dissipated, but people in the reduced evacuation area are still not allowed to return to their homes. The air is being tested and so far has not been deemed safe. Spokeswomen for both St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and Memorial Hospital confirmed both hospitals



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counted the number of cyanide kits they had on hand in case anyone had been exposed to hydrogen cyanide. Officials say there are low levels of cyanide in the vacant building at 1302 Industrial Drive. However, there is no cyanide near surrounding homes. "the EPA is making a decision about it," said Lt. Derron Hess with the Mishawaka Fire Department. "What they're doing is they're going around, they're monitoring the air...The good news, it sounds like your homes, your trees are not affected by the cyanide..." Evacuees were driven to their homes so they could pick up medications, then they were driven back to evacuation centers. "The EPA, once they get to the scene, it's their scene," said Hess. "Mishawaka Fire Department, we can't tell them we're sending people back home. And they have protocol to follow. So what they're saying is they're going to keep everybody out. We want to keep people monitoring the hot zone. Their protocol is to monitor everything for 2 to 3 hours, so we're going to keep everyone here." Cocquyt said the Environmental Protection Agency had taken over the old factory site several months ago. "It is a major cleanup site for the feds," Cocquyt said. He said the agency was cleaning up numerous hazardous chemicals.

<http://www.wsbt.com/news/wsbt-evacuations-in-mishawaka-for-fire-at-former-plant-20120914.0.7299547.story>

ENGLAND, DEVON, TORRINGTON, SEPTEMBER 15 2012. ROAD CLOSED AFTER CAR AND FUEL TANKER COLLIDE IN LANGTREE

A driver has been reported for driving without due care and attention after a car and fuel tanker collided near Torrington at rush-hour this morning. Police were called to the B3227 in Langtree just before 9am after a green Fiat Scudo and fuel tanker were involved in a collision. A Devon and Cornwall Police spokesperson said one driver was reported for driving without due care and attention and would receive a summons to court in the post. At this early stage, police were unable to clarify which vehicle the driver who was reported for driving offences was in. Nobody was injured in the crash. Police said the fuel tank was not damaged in the accident meaning there was no fuel leak on the road. The road remains closed in both directions between the Dragon Hill junction and the Rolle Road junction while recovery of the vehicles is carried out. Motorists are advised to expect delays and seek an alternative route where possible.

<http://www.thisisnorthdevon.co.uk/BREAKING-Road-closed-car-fuel-tanker-collide/story-16903642-detail/story.html>

USA, TX, SAN ANTONIO, SEPTEMBER 15 2012. RAIN CAUSES GAS SPILL BEHIND SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT >> 1,600 GALLONS OF GAS SPILL AT HERTZ RENT-A-CAR PARKING LOT

katrina webber

[Watch the Video Rain Blamed for Gasoline Spill at Airport](#)



San Antonio firefighters monitor a fuel leak Friday September 14, 2012 on the west side of the San Antonio International Airport at a Hertz Rental Car area. San Antonio Fire Department Special Operations Chief Walter Yates said an underground 6,100 gallon tank at a refueling station for Hertz rental cars was being replaced when rain filled the pit it was in causing it to float and tip over. Yates said a layer of foam was placed over the water and fuel mixture to mitigate vapors and that the liquid would be removed and disposed of.

The rainy weather was blamed for a gasoline spill in the parking lot of Hertz Rent-a-Car at San Antonio International Airport on Friday morning. The San Antonio Fire Department's Hazardous Materials team received a call about the spill just after 9 a.m. When they arrived at the site in the 900 block of West Cargo Drive, they found gasoline coming from what should've been an underground storage tank, said Walter Yates, chief of the fire department's Special Operations unit. "Last night, they were doing some work on the tank. It had about 6,100 gallons of fuel in it. With the rains that happened, it floated the tank. The tank rolled over," Yates said. The tank was situated in a hole in the ground. Yates said all of the liquid was contained to that hole. "So, basically, we have a pit with gasoline and water in it," he said. But keeping the flammable liquid in one area wasn't the only concern for the HazMat team. The gasoline spill also sent vapors into the air that had the potential to ignite, too. "We're getting a high reading on the downwind side of it. Obviously we're cutting out all of the ignition points," Yates said. While firefighters shut off anything that might cause sparks, they said there was no reason to shut down airport operations. The tank, which feeds the gasoline pumps for Hertz's fleet of rental cars, was situated in an area away from the airport's terminals. But



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Richard Gonzales did experience a delay because of the spill. He had business to conduct at Hertz, but was not able to do it. "I came here to do a drug test for a job and they told me to come back Monday because they've got a fuel leak," Gonzales said. "This is usually a real super busy place, so this is really going to affect them." The HazMat team was able to douse the concern temporarily by putting a layer of foam on the fuel in the underground pit. The fire department then called in an outside company to soak up the spill. The whole operation took about two hours.

<http://www.ksat.com/news/Rain-causes-gas-spill-behind-San-Antonio-International-Airport/-/478452/16609116/-/7mj6e0z/-/index.html>

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USA, MA, NEWTON, SEPTEMBER 15 2012. MAN LOSES HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP LICENSE AFTER CONTAMINATION IN NEWTON, OTHER COMMUNITIES >> A HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE CLEANUP PROFESSIONAL HAS LOST HIS LICENSE FOR FAILURE TO MEET STATE STANDARDS.

sam bonacci

A Marlborough man will lose his hazardous cleanup license after he reportedly contaminated properties in seven Massachusetts communities, including Newton. Joel S. Loitherstein will not be able to reapply for the license until 2015 following a ruling by the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals (Board). The decision was made in response to the board's finding of a pattern of substandard assessment and cleanup of contaminated properties in Natick, Newton, Brighton, Hudson, Hanson, Holliston and Dorchester. A license revocation is the most stringent disciplinary penalty the LSP Board can impose. The Board concluded that Loitherstein, who was a Licensed Site Professional (LSP), repeatedly omitted from his required reports to the state available information about contamination at his clients' sites, and repeatedly disregarded applicable cleanup standards. "LSPs face severe disciplinary action if they do not present material facts about their clients' sites or if they disregard cleanup standards when they certify that a site no longer presents a significant risk to human health or the environment," said Kirk Franklin, co-chairman of the Board's Professional Conduct Committee. "By issuing this disciplinary order, the board is protecting the public and the environment and upholding the board's standards of professional conduct." LSPs are licensed by the board to oversee the assessment and cleanup of



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Massachusetts property contaminated with oil, gasoline, or other hazardous materials. Property owners and others who are legally responsible for the contamination hire LSPs. The board detailed seven sites where Loitherstein allegedly stated in some cases that the cleanup was not his client's responsibility or did not fully complete cleanup. In some cases, these filings with the state left the sites without a party responsible for the cleanup, according to information from the board. According to the release, the Newton incident concerned 1203 Washington St.:

Mr. Loitherstein filed "Downgradient Property Status" (DPS) reports for three sites in the case: 130 Lincoln Street in Brighton, 5 Commonwealth Road in Natick, and 1203 Washington Street in Newton. For each of those sites, he claimed that the contamination originated on separate property and migrated to his client's property, and thus his client was not responsible to remedy the contamination. However, for all three sites, he failed to discuss prior consultants' reports identifying releases of the same contaminants on his client's sites, which could prevent his clients from achieving Downgradient Property Status. Judge McIntyre upheld the Board's ruling that it was not enough for Mr. Loitherstein merely to attach prior consultants' reports to his opinions – he was required to explain how those reports were consistent with his claims that the source of the contamination was on separate property.

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<http://newton.patch.com/articles/man-loses-hazardous-waste-cleanup-license-after-contamination-in-newton>

USA, ILL, PALOS PARK, SEPTEMBER 15 2012. JUDGE ORDERS PROBE OF PALOS PARK JET FUEL SPILL

 **Photo Gallery [3]** [View Gallery](#)

A Cook County judge has ordered an investigation into last month's spill of more than 29,000 gallons of jet fuel in Palos Park and has told the companies that own and operate the pipeline that ruptured to assess the integrity of their pipeline system. Separately, the Illinois attorney general's office said it and the Will County state's attorney have settled a December 2010 complaint against the same companies involving a spill that dumped 21,000 gallons of crude oil in Lockport. Both West Shore Pipe Line, which owns both pipelines, and Buckeye Pipe Line Co., which operates the pipelines, are continuing a cleanup after the Aug. 27 spill in the 8700 block of West Illinois 83, which fouled the Calumet Sag Channel, caused extended traffic disruptions and closed the waterway to barge traffic. The attorney general's office said Friday that the Cook County injunction, handed down Thursday, requires the companies to submit a cleanup plan and to turn over inspection and maintenance records for that particular pipeline going back a decade. Also, because it's the companies' second pipeline failure in less than two years, "the court order requires them to submit a report to the Illinois EPA detailing the cause of the spill and a statement of the preventive measures they plan to implement to prevent similar pipeline releases from occurring," according to the attorney general's office. A status hearing is scheduled for Nov. 15. The attorney general's decision to seek a court injunction doesn't imply the companies were not cooperating with authorities in cleaning up the spill, but the state would now be able to involve the courts should there be issues down the road, a spokesman for the attorney general said Friday. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is continuing to monitor the cleanup, and both West Shore and Buckeye "have been cooperative and have been providing the proper documentation," Maggie Carson, a spokeswoman for the IEPA, said Friday. In the Lockport spill, the consent order filed Wednesday in Will County Circuit Court requires West Shore and Buckeye to pay a civil penalty of \$108,000 to the state's Environmental Protection Trust Fund and reimburse the IEPA for its costs associated with the spill, the attorney general's office said. Also, the companies agreed to pay Will County a civil penalty of \$10,000 and reimburse the county for its costs related to the spill.

<http://heraldnews.suntimes.com/news/15151976-418/judge-orders-probe-of-palos-park-jet-fuel-spill.html>



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USA, WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 15 2012. EPA ADDS 12 HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES TO SUPERFUND'S NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is adding 12 new hazardous waste sites that pose public health and environmental risks to the National Priorities List (NPL) for clean-up under the Superfund program. EPA is also proposing to add another eight sites to the list. Superfund is the federal program that investigates and cleans up the most complex, uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites in the country. For each of the 20 sites announced today, EPA has received letters of concurrence from state officials supporting the NPL listing. "Cleaning up contamination is vitally important to the health of America's communities," said Mathy Stanislaus, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Solid Waste and [Emergency Response](#). "Putting clean land back into productive use leads to increases in property values, generates new jobs and creates a stronger local economy that will strengthen these communities for years to come." Since 1983, 1,676 sites have been listed on the NPL. Of these sites, 360 sites have been cleaned up resulting in 1,316 sites currently on the NPL (including the 12 sites added today). There are 54 proposed sites (including the eight announced today) awaiting final agency action. Contaminants found at the sites include acetone, [arsenic](#), benzene, [cadmium](#), [chromium](#), copper, [dichloroethene](#) (DCE), hexavalent [chromium](#), lead, mercury, methyl ethyl ketone (MEK), polynuclear [aromatic hydrocarbons](#) (PAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), tetrachloroethylene (PCE), pentachlorophenol (PCP), trichloroethane (TCA), trichloroethylene (TCE), xylene and zinc. With all NPL sites, EPA works to identify companies or people responsible for the contamination at a site, and requires them to conduct or pay for the cleanup. For the newly listed sites without viable potentially responsible parties, EPA will investigate the full extent of the contamination before starting significant cleanup at the site. Therefore, it may be several years before significant EPA clean up funding is required for these sites. The following 12 sites have been added to the National Priorities List:

- Alabama Plating Company, Inc. (former electroplater) in Vincent, Ala.
- Cedar Chemical Corporation (former chemical manufacturer) in West Helena, Ark.
- Fairfax St. Wood Treaters (former wood treating operation) in Jacksonville, Fla.
- Bausch-Gray Mine (former lead and zinc mine) in Galena, Ill.
- EVR-Wood Treating/Evangeline Refining Company (former wood treating operation) in Jennings, La.
- Leeds Metal (abandoned scrap metal facility) in Leeds, Maine
- Holcomb [Creosote](#) Co (former wood treating operation) in Yadkinville, N.C.
- Orange Valley Regional Ground Water Contamination (contaminated ground water plume) in Orange/West Orange, N.J.
- Peters Cartridge Factory (former [ammunition](#) manufacturer) in Kings Mills, Ohio
- West Troy Contaminated Aquifer (contaminated ground water plume) in Troy, Ohio
- Circle Court Ground Water Plume (contaminated ground water plume) in Willow Park, Texas
- U.S. Oil Recovery (former used oil recovery operation) in Pasadena, Texas
- The following eight sites have been proposed for addition to the National Priorities List:
- Pike and Mulberry Streets PCE Plume (contaminated ground water plume) in Martinsville, Ind.
- Former United Zinc & Associated Smelters (former zinc smelter) in Iola, Kan.
- Creese & Cook Tannery (former tannery and finishing facility) in Danvers, Mass.
- Walton & Lonsbury Inc. (former chrome plating operation) in Attleboro, Mass.
- Matlack, Inc. (former chemical transportation business) in Woolwich Township, N.J.
- Riverside Industrial Park (former paint manufacturer) in Newark, N.J.
- Clinch River Corporation (former pulp and paper mill) in Harriman, Tenn.
- 700 South 1600 East PCE Plume (ground water plume) in Salt Lake City, Utah

EPA is also withdrawing its earlier proposal to add the Evergreen Manor Ground Water Contamination site in Winnebago County, Illinois to the NPL because remedial action has been completed. Affected residences have been connected to the public water supply, a county ordinance is in place which restricts the installation of private wells in the affected area, and [contaminants of concern](#) have remained below cleanup standards since 2006. Federal Register notices and supporting



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documents for the final and proposed sites: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/current.htm> Information about how a site is listed on the NPL: http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/npl_hrs.htm Superfund sites in local communities: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/index.htm>
<http://www.environmental-expert.com/news/epa-adds-12-hazardous-waste-sites-to-superfunds-national-priorities-list-315184>

USA, TX, GPNZALES COP, NIXON, SEPTEMBER 16 2012. TANKER WRECK SHUTS HIGHWAY 87 NEAR NIXON

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Officials reopened an eight-mile stretch of Highway 87 between Nixon and Smiley Saturday morning, after it was shut down following a tanker truck crash Friday evening. According to the [Texas Department of Public Safety](http://www.texas.gov), the truck collided with another vehicle, about 3.2 miles east of Nixon, in Gonzales County, around 8:50 p.m. Only minor injuries were reported. The truck was carrying about 8,000 gallons of fuel — 6,000 gallons of gasoline and 2,000 gallons of diesel — at the time of the wreck, which overturned the truck. According to DPS, some 500 gallons of fuel were spilled and a hazardous materials team was called out to clean up the mess.

http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Tanker-wreck-shuts-Highway-87-near-Nixon-3867843.php

USA, CO, PLATEAU CANYON, SEPTEMBER 15 2012. TANKER CRASHES, BURNS IN PLATEAU CANYON



People document and tend to a production water tanker that rolled off of Highway 65, tangling itself in power lines, then bursting into flames and catching surrounding brush along Plateau Creek on fire Friday.

A Colorado State Patrol trooper said speed was a suspected factor in the crash of a semi tanker hauling energy-industry production water, which caught fire and spurred brief concerns about possible contamination of Plateau Creek on Friday. The tanker, operated by Grand Junction-based Knowles Enterprises, was northbound on Colorado Highway 65 when it apparently lost control while taking a right-hand curve at mile marker 58 in Plateau Canyon, roughly three miles from the interchange with Interstate 70, according to Trooper Brad Latchaw. The semi careened off the roadway, knocking down utility lines before the semi's cab

burned in a gasoline explosion. The accident happened around 12:30 p.m. and closed the highway in both directions for roughly five hours from the De Beque cutoff to I-70. Roughly one third of an acre was burned in the cab fire. Latchaw said the tanker's load did not leak into nearby Plateau Creek, which feeds into the Colorado River. The driver escaped the cab and was walking around when Plateau Valley firefighters arrived at the scene, according to firefighter Mike Lorsung. The driver was taken to St. Mary's Hospital with minor head and leg injuries. Trooper Tim Farber said the driver had reported to his dispatcher the tanker's load shifted as he lost control of the semi. Neither drugs nor alcohol was suspected as a factor.

<http://www.qjsentinel.com/news/articles/tanker-crashes-burns-in-plateau-canyon>

USA, CA, HESPERIA, SEPTEMBER 16 2012. MAN DIES IN FIERY TANKER TRUCK CRASH >> 'IT WAS LIKE A RIVER OF FIRE'

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A firetruck works to extinguish flames after the driver of a Mitsubishi Eclipse collided with a tanker truck hauling 9,000 gallons of fuel early Saturday morning in Hesperia.

A man was killed in a fiery crash early Saturday morning when his vehicle collided with a tanker truck hauling 9,000 gallons of fuel. "It was like a river of fire," said Deputy Brendan Motley with the Major Accident Investigation Team. Shortly before 1 a.m., a 19-year-old driving a Mitsubishi

Eclipse south on 11th Street was broadsided by the tanker which was traveling west on Bear Valley Road, Motley said. The tanker rolled causing the fuel to spill and ignite. The lit liquid flowed across Bear Valley Road into a drainage ditch and onto



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Outer Bear Valley Road between an animal hospital and an apartment complex, officials said. Hesperia and Victorville deputies evacuated the residents of the complex as San Bernardino County firefighters fought the blaze. Several residents heard the loud crash and attempted to assist the drivers of the vehicles, but were pushed back by the intensity of the flames and the explosions, according to Tracey Martinez, spokeswoman for the fire department said. Firefighters were able to pull the 19-year-old from the Mitsubishi before the flames reached the vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the tanker was able to get out of his vehicle safely on his own, officials said. Firefighters called on a crash truck from Southern California Logistic Airport to help extinguish the blaze. Investigators are waiting to view surveillance video from the tanker truck in order to determine what led to the deadly crash. A nearby home and the animal hospital sustained some damage due to the blaze and firefighting efforts. A few hours after the deadly crash, Victorville deputies were called to a second fatal collision near Amethyst Road and Mojave Drive. The details of that crash were not immediately available. A third crash was reported on in Hesperia when a northbound vehicle came off Interstate 15 and landed on Mariposa Road, sheriff's officials said. A woman was airlifted to a trauma center in the Mariposa Road incident. Her condition is not currently known. Bear Valley Road at 11th Street was shut down for most of Saturday for the crash investigation, a hazardous materials clean-up and so crews could repair the damaged road.

Related Links [Gasoline Truck "Burned to the Ground" After Fiery Collision with Car in Hesperia](http://www.sbsun.com/ci_21552472/man-dies-fiery-tanker-truck-crash-hesperia)

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NORTHERN IRELAND, COUNTY DOWN, HILLSBOROUGH, SEPTEMBER 16 2012. SLURRY TANK TRAGEDY: RUGBY STAR AMONG DEAD >> ULSTER RUGBY STAR NEVIN SPENCE, HIS BROTHER GRAHAM AND FATHER NOEL HAVE DIED IN A ACCIDENT ON THEIR FAMILY FARM IN COUNTY DOWN.

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The family fell into the slurry pit on the family farm

Ulster Rugby player Nevin Spence has died alongside his brother and father after they fell into a slurry tank on their family farm in County Down, Northern Ireland. The 22-year-old's sister, who was also found in the tank, was taken to hospital suffering from minor injuries. Spence was a member of the Ulster Rugby squad that reached the European Heineken cup final last season, and he was predicted to have a glittering international career ahead of him. The player's agent, Cornerflag Management, released a statement saying: "It was with great sadness and deep regret that we learned of the sudden and tragic passing of Nevin, his father Noel and brother Graham in an accident on their family farm on

Saturday afternoon. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the Spence family at this extremely sad time." [Northern Ireland First Minister Peter Robinson](#) said on Twitter: "Deeply saddened to hear of the tragedy in Hillsborough this evening. My thoughts and prayers are with family at this time of devastation." Emergency services were called to the scene in Drumlough Road in Hillsborough, at around 6pm. They found four members of the family in the tank. The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service said: "Three people were unconscious and NIAS paramedics commenced resuscitation efforts immediately assisted by other ambulance personnel. "One of the four showed initial signs of responding to the efforts of the crews and was transported immediately to the nearby Lagan Valley Hospital, where unfortunately he died a short time later. "Despite the best efforts of all involved the other two men died at the scene. "A female was treated at the scene and taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital where she is recovering from the effects of fume inhalation."

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PAKISTAN, NAZIMABAD, BARA BOARD, SEPTEMBER 16 2012. BOY KILLED, EIGHT INJURED IN EXPLOSION



A 12-year-old boy was killed and eight others, including a four-year-old girl, were injured in a powerful explosion inside a shop in Nazimabad's Bara Board area on Saturday, police said. The blast also damaged a nearby parked rickshaw and a neighbouring shop, the police said. They added that the bomb disposal unit of the Sindh police found that the victim boy, Muhammad Babar, who worked at the Waheed Kabari House, had carelessly blended several chemicals and acids in a drum, which caused the explosion. The boy died on the spot and other injured were shifted to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for treatment. An official at the Pak Colony police station said that the boy poured various chemicals that included hydrochloric acid, sodium chloride, sulfuric acid, caustic soda in a 20-litre drum and started blending them. He said that some witnesses noticed sparks before

the explosion. He said the scrap shop was badly damaged in the blast that also affected the parked rickshaw and its neighbouring tea shop. The shop owner was among the injured and he was being questioned for selling chemicals without due safety measures in place, he added. "Among the injured there is four-year-old girl who was playing with other children near the shop. The injured are said to be out of danger," said the police official.

<http://dawn.com/2012/09/16/boy-killed-eight-injured-in-explosion/>

INDIA, CHENNAI, SEPTEMBER 16 2012. OIL LEAK AT TONDIARPET SCARES RESIDENTS >> UNDERGROUND PIPELINE WAS CARRYING FUEL OIL FROM REFINERY IN MANALI; FISHERMEN STAGE PROTEST



The leak was first noticed in the afternoon but residents thought it was sewage. Several two-wheelers skidded on the oil patch that spread across the road.

A leak in an underground oil pipeline in the densely-populated north Chennai locality of Tondiarpet on Saturday evening, sparked tensions and set off panic, as oil companies took time to react and clear the fuel spill on Kummalamman Street. Residents said the leak had first been noticed in the afternoon, but many thought it was sewage. The police was notified by 4 p.m. and later, the area was cordoned off. The police threw mud on the oil that had spread due to vehicles driving over it. "Several two-wheelers skidded on the oil patch. I have been running a shop here for over six years now, but I didn't know there was an underground pipeline here. If someone threw a lit cigarette or beedi, the oil might have caught fire. Who is to be held responsible in such cases?" said J.

Dominic, a shopkeeper in the area. C. Ramesh, who runs a lathe, said this was the first time such a leak had occurred on the street. "As soon as the leak was noticed, a fire tender should have been rushed here. But until 7 p.m., nothing happened. It has left residents worried," he said. The police asked several shops including the lathe and a grille-making firm to stop work, as sparks from these establishments could lead to a fire. At the grille-making shop, Vasanthakumar said until the oil was removed and the leak plugged, they would not be able to work as it would be dangerous. Residents said officials of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL), whose product was being moved through the pipeline that belonged to Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), arrived in the area by 6.30 p.m. A portion of the leaked oil was scooped up from the spot later. A company official said that fuel oil (furnace oil) was being pumped through the pipeline. "The oil was being pumped from the CPCL refinery in Manali to the IOC FST in Royapuram. It was being pumped at a 5 kg pressure. But around 3.45 p.m., we noticed a drop in the pressure. It could have been due to a reduction in temperature. A small leak seems to have sprung up," the source said. CPCL director (operations), S. Venkatramana, said IOC had recently carried out a pressure test on this line. He said a maintenance team from IOC was rushed to the spot and took steps to remove the oil. The work to plug the leak would be completed overnight, he added. Meanwhile, fishermen belonging to various associations staged a protest at the spot. They wanted to know how safe such oil pipelines were. CPCL has proposed replacing the existing crude oil pipeline from Chennai Port to its refinery in Manali. M.D. Dayalan, president, India Meenavar Sangam said the company had claimed that stringent safety measures would be put in place to prevent leaks. "They had said the response would be quick. But that did not happen here," he alleged. Company officials however, disputed the residents' charge that it took long for the team to respond.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/article3901745.ece>



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USA, IA, DES MOINES, SEPTEMBER 16 2012. OIL LEAK IN NORTH RACCOON RIVER UNLIKELY TO AFFECT DES MOINES WATER SUPPLY, DNR SAYS

lillian schrock

Oil began leaking into the North Raccoon River on Thursday afternoon from a valve in an underground storage tank in Greene County, Kevin Baskins of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources said. But the leak is not expected to affect the Des Moines water supply, Baskins said. The valve broke, causing used oil to go out into a ravine at Krieger Greenhouses in Jefferson that then led into the North Raccoon River, Baskins said. The leak was stopped as soon as it was detected. "We've got booms in place to block the water now," Baskins said. "But about eight miles of stream were affected." Baskins guessed it would take two or more weeks to have the oil cleaned up: "This could be a challenging recovery job." The DNR has not spotted any dead fish and Baskins says the oil leak probably looks worse than it is. Since the oil was used, it contained a low concentration of benzene, which would have been deadly.

<http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2012/09/15/des-moines-water-supply-not-to-be-affected-by-oil-leak-in-north-raccoon-river/>

USA, TX, EDINBURGH, SEPTEMBER 17 2012. EXPLOSION AT EDINBURG METAL PLANT CONTAINED

Edinburg fire crews put out a small car explosion at the Eco-Wreck Metal Processing Facility on Friday evening. The facility is located on Montecristo Road. Chief Shawn Snyder said the car was getting crushed, but had gasoline left in the tank causing the explosion. Six fire trucks responded, but no injuries were reported. Chief Snyder said this is the second explosion in two weeks. All explosions have to be reported to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

<http://www.valleycentral.com/news/story.aspx?id=801342#.UFYTrI0gfil>

USA, CA, VENTURA CO, SEPTEMBER 16 2012. VENTURA FIREFIGHTERS AND HARBOR PATROL RESPOND TO FUEL LEAK ON FISHING VESSEL

Ventura firefighters and harbor patrol responded to reports of fuel leaking into the bilge of a private fishing vessel Saturday afternoon, officials said. Crews arrived about 12:50 p.m. at the West Marina in the 1100 block of Navigator Drive, officials said. The vessel's 25-foot bilge had a significant amount of gasoline present, but no fuel made its way into the surrounding water, firefighters said. Fire crews secured potential ignition sources on and around the vessel, officials said. Class-B foam was applied to the liquid fuel surface inside the bilge to prevent a possible fire. The boat was towed to a nearby boat launch ramp without spilling any fuel, firefighters said. Investigating crews discovered the leak started in an inaccessible portion of the vessel's 60-gallon fuel tank, officials said. The vessel was taken to a repair facility to dispose of the leaked fuel, firefighters said. No one was injured in the incident.

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2012/sep/15/ventura-firefighters-and-harbor-patrol-respond/>

NIGERIA, YENAGOA, SEPTEMBER 16 2012. ENI SAYS OIL SPILL CONTAINED IN NIGER DELTA



Italian oil firm Eni said on Saturday an oil spill near its facilities in the Niger Delta had been contained, but local people said the pollution had spread and damaged their fishing. Eni said the spill occurred last week about 10 km (six miles) from the Obama flowstation in Bayelsa state. "We do not yet have information either on the causes or the amount of oil affected," an Eni spokesman told Reuters. Oil spills are common in Nigeria, where enforcement of environmental regulations is lax and armed gangs frequently damage pipelines to steal crude. Local community leaders said the spill came from an Eni pipeline and had spread into creeks and waterways. They complained oil companies had not properly cleaned up previous spills. "Oil companies operating in the Niger Delta are now using harmful chemicals ... which is injurious to both sea foods, living organisms and human beings," said Nengi James, Chairman of the Oil and Gas Committee of Nembe Kingdom. Decades of oil production in the delta, where Africa's second-longest river empties into the Atlantic, have turned parts of it into a wasteland of oily water and dead mangroves. Thousands of barrels are spilled every year.

<http://www.businessdayonline.com/NG/index.php/oil/44447--eni-says-oil-spill-contained-in-niger-delta>



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CHINA, HEILONGJIANG PROVINCE, QIQIHAR, SEPTEMBER 17 2012. 'TREMENDOUS DAMAGE WAS DONE' >> VICTIMS OF JAPAN'S WAR-ERA MUSTARD GAS RETURN TO TOKYO COURT IN LATEST BID FOR COMPENSATION.

zhou huiying & jin haixing

At 1.67 meters, Gao Ming is average height for a 17-year-old, but she is extremely thin. And very shy. "She wasn't always like this," said Chen Shuxia, her mother. "She used to be really outgoing when she was a little girl." Things changed when, at 8 years old, Gao was exposed to mustard gas that had leaked from five canisters of unused Japanese munitions that were unearthed at a construction site near her home. "After that, my daughter was never the same. It affected her body and mind," said Chen, 47. "She's sensitive and self-conscious now, and doesn't like talking with people. She's very susceptible to colds and has no appetite. She weighs just 43 kg." One man died and 43 other people were sickened by the toxic leak in Qiqihar, Heilongjiang province, on Aug 4, 2003. Since then, survivors and their families have had to live with the pain, both mental and physical. With the help of their Chinese and Japanese lawyers, they will continue their nine-year battle for an apology and compensation from the Japanese government on Friday, when Tokyo District Court will hold a second hearing on their class-action lawsuit. "We urgently need to win this lawsuit and agree on a system of compensation as soon as possible," said Yukiko Tominaga, one of the Japanese attorneys representing victims, through a translator after she met with families in Qiqihar on Wednesday. "Tremendous damage was done by the mustard gas. Many of the victims are now middle aged and in a very dangerous situation, at risk from cancer and other life-threatening conditions."

Hidden Danger

After invading China in the 1930s, the Japanese army produced a vast amount of chemical weapons. At least 2 million metric tons was buried or abandoned when Japan surrendered in 1945, according to China's Foreign Ministry. Since then, these lethal relics of World War II have been discovered nationwide, mostly in northeastern areas, and have caused the deaths of 2,000 people. China and Japan both joined the United Nations Chemical Weapons Convention in 1997 and two years later signed a memorandum in which Japan agreed to provide all necessary funds, equipment and personnel for the retrieval and destruction of the chemical weapons its army abandoned, by 2007. That process has been hampered by delays, in the meantime, Chinese victims have had to wage their own war in the Japanese courts for damages. After the leak in 2003, Japan agreed to pay 300 million yen (\$3.83 million) in compensation to China. Chinese authorities distributed the money between those affected. Niu Haiying, 35, who said she has had chronic pain in her stomach, eyes and throat since the leak, received 330,000 yuan (\$52,000) toward her hospital bills. However, she complained she has struggled to meet follow-up medical expenses. "My immune system was severely damaged by that gas," she said. "Now, I frequently catch colds and have recurrent stomach pain." Her problems were compounded when she lost her job because she was unable to work. Luo Lijuan, who heads the Chinese legal team representing the victims in Qiqihar, said most of the people affected were migrant workers or farmers, and were the breadwinners for their families. They also are not covered by China's medical insurance system. "Not only did the mustard gas hurt my daughter's body and mind - her grades were miserable and she scored so low in the middle school entrance exam that she failed to get a place anywhere - but her father, who is 60, is also in poor health," said Chen Shuxia. "I have to stay home to look after both of them," she said. "Now, we have no source of income and survive by relying on my relatives." Families in Qiqihar began building their case against the Japanese government in 2005, and filed their suit in Tokyo in January 2007. The district court's first ruling rejected the claim made by 48 plaintiffs on May 24, 2010. Although the court conceded that harm had been caused by the mustard gas, it said that, as chemical weapons were abandoned over a vast area, priority could not be given to one incident, such as the toxic leak in 2003. During their meeting on Wednesday, families agreed their second suit will demand that Japan establishes a long-term support system for affected families, more compensation and ongoing help with bi-annual health checkups and medical expenses.

Committed Lawyers

Due to the financial situation of the Qiqihar victims, lawyers in both countries have been providing legal services pro bono. The Chinese attorneys have helped collect evidence and statements, while Luo said the Japanese attorneys will play a vital role by arguing the case in Tokyo District Court. "The victims, the Chinese lawyers and the Japanese lawyers are a team," explained Toshitaka Onodera, a Japanese attorney who has visited China dozens of times. "Over the past six years, the team has always been enormously cohesive. It's the key to success. "Although Japanese members of the legal team have no experiences of World War II, we insist the Japanese government is the aggressor. We hope we can get a final victory." Chinese victims of the Japanese invasion began turning to civil courts to claim compensation in 1996, and since then many Japanese legal professionals have helped counterparts in China in cases.



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More than 300 Japanese lawyers set up a free assistance team to help Chinese war victims. "At first, I met with lots of difficulties with the language barrier as I was trying to form a relationship (with victims) so we would trust each other," said Tominaga, who has worked with families in Qiqihar since 2005. "I spent a lot of time keeping in touch with them and trying to experience their lives," she added. "I need to make Japanese judges, Japanese people and even the Japanese government know what happened to them." Along with the help they have received from lawyers, families in Qiqihar have also tried to help themselves. In 2010, they set up an office to campaign for recognition and appointed Niu as secretary. It was closed after several months due to a shortage of money and other resources. However, plaintiffs and lawyers insist that if the ruling in Tokyo goes against them a second time, they will continue the legal battle for as long as it takes. "We not only demand an apology and compensation, we also demand that the Japanese government dispose of all the abandoned chemical weapons in our country," Niu added. "I don't want our children living with the threat of going through a similar incident."

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/cndy/2012-09/17/content_15761290.htm

USA, AKA, ANCHORAGE, SEPTEMBER 17 2012. ALYESKA STORAGE TANK AT CENTER OF CONFLICT WITH STATE DEC >> OIL PIPELINE OPERATOR ATTEMPTING TO GET INSPECTION WAIVER REINSTITATED.

wesley loy

Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. and state regulators are wrangling over the schedule for conducting an internal inspection of one of the giant crude oil storage tanks at Valdez. Alyeska operates the 800-mile trans-Alaska pipeline and the Valdez Marine Terminal where tankers load North Slope crude. In February, officials with the state Department of Environmental Conservation granted Alyeska's request for a two-year waiver, until mid-2014, for an internal inspection of Tank 5. The waiver extended the interval between such inspections from 10 years to 12 years. On May 23, however, the DEC revoked the waiver, saying Alyeska violated conditions related to corrosion control on the tank. Alyeska is trying to get the waiver reinstated. Alyeska has sought and received waivers to defer internal inspection of a number of the crude oil storage tanks at the Valdez terminal. The company generally has said deferring these inspections, which involve draining and cleaning the tanks, does not significantly increase the risk of an oil spill. The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council, a Valdez-based nonprofit that watches over tanker and terminal operations, opposes the inspection deferrals. The terminal has 18 oil storage tanks, each with a capacity of 510,000 barrels. The tanks are about 63 feet high, with a diameter of 250 feet. The tanks hold oil for loading onto tankers docking at nearby piers. Not all the tanks are in service, as the oil flow down the pipeline has declined by more than two-thirds from its peak of 2.1 million barrels per day in 1988. In the May 23 revocation letter, DEC officials said the two-year waiver for Tank 5 was granted with six conditions, and some of those conditions were not met. One condition was that Alyeska would regularly provide the department with "rectifier logs" verifying continuous operation of a protection system in place under the tank's steel floor. Cathodic protection, or CP, is widely employed in industry to prevent corrosion. It involves the use of "sacrificial anodes" and electrical current to reduce the corrosion rate of a metal structure. During its last inspection, in 2001-02, the original floor of Tank 5 was replaced with a new steel bottom. The replacement was prompted by corrosion found during the inspection, the citizens' council said. The cathodic protection system also was installed in the clean sand bedding beneath the bottom plates, Alyeska correspondence to DEC said. DEC officials, in the May 23 letter, said Alyeska did provide the logs as required, but company data showed the CP system had operated correctly only 26 percent of the time over a six-month period ending in mid-April. "Stated differently, the cathodic protection system was not operating correctly 74 percent of that time," the letter said. The department said Alyeska did not offer "an explanation of why technicians failed to recognize, investigate, or correct" the malfunctioning system. "There is no indication that Alyeska personnel recognized the significance of the problem until contacted by department engineering staff about the rectifier logs," DEC said. The department said Alyeska had met "neither the spirit nor the letter" of the waiver conditions. DEC revoked the waiver, and said Tank 5 had to be removed from service and internally inspected before Dec. 31. Since the revocation, Alyeska has pursued reinstatement of the inspection waiver. In a June 7 letter to DEC, Alyeska's Valdez operations director, Scott Hicks, wrote: "Alyeska acknowledges that some deficiencies occurred in the Tank 5 rectifier monitoring and CP maintenance programs between October 2011 and April 2012, and we take these deficiencies very seriously." The letter said Alyeska had initiated and implemented "a series of proactive measures to resolve these deficiencies and prevent reoccurrence of similar events." Hicks' letter continued: "While in no way does Alyeska downplay the seriousness of this malfunction episode, we believe that the integrity impact to the tank floor during the period from October 2011 to April 2012 was negligible." Under a "worse case scenario," without any cathodic protection to the tank bottom, corrosion could eat away only 0.01 inch of the floor plate thickness, "not a significant impact to the integrity of the tank floor," Hicks wrote. On the product side of the tank floor, a thin



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film coating and sacrificial anodes provide internal corrosion protection, his letter said. In a more recent letter to DEC dated Aug. 24, Alyeska renewed its request for the two-year internal inspection deferral until 2014, citing "significant improvements made by Alyeska to date, including upgrades to the corrosion control and integrity monitoring systems on Tank 5."

<http://www.adn.com/2012/09/15/2626416/alyeska-storage-tank-at-center.html>

AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, PORT STANVAC, SEPTEMBER 17 2012. PORT STANVAC DEMOLITION STARTS

cameron england

The demolition of the Port Stanvac oil refinery has begun, nine years after the site was abandoned. Site owner Exxon Mobil says it will take until the end of next year to remove the refinery and storage tanks, but full remediation of the site will take another few years. Mobil spokesman Alan Bailey said the company envisaged the site would be used for industrial uses in the future but the Onkaparinga Council last week voted to examine whether a marina could be built there. The State Government is separately preparing a master plan for the site. The Port Stanvac refinery was mothballed in 2003 with the loss of 1090 jobs after supplying the state's transport fuels for 40 years. Most of Australia's petroleum production has now moved offshore. Mobil decided in 2009 it would never reopen the site and has since been working on a plan to remediate it. Demolition of the site started last month. Mr Bailey said Mobil did not believe the site was heavily contaminated, but because of the four decades of heavy industrial use, it would still need to be remediated. "Over that length of time, there are impacts on the site," he said. "It's a very big site and much of the site has not had any oil processing or tanks on it, so a lot of the site is lightly impacted, if any." Mr Bailey said a full assessment of any site contamination would not be possible until the refinery and tanks were removed, but the company had engaged an auditor to oversee regular environmental assessments. "Based on what we've seen, we wouldn't say that it's heavily impacted given the nature of the operations there," he said. "But it's a big site, it's a large-scale exercise to demolish and it will be a big job to remediate. "We have also entered into a Voluntary Site Contamination Assessment Proposal with the Environment Protection Authority under which we have committed to carry out certain environmental assessment and remediation works. "When you're looking at the demolition which has to be done and a remediation program that's going to take some years yet, we're looking I think in the several tens of millions of dollars at least." It has not yet been decided whether the wharf will be retained or demolished. "We have consulted extensively with the State Government and the City of Onkaparinga to investigate if the wharf may be retained for alternative uses by the community," Mobil demolition project manager Greg Wheeler said.

<http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/business/port-stanvac-demolition-starts/story-e6frede3-1226475523511>

NEW ZEALAND, AUCKLAND, SEPTEMBER 17 2012. CHEMICALS DUMPED AT CEMETERY



dumping ground: the birkenhead-glenfield cemetery.

Three 20 litre drums of unknown chemicals have been dumped at a North Shore cemetery and police are warning people to stay away. Fire service spokesman Colin Underdown said they were called by police about 9.40am after a council staff member noticed the drums dumped down a bank at the Birkenhead-Glenfield Cemetery. Underdown said they were unsure what chemical was inside the drums, two of which were full and sealed. The third was empty and had been tipped out. "We don't know what quantity of the chemical was tipped out, but they're 20 litre containers so that would be the maximum." Underdown said the fire service had cordoned off the area and the council would arrange for the drums to be removed and the spill cleaned up. Police are investigating how the drums got there and who was responsible, he said. The public is advised to avoid the cemetery. Meanwhile, the fire service was also called to help clean up a fuel spill on the northwestern motorway this morning. A truck spilt fuel on the city bound lane between the Te Atatu and Patiki Rd exits around 11.20am. Underdown said he understood the spill was the result of the truck's drive shaft coming loose and smashing into its fuel tank. The fire service's salvage team had mopped up the fuel and was being helped by a contracted motorways clean-up team.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/7689965/Chemicals-dumped-at-cemetery>



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USA, ME, SEPTEMBER 17 2012. BOWDOIN MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN FIREWORKS ACCIDENT

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A Bowdoin man suffered "serious traumatic injuries" to his legs Sunday afternoon after a fireworks mishap at his home on Litchfield Road. William Sawyer, whose age was not available at press time, was setting off "a plethora" of fireworks in his yard just before 4:30 p.m. when something went awry, Bowdoin Fire Chief Tom Garrepy said. Sawyer suffered "serious, traumatic injuries" to the right rear thigh and left knee, Garrepy said. Lisbon rescue took him to Maine Medical Center. His condition was not immediately available. Bowdoin firefighters extinguished a small fire that ignited in dry grass near the accident, according to Garrepy. Sawyer was outside by himself at the time, and his wife was inside. No one else was injured. The town of Bowdoin has no restrictions on the use of fireworks. Three investigators from the Maine State Fire Marshal's office were on the scene shortly after the incident, and will continue the investigation. "When fireworks injuries happen, they want to make sure they have all their bases covered," Garrepy said.

<http://bangordailynews.com/2012/09/16/news/portland/bowdoin-man-seriously-injured-in-fireworks-accident/?ref=latest>

USA, N.D, WILLISTON, SEPTEMBER 18 2012. MAN DIES AFTER OIL RIG EXPLOSION

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The 29-year-old Nephi, Utah man burned in an explosion at an oil rig site in early September died of his injuries Friday, a Mountrail County Sheriff's Office press release said. Frontier Drilling worker Jeffrey Todd Kinkaid was transferring drilling fluid out of a 400-barrel tank at the time of the fire, Frontier Safety Director James Lynch said. He was burned over 90 percent of his body at the site 12 miles southwest of Stanley and transferred to Ramey Burn Center in St. Paul, Minn. by a North Star Life Flight, the release said. Kinkaid had worked on the rig since January at different locations and was a derrickman who was not on the rig at the time but working at the 400-barrel tank that exploded, Lynch said. He said the incident is still under investigation. "It's a tragic accident, and we are exploring all avenues possible as to why it happened," he said. Lynch said the process at the tank was fairly routine, and OSHA is involved in the ongoing investigation. "Our deepest sympathies go out to the family," he added. Frontier's rig was on the location of a Slawson Companies' site. Slawson General Counsel Stuart Kowalski said Kinkaid had a fiancée and the company deeply regrets the incident. "Our hearts go out to his family," he said. Kowalski said the company and contractors strive to be vigilant about safety. "This is a dangerous business and safety is always number one. It's got to be," he said. Kowalski said Kinkaid was opening the lid of the tank at the time of the explosion. "You wish you could turn the clock back and have them inspect that tank differently," he said. "We just feel terrible. For a young man to lose his life is just horrible."

http://www.willistonherald.com/news/man-dies-after-explosion/article_379a5c82-ff8a-11e1-99b2-0019bb2963f4.html

USA, AKA, JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, SEPTEMBER 18 2012. JB ER PLANS TO RECOVER FIGHTER'S FUEL POD FROM PORT OF ANCHORAGE



Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson will send crews to the Port of Anchorage early Tuesday morning to recover a fuel pod from an F-4 Phantom II fighter jet recently discovered in the area. JB ER spokesperson John Pennell says port personnel found the cracked fuel pod, buried in mud and silt, about 75 feet from a rocky bank at the facility. The 20-foot-long tank doesn't contain fuel and has an estimated weight of 250 pounds, but could weigh 10 times that if it's filled with additional mud and silt. Crews at the port will begin recovery efforts by laying down plywood work platforms at about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, shortly before low tide at 3:59 a.m. JB ER's recovery plan calls for digging out the tank, wrapping it in netting, dragging it to shore and lifting it by crane onto a flatbed trailer. Pennell said he was unsure of how the fuel tank came to be near the port, which lies west of a major approach route to JB ER runways. A historian for the 673d Air Base Wing is researching the matter, and crews hope to discover identification markings on the tank if it was



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jettisoned from an aircraft in [flight](#). Introduced in 1960, F-4s saw extensive service with the [U.S. Air Force](#), Navy and Marines in Vietnam and throughout the Cold War. While manned squadrons retired the F-4 shortly after 1991's Operation Desert Storm, the Air Force continues to fly the twin-engine supersonic fighters as target drones. F-4Es flew from JBER with the 43d Tactical Fighter Squadron, part of the 21st Composite Wing, from 1970 to 1980 until they were replaced with F-15A Eagles. In addition, the 3rd Wing's 90th and 525th Fighter Squadrons both operated Phantom IIs prior to being assigned to JBER. The 525th flew the aircraft from 1969 to 1977, while the 90th operated F-4s from 1973 to 1991.

<http://www.ktuu.com/news/alaskamilitary/jber-plans-to-recover-fighters-fuel-pod-from-port-of-anchorage-091712.0.6772159.story>

USA, AZ, LAKE PLEASANT, SEPTEMBER 19 2012. BOAT EXPLOSION AT LAKE PLEASANT, 3 INJURED

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A boating accident at Lake Pleasant sent three people to the hospital Sunday morning. The five adults in the inboard outboard boat had launched from the dock at Scorpion Bay Marina about 9:30 a.m. when for some reason the engine exploded, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office spokesman Sgt. Wayne Lupinsky said. Peoria Fire Department Battalion Chief Tom Pendley said it appears the explosion came from the bilge of the boat, but the sheriff's office still is investigating. Three of the adults onboard suffered second-degree burns and were flown to the burn unit at Maricopa County Medical Center in serious condition, Pendley said. One of the three also suffered blunt force trauma to her head, and another had a small engine part impaled in her arm. "I don't think they were life-threatening (injuries) necessarily but we always take burns very seriously because there's a lot of potential complications that come with burns," he said. A fourth person suffered minor burns but did not want to be taken to the hospital, Pendley said. Pendley said bilge fires are not uncommon and can occur when fumes accumulate in the bilge, which is the lowest point of a ship's inner hull. Witness Matthew Fink said he heard and felt a loud "boof," and turned to see a fireball coming off the back of the boat and a huge plume of smoke. Tupperware, an ice chest, boat seats and other items still were falling from the sky. "Luckily, there were three or four boats right there in the close vicinity so they got to them pretty quick, and my partner, Jake, he was down on the dock (and) helped them tie the boat off to the dock when they came in," Fink said. "But (there was) not a lot of screaming, everybody was pretty calm and everybody just kind of helped each other out. It was kind of nice to see people come to the aid of other people."

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/2012/09/16/20120916boat-explosion-lake-pleasant.html>

USA, GA, DALTON, SEPTEMBER 18 2012. MAN FOUND DEAD IN TANKER

Police are investigating the death of a Chatsworth man who was found dead inside the well of a tanker truck Saturday. Brian Scotty Williams, 37, was found inside the tanker Saturday afternoon at New South Distribution, 2200 Abutment Road, according to Whitfield County Coroner Bobbie Dixon. Initial reports indicate that Williams was cleaning the tanker of waste water at New South and his body was discovered by his girlfriend who was bringing him food. "There's no indication of any suspicious activity but investigators are looking into what happened," said Lt. Chris Cooke, spokesman for the Dalton Police Department. The body was taken to the State Crime Lab for examination, which is standard procedure in such cases. "We won't know anything until we get the results back from them," Dixon said. She said Whitfield Emergency Medical Service got the call around 4:48 p.m. The body was taken to Hamilton Medical Center where he was pronounced dead at 6:09 p.m. Love Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

<http://daltondailycitizen.com/local/x72187997/Man-found-dead-in-tanker>



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