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USA, TX, LUFKIN, DECEMBER 4 2012. JASPER MAN DIES IN FIERY TANKER ACCIDENT

rhonda oaks

An early morning wreck Friday took the life of a Jasper man on U.S. 69, south of Hillister, when the tanker truck he was driving left the roadway and exploded into flames. The one-vehicle accident occurred one-tenth of a mile south of Farm-to-Market Road 1018. Pronounced dead at the scene was the truck's driver, Burtice Wood, 57, of Jasper. The accident occurred at 5:45 a.m. Friday when, according to DPS Trooper Jessie Moses, the 2008 Kenworth pulling a 2005 Heil tanker filled with fuel was traveling northbound on U.S. 69 near Hillister when it left the roadway and overturned, bursting into flames. The report indicates the truck exploded and was engulfed in flames when the trooper arrived.

http://www.lufkindailynews.com/news/local/article_620a6eba-3c3b-11e2-82ff-001a4bcf887a.html

CANADA, ONT, KITCHENER, DECEMBER 4 2012. CHEMICALS EXPLODE AT K-W HUMANE SOCIETY



The KW Humane Society's building was damaged after a drum of peroxide either over-pressurized or exploded Saturday morning. No animals or staff were hurt.

A chemical explosion caused structural damage to a section of the Kitchener-Waterloo Humane Society Saturday morning. A 45-gallon drum of peroxide either over-pressurized or exploded Saturday morning at the 250 Riverbend Dr. location, said Platoon Chief Steve Zurell who was on scene. Because of the structural damage caused by the explosion, fire crews could not begin investigating the cause of the incident right away. "We have an engineer on site and we're doing some shoring," Zurell said Saturday morning. Despite the damage to the building, no injuries were reported. Jack Kinch of the Kitchener-Waterloo Humane Society said signs of the blast were discovered this morning by six staff members arriving for their shift. He said the explosion occurred in a room used to store cleaning supplies and maintenance items, which also housed the

shelter's phone system. Kinch said the room's cement block walls have been pushed out and the door is bent. But he says the shelter's 200 animals — mostly dogs and cats — were spared since they're kept in another part of the building. Engineers were able to secure the structure to allow staff back into the building, Kinch said. "Our number 1 concern is the care of the animals. We have staff in there looking after the animals," he said. Kinch said he's also concerned a pipe broken in the explosion could cause water damage to the building. Water, gas and electricity were off in the building Saturday afternoon. Portable heaters will be brought in to keep the animals warm if heat isn't restored soon, he said. Kinch confirmed the building will remain closed Saturday and Sunday. Further evaluation of the damage will determine when it can reopen next week.

<http://www.thespec.com/news/article/846874--chemicals-explode-at-k-w-humane-society>

USA, ARK, LITTLE ROCK, DECEMBER 7 2012. LANGUAGE BARRIER TO BLAME FOR TYSON FOODS POISONOUS LEAK LAST YEAR, CDC SAYS

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A chlorine gas leak that sickened nearly 200 people at a Tyson Foods plant in Arkansas last year happened because a worker who couldn't read the English-language label on a barrel of chemicals inadvertently poured bleach into it, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a report released Thursday. Tyson Foods disputed the report, saying federal investigators misidentified the worker who caused the accident. Company spokesman Gary Mickelson told The Associated Press the worker who mixed the chemicals is a native English speaker and was able to read the label, but didn't. In its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report,

the CDC said a Spanish-speaking worker poured sodium hypochlorite — which is bleach — into a 55-gallon drum that had been left in the wrong place and that contained a residual solution of an acidic antimicrobial agent, creating chlorine gas. "The worker who mixed the sodium hypochlorite with the leftover acidic solution told investigators he knew such a mixture was dangerous but did not recognize the drum and could not read the label to ascertain its contents," the CDC wrote of the June



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2011 incident. The CDC noted that while more than two-thirds of the plant's workers spoke Spanish as their primary language and 12 percent primarily spoke Marshallese, a language spoken in the Marshall Islands. Material safety data sheets are written in English at a college reading level. "To help overcome language and literacy obstacles, employers should actively engage workers in hands-on training," the CDC said, citing a 1992 study that explored safety education for workers with limited English skills. It also supports the use of symbols and simple text to highlight chemical hazards. Workers scurried from the poultry plant after being exposed to the poisonous gas. Of the 600 workers present, the CDC said investigators from its National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health interviewed 545. Of those, 195 said they sought medical help and 152 of those were hospitalized. Three workers developed irritant-induced asthma, the agency said. "This chlorine release and its resultant health effects were preventable," the CDC said. It noted an earlier study that said Hispanics are killed on the job at a higher rate than other workers and that training programs should ensure employees understand hazards. "All communication, training, and signage in the workplace should be easy-to-read and provided in languages understood by workers." Tyson Foods said the report was based on a false premise — that a Hispanic worker who couldn't read English caused the accident — but that corrective measures were already in place. "Since mid-2011, we've put additional controls in place to limit access to chemicals in the plant and we've continued to emphasize training for those authorized to handle such chemicals," Mickelson said in a statement. He said NIOSH "incorrectly identifies the employee who accidentally mixed the chemicals as being Spanish-speaking. The worker responsible is not Hispanic and his primary language is English. In addition, this employee had previously received hazardous chemical training." Mickelson said later Thursday that the worker's primary language was English. "We believe he failed to look at the label on the drum," he said. The CDC referred calls for comment to NIOSH, which could not immediately be reached for comment. Acidic solutions of antimicrobial agents are used throughout the food industry to prevent or retard spoilage. According to the CDC report, an acidic solution at the Springdale plant is normally stored in larger containers but that a sample drum had been inadvertently left in the area where sodium hypochlorite is kept.

<http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/news/2012/12/06/cdc-language-barrier-to-blame-for-tyson-foods-poisonous-leak-last-year/>

CANADA, N.S, HALIFAX, DECEMBER 7 2012. HALIFAX EXPLOSION MEMORIES RECORDED ON TWITTER >> NOVA SCOTIA ARCHIVES ENCOURAGING USE OF TWEETS TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY

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The aftermath of the Halifax explosion is shown in this 1917 file photo.

The Nova Scotia Archives are turning to a modern use of communication to mark the 95th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion. Over the years, many stories have been recorded about the death and destruction caused by two ships — the Mont-Blanc and the Norwegian SS Imo — colliding in Halifax Harbour on Dec. 6, 1917. A significant portion of the city was levelled and the Halifax Relief Commission estimated 1963 people were killed. Now, the Nova Scotia Archives is hoping technology will shed new light on the event. It's asking people to Tweet their family's stories from that day. "Even though it may seem very, very brief, these were the types of messages that were sent during the explosion itself," said Lauren Oostveen, a spokeswoman for the Nova Scotia Archives. She likens

Twitter to the telegram that existed in 1917. "There's sort of a historical precedent in that way," Oostveen said.

Stories Coming in from across Canada

Deborah Merriam, who grew up in Dartmouth and now lives in Edmonton, said she was excited when she heard about the project. "I don't think the story had ever been told, so I went ahead and Tweeted it," said Merriam. Her story, which was covered three different Tweets, spoke of her husband's grandfather who was deaf in one ear. "As an adult, his doctors realized he had glass shards still in there," she Tweeted. "The story goes that he leapt on top of his baby sister's crib when (the explosion) happened." Oostveen said they've received responses from people as far away as Vancouver. Other stories sent to the archives remarked on the size of the blast. "My dad told me his grandmother in Antigonish felt the explosion. I never met her to ask more details," Tweeted A. McCormick. The archives will continue collecting Tweets until the 100th anniversary. The



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plan is to print them for researchers to use in the future. People who want to participate can tweet their stories and attach the hashtag #hfxex1917.

Related Links

- [Halifax Explosion: a city in ruins](#)
- [About the #hfxex1917 project](#)

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/story/2012/12/05/ns-halifax-explosion-twitter.html>

BAHAMAS, NASSAU, DECEMBER 7 2012. CARGO SHIP SPILLED 3,000 GALLONS OF OIL >> GOVERNMENT SAYS IT HAS NO ANSWERS YET ON OIL SPILL



Dark oil on the water after the spill near Grand Bahama.

Roughly 3,000 gallons (11,355 liters) of oil have spilled into the ocean from a cargo ship accident earlier this week in the northern Bahamas, government officials said Thursday. At a news conference, Environment Minister Kenred Dorsett said crews were able to recover a portion of the oily water off Grand Bahama island but he did not provide any specifics of how much. He said chemical dispersants that break up oil were not used out of concern for its effect on marine life. Dorsett said the worst of the oily mess would be dispersed naturally through

wave action and tides. "It is preferable to let nature take its course ... allowing the dispersed material to flow with the natural tide into the Atlantic Ocean where there are no land-based resources at risk," he said. Bahamian authorities have described the accident as a "tier one spill," the smallest kind. Still, the islands' government expects to notify the United States about the spill off Grand Bahama, the northernmost island in the archipelago off the eastern coast of Florida. Grand Bahama, about 55 miles from the mainland, is the Bahamas' closest island to Florida. "We want to let our neighbors know," Transport Minister Glenys Hanna-Martin said. "It's not because we anticipate an issue, but as a matter of duty." After a Tuesday helicopter flight over the damaged vessel, government officials said they saw an oily sheen coming from the damaged container ship and it was apparently heading toward the Florida Straits. On a second observation flight Wednesday, Bahamian environmental official Dwyane Curtis said they did not see evidence of "any residual fuel in the area." The damaged ship has been towed back into harbor by a local salvage company, whose owner has criticized the government for not doing a better job of cleaning up the spill in the hours after the accident became known. The islands are investigating caused the hull breach in the Panamanian-flagged cargo ship Eugenia. The vessel is owned by Swiss-based Mediterranean Shipping Co. The Bahamas National Trust, manager of the islands' national parks, said it is monitoring the situation. "Obviously we are concerned. You worry that if you get a spill close to our shores, if it washes up and into mangroves, it will have an effect," said Neil McKinney, president of the trust.

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- [Questions Raised After Containership Spills Oil](#)
- [Government 'Has Played Down' Oil Spill Severity](#)
- [Government Says It Has No Answers Yet On Oil Spill](#)

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/bahamas-cargo-ship-spilled-3000-gallons-oil-17895896#.UMGMK4NOSM4>

PAKISTAN, ISLAMABAD, DECEMBER 7 2012. CIA NABS 10 FOR SELLING PILFERED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

The Crime Investigation Agency (CIA) of Islamabad Police has arrested 10 people for their alleged involvement in pilfering petroleum products, selling them in open market without permission and also recovered diesel and petrol worth Rs270,000 from them, a police spokesman said on Thursday. Special teams were constituted under the supervision of SP (Investigation) Mustansar Feeroz and DSP Zubair Sheikh. These teams, including sub-inspectors Shamas ul Akbar and Saleem Ullah, conducted raids and recovered petrol and diesel worth Rs270,000 from them. The teams arrested Sohail Afsar, Riaz and Naseem Khan from the area of the Sabzi Mandi Police and recovered diesel worth Rs53,000 from them. Irfan and Mushtaq were arrested from Tarnol after recovery of diesel worth Rs40,000 from them. Similarly, the special teams arrested Ehsan Ullah, son of Muhammad Mukhtiar, for having 230 litres of stolen petrol, while Rizwan Abbas, son of Zaafran Abbas, was arrested for having stolen diesel worth Rs47,000. Likewise, Kashif was arrested from Tarnol after recovery of stolen diesel worth Rs38,000. Babar Hussain, Tariq Habib and Babar Sultan were arrested after recovery of 400 litres of diesel and 200



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litres of petrol. Cases have been registered against the nabbed persons and further investigation is underway from them. IGP (Islamabad) Bani-Amin Khan and SSP (Islamabad) Yaseen Farooq have appreciated the performance of the CIA Police and directed it to intensify vigilance against elements involved in such practices.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-147063-CIA-nabs-10-for-selling-pilfered-petroleum-products>

USA, OH, DAYTON, DECEMBER 7 2012. TANKER FIRE ON NB 75


A tanker truck fire closed the northbound right lane of I-75 just north of the Sidney exit Thursday morning just after 1:00am. News Center 7 received a tip about the incident. Speaking with the Piqua post of the Ohio State Patrol, dispatch told us the fire was out and there were no injuries from the fire.

<http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/news/local/tanker-fire-on-nb-75/nTN2P/>

USA, CA, SAN BERNADINO CO, DECEMBER 7 2012. RIALTO: \$50 MILLION AND COUNTING FOR SETTLEMENTS

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 **Photo's** [Contaminated groundwater in Rialto in a larger map](#)

 **Photo's [3]** [1955 Aerial View of the 160-Acre Site in North Rialto that is believed to be the Source of Perchlorate Groundwater Pollution.](#)



One of the structures on the site believed to be the source of the large perchlorate groundwater pollution in Rialto, Calif. The building in recent years was used to store fireworks.

Court settlements totaling \$51 million in the Rialto perchlorate pollution case could mean hundreds of dollars in refunds to residents who for years paid drinking water surcharges to help cover the cost of cleaning up the mess left by an array of industries. The latest total, announced by the government Wednesday, Dec. 5, involves agreements with more than a dozen parties, including Emhart Industries, a subsidiary of Black & Decker, and Pyro Spectaculars Inc. All operated at an industrial site in north Rialto and are believed to have spilled or dumped perchlorate, an ingredient in explosives, and trichloroethylene, a solvent. The pollution, dating as far back as World War II, eventually invaded drinking water

supplies, putting people at greater risk for cancer and thyroid problems. The settlements, along with one still under negotiation with B.F. Goodrich Co., are expected to provide the capital to permanently clean up the pollution in the area's water supplies, said attorneys representing the cities. Local water providers and state and federal agencies have been involved in the cleanup for at least 10 years. Officials involved in the case have said the total of all the settlements was expected to be more than \$100 million. "This is a huge day for Rialto," City Councilman Ed Scott said. "It is a long-awaited day." The settlement saves a critical source of drinking water, said Jared Blumenfeld, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's regional administrator for the Pacific Southwest, in a statement. "Today's historic settlement ensures that the impacted communities in Southern California will finally have their drinking water sources restored." Rialto residents could soon benefit financially, Scott said. The money is expected to allow the cities Rialto and Colton to lift a surcharge on water bills that helped pay to clean up the water. The average Rialto household has paid a surcharge of about \$9 a month for the past eight years, Scott said. The councilman said he wants to see settlement money used to reimburse city water customers for those charges in the coming months. A typical household could get more than \$800, he said. The EPA, Rialto, Colton and San Bernardino County had sued Pyro Spectaculars Inc. and other parties suspected of dumping or burning toxic chemicals in pits at the 160-acre industrial site north of Interstate 210, between Alder and Locust avenues. The cities, as well as water districts not involved in the lawsuits, shut down 20 contaminated wells and installed treatment equipment after the pollution was discovered in 1997 – when tests were developed that could detect perchlorate at low levels. The land was first occupied by the military, which stored weapons and ammunition used to fight the Japanese during World War II. The site later was used by many private companies that made, stored or tested munitions, rocket motors, fireworks and other explosives. The area was added to the EPA's super fund list in September 2009. Trichloroethylene is known to cause cancer, and perchlorate can impair thyroid function and compromise fetal development. The contaminated groundwater has traveled at least three miles to the southeast, toward wells owned by the city of Riverside. An assessment by the state Department of Public Health last year concluded that tap water from two



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wells contained enough contamination that it could have caused thyroid problems, which in turn could have affected the physical and mental development of people who grew up in Rialto in the 1980s. Kristel Hammerquist said she grew up in Rialto, living there from 1965 to 1986. Both she and her mother have had thyroid cancer, and she has had infertility problems. She has wondered if the health problems are related to the water she drank during her youth, she said. "I am happy to hear about the settlement, but I want to learn more," said Hammerquist, who now lives in Rapid City, S.D. Officials with Emhart Industries and Pyro Spectaculars could not be reached for comment Wednesday afternoon. Several of the companies have acknowledged they used perchlorate at the north Rialto site but also said they have been unfairly singled out to pay for cleanup. Officials of Emhart Industries have disputed allegations by regulators that the company is responsible for the pollution. They contended that Emhart is not a successor to a company that used the site in the 1950s to make photoflash cartridges, which could light up the night sky for military photographers, and other wartime products. Under the settlement announced Wednesday, Emhart will spend about \$43 million over the next 30 years to design, build and operate groundwater wells, treatment systems and other equipment needed to clean up the contaminated groundwater. A significant portion of those funds will come from other settling parties, including the Department of Defense, according to a news release from the EPA. The settlements are still subject to a judge's approval, although one attorney said that step is a formality.

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/san-bernardino-county/san-bernardino-county-headlines-index/20121205-rialto-50m-settlement-made-in-cleanup-case.ece>

USA, N.J, PAULSBORO, DECEMBER 7 2012. TOXIC CHEMICALS FROM NEW JERSEY TRAIN WRECK MAY NOT BE CLEARED UNTIL NEXT WEEK

dave warner

A U.S. Coast Guard official told an angry crowd on Wednesday that it may take until next week to clear the air of toxic chemicals spilled after a train wreck in their south New Jersey town, where evacuations were ramped up this week. Elevated levels of vinyl chloride, a highly toxic and flammable industrial chemical, are low, but must get back down to zero before residents of the 148 houses evacuated in Paulsboro, New Jersey, are allowed to return to their homes, said Coast Guard Captain Kathy Moore. "I can't say anything sooner than Sunday to get back into your houses," Moore told the estimated 500 people at a meeting at a school gymnasium in the neighboring town of Clarksboro. Respiratory problems, coughing and light-headedness were the problems that residents exposed to the hazardous chemicals may experience, "but there is no long-term effect," said Lawrence Ragonese, spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Protection. "We are being very conservative because we are worried about your health," he said. Skeptical residents shouted doubts about the assurances they heard from officials that vinyl chloride levels were low, complaining that their neighborhood now smelled like dry-cleaning chemicals and that there was a noticeable absence of birds in the sky. Rising levels of vinyl chloride were detected by air monitors in the days after a rail bridge collapsed on Friday, derailing seven of the 82 Conrail freight-train cars crossing the Mantua Creek. The cars toppled into the waterway, which feeds into the Delaware River near Philadelphia. A gash in one of the cars allowed the leak of more than 12,000 gallons (45,425 liters) of vinyl chloride, authorities said at the time of the wreck. In recent days, detection of higher levels of the toxic chemical prompted the shutdown of schools on Monday and a second wave of home evacuations on Tuesday, bringing to 148 the total number of homes ordered evacuated. The rail bridge is near the residential and commercial sections of the town of 6,100 people, which is also home to two oil refineries as well as chemical plants. Conrail is jointly owned by rail operators CSX Corp and Norfolk Southern Corp.

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- [Schools shut as toxic levels rise after New Jersey train wreck](#)
- [Investigation under way into New Jersey train derailment, chemical leak](#)
- [Investigation underway into N.J. train derailment, chemical leak](#)
- [New Jersey bridge collapse derails freight train; chemical leaks](#)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/12/06/usa-train-derailment-idUSL1E8N5AOA20121206>

USA, OK, WYNNWOOD, DECEMBER 7 2012. FINDINGS IN ON TRAGIC REFINERY BLAST

It appears a deadly combination was at the heart of a boiler explosion weeks ago at the Wynnewood refinery that tragically resulted in the death of two employees. An official with CVR Energy, Inc. said Wednesday an internal investigation into the explosion on Sept. 28 has been concluded and findings are now being released to the public. "The investigation is complete



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and we've given it to OSHA," said Angie Dasbach, vice president of corporate affairs, referring to the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration. "The cause of the explosion is a combination of human error and inconsistencies with standard operating procedures and operator training," she said. "We've developed a list of corrective actions that are now being implemented for the whole facility." Dasbach stresses the two employees, one killed at the scene, 34-year-old Billy Smith of Pauls Valley, and another who was critically injured before later dying, Russell Mann, 45, of Davis, had nothing to do with causing the explosion. "They were not (at fault)," she said. "They were involved in a faulty start up process. "The investigation found no mechanical issue with the boiler." There was also no documented issues with the boiler reported to the company since its owned this refinery. The investigation determined the boiler explosion, which occurred when the operators were attempting to light the main burner, was the result of a couple of issues. The first was the fuel bypass valve feeding the main burner. According to the investigation, that burner was opened too far, which did not allow for the lighting of the burner. Also the length of time the fuel was introduced to the boiler resulted in the firebox filling with a fuel and air mixture that exceeded what is present in a normal boiler startup procedure. Employees were the first to learn of the investigation's findings during a series of meetings at the refinery throughout Wednesday. "This was a very tragic incident, and we continue to communicate with employees," Dasbach said. "They were first to be told about the findings. "We wanted to figure out what happened in this explosion and see that it never happens again," she said about employee safety being top priority. "I've been with this company for nine years, and safety has always been number one." The explosion also had no connection to the refinery's turnaround, according to Dasbach. A turnaround is a periodic shutdown of the operations allowing for necessary maintenance and upkeep of operating units. As for the corrective measures, the company is in the process implementing a few. They include reviewing and modifying operating procedures for boiler startup operations, modifying the operator training curriculum to support new and existing standard operating procedures and incorporating leadership expectations into operator training.

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<http://www.menafn.com/menafn/17aa530f-2aa4-4677-b614-91ad45ce2519/Findings-on-tragic-refinery-blast?src=main>

USA, TN, MEMPHIS, DECEMBER 7 2012. WORKER HURT IN RUPTURE AT TENNESSEE REFINERY DIES

An oil refinery worker exposed to propane and acid at a Valero plant in Memphis, Tenn., died on Monday, officials said. He was the second person to die this year from an on-the-job injury. A worker died from injuries in a fire at the refinery, which has been cited for violations related to the safe handling and control of hazardous energy and chemicals, officials said. Firefighters on Monday morning found two workers injured when a sight glass on a pump unit ruptured, exposing them to a mixture of propane and hydrofluoric acid, said Memphis Fire Department spokesman Wayne Cooke. Two firefighters also were exposed to the substance, he said. The pump was located at the plant's alkylation unit, Valero Energy Corp. spokesman Bill Day said in a statement. A sight glass is a transparent tube or window that allows workers to monitor fluid levels within a tank, pipe, pump or boiler. One of the Valero workers died at the hospital, said Martha Deacon, a spokeswoman for the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. She did not have details on the time or cause of the death. The other worker, who was a contractor, and the two firefighters were taken to a hospital in non-critical condition. The company said there was no explosion or fire, and no refinery operations were affected. The refinery has notified regulatory agencies and the accident remains under investigation, Day said. In March, three contract workers were seriously burned in a fire at the plant, and Nicolas Cuevas later died of his injuries. A relative of Cuevas filed a multimillion-dollar wrongful death and injury lawsuit against San Antonio-based Valero in April. The suit claims that there was a failure to ensure that there were no hazardous or flammable gases in a flare line and there was a failure to provide timely firefighting assistance. Cooke said at the time that the fire was extinguished before firefighters arrived. A Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Administration inspection done after the fire cited the plant for nine serious violations and fined it \$63,000. The violations were related to the process of safety management of highly hazardous chemicals and control of hazardous energy, according to the inspection report.

<http://www.claimsjournal.com/news/southeast/2012/12/06/218623.htm>



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USA, ILL, ROXANA, DECEMBER 7 2012. WOOD RIVER REFINERY SUED BY PAINTER OVER NEAR 90-FOOT FALL

andrea dearden

The owner of a Wood River oil refinery is being sued by a contractor who says he nearly fell off a furnace he was hired to paint. James Wheeler filed a lawsuit Nov. 1 in Madison County Circuit Court against ConocoPhillips Company. (In spite of being named as defendant in the lawsuit. As of May 1, all refining assets that were part of ConocoPhillips's pun off and now belong to a new company called Phillips 66). Wheeler worked for Washington Group International as a union painter, according to the complaint. In February 2011 the company was hired by ConocoPhillips to make improvements to its petroleum processing plant in Wood River. Wheeler says he was assigned to paint a furnace in ConocoPhillips' Coker and Refinery Expansion. He claims the work required him to walk on a grating attached to a platform that was 90 feet above the ground. Wheeler alleges the grating became unstable, tilted inward and caused him to fall off the platform. Wheeler claims he would have fallen 90 feet to the ground were it not for two bolts sticking out of the furnace wall 4 feet below the platform. When he hit the bolts, Wheeler says he hurt his lower back and groin. ConocoPhillips is accused of negligence for allegedly providing an unsafe work area. Wheeler seeks more than \$50,000 in damages for medical expenses, loss of income and court costs. Attorney Edward W. Unsell of East Alton represents Wheeler. They ask for a jury trial. Madison County Circuit Court Case No. 12-L-1777

<http://madisonrecord.com/issues/366-personal-injury/250010-wood-river-refinery-sued-by-painter-over-near-90-foot-fall>

SINGAPORE, JURONG, DECEMBER 8 2012. 89 WORKERS HURT IN JURONG JACK-UP RIG ACCIDENT

jon mainwaring



The accident occurred when the jack-up mechanism on one of the legs on a three-legged jack-up rig failed to work.

Singapore's Ministry of Manpower confirmed Monday evening (local time) that all Jurong Shipyard workers have now been accounted for after a jack-up rig under construction at the yard tilted over earlier in the day. Eighty-nine workers were hurt as a result of the accident, although the ministry reported that 77 of these have now been discharged from hospital after receiving treatment for minor injuries. Of the remaining 12, six are in normal hospital wards while another six remain under observation. Speaking outside the Accident & Emergency department at Singapore General Hospital Monday evening, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Manpower Hawazi Daipi commented: "MOM takes a

very serious view of the accident – this is one of the worst industrial accidents we have seen in recent times. The priority now is to look after the injured and ensure that they receive the best care possible. It is also important to stabilize the situation at the work site and investigate the accident thoroughly to find out what went wrong." The accident occurred Monday morning when one of the three legs of a jack-up rig failed, causing the rig to tilt to one side. The rig was reported to be the [Noble Regina Allen](#) (400' ILC), a jack-up being built for Swiss rig contractor Noble Corporation. National Oilwell Varco was understood to have had 18 workers on board the rig at the time of the accident, according to reports. The Noble Regina Allen rig was scheduled to be delivered during the first quarter of next year to begin work for Gaz de France offshore from the Netherlands. It was designed by naval architects Friede & Goldman and is the first of six jack-ups in F&G's JU3000N class of rigs. Capable of operating in depths of up to 400 feet, it has a rated drilling depth of 35,000 feet.

http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=122500

USA, WASHINGTON DC, DECEMBER 7 2012. VAPOR INTRUSION GUIDANCE FOR PETROLEUM SITES DRAWS CRITICISM OVER PROPOSED CHANGES

pat ware

State regulators and industry groups say they are concerned by the Environmental Protection Agency's attempt to craft guidance for assessing vapor intrusion at petroleum-contaminated sites that is more conservative than a version the agency previously indicated it would publish. The concerns center on the depth of soil that is needed to cover underground storage tanks and delineation of a lateral inclusion zone, Robin Davis, an environmental scientist with the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, told BNA Dec. 4. A lateral inclusion zone is the area surrounding a mass of underground contamination through which petroleum vapors may travel, intrude into buildings, and potentially threaten human health and the environment, according to EPA.



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Soil Depth an Issue.

Bruce Bauman, an environmental scientist with the American Petroleum Institute, said in a Dec. 5 email, "I think it is pretty clear" that industry was not pleased with EPA's decision to "somewhat arbitrarily increase" the clean soil screening depth from 15 feet to 30 feet. The criticism is over draft guidance that was sent in mid-November to members of a work group convened by EPA as the agency tries to complete guidance on vapor intrusion at petroleum sites and a broader guidance document addressing vapor intrusion from other types of contamination. EPA did not respond to the criticism when asked for comment. EPA continues to work towards the release of final guidance for assessing and mitigating the vapor intrusion pathway, the agency said in a Dec. 4 email to BNA. Upon release, the guidance will supersede and replace EPA's 2002 Draft Guidance for Evaluating the Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air Pathway from Groundwater and Soils. Davis was a member of an EPA advisory work group that in March approved a version of the petroleum guidance that, according to Davis, EPA suggested it intended to publish as final guidance. Later, EPA changed the document, and a version dated Oct. 18 and obtained by BNA shows the new language on the soil depth and lateral inclusion zone. Davis called the changes "overprescriptive and overconservative" and said they "went against the recommendations of the workgroup." The workgroup had concluded that 15 feet of clean soil would be adequate to address vapors associated with light non-aqueous phase liquids, such as gasoline and fuel oil, Davis said. "EPA then wanted to add another 15 feet of soil to make it 30 feet to account for uncertainties associated with" light non-aqueous phase liquids, such as gasoline and fuel oils, Davis said. A database compiled by an EPA contractor, however, already accounts for these uncertainties, she said. Regulators and other members of the workgroup also are concerned about a chapter in the draft guidance on how to delineate the lateral inclusion zone, Davis said.

Work Group Reviewed Draft.

"The chapter is complicated even for scientists and engineers," she said. "It should be up to the regulators to determine the lateral extent—leave it to our professional judgment." Overly conservative guidance, she said, will result in a "waste of money" and no added health benefits at a time when state resources are very limited and some states' petroleum insurance funds are bankrupt. Because of the concern, EPA in mid-November sent the Oct. 18 draft petroleum guidance, along with the broader guidance dated Nov. 7, to members of the workgroup for comment, Davis said. EPA had been striving to release both sets of guidance by Nov. 30, but in October an agency official told a public meeting that he hoped it would be "months, not years" before the guidance was issued (202 DER A-17, 10/19/12). Davis estimated that both sets of guidance would now be released in the spring of 2013.

Calls for Public Review.

"Based on what I've seen of the [petroleum vapor intrusion] document, it seems to make sense for EPA to put it out for public comment beyond the limited group that now seems to be reviewing it," Christopher Roe, an attorney with Fox Rothschild, told BNA Dec. 4. Bauman agreed, saying, "it would have been far more productive for EPA to publish draft guidance for formal public comment." "Hopefully, EPA will provide sufficient documentation of the science behind their reasoning" for making the changes it did and "allow stakeholders to assess that reasoning and offer technical justifications as to why the original 15 feet guidance was correct," he said. In its statement to BNA, EPA said it has made "substantial progress during the past year in preparing the final guidance for the vapor intrusion pathway, including considering and addressing extensive and substantive public comments received in 2011 and 2012."

<http://www.bna.com/vapor-intrusion-guidance-n17179871277/>

USA, PA, WEST BRUNSWICK TWP, DECEMBER 8 2012. TANKER TRUCK TIPS, ROLLS ONTO ROOF



A tanker truck hauling ammonium nitrate flipped onto its roof in Schuylkill County. The crash happened at around 11:50 Thursday morning in West Brunswick Township. According to police, the driver of the tanker was heading east on Route 443. The driver was trying to turn left onto New Philadelphia Road when the truck tipped over and rolled onto its roof. According to police, some of the ammonium nitrate spilled out. But, they said it was cleaned up quickly and was not a threat to the environment. New Philadelphia Road was shut down for about two hours during the cleanup. The driver of the truck was not injured.

<http://www.wfmz.com/news/Regional-Poconos-Coal/Tanker-truck-tips-rolls-onto-roof-in-West-Brunswick-Twp/-/149546/17681702/-/dv20fb/-/index.html>



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INDIA, UTTAR PRADESH, BAHRAICH, DECEMBER 8 2012. INFERNO AT BAHRAICH AS KEROSENE-FILLED WAGONS CATCH FIRE

 [Watch the Video Fire Breaks Out in Fuel-Laden Train](#)



Nineteen wagons of a goods train carrying kerosene caught fire near Jarval Road station in Bahraich district in the wee hours of Friday, disrupting the rail traffic on Lucknow-Gorakhpur route for the whole day. According to North-Eastern Railway (NER) officials, the wagons caught fire soon after the train got derailed as 16 wagons, including the engine went off the track when the train was between Jarval Road and Saryu railway station around 3.15 am. The train, which had 49 wagons in all, was carrying petroleum products and was running at the speed of about 35 km per hour at the time of derailment, the officials added. Alok Srivastava, spokesperson of NER, said that the railway employees succeeded in detaching 31 wagons from the part of train which had caught fire. He said three trains were cancelled and another four were cancelled partially, while the route of 25 trains was diverted after the incident. The fire had been

controlled by Friday noon with the help of more than a dozen fire brigade machines which laboured for more than eight hours. V K Yadav, Divisional Railway Manager(Lucknow) of NER, who visited the site, said prima facie it has been found that the wagons caught fire after the train had got derailed about 4 km away from Jarval Road station. He said it was not clear what caused the derailment as the track has got damaged but an inquiry under the supervision of NER's Chief Safety Officer has been ordered. Yadav said the fire caused a loss of kerosene worth about Rs 1.70 crore. The train was coming from Asaudha in Palwal district of Haryana and was going to Baitalpur in Deoria district of Uttar Pradesh carrying the petroleum products of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), he added. He said none of the wagons which caught fire exploded and no kerosene spilled out of them, however the kerosene was burnt. Yadav said the fire had been doused completely and they were working on clearing the track, adding that they expected to resume traffic on the route by Friday midnight.

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/inferno-at-bahraich-as-kerosenefilled-wagons-catch-fire/1042272/0#>

INDIA, KARNATAKA, KUNDAPUR, DECEMBER 8 2012. TANKER OVERTURNS AT TRASI - CLEANER KILLED

 [Photo's \[7\] Tanker Overturns](#)



The cleaner of a tanker died in an accident that occurred on NH 66 at Trasi here on Thursday December 6. The deceased has been identified as Subramanya (23) from Hassan. The tanker overturned near Vailankanni Welding Works while trying to give way for an approaching vehicle. The tanker was transporting fish oil from Kota in Udupi to Chattisgarh. When the vehicle reached Trasi, the driver swerved to his left to give way for an approaching vehicle to pass. He lost control and as a result, the tanker overturned. The cleaner sustained serious injuries and was rushed to Kundapur hospital. However, he died on the way. Tanker driver Shashikumar and another person who was travelling along had a miraculous escape. The accident led to traffic jam on NH 66 for sometime. Gangolli police arrived at the spot and restored normalcy. A case has been registered in the Gangolli police station

http://www.daijiworld.com/news/news_disp.asp?n_id=157588

USA, N.Y, DUANESBURG, DECEMBER 8 2012. TRUCK SPILLS GALLONS OF FUEL

kristen v. brown

A 3,000-gallon tanker truck rolled over on the Schoharie Turnpike in Delanson Friday afternoon, leaking up to a hundred gallons of home heating fuel into a trench along the roadside, according to the Schenectady County hazmat team. The truck swerved off the roadway just west of Chadwick Road at about 3 p.m., possibly due to slippery roadways, authorities said. It then tipped over, rolling onto the driver's side, spilling fuel from ports on the top of the truck. The county hazmat team responded, as did the [Department of Environmental Conservation](#), Clean Harbors and local fire companies. The driver was



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hospitalized with unspecified injuries, though authorities said he did not appear to be seriously hurt. The truck's fuel supply was offloaded and the truck was towed, as a cleanup crew of more than a dozen worked into Friday evening to contain the mess. Schenectady County sent a hazmat crew this afternoon to Chadwick Road in Delanson after a 2,600-gallon tanker trunk tipped over. Authorities said that there does not appear to be any pending environmental hazard.

<http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Truck-spills-gallons-of-fuel-4100686.php>

USA, TN, UPPER MILFORD, DECEMBER 8 2012. BUCKEYE ROAD FUEL SPILL YIELDS VIOLATION NOTICE >> THE STATE DEP SAYS A FUEL TRANSPORT COMPANY HAS TO INVESTIGATE AND REMEDY SOIL CONTAMINATION IN UPPER MILFORD.

patrick lester

 [Watch the Video Buckeye Road Fuel Spill](#)



MAP [Buckeye Rd, Upper Milford, PA 18049, USA](#)



The owner of a fuel tank truck that spewed diesel fuel onto Buckeye Road in Upper Milford Township during a fatal vehicle crash last month violated the state's Clean Streams Law, according to the state Department of Environmental Protection. The state Department of Environmental Protection issued the violation notice, which requires Pilot Flying J of Tennessee to investigate for possible soil contamination in that area and remove dirt that was tainted by soil. The fuel spill forced authorities to close Buckeye Road for more than a week while an environmental cleanup crew removed some of the tainted soil. Colleen Connolly, a DEP spokeswoman, said groundwater in that area was affected by the fuel spill, but that authorities are not yet sure of the extent of the contamination. She said homeowners wells in that area were tested and showed no signs of contamination from the fuel. Connolly said the company has removed much of the tainted soil and repaved a portion of Buckeye Road that had been ripped up during the cleanup. She said there still is a "hot spot" on the side of the road that has not yet been excavated. "They're obtaining soil samples and will send us results [of testing done on the soil] when they get them," Connolly said. She said the DEP has not ruled out the possibility of imposing fines on the company. An estimated 2,500 gallons of diesel fuel spilled near Tank Farm Road and Buckeye Road following the Nov. 11 crash, officials said. Pilot brought in an environmental cleanup company, which has been removing soil since the crash. State police at [Fogelsville](#) said James F. Heller, 61, of [Macungie](#) was driving west on Buckeye Road when his vehicle hit the tanker truck as it was turning east onto Buckeye Road from Tank Farm Road, which leads to a fuel storage area. Heller was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash, Lehigh County Coroner Scott Grim said. The truck driver, Matthew Phillip Wise, 26, of Fort Bragg, N.C., was not seriously injured.

http://www.mcall.com/news/local/eastpenn/mc-upper-milford-buckeye-fuel-spill-violation-20121207_0_4019092.story

NEW ZEALAND, M GISBORNE, DECEMBER 8 2012. GIN BOTTLE EXPLOSION CAUSES FIRE



A man in a Gisborne house had a close call last night when a bottle of gin on a shelf above his stove exploded and started a small fire. Firemen were called about 7.15pm but by the time they arrived the man had put the fire out with a dry powder extinguisher. He was cooking meat patties on a gas hob when the bottle of liquor somehow exploded, showering liquid on to the bench top and the timber floor, which then ignited. Station officer Ed Hindmarsh said it was not clear how the bottle exploded. The storage shelf was about a metre away from the gas stove. "It is miraculous he suffered no burns or other injuries. "The man was standing with his back to the stove when it happened, and he was only wearing a pair of board shorts and jandals." Mr Hindmarsh said one-in-four house fires started in the kitchen. "The incident last night also shows the importance of having a fire extinguisher handy and knowing how to use it."

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10852670



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USA, CO, GRAND JUNCTION, DECEMBER 8 2012. TWO SENT TO HOSPITAL AFTER AMMUNITION EXPLOSION

danielle kreutter

 **Watch the Video** [2 sent to Hospital after Ammunition Explosion](#)

Two people were sent to the hospital after crews responded to reports of an explosion taking place inside a home. Preliminary reports say there was a detonation of ammunition inside the home, causing an explosion which shattered several windows and injured two people after getting hit with shrapnel. "On arrival [crews] found that there were two people injured, no fire on their arrival, they had some sort of explosion on the back having to do with some ammunition but we're not exactly sure what," said Mike Page with the Grand Junction Fire Department. The people inside the home were transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. A bomb technician was called to evaluate the scene. Authorities say the incident didn't pose a threat to other homes in the area and no evacuations were needed.

<http://www.krextv.com/news/around-the-region/Two-Sent-to-Hospital-After-Ammunition-Explosion-182481671.html>

USA, N.J, PAULSBORO, DECEMBER 8 2012. INITIAL INVESTIGATION COMPLETE, WEBSITE LAUNCHED FOR PAULSBORO DERAILMENT

george mast

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Photo's [26] [Train derailment - Day 6, Paulsboro, Dec. 5, 2012](#)



On The Web www.paulsbororesponse.com



File photo of derailed freight train cars in Paulsboro.

Federal investigators looking into the cause of last week's train derailment and chemical spill in Paulsboro left the site this morning after completing on-scene investigative work. Meanwhile, work to remove a tanker that was breached after toppling off of a bridge above Mantua Creek and other derailed railroad cars is continuing this morning. U.S. Coast Guard officials said they have cleaned out all of the remaining toxic vinyl chloride from the breached tanker but could not say this morning when exactly the tanker and other cars would be plucked up by a waiting crane and removed from the site. Officials with the National Transportation Safety Board are expected to release a preliminary report on their investigation within the next two weeks. Seventeen investigators with NTSB arrived last Friday after the train derailed on a bridge over Mantua Creek,

toppling four tankers into the water. Over the past week as U.S. Coast Guard officials worked to secure a breached tanker that spilled thousands of gallons of toxic vinyl chloride into the air, investigators with NTSB collected hundreds of photos, videos and records; inspected rail cars removed from the site; interviewed Conrail employees and witnesses to the derailment and documented the accident site. So far, NTSB officials have documented earlier alignment and signal errors at the aging bridge and the fact that the train's crew on Friday proceeded over the bridge after receiving permission to bypass a red signal on the span. In the wake of heavy criticism over a lack of communication with the public about the ongoing cleanup process, Coast Guard officials today announced the launch of website dedicated to information about the ongoing recovery efforts. The site, www.paulsbororesponse.com, includes latest updates on the cleanup and information for residents about available resources. Hundreds of residents remain evacuated from their homes as the cleanup continues. "The Unified Command is listening to the concerns of the community and this website has been established to directly engage the public and help improve communication associated with this response," Capt. Kathy Moore, Coast Guard incident commander, stated in a news



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release earlier today. "This new website will provide a one-stop shop for the community of Paulsboro and surrounding towns to find the most up-to-date information from the official information source for the response."

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- [More Stories on Paulsboro Train Derailment](#)
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<http://www.courierpostonline.com/article/20121207/NEWS01/312070054/Initial-investigation-complete-website-launched-Paulsboro-derailment?odyssey=nav%7Chead>

USA, N.J, TRENTON, DECEMBER 8 2012. NJ JUDGE: LAWSUIT AGAINST MORRISVILLE FIREWORKS SHOP CAN PROCEED

laurie mason schroeder



A lawsuit filed against a Morrisville fireworks store by a New Jersey teen who lost sight in his left eye in a 2010 fireworks mishap can proceed to trial, a New Jersey judge has ruled. Thomas Eldershaw, of Jackson, was 19 when he was helping a neighbor set off a fireworks display at a Fourth of July party. Eldershaw had just lit a fuse when an aerial shell misfired, sending a "tennis-ball sized projectile" into his eye, according to a lawsuit filed last year in Superior Court of Ocean County. Despite two surgeries, Eldershaw lost vision in his eye. Eldershaw's neighbor had bought the fireworks at Sky King Fireworks on South Pennsylvania Ave., a short distance from the bridge to Trenton. Although Pennsylvania residents are banned from buying fireworks without a permit issued by a municipality here, non-residents can purchase them without a permit. New Jersey law says that its residents may not legally buy or use fireworks without a permit from a

municipality. Sky King's attorneys sought to dismiss the lawsuit, noting that under Pennsylvania law, the sale was legal and that the fireworks seller bore no responsibility for Eldershaw's injuries. N.J. Superior Court Judge James Den Uyl disagreed, saying that the large purchase made by Eldershaw's neighbor -- \$1,229 worth of mortars, rockets and Roman candles — should have been a sign that the neighbor was planning a large, sophisticated display that could have resulted in injuries if the people setting them off weren't trained or experienced. In his decision to allow the lawsuit to continue, the judge noted that Sky King employees didn't check to see if Eldershaw's neighbor had a valid permit and didn't give him any instructions on how to use the fireworks safely. "The competence or sophistication of the purchaser/operator may or may not be a concern depending on the type and quantity of fireworks purchased. In the particular circumstances of this case and sale to (the neighbor), Sky King arguably had a duty to do something to either assess his knowledge, training or experience to stage a fireworks display and/or provide some instruction on how to do so safely," the decision states. In reaching his ruling, the judge cited news accounts that said that about 2,000 Americans sustain eye injuries due to fireworks each year, and a U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission report that estimated that about 9,600 people were treated in hospital emergency rooms due to fireworks-related injuries in 2011. Eldershaw is seeking undisclosed monetary damages from Sky King. He is represented by Lawrenceville attorney Steven Blader. Sky King has 18 stores in Pennsylvania, Florida and Indiana. An email sent to the company's Port Lucie, Fla., headquarters was not immediately answered Friday.

http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/nj-judge-lawsuit-against-morrisville-fireworks-shop-can-proceed/article_e8bd8b88-8252-511e-9258-73bcc3083555.html

BAHAMAS, NASSAU, DECEMBER 8 2012. BAHAMAS CLEANS UP 70,000 GALLONS OF OIL SPILLED AT POWER COMPANY SITE DURING ATTEMPTED THEFT

Crews are cleaning up roughly 70,000 gallons (265,000 litres) of fuel that spilled during an attempted theft at a power company facility in the Bahamas. The chairman of the Bahamas Electricity Corporation said the spill occurred when someone tried to steal diesel from the plant's reservoir in the island of Eleuthera. Leslie Miller says suspects were diverting the fuel to a 20,000-



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gallon (75,700-litre) tank that overflowed. He said late Thursday that more than half of the diesel has been cleaned up so far. He said the spill occurred on land and that no marine life should be affected.

Related Links [70,000 Gallons of BEC Fuel Spills](#)

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USA, WI, MILTON, DECEMBER 8 2012. NO TICKETS ISSUED IN ETHANOL SPILL AT MILTON ROUNDABOUT



A tanker truck lies on its side on the far western roundabout on the Highway 59 bypass near Milton. The truck was carrying ethanol, so officials created a safety zone of 500 feet around the incident and allowed the ethanol to leak from the truck into a nearby retention pond. Milton police did not issue a citation to the driver or owner of a semitrailer truck that tipped last week and spilled thousands of gallons of ethanol. The truck was driven by a 22-year-old Rockford, Ill., man, according to the Milton Police Department accident report. At 9:45 a.m. Nov. 27, the truck was traveling west on Highway 59 after leaving United Ethanol with a load of 8,300 gallons of ethanol, according to the report. The load shifted and caused the semitrailer truck to tip onto its side as the driver exited the roundabout closest to Highway 26, according to the report. The driver was uninjured. The Gazette was not able to reach a spokesperson for B&B Trucking of Wenona, Ill., the owner of the truck. The accident caused 8,000 gallons of ethanol to flow into a nearby retention pond and prompted officials to evacuate the area for hours because of the danger of an explosion. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources officials said the ethanol would evaporate and not pose a threat to groundwater, Milton Police Chief Dan Layber said. The truck drained all day, and authorities kept Highway 59 east of Milton closed until well after midnight. The city of Milton has asked the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to shrink the center island in the roundabouts and expand the "truck apron," a paved inner ring that large vehicles can drive on. That work is scheduled for 2013, DOT spokesman Michael Bie wrote in an email to The Gazette.

<http://wclo.com/news/2012/dec/07/no-tickets-issued-ethanol-spill-milton-roundabout/>

KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS, CURAÇAO, WILLEMSTAD, DECEMBER 8 2012. OIL SPILL INVESTIGATION WILL CONTINUE



The Public Prosecutor of Curaçao (OM) launched a criminal investigation into the cause of the oil spill since the 'Oil spill' of August 18 at Jan Kok. The results of the sample analysis has been in and give, according to the public, response to further questions. In the interest of the investigation no further statements are made. The prosecution is limited only by saying that the result gives a reason to ask questions and for further interrogation. This was also communicated to the Clean Environment Foundation in Curaçao (Smoc) who filed a complaint as a result of the oil spill on August 3. Following a report of an 'Oil spill' it is standard in Curaçao to have an investigation by the Port Security Inspectorate. This investigation takes place on the grounds of violation of the Port Regulations or in case of discharging ships, under the Ordinance Oil pollution by seagoing vessels. Additionally, since November 15, 2011 (New Penal Code Curacao) it is possible for the investigation to be based on a breach of Articles 2:121 or 2:122

Criminal Code (surface contamination). These studies generally result in an offer (cash) transactions, where the discharging party has to pay a fine.

<http://www.curacaochronicle.com/judicial/oil-spill-investigation-will-continue/>

NIGERIA, AKWA IBOM, DECEMBER 9 2012. MOBIL INTENSIFIES CLEAN UP OF SPILL CONTAMINATED COASTLINE IN IBENO

Mobil Producing Nigeria (MPN) has intensified the clean up of the Atlantic shoreline in Akwa Ibom contaminated by the Nov. 9, oil spill emanating from its operations. The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) learnt that additional 100 oil spill personnel have



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been added while the mop-up exercise has been extended for additional 10 days for the third time. Mr Irvin Obot, Zonal Director at the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), said the agency was still assessing the impact of the spill along the Atlantic Coastline in Akwa Ibom from Ikot Abasi to Mbo local government areas. A statement signed by General Manager in charge of Public and Government Affairs in Mobil, Mr Paul Arinze, said that some 500 youths from its host community were engaged in the clean up of the shoreline. Sources at Mobil's Qua Iboe terminal told NAN on Friday that another team of 100 oil spill response team was mobilised to trap the residual oil on the ocean surface in addition to the coastline clean up team. The four labour contractors handling the coastline operations were allocated 140 workers each to fast track the clean up process on the 30 kilometre stretch of Ibeno coastline. Chief Okon Akpanowong, a community leader in Ibeno, said that the last extension lapsed on Dec. 2, while the 10-day extension runs from Dec. 3, to Dec. 13. MPN, operator of the Qua Iboe oil field, said the spill incident discharged an estimated volume of 200 barrels of crude into the Atlantic, a development that compelled it to declare a 'Force Majeure' on the Qua Iboe crude streams effective Nov. 21. Force Majeure is a legal notice that frees oil firms from liabilities for not meeting supply obligations due to circumstances beyond their control.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201212071430.html>

USA, TX, HOUSTON, DECEMBER 9 2012. TOOLS WITHOUT SPARKS COULD SAVE LIVES OFFSHORE



Hector Maggi, vice president of marketing and sales for TFT Pneumatic Industrial Tools, demonstrates the company's spark-less grinder, which uses patented technology to cut metal without causing sparks or generating heat. The company markets the tools to the offshore oil industry.

The spinning edge of the grinder blade makes contact with the steel, but no sparks rain out from the edge like fireflies shot from a harvester. If it weren't for the sound of the compressor, you might not realize the tool in Hector Maggi's hands was turned on. When he's finished, Maggi has bored a groove in a steel bar, but he immediately presses his bare fingers to it. It's hardly even warm. Maggi is vice president of marketing and sales for TFT-Pneumatic Industrial Tools, a Houston company that sells sparkless grinders and cutting tools for the offshore oil industry. "Hot work" practices offshore – basically any maintenance

that produces heat or other potential ignition sources – is getting increased scrutiny after an explosion last month aboard a platform in the Gulf of Mexico operated by Houston's Black Elk Energy. Three workers died, and others were critically injured. Black Elk's chief executive, John Hoffman, has said the explosion on the platform, which wasn't in operation at the time, occurred when workers were cutting a line with a torch, igniting flammable vapors in the line that, in turn, caused connected oil tanks to blow up. Because TFT's tools make no sparks, using them in circumstances similar to those on the Black Elk platform wouldn't have triggered an explosion, Maggi said. "There's no risk of ignition," he added. Earlier this week, I went to TFT's offices near the Galleria to see a demonstration and try out the tools for myself. It would be easy, of course, to blame the workers in the Black Elk accident, but it also raises questions of whether, with the advance of technology, there's a better way to reduce the risk of such fatal accidents. TFT has been selling the tools, made by the Norwegian tool company Safety Tools Allmet, for the past three years. The equipment has been used for a decade in the North Sea, where safety standards are more stringent than in the Gulf, but the tools have been slow to catch on here, in part because they're much more expensive than conventional tools. "We're fighting against 50 years of doing things the same way," Maggi said. "It's really frustrating. It doesn't need to be like this." TFT's biggest U.S. customer is BP, which began using the tools on its Thunder Horse and Mad Dog platforms in the Gulf after the Deepwater Horizon disaster in 2010, Maggi said. A BP spokesman declined to comment. Other major customers include Chevron and BHP Billiton, which uses the tools not just in oil production but also in its mining operations, Maggi said. Unlike conventional cutting tools, which use composite disks that create friction as they chew through metal or other surfaces, TFT's tools use a tungsten-carbide surface with a fanlike pattern of "teeth." The tools spin at fewer revolutions per minute – about 1,000, compared with 15,000 for a conventional grinder – and chip away at the surface in a process that's more like a milling machine than a cutting tool.

Less Heat

The process creates less friction, and therefore less heat. The surface being cut rarely gets hotter than about 70 degrees, Maggi said, compared with as much as 2,000 degrees for conventional grinders. Rather than shards of red-hot metal shooting as much as 18 feet from the cutting surface, the sparkless tools leave filings that are almost a dust and fall less than a foot



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from the cutting area. The cost isn't cheap, which has scared away some companies. A single grinder disk runs about \$6,000, compared with about \$3 for a conventional one that you could find at most hardware stores.

Cost Difference

The full system runs about \$45,000. Despite the huge cost difference, Maggi said the benefits are worth it. The tools aren't classified as "hot work," so using them doesn't require special permits or the temporary shutdown of a facility, which can cost millions of dollars a day in lost revenue. The Black Elk accident ought to be a reminder that the industry can't rest on its history in addressing offshore safety. It may be possible to improve safety in the Gulf one tool at a time.

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2012/12/05/tools-without-sparks-could-save-lives-offshore/>

NORTHERN IRELAND, CO TYRONE, POMEROY, DECEMBER 9 2012. MAN AND WOMAN DIE IN TANKER CRASH

A man and a woman were killed when a car collided with a tanker, police said. The accident happened on the Termon Road near Pomeroy, Co Tyrone, on Saturday afternoon. The PSNI said a man in his 30s has been taken to hospital for treatment. His injuries are not believed to be life threatening. It is expected that the Termon Road between Pomeroy and Carrickmore will remain closed for a number of hours. Diversions are in place. Police have appealed for witnesses.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/man-and-woman-die-in-tanker-crash-16248082.html>

ENGLAND, ESSEX, HADLEIGH, DECEMBER 9 2012. POLICE SPEAK TO 200 PEOPLE IN SEARCH FOR TANKER ARSONIST



Fire at Hadleigh industrial estate.

Police investigating a suspected arson attack on a fuel depot in Suffolk have spoken to about 200 people in its ongoing inquiry. About 50 firefighters were called to the Ukay Fuel Limited storage depot on Lady Lane industrial estate, Hadleigh, on November 16 after witnesses reported columns of flame shooting 100ft into the night sky. The blaze, which destroyed three fuel tankers, more than 29,000 litres of fuel and threatened to ignite 50,000 more, is believed to have caused about £500,000 of damage. Police, who are still sifting through evidence, have estimated that they have so far spoken to about 200 people during extensive door-to-door inquiries. A Suffolk Constabulary spokesman said they were keen to talk to anyone with information about the fire or who knows someone that returned home smelling of fuel on the night of the blaze. Speaking last month,

Detective Inspector Nick Power said police were keeping an "open mind" about whether the incident is linked to a string of arson attacks in Hadleigh. Hours before the tankers burst into flames, a van and two cars were set on fire in Raven Way. The town has also seen a number of minor arsons involving cars, wheelie bins and sheds. Det Insp Power added: "We are not linking the arson to any other recent incidents in the area at this time but we are keeping an open mind. "Arson is a reckless act that we take very seriously and officers are currently examining evidence and conducting enquiries to identify offenders." Town councillors expressed disbelief at the scale of the blaze but insisted that residents should be reassured by the level of police activity following the incident. Police have joined firefighters in Hadleigh's Market Place this week in an appeal for witnesses to the tanker fire and any other arson attacks. Anyone with information should call police on 101. Crimestoppers said anyone with significant information into the tanker fires could be eligible for a reward of up to £1,000.

http://www.eadt.co.uk/news/hadleigh_police_speak_to_200_people_in_search_for_tanker_arsonist_1_1735263

INDIA, HIMACHAL PRADESH, PANCHKULA, MANAKIYA, DECEMBER 9 2012.

A major fire accident was today averted after a tanker carrying 20,000 litres petrol caught fire at a restaurant in Panchkula district. The petrol tanker was on its way from Bahadurgarh to Nalagarh and on the way it reportedly burst into flames at a 'dhaba' near Manakiya village, an official release said. Fire tenders from Derabasi, Ambala, Kalka, Chandigarh and Panchkula reached the spot and brought the situation under control, it said. Officers of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), who later visited the spot, said that 14,000 litres of petrol was still left in the tanker, which was transferred to another tanker under proper supervision. Deputy Commissioner Ashima Brar constituted a team of officers under the supervision of Sub Divisional Officer (Civil) Sharandeep Kaur Brar to take stock of the situation.

http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report_major-accident-averted-after-oil-tanker-catches-fire-in-chandigarh_1775165



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