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USA, IN, MISHAWAKA, NOVEMBER 17 2012. 'ON FIRE WHEN HE FELL' -- EXPLOSION INJURES WORKER AT ELKHART COMPANY

 [Watch the Video 'On Fire When He Fell'](#)

 [Maps: Click Here For a Map](#)



This happened around 3 p.m. Manny Singh, a manager at Yoder's Truck Stop, told our reporter he heard a very loud explosion originating at the Yoder Oil property, which is right next door. A man working on an elevated platform was using a torch to cut some metal, when a nearby tank that looks to be 2 stories tall erupted in flames, Singh said. "He was on fire when he fell down," said Singh, "he was burned pretty bad." A large tank appeared heavily damaged, leaning severely to one side, which black soot along one side. Police were on-scene interviewing witnesses. The extent of the man's injuries are unknown at this time. A helicopter was called immediately upon dispatch. The victim was driven to Elkhart Airport where he was flown by a Samaritan helicopter to a Fort Wayne burn center, according to the airport director. According to its website, Yoder Oil is a company that supplies lubricants and fuel to industrial customers.

A company representative declined to comment on what happened.

<http://www.wsbt.com/news/wsbt-man-severely-burned-in-explosion-at-elkhart-truck-stop-20121116,0,5172410.story>

USA, TX, JEFFERSON CO, NOVEMBER 17 2012. BENZENE SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST TOTAL PETROCHEMICALS

david yates

The children of the late Mary Johnson have brought a wrongful death suit against Total Petrochemicals & Refining USA, alleging the company exposed her to benzene. James, Robert and Richard Johnson filed the suit Nov. 9 in Jefferson County District Court. According to the lawsuit, Mary Johnson was employed at Fina's Port Arthur refinery, where she was exposed to benzene containing products. "As a result of such exposure, Mary Johnson developed leukemia Polycythemia Vera ... from which she died a painful and terrible death on October 24, 2011," the suit states. The suit alleges the defendant knew for decades that benzene could cause disease but still allowed employees to use toxic chemicals in the workplace. The plaintiffs further contend the defendant acted with malice, entitling them to exemplary damages. Provost Umphrey attorney D'Juana Parks of Beaumont represents the plaintiffs. Judge Gary Sanderson, 60th District Court, is assigned to the case. Case No. B193-580

<http://setexasrecord.com/news-3224/278711-benzene-suit-brought-against-total-petrochemicals>

USA, AZ, PHOENIX, NOVEMBER 17 2012. PHOENIX AUTO SHOP GUTTED >> NO ONE INJURED AS BLAZE ROARS QUICKLY THROUGH KEN'S AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

ryan pfeil

 [Photo's \[10\] Ken's Auto Fire](#)



Flames and billowing smoke could be seen shooting out of the shop shortly after the fire ignited.

A two-alarm fire sparked by gas spilled on a work light ripped through a longtime automotive business in the heart of downtown late Friday morning. Ken Peck, owner of Ken's Automotive Repair at 101 N. Main St., said he had been removing a gas tank from a car he'd been working on when fuel spilled onto the light. "The place filled up with smoke so bad. I just had to get out of there," Peck said. Peck was alone in the building and escaped without harm. He ran to a barber shop across the street to call 911. Engines from Jackson County Fire District No. 5 and Medford Fire-Rescue responded after receiving the 11:30 a.m. call. District 5 Division Chief Darin Welburn said flames were shooting out of the building when crews arrived. "Our station's less than a block away," Welburn



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said. "(It) already had flames shooting out on the front and entire side." Crews knocked down the blaze in about seven minutes. The car Peck was working on was destroyed, and the building's interior was charred. The fire did not spread to the building next door. Welburn estimated the damage to the automotive shop to be a total loss. "The whole building's gutted," he said. The Main Street stretch between First and Second streets was closed during the fire, with northbound traffic being detoured onto Second Street. Jason Sand, who works at nearby Al's Sharpening Service, said the flames and smoke coming off the building were significant. "The garage door was on. It was just shooting flames out," Sand said. Peck has been in business for nearly 25 years. He said the building is insured, but he doesn't know what the next steps will be. "This was so quick I couldn't do anything about it," Peck said. The automotive building was one of several considered ideal candidates for Phoenix Urban Renewal's facade improvement program, started last year. The 1,032-square-foot block building with a concrete floor was built in 1938 as part of the city's core. The building's real market value was listed as \$83,600 this year, according to Jackson County property records.

<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/gallery?Site=MM&Date=20121116&Category=MEDIA01&ArtNo=111609999&Ref=PH&Presentation=desktop#img-1>

USA, WI, LA CROSSE, NOVEMBER 18 2012. TRAFFIC REDIRECTED DUE TO TANKER TRUCK-SUV CRASH DOWNTOWN >> NO ONE WAS INJURED



La Crosse police redirected traffic at 3rd and Jay Streets in Downtown La Crosse Friday afternoon due to a crash involving a tanker truck and a SUV. La Crosse firefighters said the driver of the truck was going east on King Street and began turning right onto 3rd Street. The driver of the Dodge Durango pulled up next to the tanker and also tried to turn right. The tanker hit the Dodge Durango. Firefighters said the tanker truck, which was empty, was not compromised and no one was injured in the crash. La Crosse County Dispatch originally told News 8 the truck hit a parked car while making a right turn onto 3rd Street from King Street.

<http://www.news8000.com/news/Traffic-redirected-due-to-tanker-truck-SUV-crash-downtown/-/326/17448706/-/ct15bi-/index.html>

INDIA, MUMBAI, GOREGAON, NOVEMBER 18 2012. ONE KILLED AFTER TANKER CYLINDERS EXPLODE AT GOREGAON



An 18-year-old boy lost his life after CNG cylinders in a water tanker exploded, hurtled across the road and hit him in the head in Goregaon (E) on Friday. The water tanker (MH 04 P 2884) was being fuelled at the Bharat Coalter CNG station at Cama industrial estate in the morning, when three of its cylinders exploded. Eighteen-year-old Rakesh Saroj was standing across the road from the fuel station and having tea at a tea stall while waiting for his father's auto to be washed. Meanwhile, Rameshchandra Joshi, 54, the owner of a tea stall, was on his way to serve tea to his usual patrons when he saw a cylinder hurtling towards him. "I thought of hiding behind a wall to save myself, but at that very instant, another cylinder came flying at the wall, making it come down on me," said Joshi. Although Joshi managed to survive, Saroj wasn't so lucky. Locals rushed him to the casualty department of BMC-run KEM Hospital at around

8.30am. "He succumbed to injuries within two hours of admission. He was suffering from polytrauma," said Dr Milind Salve, deputy dean, KEM Hospital. Another injured, Somnath Surayavanshi, 28, sustained minor injuries and was discharged along with Joshi from the out patient department (OPD) of the civic-run Siddharth Hospital in Goregaon (W) after receiving treatment. "We have registered a case under section 304 of the IPC (culpable homicide) against the owner of the tanker, Ramesh Jagannath Dudhar, the driver, Bhushanram Jaiswal, the CNG station owner Ghulam Abdul Rauf Surathiya and the fuel station attendant, Ganesh Shantaram More," said senior inspector Sudhir Ranshevare of Vanrai police, Goregaon.



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Diwali Ends in Tragedy

Rakesh Saroj, the 18-year-old who was killed after the CNG cylinder hit him on his head, was in Mumbai to celebrate Diwali with his parents. "He was studying in Pratapgadh in UP, and had arrived in Mumbai a week ago. It is so bizarre to even believe that a boy standing more than 100 metres away would die when a cylinder would come flying from nowhere. His parents are simply inconsolable," said one of Saroj's relatives

http://www.dnaindia.com/mumbai/report_one-killed-after-tanker-cylinders-explode-at-goregaon_1765542

USA, ILL, CHICAGO, NOVEMBER 18 2012. GLASGOW AND MADIGAN TO EXXONMOBIL: PAY UP AND FIGURE IT OUT

joseph hosey

Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow and Illinois Attorney General are holding ExxonMobil accountable for last month's oil leak. Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow and Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan laid down the law with ExxonMobil Thursday, ordering the oil behemoth to pay up, figure out how it screwed up, and fix whatever damage was down. The SA and the AG filed an agreed order requiring ExxonMobil Oil to investigate the cause of the [burst of oil mist](#) at the company's refinery in [Channahon Township](#) on Oct. 19, and take specific actions to ensure it does not occur again. According to a statement released by Glasgow's office, the agreed order requires ExxonMobil to:

- Complete an investigation within 14 days to determine the root cause of the release and submit recommendations to Madigan's and Glasgow's office for implementing corrective and preventive measures based on the investigation
- Submit a detailed corrective work schedule for necessary improvements
- Report all chemicals and pollutants released during the incident and the quantities of each
- Provide the results of water samples and sediment samples taken from Jackson Creek
- Submit a report on ExxonMobil's cleanup of off-site properties impacted by the incident
- Identify all residents, landowners and local government agencies it communicated with following the release
- Provide a detailed explanation of the procedures used to re-start the coker unit following the Oct. 19 release
- The agreed order also requires ExxonMobil to pay up to \$50,000 to Madigan's office and the Illinois EPA for costs associated with the response and oversight, and another \$20,000 to reimburse Will County for its emergency action related to the release.

[In a four-count complaint filed Oct. 31](#), Madigan and Glasgow alleged the oil release occurred as a result of procedural failures at the refinery's coker unit, sending the oil mixture into the air. The oil mixture fell onto homes and farms within a four-mile radius of the refinery, which is located at Interstate 55 and Arsenal Road. The incident prompted authorities to shut down Arsenal Road because of the slippery conditions created by the oil mixture settling on the roadway. Oil residue was also detected in nearby Jackson Creek and along the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The court has set a status hearing for Feb. 19.

<http://shorewood-il.patch.com/articles/glasgow-and-madigan-to-exxonmobil-pay-up-and-figure-it-out>

USA, MI, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, NOVEMBER 18 2012. MIXING PROCESSES COULD INCREASE THE IMPACT OF BIOFUEL SPILLS ON AQUATIC ENVIRONMENTS

Ethanol, a component of biofuel made from plants such as corn, is blended with gas in many parts of the country, but has significantly different fluid properties than pure gasoline. A group of researchers from the University of Michigan wondered how ethanol-based fuels would spread in the event of a large aquatic spill. They found that ethanol-based liquids mix actively with water, very different from how pure gasoline interacts with water and potentially more dangerous to aquatic life. The scientists will present their results, which could impact the response guidelines for ethanol fuel-based spills, at the American Physical Society's (APS) Division of Fluid Dynamics (DFD) meeting, held Nov. 18 -- 20, in San Diego, Calif. "Ethanol/gasoline blends are often presented as more environmentally benign than pure gasoline, but there is, in fact, little scientific research into the effects these blends could have on the health of surface waters," says Avery Demond, an associate professor and director of the Environmental and Water Resources Engineering program at the University of Michigan, and one of the researchers who is working on the project. Some reports written for the State of California include methods for calculating the spread of ethanol into water based on a passive diffusion/dispersion process, notes Demond, but the method was not based on strong scientific evidence of how the two fluids interact. The Michigan researchers were motivated to fill some of the knowledge gaps. They



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experimented by filling a tank with water, covering the water with a plate, and pouring ethanol mixtures on top. The plate was then pulled away and the researchers recorded videos of the two fluids as they began to mix. The videos showed flow patterns called convection cells forming at the interface of the ethanol mixture and water. The mixing of the two fluids produced heat that changed the density and viscosity of the fluid, giving rise to circulation currents. In contrast, pure gasoline is essentially insoluble in water and primarily remains on the surface where it vaporizes into the air. "The mixing behavior [of ethanol-based fuel mixtures and water], from my perspective, is very unusual," says Demond. "I've never seen anything quite like it and it certainly is not passive the way that modeling guidelines suggest." Aline Cotel, also an associate professor at the University of Michigan and another member of the research team, will present videos of the unusual mixing patterns at the conference. As a next step, the researchers would like to study how different ethanol mixtures vaporize, helping them to determine how much of a spill would end up mixed into the water and how much would volatilize into the air. Although ethanol is biodegradable, in high concentrations it can be toxic to fish and other aquatic life. The ethanol in ethanol/gasoline blends might also transport some of the carcinogenic components of gasoline into the water during the mixing process. "We can't make statements about the environmental impact of ethanol before we've more fully investigated its potential effects on surface water quality in the event of a spill," note the researchers. Ultimately, they hope their work will help answer outstanding questions about how ethanol mixes with water, giving scientists and policy makers a firmer grasp of the potential risks of ethanol-based biofuels.

<http://esciencenews.com/articles/2012/11/17/mixing.processes.could.increase.impact.biofuel.spills.aquatic.environments>

USA, CO, KUSA, NOVEMBER 18 2012. COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE EMPLOYEE INJURED BY FIREWORKS

A Colorado Parks and Wildlife employee in the San Luis Valley was injured in an accident involving the explosion of a commercial firework. A spokesman for the organization told 9NEWS the officer was investigating an incident where illegal fireworks had been used to harass wildlife. The employee transported the fireworks from the scene in his truck, and was injured several days later while unloading them at his home. The spokesman did not release the employee's name or give specific details about his injuries. The incident is under investigation.

<http://www.9news.com/news/local/article/300204/346/Colorado-Parks-and-Wildlife-employee-injured-by-fireworks>

AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, ESPERANCE, NOVEMBER 18 2012. HEALTH FEARS FOR TOXIC LEAD TOWN

trevor paddenburg



Views of Esperance and Esperance Port in south east WA.

Major flaws have been exposed in WA's biggest environmental contamination clean-up, with hundreds of Esperance homes still polluted with toxic lead. The Sunday Times can also reveal many businesses remain contaminated because owners refused cleaning, fearing it would cost them customers. The WA Government yesterday refused to reveal which buildings were decontaminated. "Due to confidentiality reasons, information about specific locations cannot be provided," Transport Minister Troy Buswell said. Parents said they had again been failed by the Government, which ran the \$27.5 million clean-up that finished in August and was described as a great success by Premier Colin Barnett. A confidentiality agreement means he cannot be named or he faces jail, but a senior clean-up worker said there were "serious flaws" in the project and spoke out because he fears for "my kids and the kids of Esperance". He claimed:

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- Crews only cleaned half the roof spaces of a local primary school.
- Many businesses did not opt in for decontamination because they did not want the inconvenience.
- Many homeowners did not opt in, so decontamination was piecemeal across town.
- Other buildings were bypassed for cleaning so the project deadline could be met.
- The clean-up was divided into 12 zones around town but only 11 were completed because of budget constraints.

"We were told right from the start this was about public perception," the senior staffer said. "They spent \$27 million and they need to spend that again to do the job right. It all came down to dollars and cents. "If the sampling or cleaning didn't get done by the cut-off date, that was it, bad luck." More than 100 children recorded high levels of lead in their blood in 2007 after the local port and Magellan Metals showered the town, 725km southeast of Perth, in toxic lead carbonate concentrate dust over a two-year period. A parliamentary inquiry found the Department of Environment and Conservation, Environmental Protection



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Authority, Department of Mines, Esperance Port Authority and Magellan Metals all failed the community. Esperance mining safety campaigner Shaun Maddock said: "This cycle of incompetence and negligence needs to be broken. We need a royal commission into the mining sector." But Mr Buswell said clean-up guidelines were rigorously adhered to, all agencies and the community were involved, and all premises within the contamination zone were "vigorously" tested though he would not say which ones were decontaminated.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/health-fears-for-toxic-lead-town/story-e6frg6n6-1226518805775>

SRI LANKA, SAPUGASKANDA, NOVEMBER 18 2012. TWO KILLED, 11 HOSPITALIZED IN GAS LEAK AT SRI LANKA'S REFINERY



At least two people have been killed and another 11 have been admitted to the hospital today after inhaling a noxious gas at the Sapugaskanda oil refinery. Dr. Anil Jasinghe, Director of the Colombo National Hospital said there were no external injuries on the persons dead or admitted and it appears to be due to the inhalation of a toxic gas. Reportedly the workers who were repairing a leaking pipeline at the refinery have come under the effects of the leaking gas. Some workers are being treated at the medical facility within the refinery premises. The authorities said the leak had occurred on a pipeline currently under repair and asserted that the leakage is completely due to an accident and not an act of sabotage.

http://www.colombopage.com/archive_12B/Nov16_1353088606CH.php

NIGERIA, IBENO, NIGERIA, NOV 18 2012. NIGERIA EXXON SPILL SPREADS FOR MILES ALONG COAST >> EXXON APOLOGISES, SAYS CLEAN UP UNIT MOBILISED

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- Second major oil spill near Exxon facility in three months
- A raft of production problems has hit Nigeria's output

An oil spill at an ExxonMobil facility offshore from the Niger Delta has spread at least 20 miles from its source, coating waters used by fishermen in a film of sludge. A Reuters reporter visiting several parts of Akwa Ibom state saw a rainbow-tinted oil slick stretching for 20 miles (32 km) from a pipeline that Exxon had shut down because of a leak a week ago. Locals scooped it into jerry cans. Mark Ward, the managing director of ExxonMobil's local unit, said a clean up had been mobilised, and he apologised to affected communities for the spill. Exxon said last Sunday it had shut a pipeline off the coast of Akwa Ibom state after an oil leak whose cause was unknown. "This is the worst spill in this community since Exxon started its operations in the area," said Edet Asuquo, 40, a fisherman in the Mkpanak community, as women scooped oil into buckets. In some marshy areas, plants were poking out of the slick, not yet dead and blackened by the oil. "The fishermen cannot fish any longer and have no alternative means of survival," Asuquo said. The U.S. major's outage comes on top of multiple production problems in Africa's biggest crude exporter, after fellow oil majors Shell and Eni reported disruptions at onshore sites due to oil theft and Nigeria's worst flooding in 50 years. "Mobil Producing Nigeria (MPN) regrets this incident. Our teams are being mobilised to clean up the area," Ward said in a statement emailed to Reuters. "We apologise for the inconveniences that it has caused."

Oil Slick

One fisherman described noticing a large quantity of oil on the surface of the sea and all over the beach the Friday before last, adding that the company has since sprayed chemicals in the water, which was helping to disperse it. It was the second major oil spill near Exxon facilities in three months. At the end of August, an oil spill left a slick running for miles along the coast. Oil spills are common in Nigeria, where enforcement of environmental regulations is lax and armed gangs frequently damage pipelines to steal crude. Oil majors say thieves are responsible for most of the spills on shore. A U.N. report in August last year criticised the government and multinational oil firms for 50 years of oil pollution that has devastated the Ogoniland region. "Our prayers are for tough punishment on the oil companies operating the Niger Delta," said Inyang Ekong, the secretary of the



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fishermen's association, as the car he was in swept past oil washing up onto beaches in an area called Ibeno. Oil major BP Plc this week agreed to pay \$4.5 billion in penalties for spilling nearly 5 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. Despite thousands of barrels a year spilt by oil majors in Nigeria, none has ever been forced to make a financially significant settlement. Some communities are now attempting to sue for compensation from Shell in Western courts. A raft of production outages has caused export delays to Nigerian crude to lengthen, as the country's number one export suffers acutely, oil traders say. Shell still has a force majeure in place on Forcados and Bonny Light crude oil grades after a tanker being used to steal oil caught fire on Sept. 30, spreading a blaze across several oil and gas installations.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/17/nigeria-exxonspill-idUSL5E8MH3VZ20121117>

INDIA, MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 19 2012. TANKER OWNER, FUEL STATION DEALER HELD FOR CNG CYLINDER EXPLOSION

Four persons were arrested for the explosion at a compressed natural gas (CNG) filling station in Goregaon on Friday. The explosion had led to the death of a 19-year-old boy and had injured two others. At around 3.30pm on Friday, the Vanrai police arrested Ramesh Dudhare, 60, the water tanker owner, Gulam Tahir Sarotiya, 46, one of the owners of the fuel station, Bhushan Jaiswal, 45, the tankertruck driver and Ganesh More, 40, who worked at the fuel station. The police charged them for culpable homicide not amounting to murder. "We will interrogate the driver and the tanker owner for negligence on their part," said Sudhir Ranshevre, senior inspector of Vanrai police. The police also seized the tanker and informed the Regional Transport Office (RTO) after which further inspections will be conducted on the vehicle. The RTO officials will be inspecting the tanker thoroughly to ascertain if the explosion occurred due to faulty cylinders. Santosh Khadke, sub-inspector of Vanrai police said, "The vehicle must undergo a check every five years. We now know that the last routine check was conducted on the vehicle in 2005. No check was conducted even after the due date in 2008." The inspectors and engineers affiliated with Mahanagar Gas Limited will also conduct an inspection. The report of the vehicle's inspection will be sent to the collector's office and to the RTO as well, added Ranshevre. The accused have been remanded in police custody till Monday and the police said that further action would be taken after their interrogation. On Friday, Rakesh Saroj, 19, died after he sustained injuries after four cylinders of compressed natural gas (CNG) attached to a water tanker exploded at around 6.45am. Rameshchandra Joshi and Somnath Suryavanshi, who were injured in the incident, have been discharged after preliminary medical treatment.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/India-news/Mumbai/Tanker-owner-fuel-station-dealer-held-for-CNG-cylinder-explosion/Article1-961189.aspx>

USA, TX, GUADALUPE CO, NOVEMBER 19 2012. PROPANE TRUCK DRIVER KILLED

felicia frazar



Firefighters from New Berlin and La Vernia Fire Departments survey the damaged cab of a propane truck after it was involved in a three-vehicle collision, killing 59-year-old, James Skrzycki, the driver of the truck, on FM 775 at Blue Creek Road around 2 p.m. on Friday. Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers are investigating the wreck that closed down FM 775 between Scull Road and Blue Creek Road for about four hours.

A Seguin man is dead following a three-car collision on Friday. The wreck happened around 2 p.m. at the intersection of FM 775 and Blue Creek Road. Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers said a Smith Gas Co. Inc. propane truck, driven by James Skrzycki, 59, was traveling north on FM 775, when a Ford F150 coming off of Blue Creek Road struck the truck the 1985 Chevy Tanker. The impact caused the vehicle to turn on its left side and it continued traveling north, troopers said. At the same time, a 2005 GMC Envoy traveling southbound on FM 775 crashed into the cab of the propane truck, troopers said. Skrzycki was pinned under the cab of the truck and was pronounced dead at the scene. The

driver and passenger of the SUV were transported to Guadalupe Regional Medical Center for treatment, while the driver and passenger of the pick up were checked out and released at the scene. La Vernia and New Berlin firefighters and first responders were called to the scene. After the four survivors of the wreck were checked out or transported, firefighters had



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another growing concern — the tipped over propane truck. "We checked, double checked and triple checked the propane tank for leaks," said New Berlin Volunteer Fire Chief Kurt Strey. "Luckily there were no leaks with the propane tank. We called La Vernia FD for additional manpower and equipment." Before the over-tuned truck could be moved, the propane had to be removed from the tank, causing a delay in clearing the scene and reopening traffic flow. FM 775 was shutdown between Scull Road and Blue Creek until 6 p.m. The wreck remains under investigation.

http://seguingazette.com/news/article_3dfa4d72-30ee-11e2-9a84-001a4bcf887a.html

SAUDI ARABIA, ABHA, NOVEMBER 19 2012. FOURTH PETROL TANKER ON FIRE IN SAUDI



A petrol tanker overturned and caught fire in Saudi Arabia on Saturday, the fourth tanker blaze incident to take place in the Gulf Kingdom in less than two weeks. The tanker was making a risky turn in a rugged area near the southern town of Abha when the driver lost control of the vehicle, causing it to overturn. "It caught fire but it was later brought under control by the civil defence units which rushed to the area...the vehicle was badly damaged but there were no casualties," Okaz Arabic language daily said. Three other tanker accidents have occurred in Saudi Arabia over the past three weeks, including the one that killed 23 people and injured more than 100 in the capital Riyadh.

<http://www.emirates247.com/news/region/fourth-petrol-tanker-on-fire-in-saudi-2012-11-18-1.483592>

USA, ID, ST ANTHONY, NOVEMBER 19 2012. ST. ANTHONY COLLIDES WITH BACK OF FUEL TANKER

A St. Anthony woman escaped serious injury after Idaho State Police say her vehicle hit the back of a fuel tanker Saturday afternoon near St. Anthony. At 5:51 p.m., the Idaho State Police investigated a two vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 20 at milepost 344 near St Anthony. Clive Wright, 61, of Roberts, was driving a fuel tanker and stopped at a railroad crossing. Mikki Hathaway, 47, of St Anthony, was traveling behind Clive in a BMW passenger car and collided with the rear of Clive's vehicle. Mikki was transported to Madison Memorial by private vehicle, treated, and released. Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts, and lanes were blocked for approximately one and a half hours. This crash is under investigation by the Idaho State Police with assistance from St Anthony PD, Fremont Sheriff's Office and Fremont Fire and EMS.

http://www.rexburgstandardjournal.com/news/st-anthony-collides-with-back-of-fuel-tanker/article_9a14f2f8-3150-11e2-aea3-0019bb2963f4.html#axzz2CeMbiWep

USA, KY, CAMPBELLVILLE, NOVEMBER 19 2012. FIRE AT CAMPBELLVILLE GAS STATION AFTER CAR HITS METER

joey brown

 Watch the Video's:

- [Fire at Campbellville Gas Station after Car Hits Meter](#)
- [Update: Car Runs Into Gas Station, Causes Fire](#)



Flames could be seen shooting out of a BP station in Campbellville on Saturday.

A car hit a gas main at a BP station in Campbellville Saturday afternoon, causing a fire, according to emergency crews on the scene. Investigators said the car nearly hit a man before crashing into the gas main. "I jumped out of the way. It missed me by about five, six feet at the most," said Irwin Davis. Four people were inside the car. Two people were taken to a hospital with injuries that were not considered life-threatening. Investigators believe the driver of the car may have suffered a seizure. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire before it spread to neighboring buildings.

<http://www.wave3.com/story/20131205/fire-at-campbellville-gas-station-after-car-hits-meter>



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USA, TX, FORT WORTH, NOVEMBER 19 2012. CAR CRASHES AT FORT WORTH GAS STATION; TWO DEAD

 [Watch the Video 2 Dead at Fort Worth Gas Station >> Car Crash](#)

Two men were killed in a one-car accident early Saturday in far north Fort Worth. Police said the vehicle the men were in was traveling eastbound in the 13000 block of Saginaw Boulevard when the driver lost control and hit a ravine about 2:05 a.m. The car then went airborne about 70 feet and hit a gas station canopy support. The passenger in the car was identified by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's office as 27-year-old Christopher Weldon. The driver's name was withheld pending notification of relatives. Investigators were reviewing surveillance video at the convenience store to learn more about how the accident happened.

<http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/Car-crashes-at-Fort-Worth-gas-station-two-dead-179798551.html>

NIGERIA, EBONYI STATE, EZZA SOUTH, NOVEMBER 21 2012. TWO DIE AS PETROL TANKER CRASHES, SPREADS FIRE TO EBONYI VILLAGE



An octogenarian was among two persons who died on Monday when a petrol-laden tanker crashed and spread fire to Ntezi-Amuzu village in Ezza South Local Government Area of Ebonyi State. The victims, Mr. Felix Mgbada and Mrs. Margaret Nworie, were burnt to death in their houses when the fuel spilled from the tanker and caught fire, the News Agency of Nigeria reports. The vehicle, with registration number XA 574 CAL, skidded off the road when the driver lost control on the Afikpo-Abakaliki highway. A witness, Mr. Emeka Nwafor, told NAN that the incident occurred at about 5.30 a.m. because of excessive speed by the driver. "The driver lost control of the vehicle when it skidded off the road, forcing it to crash. "Some villagers came out to scoop fuel when suddenly the whole place went up in flames," Nwafor said. He said the incident caused the villagers to flee their homes, adding that two people lost their lives and several others got various degrees of injury.

The fire that raged from the spill burnt an 80-year-old man in his house while it also trapped another woman trying to flee the scene. NAN reports that several buildings and other property worth millions of naira were destroyed in the inferno. The Public Relations Officer of the Ebonyi State Police Command, Mr. Sylvester Igbo, confirmed that two persons died in the incident with unspecified number of persons injured. Igbo told NAN in Abakaliki that his men were dispatched to the scene to control traffic and carry out further rescue operations. He said he had yet to get full details of the incident. He, however, said that his men were at the scene to ease traffic. NAN reports that traffic on the Afikpo-Abakaliki highway was brought to a stand-still as a result of the incident.

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=68435>

USA, CA, SAN FRANCISCO, NOVEMBER 21 2012. GROUP: TOXICS LINGER AFTER CHEVRON FIRE

peter fimrite

Cancer-causing chemicals linger around homes and in gardens over a 9-square-mile area more than three months after a catastrophic fire at the Chevron refinery in Richmond, according to an environmental justice group. Independent testing by Global Community Monitor found that toxic fallout from the giant plume of smoke and soot that spewed from the plant on Aug. 6 blanketed an area stretching from Albany to San Pablo with dangerous hydrocarbons. Five of eight samples of dust at different residential locations around the refinery had high levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, or PAHs, in the dust and soil, said [Denny Larson](#), executive director of the Richmond group, which tests for toxic substances in urban communities and advocates for tighter regulations and monitoring. Among the carcinogenic compounds was benzo(a)pyrene, according to the laboratory analysis done by ALS Environmental in Kelso, Wash.

'Potent Carcinogens'

"PAHs are extremely hazardous. They are one of the most potent carcinogens in existence," said Larson, adding that people, particularly outdoor gardeners, can inhale the dust, accumulate it through skin contact and eat it in produce. "We felt it was important to let people know that this stuff is still out there so that people can take the proper precautions." [Sean Comey](#), a spokesman for Chevron, questioned the results. "The conclusion of independent experts is that there is not a significant risk



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from the August 6 fire," he wrote in an e-mail. That's based on "air samples the Contra Costa County health department and the Bay Area [Air Quality Management District](#) took during the fire." [Wendel Brunner](#), director of the county's health department, could not be reached for comment. The fire is believed to have been caused by hydrocarbon vapor leaking from a corroded pipe. It sent noxious smoke wafting over the East Bay, forcing thousands to seek shelter indoors and prompting 15,000 people to seek treatment at local hospitals. Federal authorities are conducting a criminal investigation into accusations that Chevron, unbeknownst to regulators, piped pollutants around monitoring equipment at the refinery for four years and burned an unknown quantity of gases off into the atmosphere. California workplace regulators are also probing safety practices. Still, nobody has been able to quantify exactly how many toxic chemicals were released into the community. Chevron officials have insisted that the white plume seen rising over the refinery just before the fire was mostly steam. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District, which is responsible for protecting air quality in the nine Bay Area counties, concluded after initial testing that all but one of the toxic pollutants commonly associated with petroleum production were at background levels during the fire and did not pose a significant health risk. The problem, according to environmental analysts, was that only two of the eight air-quality monitoring stations in the area are in Richmond - and none is at the refinery.

Risk Unknown

Larson said inadequate monitoring prompted his group to do its own testing. It is unclear what danger short-term exposure to the chemicals can pose, but Larson said the regulatory agencies should at least be conducting tests and warning people. "Everybody agrees they are very potent carcinogens and that they have all these really nasty properties, but when it comes to judging the danger of a single event like this, there are no benchmarks or reference levels to judge the effect," Larson said. "Can we say that the exposure level was enough to bump anyone over to manifesting cancer? No. But it could be possible that this in combination with exposures over a lifetime could have a significant impact on a person's health."

<http://www.sfgate.com/default/article/Group-Carcinogens-linger-after-Chevron-fire-4048522.php>

USA, LA, NEW ORLEANS, NOVEMBER 21 2012. ENGINEERS DENY CHARGES IN BP SPILL >> TWO WHO OVERSAW KEY SAFETY TEST ARE SET TO APPEAR IN U.S. COURT ON SEAMAN'S MANSLAUGHTER COUNTS

tom fowler & russell gold



Betty Doud lights candles in front of crosses representing the 11 victims of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion before a vigil to mark the first anniversary of the BP PLC oil spill on a beach in Grand Isle, La., Wednesday, April 20, 2011.

In the hours before the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig exploded in 2010, two BP engineers made what turned out to be a catastrophic misjudgment about a critical safety test. Now the men face criminal charges in a court case starting later this month that experts say will be a tough test for both the prosecution and defense. Don Vidrine, 65 years old, and Robert Kaluza, 63, are slated to appear in U.S. District Court in New Orleans on Nov. 28 on charges including "seaman's manslaughter" that could send them to prison for a decade or more. The charges stem from their failure to properly interpret a key safety test on the drilling rig before the deadly blowout, which killed 11 people and caused the

largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history. Lawyers for the men deny the allegations. The men oversaw a final test to determine whether cement pumped into the well to seal it off was holding back oil and gas more than three miles below the sea floor. In the case of seaman's manslaughter, which is based on an 1830s-era law aimed at protecting sailors from dangerous decisions made by captains or crew members, the government must prove only simple negligence. "Simple negligence is a failure to exercise care that a reasonably prudent person would exercise under the circumstances," said Gregory Linsin, a former prosecutor with the Justice Department's Environmental Crimes Section who now is a partner with Blank Rome LLP in Washington. That is a lower burden than that required in most other manslaughter statutes, in which prosecutors must show that individuals behaved recklessly, or with a willful disregard for known risk, Mr. Linsin said. However, prosecutors still have to prove to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt that the men failed to exercise that care, and some defense lawyers not connected to the case said that could be a challenge. "It's still a surprise that the Department of Justice would pin the entire incident on just these two 60-year-old guys who were actually working on the rig," said Jimmy Ardoin, a criminal defense lawyer in Houston. Numerous failures led to the Deepwater Horizon disaster, as The Wall Street Journal has reported. The cement at the bottom of oil well didn't hold back surging oil and gas, and an important safety device called the blowout preventer didn't



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seal off the well. According to the indictment, by failing to contact onshore engineers about troubling readings the men saw from multiple "negative pressure tests" on the day of the accident, accepting "nonsensical explanations" for the results from others and failing to fully investigate the anomalies, "the negligent and grossly-negligent conduct of defendants Kaluza and Vidrine proximately caused the deaths." "It is almost inconceivable that any fair-minded person would blame this hard working and diligent man for one of the most catastrophic events in the history of the oil business," said Robert Habans, Mr. Vidrine's lawyer. Mr. Kaluza's lawyer, David Gerger, said his client was "devastated" by the charges and that he is being made a scapegoat by prosecutors. "Bob was not an executive or high-level BP official," Mr. Gerger said. "He was a dedicated rig worker who mourns his fallen co-workers every day." Mr. Vidrine and Mr. Kaluza, each with years of experience, were responsible for executing orders sent from shore as to how the well would be built. On the day of the explosion, Mr. Kaluza oversaw the first negative pressure test, which came back with results that were viewed on the rig at the time as confusing. Mr. Vidrine conducted a second test when he took over for Mr. Kaluza late in the afternoon, and the results also were unusual. After conferring with others on the rig about the results, Mr. Vidrine gave the go-ahead to continue with operations. There were no federal rules about how to conduct such a test at the time. That has since changed; federal regulators finalized new drilling rules last week that spell out test procedures. Assistant Attorney General Lanny Breuer said Thursday after unsealing the indictments that the accident was caused by "BP's culture of privileging profit over prudence." BP has denied it has such a culture. David Uhlmann, a University of Michigan law professor who previously led the Justice Department's environmental-crimes unit, said the issue of BP's corporate culture is likely to come up at trial. "It raises the question if it's fair to charge these individuals who had no influence or authority over these policies and this culture," Mr. Uhlmann said.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323622904578127173280594296.html>

USA, OH, NORTH JACKSON, NOVEMBER 21 2012. TANKER OVERTURNS IN NORTH JACKSON

 [Watch the Video Tanker Overturns](#)

A road in North Jackson has been shut down after a propane tanker overturned early Monday. Officials said the tanker was driving northbound on Duck Creek Road when the accident happened. The Ohio State Highway Patrol said the truck went off the right side of the road and flipped on its side. Troopers are still investigating the cause of the crash. Firefighters did not find any leaking fluids so a Hazmat crew was never called to inspect. The driver was taken to an area hospital but is expected to be treated for non-fatal injuries.

<http://www.foxyoungstown.com/content/news/local/story/Tanker-Overturns-in-North-Jackson/X72CSgPQJkq5TuUHfw9Q.csp>

USA, MI, LANSING, NOVEMBER 21 2012. MICHIGAN COURT HOLDS TANK REPAIR COSTS NOT COVERED UNDER UST POLICY

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In its recent decision in *H & M Petro Mart v. Zurich Am. Ins. Co.*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 163205 (E.D.Mich. Nov, 15, 2012), the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan had occasion to consider the scope of an insurer's coverage obligations under a storage tank liability policy. Zurich insured H&M Petro Mart under a Storage Tanks System Third Party Liability and Cleanup Policy, providing environmental cleanup coverage for releases of product from four insured underground storage tanks. The policy defined "tank" to include "any connected piping, ancillary equipment and containment system that is on, within, or under a 'scheduled location.'" Further, the policy defined "cleanup costs" as necessary costs related to the "investigation, removal, remediation, neutralization or immobilization of contaminated soil, surface water, groundwater, or other contamination." Notably, the policy contained an exclusion applicable to: L. any costs for the reconstruction, repair, removal, maintenance, replacement, upgrading, or rebuilding of any "scheduled storage tank system", personal property, fixtures, buildings, or any other improvements and any site enhancement or routine maintenance on, within, or under the "schedule location(s)". H&M reported a release to Zurich in 2009, and Zurich subsequently paid in excess of \$190,000 in costs identified as "cleanup costs." Zurich, however, disclaimed coverage for certain costs submitted by H&M that related to reinstallation and/or reconstruction of gas pumps, such as installation of new product lines, electrical wire and conduits, reconstruction of a sewer system and canopy drain, installation of dispenser islands and bumper guards, and re-installation and calibration of dispensers. H&M also sought coverage for costs associated with pouring of 5,800 square feet of concrete on the ground above where the new tanks had been installed. Zurich determined that such costs were for site enhancement and not properly



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categorized as remediation costs. H&M argued in a subsequent declaratory judgment action that the denied costs were integral to the remediation of its site and thus should qualify as "cleanup costs." Specifically, H&M argued that in order to effectuate the environmental cleanup required by the state, H&M was required to rip up the concrete at its gas station and remove its tanks, in order to gain access to the contaminated soils. As such, argued H&M, these items were damaged by the release, and their replacement costs should come within the policy's coverage. H&M also argued that it was required to replace certain portions of its tanks and repour the concrete in order to comply with applicable regulations. The court agreed that while it may have been necessary to remove portions of the tanks and concrete in order to effectuate the remediation, this did not mean that the costs of replacing such items came within the policy's coverage. On the contrary, the policy specifically excluded coverage for such items as indicated in exclusion L, which explicitly barred coverage for tank repairs or reconstruction. The court drew a distinction between costs necessary to effectuate the remediation and costs covered under the policy: Zurich assumed the costs for cleaning up the soil and groundwater to bring its quality up to standards required by governmental regulations. Zurich satisfied this obligation when MDEQ issued a "closed" designation to the site. It appears as if the services invoiced may be "necessary" in remediating the contaminated area because excavation of the site was required to treat the surrounding affected area. Inevitably, items on the surface of the location required removal in order to remediate the contamination. Although they may be necessary in order to effectuate remediation, these costs are explicitly excluded in Section IV.L of the Policy. The court held similarly with respect to repouring concrete at H&M's station. The court agreed that while such work was necessary to restore the site to its original condition, Zurich's policy did not afford coverage for such work. Rather, Zurich's coverage obligations were limited to remediating any environmental contamination. As the court explained, the policy "unambiguously excluded coverage for costs associated with restoring the entire premises back to its original condition."

<http://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/michigan-court-holds-tank-repair-costs-n-31431/>

USA, N.Y, SIDNEY, NOVEMBER 21 2012. AMPHENOL AGREES TO \$1M SETTLEMENT IN CONTAMINATION LAWSUIT

steve reilly

A federal lawsuit accusing one of the Southern Tier's largest employers of contaminating the ground beneath a Delaware County neighborhood has ended in a settlement worth nearly \$1 million. Last year, a group of residents and property owners alleged Sidney-based Amphenol Corp. was liable for the release of "a plume of toxic chemicals" that migrated through soils and groundwater into a neighborhood adjacent to the plant, releasing toxic vapors into homes. In a settlement signed in September and approved by U.S. District Court Judge David E. Peebles on Oct. 22, Amphenol did not admit liability or fault but agreed to pay the plaintiffs \$725,000. The agreement calls for an additional \$200,000 to be held in escrow for payment to anyone who makes a claim "substantially similar" to the complaint within the next year. "I do not have (a) comment for Amphenol on this subject," company spokeswoman Mimi Morgan said in an e-mail. Amphenol, a prominent manufacturer of electronic devices for military, commercial aerospace and industrial uses, employs about 1,400 workers locally. According to the Broome County Industrial Development Agency, it is the eight-largest employer in Greater Binghamton. Cynthia Manchester, a Binghamton-based attorney who represented nearly 190 plaintiffs in the case, declined to discuss the settlement. "I think the clients are very happy to have this put to rest," she said. "I think this is a big relief to put this aside and to move forward." The lawsuit stems from the discovery in 1984 of soil contamination in the area of a tank that had been used to store waste oils on Amphenol's property. Contamination related to various petroleum products and volatile organic compounds was found in the northern area of Amphenol's property and off-site, according to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Following a soil vapor intrusion investigation, mitigation systems were installed at 17 residences north of the facility. In May 2011, a group of residents filed a legal complaint accusing Amphenol of allowing trichloroethylene (TCE) and other contaminants to leak from its facility. The legal complaint alleges Amphenol "wrongfully, wantonly and recklessly, with conscious indifference and disregard to the health and safety of the residents of the Village of Sidney ... poured, dumped, discharged, released, emitted, leaked or otherwise allowed the chemicals to enter the environment outside of the plant buildings and grounds." The lawsuit was transferred from a state to a federal court in July 2011. The next month, attorneys for Amphenol filed a response asking the court to dismiss the case because the plaintiffs "failed to allege any facts to show that any plaintiff has suffered an actual physical injury due to alleged VOC exposure." According to the settlement agreement, negotiations began shortly thereafter and concluded in September, with both sides agreeing on a settlement because of "substantial uncertainties with respect to litigation." Manchester said the settlement agreement should not have been published by the federal court and technically shouldn't have been available for public viewing. The document,



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which includes a confidentiality clause, was obtained by the Press & Sun-Bulletin through the federal Public Access to Court Electronic Records system. The Amphenol lawsuit follows the same pattern as an increasingly protracted series of toxic tort lawsuits filed by about 1,000 plaintiffs against IBM, accusing the company of liability for a plume of TCE contamination centered on its former campus in the Village of Endicott. Lenny Siegel, the executive director of the California-based Center For Public Environmental Oversight and an expert on TCE contamination, said lawsuits stemming from alleged soil vapor intrusion and groundwater contamination related to the contaminant are usually resolved — if at all — through settlements rather than rulings. Vapor intrusion connected to TCE has evolved as a major issue only in the last few years, he said. And unlike other contaminants, such as asbestos, it does not leave a fingerprint that directly connects potential medical issues to contamination. "You don't know how much they were exposed, it's over time, and there are other factors that contribute to the health endpoints," Siegel said. "That's why things end in a settlement and not a ruling, because it is a hard thing to show." <http://www.pressconnects.com/article/20121119/NEWS01/311190046/Amphenol-agrees-1M-settlement-contamination-lawsuit?odyssey=nav%7Chead>

USA, TX, GARLAND, NOVEMBER 21 2012. GARLAND FIRE'S CAUSE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

 [Watch the Video Cause of Fire Still Under Investigation](#)

It has been three days since a spectacular explosion and fire at a chemical plant in Garland, and investigators are not any closer to determining what sparked the blast. The blaze at the plant owned by Nexeo Solutions forced evacuations as workers scrambled for safety. State and federal investigators will be back in Garland on Monday, trying to determine what caused the massive fire that started shortly before 3:30 p.m. on Friday. Black smoke billowed into the sky for hours and could even be seen from DFW International Airport, while employees of the Nexeo Solutions plant ran to safety. People at nearby businesses were also evacuated. No injuries were reported. It took several hours for firefighters to calm the blaze. Nexeo Solutions offers environmental services. The plant in Garland distributes chemicals, plastics and composites. A company executive said that a rail-car containing methanol was being unloaded when the explosion took place. Methanol is a highly flammable and toxic wood alcohol. According to a report obtained from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), the Nexeo Solutions plant in Garland had been cited four times in 2011 for infractions ranging from how the company was handling industrial waste to a lack of training and inspections. Records from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration indicate that the Nexeo Solutions plant in Tewksbury, Massachusetts was cited earlier this year for problems with chemical storage and the potential for explosion. "The inspection did find that organic peroxides were stored near flammable liquids causing a fire hazard to employees," said Ted Fitzgerald of the OSHA office in Massachusetts. "The company accepted the citations, corrected the hazards, and paid a fine of \$4,500." The company says it took corrective action after the inspection. Nexeo says they are currently cooperating with authorities to determine the exact cause of Friday's fire. That investigation is expected to take up to six months. The company released the following statement when contacted about the organization's safety record. "Nexeo Solutions takes safety very seriously. After the citation, we took corrective actions to ensure we met OSHA regulations."

<http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2012/11/19/garland-fires-cause-still-under-investigation/>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, COFFS HARBOUR, NOVEMBER 21 2012. REPORT ON GASFIELD LEAKS IS PREMATURE, SAYS INDUSTRY

ben cubby



Issues for greenhouse gas emissions and human health ... research findings suggest the coal seam gas industry may not have properly accounted for gas leaks.

The coal seam gas industry has written to the vice-chancellor of Southern Cross University, attacking research that shows high levels of methane and carbon dioxide leaking from a gasfield. The letter accuses two researchers, Isaac Santos and Damien Maher, of sloppy work and says it is "deeply concerning" that the university has not publicly released all its data before the academic, peer-review process is completed. Dr Santos and Dr Maher found large-scale gas leaks in a gasfield operated by BG Group at Tara gasfield on Queensland's



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western downs. The findings, contained in a submission to the federal government, suggest the industry may not have properly accounted for gas leaks, which could have implications for human health and greenhouse gas emissions. "Without evidence to the contrary, it appears that the research undertaken by Dr Santos and Dr Maher has not met the basic standards required of a scientifically rigorous approach," the letter from David Byers, the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association's chief executive, said. An association spokesman, Chris Ward, said no one from the group had yet read the researchers' papers because they were under peer review before being published in a journal. "The letter to the university's vice-chancellor is self explanatory and simply asks for the research to be released in full in the interests of public transparency," Mr Ward said. "Any interpretation to the contrary is misguided." Fairfax Media understands that other universities have also received letters from the association, criticising the work of other researchers into coal seam gas emissions. Dr Santos said the research was important and he stood by the researchers' decision to send a submission to the government and hold a forum explaining the preliminary results before they were published. "I'm not pro or anti coal seam gas," Dr Santos said. "I believe in communicating good science to the public. Our first job as scientists is to do good science that matters. Our second job as scientists is to share good science with the public." Dr Santos said the peer-review process was expected to take months, but the federal government had requested submissions on the issue now. "The government requested submissions on fugitive emissions and set a deadline for those submissions," he said. "It was our responsibility to share what information we had." The Lock The Gate group, which wants a moratorium on coal seam gas drilling until more research is carried out, said the association was trying to undermine independent research. "This is nothing more than bullying and APPEA has a history of it," said the group's president, Drew Hutton. "They belittle the researcher, often without even having read the paper, try to destroy that person's credibility and implicitly or explicitly threaten their employers. They do all this to prevent genuine, independent research on coal seam gas from being carried out."

<http://www.smh.com.au/environment/report-on-gasfield-leaks-is-premature-says-industry-20121118-29ka2.html>

ENGLAND, LONDON, NOVEMBER 21 2012. TAKEOVER TALK HAUNTS BP ... AGAIN >> \$4.5 BILLION SETTLEMENT COULD BE LAST STRAW AS CIVIL LAWSUIT LOOMS



BP is once again the subject of takeover talk following a \$4.5 billion criminal settlement related to the oil company's oil spill in the Gulf Coast, according to a Bloomberg report. Bob Dudley shrank BP Plc in recent months to save it, according to the report. The onetime Mississippian and current chief executive officer has sold more than \$50 billion of assets to pay the costs of the worst U.S. oil spill in history in 2010. Rescued from the brink of collapse, Europe's second-largest oil company is now seen as vulnerable to a takeover. BP is the cheapest of the world's five biggest non-state oil companies by market value relative to reserves, earnings and output, the report states. As a result, it may become a target, according to people familiar with the strategic thinking of the London-based company and its potential acquirers. "You can absolutely make the case that it's a potential takeover target," said Julian Birkinshaw, a professor of strategy and entrepreneurship at the London Business School. "BP has been fighting wars on both the

eastern and western fronts" that held back buyers, he said. BP shares fell to the lowest since July after the criminal settlement was announced. BP is now the fourth-biggest non-state oil company by market value, having fallen behind Royal Dutch Shell Plc and Chevron Corp. since the spill. Exxon remains the world's most valuable oil company; at \$394 billion, it's almost three times the size of BP. Exxon is looking for ways to expand, and a merger between BP and Shell to create a European energy champion is also possible, sources told Bloomberg, asking not to be identified discussing a private matter. Officials for Exxon and Shell declined to comment.

[Click here](#) to read the complete Bloomberg report.

[http://www.cspnet.com/news/corporate/articles/takeover-talk-haunts-bp-again?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Daily%20News%2011-20-2012%20\(1\)&utm_content=&spMailingID=40570801&spUserID=MjY3NTM2OTUxMDES1&spJobID=167897504&spReportId=MTY3ODk3NTA0S0](http://www.cspnet.com/news/corporate/articles/takeover-talk-haunts-bp-again?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Daily%20News%2011-20-2012%20(1)&utm_content=&spMailingID=40570801&spUserID=MjY3NTM2OTUxMDES1&spJobID=167897504&spReportId=MTY3ODk3NTA0S0)

USA, TX, FORT WORTH, NOVEMBER 20 2012. ETHANOL SAFETY SEMINAR SCHEDULED IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS

The Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) & Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway to co-host a free Ethanol Safety Seminar on Nov. 29, 2012. The seminar will be held at the Fire Service Training Center on the northwest campus of Tarrant County College. This course was developed to give first responders, hazmat teams, and safety personnel an in-depth look at



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proper training techniques needed when responding to an ethanol-related emergency. A majority of this training is based on the Complete Training Guide to Ethanol Emergency Response, a training package created by the Ethanol Emergency Response Coalition (EERC) that has been distributed throughout the United States and to several countries worldwide. "Although rail has long been used to safely transport hazardous materials, we cannot overlook the possibility of responding to potential risks," said Patrick Brady, Assistant Director Hazardous Materials at BNSF Railway. "These Ethanol Safety Seminars provide local, state and federal emergency response teams with the training and knowledge they need to effectively react to any incident." "Safety within the ethanol industry is of the utmost importance," said Kristy Moore, RFA Vice President of Technical Services. "Preparation in education must be the first step for first responders, and we strongly encourage all those with responsibilities inside their communities pertaining to the industry to attend this seminar." The Ethanol Safety Seminar focuses on numerous important areas of ethanol safety including an introduction to ethanol and ethanol blended fuels, chemical and physical characteristics of ethanol and hydrocarbon fuels, transportation of ethanol blended fuels, storage and dispensing locations, firefighting foam principles and ethanol, ethanol blended fuel emergencies, and incidents at tank farm and bulk storage locations.

Click the URL to register for this seminar - [Welcome to Our Online Learning Site – Renewable Fuels Association](http://www.marinelink.com/news/scheduled-seminar-ethanol349346.aspx)
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VIETNAM, THAI BINH PROVINCE, NOVEMBER 21 2012. \$200M FOR NITRATE PLANT

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A consortium has scored a \$200 million contract to build a low-density ammonium nitrate plant in northern Thai Binh province. The group comprises of ThyssenKrupp Uhde, Toyo-Thai Corporation Public Company Limited, Toyo Vietnam Corporation Limited and Lilama 69-1 JSC. The contract includes basic engineering, detail engineering, supply of all equipment and materials, construction and commissioning. The project also comprises a nitric acid plant with a capacity of 500 tonnes per day and a tail gas treatment plant meeting high environmental standards. The low-density ammonium nitrate plant, invested by Mining Chemical Industry Holding Corporation Limited (Micco) will cover 22.6 hectares in Thai Tho Industrial Park and cost \$277 million. Work on the plant started last November and is set to open at the beginning of 2015,

when it will have a capacity of 200,000 tonnes per year.

[http://www.vir.com.vn/news/business/\\$200m-for-nitrate-plant.html](http://www.vir.com.vn/news/business/$200m-for-nitrate-plant.html)

USA, MD, CHESTER RIVER, NOVEMBER 21 2012. HOSPITAL NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WELL CONTAMINATION, UTILITIES MANAGER SIPES SAYS.

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Watch the Video [Hospital Not Responsible for Well Contamination](#)

Chester River Hospital's attempt to remove the remnants of an underground oil spill with oxygen injections into the ground water did not cause iron bacteria contamination in Well 9, said Chestertown Utilities Manager Bob Sipes at Monday's council meeting. "It does not show on any of the tests... that what happened at the hospital had any influence on what happened to Well 9," Sipes said, citing a recent study to determine the source of the contamination. "As it is right now, Well 9 was not impacted by what happened at the hospital." Maryland Department of Environment permitted the hospital to inject 6,000 pounds of carbon dioxide and oxygen into the Aquia Aquifer last summer in order to grow bacteria that would remove the remaining heating oil from a spill that occurred 25 years ago. The spill released an estimated 100,000 gallons of heating oil into the groundwater—forcing the shut down of another well that serviced the town with drinking water. Hospital officials say over 80,000 gallons of fuel has been recovered since the spill. Sipes expressed concern at the Aug. 20 council meeting that the timing of the oxygen injections last year, and the recent iron contamination of Well 9 this August, was "suspicious," based on what a repair contractor said when inspecting the well shortly after it malfunctioned. Sipes feared in August that oxygen injected into the shallow Aquia Aquifer could have migrated to the deeper Magothy Aquifer—causing the contamination. Iron bacteria can be bi-product of introducing oxygen into an aquifer, Sipes said. Sipes also said at the August 20 meeting that he



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hoped the contamination of Well 9 was just a coincidence, and the oxygen injections into the hospital's parking lot on Brown Street was not the source of iron contamination—and that subsequent tests could rule out the hospital as a source. Sipes said that Well 9 needs to be redeveloped with mechanical and chemical cleaning that will cost around \$20,000. He said any chemicals used would need to be EPA approved. With the presents of iron bacteria known, Sipes said the town should plan to set aside \$20,000 every five to six years for maintenance.

<http://chestertownspy.com/2012/11/20/hospital-not-responsible-for-well-contamination-utilities-manager-sipes-says/>

NIGERIA, LAGOS, NOVEMBER 21 2012. BREAKING NEWS: ANOTHER TANKER CRASH CAUSES DIVERSION, GRIDLOCK ALONG LAGOS-IBADAN EXPRESSWAY

For the third time with a week, a tanker has crashed along the Ibadan – Lagos Expressway spilling fuel on the road. The crash occurred after the Redeem Camp on the expressway, forcing the Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, to divert traffic. A post by the FRSC social media coordinator said a tanker with registration number XE 545 LRN crashed and spilled fuel on the road. "Traffic is heavy and there is a congestion around the scene. Motorists from Lagos are advised to go through the alternative route Mowe – Ofada – Papalanto and come back to the express road through the Shagamu interchange while, those from Ibadan axis should divert from the Shagamu Interchange to Papalanto – Ofada – Mowe," the road safety corps said. The FRSC said its officers and Fire Service officials are at the scene to effect traffic rules and maintain law and order. "Motorists are advised to be patient and cautious please," the FRSC said.

<http://www.informationnigeria.org/2012/11/breaking-news-another-tanker-%D1%81rash-%D1%81auses-diversion-gridlock-along-lagos-ibadan-expressway.html>

USA, TX, HOUSTON, NOVEMBER 21 2012. U.S. BOARD ISSUES SUBPOENA ON OFFSHORE PLATFORM BLAST



A U.S. industrial accident investigative board served Black Elk Energy with a subpoena on Monday, seeking information about last week's offshore Gulf of Mexico oil platform explosion that left one worker dead and another missing. Spokeswoman Hillary Cohen said the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, which investigates chemical spills, refinery explosions and other industrial accidents, will decide whether to launch a probe into Friday's blast once Houston-based Black Elk responds to the subpoena. The company has until November 30 to respond, Cohen said. The CSB has authority to subpoena witnesses, but not to issue fines or citations. The U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), which regulates offshore oil and gas drilling and production, is investigating the blast. BSEE said on

Monday that its investigative team met Black Elk personnel at the platform to go over the agency's plan to collect evidence, interview witnesses and review safety procedures. Once that information is analyzed, the agency can decide what enforcement plans are appropriate, BSEE Director James Watson said. On Saturday one of two missing workers was found dead and the U.S. Coast Guard suspended search and rescue efforts. Privately held Black Elk said it expanded its search for the second missing worker. On Monday, Black Elk did not respond to multiple queries about the status of the search. The Jefferson Parish Coroner's office, where the body of the deceased worker was taken on Saturday, said on Monday it had not received a second body related to the blast. Both those workers and several others hurt in the blast, are Filipino. Ambassador Jose Cuisa Jr. of the Philippine Embassy in Washington went to Louisiana on Monday to attend to the deceased man's remains, monitor the search and help the families of those injured. The explosion and fire occurred when workers were welding a pipe on the deck of West Delta Block 32 platform, which sits in 56 feet of water about 17 miles south of Grand Isle, Louisiana. The company told the U.S. Coast Guard that up to 28 gallons of oil in the pipe may have spilled, causing a sheen around the platform. Oil and gas production had been shut down since mid-August, according to Black Elk. Cohen said information the CSB is seeking includes use of combustible natural gas detectors, Black Elk's safety and environmental management systems and policies and prior safety violations or citations. Of 22 workers on board the platform, the Coast by energy facilities. Guard said 11 were taken to hospitals and nine were evacuated to near Grand Isle Shipyard Inc, a service and construction company in Louisiana, said 14 of its workers and subcontractors, including the man who died and the other still missing, were assigned to the Black Elk platform.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/19/us-offshore-subpoena-idUSBRE8AI14820121119>



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