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PAKISTAN, ORAKZAI AGENCY, DECEMBER 26 2-012. SEVEN FEARED DEAD IN COALMINE EXPLOSION

hannah osborne



Last year, 45 people were killed in a Pakistan coalmine following an explosion of methane gas.

At least seven people have been killed by a coalmine explosion in northwestern Pakistan. Mine officials said the explosion happened in the early hours of the morning in Dholi area of Lower Orakzai. Reports suggest that over 50 people were working underground at the time. A number of workers were injured although the exact number is unknown. It is believed that the explosion was caused by an accumulation of gas resulting from poor ventilation in the mine, Xinhua news agency reports. Eyewitnesses said that at least seven people were killed on the spot. Unconfirmed reports said that an eighth victim died on the way to hospital as a result of his injuries. All the deceased were from the Shangla

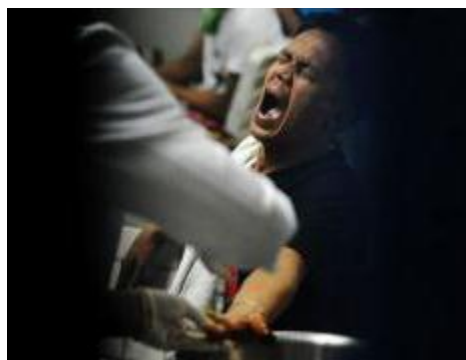
district. AFP said their bodies were taken to their home towns.

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/articles/418057/20121224/pakistan-coal-mine-explosion-accumulation-gasses-dholi.htm>

PHILIPPINES, MANILA, DECEMBER 26 2012. A WEEK BEFORE NEW YEAR: FIREWORKS INJURIES EXCEED 2011'S

 **Watch the Video:**

- [DOH on 'Code White' Alert for Fireworks-Related Injuries](#)
- [Firecracker Injuries on the Rise](#)



With a week to go before firecracker-packed New Year's eve parties, fireworks-related injuries have already shot up to 44, already exceeding the number of incidents recorded in the same period last year. "Fireworks injuries climb(ed) to 44 as of December 24, 2012 compared to 43 last year. Metro Manila leads all regions with 14 injuries," said National Epidemiology Center head Eric Tayag on his Twitter account. A 22 year old man in Compostela Valley lost his thumb, index and middle fingers after picking up a "super lolo," he tweeted. Based on data collected from 50 sentinel hospitals across the country between 6am on December 22 and 6am on December 24, the DOH's compiled an Injury Registry showing:

- The majority of injuries were in the National Capital Region. 32% or 14 of the 44 cases were in the NCR, followed by Region VI with 18% of cases and Region IX with 11%.
- 41% or 18 of the cases were caused by seemingly safe piccolos, which

look like a match

- Most of the injuries, or exactly 80%, were among males. Their ages ranged from 4 to 58
- 4% of the injuries occurred under the influence of alcohol
- 32% of the cases were among children 10 years old and younger. But children accounted for almost half of the 987 firecracker-related injuries between December 21, 2011 and January 5, 2012.

Historically more firecracker injuries are reported during New Year so the rise in injuries this early in the holiday season is a cause of concern for the Department of Health, which, together with the Philippine National Police, is at the forefront of efforts to curb fireworks-related accidents. However, the 44 cases are the same as the 5-year average between 2007 and 2011.

Possible Firecracker Ban in 2013

The health department is considering a partial or total fireworks ban if many more Filipinos are injured this year. "If we see the same numbers this year, then we might consider recommending a partial ban or total ban - a ban that can be discussed with other stakeholders," Tayag said in an ABS-CBN interview. However he added that he hopes the number of injuries will not exceed the 987 incidents from last year. A ban is not unprecedented. The local government of Davao has already imposed a total ban on firecrackers. In Davao City, at least 32 people have already been arrested for violating the ban, as of Christmas



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Eve, according to a report by DZBB radio. The majority, or 26, of those arrested were minors. They were given a stern talk at the social welfare office and released to their parents. Meanwhile, the 6 adults who were taken in will "undergo inquest proceedings" the day after Christmas. Davao may become the model for many other cities in 2013, if the DOH goes through with a total or partial fireworks ban.

Related Links

- [DOH considers banning firecrackers](#)
- [DOH monitors firecracker-related incidents](#)
- [DOH warns firecracker victims of tetanus](#)
- [DOH uses dance craze vs firecracker use](#)
- [DOH's Tayag dances Gangnam to fight firecracker use](#)

<http://www.rappler.com/nation/18562-a-week-before-new-year-fireworks-injuries-exceed-2011-s>

USA, TX, MCKINNEY, DECEMBER 26 2012. SIX CHILDREN INJURED, FOUR CRITICALLY, IN BACKYARD ACCIDENT INVOLVING FIRE AND GASOLINE IN MCKINNEY

robert wilonsky

Watch the Video

- [The fumes from the gas exploded'](#)
- [6 Children Burned in Fire in McKinney Backyard](#)

Photo's [5] 6 Children Injured In Explosion in McKinney Neighborhood



Six children were injured in an explosion in a residential neighborhood Monday when a gasoline can exploded in a backyard. The explosion occurred in the 800 block of Center Street just before 2 p.m. when the children were sprinkling gasoline on a fire pit, then put the can down. The fire followed a trail of gas back to the gas can, which exploded.

Update at 2:44 pm: Our Michael E. Young is at the scene, and according to McKinney Fire Department spokesperson Stacie Durham, six children — ranging in age from 4 to 11, all related — lit a blaze in the backyard fire pit. "Some of the children sprinkled some gasoline" onto the blaze, she says. But they put the can too close to the fire, and it exploded. Four children were flown

to Parkland; one was taken to the hospital by ambulance. Another was taken to Medical Center of McKinney by ambulance. Durham says at least one adult was in the house, but there was no grown-up in the back yard. Police say the father was on the scene as soon as it happened. Most of the children didn't speak any English, so communication was difficult. One man standing in front of the house, which has Christmas lights dangling from the roof, said he heard an explosion, then the sound of approaching ambulances. Deb Martin, a neighbor, said the family has lived in the home for several years. She ran over as soon as she heard the explosion. "It was a whoosh!" she said. "I don't know how else to describe it, and the kids were screaming. I thought maybe it was a firecracker, but they kept screaming. Some of the kids were running from the backyard." Martin said another three to six kids were in the backyard at the time but were not injured. Soon after she got there, other neighbors arrived: "We had them out. We were taking the clothes of them to ascertain the extent of the burns. One of the guys called 911." Then Martin choked up thinking about the tragedy. "It was a little difficult. There were a lot of small children." She said she didn't realize the children had critical injuries. Martin said a girl was among the injured, which jibes with earlier scanner chatter that a girl was among those taken by CareFlite to Parkland. "Her whole back and the back of her legs were peeling," said Martin. "She was about 6."

Original item at 2 pm: At least three CareFlite helicopters have been dispatched to an address on [Center Street in McKinney](#), where there are reports of several injured children. Details are scarce, but early reports indicate six children were playing with gasoline and fire at the home near E. University Drive. Four children were burned, according to reports, and at least three are in critical condition. KDFW-Channel 4 reports that the children were camping in the backyard, and that they had a fire going when one of the kids poured gasoline onto the blaze, at which point it exploded. WFAA-Channel 8 says the children were "sprinkling" gas onto the fire, which had been contained in a fire pit. According to scanner traffic, four kids were taken to



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Parkland Memorial Hospital's burn unit, one with burns covering more than 30 percent of his body. The other two children are said to have non-life-threatening injuries. At least two of the children are 4 years old; another is 5.

<http://thescoopblog.dallasnews.com/2012/12/several-children-injured-some-critically-in-backyard-accident-involving-fire-and-gasoline-in-mckinney.html/>

USA, AZ, PHOENIX, DECEMBER 26 2012. FUEL LEAK SPARKS 'SMALL FIRE' ON US AIRWAYS PLANE

deborah stocks



Authorities said a fuel leak sparked the 'small fire.'

Authorities say crew and passengers were safely evacuated when a plane caught fire at Sky Harbor Airport Monday night. A passenger on the US Airways flight told ABC15 she smelled something like gasoline as passengers boarded the plane bound for Vancouver, B.C. Katherine Zhukovsky said passengers were filling out customs forms and waiting to push back when the lights flickered and turned off. At that point, the flight crew told passengers to deplane quickly. Some passengers began taking photos from the terminal but stopped when they saw smoke coming out the right side of the plane and were afraid of what might happen, Zhukovsky said. Zhukovsky said they were waiting to be put on an aircraft at another gate. Air15 video showed fire crews pouring foam on the rear of the aircraft. Phoenix fire Capt. Jonathan Jacobs said a fuel leak caused the "small fire" aboard the Airbus 320.

http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_phoenix_metro/central_phoenix/fd-fuel-leak-sparks-small-fire-on-us-airways-plane

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, DECEMBER 26 2012. THREE BURNED IN NSW BARBECUE EXPLOSION

Two women and a seven-year-old boy have suffered burns to their legs in Sydney's southwest after a barbecue erupted into a fireball when methylated spirits was used to start it. The CareFlight medical rescue service said the barbecue exploded at a home in Glenfield on Christmas Day afternoon. Police, fire, ambulance and CareFlight crews rushed to the home, the rescue helicopter landing in a field 200 metres from the house to allow the crew's trauma doctor to assist ambulance paramedics treating the three. The CareFlight doctor said the barbecue erupted into a fireball when what is believed to be methylated spirits was used to help start it. A seven-year-old boy and his mother, from Kellyville in Sydney's northwest, suffered leg burns, as did another woman. The three were taken to hospital by road ambulance.

<http://www.skynews.com.au/local/article.aspx?id=829921>

USA, CA, WILMINGTON, DECEMBER 27 2012. WILMINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS TO BE CHECKED FOR CONTAMINATION

sandy mazza

While Wilmington Middle School students are off for winter break, federal environmental investigators will be probing their school and a nearby neighborhood for traces of hazardous chemicals in the air or topsoil. The suspected culprit is a degreasing solvent used at a truck stop that once occupied the area, which is on Lomita Boulevard between Avalon Boulevard and Main Street in Carson. Investigators will be trying to determine whether perchloroethene and trichloroethene found in the soil could be getting into air inside the school and homes, and whether that could cause health problems for people exposed to it. "Because of the measurable amounts (of chemicals) that we found there, we're going to conduct indoor air testing early next year," said Robert Wise, a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency coordinator. "If we do find we're getting hits above action level, we'll be working with federal and state toxicologists to determine if there is a serious health risk. Then we'll determine remedial actions." The contamination was unearthed during a completely separate testing process for environmental contamination at the nearby Carousel tract housing development in Carson. There, Shell Oil Co. is responsible for cleaning massive oil deposits under the 285 homes built there in the 1960s, after the company's oil tank farm was flattened. The first phase of testing at Carson's Monterey Pines neighborhood in November found chemicals from the degreasing agent in holes bored into streets around the neighborhood and school, investigators said. In January, they will concentrate on how much of the chemicals seeped into the air and topsoil. On Jan. 2, testing will take place at Wilmington Middle School in Wilmington. That will be followed by a series of tests at 40 homes in the Monterey Pines development. Some homes in the Carousel tract



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will also be checked, investigators said. Nearly two years ago, investigators tested Wilmington Middle School for possible contamination resulting from the nearby former Shell site. However, they did not report finding worrisome levels of contamination. The chemicals found recently at Monterey Pines were known to developers when they built the tract in 1996. Environmental remediation was done at the site, but apparently it was not thorough enough, according to EPA coordinator Christopher Weden. "They did a cleanup but, as to why there was stuff left over, you'll have to direct those questions to the (Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control) board," Weden told the Carson City Council. "It should be done right the first time, but this isn't the first time someone has said they cleaned it and, 20 years later, we have to come and clean it again." Carson council members expressed concern over potential health impacts. "We're very concerned about finding something like this at a place that should have been cleaned," Mayor Jim Dear said.

http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_22259377/wilmington-middle-school-campus-be-checked-contamination

NIGERIA, LAGOS, DECEMBER 27 2012. FIRE RIPS THROUGH LAGOS DISTRICT AFTER BLAST

 **Watch the Video' ;**

- [Fashola Vows to Deal with Owner of Stored Fire Crackers](#)
- [Fireworks Blast Rocks Nigeria's Biggest City](#)

 **Photo's [8] The Scene of the Explosion in Lagos**

 **Photo's [6] The day Lagos Nigeria saw 'Thunder Fire'**

 **Photo's [9] Massive Fire in Lagos**

 **Hear [Tragic Fireworks Explosion in Nigeria](#)**



Fire tore through a crowded neighbourhood of Nigeria's largest city of Lagos yesterday, killing at least one person and injuring 30 others after a huge explosion rocked a building storing fireworks. The blast and fire led to panic in the densely packed area of Lagos, a city of some 15 million people, with residents jumping from windows to flee and others salvaging goods from their shops in the neighbourhood's large market. Fireworks continued to explode well after the fire began while smoke was heavy and the blaze intense, making it difficult for rescue workers and firefighters to approach the scene. Huge crowds gathered in the area, including onlookers and those seeking to help. Three tankers at the scene from the fire service later ran out of water and an emergency official said military personnel had been called in to help. More water arrived later in the day and the blaze appeared to be gradually subsiding. Officials said the inferno appeared to have started at a warehouse storing fireworks, where a major explosion shook parts of the sprawling city, Nigeria's commercial hub. "We pulled out a body from the building," said Ibrahim

Farinloye of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). An emergency source said initial reports indicated that fire caused the explosion, but an official statement from NEMA later said the precise cause was yet to be determined. The fire spread following the explosion, with at least nine buildings in the neighbourhood ablaze when an AFP journalist arrived at the scene. A school across from the warehouse was badly damaged from the blast, with windows shattered and materials inside affected. Cars in the neighbourhood were gutted. Residents rushed to help firefighters, bringing containers of water and helping carry hoses, but the volatile situation made it difficult. "We have treated up to 30 people so far," Red Cross worker Nicolas Adesile said at the scene. One man treated for a cut on his leg said he jumped from his building to escape. "I had to jump from the first floor to save my life," Wasiu Olaleye said. Officials were seeking to confirm further details on the incident, with the force of the explosion so strong that rumours even spread over whether there had been a plane crash. "While security agencies would investigate and determine the real cause of the explosion and fire outbreaks, casualty figures are yet to be determined," NEMA said in a statement. "But some residents who were injured while attempting to assist in putting off the fire have been taken to hospital for treatment." Rescue workers had difficulty reaching the scene due to traffic and crowds. Residents reported hearing the explosion and running, with some helping fetch water. The incident occurred in Jankara, home



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to a large market and located in the Lagos Island area, among the oldest and most densely populated neighbourhoods in the city. Fireworks are popular in Nigeria during the Christmas and New Year holidays. Nigeria is Africa's most populous nation with some 160 million people, and Lagos is considered the continent's second-largest city after Cairo.

<http://main.omanobserver.om/node/135389>

USA, N.C, CHARLOTTE, DECEMBER 27 2012. IT COULD BE SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE A CHEMICAL SPILL IS COMPLETELY CLEANED UP

 **Watch the Video** [It Could be Several Days before a Chemical Spill is Completely Cleaned Up](#)



It could be several days before local and federal officials can finish cleaning up a chemical spill in West Charlotte and figure out what caused it. Capt. Rob Brisley with the Charlotte Fire Department said it happened at the Dana Trucking Terminal on Tarheel Road Tuesday morning. A private industrial cleanup company, Carolina Environmental Response Team, joined the fire department's hazardous-materials team on site. "The focus here with this spill, the leaking product, was to stop it or contain it where it was," Brisley said. Brisley said the fire department received a 911 call about a chemical leaking from a tanker truck. He said the chemical is acetic acid. At the scene it gave off a vinegar-like smell. The fire department also brought in its Decontamination

Unit 1 to clean off firefighters as they left. Brisley said the department determined that chemicals did leak into at least one nearby stream. He said officials are trying to figure out how much damage may have been caused there. "Anytime you have a product or something that goes into the creek, we as the public just need to stay away," Brisley said. He said the fire department will work with the EPA to assess the damage and figure out how much liquid leaked out as well as how it happened. Now that fire officials have been able to contain the leak, the private company will work on the actual cleanup of the facility. The facility is in an industrial area where other businesses appeared closed and Brisley said no one was evacuated or injured. He said the chemicals are causing no immediate danger. "There's no concern to any businesses nearby," he said. "The community is safe."

<http://www.wsocv.com/news/news/local/it-could-be-several-days-chemical-spill-completely/nTfbn/>

USA, PA, ALLENTOWN, DECEMBER 27 2012. LEHIGH GAS ACQUIRES 24 SITES IN PA. FROM DUNMORE OIL, JOJO OIL

Lehigh Gas Partners LP has announced that it has completed its acquisition of 24 sites in the metro area of Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., from Dunmore Oil Co. Inc. and JoJo Oil Co. Inc., for \$28.5 million cash. Dunmore Oil and JoJo Oil are related companies based in Dunmore, Pa. The acquired sites are strategically located along highly traveled interstate intersections on routes 84, 81 and 380 in northeast Pennsylvania. The sites market either ExxonMobil or Valero branded fuel. Lehigh Gas Partners, Allentown, Pa., was formed to engage in the wholesale distribution of motor fuels and to own and lease real estate used in the retail distribution of motor fuels. Lehigh Gas Partners owns and leases sites located in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, Kentucky, New Hampshire and Maine.

[http://www.cspnet.com/content/lehigh-gas-acquires-24-sites-pa-dunmore-oil-jojo-oil?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Daily%20New%20Flash%202012%20\(2\)%20\(1\)&utm_content=&spMailingID=40747385&spUserID=MjY3NTM2OTUxMDES1&spJobID=172160662&spReportId=MTcyMTYwNjYyS0](http://www.cspnet.com/content/lehigh-gas-acquires-24-sites-pa-dunmore-oil-jojo-oil?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Daily%20New%20Flash%202012%20(2)%20(1)&utm_content=&spMailingID=40747385&spUserID=MjY3NTM2OTUxMDES1&spJobID=172160662&spReportId=MTcyMTYwNjYyS0)

USA, MISS, CLAY COUNTY, DECEMBER 27 2012. CLAY BUSINESSMAN KILLED IN FIREWORKS EXPLOSION

steve rogers

A man described by friends as just a "big kid at heart" is killed when homemade fireworks explode Christmas night. Clay County Sheriff Eddie Scott says 60-year-old Ralph "Bubba" Elliott died just before 10 Tuesday night when the homemade device exploded outside his home off Highway 46 in western Clay County. Elliott was a well-known businessman who owned Elliott Trucking which did contract delivery work for Fed-Ex. Friends say he enjoyed making his own fireworks to entertain friends, family and neighbors during holidays. His family was inside their home awaiting Elliott's display when the accident



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occurred just before 10 p.m. Tuesday. Local, state and federal authorities continue to investigate what was used in the explosive that killed Elliott but believe dynamite might have been among the ingredients.

<http://www.wcbl.com/wordpress/clay-businessman-killed-in-fireworks-explosion>

MALAYSIA, KOTA KINABALU, DECEMBER 27 2012. SPILLAGE FROM OIL TANKER IN LABUAN



An oil tanker began listing about 30 per cent in waters near Kg Lamidan, Menumbok, on Christmas Day and some 1,500 litres of oil out of 200,000 in its hold had leaked into the sea at press time. The Ramai 2 sent out a distress call to the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency but attempts at a Search and Rescue operation on arriving at the spot at 8.25am failed due to high waves. The condition of the sea also made it difficult to control the leak. The seven crew on board are safe as the ship drifted to shallow waters. By 12.10pm, the

crew including its captain were saved and transferred to the Marine Department's boat. The Marine Departments of Sabah and Labuan are investigating the cause of the sinking. According to a source, the ship was at anchored near Menumbok

<http://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news.cfm?NewsID=83793>

USA, TX, HOUSTON, DECEMBER 27 2012. EASTEX FREEWAY REOPENS AFTER FIERY CRASH NEAR BUSH AIRPORT

 **Watch the Video's:**

- [Driver Dies in Fiery Tanker Truck Crash on Eastex Freeway](#)
- [Fiery Crash at Will Clayton Parkway in Houston](#)



A northeast Houston freeway has re-opened hours after a tanker truck crashed and exploded. Authorities say the driver was killed in the wreck on the Eastex Freeway east of Bush Intercontinental Airport and hazardous material crews have been trying to determine the nature of the cargo. According to Houston TranStar, the crash was first reported around 4:19 a.m. just north of Beltway 8. The driver of a tanker truck lost control and rolled his big rig near Will Clayton, police said. The resulting fire shut down the northbound side of the freeway. It was contained after more than an hour, but it took nearly eight hours for all the main lanes to reopen. The wreck was near the east interchange on the Eastex Freeway, also known as U.S. 59, that leads to Houston's main airport. The

driver of the truck was not identified.

<http://www.khou.com/news/local/Traffic-Alert-Fatal-big-rig-crash-shuts-down-Eastex-Freeway-outbound-184800051.html>

USA, VA, RICHMOND, DECEMBER 28 2012. TANKER TRUCK ACCIDENT ON I95 NORTH

 **Watch the Video** [Tanker Truck Accident](#)

At approximately 2:40 p.m. this afternoon, Virginia State Police responded to a two vehicle crash on Interstate 95 northbound north of Bells Road in the City of Richmond. The crash occurred when the driver of a 1999 Toyota Solara, who was traveling in the left lane, hydroplaned and lost control of his vehicle. The Toyota crossed over into the right travel lane where it was struck by a 2011 Kenworth Tanker fuel truck. After striking the Toyota, the tanker, which was carrying approximately 85,000 gallons of fuel, ran off the right side of the roadway and struck the guardrail. No fuel spilled from the tanker. Both drivers were wearing their safety belts. The driver of the Toyota suffered minor injuries. Currently, the left lane is open and the center and right lanes remain closed for cleanup. Once cleanup crews arrive, they will pump the fuel from the tanker into another tanker. There is no estimated time on how long clean up will take.

Update:

The driver of the Toyota, Alex E. Patterson, 26, of Aliquippa, Pa was charged with reckless driving. The center and right lanes remain closed to allow for cleanup.

<http://www.wric.com/story/20428874/tanker-truck-accident-on-i95-north>



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KUWAIT, DECEMBER 27 2012. OIL SPILL THREATENS DESALINATION PLANTS

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A local environmental group issued a warning yesterday about discovery of an oil spill recently along the country's southern shores which was moving towards water desalination plants and could raise serious concerns about the state's water security strategies. "Water desalination plants face a serious threat created by a large oil spill that formed on a gradual basis in the waters between Al- Miseelah and Al-Fintas beaches," reads a statement released by the Green Line yesterday. The non-government organization further indicated that it contacted one of the plants to notify the staff there about the spill "but it turned out that they never received any such warning from the Environment Public Authority." The Green Line went on to criticize the state-backed EPA, accusing it of "being too busy with crackdowns at desert camps to even notice a large oil spill threatening the environment along Kuwait's southern coast and posing a serious threat to desalination plants." They also held the state-owned Kuwait Petroleum Corporation responsible for the oil spill.

<http://news.kuwaittimes.net/2012/12/26/oil-spill-threatens-desalination-plants/>

USA, WA, SEATTLE, DECEMBER 27 2012. GENERAL BIODIESEL SETTLES WITH EPA FOR HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL AND EMERGENCY PLANNING VIOLATIONS

General Biodiesel, in south Seattle, will pay a penalty for failing to report their [hazardous chemicals](#) in violation of federal [emergency planning](#) laws, according to a consent agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. General Biodiesel converts used [cooking oils](#), fish oil, vegetable oil, and animal fats into [biodiesel](#) fuel and glycerol in a process that uses [hazardous chemicals](#) including methanol, sodium methoxide, and sulfuric acid. In 2009 and 2010, General Biodiesel failed to submit Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory forms to the Seattle fire department, King County [emergency management](#), and Washington's [Emergency Response](#) Commission. 'When a company fails to report their [hazardous chemicals](#) to emergency planners and responders, they put their employees and the community at risk,' said Kelly McFadden, EPA's Pesticides and Toxics Unit Manager in Seattle. 'This information is critical to alert federal, state, and local officials to prevent [injuries](#) or deaths to [emergency responders](#), workers, and the local community.' Failure to report large amounts of [hazardous chemicals](#) to appropriate agencies is a violation of the federal [Emergency Planning](#) and Community [Right-to-Know](#) Act. General Biodiesel agreed to pay a \$62,985 penalty and fully comply with federal [emergency planning](#) rules to protect their workers, [emergency responders](#), and the local community.

For More Information:

- Summary of the [Emergency Planning](#) & Community [Right-to-Know](#) Act
- Washington Department of Ecology's EPCRA page Exit EPA disclaimer

<http://www.environmental-expert.com/news/general-biodiesel-settles-with-epa-for-hazardous-chemical-and-emergency-planning-violations-344231>

AZERBAIJAN, BAKU, DECEMBER 27 2012. AIRCRAFT OF TURKISH AIRLINES COLLIDES WITH TANK TRUCK

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An aircraft of the Turkish Airlines (Türk Hava Yolları), which was preparing to carry out a flight from Istanbul to Hong Kong, collided with a truck transporting fuel for the aircraft, the Haber7 newspaper reported. As a result of the collision, right engine of the aircraft was seriously damaged. Passengers were evacuated. A few hours later the passengers were able to successfully continue their flight by another aircraft.

<http://en.trend.az/news/incident/2103422.html>

PHILIPPINES, COTABATO CITY, DECEMBER 27 2012. 2 DEAD IN BALLOON PLANT EXPLOSION

Two workers of an establishment selling balloons were killed when a steel cylinder full of helium gas exploded in their workshop in a residential area here Wednesday. The blast felled a coconut tree and damaged a house nearby. The fatalities, Jay Tribunalo, 27, of Ilang, Davao City; and Dodong Jimlan, 14, who was from Davao Oriental, died while being treated of their injuries in a local hospital. Tribunalo and Jimlan worked for a balloon supplier named Georma Salihul. Most suppliers of decorative balloons in Central Mindanao now use helium instead of oxygen, which is more expensive. The scene of the explosion is not far from nursing home for elderly people, the Bahay Maria of the local Catholic community. The local police are still investigating the incident. Villagers in houses around the balloon shop wanted the Bureau of Fire Protection to also



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look into the incident. "Ang lakas ng pag-sabog akala namin isang bomba ang pinasabog na naman," tricycle driver Samer Gantah said. The blast, which triggered panic, was heard as far as the periphery of the Notre Dame University campus some three blocks away.

<http://www.philstar.com/nation/2012/12/27/890572/2-dead-balloon-plant-explosion>

AZERBAIJAN, BAKU, DECEMBER 28 2012. UNTIL JULY 2013 SOCAR TO TRANSFER ALL ESSO PETROL STATIONS UNDER ITS BRAND SOCAR FLAME

The State Oil Company of Azerbaijan (SOCAR) began development of a network of Esso petrol stations, full control of which was received from ExxonMobil Esso Switzerland GmbH since 1 July 2012. SOCAR Energy Switzerland's general director Edgar Bachmann has stated that before the 2nd half of next year the 160 Esso petrol stations will operate under brand SOCAR Flame. "Warehouses and storage tanks will be renamed much earlier. Appearance of SOCAR in the Swiss retail market is the most important change for more than 20 years. SOCAR Flame is a highly visible symbol of the best service in the retail and energy business. We want to provide for a short period the wide distribution of this new premium brand in Switzerland. This requires high-quality, exceptional customer service, high standards of safety and good government," Bachmann said. On 11 December, SOCAR opened its first petrol station in Montreux in western Switzerland.

<http://abc.az/eng/news/main/70408.html>

ENGLAND, CUMBRIA, SELLAFIELD, DECEMBER 28 2012. NUCLEAR SAFETY WATCHDOG CRITICISES SELLAFIELD'S EMERGENCY READINESS



Sellafield nuclear power station in Cumbria.

Report finds errors by fire officers during practice exercise could have led to 'prolonged release of radioactive material off-site'

A damning report by safety experts has revealed that staff at Britain's most important nuclear site did "not have the level of capability required to respond to nuclear emergencies effectively". In response to a freedom of information request, the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR), an arm of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), said errors by senior fire officers in a preparedness exercise at Sellafield "could have led to delays in responding to the nuclear emergency and a prolonged release of radioactive material off-site". The criticism is revealed at a critical time for the nuclear industry, which is trying to

build public confidence after the crisis at the Fukushima nuclear plant while drawing up plans to construct a new generation of atomic power stations in Britain. It is also an embarrassment to Nuclear Management Partners, the private sector consortium which runs Sellafield and is part-owned by Areva, the French engineering company that has prepared the design for a proposed reactor at Hinkley Point in Somerset. The initial report from the ONR led to an improvement notice being issued to the Cumbrian site, ordering it to improve its training and wider preparedness to deal with emergencies. Two HSE fire specialists had watched a safety exercise in December 2011 which tested the Sellafield fire and rescue service's ability to search for two people after a fictional accident that led to the spillage of radioactive liquid and an aerial release of radioactivity. Although the exercise presented "simple scenarios under ideal conditions", the service's "resources were stretched" and "there were insufficient numbers of firefighters to achieve the objectives", according to the HSE report. A spokesman for Sellafield said the successful introduction of an integrated risk management plan (IRMP) had subsequently led to the improvement notice issued in February 2012 being "closed out" by the ONR. "This IRMP is the first of its kind for Sellafield Ltd and ONR has asked Sellafield Ltd if it would be happy to share it as good practice with other operators. A number of key improvements are being progressed to achieve the implementation of the IRMP, including enhanced training for SF&RS [Sellafield fire and rescues service] firefighters and officers," he added. The inspectors found evidence of "significant deficiencies around availability of resources, frequency and quality of training, competency and operational preparedness". The report, obtained by the website NuclearSpin, also said that Sellafield had already "identified the need to improve arrangements in this area [but] no effective remedial action was put in place". The service is a critical part of Sellafield's management of nuclear safety and the HSE found it in breach of its licence conditions and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999. This is not the first time the plant has been criticised by the HSE. A report in 2010 disclosed a number of safety problems at the site and the HSE ordered the closure for safety reasons of a plant for solidifying highly radioactive liquid waste. The executive also



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refused to endorse a "lifetime plan" outlining schedules for decommissioning the site over the next 110 years. Sellafield was also recently under fire from the House of Commons public accounts committee over soaring project costs, large salaries and continuing risks. One committee member, the Great Grimsby MP Austin Mitchell, described Sellafield as "the biggest nuclear slum in Europe".

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2012/dec/26/sellafield-emergency-readiness-nuclear-watchdog>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE, DECEMBER 28 2012. FIREWORKS WILL SPOIL YOUR PARTY

Victorians risk fines of up to \$10,000 if they are caught possessing or using fireworks. With the New Year fast approaching, WorkSafe is keen to remind everyone that fireworks are illegal as well as dangerous. So far this year, almost one tonne of illegal fireworks has as been confiscated or handed in to WorkSafe and Victoria Police. "Fireworks are banned in Victoria for good reason – they can injure or kill," warned WorkSafe's general manager of health and safety, Lisa Sturzenegger. "And yet each year, people risk their own safety, that of their children and their neighbours by letting off fireworks," she said. "The fines are severe because the injuries they can cause are severe." A 34-year-old man from Tarneit died on January 1 after a commercial firework exploded in his face during a New Year's Eve party. Dozens of Victorians – including children - are injured every year during New Year festivities. Only licensed pyrotechnicians are allowed to handle fireworks. Ms Sturzenegger said people should put the safety of their family, friends and neighbours ahead of any plan to buy illegal fireworks. "Families should be happily seeing in the start of a new year – not mourning a loved one or visiting a family member in hospital," she said. Anyone who wishes to dispose of fireworks can contact WorkSafe on 1800 136 089 to arrange for their collection. Anyone who wishes to report the illegal sale of fireworks can phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

<http://www.worksafenews.com.au/news/item/295-fireworks-will-spoil-your-party.html>

NIGERIA, EDO, BENIN, DECEMBER 28 2102. THREE KILLED, 13 VEHICLES BURNT IN PETROL TANKER EXPLOSION

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Three persons were feared killed and several others injured, while 13 vehicles were burnt when a petrol tanker exploded and went up in flames after its content spilled on Murtala Mohammend Way in Benin City, the Edo State capital, on Wednesday night. In Rivers State, the National Emergency Management agency (NEMA) said yesterday that it successfully averted what would have turned out to be a major disaster in the state, when a fuel tanker loaded with Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) otherwise known as petrol fell and spilled its content at about 1 p.m. thursday. However, a commercial bus driver identified as Kingsley Oghagbon, was among the three persons burnt to death, just as residents of Murtala Mohammend Way in Benin City, counted their losses. Following this, it was gathered that those whose properties were torched were said to have urged

the state government to identify the owners of the tanker in order to compensate them. Eye witnesses said the tanker apparently lost control, fell into a ditch and its products spill on the road, which later resulted in an explosion. However, 85-year-old Paul Isibor, who lost his new jeep to the fire, said he would have died if his house was gutted by the fire. He said: "The petrol started flowing and people started running for their dear lives. I called my children to safety. In less than five minutes there was fire everywhere. I have never seen this kind of thing before. "The fire burnt my jeep I bought last week and a bus parked in my house. I am happy that my house survived. The youths tried and they even used satchet water before fire service came. Government should look for the company that owned the tanker." Another victim, George Omusi, said he parked his bus only to be told few minutes later that it was burnt. He said: "We appealed to the police to help us locate the owners and see how they can render assistance for properties we lost to the fire." Brother to the dead bus driver, Charles Oghagbon, said his late brother heard about the spill and decided to remove the bus when he was caught up in the inferno. He said the bus got burnt immediately his brother switched on the ignition, adding that his brother ran out but fell on the road, while the fire was still burning him. Another victim, Ehigie Pius, whose car was burnt, said he was in his shop when the incident occurred. He said the tanker was descending the slope when it fell into the ditch and they later heard a noise. Meanwhile, NEMA in a statement issued by its Head of Public Relations, Mr. Yushua Shuaib, said it mobilised Fire Service, police and army to prevent a fuel tanker explosion at the popular Igwuruta Roundabout, where a similar disaster occurred in April this year and many lives were lost. According to him, the promptness of rescuers, who arrived the scene immediately



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after receiving the distress call saved the area from being consumed by the inferno, when many residents were asleep. He quoted the Zonal Information Head of NEMA, Roberts Ekemini, who was on ground for the rescue operation as confirming that there was no loss of life during the incident. "Though no life was lost the rescuers and security agencies had hectic time this morning preventing people from scooping fuel as many of them actually came with containers and keg to get free petrol," he said.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201212280208.html?viewall=1>

ENGLAND, TAMWORTH, DECEMBER 28 2012. PETROL TANKER ON FIRE AT TRINITY ROAD IN KINGSBURY

sonya britton

Firefighters from four stations were mobilised to tackle a petrol tanker blaze near the oil terminal in Kingsbury today (Thursday, December 27) at 4.45pm. The tanker was parked in a layby on Trinity Road with a fire under the cab area and fire crews from Coleshill, Atherstone, Polesworth and Tamworth were called out, as well as the Environmental Protection Unit and the foam tender. The incident involved a Light Goods Vehicle tanker with a small fire located under the tractor unit by the cab area. The fire was extinguished and the electrics to the tanker were isolated.

<http://www.thisistamworth.co.uk/Petrol-tanker-Trinity-Road-Kingsbury/story-17693690-detail/story.html>

NIGERIA, RIVERS STATE, DECEMBER 28 2012. FUEL TANKER DISASTER AVERTED IN RIVERS STATE

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NEMA officials at an accident scene.

The National Emergency Management agency (NEMA) has said it successfully averted disaster in Rivers State when a fuel tanker loaded with PMS fell and spilled its content around 1 am Wednesday night. The agency in a statement issued by its Head of Public Relations, Mr. Yushua Shuaib said it mobilized fire service, police and army to prevent a fuel tanker explosion at the popular Igwuruta Round-About where a similar disaster occurred in April this year and many lives were lost. Shuaib said the promptness of rescuers, who arrived the scene immediately after receiving the distress call, saved the area from being engulfed in an inferno that could have occurred at that dead hour of the night when many residents were asleep.

<http://www.thisdaylive.com/articles/fuel-tanker-disaster-averted-in-rivers-state/134656/>

USA, DE, BRIDGEVILLE, DECEMBER 28 2012. EMERGENCY ENDS WITH PROPANE TANKER REMOVAL

glenn rolfe



This derailed propane tank car Wednesday night was safely righted, offloaded and removed from the scene of Wednesday morning's 13-car derailment on the outskirts of Bridgeville.

Life in the area of Wednesday's [Norfolk Southern](#) train derailment returned to normal just before midnight as a propane tanker was safely removed from scene of the accident that spurred evacuation of nearby Bridgeville homes and businesses. Two large cranes teamed to right the toppled tanker – carrying 33,300 gallons of liquid propane – that was thoroughly re-inspected, its cargo off-loaded and subsequently railed south to the Seaford area. Derailment of the propane tanker – one of 13 cars in the 53-car train that jumped the tracks – spurred a potentially hazardous situation that resulted in evacuation of nearby residences, including those along Wilson Farm

Road which runs parallel to the Norfolk Southern line. Initial inspection of the propane tanker by the [Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company](#), Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) and assessment by Norfolk Southern revealed no evidence of any leak or breach. "It looked fine (during initial inspection)," said Joe Hopple, Sussex County public information officer. "It's just when you have the equivalent of three tractor trailer loads of propane sitting there, you've got to be careful with it." The hazardous situation ended with an all-clear signal about 11:30 p.m. Wednesday. Safety personnel were released, precautionary programs and procedures lifted and evacuees returned to their homes. This morning,



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clean-up and righting of other derailed cars, mostly carrying gravel, continued. "As far as we're concerned, the hazard is over with," Mr. Hopple said. "Norfolk Southern is working on it now." A couple roads in the immediate area of the derailment remain closed this morning due to the presence of heavy equipment. Wednesday's derailment occurred about 9:30 a.m. As a precautionary measure, residents in the immediate area were evacuated and an evacuation center was up at the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company station. The Red Cross of the Delmarva Peninsula was on hand to provide assistance to evacuees, if needed. Seven people checked into the evacuation center, but none stayed. "They all went with either relatives or friends," said Mr. Hopple. Residents not asked by police to evacuate outside the immediate area were asked to shelter in place and the Delaware Emergency Notification System (DENS), a reverse 911 system, was set up to call approximately 250 residences should expanded evacuation be needed. The Sussex County Emergency Operations Center and Sussex County Emergency Medical Services assisted the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company with Sussex County's mobile command unit and personnel during the emergency.

<http://delaware.newszap.com/southerndelaware/118755-70/emrgency-ends-with-propane-tanker-removal>

USA, OH, CINCINNATI, DECEMBER 29 2012. 2 INJURED IN CHEMICAL EXPLOSION AT CINCINNATI INDUSTRIAL WASTE FACILITY

[Watch the Video 2 Injured In Chemical Explosion](#)



An explosion at a Cincinnati business injured two people and prompted HAZMAT units to respond early Friday morning. Emergency personnel were called to the site of the explosion at Environmental Enterprises Inc. at approximately 4 a.m. Four men were shredding an industrial filter containing sodium chlorate, which is sensitive to friction, causing a flash fire, officials said. Two people were injured as HAZMAT and fire crews work to extinguish any hot spots as a result of the explosion. One person suffered serious injuries and another is stable, fire officials said. Both were taken to University of Cincinnati Medical Center. The two men injured are in their late 20s to early 30s. Roads are closed in the area as authorities work to clear the scene.

<http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/state/2-injured-in-chemical-explosion-at-cincinnati-industrial-waste-facility>

USA, MI, LAKE ST. CLAIR, DECEMBER 28 2012. FRIEDLAND CALLS FOR BETTER SPILL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM BETWEEN U.S., CANADA

jim bloch



Jeff Friedland, director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for St. Clair County, speaking at the sixth Binational Lake St. Clair Conference at MacRay Harbor.

If a spill of toxic chemicals occurred on the Canadian side of the St. Clair River, would the U.S. be notified in a timely fashion? Would Canadian authorities be quickly notified if the spill occurred on the U.S. side of the river? In most cases, the answer is – maybe, and slowly. "I want to be brutally honest," said Jeff Friedland, director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for St. Clair County, speaking at the sixth Binational Lake St. Clair Conference, held Nov. 29-30 in Harrison Township. "We still have a problem." Two incidents earlier in the 2000s pointed to snafus in trans-national notification: The so-called Blackout Spill of 2003, when Royal Polymer in Samia's Chemical Valley spilled 290 pounds of vinyl chloride into the river and didn't notify officials on either side of the river of the occurrence for a number

of days; and the Super Bowl Spill of 2004, when Imperial Oil leaked methyl ethyl ketone and methyl isobutyl ketone into the



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river, and there was a delay of several hours in the notification. How is notification of a spill supposed to occur? In Ontario, the spiller is required to self-report incidents to the Spill Action Center in Toronto and call the local 911. In Michigan, the spiller is required to report the spill to Michigan State Police Operations, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's district staff or the DEQ's Pollution Emergency Alerting System, known as PEAS, and call their local 911. Officials added the requirements to call 911 in the wake of the 2003-2004 spills. But cross-border notification remains complicated. "Based on their interpretation, and if a spill is larger than 1,000 gallons or could adversely affect the other side, they make the notification," said Friedland recently in an interview. The process is more involved in Michigan than in Canada. In Michigan, the state police or DEQ is supposed to contact the state communications coordinator, who then might discuss the need to contact Ontario with his or her management coordinator. If the need is established, the coordinator re-contacts the state police and asks the police to contact Ontario's Spill Action Center. Evenings, weekends and holidays are especially thorny. "We're looking at a bureaucratic nightmare," said Friedland. There are too many components to the notification process, too many conflicting definitions of what constitutes a spill, as well as varying public and private systems on both sides of river, Friedland said. "We need one system that everyone can comply with," Friedland said. Sarnia's Chemical Valley and the region's intense transportation infrastructure present unique problems and threats. "The agreements between the U.S. and Canada are working in 98 percent of geographic areas on the borders," Friedland said. "But our uniqueness challenges those agreements in terms of operational efficiency. Forty-seven million pounds of chemicals are transported by train and truck daily through the Blue Water area. At least 40 pipelines lay under the St. Clair River. It's a concentration of infrastructure unlike anywhere else." "Have there been any changes in monitoring or reporting for the St. Clair River in the wake of the Kalamazoo River pipeline spill?" asked an attendee of the Lake St. Clair Conference. "There have been two occurrences where we've been notified about pressure differentials in the lines, which is the first time that's happened," said Friedland. "So there's a little more awareness. But that's a tough one." Friedland currently uses ALERT FM devices to notify water treatment plants and water plant managers about potential problems. "We're not trying to circumvent the official system," said Friedland. "We're just trying to provide the information to water plants as soon as possible." His notifications are often reiterated by the 911 centers, which fax spill notifications to the plants. Spills sometimes fall through holes in the regulations. For example, St. Clair County residents listening to Canadian radio might find out about spills that Friedland never hears about. In the event of a spill in Sarnia, the spiller will sometimes issue a press release right away, Friedland said, even if it doesn't meet the standards of international notification. Or a Canadian news outlet might be monitoring radio traffic, hear about a spill and report it on-air. The St. Clair County radio listener might call Friedland to inquire about what's happening with the spill. His response: "What spill?" Right now, Friedland and his counterparts in Ontario are trying to tie the local 911 points of contact together to share information. Taking a unified 911 system a step further, Friedland would like to see the development of "international planning zones" – "I don't care what they're called," he said – where key border areas such as Detroit-Windsor, Buffalo-Niagara and St. Clair County-Lambton County are able to work out their own notification system free of layers of state and federal regulation. "In defense of the state police and the DEQ, they've worked hard to notify us," Friedland said. "But you can't have a one or two hour delay. We need the ability to solve our own problems. A few weeks ago, we had a small spill on U.S. side and we made an immediate notification to the Canadians," Friedland said. "But it took two hours for them to get the official notification from SAC." Despite the bureaucratic barriers, Friedland remains optimistic. "Cross-border notification has been a rollercoaster my whole career," Friedland said. "We should be able to solve our everyday problems locally. And things are moving slowly in that direction. I'm not giving up hope."

<http://www.voicenews.com/articles/2012/12/27/news/doc50dc9d5551c10186570188.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

USA, TN, DICKSON CO, DECEMBER 29 2012. COMMISSION OKS BILLING FOR HAZMAT SPILLS

chris gadd

The Dickson County Commission last week approved the county emergency management agency director's desire to charge companies for hazardous material spill cleanups. Interim EMA Director Donny Bear brought the proposal to the commission, looking to recoup costs for time and equipment used in cleanups. "We just worked a truck wreck last week and I think I had about 15 hours out there plus our materials," Bear said. He said with the commission's approval, taxpayers would no longer need to foot the bill – the company responsible for the spill would likely be charged. "We are not out to make a profit," Bear said. "We just want to make sure we are protected." Bear said at the commission work session meeting earlier this month that state law allowed the county to seek payment from companies responsible. County Mayor Bob Rial said a representative from the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund would attend the Jan. 7 commission work session meeting. The mayor said the county is



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pursuing refinancing two loans held through the bond fund that were set up under a previous administration. Rial said the loans would not be extended, but rather "flattened out." Many local governments statewide use the bond fund, which according to its website, is an "entity of the Tennessee Municipal League, TMBF works closely with city officials to structure cost-effective and flexible borrowing options." Rial said he had received approval from the state comptroller's office to rework the loan.

<http://www.tennessean.com/viewart/20121227/DICKSON01/312270081/Commission-OKs-billing-hazmat-spills>

USA - A COMPLETE HISTORY OF AMERICAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS IN 90 SECONDS

sam biddle

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On July 16, 1945, the US Army destroyed a small part of New Mexico by testing the first nuclear bomb in human history, the most powerful weapon of all time. It then proceeded to blow up 1,054 more. All of these detonations were part of separate operations, given cute code names like Wigwam and Teapot—hundreds of bombs were blown up across Pacific islands, Nevada, New Mexico, and beyond. The Army had to blow up so many to make sure they'd blow up in Moscow, when and where it counted. Above is a sample from every single recorded test conducted by the US, until these tests were banned by international treaty in 1963. Then we just started doing them underground, instead. As a new year is about to hit, let's be glad the world doesn't concern itself with this stuff as much. An ever so slightly less terrifying world. Better to waste money on the F-22 than on nuclear bombs, if the money absolutely has to be wasted.

<http://gizmodo.com/5971546/a-complete-history-of-american-nuclear-explosions-in-90-seconds>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, BOX HILL, DECEMBER 29 2012.. TRUCK WEDGED UNDER CANOPY AT A SHELL SERVICE STATION IN BOX HILL

andy burns



A truckie got himself into a jam at a Shell service station.

A truckie has chosen an unusual parking spot for his rig today, finding himself in a bit of a jam. The driver pulled into a petrol station in Box Hill in eastern Melbourne when his truck became wedged under the service station canopy. Firefighters said they were scratching their heads as to how to get the truck out of the jam. "Every time we move the truck backwards or forwards the canopy is moving with it," a MFB spokesman said. The truck is wedged under the roof of the Shell service station on the corner of Middleborough and Springfield roads.

<http://www.news.com.au/news/truck-wedged-under-canopy-at-a-shell-service-station-in-box-hill/story-fnejub9-1226545049005>

AUSTRALIA, A.C.T, CANBERRA, DECEMBER 29 2012. DRAFT NATIONAL CODE OF PRACTICE FOR CHEMICALS OF SECURITY CONCERN >> PUBLIC CONSULTATION

We are seeking your feedback on the draft National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern. The consultation closes on 1 March 2013. Many chemicals that we use every day have been used by terrorists to make homemade explosives. Business and Australian governments need to work together to detect and prevent the use of chemicals for terrorist purposes and ensure a safer Australia. The Australian and state and territory governments have decided to pursue a voluntary code of practice for businesses that manage, handle or use products containing 11 chemicals that are precursors to homemade explosives. Your feedback will shape the final version of the code and ensure that it can be easily understood and effectively used by businesses. The draft code, and further information, is provided below.

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To keep up to date on the latest information on the code of practice and to see how your feedback has contributed, you can [subscribe](#) to our mailing list. If you have further queries you can check the [frequently asked questions](#) page.

Submitting Your Feedback

You can use the feedback template to reply.

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Once completed, you can submit your feedback by email (preferred) or post. Email: chemical.security@ag.gov.au Post: ATTN: Mark Whitechurch, Chemical Security, Attorney-General's Department, 3-5 National Circuit, Barton ACT 2600, Australia <http://www.chemicalsecurity.gov.au/PublicConsultation/Pages/default.aspx>

PHILIPPINES, MANILA, DECEMBER 29 2012. DOH TELLS WHAT BLAST, BURN VICTIMS HAVE TO DO >> FIREWORKS & FIRECRACKERS.

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Department of Health (DOH) Undersecretary Dr. Eric Tayag has warned against self-medication for persons who suffered injuries from fireworks and firecrackers. Tayag said first aid treatment may be applied but it is a must to see a doctor as soon as possible. "If you suffer from blast or burn injuries, place the wound under running water because it is still hot and burning to protect parts that are not damaged. Do not put ice, toothpaste because this will also be removed by the hospital. Do not put alcohol because it will produce stinging effect," he said. Tayag said injuries caused by fireworks and firecrackers also cause fractured bones so seeing a doctor soon is a must. "Remember, you do not get a simple burn, but you may also have fractured bones. You can also get injured in the eye and if this happens, place your eyes under running water. Do not scratch or rub your eyes," he said. According to Tayag, government hospitals are automatically on code white alert on New Year's Eve to prepare for the surge of injuries, accidents, and illnesses related to the celebration. During this time, Tayag said all doctors are on-call and all medical staff are on-standby to assist injured persons. Stocks of medicines such as wound disinfectants, burn ointments, bandages, antibiotics, and anti-tetanus medicines are also ensured by the hospital. The DOH has recorded a total of 150 cases of injuries owing to firecracker and fireworks use from December 21 to 27. Out of this number, 149 are caused by fireworks and firecrackers and one was a case of injury from a stray bullet. The regions with the highest number of injuries are the National Capital Region (NCR), Western Visayas and Southern Luzon. The oldest victim of fireworks and firecracker injuries is a 61-year-old man from Tondo who suffered burn injuries in his right thigh and left knee. The man was hurt when a "5-star" was thrown in his direction. Meanwhile, the youngest victim was a nine-month old baby who got hurt when a neighbor threw the banned firecracker Piccolo in their direction resulting to a burn in the baby's cheek. As in previous years, Piccolo topped the list of firecrackers that caused the most number of injuries at 86 cases. Meanwhile, the DOH has mounted, for the first time, a registry to compile the respiratory diseases that peak during the New Year's Eve celebration and a few days after the event. Along with the yearly Aksyon Paputok Injury Reduction (APIR) surveillance that counts the injuries owing to firecrackers and fireworks, the DOH will now begin counting the respiratory illnesses that are caused by the soot coming from firecrackers and fireworks. "That is what we want to know, the short-term and the long-term effects of inhaling smoke from firecrackers and fireworks because some people say it can also lead to cancer," Tayag said in an interview. The pilot study is mounted in three DOH-run hospitals: Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP), East Avenue Medical Center and Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center. Over the years, doctors observe a spike in the following diseases during the New Year's Eve celebration: cough, colds, difficulty in breathing, fast breathing, and asthma. However, it is only this year that the DOH instituted the surveillance system to monitor them. The surveillance updates for the injuries and respiratory illnesses were started last Dec. 21 and will end on Jan. 5. Meanwhile, Tayag advised people who are prone to respiratory illnesses to take necessary precautions to avoid complications. "You can go to places where there is less use of firecrackers and fireworks such as in Tagaytay. If it cannot be avoided, make sure your windows are closed even before the celebration sets in. Make sure you have a mask or a wet towel because the soot can stick to the wet towel. Make sure your medicines are on standby and if you feel like you really have to go to the hospital then don't delay going to the hospital," Tayag said. According to the DOH official, many are still apt to use firecrackers and fireworks this year even though the country has gone through a lot of challenges including typhoons and other calamities. "My fearless forecast is that many may still use them even though many



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suffered in tragedies because we can see that Filipinos are generally joyful just like what the surveys say. This is already a tradition but there will also be people who will suffer from accidents," he said.

<http://www.mb.com.ph/articles/387539/doh-tells-what-blast-burn-victims-have-to-do#.UN5Gc29OSM4>

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, ROCKHAMPTON, DECEMBER 29 2012. MAN RECEIVES BURNS TO HANDS, FACE IN PETROL EXPLOSION

A 23-year old man who had burns to his hands, face and leg following a petrol explosion and consequent fire was airlifted to Rockhampton on Friday. The RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue (Rescue 300) was tasked to retrieve the man from the Baralaba Hospital at 9.30am. On scene the intensive care paramedic and doctor on board the aircraft were assisted by hospital staff to treat the man, who had suffered partial thickness burns to the face, hands and leg. After assessing the severity of the injuries, the medical team decided to transport the man to Rockhampton initially for further assessment and treatment rather than sending him directly to the burns unit in Brisbane. The man was transported without incident and remained in a stable condition throughout the flight

<http://www.themorningbulletin.com.au/news/man-burnt-in-petrol-explosion/1700428/>

USA, MA, ATTLEBORO, DECEMBER 29 2012. ENVIRONMENTAL NIGHTMARE GOES ON >> EPA STILL MULLING SOLUTION FOR POLLUTED ATTLEBORO NEIGHBORHOOD SITE

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Workers continue cleaning up the mess left behind by the Walton & Lonsbury Company. This area is across the street from the site of the plant, at the end of Paulette Lane in Attleboro.

As the new year begins, a city neighborhood remains on edge while the federal government decides what to do about a poisonous plume of pollution filtering into its back yards and nearby waterways. Residents of North Avenue and Paulette Lane have been urged not to grow vegetables in their own soil and to keep dirt from their yards out of their homes and off their bodies because hexavalent chromium, lead and other toxins have leached onto their properties from the waste dumps of a now defunct chrome plating company in one of the city's worst environmental disasters ever. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which has been working at the site of the former Walton & Lonsbury Co. since October 2010, announced last spring it didn't know how far the pollution has migrated or what needs to be done to clean it. EPA officials know it has spread south from the plant at 78 North Ave. to the intersection of West Street, but how much farther it extends they don't know and can't determine without intensive, widespread and expensive testing. While the chemicals, which present the greatest danger if they are consumed, are in the groundwater, they are not in drinking water because the neighborhood is supplied by the city and not through local wells. Hexavalent chromium, a carcinogen, is the chemical made infamous in the 2000 movie "Erin Brockovich." The film tells the story of a legal assistant who was instrumental in winning a \$333 million settlement in a case involving the pollution of drinking water by hexavalent chromium. As a result of the unknown extent of the pollution, the EPA along with local and state officials have asked the federal government to put the contaminated site on the National Priorities List, more commonly known as the "Superfund," making it eligible for the millions of dollars it will take to isolate the problem and design a solution. A decision is expected in the spring, said EPA spokeswoman Emily Zimmerman this month. About \$10 million has been spent on soil, water and air testing as well as the removal of polluted dirt. The effort began with a \$6 million budget. Soil removal and the reconstruction of back yards on Paulette Lane continues and is expected to be complete by summer, Zimmerman said. Two families were temporarily relocated at the expense of the EPA to make way for the work. One of the relocated families was told that hexavalent chromium and lead had made its way to the surface of the soil where their young children played. The EPA has \$2 million available for work at Walton & Lonsbury before it runs out of cash, Zimmerman said.

http://www.thesunchronicle.com/news/local_news/environmental-nightmare-goes-on/article_29695f2d-28a1-51e9-a267-a348365eea48.html



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