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USA, MA, SOMERVILLE, MARCH 10 2013. ETHANOL TRANSPORT INFORMATION MEETING



The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will host an informational meeting on Monday, March 11 at the Argenziano School regarding Ethanol Transport by Rail in Somerville. All members of the public are invited to attend. The meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Argenziano School cafeteria, 290 Washington Street. The meeting will include project background and general safety information related to transporting ethanol by train through the cities of Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Somerville and Revere.

<http://www.thesomervillenews.com/archives/36067>

USA, FLA, PACE, MARCH 10 2013. LOCAL WORKSHOPS FOLLOW JANUARY'S SPILL AT TAMINCO

louis cooper



In late January, some 9,941 pounds of a hazardous chemical was accidentally spilled at the Taminco plant in Pace. A series of workshops are being held this month to alert residents about what to do in the event of another chemical release.

When the Taminco plant in Pace accidentally spilled thousands of pounds of a hazardous chemical while unloading a rail car in January, alarm sirens sounded, but many of the facility's neighbors didn't know what it meant or what to do. Now, Santa Rosa County emergency management officials want to make sure that if that happens again, residents will be prepared. They are hosting a series of community workshops on how to safely "shelter in place" should another chemical accident occur at Taminco. The first workshop is set for Monday night at Dixon Primary School, with seven more set over the next two weeks. Those workshops will be followed by a first responder exercise on April 20. "Sheltering in place" means to staying in a home or other building rather than evacuating during a chemical release. "While we work year-round to educate our residents on how they can stay safe in a variety of emergency situations, based on the number of calls we received related to the Jan. 24 leak at Taminco, it was evident our residents were unsure what the Taminco sirens meant and what actions they should take to protect their family," said Sheryl Bracewell, Santa Rosa's emergency management director. Three Taminco workers suffered "respiratory irritation" requiring medical treatment in the January event, the company told environmental regulators. No member of the public was injured. The spill of dimethylamine 60, a chemical Taminco produces for companies that make pharmaceuticals, agricultural chemicals and water treatment products, amounted to some 9,491 pounds, according to a Jan. 30 report Taminco provided to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The spilled chemical is harmful if inhaled and can produce caustic smoke if it catches fire. There was no fire with the January release. The county has produced and distributed 10,500 postcards announcing the workshops, according to Santa Rosa County public information officer Joy Tsubooka. "We sent postcards to every residence and business within two miles of Taminco," Tsubooka said. "And we sent post cards to all the schools (near the plant)." Students at Avalon Middle, Benny Russell Elementary, Dixon Primary, Dixon Intermediate, Simms Middle, Pace High and Berryhill Elementary should have received the postcards, she said. Also, members of the Pace Community Emergency Response Team are also distributing the cards. The workshops are free and scheduled for two hours each. Participants will be given a "Stay Alive with Five" refrigerator magnet describing the steps to stay safe during a chemical release. The workshops are open to anyone in the community, Tsubooka said, pointing out that anyone who lives by a railroad or near a major roadway could face a chemical emergency.

http://www.pnj.com/article/20130310/NEWS01/303100032/Workshops-scheduled-as-a-result-of-Taminco-leak?nclick_check=1

SRI LANKA, COLOMBO, MARCH 11 2013. MORE SUBSTANDARD PETROL?

The Jathika Sevaka Sangamaya (JSS) union at the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) alleged that a consignment of 16,000 metric tonnes of substandard petrol imported by the Lanka IOC was today unloaded at the Trincomalee Harbour. The JSS said it had been done despite laboratory reports stating they were of low quality. However, the CPC rejected these allegations and claimed that laboratory reports had cleared this consignment of petrol. JSS President Ananda Palitha told



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Daily Mirror that laboratory tests carried out on the consignment of petrol that reached the China Bay at 4.00 p.m. on Saturday indicated that the contents were of low quality.

<http://www.dailymirror.lk/news/26444-more-substandard-petrol-.html>

USA, CA, SAN FRANCISCO, MARCH 11 2013. TACTICS DIVIDE AGENCIES IN CHEVRON PROBE

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A grand jury probe targeting Chevron in last year's Richmond refinery fire has created a rift between the federal agency investigating the incident and environmental regulators seeking possible criminal charges against the oil giant, [The Chronicle](#) has learned. Grand jury proceedings normally are secret unless the panel hands down indictments. But the federal probe into whether Chevron violated laws as a result of the Aug. 6 blaze has come to light because the U.S. attorney in San Francisco and the Environmental Protection Agency want to compel the lead investigator for a federal fact-finding agency to testify - and the agency is resisting. Chevron already faces almost \$1 million in potential civil penalties for allegedly violating state workplace safety rules as a result of the fire, which spewed toxic gas and smoke into the air around the plant and sent 15,000 people to hospitals seeking medical attention. Federal indictments could expose the company to millions of dollars more in penalties and even raise the possibility of prison time for company officials. The [U.S. Chemical Safety Board](#), the lead fact-finding agency looking into the fire, is evaluating what went wrong. But its role is purely investigative - it cannot bring criminal charges. The agency has already said Chevron failed to follow its own standards when it decided not to replace a corroded pipe several months before the line sprang a leak and started the fire, but the board has not issued a final report.

Fighting in Court

The Environmental Protection Agency, which can bring charges against Chevron, is demanding that the Chemical Safety Board's lead investigator turn over notes, interview transcripts and any other documents he has gathered in his six-month probe to the recently convened grand jury. Last month, the investigator's lawyer went before U.S. District Judge [Charles Breyer](#) in San Francisco to fight the subpoena. The head of the safety board says compelling a fact-finding investigator to turn over his findings to a grand jury would have a chilling effect on the agency's future probes. "Our technically and scientifically oriented investigative interviews do not lend themselves to the discovery of information relevant to criminal charges," safety board Chairman [Rafael Moure-Eraso](#) wrote to the environmental agency's acting director last month. "Most witnesses agree to appear voluntarily before (Chemical Safety Board) investigators, in the hope that accidents will be prevented and tragic deaths avoided," Moure-Eraso wrote. "These witnesses do not participate with the thought that there will be a direct pipeline conveying their statements ... into the hands of a grand jury for purposes of criminal enforcement or a criminal fishing expedition."

Richmond Report

Moure-Eraso warned that complying with the subpoena "may seriously delay" the planned March 20 release of the board's interim report on the Richmond fire, and "may permanently impair our ability to collect additional witness interviews needed for the Chevron final report and for other future investigations." Any hindrance, he said, would "very poorly serve the community in Richmond ... which has every right to demand prompt answers about why the accident occurred at Chevron and what can be done to prevent anything similar from happening again." Breyer has yet to rule on the request that he quash the subpoena for notes and testimony from the safety board's lead investigator on the Chevron case, [Dan Tillema](#). Neither Tillema nor his lawyer would comment for this story. The board itself, being a federal agency, was not represented in the court fight against another federal agency's subpoena. Moure-Eraso would not comment on his Feb. 15 letter, which [The Chronicle](#) obtained from congressional sources who asked not to be identified. Environmental Protection Agency officials would not confirm they were seeking Tillema's notes or even that there is a grand jury investigation. [Kelly Zito](#), a spokeswoman for the agency in San Francisco, says the EPA has a standing policy of not commenting about any of its cases.

Refineries' Obligations

Chevron spokesman [Sean Comey](#) said the company was not aware of any grand jury probe of the Richmond fire. Under the federal [Clean Air](#) Act, the environmental agency can seek criminal or civil penalties if oil companies violate federal rules requiring them to identify potential leak or fire hazards at their refineries and work to eliminate them. Under the rules, refineries must develop process hazard analyses to account for the risks. [R. Maqbool Qadir](#) of Dublin, an expert in industrial process safety management, said companies have a "general duty" under the law to keep the community safe and guard against accidents and releases of toxic substances. In the case of criminal charges, prosecutors must show that a company knowingly acted in a way that violated the environmental law, said San Francisco attorney [Davina Pujari](#), a former federal and state



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prosecutor who specialized in environmental crimes. "In the case of a corporation being prosecuted, they have been assessed big fines," Pujari said - citing a 2005 refinery explosion in Texas for which the oil company BP was fined \$50 million.

Board Sees No Crime

Regulators with the state workplace-safety agency, Cal/OSHA, found that Chevron had failed to account for the risk of a corrosion leak at its Richmond refinery, pointing to a possible avenue for a criminal case. However, Moure-Eraso said in his letter to EPA acting Director [Bob Perciasepe](#) that Chevron didn't appear to be guilty of a crime. A little over a month after the fire, Moure-Eraso wrote, Tillema and another Chemical Safety Board investigator met with a criminal investigator for the environmental agency, Scot Adair. The two told Adair that "they had observed no criminal activity or behavior associated with the August 2012 fire," Moure-Eraso wrote. This is the second criminal investigation that the EPA has launched against Chevron. In September, The Chronicle reported that the agency had opened a probe after discovering that the company detoured pollutants around monitoring equipment at its Richmond refinery for four years and burned them off into the atmosphere, in possible violation of a federal court order. Chevron has said it did not intentionally bypass the monitoring equipment. The status of that investigation is unclear.

Falling Down on Job?

Moure-Eraso made little effort in his letter to disguise his disdain for the EPA, saying the agency is relying on criminal investigations rather than proactively enforcing laws designed to keep accidents from happening. "The increasing focus on criminal prosecution of accidents comes in an era when no significant changes or improvements are being made to EPA and ([Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#)) safety rules and programs for hazardous refineries and chemical plants," he wrote. "Post-accident prosecution does little to mitigate the harm to a community." A union representative for Chevron refinery workers echoed Moure-Eraso's concerns about turning over the safety board's findings to a criminal grand jury. "I'm concerned that our people were interviewed with certain expectations," said [Mike Smith](#), business representative for the United Steelworkers Local 5, "that the interviews would be used to improve safety. I don't think anybody thought that what they said (to the chemical board) would end up in a criminal investigation," Smith said. He added that he had not seen Moure-Eraso's letter. "We don't know what the outcome will be," Smith said, "but this could only add to the anxiety of people being interviewed."

Ex-EPA Official Happy

But a veteran EPA investigator welcomed the action by the people he once supervised. "This is very exciting - they have finally found a way to crack the Clean Air Act," said [Scott West](#), a retired special agent in charge for the EPA criminal investigation division who now works for the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society marine wildlife advocacy group. "It is normally very hard to prosecute." West said he doubted that prosecutors were relying on the Chemical Safety Board investigator's secondhand accounts alone, as they would amount to hearsay. But they could be used to verify other witnesses' testimony, he said. "I can see that (the safety board's) argument. I can also see the frustration for the criminal investigators," West said. "Maybe someone has circled the wagons." Summoning of a safety board investigator to testify is "a very unusual step - to put another government agency in the grand jury. It is not taken lightly, not moved upon lightly," West said. "The way I see it, they are trying to protect truth here."

<http://www.sfgate.com/default/article/Tactics-divide-agencies-in-Chevron-probe-4342652.php>

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, DUBAI, MARCH 11 2013. ARAMCO TRADING LEASES FUEL STORAGE AT U.A.E. PORT OF FUJAIRAH

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Saudi Arabian Oil Co.'s trading unit will lease storage space for refined fuel at the United Arab Emirates port of Fujairah from tank-farm operator Vopak Horizon Fujairah Ltd., the state-owned crude producer said. Saudi Aramco Products Trading Co. will use the storage to boost trading, according to the statement sent by e-mail today. Known as Aramco Trading, the unit buys refined products such as gasoline and diesel to meet domestic demand in the Persian Gulf state, while Saudi Aramco continues to market crude oil directly to customers mainly under long-term contracts. Middle Eastern crude producers often import oil products because they lack adequate refining capacity to meet domestic demand. Aramco Trading was seeking to triple the volume of products it buys and sells to 1.5 million barrels a day from the 500,000 barrels of refined products it was handling since it started last year, the unit's head said. Said Al-Hadrami said in May 2012. Fujairah, one of seven U.A.E. emirates, lies outside the Gulf and Strait of Hormuz, a shipping chokepoint. Royal Vopak NV and partners including the



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government of Fujairah and Dubai- based refiner Emirates National Oil Co. operate the 2.1 million- ton Vopak Horizon storage facility.

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-03-10/aramco-trading-leases-fuel-storage-at-u-dot-a-dot-e-dot-port-of-fujairah>

AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, PORT STANVAC, MARCH 11 2013. UNION CALLS FOR GOVT TO INVESTIGATE REFINERY

 **Watch the Video** [legionella Bacteria Found in Drinking Water](#)



The construction workers' union is calling on the South Australian Government to investigate safety standards at the Port Stanvac refinery. The calls come after legionella was found in the drinking water, as revealed yesterday by 7News. Further testing is being conducted on what the union claims is one of the state's dirtiest work sites. Safety specialist Stephen Costello was brought over from the UK to work at the Mobil refinery. But he says he was sent packing, a day after raising concerns about what he calls putrid and discoloured drinking water onsite and reports of severe stomach problems from workers. He's been told he was let go because of his open criticism of senior management. He now has a

month to find a new job before his visa runs out. "I feel as though I shouldn't leave without putting a fight up," Mr Costello told 7News. Late yesterday Mobil confirmed tests have shown a presence of Legionella in the water. More than 100 workers have been stood down on full pay until further notice.

 **Related Links** [Workers Stood Down After Legionella Found](#)

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/latest/a/-/latest/16336782/union-calls-for-govt-to-investigate-refinery/>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, NEWCASTLE, MARCH 11 2013. ANOTHER CHEMICAL LEAK AT ORICA FACTORY

Map: [Newcastle 2300](#)



An amount of ammonia gas was leaked from the Kooragang Island Orica plant this morning.

Chemical company Orica says it is investigating an ammonia gas leak at its Newcastle plant this afternoon. A spokeswoman says the gas was released when a relief valve lifted at the Kooragang Island site, but the valve has been reset and the plant is operating as normal. The gas leak comes after two incidents at the plant in 2011, including an ammonia leak and hexavalent chromium leak. Orica says relevant authorities have been notified, including the Environment Protection Authority. General Manager of the Kooragang plant Greg Holmes says the leak was detected at industries west of the site.

 **Related Links**

- [Orica investigates ammonia leak](#)

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- [Orica reports ammonia gas leak](#)

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<http://news.ninemsn.com.au/national/2013/03/11/17/42/another-chemical-leak-at-origa-factory>

NIGERIA, ONDO, IJU-OSUN, MARCH 11 2013. NSCDC DESTROYS ILLEGAL CRUDE OIL REFINERY, DEPOT IN ONDO

Men of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) have destroyed an illegal crude oil refinery and adulterated diesel in Iju-Osun in Irele local government area of Ondo State. It was learnt that the illegal crude oil was been refined on the sea shore and later deposited in Iju -Osun for evacuation to various destinations through Irele and Ore road. Eight flying boats were said to have been caught while preparing to offload the products while many were already on the sea with full loads. The items found on the scene were completely destroyed while a suspect identified as Joshua Oluwatosin was reportedly arrested with three flying boats engine, one pumping machine generator, 20 kegs of 30 litres adulterated diesel and motorcycle. In a



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similar development, an illegal depot owned by one Akin Olafusi a.k.a Ola Super] at Ore, Odigbo Local Government was destroyed with over 33,000 litres of adulterated diesel in about 500 kegs. The State Commandant of NSCDC, Alhaji Popoola Bamidele reiterated the commitment of the agency to rid the state of illegal bunkering and all forms of criminalities. He advised the citizenry to cooperate with security agencies and give useful information that would help to free the state of illegal bunkering

<http://www.worldstagegroup.com/worldstagenew/index.php?active=news&newscid=7917&catid=2>

INDONESIA, JAKARTA, MARCH 12 2013. INDONESIA TO HOST ASEAN OIL SPILL RESPONSE GROUP MEETING

Indonesia is to host the ASEAN Oil Spill Response Action Plan (ASEAN-OSRAP) group meeting in Jakarta from March 19 to 21, local press reported Monday. The ASEAN OSRAP meeting will take place in Borobudur Hotel in Jakarta, Indonesian Transport Ministry said. The meeting will be held in cooperation with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Global Oil and Gas Industry Association for Environmental and Social Issues, the ministry was quoted by Antara news wire as saying. The goal of the meeting is to observe and discuss further cooperation among ASEAN countries in tackling environmental pollution in the region. Representatives from each ASEAN member are expected to attend this meeting. ASEAN countries would determine response to cope with environmental issues over the oil spill incident in the region. The impact of the oil spill is a serious risk threatening people's life and having adverse influence on social and economic life. With the action plan, ASEAN community shows solidarity spirit and friendly and effective cooperation with countries not only in the region but also in the world to relieve outcome of oil spill incidents. ASEAN groups Indonesia, Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Thailand, Lao PDR, Cambodia, Myanmar and Vietnam.

http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/767217.shtml#.UT5_whzDCM4

USA, PA, PHILADELPHIA, MARCH 12 2013. FUEL TANK GETS WEDGED UNDER PLANE IN PHILADELPHIA



A fuel tank somehow disconnected from its trailer hitch at Philadelphia International Airport, rolled onto the taxiway and got stuck under an airplane. It happened at 10:30 a.m. Monday. Airport spokeswoman Victoria Lupica says it took about 10 minutes to get the wedged tanker out from under the US Airways plane. Lupica says there was no fuel spill and no one was injured. She says the plane was towed back to the gate to be checked out and the passengers are being rebooked on other flights. Lupica says the plane had been moving on the taxiway but may have been fully stopped when the tank rolled into it. It's not clear how the tank got unhooked from the truck.

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/fuel-tank-wedged-plane-philadelphia-18702009>

USA, KS, WICHITA, MARCH 12 2013. GASOLINE INVOLVED FIRE LEAVES TWO MEN IN WICHITA HOSPITAL

john wright

Two Hutchinson men remain in serious condition after a garage fire. Hutchinson Fire Investigator Tony Arpin said the men used gasoline to start a wood burning stove that created vapors and flash fire, igniting their clothes. It happened at about 5 p.m. Sunday. Arpin said the men took their burning clothes off outside the garage and sparked a grass fire. A neighbor saw what happened and called 911 to the 1200 block of East 4th Avenue. "We packaged them as fast as we could and they were Lifewatched (flown by emergency helicopter) to Wichita," Arpin said. The names of the burn patients have not been released.

<http://www.kfdi.com/news/local/196968881.html>

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE, MARCH 12 2013. TESTING TO REVEAL HOW WATER GOT IN TO THE FUEL AT STAFFORD CALTEX SERVICE STATION

Caltex has undertaken a series of tests to find out how water got in to the fuel at a Stafford fuel station, where several motorists were affected after filling up. A Caltex spokesman said tests confirmed fuel in the Vortex 95 tank at the Stafford Rd station meets "stringent quality standards" and the issue had instead been isolated to fuel pipes that connect the tank to the bowsers. Four of the eight Vortex 95 bowsers which are supplied with fuel via a different pipe network have since reopened after they were closed on February 26, following complaints from customers. The remaining four bowsers will stay offline until repairs and further tests confirm the fuel is fit for use. Keperra resident Trudy Guy was one of the affected motorists. Her car



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broke down within 3km of the Stafford Rd station after filling up. She said the damage bill was \$3500, which was covered by her insurance, aside from a \$500 excess. But she's now awaiting confirmation Caltex will accept liability and provide compensation. The spokesman said it would "investigate any customer claims and fully compensate any motorist if it is identified that Caltex's fuel has caused a problem with their vehicle". He said it was common for a small volume of water to sit at the bottom of tanks at some service stations, without issue because oil and water do not mix. "Volumes in the tank are managed so that there is a buffer zone between the water and the fuel extraction point." The spokesman said in high rainfall events there could be "isolated circumstances in which water can impact our fuel systems" when levels changed quickly. Phone Caltex customer feedback line on 1800240398.

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/questnews/north/testing-to-reveal-how-water-got-in-to-the-fuel-at-stafford-caltex-service-station/story-fn8m0rl4-1226594981353>

USA, N.J, HARRISON, MARCH 12 2013. HORRIFYING BACKDRAFT THAT SENDS FIREFIGHTERS HURLING THROUGH THE AIR CAUGHT ON CAMERA

james nye

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- [Horrible Backdraft Sends Firefighters Hurling through Air](#)
- [Explosion at Harrison Fire](#)
- ['It Sounded Like a Bomb Went Off'](#)
- [Backdraft Blast Injures New Jersey Firefighters](#)

 **Photo's**

- [\[11\] Horrible Backdraft Sends Firefighters Hurling through Air](#)
- [\[6\] Explosion at Harrison Fire](#)



Five New Jersey firefighters were lucky to escape with their lives when a terrifying explosion blasted through a two-story building where they were battling a six-alarm blaze. The force of the massive explosion threw the men outside the Harrison building and caused a huge plume of smoke to billow up which could be seen for miles around and cast a shadow over Newark Liberty International Airport. Created by every firefighters worst nightmare, a backdraft, the awesome blast was captured on a witnesses cell-phone - revealing how close the brave men came to losing their lives as they fought the fire on Sunday morning. 'I heard a noise and I saw smoke going up into the air,' said eyewitness Donna Padovano to myfoxny.com. 'It was very scary, there were flames coming from every single window.' Authorities said that the fire erupted at around 11 a.m. in a restaurant on the ground floor and spread into the residential building. More than

80 firefighters responded to the blaze and four of the five taken to hospital were released early Monday morning. One of the men who was badly hurt was standing outside when the backdraft erupted out onto the street when the fire was fanned by a huge increase in oxygen. 'When that glass blew out, he got it all in his face and body,' said Harrison fire Captain. Robert Gillen. 'He was bleeding profusely.' Speaking of the deadly danger of a backdraft situation, Gillen explained the peril. 'All you need is an entrance of more oxygen, and it's just a massive explosion. A massive explosion.' 'They were literally thrown out of the building by the smoke explosion.' No members of the public were reported injured in the blaze which left six families homeless last night. A spokeswoman for the New Jersey Red Cross said the organization was assisting 17 people displaced by the fire. Sunday service at a neighboring church had to be evacuated when the fire began to burn through. 'We had just finished prayer and worship when I walked past the door and I saw a lot of people and they were yelling fire!' said church-goer Jacqueline Flores to myfoxny.com. 'When the explosion happened we saw the firefighters pull back and we saw one person injured on the ground, that's when it hit us our church was lost. 'We're thankful overall God got all of us out save and the materials can be replaced. ' The fire was brought under control by 4.45 p.m. and the estimated cost of the damages is expected to top \$100,000.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2291571/Horrifying-backdraft-sends-firefighters-hurling-air-caught-camera.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>



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USA, KY, JESSAMINE CO, NICHOLASVILLE, MARCH 12 2013. CHEMICAL LEAK CAUSING CONCERNS IN JESSAMINE COUNTY

 **Watch the Video** [A Dozen Homes in Nicholasville Evacuated Due to Chemical Spill](#)

Firefighters, Haz-Mat crews, and other emergency officials are on the scene of a Chemical Leak in Nicholasville. Jessamine County Emergency Management officials an accident at Aulick Chemical, off Industry Parkway in Nicholasville, has released some nitric acid into the air. Investigators say the acid was being kept inside a concrete barrier, but it leaked, and turned into a gas once it hit the outside air. An orange colored haze has been seen in the area. As a precaution, emergency management officials recommend people living between U.S. 27 and Bates Creek Road, south of Ash Grove Road, stay indoors. Businesses along nearby Eisenhower Court have also been evacuated, along with people living in the nearby Tuscany Valle neighborhood. Twelve homes have been evacuated, but no shelters have been set up because emergency crews are hopeful those evacuated will be able to go back home in the next few hours. However, officials say the nitric acid gas is dissipating in the air. No one has been injured as a result of this leak. Firefighters, Haz-Mat crews, and emergency officials are working to contain the leak.

<http://www.wkyt.com/news/national/headlines/197221841.html>

USA, TX, SAN ANTONIO, MARCH 12 2013. RAMP OPEN AGAIN AFTER TANK ACCIDENT



Traffic is moving again on the city's northeast side. That wasn't the case this afternoon and during rush hour. An 18-wheeler blocked a ramp off I-35 and Loop 410 for hours after losing the tank it was hauling. No injuries were reported.

http://www.foxsanantonio.com/newsroom/top_stories/videos/vid_14578.shtml

USA, KS, SHAWNEE, MARCH 12 2013. MAN DIES IN INDUSTRIAL EXPLOSION AT SHAWNEE BUSINESS

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- [Welding Equipment Eyed as Possible Cause of Blast](#)
- [Man Dies in Industrial Explosion at Shawnee Business](#)

Authorities are investigating after a worker died Monday following a blast at a Shawnee business. The explosion occurred just before 9:30 a.m. at Rieke Grading, which is located in the 8200 block of Hedge Lane Terrace. When deputies arrived, they found a man deceased at the scene. The victim was Nicholas Jerde, 23, of Kansas City. An initial investigation indicated the man was using an acetylene torch to free a valve on a vacuum truck. Shawnee Fire Marshal Corey Sands said there might have been vapor inside the truck that ignited. "Our crews arrived and found evidence of an explosion in the back of the building," Sands said. The doors in the back of the building were knocked off. The company, according to its website, specializes in commercial and residential excavation and tree removal, block and rock retaining walls and environmental remediation. "It's a very unfortunate accident," Sands said. "This is a small company so they're all like family and feel like they've lost one of their family members." Shawnee police, the Johnson County Crime Lab and members of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration are investigating the accident. The force of the blast rattled nearby businesses. Janette Williams, who works nearby, said she heard a loud boom. "I was like, 'Uh oh,'" she said. "We thought it might have been a sonic boom."

<http://www.kctv5.com/story/21574801/man-dies-in-industrial-explosion-at-shawnee-business>



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USA, TX, DEER PARK, MARCH 12 2013. SMALL FIRE AT DEER PARK, TEXAS, REFINERY QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED

rose marton-vitale

Shell Oil Co. on Monday said a small fire that occurred at its Deer Park Refinery, in Deer Park, Texas, early Saturday morning was quickly extinguished by on-site emergency responders. "No injuries occurred and there were no impacts to the community. Our priorities are to protect people and the environment, and to minimize further impact from the incident," Shell spokeswoman Kimberly Windon said. Ms. Windon said the cause of the incident is under investigation but didn't comment on whether the event had an impact on production. The refinery on Saturday reported equipment failure and emissions of acid gas to the U.S. National Response Center. It wasn't clear whether this event was in any way related to the fire. The 327,000-barrels-a-day Deer Park Refinery is operated by Shell Oil, a subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell in partnership with PMI Norteamerica SA de CV, a subsidiary of Petroleos Mexicanos or Pemex.

<http://english.capital.gr/News.asp?id=1748477>

USA, CA, SANTA YNEZ, MARCH 12 2013. VANDENBERG ELECTRICAL EXPLOSION UNDER INVESTIGATION >> INJURED WORKERS TRANSFERRED TO BURN CENTER

Janene Scully

Two United Launch Alliance employees seriously injured in an electrical explosion at Vandenberg Air Force Base have been transferred to a hospital that specializes in treating burn patients. The workers, whose names weren't released, were initially taken to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital for treatment. They were injured Saturday in what was described as an "arc flash" while working at Space Launch Complex-6 on South Base. "The employees were immediately transported to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and subsequently transferred to Grossman Burn Center West Hills near Los Angeles where they are being treated for their injuries," ULA officials said in a written statement Monday morning. "Our thoughts and support are with the employees and their families during this difficult time." The Occupational Safety and Health Administration describes an arc flash as "a phenomenon where a flashover of electric current leaves its intended path and travels through the air from one conductor to another, or to ground." An arc flash can be caused by many things including dust, dropping tools, accidental touching, condensation, corrosion, material failure or faulty installation, OSHA said. No details have been released regarding the incident, including whether it occurred at the launch pad or in the nearby hangar where rockets are processed. "ULA has begun a full investigation into the accident and will provide more details as they become available," the ULA statement said. SLC-6 currently is home to ULA's Delta 4 rocket, which is preparing for its next launch in August.

http://syvnews.com/news/local/injured-workers-transferred-to-burn-center/article_d8a9a838-8a88-11e2-a071-001a4bcf887a.html

BRAZIL, BRASILIA, MARCH 12 2013. SHELL, BASF AGREE TO PAY-OUT OVER BRAZIL CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION

Peter murphy

Oil producer Shell and German chemical company BASF agreed on Monday to pay compensation that could reach 620 million reais (\$316 million) to workers exposed over three decades to toxic chemicals at a [Brazil](#) plant, prosecutors said. Brazil's public labor prosecution service said 60 people were killed from prolonged exposure to chemicals used to make pesticides at the plant. The factory began operating in the 1970s in Paulinia in Sao Paulo state until government authorities ordered it to shut down in 2002. The companies have agreed to pay individual compensation to 1,068 former workers at the plant and provide them with lifetime medical care, which prosecutors estimated could total up to 420 million reais. Shell and BASF would also make a separate 200 million reais payment for collective moral damages which would be used to build a maternity clinic in Paulinia and for donations to special health centers. Shell has maintained throughout the case, brought in 2007, that it believed there was no link between the operations at the plant and injury to workers' health, but it said it regretted the environmental contamination that occurred. Seventy-six workers pursuing individual court action must also decide within 30 days whether to take the compensation offer which would require them to drop their own cases. Shell built and operated the factory until it sold it to chemicals company Cyanamid in 1995, which in turn sold it to BASF in 2000. BASF produced pesticides at the plant for only two years before it was shut down. Shell became the owner of the site again in 2008 when it bought it from BASF but the plant remains shut. Spokespeople for Shell and BASF based in [Brazil](#) confirmed the two companies had agreed to the compensation deal, whose total amount would be worked out over the next 10 days. Gislaire



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Rossetti, a spokeswoman at BASF, told Reuters the companies would not disclose the proportion of the total compensation each would pay. Shell would be solely responsible for reparations linked to soil pollution, she said. (\$1 = 1.9597 Brazilian reais)
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/03/12/us-shell-basf-payout-idUSBRE92B05320130312>

SCOTLAND, ABERDEEN, MARCH 12 2013. TOTAL'S ELGIN PLATFORM RESUMES OIL PRODUCTION

frank urquhart



TV pictures of the leak at the Elgin platform.

Oil giant Total has finally resumed production on its Elgin platform, a year after a shutdown caused by an uncontrolled gas leak on the installation. The platform, 150 miles east of Aberdeen, had to be abandoned on 25 March last year when the leak of potentially explosive gas and condensate first began. At its height, the well was spewing gas into the atmosphere at the rate of seven million cubic feet per day, costing Total up to £248 million in lost production. A mud-pumping operation finally stopped the leak on 16 May last year. The French oil giant announced today that production on the platform had resumed on Saturday and should soon reach close to 70,000 barrels of oil equivalent (boe) per day - 50 per cent of its production potential. A spokesman for the company said that Total was also investigating the possibility of drilling a number of new wells at the complex to reach the production levels which

existed before the gas leak on the platform. Yves-Louis Darricarrère, president of exploration and production at Total, said: "Managing this industrial incident securely for our personnel and with limited impact on the environment was our priority. The causes of the incident are now known and all necessary measures have been taken to enable us to resume production and carry out future exploitation of the fields from the Elgin/Franklin area in the best safety conditions." He added: "Lessons learned have been shared with the UK authorities and will also be shared with the wider industry. We now focus on continuing our development plans to bring back the full potential from the fields as soon as possible." A company spokesman said that investigations had concluded that the gas leak was caused by "a combination of several unprecedented events" on a well, known as G4, which had been shut in several months before the gas leak on the platform. He continued: "A thorough investigation led by Total revealed that the leak was caused by a type of stress corrosion which was unique to the G4 well and was fed from a so far non-producing chalk layer located approximately 1000 metres above the original reservoir." Elgin is one of the North Sea's biggest producing natural gas fields and produced about 130,000 boe per day in 2011 before the leak. The shutdown affected about seven per cent of the UK's total gas output last year.

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/scottish-news/top-stories/total-s-elgin-platform-resumes-oil-production-1-2829811>

USA, MI, LANSING, MARCH 12 2013. PRIVATE WELL DRINKING WATER IMPACTED BY KALAMAZOO RIVER OIL SPILL NOT HARMFUL TO HEALTH, OFFICIALS SAY

emily monacelli



The Kalamazoo River, with the exception of a 1000 foot section, is now open to the public, was closed in July of 2010 after an Enbridge oil spill.

The Michigan Department of Community Health has determined that people drinking water from private wells [along the site of the Kalamazoo River oil spill in Kalamazoo and Calhoun counties](#) will not be harmed by "oil related chemicals." A Public Health Assessment completed by the department evaluated groundwater used as residential drinking water along the stretch of river impacted by the July 2010 oil spill, when 800,000 gallons of heavy crude oil spilled from Enbridge Inc.'s pipe into Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River. They did not detect oil-related chemicals in samples from wells used for drinking water, according to a press release from state health officials. Tests detected iron and nickel, two oil-related inorganic chemicals, in a few wells but

their levels would not be expected to cause health effects. Those chemicals are naturally occurring and have been found before in Calhoun and Kalamazoo County wells. Tests showed arsenic and lead in some wells that could cause health effects



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after long-term exposure. Neither arsenic nor lead were in the crude oil that spilled in the river in July 2010. Arsenic is a naturally occurring metal and lead could be present from residential plumbing or could be naturally occurring, the release stated. The report includes responses to comments [received in a 2012 public comment period](#). The state health department's Division of Environmental Health conducted the assessment as part of a cooperative agreement with the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. The entire Public Health Assessment [is available on the state's website](#). Copies also can be found at Marshall District Library, 124 W. Green St., Marshall; Willard Library, 7 W. Van Buren St., Battle Creek; and Galesburg Memorial Library, 188 E. Michigan Ave., Galesburg. The press release states that Calhoun County and Kalamazoo County health department officials are available to discuss water sampling results and ways to reduce exposure to the chemicals with residents.

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2013/03/private_well_drinking_water_im.html

USA – DOT – PIPELINE & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION [PHMSA]. CHART 15, THE LATEST HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MARKINGS, LABELING AND PLACARDING GUIDE IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE U.S. DOT / PHMSA WEBSITE.

Publications, [Pdf Download at: [DOT Chart 15: Markings, Labeling, and Placarding Guide](#)]

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<http://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/training/publications>

USA, S.C, COTTAGEVILLE, MARCH 13 2013. FIVE INJURED IN PROPANE TANK EXPLOSION

george salsberry



Five were injured in a propane tank explosion.

Five people were injured, two critically, in a Saturday evening explosion in Cottageville. The Colleton County dispatch center began receiving calls Saturday at 11:18 p.m. from Cottageville area residents who had heard a large explosion. The blast reportedly had been heard a mile away from the Rehoboth Road home where the incident occurred. The first fire rescue units on the scene found multiple patients and called for reinforcements. A large contingent of Colleton County Sheriff's Office personnel along with two additional ambulances and two medical helicopters were sent to the 3000 block of Rehoboth Road. Fire-rescue paramedics determined that two of the victims, a 14-year-old boy and 19-year-old male, had sustained first, second and third degree burns over much of their bodies. The paramedics were particularly concerned with the facial burns because of possible damage to their airways. The decision was made to render the patients unconscious and then install tubes in their tracheas to help them breathe. After receiving the care on the ground the two critically burned victims were moved to a landing zone set up approximately a mile from the incident. Once they arrived at the landing zone the patients were placed into LifeNet 4 and LifeNet 7 medical helicopters for a flight to Still Burn Center in Augusta, Ga., the nearest burn unit. While those teens were being prepared for their flight to the burn center, two other seriously injured teens were being readied for a trip to the Trauma Unit at Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. A 17-year-old had received a large laceration to one of his leg, the injury caused when he was hit by shrapnel from the exploding metal container. The second victim, an 18-year-old had sustained burns from the fireball that had accompanied the explosion. A fifth victim, a 20-year-old male, had sustained a minor laceration to his foot but did not require transportation to the hospital. The Colleton County Sheriff's Office investigation into the incident determined that the teens and young adults had been cleaning the property and were burning the debris in a burn pit. It appeared that a small tank, possibly containing propane, had been placed in the fire and it caused the explosion and fireball.

http://www.colletontoday.com/news/five-injured-in-propane-tank-explosion/article_d4c44d40-8b19-11e2-8439-001a4bcf887a.html



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AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, MARCH 13 2013. DEPT' OF NATURAL RESOURCES & MINES - SAFETY ALERT NO. 298 - EXPLOSION IN AN INDUSTRIAL VACUUM TRUCK



What Happened?

An industrial vacuum truck was vacuuming out a sump in a reagent area of a mineral processing plant when the vacuum pump motor caught fire. The fire then ignited gases in the interceptor (the large receiving tank on back of truck) that had built up to explosive levels. Material was ejected up to 30 m away.

How did it Happen?

Investigation showed that the fire was started by a wire leading from the battery to the vacuum pump starter motor. The wire was not protected by a fuse and overheated, igniting the wire's insulation. The resulting fire then ignited gas that had built up in the interceptor. The gas came from the sludge material that was being cleared up by the truck. The sludge included residue and material from the sodium ethyl xanthate tank in the storage bund. This material is itself spontaneously combustible, but it can also produce combustible and explosive

carbon disulphide gas and ethanol vapors. Additionally, the vacuum truck was not fitted with any fire suppression other than a hand-held extinguisher.

Recommendations

1. Identify any sumps that may contain hydrocarbons or other flammable materials before clean up work starts and discuss this information with the workers undertaking the task. This information must be input to the risk assessment process used for this type of task at your mine.
2. Ensure that suitable electrical protection techniques are used with such diesel pump and motor installations. 3. Check similar types of equipment and assess whether additional controls, including an appropriate fire suppression system, are needed.

<http://mines.industry.qld.gov.au/assets/safety-and-health/safety-alert-298.pdf>

USA, CT, EAST HAVEN, MARCH 13 2013. TANKER TRUCK CRASH: NO ONE INJURED IN MONDAY NIGHT COLLISION

 [Photo's Tanker Truck Crash](#)



East Haven Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle accident that involved a car and a fully loaded gasoline truck along Frontage Road Monday evening.

Miraculously no one was injured when a car and a fully loaded gasoline tanker truck collided in East Haven Monday night along Frontage Road. [East Haven Fire Department's](#) Engine 1, Engine 4, Rescue 4, Car 4 and Car responded to the crash, which occurred just before 8 p.m. on the eastbound side of the roadway, according to a [post on the East Haven Firefighters Union's Facebook page](#). The incident took place near the busy route's intersection with Oakley Street.

<http://easthaven.patch.com/articles/tanker-truck-crash-no-one-injured-in-monday-night-collision#photo-13647140>

ENGLAND, KENT, MARCH 13 2013. INJURED MAN AIRLIFTED FROM TANKER OFF KENT COAST

A man has been winched to safety by a helicopter crew after he was injured on board a tanker in gale-force winds off the Kent coast. He was hurt when he fell on the Gibraltar-registered tanker *Claus*, about five miles north-east of Margate. A Sea King Helicopter from RAF Wattisham rescued the man and flew him to the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital in Margate. Dover Coastguard described the force-eight gale conditions as "challenging".

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-21751022>



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USA, PA, PHILADELPHIA, MARCH 13 2013. FUEL TRUCK CATCHES FIRE AT PHILLY AIRPORT

 **Watch the Video** [Fuel Truck Catches Fire at Airport](#)

Another incident involving a US Airways plane and a fuel tank sent emergency crews to Philadelphia International Airport Monday night. The Philadelphia Fire Department was called out around 8:00 p.m. for the report of a fuel truck on fire at the airport. Officials say the truck caught fire next to a US Airways plane at the "F" terminal. The cab of the truck caught fire, not the fuel in the tanker. There were no injuries. US Airways says the plane was not damaged. Earlier in the day, [another US Airways plane was on the taxiway](#) when a trailer being towed by a pickup truck broke loose and became wedged under the plane. The trailer held a 300 gallon plastic tank labeled "jet fuel." Emergency responders eventually determined that tank was full of water that had been siphoned from fuel tanks.

<http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=9023686>

BELGIUM, BRUSSELS, MARCH 13 2013. COURT OF JUSTICE'S 'GROUNDBREAKING' DECISION UPHOLDS ECHA HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RULES

The European Chemicals Agency on March 8 welcomed a European Court of Justice [ruling](#) that vindicated its decisions to identify a number of substances as "substances of very high concern" (SVHCs) under the European Union's REACH regulation (Bilbaina de Alquitranes and Others v. ECHA, E.C.R., No. T-93/10, 3/7/13. Meanwhile, a lawyer for the companies that sought annulment of the ECHA decisions told BNA that aspects of the judgment were "really quite groundbreaking" and will change the relationship between ECHA and REACH registrants in several ways. The court judgment, handed down March 7, concerned ECHA's decision to place anthracene oil, anthracene oil (low), anthracene oil (paste), and coal tar high pitch on the REACH candidate list, meaning they could ultimately be banned in the European Union. The substances were put on the candidate list on the basis that they are persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic (PBT), and/or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB), categories identified in the REACH regulation for possible phaseout. REACH (Regulation No. 1907/2006) stands for the registration, evaluation, and authorization of chemicals. The court judgment was given in joined cases filed by Bilbaina de Alquitranes, Rütgers Germany, and Cindu Chemicals.

Assessment Errors Alleged

The plaintiffs had argued that ECHA was wrong to list the substances as SVHCs because they were assessed on the basis of the properties of their constituents, rather than on the basis of the properties of the substances themselves. The substances are all considered to be substances of unknown or variable composition, complex reaction products, or biological materials (UVCB substances), because they cannot be fully identified by their chemical compositions. The plaintiffs had also claimed that ECHA was being discriminatory by identifying certain--but not all--substances containing anthracene as SVHCs. ECHA said in a statement that the court rulings "confirm the Agency's approach in identifying PBTs and vPvBs as substances of very high concern," and the court "also upheld that ECHA's decisions were proportionate and did not breach the principle of equal treatment." ECHA added that it "considers that this ruling is a clear reminder to registrants that in their chemical safety assessment of UVCBs and other multi-constituent substances they have to identify and take into account the properties of the constituents of these substances."

Ruling 'Sets Precedents'

Ruxandra Cana, a partner in Brussels with the legal firm Field Fisher Waterhouse, which represented the plaintiffs, told BNA the plaintiffs "have to assess the judgment," and that an appeal is a possibility. She said that although the court ruled in favor of ECHA, "several conclusions [of the court] can be considered as real legal precedents." The case established that an ECHA decision to include a substance in the REACH candidate list is a "regulatory act which has legal effects" by requiring companies to change their safety data sheets for listed substances, Cana said. ECHA had argued that it does not adopt regulatory acts in placing substances on the candidate list, a distinction that has led the Court of Justice to dismiss as inadmissible previous cases challenging ECHA decisions. The court in September 2011 dismissed as inadmissible two cases concerning the listing of acrylamide as an SVHC (Polyelectrolyte Producers Group v. ECHA, E.C.R., No. T-1/10, 9/21/11; SNF SAS v. ECHA, E.C.R., No. T-268/10, 9/21/11). In both cases, appeals have been lodged with the Court of Justice.

Onus on ECHA to Prove PBT/vPvB

Cana said the March 7 rulings also established that "companies do not have to consider that substances are PBT and/or vPvB unless and until ECHA goes through the process" of SVHC identification and listing. This would put the onus on ECHA and other public authorities to prove that substances have PBT or vPvB properties. ECHA and EU member state authorities "must go through the whole identification procedure under Article 59 of REACH," Cana said. Article 59 sets out the process for listing



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substances as SVHCs. Cana said the situation with PBT/vPvB substances is different from those classified as carcinogenic, mutagenic, or reprotoxic (CMR), which is a recognized category in other EU legislation and imposes obligations on companies. In particular, companies are required to identify and appropriately label and package CMR substances by the European Union's CLP Regulation (Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 on the classification, labeling, and packaging of substances and mixtures). However, PBT and vPvB "are not hazard classes in the CLP Regulation," Cana said. ECHA had argued that companies have a general obligation to update their safety data sheets with appropriate information if their substances have PBT or vPvB properties. The European Union Court of Justice rulings in Bilbaína de Alquitranes and Others v. ECHA, No. T-93/10; Rütgers Germany and Others v. ECHA, No. T-94/10; Cindu Chemicals and Others v. ECHA, No. T-95/10; and Rütgers Germany and Others v. ECHA, T-96/10 are available at <http://bit.ly/10hEXYA>, <http://bit.ly/15CnYmX>, <http://bit.ly/13Le6Jo>, and <http://bit.ly/WasWUT>.

<http://www.bna.com/court-justices-groundbreaking-n17179872737/>

USA, OH, CLEVELAND, MARCH 13 2013. FUEL MIX-UP CAUSES PROBLEMS FOR SOME DRIVERS

kara sutyak

Giant Eagle said a fuel mix-up may be affecting some drivers. A spokesperson said the supplier of GetGo fuel, Bulk Terminal Storage out of Aurora, provided shipments to two Northeast Ohio locations of 87 octane gasoline that were mistakenly mixed with diesel fuel at the terminal. The two affected sites are on Medina Road in Fairlawn and Lincoln Way East in Massillon. One person affected by this has reached out to FOX 8, saying the gas he got at the Fairlawn location damaged his car. Giant Eagle and GetGo "apologize for any inconvenience caused by this supplier error, and the company is working diligently to satisfy its affected customers. GetGo offers the highest quality fuels, and all fuels sold at GetGo are 100% guaranteed." Customers who purchased either 87 or 89 octane fuel at one of those two locations before noon Tuesday morning may contact Giant Eagle at 1-800-553-2324 to process a claim for fuel system repairs.

<http://fox8.com/2013/03/12/fuel-mix-up-causes-problems-for-some-drivers/>

ENGLAND, YORKSHIRE, SCARBOROUGH, MARCH 13 2013. WASHED-UP OIL DEPOSITS KILL SEABIRDS IN YORKSHIRE



Most of the oil was found in Filey but there was no sign of it by Tuesday afternoon.

Up to 15 seabirds have died and dozens more have been found covered in oil after deposits washed up on Yorkshire beaches. The deposits were brought ashore by strong winds on Sunday afternoon. Following a clean-up operation between Scarborough and Speeton, the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust said the oil seemed to have broken up and dispersed. It said about 50 birds in total, mostly black-headed gulls, had been affected. The trust said it was "hopeful that the situation will not worsen". A spokesman urged people to report any seabirds covered in oil and not to touch them.

'Beaches still Open'

The trust said staff at its Flamborough centre were on high alert as thousands of birds were returning to the Yorkshire coast ahead of the breeding season. Manager Kirsten Smith said: "Oil or other harmful substances can be lethal to seabirds and the unfortunate timing of a spill like this could deal a devastating blow to Flamborough's celebrated seabirds."

Beach users and surfers were advised to stay out of the sea. Scarborough Borough Council said some of the oil deposits were the size of a plate. Its head of environmental services, Andy Skelton, said the situation was being assessed and warning signs were put up at beaches. "The substance has been found at Scarborough South Bay, Cornelian Bay, Cayton Bay, and Filey," he said. Mr Skelton said an inspection of the beaches on Tuesday morning found no further oil deposits. He added that beaches were still open to the public but urged people to keep away from oil deposits and report any sightings to the authority. A spokesperson for the Maritime and Coastguard Agency said: "An MCA counter-pollution surveillance aircraft has carried out a search of the area, but no pollution was detected. "Tests are now being carried out on a sample of the product to try to identify exactly what it is and if at all possible, to determine the source."

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- [Oil spill clear-up continues as MP demands full inquiry](#)



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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-york-north-yorkshire-21751774>

USA, TX, DUMAS, MARCH 13 2013. 5 DIE IN FIERY COLLISION WITH TANKER TRUCK IN TEXAS

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This photo, courtesy of KFDA NewsChannel 10 Amarillo shows the charred remains Monday, March 11, 2013, after a fatal wreck Sunday between a tanker loaded with fuel and a car with five teens near Dumas, Texas. The deaths of the five Texas teens came the same day as an accident in Ohio that killed six and a day before a crash in Illinois killed four. Three teenagers died Friday in Indiana when police said the drivers of two pickups ran a four-way stop and collided.

At the intersection of the two country roads, charred debris lies strewn haphazardly. The earth around it is scorched. It is here, in this corner of Dumas, Texas, that a sport utility vehicle and a gas tanker collided Sunday afternoon. The tanker's flammable cargo sent both vehicles up in flames, seriously injuring the truck driver and killing all five passengers in the Chevrolet SUV. All of those who died were teenagers. The crash, coupled with another one in Warren, Ohio,

the same day, highlight that motor vehicle wrecks continue to be the No. 1 killer of youths in the United States.

A Fatal Mistake

It wasn't clear where the teens were headed in the SUV when, authorities say, the driver, 16-year-old Jacob Paul Stipe, failed to stop at a stop sign. It was a fateful mistake. As the SUV entered the intersection, a truck smashed into its passenger side, CNN affiliate [KFDA reported, quoting authorities](#). Paul died at the scene. So did his four passengers: October Dawn Roys, 17; Elizabeth Kay Roys, 15; Derrek Lee Hager, 17; and Christopher Lee Moore, 17. The truck driver, Ezequel Melecio Garcia, was flown to a hospital burn unit in Lubbock.

Related Links

- [Five Panhandle teenagers are killed in tragic crash](#)
DPS has released the identities of the teenagers killed in the crash. Jacob Stipe, 16, 17-year-old October Roys and her sister Elizabeth Roys, 15, Derrek Hager, 17 and 17-year-old Christopher Moore.
- [Family and friends of Panhandle teens killed in crash share their memories](#)
Three Panhandle communities have been rocked by the tragic crash near the Valero Refinery Sunday afternoon.
- [Crash In Texas Kills Five Teens And Badly Burns Truck Driver](#)
Five teenagers are dead and one tractor-trailer driver remains in critical condition following a serious crash in Texas on Sunday.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2013/03/12/us/texas-teens-killed/index.html>

USA, MI, STOCKBRIDGE, MARCH 13 2013. STATE, ENBRIDGE TEST SAMPLES AFTER OILY SHEEN DETECTED IN INGHAM COUNTY

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Samples from a county drain are being tested after a sheen was detected on the water's surface over the weekend near the Enbridge Inc. facility in southeastern Ingham County. As of Tuesday night, no petroleum had been detected, but testing was continuing, Deputy Ingham County Drain Commissioner Carla Clos said Tuesday afternoon. "At this point, we don't really know what it is," Clos said. "(The tests) are not showing anything to be worried about." Clos said the drain commissioner's office was notified of the sheen on the Bauer Drain on Sunday afternoon. Boom designed to contain spills were placed across



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the drain to keep any possible contaminants from passing downstream, she said. The state Department of Environmental Quality and the Ingham County Sheriff's Department are monitoring the situation, Clos said. A spokesman for Enbridge, a Canadian oil company whose pipelines pass through parts of Livingston and Ingham counties, said the company began testing because the sheen occurred near its facility. The first set of samples were negative for petroleum, said the spokesman, Larry Springer. Results were still pending on a second group of samples, he said. Many things other than petroleum can cause a sheen on water, including decaying leaves, and there was no indication of an oil or gas leak, Springer said. Enbridge was responsible for a 2010 oil spill that fouled nearly 40 miles of the Kalamazoo River. In early 2011, as much as 462,000 gallons of gasoline leaked from a faulty pipeline operated by Marathon Pipe Line LLC in White Oak Township, some of which made its way into the Bauer Drain.

<http://www.battlecreekenquirer.com/article/20130312/NEWS/303120027/State-Enbridge-test-samples-after-oily-sheen-detected-Ingham-County>

USA, LA, LAFITTE, MARCH 13 2013. HUGE BLAZE ERUPTS AFTER TUGBOAT PUSHING OIL BARGE HITS LA. BAYOU PIPELINE

 **Watch the Video:**

- [Huge Blaze Erupts after Tugboat Pushing Oil Barge hits Pipeline on La. Bayou](#)
- [Body of Tug Boat Worker Found at Port of Corpus Christi](#)

 **Slideshow [8]** [Tugboat Fire Victim Is Listed in Critical Condition](#)



Flames can be seen from blaze that erupted after a tugboat pushing an oil barge struck a gas pipeline in a bayou south of New Orleans Tuesday night, March 12, 2013.

A tugboat pushing an oil barge struck a gas pipeline in a bayou south of New Orleans on Tuesday night, igniting a blaze that burned for hours and left two people injured, one critically. Ensign Tanner Stiehl told The Associated Press the collision occurred at about 6 p.m. Central time on Bayou Perot, in a marshy area near where Lafourche and Jefferson parishes meet, about 30 miles south of New Orleans. The tugboat and barge were engulfed in flames, and heavy smoke billowed from the scene. [CBS New Orleans affiliate WWL-TV reported](#) that all four people on the vessel were accounted for, but that one person was critically burned and was treated at West Jefferson Medical Center. The station reported the person was transferred to the burn center at Baton Rouge General Hospital. Stiehl said the pipeline is owned by San Ramon, Calif.-based Chevron. WWL says the barge was carrying 2,215 barrels of crude oil. He said the company has isolated the pipeline from other mains "so only whatever was in the pipeline will be able to burn." Jefferson Parish Councilman Chris Roberts, who represents the area, told WWL-TV the fire was in very shallow water, as little as a foot deep, and that authorities wouldn't approach the site until the fire had burned itself out. Officials told the station the water is too shallow and the fire too intense to attempt to extinguish it.

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