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### AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA, MARCH 8 2013. VACC CALLS ON ACCC TO THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE SUPERMARKET FUEL RETAILING

The Victorian automobile chamber of commerce (VACC) has welcomed the recent investigation by the ACCC Chairman Rod Sims, into supermarkets and fuel discounts. Launching the ACCC Compliance and Enforcement Policy, Mr Sims recently outlined "as a specific area of focus, the ACCC has maintained to placing priority on competition and consumer issues arising in highly concentrated sectors and, in particular, the supermarkets and fuel sectors". In response, the VACC has called on Mr Sims to conduct a thorough investigation into supermarkets and their retail fuel partners and, especially, shopper dockets, anti-competitive behavior and creeping acquisitions. Among the VACC's 5,300 small-business members in the retail, service and repair sector of the automotive industry are approximately 200 independent fuel retailer members. Many have blamed their departure from the industry on anti-competitive behavior by supermarkets. "We have raised concerns about the retail fuel industry for many years and well before the first shopper docket was introduced in Australia by Woolworths in 1996," VACC Executive Director David Purchase said. "We have written countless letters and submissions, arranged meetings and promoted our concerns through the media. Finally, the ACCC has heard what we and other independent suppliers and retailers have been saying. "This is an important crossroads for Australian suppliers and consumers and it is important that Mr Sims is resolute in his pursuit of fair competition."

[http://retailmedia.com.au/resources/CW\\_eNews/CW\\_eNews\\_080313.html#story2?utm\\_source=CW+eNews+-+VACC+calls+on+ACCC+to+thoroughly+investigate+supermarket+fuel+retail&utm\\_campaign=cw-080313&utm\\_medium=email](http://retailmedia.com.au/resources/CW_eNews/CW_eNews_080313.html#story2?utm_source=CW+eNews+-+VACC+calls+on+ACCC+to+thoroughly+investigate+supermarket+fuel+retail&utm_campaign=cw-080313&utm_medium=email)

### USA, WA, OLYMPIA, MARCH 8 2013. OIL SPILL READINESS PLAN COVERING 1,600 VESSELS APPROVED

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) has given its final approval of the Washington State Maritime Cooperative's (WSMC) umbrella oil spill readiness plan that covers more than 1,600 commercial vessels that transit Puget Sound and Grays Harbor. WSMC's oil spill readiness – or contingency – plan helps ensure that large commercial vessels can mount a rapid, aggressive and well coordinated response if they spill oil in state waters. The plan identifies the location of different response equipment such as oil containment boom, skimming and towing vessels and vacuum trucks in Puget Sound and Grays Harbor. It also identifies how the equipment will be mobilized by private response entities during a spill to minimize harm to important environmental, cultural and economic resources. WSMC's plan enrolls nearly all large cargo and passenger ships, commercial fish-processing vessels as well as some oil tankers and fuel barges that make transits in the shared waters of Puget Sound – including the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Haro and Rosario Straits – and Grays Harbor. State law requires all large commercial ships and vessels, oil tankers and tank barges have contingency plans to operate in Washington waters. Ecology reviews, approves and works with regulated vessels and shipping companies to continuously test and improve these plans. As part of its plan, the private spill response contractor NRC-Environmental Services recently stationed a state-of-the-art oil skimming system and oil storage barge at Neah Bay on WSMC's behalf to quickly remove oil from the water's surface if a spill were to occur in the vicinity. It is an important new addition to be permanently stationed at the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, one of the world's business maritime shipping lanes. In 2011, Elastec/American Marine, the company that developed the grooved disc skimmer, won a worldwide award for the new technology. Ecology Spill Preparedness Manager Linda Pilkey-Jarvis said: "Every year, billions of gallons of oil are transported into and across Puget Sound and Grays Harbor waters. The WSMC plan helps safeguard our economy, cultural resources and environment by assuring us spillers can quickly mount an effective response. This is a substantial achievement because we have vessels from around the world that transit our waters every day." Pilkey-Jarvis said WSMC's umbrella spill contingency plan is "good for business and our environment. Individual operators can share costs with other operators to be covered under a single, large plan instead of maintaining their own plans. It's an approach that helps keep our ports competitive." WSMC's oil spill contingency plan is one of two large umbrella plans in use for Washington's waters. The Maritime Fire and Safety Association provides spill coverage for 1,000 commercial vessels operating in the Columbia River. Every year, about 20 billion gallons of oil are transported across Washington waters. Besides the umbrella organizations, Washington requires 28 oil refineries, large oil-handling facilities, liquid fuel pipeline and oil tanker companies to have oil spill contingency plans.

#### Related Links

- [Ecology's Spills Program](#)
- [More about oil spill contingency plans](#)

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2013/068.html>



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#### **USA, WYO, TORRINGTON, MARCH 8 2013. WYOMING ETHANOL TO PAY \$49,000 FOR VIOLATIONS AT TORRINGTON FACILITY >> COMPANY CITED FOR RISK MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND CHEMICAL REPORTING VIOLATIONS**

EPA today announced Wyoming Ethanol, LLC, located in Torrington, Wyoming, will pay \$49,000 in penalties to settle claims related to the facility's Risk Management Program and chemical reporting requirements. The alleged violations are associated with the use of hazardous chemicals and the failure to appropriately report chemicals used on site in violation of federal right-to-know laws. "Companies that use chemicals and substances which pose a potential danger are responsible for reporting those chemicals to the Toxic Release Inventory and having a robust risk management program in place," said Mike Gaydos, director of EPA's enforcement program in Denver. "Failure to do so places the environment, employees, and the nearby community at risk. We are encouraged that Wyoming Ethanol has been cooperative in correcting the violations and coming into compliance." Today's agreement stems from an EPA inspection conducted during May of 2012 which found deficiencies in the facility's risk management plan required under the Clean Air Act. These plans ensure the proper management of toxic and/or flammable chemicals and to prevent and respond to releases of chemicals that may occur. Wyoming Ethanol's Torrington facility is subject to the Risk Management Program regulations because it stores flammable or highly toxic chemicals above the regulatory threshold amount. By agreeing to the settlement, the company has certified that they are now in compliance. Effective risk management plans help companies, industries, and municipalities operate responsibly, assists emergency responders by providing vital information necessary to address accidents and other incidents, protects the environment by preventing and minimizing damage from accidental releases, and keeps communities safer. According to EPA's Denver office, Wyoming Ethanol also failed to accurately file Toxic Chemical Release Inventory (TRI) forms listing chemicals processed, manufactured, or used at its facility. These inventory forms are required by the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA). The failure of a facility to submit information to the TRI deprives the local community of its right to know about chemicals present in the area. EPA's action is expected to encourage compliance with EPCRA reporting requirements and to ensure that the community has information about chemicals being processed, manufactured, or otherwise used in the area. The required information also helps inform health studies based on the TRI database and assists federal, state, and local authorities prevent pollution and plan for potential releases. For more information on the Clean Air Act risk management and EPCRA 313 requirements:

[http://www.epa.gov/oem/content/rmp/caa\\_faqs.htm](http://www.epa.gov/oem/content/rmp/caa_faqs.htm); <http://www.epa.gov/tri/triprogram/whatis.htm>

#### **USA, N.J, TRENTON, MARCH 8 2013. N.J. GAS STATION OWNER TO PAY \$3 MILLION FOR DENIED OVERTIME WAGES**

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Waseem Chaudhary and a company he operates, Daniyal Enterprises, has agreed to pay \$3 million in overtime back pay and damages to 417 workers employed at 72 of his New Jersey gas stations, the Labor Department said today. A major player in New Jersey's network of independent gas stations will pay his workers more than \$3 million as part of a deal to end a federal probe that found hundreds of attendants had been working as much as 84 hours a week without overtime pay. Waseem Chaudhary and several companies he operates, including Daniyal Enterprises, will pay \$2 million in back wages and \$1 million in damages to 417 workers at 72 gas stations he owns across the state, the U.S. Department of Labor said yesterday. The company also was slapped with a \$91,000 fine because of the "repeated and willful nature" of the violations, the agency said. As part of the deal, Chaudhary also must hire an independent monitor for the next three years to oversee his compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act. The federal law mandates that covered, nonexempt employees be paid at least the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour, plus one and one-half times their regular rate for hours worked over 40 per week. The monitor will set up a hotline for employees to file anonymous reports of violations, according to the consent agreement. Neither Chaudhary nor his attorney, William McLane of Littler Mendelson, returned calls yesterday. Both a federal labor official and the head of a gas station lobby described Chaudhary as a "big player" among the independent operators of New Jersey fuel merchants. His network of gas stations stretches across 14 counties in North and Central Jersey, with a heavy concentration in Middlesex County, according to data provided by the Labor Department. Many are operated under the Shell brand, while others are run with the BP logo, said Joe Petrecca, the district director of the Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division for North Jersey. Yesterday's case was brought as part of an ongoing investigation into the Garden State's gas stations, Petrecca said. Bringing it involved extensive surveillance efforts and coordinated sweeps of Chaudhary's gas stations, where investigators interviewed workers and inspected books and records. Among its findings, federal officials found workers being



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paid partly off the books and sometimes in cash in an effort to hide the lack of overtime pay. Petrecca said he hoped the case will improve practices at gas stations throughout the state. "If we get enough of the good guys, they will put pressure on the bad guys to do the right thing." In a statement, acting Secretary of Labor Seth Harris, said, "All gas station owners and operators in New Jersey should take note of this precedent by reviewing their payroll practices and legal obligations. Gas station attendants are few in number, earn low wages, work long hours and often lack English proficiency -- factors that contribute to their vulnerability as well as the importance of protecting their right to be paid properly." Sal Risalvato, executive director of the New Jersey Gasoline C-Store and Automotive Association, said yesterday he has been working with his group's members to make sure their payroll practices abide by the law. In many cases, though, this is solved by a simple accounting fix: rather than pay an attendant a flat \$600 fee for 50 hours worked, he said, gas station owners can split the payment into an hourly and overtime increments, he said. "You can pay an employee the exact same amount of money, but pay them in a way to comply with law," Risalvato said.

[http://www.nj.com/business/index.ssf/2013/03/nj\\_gas\\_station\\_owner\\_to\\_pay\\_3.html](http://www.nj.com/business/index.ssf/2013/03/nj_gas_station_owner_to_pay_3.html)

### YEMEN, SANA'A, MARCH 8 2013. 160 HAZARDOUS, UNLISCENCED GAS STATIONS TO BE SHUT DOWN IN SANA'A

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*The spread of gas stations in Sana'a into residential areas leaves residents at risk.*

The Yemen Gas Company (YGC) says it will shut down over 160 gas stations in the capital city of Sana'a because they are not meeting safety standards. The stations include locations where people refuel their vehicles and locations where residents fill gas cylinders for household needs like cooking. "All unlicensed gas stations will be shut down because of their potential danger for residents," Manager of the Public Works office Abdulraakeeb Ata said. Abdulhakeem Mohammed Qasim, manager of the VIP Consumers Department at the YGC said the company has already closed three of the gas stations. Many gas stations have been and continue to be built without a license from the

YGC, he added. Gas stations in residential area, particularly ones that are unlicensed and don't meet safety criteria, are dangerous, Qasim said. Tanks storing the fuel can explode if exposed to a minor fire. A committee formed by the Security General Manager of the Capital City, the General Manager of Civil Defense and the General Manager of Public Works met on Saturday to make decisions regarding unlicensed gas stations. One resident, Ahmed Makaiber, felt strongly that gas stations should not be in residential areas. "Gas stations are not supposed to be built where people live. Residents must also stop storing gas in their own tanks," he said. "Lots of casualties have been reported in the capital as a result of these storing methods." Sana'a has witnessed many explosions at gas stations. The latest reported incident happened near the Effil restaurant on Jan. 31, leaving many wounded and causing considerable damage.

<http://www.yementimes.com/en/1656/news/2076/160-hazardous-unliscenced-gas-stations-to-be-shut-down-in-Sana%E2%80%99a.htm>

### USA, N.Y, TOWN OF ULSTER, MARCH 8 2013. TOWN OF ULSTER OKS MONITORING OF CONTAMINATION PLUME AT DRY CLEANING BUSINESS

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The Town Board has approved hiring Mid-Hudson Geosciences to drill three monitoring wells needed for determining whether a plume of contamination is expanding from American Cleaners at 734 Ulster Avenue. The contract was discussed during a meeting Thursday, with Supervisor James Quigley noting there is no expense to the town. "I believe there is an environmental insurance policy in effect for this property," he said. "So this is part of (American Cleaners') cost. They are responsible for their clean up." Information on a town map of the site shows a plume of tetrachloroethylene, also called PCE, concentrated behind American Cleaners and moving west under Ulster Avenue. Monitoring wells are already in place on three properties. "It appears that there were dry cleaning fluids from American Cleaners that penetrated the ground water," he said. "What the (state Department of Environmental Conservation) has done is establish a series of monitoring wells around the site." Owners of American Cleaners were not immediately available Thursday for comment.

<http://www.dailyfreeman.com/articles/2013/03/07/news/doc51394c147d8b5628701421.txt>



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### CANADA, B.C, KITSILANO, MARCH 8 2013. LIKELY PCB CONTAMINATION FOUND AT KITS COAST GUARD BASE



#### *Coast guard base.*

An initial assessment of the closed Kitsilano Coast Guard base has revealed likely environmental contamination, and experts say the cleanup could cost up to \$1 million. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans told CTV News that polychlorinated biphenyl, a persistent organic pollutant, is among the toxic chemicals expected to turn up in the water and sediment when detailed sampling begins. Cleanup expert Harm Gross, president of Next Environmental, said if remediation is necessary, the bill could easily top \$500,000. "It's conceivable it could reach \$1 million," Gross said. "The [property] is sensitive marine habitat, and

for that reason the cleanup standards are among the toughest in the province. And this makes cleanup very difficult and expensive." Because the plot is owned by B.C. and only leased by Ottawa, the province's Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations said it will expect remediation if a contamination is confirmed. The federal government has already spent more than \$72,000 reviewing the history of the site, but would not comment on potential cleaning costs. "Until the assessment is complete, it is not possible to speculate on potential costs associated with remediation, if needed," the DFO said in an email statement. Coast Guard union representatives have said the cost of potential cleanups, dismantling the base, establishing the new student-run rescue station and moving the Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteer search and rescue station from Indian Arm to the Second Narrows Bridge all offset the money Ottawa is hoping to save closing the Kitsilano base. The government estimates it will save \$700,000 a year shutting it down. Critics say the real cost will be measured in lives lost in the water.

<http://bc.ctvnews.ca/likely-pcb-contamination-found-at-kits-coast-guard-base-1.1185421>

### USA, N.J, NEW BRUNSWICK, MARCH 8 2013. FUEL SPILL HITS ROUTE 18 IN EAST BRUNSWICK

Officials are investigating a fuel spill early Thursday afternoon that apparently started by the bus depot on Tower Center Boulevard, according to East Brunswick Detective Sgt. Kevin Zebro. According to reports, the fuel spill began in East Brunswick and continued through New Brunswick into the area of Livingston Avenue and New Street. "It doesn't seem to affect the highway until New Brunswick," Zebro said. "I'm not sure how good or bad it is in New Brunswick." Zebro said members of the patrol division said that at 1:40 p.m., the East Brunswick section of Route 18 was clear of any spill. "The East Brunswick Fire Department just cleared up," he said. New Brunswick officials did not respond to initial questions about the incident.

[http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20130307/NJNEWS/303070036/Fuel-spill-hits-Route-18-East-Brunswick?nclink\\_check=1](http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20130307/NJNEWS/303070036/Fuel-spill-hits-Route-18-East-Brunswick?nclink_check=1)

### USA, MO, ELMWOOD PARK, MARCH 8 2013. EPA TO TEST MORE ELMWOOD PARK HOMES FOR CONTAMINATION

*bonita cornute*

Residents concerned about an old chemical spill try to get answers Thursday night. Residents in the Elmwood Park neighborhood near Overland want to know if they face health risks and contamination. The Environmental Protection Agency confirms the contamination extends beyond the area originally thought to be impacted. It's a slow process but the goal is first determine where it is and then begin clean up. Some of the families have lived in Elmwood Park for years. But last summer they learned the level of contamination underground and inside some homes is an issue that needs to be addressed. The EPA is managing the project to see just how serious it is. Eleven homes had some samples collected in November. Based on those results the agency now plans to test at an additional 24 homes. But homeowners are frustrated that previous owners of a metals plant knew years ago they were contaminating the soil. The EPA won't actually begin any clean up until after they determine just how far the contamination has spread. Residents were given information by the Missouri State Health Department on how to go for health screenings to determine if their health has been effected.

#### Related Links

- [Contact 2: Elmwood Chemical Spill](#)
- [24 Years After Spill, Concerns Arise Again](#)

<http://kplr11.com/2013/03/07/elmwood-park-residents-expect-answers-over-chemical-spill-concerns/>



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### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, MARCH 8 2013. DISASTER WOULD LEAVE AUSTRALIA WITH THREE WEEKS OF FUEL

According to a new report commissioned by NRMA Motoring & Services, Australia could come to a standstill within three weeks if there was a major disruption to the country's liquid fuel supply. The Australia's Liquid Fuel Security report was prepared by Air Vice-Marshal John Blackburn (retired) and highlights the nation's dependence on foreign oil and fuel. Australia's Liquid Fuel Security calls on the Australian Government to develop an effective fuel security plan to deal with extraordinary disruptions to supply outside normal daily supply and distribution such as war, economic turmoil or natural disasters. NRMA Motoring & Services Director Graham Blight said 85 per cent of Australia's transport fuel comes from overseas crude oil and/or imported fuel. "Almost 95 per cent of our road transport network relies on oil – it would be crippled within weeks if Australia's liquid fuel supply was disrupted," he said. "We have about three weeks' worth of fuel at our disposal before the country would come to a standstill. This fact alone could cause concern within the Australian Government and we want them to bring the planned 2014 assessment of Australia's liquid fuel vulnerability forward to address this problem. "Australia simply could not function without liquid transport fuels. The Australian Government must undertake a thorough analysis to identify and understand the risks that could affect our liquid fuel security. Only then can we make proper decisions to ensure an acceptable level of national resilience." The NRMA believes that Australia needs a fuel security plan to: Reduce our dependence on overseas fuel supplies by sourcing local supplies and safeguarding our refining capabilities. Develop and use non-oil based alternative fuels or other resources available in Australia such as LPG and electric vehicles. The NRMA-commissioned Jamison Group of transport and energy experts has developed two comprehensive plans to end our dependence on imported oil and secure our own transport energy future. "It's time that these plans are implemented," Mr Blight said. "The 'Australia's Liquid Fuel Security' report is another wake-up call for governments to get serious about developing an alternative fuels industry."

[http://retailmedia.com.au/resources/CW\\_eNews/CW\\_eNews\\_080313.html#story2?utm\\_source=CW+eNews+-+VACC+calls+on+ACCC+to+thoroughly+investigate+supermarket+fuel+retail&utm\\_campaign=cw-080313&utm\\_medium=email](http://retailmedia.com.au/resources/CW_eNews/CW_eNews_080313.html#story2?utm_source=CW+eNews+-+VACC+calls+on+ACCC+to+thoroughly+investigate+supermarket+fuel+retail&utm_campaign=cw-080313&utm_medium=email)

### USA, CA, SAN FRANCISCO, MARCH 8 2013. CHEVRON REFINERY SAFETY UNDER MICROSCOPE

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*The fire at the Chevron refinery in Richmond on Aug. 6., 2012, has brought close scrutiny by Cal/OSHA.*

California's workplace-safety agency has spent the equivalent of one-fifth of its entire annual budget investigating last year's Chevron Richmond refinery fire, a top state official testified Thursday during a hearing at which a lawmaker suggested the state needed to strengthen its regulatory efforts. Under questioning in Sacramento by Sen. Loni Hancock, D-Berkeley, state Department of Industrial Relations head Christine Baker said Cal/OSHA has dedicated more than 4,000 hours to determining whether Chevron violated safety regulations in connection with the Aug. 6 fire. "Wow, 4,000 staff hours?" Hancock said. "Do you know what percentage of your yearly budget that would be?" "It took approximately 21 percent of our yearly budget," Baker

replied. Cal/OSHA has slapped Chevron with 25 citations, most of them serious, for allegedly violating safety rules and is seeking nearly \$1 million in penalties. Chevron is appealing the fines. Hancock, whose district includes the Richmond refinery, said the resources that the state is pouring into the Chevron probe suggest that Cal/OSHA is shorthanded. The agency's staffing is one area being looked at by a task force that Gov. Jerry Brown created after the Richmond fire to evaluate refinery safety in California. Baker, whose department oversees Cal/OSHA and who is a member of the task force, said, "We have identified gaps" in the state's regulatory efforts. Cal/OSHA has 164 inspectors, only seven of whom are assigned to refineries and chemical plants. That amounts to one inspector per 115,000 workers. Worker-safety advocates said California ranks last in staffing levels among the 25 states with their own agencies charged with enforcing federal safety rules.

#### After-the-Fact Probes

California regulators have focused on responding to accidents and worker complaints at the state's 15 refineries rather than conducting planned inspections. The Chronicle has reported that in the past decade, those planned inspections consisted of an average of 50 staff hours of checks and resulted in no fines against major oil companies. Of the three planned inspections



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of Chevron before the August fire, one did not involve an actual visit to the plant. They also averaged 50 staff hours. In contrast, a national inspection effort that began after a Texas refinery explosion killed 15 workers in 2005 entailed about 1,000 staff hours apiece and resulted in an average of 11 citations against violators. California declined to take part in that effort. Hancock noted the disparities during her questioning of Baker. "That says to me we really need to look at our safety standards," Hancock said. "People can die and communities can be severely degraded" during refinery fires.

#### Regulatory 'Gaps'

Baker deferred answering a number of staffing and inspection questions, but acknowledged that staffing was one of the "gaps in our regulations." Hancock asked whether state investigators might have discovered the alleged workplace-safety violations found at the Richmond refinery after the fire had they done a "wall-to-wall" inspection beforehand. "It is unknown," Baker said. "The burden really shifts to Chevron in terms of providing us with information that's necessary to identify where there are problem areas - they have that information. The inspectors look, superficially many times, and can't possibly identify every corroded piece of equipment. We really need to rely on information that is being tracked by Chevron itself." "So it's essentially self-reporting?" Hancock asked.

#### 'Self-Reporting'

"Some self-reporting together with expertise of our teams," Baker replied. Hancock pointed out that Chevron engineers had determined years ago that the Richmond refinery's lines were at risk of corrosion from sulfur-heavy oil, but that refinery managers had decided not to replace some of them. One such corroded line finally sprang a leak Aug. 6, starting the fire. No workers were seriously injured in the blaze, but 15,000 residents went to hospitals complaining of respiratory and other problems caused by a cloud of toxic gas and smoke. Baker said her agency is considering ways to get refineries to share more information about their operations with regulators. "We've identified this as a problem," she said. The goal of the governor's task force, Baker said, is to learn how to prevent another calamity like the Richmond fire. "I would appreciate that very much," Hancock said, "because sometimes it takes a problem like this to really look at our systems to see if they are adequate."

<http://www.sfgate.com/default/article/Chevron-refinery-safety-under-microscope-4337384.php>

#### USA, IA, OELWEIN, MARCH 8 2013. IOWA DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE INVESTIGATES BAD GASOLINE IN OELWEIN

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The Iowa Department of Agriculture says it's investigating a report of diluted gasoline sold at Cenex, located at 801 East Charles St. in Oelwein. Dustin Vandehoef from the Department of Agriculture confirmed gasoline from the station was watered down and that an inspector visited the gas station Tuesday. He said the problem has been fixed. "It's not really common, but it happens a couple times a year," said Vandehoef. Owner of Strang Tire and Auto Skip Meyer said multiple vehicles have been towed to his shop after gassing up with the bad fuel. He said repairs have cost anywhere from \$100 to \$300. Manager of Cenex Mike Patel said they've been cooperating with the investigation. He said he believes snow melting on top of a tank's loose lid diluted the gasoline with water. He also said the business has insurance, and they are working with folks who have experienced damage to their vehicle after fueling up with the bad gasoline.

<http://www.kwwl.com/story/21539807/2013/03/06/iowa-dept-of-agriculture-investigate-bad-gasoline-in-oelwein>

#### USA, MA, ARLINGTON, MARCH 8 2013. ARLINGTON MAN TRYING TO REPEAL BAN ON SELF-SERVE GASOLINE

*brock parker*

Carl Wagner was trying to pick up his car after a repair at an Arlington service station last year when the attendant helping him kept being interrupted by people pulling in to buy gasoline. When Wagner asked the employee why he kept running out to the gas pumps, he was surprised to find out that Arlington has a local law on the books prohibiting people from pumping their own gas. Now Wagner, 43, has filed an article asking Arlington's annual Town Meeting this spring to repeal what he believes to be an outdated ban on self-service gasoline stations. "To me, this seems like a little bit of unnecessary restriction from the point of view of government in a time when technology has advanced, and I think people are already comfortable in other towns with having to pump their own gas," said Wagner, a Town Meeting member. Arlington banned self-service at gasoline stations in 1975 and is one of a dwindling number of towns in Massachusetts that require full service at the pump. Weymouth, Milford, and Upton also do not allow self-serve gasoline stations, but the state fire marshal's office, which oversees plans required for all self-serve stations, does not keep a list of which communities require full service, said Jennifer Mieth, a spokeswoman for



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the office. Mieth said no one in the office could think of another community in the state that does not allow self-service. In Weymouth, Fire Chief Joseph Davis said the ban on self-service stations was passed in the 1970s after several accidents involving people pumping their own gas. Davis said people have pulled away from the pump with the nozzle still in their car, and the biggest concern is gasoline spills. "It is a fire safety issue," Davis said. But some communities have reconsidered their self-service bans in recent years, in part because of advances in fire suppression. Holbrook overturned its ban on self-service in 2008. Wagner, who moved back to Arlington after growing up in the town, said he thinks technology has improved enough to allow self-service stations. He said he does not want to do away with full service altogether, but he wants the option to pump his own gas. Wagner said he thinks it would be faster than waiting on an attendant who is also serving several other vehicles. He speculated that gasoline prices might also go down in Arlington if service stations did not have to have an employee doing all the pumping. Davis said he has not noticed any difference in gasoline prices in Weymouth when compared with surrounding towns with self-service. Eddie Saoud, manager of Eli's Service Station on Broadway in Arlington, said he pumped gas for 17 years and would welcome a repeal of the self-service ban in Arlington. Saoud said a repeal could help service stations in Arlington compete with those in the surrounding towns that offer self-service. "This town here, they are very strict," Saoud said. "They want it the old-fashioned way." But Abe Salhi, owner of Arlington Global Service Station on Massachusetts Avenue, said he has had problems with people who try to pump their own gas, and he wants to keep full service. With self-service, Salhi said, he would have to worry about drunk drivers, people talking on their cellphones and not paying attention, and people breaking pumps by driving away with the nozzle still in their cars. "It's not good for me," Salhi said. "I like to have contact with the customer." Salhi said some people might lose their jobs if self-service stations were allowed in Arlington. But he said he would still need an attendant to monitor the pumps and provide full service to customers who still want or need it. Lorraine Stevens, an 80-year-old Arlington resident who walks with a cane, said if she could not get full service, she would go somewhere else. "That's why I come here, because we don't have self-service," Stevens said. Wagner said in the course of gathering signatures to get his proposal on the warrant for Town Meeting, he has found that everyone has their own reasons why they want to keep or get rid of the ban. He said people have frequently told him they like full service because they like to be treated "like a king or a queen." Wagner said he expects to take his idea to the Board of Selectmen on Monday, before it goes to Town Meeting, which begins on April 22. Wagner said he is looking forward to the proposal going up for a vote and hearing opinions for and against keeping the ban. "When we get together for our Town Meeting in April, be prepared for all sorts of insightful reasons why we should or shouldn't, and be prepared for some crazy ones," he said.

<http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/2013/03/07/effort-pump-arlington-ban-self-serve-gasoline-down-the-tubes/jioEKaXwSg9OoPkkhD0SwI/story.html>

#### USA, TX, BELLS, MARCH 8 2013. TANKER FIRE IN BELLS



A tanker went up in flames in Bells Wednesday morning. Nicolette Schleisman spoke with the driver, who managed to escape the burning truck. Around 10 a.m., Ray Weddington noticed something wrong with his truck. "I seen smoke from my right pretty heavy and I knew something had to be wrong," said Weddington. Weddington was driving from Cooper to Whitewright for the El Dorado chemical company, when he saw flames behind him, in his side mirror. "The one that's all wired out here, that's where the fire was burning from," said Weddington. Weddington pulled over on the side of 69 just North of 56 in Bells. And tried put out the flames with an extinguisher. "Everybody was coming with fire extinguishers, trying to put it out, but it wasn't working," said Weddington. Fellow truck drivers stopped and tried to help. Another driver actually shot this video. Bells Police Chief, Scott Barrett, says he's never seen anything like it. "The lady said it was smoking as he was driving south on FM 1897. When I arrived here the truck was in flames. They were probably shooting about 10 feet high or so," said Barrett. Police say the brakes locked up, sparking the flames. No one was hurt, but the rear of the truck was heavily damaged. "It was just kind of mind puzzling. Now how did that happen? You know," said Weddington. Highway 69

was shut down while they put out the fire, but has since reopened.

<http://www.kxii.com/news/headlines/Tanker-fire-in-Bells-195744431.html>



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### USA, IN, INDIANAPOLIS, MARCH 8 2013. MAN ARRESTED AFTER CRASH WITH TANKER

*jim scott*

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police arrested a man who they say was driving drunk when he crashed into a tanker truck early Thursday. The accident happened around 12:30 a.m. at a railroad crossing near Harding Street and Hanna Avenue on the city's southwest side. Officers say the tanker was stopped at the tracks when the driver crashed into it. His name was not released as of Thursday morning. The tanker was empty at the time. Police say it was headed to be filled with jet fuel.

[http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/marion\\_county/man-arrested-after-crash-into-tanker-truck](http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/marion_county/man-arrested-after-crash-into-tanker-truck)

### USA, LA, BATON ROUGE, MARCH 8 2013. TANKER DRIVER ARRESTED FOR DUMPING GAS AND DIESEL MIXTURE BEHIND CASINO

*michael oliver*

A Zachary man has been arrested for illegally dumping gas and diesel fuel. Investigators say Leon Wallace, 56, was driving a tanker truck for ACM Transportation when he allegedly mixed several hundred gallons of diesel with several thousand gallons of gas while loading his tanker. Wallace then allegedly drove to the Super Lucky Louie Casino in Port Allen and dumped a portion of the mixture at the back of the property. If convicted, Wallace faces 10 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

<http://www.wafb.com/story/21537008/tanker-driver-arrested-for-dumping-gas-and-diesel-mixture>

### USA, LA, NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 8 2013. COAST GUARD: VESSEL CARRYING FUEL AND OIL SINKS NEAR NEW ORLEANS

*helen freund*



*A 56-foot-long vessel sunk in the Mississippi River near New Orleans early Thursday morning, the New Orleans Coast Guard said Friday.*

A spokesman for the Coast Guard said that a salvage and pollution response is under way after a towing vessel carrying 5,336 gallons of diesel fuel and 100 gallons of lube oil sank about 2 a.m. on Thursday. The 56-foot-long vessel sunk in the [Mississippi River](#) in St. James Parish, the [Coast Guard](#) said Friday. The vessel, named "Justice," began taking on water and sank near mile marker 161.5 by the old Uncle Sam Plantation site by Convent, according to the spokesman, who said responding units were at the scene around 6 a.m. Friday. Boom was also deployed, the spokesman said. The actual amount of fuel discharged into the river is still unknown at this time. "Current

estimates indicate the full amount of fuel and oil carried aboard the vessel has not been released into the water," a statement from the Coast Guard said. Divers were able to plug all of the fuel vents on the ship on Thursday, the statement said. No impacts to drinking water have been reported and the Lower Mississippi River Waterworks Network is monitoring water intakes, the spokesman said. According to the Coast Guard, the ship is owned by River Ventures LLC. What caused the vessel to sink is not clear, and the Coast Guard is investigating the cause. Three crew members aboard the vessel managed to get off it before it sank, and none of them were injured, the Coast Guard said. It is not clear where the crew members went.

[http://www.nola.com/traffic/index.ssf/2013/03/coast\\_guard\\_vessel\\_carrying\\_fu.html](http://www.nola.com/traffic/index.ssf/2013/03/coast_guard_vessel_carrying_fu.html)

### IRELAND, CO CORK, MARCH 8 2013. US-BASED OIL REFINER PHILLIPS 66 MAY SELL WHITEGATE REFINERY

*pamela newenham*



US-based oil refiner Phillips 66 is mulling the sale of its refineries in Ireland, Germany and Malaysia as it focuses on growing returns in its US refining system, the company's executive vice-president for refining said. Speaking at the Bank of America Merrill Lynch refining conference, Larry Ziemba said the company would entertain offers for its refineries in Europe and Asia for the right price. "We have a couple of smaller refineries. If we have got the right price for them, they are really not strategic." The Whitegate refinery in Cork, which processes 71,000 barrels per day, is Ireland's only refinery and caters for approximately 40 per cent of the State's fuel needs.

**'Not Sophisticated'**



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"We've got a refinery in Ireland that is small, and not sophisticated. It really can't compete in Europe," Mr Ziemba said. Also potentially for sale is Phillips 66's 47 per cent interest in the PSR-2 refinery in Melaka, Malaysia, and its 18.75 per cent stake in the Mineraloelraffinerie Oberrhein refinery in Germany, Mr Ziemba said. Referring to the PSR-2 refinery, Mr Ziemba said there was "not a lot of growth opportunity over there and it might be worth more to Petronas or someone else than it is to us". "We've got a joint venture in Germany . . . We don't see a lot of growth over there. To the extent that it may be worth more to someone else than us, we'd probably entertain a change there," he added. The PSR-2 refinery is a joint venture with Petronas, the Malaysian state oil company, while the Mineraloelraffinerie Oberrhein refinery is a joint venture refinery, with Phillips 66 holding an 18.75 per cent interest, the other owners being Shell, ExxonMobil and Ruhr Oel.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/finance/2013/0309/1224330953712.html>

### CANADA, SK, MARCH 8 2013. CAUSE DETERMINED IN REGINA CO-OP REFINERY FIRE; DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$2.5 MILLION



*An overnight fire at Regina's Co-op Refinery and upgrader on Feb. 11 was extinguished within half an hour. No one was injured.*

Investigators have determined that a fire at the Co-op Refinery Complex on Feb. 11 was caused by a failed vent plug. No one was injured in the fire, but damage to buildings and equipment is estimated at \$2.5 million. Regina firefighters were called to the CRC at 12:26 a.m. but CRC fire crews contained the fire to an area in the central part of the plant. A carbon steel vent plug failed as a result of a chemical reaction known as sulfidation. Over time, extreme pressure and extremely high temperatures caused the vent plug to fail causing the fire.

<http://www.leaderpost.com/news/Cause+determined+Regina+refinery+fire+damage+estimated+million/8069163/story.html>

### USA, WASHINGTON DC, MARCH 8 2013. API AND OTHERS APPEAL E15 DECISION TO U.S. SUPREME COURT

Thanks to Sam Gordji of [Greene Environmental Engineering \[GEE\]](http://www.greeneenvironmental.com) for the link

The American Petroleum Institute (API) and the Grocery Manufacturers Association are among trade groups that said they had appealed a D.C. Circuit Court decision that lets stand a waiver allowing sale of E15. The groups said in statements on their web sites that they had filed a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court asking that it reverse an August 2012 decision by the D.C. Circuit Court. That decision dismissed a challenge to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) ruling to allow gasoline containing 15 percent ethanol (E15) to be sold for cars manufactured in the 2007 model year or later. The original suit objected to the EPA's decision on the grounds that granting a "partial waiver" of the Clean Air Act – allowing E15 to be used only in cars built after model year 2006 – is not within the agency's legal authority. The petitioners argued that under the Clean Air Act the EPA administrator may only grant a waiver for a new fuel additive if it "will not cause or contribute to a failure of any emission control device or system." Last August, the DC Circuit dismissed the case on the grounds that none of the 17 petitioners had standing to challenge the E15 waiver. API's group director for downstream and industry operations, Bob Greco, said in a Feb. 21 statement: "We've filed this petition because the D.C. Circuit incorrectly concluded that none of the 17 petitioners had standing to challenge the E15 partial waivers – not the engine manufacturers whose products will run on this new fuel blend, not the petroleum industry who must undertake massive infrastructure changes to accommodate the blend and meet the renewable fuel mandate, and not the food producers who now face significantly greater competition in the commodities market for corn, the conventional feedstock for ethanol. "Had EPA stayed within its statutory authority and followed proper procedures, it would have waited until ongoing E15 testing on engines and fuel systems was completed before allowing the use of E15. Then it would have discovered that E15 is not safe for millions of vehicles now on the road. "Although we hope the court will resolve the E15 problem, we also believe our experience here represents only one of many underlying problems with the Renewable Fuel Standard, so we are calling on Congress to repeal the program." API is a national trade association that represents the oil and natural gas industry.

<http://www.npnweb.com/ME2/dirmod.asp?sid=A79131211D8846B1A33169AF72F78511&nm=Market+Data&type=MultiPublishing&mod=PublishingTitles&mid=8F3A7027421841978F18BE895F87F791&tier=4&id=B2377A01DF924A65A10A9CBDFD>



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### USA, W.VA, MARSHALL CO, MARCH 8 2013. NOBLE IS CITED FOR SPILL IN CREEK >> DEP CLAIMS SEVERAL VIOLATIONS FOR 2,264 BARRELS OF FRACK FLUIDS

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection issued several citations against Noble Energy for spilling 2,264 barrels of brine wastewater into a tributary of Big Wheeling Creek in Marshall County on Feb. 22. "This is the first time we have seen something like this happen. They need to tell us how they are going to prevent this from happening again," said Kathy Cosco, spokeswoman for the DEP. Noble is an active Marcellus Shale gas producer in Marshall County that partners with Consol Energy to drill and frack wells. On Feb. 22, Noble discovered that a pit - containing both fresh water and brine wastewater, which is produced during the fracking process - was overflowing because of an open valve. The pit is located on surface property owned by Consol. Initial reports to the National Response Center estimated the spill at 8,000 barrels. However, Cosco said the DEP is accepting Noble's estimate of 2,264 barrels. "Our inspectors went out but found no evidence of a fish kill," she said. After gas drillers pump millions of gallons of fracking fluid - consisting mostly of water and sand, but also including different chemical combinations that vary according to the choice of the driller - into a production well at high pressure, much of this substance flushes back up through the well. The fracking fluid combines with minerals and mud from the earth to create the brine wastewater. Stacey Brodak, manager of community and media relations for Noble, noted that centralized pits such as this are part of Noble's water recycling program, emphasizing that these ponds are permitted and regulated through the DEP. "A root cause analysis and investigation is under way, and Noble Energy will implement appropriate measures to prevent this type of event from occurring again," Brodak said. The DEP notices of violation against Noble include: allowing pollutants to flow into waters of the state; violating monitoring and emergency action plans; failure to maintain the pit in such a manner as to minimize adverse environmental effects; failing to maintain 2 feet of freeboard to minimize the risk of overtopping; and violating the state's water quality standards by discharging pollutants into a nearby stream and allowing industrial waste emanating from a point source to flow into waters of the state. Because of these alleged violations, the DEP also filed an order to cease operations, as well as an order that outlines the actions Noble needs to take to abate the violations. Cosco said Noble must analyze the wastewater and the impacted soil to determine what was in the water, while also developing a remediation plant to remove and dispose of any contaminated soil. The company must also test all water wells within 2,000 feet of the spill, while having an engineer evaluate the structural integrity of the centralized pit. "Noble Energy is reviewing the documents and intends to continue to cooperate with the (DEP) on this matter," Brodak added.

<http://www.theintelligencer.net/page/content.detail/id/582304/Noble-Is-Cited-For-Spill-In-Creek.html?nav=515>

### USA, MD, NEW WINDSOR, MARCH 8 2013. MARYLAND HIGH COURT OVERTURNS \$1.5B AWARD AGAINST EXXON FOR SPILL THAT CONTAMINATED TOWN'S DRINKING WATER



*Cleanup:* Cleanup efforts were launched to clean the well water, which resulted from the leakage of over 25,000 gallon of gasoline from a nearby Exxon gas station.

Maryland's highest court has overturned jury verdicts that ordered Exxon Mobil Corp. to pay more than \$1.5 billion in damages from a 2006 leak at a gasoline station that polluted a community's drinking water. In two rulings issued on Tuesday, the Court of Appeals of Maryland also ordered new trials in the cases related to the spill. In the larger of the two cases involving approximately 150 families and businesses, a jury in 2011 awarded \$1 billion in punitive damages and \$495 million in compensatory damages after a trial that lasted months. Both cases stem from a leak at an Exxon station in the community of Jacksonville, a

small, affluent community about 20 miles north of Baltimore. An Exxon contractor doing work at the station punctured a gasoline feed line in February 2006 and the leak was not properly repaired. That allowed more 26,000 gallons of fuel to pour into the ground over more than a month. Many residents in the area get their water from wells, and the spill led the state to order well monitoring in the area. There have not yet been any cases of illness that resulted from exposure to contaminated water. Plaintiffs complained that they experienced physical symptoms such as sleeplessness, headaches and muscle pain but those were likely due to the emotional stress connected to their anxiety about their hearth and the value of their property. Seven judges sitting on the court overruled the punitive damages, saying they could only be awarded if the plaintiffs proved Exxon had intended to act wrongfully. The judges said that the Irving, Texas-based company could have done a better job communicating with residents during cleanup from the spill. But the court said plaintiffs didn't show clear and convincing



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evidence that Exxon intended to mislead anyone or that they were harmed by relying on any statements the company made. In addition, the court overturned awards the jury handed out for emotional distress and awards related to property values. The court said some residents were awarded money for emotional distress but didn't provide evidence their wells were contaminated. A few had contaminated wells but didn't show any injury linked to contaminated water. Some residents were improperly awarded money based on the fear that their property values would decline. Others got awards even though wells on their property were not found to be contaminated. The court also overturned jury awards in a case that involved about 90 households. The jury had awarded approximately \$150 million in damages in that case. Exxon said in a statement it was reviewing the court's decision but that the company had 'acted appropriately after the accident and the court has agreed.' 'We have apologized to the Jacksonville community and we remain ready to compensate those who were truly damaged by this unfortunate accident. We will continue the cleanup,' the statement said. Attorneys for both groups of plaintiffs did not immediately return telephone messages left Wednesday.


#### Related Links

- [Maryland high court overturns \\$1.5B award against Exxon for spill](#)
- [Maryland High Court Vacates \\$1 Billion In Punitive Damages](#)
- [MD High Court Rejects Billion Dollar Verdict Against Exxon Mobil](#)
- [Md. high court reverses 2006 Exxon gas leak verdict | Baltimore](#)
- [Md. High Court Overturns Exxon Jury Award](#)
- [Md.High CourtOverturns Jury Awards In Exxon Case](#)
- [Md.high court overturns \\$1.5B award against Exxon](#)
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<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2285575/Maryland-high-court-overturns-1-5B-award-Exxon-spill-contaminated-towns-drinking-water.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

#### USA, - RENEWABLE FUELS ASSOCIATION, MARCH 8 2013. RFA RELEASES ETHANOL RELEASE PREVENTION, MITIGATION GUIDE

In support of the ethanol industry and targeting emergency responders everywhere, the Renewable Fuels Association partnered with Pinnacle Engineering, Inc., in authoring "Fuel Ethanol: Guideline for Release Prevention and Impact Mitigation." This guideline is a discussion of the best practices for preventing releases of fuel ethanol into the environment, the likely impacts if a release should occur, and mitigation techniques to address a release. Millions of shipments of ethanol travel safe and without incident every day throughout the U.S.; however, in the unlikely event of an ethanol release, RFA has developed this guide for emergency responders realizing that quick action can minimize the impact to the environment. "RFA's commitment to safety and education is unmatched; we are listening to the emergency response community and developing educational tools and opportunities for them on a continuous basis," said Kristy Moore, vice president of Technical Services and Co-Chair of the Ethanol Emergency Response Coalition. RFA, as a national sponsor of TRANSCAER, is rolling out a national training tour on ethanol emergency response that plans to hold training events in all 50 states. The new Release Prevention Guide will be included in "The Ethanol Training Tour" by TRANSCAER. The RFA worked with Pinnacle Engineering on the Guideline due to their vast experience with ethanol, emergency response and cleanup efforts, engineering skills and regulatory knowledge. "This is just one more way that Pinnacle can support the fuel ethanol industry," said Jim Holland, CEO of Pinnacle. The new Release Prevention Guide is the perfect pairing to the widely distributed "Complete Training Guide to Ethanol Emergency Response." This industry guide not only promotes practices for preventing release of ethanol into the environment but also details the likely impacts if a release does occur and the techniques to mitigate a release. The information is intended for producers and transporters of ethanol, as well as the broad emergency response community which includes environmental clean-up contractors, local emergency planning committees, fire departments, and more. The Ethanol Release Prevention Guidelines are presented in a practical format that a producer or transporter can use to take action at facilities and transport operations, both prior to and after releases.

 **Document** See the full Guideline [here](#).

 **Document** The Complete Training Guide to Ethanol Emergency Response is available [here](#).

More information about the national training tour by TRANSCAER is available [here](#).

<http://www.ethanolproducer.com/articles/9632/rfa-releases-ethanol-release-prevention-mitigation-guide>



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#### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, POKOLBIN, MARCH 8 2013. WORKCOVER MOVES AGAINST DRAYTON'S WINES>> STEEL TANK WELDING

jason gordon



WorkCover NSW has launched criminal proceedings against Drayton's Family Wines at Pokolbin, north-west of Newcastle, over the fatal 2008 explosion that killed prominent winemaker Trevor Drayton and boilermaker Eddie Orgo. More than 18 months after a coroner found poor safety measures at the family-owned winery were a major cause of the blast, WorkCover has confirmed it has lodged an indictment in the district court against W Drayton and Sons Pty Ltd, trading as Drayton Family Wines. It follows the completion last month of WorkCover's investigation into the incident and the coroner's findings, and presents another painful blow to the Drayton family. Directors of the company at the time of the blast were Trevor's father Max and his brothers Greg and John. WorkCover's

move means the trio is accused of causing the negligent manslaughter of their son and brother, as well as Mr Orgo. For legal reasons, WorkCover was unable to detail the charges yesterday but the Herald can confirm they relate to the alleged failure to ensure the safety of workers at the family's Oakey Creek Road vineyard. In this case, such a breach equates to two charges of negligent manslaughter, leaving the company open to fines of up to \$1.65million. Individuals face fines of up to \$165,000, or five years in jail. The explosion occurred on January 17 in 2008 when Mr Orgo began welding a steel tank which he was unaware contained 9000litres of SVR, a spirit similar to ethanol. In July 2011, Deputy State Coroner Hugh Dillon found the subsequent blast killed Mr Orgo, 59, and Mr Drayton, 52, instantly. Assistant winemaker William Rikard-Bell, 27 at the time, was walking near the tank with Mr Drayton before the blast. He suffered extensive burns, requiring months of treatment. The explosion blew the roof off the tank along with much of the production area's roof. Mr Rikard-Bell ran to a nearby dam to extinguish the flames that engulfed his body. Witnesses told the coronial inquest that two smaller explosions followed the first blast and that they saw liquid running through drains which had caught alight. At the time, John and Greg Drayton were working in other parts of the vineyard. Following the inquest, John Drayton said his family appreciated the understanding shown by the coroner, and expressed his sympathies to the family of Mr Orgo and to Mr Rikard-Bell. "Our family hopes that positive changes can come about as a result of the coroner's findings so that Trevor and Eddie's tragic deaths and Will's injuries were not in vain," he said at the time. The matter is listed for mention in the district court later this month.

[PDF Document Inquests into the deaths of Trevor DRAYTON and Edgar ORGO](#)

[http://www.theherald.com.au/story/1303623/workcover-moves-against-draytons/?cs=2452&qback=%2Egde\\_3776681\\_member\\_218991278](http://www.theherald.com.au/story/1303623/workcover-moves-against-draytons/?cs=2452&qback=%2Egde_3776681_member_218991278)

#### INDIA, GUJARAT, BHAVNAGAR, MARCH 8 2013. TOXIC EXXON VALDEZ IS NO MORE



Former Exxon Valdez, the giant ship that gained notoriety after the 1989 Alaska oil spill, is finally no more, having been dismantled at Alang-Sosiya Ship Recycling Yard in Bhavnagar where it was brought six months ago amid a raging controversy. Priya Blue Industries, which dismantled the ship at Alang, has told local authorities that more than 800 kilograms of asbestos and close to 29,000 kilograms of glass wool were found on the 34,399-tonne vessel that spilled an estimated 2.5 lakh barrels of oil after running aground off Alaska in April 1989, causing one of the world's worst man-made environmental disasters on record. According to the World Health Organization, "all types of asbestos cause lung cancer, mesothelioma, cancer of the larynx and ovary, and asbestosis (fibrosis of the lungs)", while the carcinogenic hazards of synthetic fibres such as glass wool "could vary from high to low". Indian laws and guidelines laid down by the

Supreme Court allow end-of-life ships that do not carry hazardous waste in loose form to enter ship-recycling yards, while the anti-dumping Basel Convention, to which India is a signatory, treats end-of-life ships as waste and prohibits OECD countries from sending them to developing countries for recycling. Last year, environmentalists had fought against the Exxon Valdez's entry into Indian waters in the apex court and lost.

<http://www.financialexpress.com/news/toxic-exxon-valdez-is-no-more/1085528>



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#### USA, WA, BELLINGHAM, MARCH 10 2013. BELLINGHAM GAS STATION SHUT DOWN FOR MONTHS OVER ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS

*john stark*

A once-busy discount gas station on Meridian Street has been shut down since November 2012 because of noncompliance with state environmental regulations. The problems at SuperGas, 4209 Meridian St., were disclosed Thursday, March 7, when the Department of Ecology released a list of enforcement actions from the fourth quarter of 2012. Ecology spokesman Larry Altose said the company has agreed not to contest the matter and has paid fines totaling \$3,600 in connection with the case. The company also has pumped the gasoline out of its underground tanks. "We have set a deadline for later this month (March) by which the station must come into compliance," Altose said in an email. Station owner Hakam Singh said Friday, March 8, that he expects to get things straightened out and be back in the gasoline business within a few days. Singh also operates Meridian Liquors at the same location. On Oct. 11, 2012, Ecology assessed a fine of \$2,000 against SuperGas for selling fuel without a permit and proof of insurance, and for "failure to comply with multiple underground storage tank leak prevention and detection requirements." On Nov. 13, 2012, Ecology fined SuperGas an additional \$1,600 for continuing to sell fuel without correcting the violations cited in October, and ordered the station shut down. On Nov. 29, 2012, Ecology assessed a \$1,000 fine against Harris Trucking Co. for delivering fuel to SuperGas at a time when the business was no longer licensed to receive fuel. Altose said Harris has paid that fine.

<http://www.thenewstribune.com/2013/03/09/2505426/bellingham-gas-station-shut-down.html>

#### USA, N.J, TRENTON, MARCH 10 2013. JUST IN CASE, N.J. CONSIDERS COMPILING DATABASE OF GAS STATIONS, SUPPLIES

*phil gregory*

Many New Jersey residents had a tough time finding a place to gas up their cars after Superstorm Sandy. State lawmakers are working to try to make it easier for the next big storm. Legislation sponsored by Assembly Majority Leader Lou Greenwald would create a database with the names and locations of every gas station in New Jersey. Those stations would be required to provide monthly updates on the types of fuel they sell and whether they have a backup generator, said Greenwald, D-Camden. "This is really a common sense solution in the aftermath of the storm, trying to work with people on the ground like our business owners who own the fuel stations as well as emergency personnel to try to figure out a way to address some of the crises that we were hearing at the time," he said. Greenwald says the data could be updated more frequently during declared emergencies so drivers know where gas is available. The state Division of Consumer Affairs would create and maintain the database that could be made available on several websites.

<http://www.newsworks.org/index.php/local/item/52046>

#### CANADA, SWK, SWIFT CURRENT, MARCH 10 2013. SEMI HAULING GASOLINE CATCHES FIRE AT SWIFT CURRENT GAS STATION >> STORE MANAGER SAYS QUICK RESPONSE TIME SAVED HIS STORE

*amanda purcell*



*Charred remains of semi truck.*

The manager of Transport City Esso in Swift Current is thanking his lucky stars today. A semi in the parking lot, carrying a load of gasoline and diesel fuel caught on fire around 4 a.m. Bret Shatosky said the transport truck was out front, on the south side of his building. "It was smoking for all it's worth," he exclaimed. Shatosky said his staff gave him a call to let him know what happened immediately after they called 911. He jumped out of bed and rushed to the scene, however the fire trucks as well as RCMP were already on the scene watering down the semi in order to put out the blaze. Due to the fact that the semi was containing fuel and that gasoline pumps were just mere feet away, RCMP evacuated the entire area. Also, a section of highway one in front of the gas station was blocked off to traffic. "It was a little scary there for a little while," Shatosky admitted. The fire department had the blaze put out in under an hour,

and everything was back to normal at the service station by around 6 a.m. Shatosky said a south breeze this morning helped to take the fire and smoke away from the gas pumps and his building. As of this afternoon, thanks to the warmer weather



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evaporating the excess water and the semi being hauled away, Shatosky said if you look at the scene; it's as if nothing has happened. There were no injuries, and no fuel spilled. He credits it to the quick response time by the fire department and the RCMP, and the quick thinking by his staff. "It could have potentially turned into a real disaster," he said. The RCMP is now working to find out the cause.

<http://cjme.com/story/semi-hauling-gasoline-catches-fire-swift-current-gas-station/99846>

### USA, N.C, CHARLOTTE, MARCH 10 2013. 1 INJURED AFTER 18-WHEELER OVERTURNS ON BROOKSHIRE FREEWAY



One person suffered life-threatening injuries after a tanker truck overturned on the West Brookshire Freeway late Saturday morning. The accident happened in the 2500 block of Brookshire Freeway around 11 a.m. Firefighters rescued one person that was trapped in the 18-wheeler. The victim was taken to Carolinas Medical Center with potentially life-threatening injuries, according to Medic. Part of Brookshire Boulevard is blocked while crews work to clear the scene.

<http://www.wcnc.com/news/local/1-injured-after-tanker-truck-overturms-on--196684961.html>

### USA, ME, MATTAWAMKEAG, MARCH 10 2013. OIL PUMPING IN TRAIN DERAILMENT EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED TONIGHT, DEP SAYS

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**Watch the Video:**

- [Train Derails in Mattawamkeag](#)
- [13 Tankers Turn Over in Train Derailment but Spill Little Oil](#)
- [Train Pulling 15 Full Oil Tankers Derails near Penobscot River](#)
- [Train Carrying Crude Oil Derails in Mattawamkeag](#)



Workers from Pan Am Railways, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and a contractor continued to work Friday, March 8, 2013, to pump oil from 13 oil tankers that tipped over the day before in Mattawamkeag.

By the end of Saturday night, crews will be finished transferring the last of the approximately 495,000 gallons of crude oil from tankers that tipped over when a Pan Am Railways [train derailed Thursday](#) afternoon. "Our responders report they continue to make great progress, and expect to wrap-up the product transfer by midnight, at which point DEP's around-the-clock efforts on the scene since early Thursday will come to an end," Maine Department of Environmental Protection spokeswoman Samantha Warren said Saturday in an email interview. "Pan Am will then work to upright the derailed cars and fix the track." A total of 15 tankers of the 96-car train derailed, and 13 tankers tipped over about 300 feet from the

Penobscot River. Once repairs to the track are completed — expected later this coming week — DEP inspectors will return to the site "to ensure there is no environmental impact beneath those currently overturned cars," Warren said. Only a few gallons of oil, residue from filling the tankers, spilt onto the ground, Pan Am Railways Executive Vice President Cynthia Scarano said. "Given that we have observed only incidental drips during the transfer of the 400,000 plus gallons of product, we are optimistic we won't find anything on our follow-up inspection of the accident site," Warren said. The repair [work was scheduled](#) to take a week, Scarano said.



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- [Train derails in Mattawamkeag](#)
- [13 tankers turn over in train derailment but spill little oil](#)
- [Train pulling 15 full oil tankers derails near Penobscot River](#)
- [Small Amount of Oil Spilled in Maine Train Derailment](#)
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<http://bangordailynews.com/2013/03/09/news/penobscot/oil-pumping-in-train-derailment-expected-to-be-finished-tonight-dep-says/?ref=latest>

#### SULTANATE OF OMAN, MUSCAT, MARCH 10 2013. OMAN-INDIA CO-OPERATION IN TACKLING OIL SPILLAGE CRUCIAL

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The Sultanate of Oman and India can play a crucial role in tackling oil spillage in the Arabian Sea effectively given the two friendly nations enhance joint operations in an active way, according to the Deputy Inspector General of the visiting Indian Coast Guard Ship ICGS Samudra Prahari, the first vessel fully dedicated to confronting oil spillage in the region. "The joint operations of Oman and India will be one of the best in the sea forces against oil leakage by crude oil vessels that use this sea area. We are in talks with the Omani Inspector General and other senior officials," Donny Michael, Deputy Inspector General, who is the Commander of the ship, told the Observer. The two sides have already exchanged their views and had held discussions to this effect. Accordingly, chances are both would agree on knowledge sharing and expertise management between them on a mutually beneficial basis, said the Chief of the Indian ship

that leaves today to its hub in Mumbai. Indigenously built by ABG Shipyard, Surat, India, and commissioned on October 9, 2010, the ICGS Samudra Prahari has, apart from discharging the requirements related to ICG Charter of Duties, tackled four major oil spills in the last nearly two and half years, one firefighting operation and one SAR operation in Indian waters. The ship has been nominated for an IMO 'act of bravery' award for its professional and daring rescue of a container carrier under fire in the Arabian Sea. It has remained 5,626 hours at sea traversing 56,664 nautical miles. ICGS Samudra Prahari is 95 metres long, draws 4,300 tonnes at max displacement and is propelled by 3,000 KW twin diesel engines whose power is further enhanced by twin shaft generators for a maximum speed of 21 knots. At economical speed, it has an endurance of 6,500 nautical miles and can stay at sea for 20 days. The ship is equipped with state-of-the-art pollution response and control equipment that include containment equipment like Hi sprint booms and river booms, recovery devices like skimmers and side sweeping arms and storage devices like Oil Recovery Operation (ORO) tanks and inflatable barges. The ship is capable of unhindered oil recovery operations with storage capability of 502 KL. The special features include an Integrated Platform Management System, Power Management System, High Power External Fire Fighting System and one indigenous CRN 91 Gun mount along with fire control system. The ship is designed to carry one twin engine ALH/Chetak helicopter, five high speed boats and four water scooters for SAR, Maritime law enforcement, EEZ surveillance and high speed interdictions.

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