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USA, PA, SOLEBURY, MARCH 16 2013. SOURCE OF CARVERSVILLE OIL SPILL REMOVED

william devlin



Booms are placed in the Paunacussing Creek behind the Carversville Inn on Thursday to absorb home heating oil that leaked from an old underground tank in the neighborhood.

A deteriorated underground tank that leaked home heating oil into Paunacussing Creek last week has been removed. Solebury Manager Dennis Carney said that the leaking tank was on a residential property on Carversville Road. "The tank was emptied and has been removed," Carney said. "The homeowner has been very responsive." Carney was at the site Thursday with a team from the state Department of Environmental Protection. He said booms have been placed in the creek to contain the oil that spilled before the source of the fuel had been found. "(Heating oil) did migrate under the street through a drainage pipe," Carney said. "There will be test boring to see how far the oil has spread." Carney said that the township has sent letters to residents along the creek about the underground tanks. He said that usually when the property changes

ownership the tanks are removed at the request of the buyer. The spill was discovered March 5. Area residents said that the creek contains fish and is used by blue heron, ducks and deer.

http://www.phillyburbs.com/my_town/new_hope/source-of-carversville-oil-spill-removed/article_d8394667-29c4-5acd-b786-42c695ccea5a.html

USA, N.Y, TONAWANDA, MARCH 16 2013. EPA OFFICIAL DETAILS BENZENE RELEASE AT TONAWANDA COKE SITE

In late 2009, federal inspectors collected samples of coal tar sludge from in and around two decaying storage tanks at Tonawanda Coke. An expert testified Thursday that most of the samples – 20 of 26 – contained hazardous levels of benzene, a chemical known to cause cancer in humans. Philip Flax, an official at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, also told a federal court jury that Tonawanda Coke's practice of mixing its sludge with outdoor piles of coal violates a federal law governing the handling of hazardous waste. "Facilities are required to minimize releases into the environment," he told the jury. Flax, who both sides acknowledged is an expert in his field, was the latest witness to testify about Tonawanda Coke's hazardous waste management, one aspect of the government's criminal prosecution of the Town of Tonawanda manufacturer. The company is facing 19 separate charges of polluting the air and ground in and around its River Road plant, and then trying to hide it from federal officials. For the first time in the two-week-old trial, the chemical benzene became a focal point of the testimony being heard by the jury and Chief U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny. Benzene, which has been linked to Tonawanda Coke's operations in the past, is commonly used by chemical, oil and gas industries and is known to cause cancers, especially leukemia, in people exposed to the substance. The benzene discovered in the coal tar at Tonawanda Coke was found, in some cases, at levels far above the regulatory standard for what is considered non-hazardous levels. Flax, under questioning by prosecutor Rocky Piaggione, acknowledged the higher-than-acceptable levels in his testimony and was critical of the company's handling of sludge containing the dangerous ingredient. He was particularly critical of Tonawanda Coke's practice of mixing sludge into coal piles at the plant, in part because there was no "impermeable surface" to prevent contaminants from making their way into the ground. "It's that critical time period when the problem occurred," he said of the company's practice of mixing sludge with coal. The company, in contrast, has argued that the sludge was handled responsibly and points to the coal and "40 feet of impermeable clay" that lie beneath the coal piles. "At no time does the sludge touch the ground," the company said in a 2009 letter to the EPA. As they have throughout the trial, defense lawyers argued that Tonawanda Coke's practice of mixing sludge and coal dates back years and, until recently, has been allowed by state inspectors. "Did you know the facility had been mixing coal tar into the coal fields for decades?" Gregory F. Linsin, a lawyer for the company, asked Flax at one point Thursday. Linsin also suggested that Tonawanda Coke's strategy of recycling its sludge should be considered preferable to sending it off site for treatment and disposal. "Isn't it fair and reasonable ... to look at the intent of the people conducting the recycling?" he asked Flax. "Don't you have to look at the big picture?" Flax said the EPA encourages recycling but only when it's done properly and within the guidelines established by the agency.

<http://www.buffalonews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130314/CITYANDREGION/130319529/1003>



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USA, TX, HOUSTON, MARCH 16 2013. TANKER TRUCK FLIPS AFTER LOSING CONTROL ON A RAMP AT BUSH INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT, SPILLS A PORTION OF JET FUEL IT WAS CARRYING.

 **Photo's [5]** [Tanker Truck Flips, Spills Jet Fuel at Bush Airport](#)



HazMat teams are still cleaning up a big mess at Bush Intercontinental Airport. A tanker truck lost control on a ramp near a cargo area of the airport around 10:15 last night. The truck flipped, spilling a portion of the 5,000 gallons of fuel it was carrying. The driver was taken to the hospital with cuts and bruises. Crews say the spill would have been much worse if the weather was warmer and the fuel was thicker.

<http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=9028481>

USA, PA, CLEARFIELD CO, UNION TWP, MARCH 16 2013. TANKER ROLLOVER ON I-80, KEROSENE LEAKS

Brittany Boyer

 **Watch the Video** [Tanker Rollover on I-80, Kerosene Leaks](#)

A tanker truck crashed Friday morning on I-80 in Clearfield County, spilling thousands of gallons of kerosene. Emergency crews on scene tell 6 News the truck driver lost control of the tanker causing it to rollover around 7:50 a.m. in Union Township near westbound mile marker 104. They said the driver walked away from the crash with minor injuries. Officials said the truck was carrying 7,000 gallons of kerosene. "On our arrival, we hurried up and got the leak contained in the tank," said Sandy Township fire chief Bill Beers. "We're hoping we only hoping that we only lost a couple thousand gallons out of a 7,000 gallon tank." Police said the driver fell asleep behind the wheel which caused the crash. PennDOT expects Interstate 80 to re-open following its one land restriction, by 9 p.m. tonight.

<http://www.wjactv.com/news/news/tanker-rollover-i-80-kerosene-leaks/nWsjY/>

USA, W.VA, BELINGTON, MARCH 16 2013. UP CLOSE LOOK AT TANKER TRUCK BURNING FOR SIXTH DAY

zach maskell

 **Watch the Video** [Up Close Look at Tanker Truck Burning](#)



A ticking timebomb? Perhaps. A tanker truck filled with liquid propane hasn't burned out yet. After inspecting the valves on the back of the tank with binoculars and zoomed in pictures, officials fear a rapid release. This past Friday, a fire in Barbour County led to a boil water advisory in the area. Now, a part of Talbott Road in Belington is shut down because a part of it is still burning. Because the tank has become weak, the valves could burst open, spraying a wall of fire across the roadway that's only about 50 feet away. That's why firefighters don't want traffic flowing. Belington's chief is calling this a controlled hazard and said no one's gotten hurt, and they want to keep it that way. "One [nearby] resident did self-evacuate to another family member's out of

the 300 foot radius," said Chief Phil Hart. Water is being sprayed onto the tank to keep it cool. Crews dug a hole behind the garage where the water flows to, and a pump keeps the cycle going. The road will remain closed about a quarter mile from the site until it's burned out.

<http://www.wdvt.com/wdvt.cfm?func=view§ion=5-News&item=Up-Close-Look-at-Tanker-Truck-Burning-for-Sixth-Day8674>

CYPRUS, FAMAGUSTA, GASTRIA, MARCH 16 2013. TANKER SPILL OFF KARPAS CAUSES CONCERN

Environmentalists yesterday said marine life could have been harmed after a tanker supplying fuel oil to a terminal in the occupied village of Gastia in the Karpas peninsula, spilled at least one tonne of petroleum in the area on Wednesday evening but only reported it yesterday. Gastia, known as Kalecik in the north, lies north of Bogazi on Famagusta bay, a busy area with



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two existing fuel terminals and plans for a third. Environmentalists and locals are already vocal against building an oil terminal with storage capacity of one million cubic metres, further north near the village of Eptakomi, known in the north as Yedikonuk. Green Action Group's Dogan Sahir yesterday said that the oil spill in Gastria validated their opposition. The Green Party did the same, marking their disagreement to the Eptakomi terminal plans "which will increase the dangers of repeating such accidents since supplying fuel to the area will be much more common place. Turkish Cypriot daily Havadis said the accident in Gastria was the result of negligence, but quoted authorities as saying the spillage was not big enough to cause any real damage to the environment. But Sahir told the Cyprus Mail that with oil spills spreading fast over kilometres, any damage to marine life was already done. Part of the concern is the need to use solvents to deal with the spill despite their effect to wildlife – including migratory birds now in the area, Sahir said. But the oil company tried to deal with the problem overnight on Wednesday but only alerted the authorities the following day, he said. "Cases like that should be handled immediately, otherwise there is no chance to solve (the problem)," Sahir said. "(Now), there is no chance to fix things," he said. Another expert said that the technicians and experts on the scene reported that the situation was under control with barriers in place to control spread, and oil absorbent material being used in addition to the solvents. "The big issue is actually that the area has a number of eastern Mediterranean countries bordering its seas, dumping waste, ships carrying petroleum, a lot of marine traffic and rubbish ending up the shores," the biologist and marine expert said on condition of anonymity. "In general there are many oil spills that are not being reported," the expert said but also added that people should pick their battles. "As I understand it this is a minor problem but when you blame people for even the minor things then when something big happens and there is a real issue they will just claim that you shout every time."

<http://www.cyprus-mail.com/cyprus/tanker-spill-karpas-causes-concern/20130315>

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, BEENLEIGH, MARCH 16 2013. ONE DEAD, SEVERAL INJURED IN UNIT BLAST IN BEENLEIGH



An explosion has destroyed a unit on George St, Beenleigh.

A man has died, one man left badly injured and a unit complex was evacuated after an explosion in Beenleigh, south of Brisbane. Police said about 9.20pm, an explosion occurred in a unit on George Street that is believed to have been caused by a gas bottle being deliberately ignited. A 52-year-old man was pronounced dead at the scene, and a man, /47, suffered significant burns and is in a serious condition in the Royal Brisbane Hospital. A police spokesman said the 52-year-old man was in a neighbouring unit at the time of the explosion and was pronounced dead at the scene after suffering a heart attack. The 47-year-old man is believed to have been alone in his unit when the gas bottle exploded.

Several other apartments in the 16-unit complex were damaged by the explosion and four residents were treated for shock and minor injuries. [George Street between Boundary and Bougainville](#) streets was quickly closed with traffic diversions in place. In the aftermath, residents sat on the footpath in their dressing gowns and pyjamas, shocked by what they had seen. "It was quite frightening, not what you expect on a Friday night," one unit owner said. A neighbour, who tried to help, said it was like nothing he had ever seen before. "I had just woken from a nap, was sitting watching TV when there was the biggest noise I have ever heard," he said. "The whole building rocked, I thought a plane had hit the unit." He ran out his front door to what he described as an inferno. "I could hear screaming and yelling, I grabbed my phone and the fire extinguisher and went out the front," he said. "It was like a furnace, the whole place was engulfed in flames." Many of the older neighbours were too distressed to talk. Those who knew the deceased man said they were deeply saddened by the tragedy. A mini-bus transferred about 16 people to the Beenleigh PCYC centre, where they stayed for the night. Others went to stay with friends and family, told they may not be able to return for 48 hours. A police spokesman said alternate housing would be arranged for any other nights. George Street remained blocked for several hours after the incident. Many nearby residents were unable to drive to their homes, instead forced to park and walk. Senior Sergeant Peter Gray said the complex would remain in lock-down until fire crews and the scientific investigations were complete. A full investigation will be launched and a report will be prepared for the coroner, he said. The unit owner suffered life-threatening injuries; those who saw him taken away said he was "not in a good way".

<http://www.news.com.au/national-news/queensland/several-injured-in-unit-explosion-at-beenleigh/story-fndo4ckr-1226598626558>



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USA, FLA, APOPKA, MARCH 16 2013. DRUNK DRIVER CRASHES INTO GAS PUMP

 **Photo's [9]** [Car Crashes into Gas Pump](#)

 **Watch the Video** [Drunk Driver Crashes into Gas Pump In Apopka](#)



Police said a 49-year-old woman was driving drunk when she crashed into a gas pump in Apopka early Friday morning, causing it to burst into flames. The crash happened around 12:30 a.m. at a RaceTrac gas station on Semoran Boulevard in Apopka, police said. Witnesses said the crash caused an explosion at the gas pump, sending a ball of fire into the air. The gas pump and the vehicle were heavily damaged in the fire. The driver, 49-year-old Christina Foit, suffered minor injuries but her male passenger was seriously injured, according to police. They were both taken to a local hospital. Investigators said Foit was drunk at the time of the crash and kicked the first officer who arrived at the scene. She is being charged with DUI with serious bodily injury, resisting an officer with violence and

battery on a law enforcement officer. Police said the crash was captured on surveillance cameras at the gas station, but the video has not been released. All of the gas pumps at the RaceTrac have been taped off and crews are working to remove the damaged pump. The gas station has remained open. Foit will be booked into the [Orange County](#) jail when she is released from the hospital.

<http://www.wftv.com/news/news/local/police-drunk-driver-crashes-gas-pump/nWsyYT/>

JAMAICA, KINGSTON, MARCH 16 2013. SHELL GAS STATIONS TO REBRAND AS RUBIS, ENDING NINE DECADES OF DOMINANCE



For 90 years, Shell has remained the most ubiquitous name on service stations across Jamaica, but that era is coming to an end. In less than 13 months, the brand which now graces 52 stations will disappear from Jamaica altogether. New owner, Rubis Energy Jamaica Limited, will be rebranding the stations under the Rubis name, a project to start next year and wrapped up by mid-2014. No details were forthcoming on the project from head of Rubis Jamaica, Don Gary, this week, but the company is currently wrapping up a two-day meeting in [Montego Bay](#) with dealers where the plans for the network are under discussion. The Financial Gleaner attempted to reach at least seven dealers, but all were at the meeting at Secrets Resort & Spa and unavailable immediately for comment on the expected impact of the rebranding on their market share. Derrick Thompson, president of Jamaica Gasolene Retailers Association (JGRA), indicated that the lobby has no official position on the shelving of the Shell

brand. "... As long as they meet the criteria and deal with the dealers above board, we have no issue with the change," Thompson said Thursday. He said the two-day dealer summit under way in [Montego Bay](#) was the first islandwide meeting for Rubis in Jamaica. Thompson, who operates a Texaco station, indicated that he will attend the award ceremony, which will close out the meeting tonight, after the closed-door Rubis-Shell dealer confab. Thompson added that although the rights to the Shell brand will be relinquished, he does not expect Shell, the Dutch-owned marketing company, to re-enter Jamaica in the short term. Shell sold out to a consortium owned by Joey Issa's Cool Corp and Neal & Massy Holdings of Trinidad in 2005. The consortium, which operated as Cool Petroleum, sold out to Blue Equity in January 2012. "I don't know if Shell can re-enter the market. I don't know. Part of business negotiations would see the adoption of a clause that you can't re-enter for a specified time frame," he said, referring generally to the type of deal he would have expected Rubis Energy to have struck. Rubis, a global energy company, acquired Shell Jamaica in December from Blue Equity LLC, which held the assets under Antilles Group Limited. The terms were not disclosed. The acquisition terms were not disclosed but Gary told the Financial Gleaner that as part of the deal, Rubis acquired temporary licence to the Shell brand held by Antilles. "We purchased the rights to the name for 18 months which ends in mid-2014. Rubis runs its own brand which is building loyalty. We need to change towards our brand - towards our own image," he said. Rubis, in recent years, embarked on a similar rebranding of some its assets in the Caribbean, including Trinidad, Barbados, [Cayman Islands](#) and Bahamas, among other markets.



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Jamaica is its single largest acquisition in the Caribbean. "It will result in exciting changes. There is some concern because Shell has been here for so long," said Gary, who headed Texaco operations in Jamaica in the 1990s. The Shell name has graced gas stations in Jamaica since 1923. Antilles claimed 30 per cent market share for Shell last year. Gary declined to disclose preliminary costs associated with rebranding, arguing it required solidifying. He also declined to reveal the preliminary amount paid to acquire Shell assets. The rebranding will shelve the longstanding yellow and red Shell logo for text-based Rubis signage, which sports green letters piped with red and set against a white background. One aspect of the Shell name will survive the transition. "We will, however, keep the Shell lubricants brand because Rubis doesn't have its own lubricants," Gary said. Engineering and design works will begin in the third part of this calendar year and first quarter 2014 implementation of the rebranding, he said. Rubis is the full owner of Shell assets in Jamaica, according to company officials. Since 2000, Rubis has expanded its presence across three continents, through direct investments and via acquisitions. The company now operates in at least 16 [Caribbean markets](#), including Jamaica.

Shell in Jamaica

- 1923 Shell opens at 7 Hanover Street in Kingston.
- 1925 Construction of Rockfort plant begins.
- 1929 First Shell service station opened in Jamaica.
- 1971 Montego Bay depot opens.
- 1985 New head offices open in Rockfort.
- 1990 Shell Jamaica becomes the first petroleum marketing company to introduce unleaded gas to Jamaica.
- 1996 LPG operation expands into western Jamaica.
- 2005 Cool Petroleum acquires Shell's fuel stations in Jamaica and becomes the licensed carrier of the brand.
- 2012 Blue Equity LLC acquires a majority stake in Cool Petroleum and rebrands as The Antilles Group.
- 2012 Rubis acquires Shell Jamaica assets from Blue Equity.

<http://jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20130315/business/business1.html>

USA, OK, OKLAHOMA CITY, MARCH 16 2013. HAZMAT CREWS: OKC OIL SPILL WILL TAKE DAYS TO CLEAN UP



Hazmat crews are on the scene of an oil leak said it will likely take days to clean up. Friday afternoon residents near Hefner and Penn. smelled an odor of oil in the area. When firefighters went to check it out they found a fill line to an oil tank battery had broken loose. Crude oil was flowing into a nearby drainage ditch. The one-mile line was shut off to stop the leak. Oil booms were also put down to help absorb the oil and a pump truck is getting the rest. HazMat crews estimate a few days' worth of clean-up in the area.

<http://kfor.com/2013/03/15/hazmat-crews-okc-oil-spill-will-take-days-to-clean-up/>

USA, N.J, HIGH BRIDGE, MARCH 16 2013. MAINTENANCE WORKER AT HIGH BRIDGE MANUFACTURING PLANT HOSPITALIZED BY PRESSURIZED OXYGEN BLAST >> POLICE: REPORTS OF EXPLOSION UNFOUNDED

mark spivey

A maintenance worker at a borough manufacturing plant was hospitalized with severe injuries Thursday afternoon when a blast of pressurized oxygen knocked him off his feet, authorities said. Police, fire and rescue personnel responding to a report of a worker injured in an explosion rushed to the Custom Alloy Corporation on Washington Avenue just after 1:30 p.m. Thursday to find the 27-year-old victim, according to police. Company officials told first responders that the man was performing maintenance on an oxygen line in the welding section of the plant, elevated about 12 to 15 feet off the ground in a lift, when a blast knocked him down onto the lift's platform. There was no evidence indicating any ignition source or fire, but the release of pressurized gas reportedly was powerful enough to cause serious injury to the employee, whose identity was not released. The man was treated at the scene for initial effects of the gas release, which caused soot to disperse throughout the area, then transported via medical helicopter to Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, police said. A second employee



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also was treated at the scene for minor injuries caused by the blast. Custom Alloy is a "leading manufacturer of specialty metals for seamless and welded pipe fittings and forgings, predominantly for customers requiring time-critical maintenance or repair," according to the company's website. The company has operated here for more than 40 years, continuing a thorough metalworking tradition that extends to the early 1700s, when iron ore was discovered in nearby hills. The first such firm, Union Ironworks, was established here in December 1742, Custom Alloy notes on the site. Company spokesman Greg Owens said Thursday afternoon that he wasn't sure how long the injured worker had been an employee there. "We have not heard anything yet," Owens said when asked about the worker's condition. "There's an investigation going on as we speak, and we will have further information later." Units responding to the scene Thursday included the High Bridge Fire Department and Rescue Squad, plus personnel from the Annandale, Quakertown, Clinton Town and Lebanon Township fire companies. Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office officials and representatives of the county Office of Emergency Management also responded.

<http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20130314/NJNEWS/303140031/Maintenance-worker-at-High-Bridge-manufacturing-plant-hospitalized-by-pressurized-oxygen-blast>

MEXICO, TLAXCALA, NATIVITAS, MARCH 16 2013. MEXICO FIREWORKS EXPLOSION KILLS AT LEAST 15, INJURES DOZENS

 [Watch the Video 11 Dead in Fireworks Explosion During Religious Procession](#)

 [Photo's \[3\] 'At Least 11 Dead' in Mexico Fireworks Explosion](#)



Emergency rescue workers stand near one of the victims of Friday's deadly fireworks explosion in central Mexico.

At least 15 people were killed and dozens of others were injured when a pickup truck carrying fireworks exploded during a religious procession in the central state of Tlaxcala on Friday, Mexican media reported. [Milenio newspaper reported](#) the blast happened at about 1:00 p.m. local time when a stray firecracker landed on the pickup loaded with other fireworks that were to be used during celebrations for the patron saint of Jesus Tepactepec, a small village located about 70 miles east of Mexico City. Initial reports put the death toll at nine, but it has since risen to 15, [El Universal reported](#). Another 70 people were injured, and at least 45 had been taken to hospital for treatment, [the Associated Press reported](#), citing Jose Mateo Morales, the director of Tlaxcala

civil protection department. The AP said at least one child was among the victims. "They were in a procession, they were shooting off rockets and it exploded and fell onto the other ones," Mateo Morales was quoted as saying. "It was very serious." [The BBC reported](#) that 14 ambulances, a mobile medical unit and two air ambulances had been sent to the village of about 1,000 people to treat the injured. "My God, this is a tragedy," the Bishop of Tlaxcala, Francisco Moreno, who was at the scene, was quoted as saying.

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USA, OH, WAYNE CO, CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP, MARCH 16 2013. FIREFIGHTERS EXTINGUISH BLAZE AT FUEL PRODUCTION WELL

 **Photo's [7]** [Well Explodes in Eastern Wayne County](#)

 **Watch the Video** [Oil holding tank in Chippewa Township in Wayne Co catches fire, causes explosion](#)



Chippewa Township firefighters spray water on a burning oil storage tank at a recently constructed drilling site on the west side of Edwards Road on Friday, in Chippewa Township.

Homes were evacuated after an oil tank in Chippewa Township exploded and caught fire Friday evening, the fire chief said. Ron Browning told NewsChannel5 they received a phone call of the explosion at around 4:30 p.m. near Taylor and Serfass roads in Wayne County. Officials say welding on the oil holding tank's battery caused sparks, which lead to the explosion. Oil inside the mostly empty tank continued to burn and sent large amounts of dark smoke into the sky, the fire chief said. Spokesman for Dominion East Ohio Neil Durbin said the official cause is still under investigation and environmental contractors will be at the scene draining the leftover chemicals. Crews will be back on Monday to replace the equipment. Due to the explosion, the lid to one of the tanks flew off, landing some 200 ft. away. Chief Browning said the lid could weigh up to 300 lbs. and could have caused serious damage if it hit a home or vehicle. Just as close in another direction lives Craig Goliath, who thought bricks on his home had come off from the explosion. "If I felt like the whole house shook, I looked out the window and seen, it looked like a green lid rolling on the ground like 100 ft. away," said Goliath. He told us he was not evacuated but a few homes across the street were. Officials said that was because the thick black smoke was headed in their direction. Officials were concerned the fire, in

close proximity to a second tank, would cause a second explosion. The lid of that second "bubbled-up" when it was supposed to be flat across. "The biggest danger that we had was that the fire impinging on the second tank and that had not vented yet ... that was our biggest concern and that's why we kept everybody back," said Chief Browning. Durbin of Dominion East Ohio said the fire department extinguished the fire around 7 p.m. No injuries were reported, residents were allowed back into their homes and the road was reopened Friday.

http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/oh_wayne/oil-holding-tank-in-chippewa-township-in-wayne-county-catches-fire-causes-explosion

USA, WYO, RAWLINS, MARCH 16 2013. MAN ARRESTED FOR SABOTAGE AT SINCLAIR

kate snyder



Bryant Paul Willingham

A Rawlins man who once worked at the Sinclair Refinery was arrested for tampering with valves there because he was trying to get the factory evacuated as a "joke." Bryant Paul Willingham, 27, is charged with aggravated assault and battery, terroristic threats and reckless endangerment. The maximum prison sentence he faces for the offenses is 14 years. He told officers it had just been a joke. "There were a bunch of guys joking about how they wanted to go home and stuff," he said according to an affidavit from the Sinclair Police Department. "Nobody said specifically go do it, but a lot of them know I know the operators so you know, go turn something off and get us evacuated out of here." About 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 18, 2012, control instrumentation alerted watchers in the Hydrocracker unit at the refinery were alerted that a valve had failed or was closed. Several additional valves were found closed that day. The

valves that were closed regulated the temperature and pressure on the unit, and operators noticed the unit was filling with hydrocarbons, according to the affidavit. It took an hour to stabilize the unit. Officers met with the plant and operations managers, who said the valves could not have turned by themselves. They would have had to have been "purposely turned to get them into the positions in which they were found," the affidavit stated. "The valves were turned in a random fashion." Willingham used to work at the refinery, the affidavit stated. He was working for Williams Insulation Company at the time and had been working on the Hydrocracker unit the day of the incident. Officers heard Willingham had made statements about turning valves, but during an interview Willingham denied tampering with the equipment, the affidavit stated. He told officers he "knew the importance of not turning random stuff," because he used to work at the refinery and had been through operator



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training, the affidavit stated. Eventually, Willingham admitted he turned two valves on the Hydrocracker on the day of the incident, according to the affidavit. He showed officers the valves he turned on a map of the unit. Ray Hanson, operations manager for the Sinclair Refinery, said one of the valves closed on the unit affected the entire operation of the unit, and if the temperature got to a certain point, it could cause a "catastrophic failure" of the machine, according to the affidavit. If the unit had ruptured, it could have released hydrogen sulfide — a deadly gas — into the air, as well as hydrogen and oil, Hanson told officers. The oil could have vaporized and caused a fire.

http://www.rawlinstimes.com/news/article_b77eb676-8d17-11e2-a35b-0019bb2963f4.html

FII, SUVA, MARCH 16 2013. STORE DANGEROUS GOODS, MATERIALS PROPERLY

dawn gibson

With four commercial fires this year alone, the National Fire Authority is again reaching out to business owners to take particular care with hazardous goods or materials they use. In a statement, chief executive John O'Connor said these goods were in the form of solids, liquids, harmful gases and sometimes living organisms. "It is important that business owners train their staff on how to handle any form of hazardous material and be aware of the dangers concerning the use of hazardous material in the workplace," he said. Mr O'Connor said the storage of hazardous material was another important factor, as two of the four commercial fires this year were the result of careless handling and storage of such materials. "It is important that owners train their staff on how to use these hazardous materials and the material supply data sheet of these hazardous materials must be displayed in the workplace." So far this year there have been 25 recorded property fire incidents, four of which were commercial property fires.

<http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=228025>

INDIA, HYDERABAD, MARCH 17 2013. BIRTHDAY BOY, 2 MORE DIE AS BIKE HITS TANKER

The birthday celebrations of a Class X student turned out to be fatal for him and his friends after the bike on which they were travelling hit an oil tanker near Uppal late Thursday night. According to police, the birthday boy Omkar, and his friends Harikrishna and Bhagavan Reddy were travelling towards Uppal to purchase a birthday cake, when their bike hit an oil tanker near a bus stop. Omkar was crushed to death while the other two succumbed to their injuries while undergoing treatment. All were students of Sri Chaitanya Techno School at Bodduppal. Uppal SI Ch Chandrasekhar said Omkar had celebrated his birthday at his school on Thursday and after finishing the study hours, his friends forced him to cut another cake. They left for a bakery at Uppal at around 11 pm on Omkar's Pulsar bike. Omkar tried to overtake an Indian Oil tanker, lost control of the bike and hit the tanker. Locals alerted the police, who rushed to the spot and shifted Harikrishna and Bhagavan Reddy to a nearby private hospital, where they died while undergoing treatment. Omkar died on the spot.

<http://newindianexpress.com/cities/hyderabad/article1503578.ece>

USA, MN, ST. PAUL, MARCH 17 2013. HERBICIDE, FERTILIZER POSE COMPLICATE CLEAN-UP IN CEDAR RIVER

stephanie hemphill

A challenging clean-up job continues on the Red Cedar River near Menomonie, along Interstate 94. A truck carrying 24,000 pounds of fertilizer and herbicide in bags crashed into the river during a snowstorm on March 5. Both drivers, from Minneapolis, were killed. Wisconsin DNR spokesman Ed Culhane said the agency does not know for sure how the nitrogen fertilizer and crab grass herbicide will affect life in the river. "Some of our scientists are in touch with the manufacturer, and are working with an environmental consultant to learn as much as we can about these chemicals and how they'll react in the river and what kind of damage we may need to look for," Culhane said. The herbicide is floating to the top, and workers are collecting it. Much of the fertilizer remains on the river bottom and seems not to be mixing with the cold water.

<http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2013/03/15/environment/cedar-river-clean-up>

USA, AKA, FAIRBANKS, MARCH 17 2013. TANKER OVERTURNS ON RICHARDSON HIGHWAY, SPILLING FUEL

sam friedman

A diesel double tanker overturned in a ditch and spilled some 4,000 gallons of diesel Friday morning on the Richardson Highway after the driver reportedly had a sneezing fit, according to Alaska State Troopers. The wreck was reported at 8:29 a.m. at 235.5 Mile of the Richardson Highway, north of the Black Rapids Glacier, according to trooper spokeswoman Beth Ipsen. The 2007 Peterbilt truck was headed north when it drifted into the north-side ditch and overturned, she said. The



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second trailer was punctured, but the damage was limited to one subsection of the tank, she said. An initial trooper estimate had the oil spill at less than 1,000 gallons, but the Department of Environmental Conservation put in at between 4,000 and 5,000 gallons, in a subsequent estimate Friday afternoon Department of Transportation spokeswoman Meadow Bailey said. The fuel was pooled as high as four inches in the ditch and the frozen ground made it easier to clean up the oil, she said. The truck was owned by Fairbanks trucking firm Big State Logistics. Staff from Big State Logistics and from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation responded, according to Ipsen with the state troopers. The driver was Robert Reid, 34, of Wasilla. Troopers found no indication drugs or alcohol were a factor, she said.

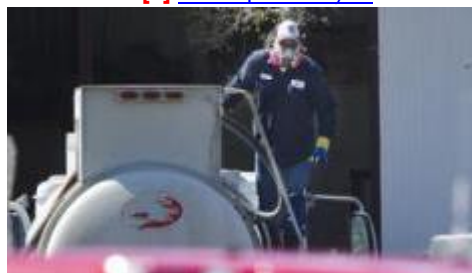
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USA, TX, BRYAN MARCH 17 2013. MULTIPLE AGENCIES RESPOND TO HCL ACID SPILL

bill oliver

 **Watch the Video** [Large Acid Spill Contained in Bryan](#)

 **Photo's [7]** [Acid Spill In Bryan](#)



Highway 21 near Coulter Airfield in Bryan was restricted to one lane of traffic in each direction Friday afternoon due to a spill of hydrochloric acid. William Bouse of the Bryan Fire Department says the spill was in a containment pond at an oilfield services business on Crosswinds Drive north of 21. Also responding to the incident was the College Station Fire Department, precincts 2 and 3, and the Brazos County Sheriff's Office. Bouse says a reverse 911 call was made to phone numbers within a half-mile of the spill to notify residents and businesspeople of what happened. A private company conducted the cleanup of the acid, which was in a containment area of the business. Sources say 200 gallons was spilled. Bouse says the Texas Commission on Environmental

Quality will lead the investigation into the incident.

<http://wtaw.com/2013/03/15/multiple-agencies-respond-to-hcl-acid-spill/>

PAKISTAN, KARACHI, MARCH 17 2013. FIVE HURT IN CRACKER BLAST

At least five people were injured when a cracker exploded close to a paan cabin in Federal B Area on Saturday, police said. They said that the blast occurred near Mukka Chowk and not very far from the heavily-guarded headquarters of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement. SSP-Central Amir Farooqi said that it was a cracker blast and not a grenade attack. "The injured were identified as 25-year-old Mohammad Nadeem, 30-year-old Owais-ul-Haq, 28-year-old Abid Hussain, 26-year-old Danish Ayub and 28-year-old Ghazanfar Ali," said area DSP Saleem Akhtar Siddiqui. "The victims sustained minor injuries and are said to be stable after initial treatment at the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital. The blast did not cause a major damage to any property." The blast caused panic in the busy area. The traffic movement came to a sudden halt after the police cordoned off the affected area and restricted vehicles access. Investigators said that it was little early to ascertain the exact motive for the attack. They were also not sure about the number of attackers and their mode of transport. "It's not clear whether the attacker used a motorbike or any four-wheeler. Apparently the paan cabin was the target, but there are a few questions which we need to get clear before we arrive at any conclusion," said SSP Farooqi.

<http://dawn.com/2013/03/17/five-hurt-in-cracker-blast/five-hurt-in-cracker-blast-670-x-350-online-photo/>

USA, FLA, HOMESTEAD, MARCH 17 2013. NFL PLAYER AMONG 2 INJURED IN FLORIDA AIR BALLOON CRASH

john branch & janet digiacomo

 **Watch the Video's:**

- [NFL Player Donte' Stallworth Injured in Hot Air Balloon Crash](#)
- [Hot Air Balloon Crashes During Birthday Flight](#)

Two people, including pro football player Donte Stallworth, were hospitalized Saturday after the hot air balloon they were riding in crashed into power lines in Miami, police said. A third passenger in the balloon was not injured. Police responded to calls at around 10 a.m. about the basket of the hot air balloon crashing into the power lines while airborne. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the crash with the help of Miami-Dade police, Detective Roy Rutland said. Video



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from [CNN affiliate WSVN](#) showed the basket (where people stand) upright on a two-lane road, while the envelope (the balloon part) sat some distance nearby. Stallworth suffered severe burns and is in stable condition at Miami's Kendall Regional Medical Center, said his attorney, Christopher Lyons. The wide receiver was in the balloon with a female friend when the accident occurred, according to Lyons. The lawyer did not name the woman or detail her condition. The third person was operating the balloon, according to local media reports.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2013/03/16/us/florida-hot-air-balloon-crash/>

TURKEY, ANKARA, MARCH 17 2013. 1 KILLED, 5 INJURED IN FUEL TANK BLAST IN SE TURKEY

One person was killed and five others injured on Saturday evening when a fuel tank exploded in south-eastern Turkey, private Dogan news agency reported. The explosion took place in the electrical section of the fuel tank in a garden in Sanliurfa, leaving one person killed and five others injured, including two children, according to the report. Reasons behind the blast remained unknown. The wounded were taken to a private hospital for medical treatment, said the report, adding that an investigation into this incident was underway.

<http://www.nzweek.com/world/1-killed-5-injured-in-fuel-tank-blast-in-se-turkey-54756/>

USA, OH, MINERVA, MARCH 18 2013. OIL WELL EXPLOSION NEAR MINERVA

An oil well exploded at 8704 Knox-School Road in Columbiana County, six miles east of Minerva on Sunday evening, according to Fire Chief Aaron Stoller of the Sandy Creek Joint Fire District, who serves Minerva and the surrounding area. Stoller said the call came into the fire department at 8:29 p.m. Sunday. "It blew the lid (off the tank) about 400-500 feet into the yard of a nearby residence," Stoller said, adding there was no damage to the residence and no injuries reported. Stoller said all of the crude oil remained inside of the tank and a resulting fire was extinguished using a Class B foam. The Columbiana County Emergency Management Agency (EMA); Stark County HAZMAT; Atlas Gas, who owns the tank; and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) were contacted. Stoller said Atlas Gas, Columbiana County EMA and the EPA will be on-site Monday for clean-up and investigation into the cause of the explosion. The North Georgetown and Homeworth Fire Departments were called to assist Sandy Creek FD at the scene.

<http://www.cantonrep.com/news/x898150452/Breaking-Oil-well-explosion-in-Minerva>

USA, OH, WELLINGTON, MARCH 18 2013. WELLINGTON RESIDENTS RECALL BEING DISPLACED FROM THEIR HOMES AFTER GASOLINE LEAK

[Watch the Video Wellington Residents Recall Being Displaced from their Homes](#)



Every day Elise Roberts writes in her diary. Her memory is fading and she has trouble recalling the day's events. She laughs at herself and says she can't remember how old she'll be on her birthday, Monday, but she knows the world still has more to offer. The 86-year-old woman sits hunched in her wheelchair, in her mobile home on Brookside Drive just steps away from where a gasoline pipeline break on Jan. 12, 2012, released 116,760 gallons of gasoline into a nearby field within a two-hour period. "My memory isn't like it used to be, but I can see everything that happened that day," she said. "I didn't need to write about it in my diary." Neighbors reported a strong odor of gasoline about 10:43 p.m. Within an hour, local authorities secured the area and contacted Sunoco Logistics, the gasoline pipeline owner. "We didn't know what it was; we didn't know what was going on," Roberts said. "All we knew was that it sure did stink."

Seventy residents and 31 homes were evacuated from the nearby Brookside Trailer Park while the leak was being repaired. Larry and Doris Gray first alerted authorities of the leak after smelling gasoline near the back of their trailer. At the time, Larry Gray said he wasn't afraid because he didn't know what was going on. "At that point, we just smelled gas," he said. "We grabbed what we could. I took my toothbrush and some clothes; I didn't think we'd be out as long as we were." The Grays and Roberts stayed at the Oberlin Inn for the majority of the week-long evacuation. All three said despite the gasoline leak, being out of their homes was a nice getaway. Other evacuated residents stayed with family and friends. "I really enjoyed myself at the Oberlin Inn," Roberts said. "All the food you could eat. I pretty much just hung out and watched TV. My son, Ivan, came and visited me a couple times." The Grays said they too enjoyed their brief departure, but were worried about leaving their



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young cockatoo, Abe, home for eight days. Larry Gray said Sunoco officials were very concerned about Abe staying in the trailer. "When we got home, I got him out and he perched right on my shoulder; you could tell he was happy." There have been no reports of sickness related to the gasoline leak, and Brookside residents said no one has moved out because of the leak. "I wasn't concerned about getting sick, but I still went to my doctor after it happened," Doris Gray said. "I felt fine," Roberts said. "I go to the doctor for my leg, so if there would have been something wrong, he would have told me." The normal level of gasoline vapor a person could breathe and not see any sickness is 6 parts per billion. Some areas near the leak in Wellington saw levels as high as 65 parts per billion, according to Ohio Environmental Protection Agency investigators. More than 27 agencies throughout Ohio assisted with the gasoline leak repair. Wellington Fire Chief Mike Weatherbee said he attributes the success of the cleanup to the dams built to avoid water contamination. Responders constructed two temporary dams to contain the leak to White Creek. The creek is less than 5 miles from the Black River which flows into Lake Erie. "We built the dams so nothing could back flow to the village," Weatherbee said. "Our initial concern was how far it got and how could we stop it. If it would have reached the Black River, it would have been a national spill. It could have been a lot worse." More than one year later, "the biggest gas leak in Lorain County" is still under investigation, said Damien Hill, spokesman for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. "As a result of the failure, PHMSA issued a Corrective Action Order to Sunoco requiring the operator to take necessary actions to provide added protections from possible hazards associated with the failure," Hill said. PHMSA investigators found a 30-inch-long split in the pipeline which is 8 inches in diameter and runs from Fostoria to Hudson. According to statistics supplied by Weatherbee, 26.5 million pounds of soil was removed and replaced, exactly 30,510 gallons of gasoline was recovered and 471,642 gallons of contaminated water was collected. At this time, no definitive figure of Sunoco's total mitigation has been released, Weatherbee said. Wellington Township received \$12,600 from Sunoco Logistics for use of the township building at 105 Maple St., said fiscal officer Louise Grose. Sunoco also reimbursed the township \$2,500 for use of its power washer and paid \$2,000 to \$3,000 for salt the Wellington Township. Wellington Fire District recovery cost totaled \$28,623, Weatherbee said. This included the cost of equipment and supplies Sunoco used while the line was being repaired. Lorain County Local Emergency Planning Commission cost recovery efforts totaled \$41,114, Weatherbee added. Now the site of the leak seems unnoticeable to motorists passing by. Despite the severity of the incident, the majority of residents feel the outcome couldn't have been handled any better. "Looking at it a year later, it's a further testament to the quick reaction of our guys," said Wellington Village Council President Jeff Hyde. "But in my mind it could have been tragic and a lot worse. We can be glad it transpired the way it did." For their quick reaction time, Wellington responders were commended by Gov. John Kasich and the president of the OEPA at a ceremony in February 2012 in Columbus. "The governor announced the gas leak and said since he didn't hear about it on the national news, we did our job," Weatherbee said. "This thing was well reacted by a small community and as a village official, they can rest assured this community has one of the best fire departments around," Hyde said.

<http://morningjournal.com/articles/2013/03/17/news/doc5145386c6e8ec420564629.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

CANADA, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, CHARLOTTETOWN, MARCH 18 2013. ICEBREAKERS ESCORT OIL TANKER THROUGH NORTHUMBERLAND STRAIT



It could take a full day for the icebreakers to clear a path to Charlottetown Harbour.

Two icebreakers are working to help an oil tanker get through the Northumberland Strait today. The 181-metre Acadian left Halifax bound for Charlottetown, but ice and wind conditions have made it impossible to get through. Paul Veber is the Coast Guard's Superintendent of ice operations for the Atlantic Region. "So it's actually been the most-challenging ice conditions we've had anywhere in Atlantic Canada. Because of that we've had to send the heavier ice breakers into the Northumberland Strait. The heavier ice breaker will escort the ship through the Northumberland Strait and then the Cornwallis will escort the tanker right into Charlottetown," he said. Veber said it will take a full

day for the icebreakers to clear a path to Charlottetown Harbour. The icebreakers will escort the tanker back out to sea on Sunday.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/story/2013/03/16/pei-icebreaker-ship-stuck.html>



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USA, AZ, MESA, MARCH 18 2013. CAR CRASHES, ENDS UP VERTICAL OUTSIDE MESA GAS STATION



The car landed on its nose outside the gas station in Mesa.

A single vehicle accident left a car propped up on its nose outside a Mesa gas station late Friday night. The crash that happened at McKellips and Horne around 11 p.m. was not the first time, according to the Chevron station's owner. Witnesses who called 911 said the driver was running from the scene and injured. The passenger car had landed vertically with its nose in the ground and propped up against a gas station sign and tree. The driver was found a short time later and taken to a local hospital. There was no word on the driver's condition.

http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_southeast_valley/mesa/car-crashes-ends-up-vertical-outside-mesa-gas-station

USA, MO, MACON, MARCH 18 2013. DAYS OF PROMISE FADE FOR ETHANOL

john eligon & matthew l. wald

 [Slideshow](#) [As Ethanol's Luster Fades, Communities Struggle](#)



Corn storage at the ethanol plant in Macon, Mo., which stopped operating in January. Officials have vowed to reopen it, and it is undergoing renovations.

Five years ago, rural America was giddy for ethanol. Backed by government subsidies and mandates, hundreds of ethanol plants rose among the golden fields of the Corn Belt, bringing jobs and business to small towns, providing farmers with a new market for their crops and generating billions of dollars in revenue for the producers of this corn-based fuel blend. Those days of promise and prosperity are vanishing. Nearly 10 percent of the nation's ethanol plants have stopped production over the past year, in part because the drought that has ravaged much of the nation's crops pushed commodity prices so high that ethanol has become too expensive to produce. A dip in gasoline consumption has compounded the industry's problem by reducing the demand for ethanol.

The situation has left the fate of dozens of ethanol plants hanging in the balance and has unsettled communities that once prospered from this biofuel. "It's a more somber mood," said Todd Sneller, the administrator of the [Nebraska Ethanol Board](#). "The growth opportunity that existed some years ago is still out there in theory, but the reality that it's going to take an awful lot of time, money and political battles to realize that opportunity" is causing consternation. Thousands of barrels of ethanol now sit in storage because there is not enough gasoline in the market to blend it with — and blends calling for a higher percentage of ethanol have yet to catch on widely in the marketplace. Advanced [biofuels](#) from waste like corn stalks and wood chips have also yet to reach commercial-level production as some had predicted they would by now. Referring to the plants that have been idled, Eric Lee, a commodities expert at Citibank, said: "Is that going to be temporary or permanent? It's hard to say." Not only do the plants employ residents of these small communities, but they also provide a market for farmers to sell their crops and buy grain to feed their livestock. They attract a steady flow of trucks whose drivers use truck stops and patronize other local businesses. Contractors visiting the plants stay in local hotels. And the plants hold large accounts with local banks. "It's been quite an ordeal, honestly," Mayor Christopher Jackson of Walhalla, N.D., said of the closing of an Archer Daniels Midland ethanol plant there last April. About a dozen families who had moved to Walhalla, a town of about 1,000, to work at the plant have left, he said. Many of the 61 people who worked there have since found new jobs, but the salary and benefits are not nearly as good, he said. Mr. Jackson manages his family's bar in town, and he said Friday end-of-week gatherings did not happen as much because people had less to spend. "It's been hard on every business up and down Main Street," he said. "I don't know that people realized how big of an impact that plant closing had on the community. Now we're a year into it; everybody's feeling the pinch." Congress set out to create an ethanol industry that would produce enough to make up 10 percent of every gallon of gas pumped into a car, but the lawmakers assumed that demand for fuel would grow. Instead, it has



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shrunk to 8.7 million barrels a day from 9.7 million in 2007, said Larry Goldstein, an economist and a director of the [Energy Policy Research Foundation](#). And with corporate average fuel economy rules now in place to [double the number of miles](#) that the average car gets per gallon by 2025, "you know we're on a trend," he added. As the gasoline market got smaller, so did the amount of ethanol it could absorb, because most service stations are set up to sell fuel with an ethanol content of only up to 10 percent. Owners' manuals of most cars call for fuel blends of no more than 10 percent ethanol. The industry calls this the "blend wall," and it has won Environmental Protection Agency approval for some cars to run on blends of up to 15 percent, but thus far that fuel has not caught on with consumers. Millions of cars are "flex-fuel vehicles" and can run on blends of up to 85 percent, known as e85, but that fuel is not popular and is not even widely offered outside a few corn-producing states. But the ethanol producers were encouraged to build because the federal government had mandated that refiners use their product, and it established a tax credit of 45 cents per gallon of ethanol. The tax credit was allowed to expire on Dec. 31, 2011, but not before it had stimulated construction of ethanol plants. The value of ethanol has also sagged. Its price is created in part by the price of the gasoline it displaces, and gasoline prices have been relatively modest for the past few months. Mr. Sneller and others in the industry remain optimistic that technological innovations and sound public policy will keep the industry afloat. Indeed, people here in Macon, in northeastern Missouri, are not as grim about the future of their plant, which is operated and partly owned by [POET](#), an ethanol producer with more than two dozen plants nationwide. The plant has vowed to reopen, and it has retained all 44 of its employees to do maintenance work as it undergoes more than \$13 million worth of renovations that it hopes will make it more efficient and able to produce ethanol more cost-effectively. Signs of transition are evident at the plant. The growling factory motors, pumps and boilers are silent. But a sweet, acidic smell lingers, and signs of construction are everywhere: skid loaders sitting on fresh dirt, wooden planks cut for frames and dusty corners sectioned off with orange cones. The plant, which President Obama visited three years ago, is adding equipment to allow it to produce corn oil that will provide additional income. It is also instituting technology that can produce ethanol without having to use heat, a move that will save on energy costs. With the new technology, operators hope they will produce an extra three-tenths of a gallon of ethanol per bushel of corn. Residents also understand why the plant halted operations. The drought was particularly brutal here last year, leaving farmers with little to no corn. Don Mutter, who farms in nearby Cairo, said he produced about 25,000 bushels of corn last year, just 5.5 percent of his usual yield. Without corn nearby to purchase, the plant had to spend extra to haul it in from elsewhere. For several months it was operating at a loss. It ceased operations at the end of January. "We are going to start back up, this year most likely," said Steve Burnett, who has been the manager since the plant opened in 2000. For the people around here, ethanol is invaluable. The plant had been buying 16.5 million bushels of corn per year and producing 46 million gallons of ethanol. Before the plant opened, Mr. Mutter, one of more than 300 investors in a company that owns a majority of the plant, used to sow about 300 acres of corn each year. Now he plants 2,500 acres. His investment in the plant has paid off fivefold, he said. His farming business grew so much that he was able to buy seven semis and start a trucking company. "It was the greatest thing for around here," he said of the plant.

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/17/us/17ethanol.html?ref=us&_r=1&

USA, MA, SOUTH WEYMOUTH NAVAL AIR STATION, MARCH 18 2013. NAVY STILL CLEANING UP AIRFIELD, 16 YEARS LATER

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It's a dirty job, and the Navy has to do it. The task: cleaning up the former home of the South Weymouth Naval Air Station, a property with a history dating back to World War II. In the 1940s, blimps that silently patrolled the US coast were housed in giant hangars at the air base. Later, modern jets roared down its paved runways. Decades of military use left behind petroleum, heavy metals, and volatile organic compounds that settled into the ground water and soil on certain parts of the base. Trash and debris were dumped in three landfills on the edges of the property. All of that contamination earned it a spot on the Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List in 1994. Although most of the base is considered clean today, the property as a whole is still deemed a Superfund site. The airfield closed in 1997, and over the years tons of contaminated soil have been hauled away, dozens of underground oil storage tanks have been dug up, and soil, sediment, and ground-water samples have been tested and retested. Renamed SouthField,



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the old base is being developed into a mixed-use community within the communities of Abington, Rockland, and Weymouth that could eventually encompass up to 2,855 homes, as well as shops, offices, and a golf course. So far, the Navy has spent approximately \$66 million on site investigation and cleanup efforts, and it will cost about \$25 million to finish the job, according to David Barney, the Navy's Base Realignment and Closure environmental coordinator for the South Weymouth Naval Air Station. The Navy has examined more than 150 areas of the base that were suspected to be contaminated. All of those sites have been addressed, and 11 continue to be investigated or are in the "remedial action phase," said Barney. Keeping tabs on these efforts is the South Weymouth Naval Air Station Restoration Advisory Board, a group of government officials and community representatives who hold regular meetings to update the public about the cleanup. Dominic Galluzzo, a Weymouth resident who has been attending the meetings for the past nine years, said he believes the government is doing what needs to be done. He said he knows first-hand the careful planning and testing involved, and has seen the Navy invest a lot of time into the cleanup. "I feel the Navy is doing its best to adhere to its responsibilities," he said. The Navy's cleanup efforts will continue through 2016, and some areas will continue to be monitored for decades. "We expect the final remedy to be in place by 2016, and then the [National Priority List] delisting process can begin," said Carol Keating, the EPA's remedial project manager for the site. "It's hard to say when the actual delisting will take place." The contaminants found at South Weymouth are commonly found at other military installations, according to EPA officials. Most of the land has already been deemed clean enough to transfer ownership from the Navy. To date, the Navy has transferred more than 1,280 acres, with 146 acres remaining, according to Barney. As section chief for the EPA's federal facilities Superfund program, Bryan Olson oversees Superfund cleanups at Department of Defense properties all over New England. He said this is not the biggest — or the most expensive — Superfund site cleanup in the region. The project at the Massachusetts Military Reservation, a much larger property on Cape Cod that includes Otis Air National Guard Base/Camp Edwards, for example, is far more complex, he said. "It's a very important site for us, because of the reuse," said Olson of the old Weymouth base. "We naturally want to make sure it's safe to reuse and we get it cleaned up." Olson said the cleanup is progressing as scheduled. "We always want to do things faster, but especially over the last few years it has been progressing well," said Olson. "The challenge is weaving the development in with the cleanup. Protecting public health is the priority at these sites. We try hard to integrate the cleanup with the development. It's not easy."

Solvent Release Area

This covers 8 mostly undeveloped acres south of Pidgeon Road, and was previously found to be contaminated with volatile organic compounds, primarily tetrachloroethene, a toxic chemical used in dry-cleaning fabrics and metal degreasing, and considered by the EPA to be likely carcinogenic to humans. The [proposed cleanup plan](#) includes installing two underground porous barriers that will help treat the polluted ground water. It also calls for injecting a compound into the ground that will help break down the contaminants. (The Navy will accept written comments on the plan until March 23. Written comments can be sent to brian.helland@navy.mil or mailed to Brian Helland, Remedial Project Manager, BRAC PMO, Northeast, 4911 South Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19112.)

Sewage Treatment Plant

Another area of the base that is being examined is where a sewage treatment plant operated from 1953 to 1978. A chemical called dieldrin was found in the surface soil, arsenic was found in the ground water, and PCB in surface water. Contaminated soil was excavated, but then additional petroleum and solvents were detected. "They encountered more contamination than they estimated," said Keating. "They're doing additional sampling there."

Three Closed Landfills

The West Gate Landfill was capped in the summer of 2011, and the so-called "Small Landfill" was capped in summer 2010. PCB-impacted soil was removed from the "Rubble Disposal Area," which was covered with a vegetated soil cap.

Firefighter Training Areas

At one time, 500 to 1,500 gallons of fuel per month were burned during firefighting exercises at the base. Petroleum-soaked soils were removed from the site. Chemicals found in firefighting foam have been detected in the ground water.

Tile Leach Field

This area is about a third of an acre, adjacent to French Stream, that was used for disposal of sanitary wastes from 1945 to the early 1950s. Studies of the soil and ground water found that risks did not exceed regulatory thresholds. In May 2006 the EPA and the Navy concluded that no further action was necessary at the site.



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Fuel Tanks

The so-called "Abandoned Bladder Tank Fuel Storage Area" is where four 10,000-gallon tanks that were used to store aviation gasoline were removed in 1987.

Industrial Operations Area

This encompasses the power plant, maintenance facilities, building shops, and water tower in the central area of the base. The Navy has sampled the soil and found no ground-water issues. Several places need to be excavated because PCBs were found, and planning is underway to remove soil.

Building 82

This hangar is located near the center of the base. It was built in 1956 and used as an aircraft storage and maintenance facility. Elevated trichloroethylene (TCE) concentrations in ground water were detected to the south and southeast of the site. (TCE is an industrial solvent used to degrease machinery and has been linked to [higher risks of Parkinson's disease](#) and [certain cancers](#).) The cleanup plan includes chemical oxidation and injection of a material into the ground to enhance the biodegradation of volatile organic compounds. EPA officials estimate that the site will be clean in five to seven years.

Building 81

The Marine Air Reserve Training Building is gone, and all that is left is a concrete slab. A feasibility study is being finalized and a proposed cleanup plan should be ready for public review this summer.

A public meeting on Building 81 is expected to take place in July.

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Sheriff's authorities said the cause of Saturday's boat explosion at Saguaro Lake that injured two people was fuel that had ignited near the engine. The boat was at the fuel dock when the back of it exploded. Witnesses said it looked like a family with several children on board. The force of the blast knocked a couple of those kids out of the boat. Witnesses said at least one child was seen clinging to the side of the burning vessel. "We got the boat in the water, and all of a sudden we hear a big boom. We looked over and there's just a bunch of smoke and a bunch of people just running," said boater Jesse Wintersteen. Officials said medics airlifted a 6-year-old girl. The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office said second- and third-degree burns covered nearly half of her body. A 30-year-old woman was also rushed to the hospital by helicopter. "We were just cruising around the bend and just saw two helicopters flying over," said boater Andrew Shepherd. Witnesses told CBS 5 if it wasn't for a worker with a fire extinguisher and several guys from the maintenance shop jumping into action,

more people could have been hurt. "Everything was burning. There was fire and stuff and coming from the back part of the boat. People were scattered, and everybody was trying to pull everybody off," said Wintersteen.

<http://www.kpho.com/story/21662272/mcso-identifies-cause-of-saguaro-lake-boat-explosion>



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