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USA, S.D, SIOUX FALLS, APRIL 9 2013. ETHANOL PRODUCER TO PAY \$136,500 FOR RISK MANAGEMENT AND CHEMICAL REPORTING VIOLATIONS AT ABERDEEN AND HURON, S.D. FACILITIES

Ethanol producer to pay \$136,500 for risk management and chemical reporting violations at Aberdeen and Huron, S.D. facilities. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced today that Advanced BioEnergy, LLC, based in Bloomington, Minn., has agreed to pay penalties totaling \$136,500 to settle claims related to violations at its Huron and Aberdeen, S.D. ethanol production facilities. The violations are related to the facilities' risk management programs and the failure to properly file Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) forms detailing with the use and management of chemicals. "Risk management plans help prevent and reduce the impacts of potentially catastrophic accidents involving flammable and toxic chemicals," said Mike Gaydos, EPA enforcement director in Denver. "These plans, along with timely reporting about the use of chemicals, are vital to keeping workers and communities safe. Advanced BioEnergy has been responsive in correcting the violations and coming into compliance, and we will continue to ensure they do so." EPA inspections conducted in January, 2012 found that Advanced BioEnergy's ethanol plants had deficiencies in their Risk Management Plans associated with the use and storage of hazardous chemicals. Under the Clean Air Act, facilities like the Huron and Aberdeen ethanol plants are required to have viable plans in place to reduce the risks associated with toxic and/or flammable chemicals. These plans help companies, industries and municipalities operate responsibly and assist emergency responders by providing vital information necessary to address accidents and other incidents. By agreeing to the settlements, the company has agreed to come into compliance with federal risk management program regulations within 180 days. Advanced BioEnergy also failed to accurately file TRI forms detailing the chemicals processed, manufactured or used at its facilities. These forms are required under the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act. EPA's actions are expected to encourage better compliance with TRI reporting requirements and to ensure that residents and responders have complete information about chemicals present in their neighborhoods. This information also supports health studies based on the TRI database and helps federal, state, and local authorities plan for cleaning up industrial pollution spills. For more information on the Clean Air Act risk management and EPCRA 313 requirements: http://www.epa.gov/oem/content/rmp/caa_fags.htm <http://www.epa.gov/tri/triprogram/whatis.htm> <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/advpress.nsf/0/cd8c46a70955c03685257b4700546f63?OpenDocument>

USA, OH, HOPEDALE, APRIL 9 2013. MASSIVE TANK MOVES THROUGH JEFFERSON CO TO MARK WEST SITE

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- [Superload Moves Through Jefferson Co to Mark West Site](#)
- <http://www.wtfr.com/story/21902502/superload-makes-slow-journey-to-hopedale-facility>



Several agencies coordinated the 17-mile transport of a superload from Jefferson County to the Mark West Energy fractionator facility in Hopedale early Sunday morning. It's the first of six superloads coming through the area. The tank's massive size temporarily held up traffic along major roadways, and officials overcame some challenges before reaching the final destination. Jefferson County 911 Center, the Ohio Department of Transportation, American Electric Power, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Steubenville police were some of the agencies that gathered for a safety briefing before workers with Total Energy Heavy Haul manually turned 92 wheels to move the tank from Marina Road in Steubenville down State Route 7 and U.S. Route 22. The tank is about the size of a 757 airplane, weighing about 570,000 pounds. State troopers and local police stopped traffic while spectators took photos. AEP crews lifted power lines for a long haul at barely 10 mph. "It took a lot of work" with our partners, contractors that basically applied for the permit and working with ODOT. ODOT, and, of course the local first responders, they did most of the work. They're the ones who take a look at what the size of this tank is, the weight of the tank, the dimensions of the tank, because height is a factor and looking at all the geometry, if you will, to get the tank where it needs to go," said Dennis Buckley, senior safety coordinator at Mark West. It didn't come without some snags. The tank hit a guardrail on John Scott Highway on a turn and couldn't clear all the power lines through Wintersville. But that's why several crews were involved at every step. Officials said a barge delivered the tank from New Orleans, and workers will fill it with butanes and other natural gas liquids from producers, Buckley said.

<http://www.wtov9.com/news/news/superload-moves-through-jefferson-co-mark-west-sit/nXFjx/>



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CHINA, HUNAN PROVINCE, CHANGSHA, BAITUTAN TWP, APRIL 9 2013. 2 DEAD, 9 INJURED IN FIREWORKS PLANT BLAST

people died and nine others were injured in a blast at a fireworks plant in central China's Hunan Province, authorities said Monday. The blast occurred around 3 p.m. Sunday at a workshop of the Huangjia Fireworks Plant in Baitutan Township, Liling City, said a spokesman with the city government. Two people died at the scene. Of the nine injured people receiving treatment at the hospital, one was in serious condition, said the spokesman. The manager of the plant has been detained, and police are investigating the case. With hundreds of fireworks plants and companies, Liling City is a major Chinese fireworks production base.

Related Links [Fireworks plant blast kills 2, injures 9](http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90882/8199290.html)
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BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, APRIL 9 2013. SHELL, BASF TO SETTLE CONTAMINATION CASE FOR \$187 MILLION

The Brazilian units of Royal Dutch Shell PLC (RDSB.LN) and Germany's BASF (BASFR) agreed to pay 370.8 million Brazilian reais (\$187 million) to settle a lawsuit over suspected contamination at a now-shuttered pesticide plant, Brazil's Supreme Labor Court said Monday. The completed settlement brings to a close a court dispute first initiated in 2007, when workers at the plant filed a court case after the discovery of low concentrations of a pesticide chemical in ground water and soil around the site of the Paulinia facility in the 1990s. Shell and BASF had previously said they had accepted a settlement proposed by the court as part of conciliation hearings. The court had been expected to finalize the settlement last month. The settlement comes as the president of Shell's local unit said recently that the company is interested in auctions of oil and gas exploration licences this year. Shell sold the Paulinia pesticide facility, which is located around 100 kilometers (63 miles) from Sao Paulo, in 1995 to Cyanamid Company. In 2000, BASF bought the Paulinia plant, which was then closed in 2002. The settlement includes damages of BRL170.8 million for the 1,058 workers involved in the lawsuit and BRL200 million to be spent on the construction of a local maternity hospital and two medical centers focused on workplace health and safety. Shell previously said it regrets that there was environmental contamination at the Paulinia site but, based on numerous medical studies, it believes there is no link between the company's industrial activities in Paulinia and health problems. Since the environmental impact from industrial activities in the city of Paulinia was discovered, Shell has taken extensive measures to remedy the area and bought back the site in 2008 to make it easier to conduct the remediation work, the company added.

<http://www.foxbusiness.com/news/2013/04/08/shell-basf-agree-to-settle-brazil-contamination-case-for-187-million-court/>

USA, AL, MOBILE, APRIL 9 2013. IS ETHANOL SAFE? EXPERTS SAY NOT FOR ALL ENGINES ASHLEY KNIGHT

Watch the Video [Is Ethanol Safe? Experts Say Not for all Engines](#)

Corn--experts found a way to help decrease our dependency on foreign oil...and it's something we can grow in our own backyard. However, there have been concerns and the Internet is littered with articles talking about its negative effects on engines. University of South Alabama's Dean of the College of Engineering, Dr. John Steadman says ethanol does affect certain engine parts. "Things like fuel lines, rings and those things that may be affected by having a strong chemical solvent," says Steadman. Ethanol is a type of alcohol solvent, meaning it can eat through engine parts like rubbers, plastic, and certain kinds of fiberglass. Rubber used in seals and hoses may shrink. But Steadman says complications are rare and usually arise in a higher concentration. "If you use regular 10% ethanol I think that the research indicates that you do not have any real difference. But if you had a large amount of alcohol, then you might very well find deterioration in things like the fuel lines." If there is damage in car engines, it is usually in the older model cars, made in 1985 and before, who don't have engines made to tolerate the fuel. While car engines are better equipped to handle ethanol gasoline, the same cannot be said for boat engines—and the effects could be disastrous. "It'll either burn up a cylinder and what'll happen is the piston will actually melt, because you can't get fuel to the cylinder. If you can't get fuel, you can't get oil. An outboard motor is different than a four stroke," says Owner of Outboard Repair and Salvage David Chambless. The fuel lines in outboard motors are not made for ethanol and it clogs the carburetors. Ethanol also absorbs water at a high rate, which is bad news for boat engines are in a water environment. Manufacturers recommend replacing fuel every 14 to 30 days. In boats, Chambless says motors made before 2008 usually prove troublesome with ethanol gasoline. Another point about ethanol--it has a lower mpg rating since it puts out less energy and some argue it hardly saves any carbon emissions at all.

<http://www.wkrg.com/story/21912832/is-ethanol-safe-experts-say-not-for-all-engines>



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USA, ARK, MAYFLOWER, APRIL 9 2013. OIL FROM EXXON SPILL IN ARKANSAS FLOWING INTO WETLANDS

 **Watch the Video** [Cameras Allowed Near Exxon Oil Spill for First Time](#)

 **Photo's:**

- [Arkansas Oil Spill Darkens Backyards, Driveways](#)
- [Dramatic Photos of Arkansas Oil Spill](#)



Backyard Nightmare:

Crude oil flowed down driveways and swamped grass lawns in Mayflower, Arkansas, after an oil pipeline ruptured Friday afternoon. At least 12,000 barrels of Canadian crude oil and water spilled into a housing development over the weekend, causing the evacuation of 22 homes in the Little Rock suburb. Here, spilled crude fills a drainage ditch near the evacuated homes.

The ExxonMobil oil spill in Mayflower, Arkansas is getting worse: more than a week after Canadian tar sands erupted from a pipeline, residents of the small town say area wetlands are becoming polluted with the crude.

Over 20 homes in Mayflower were evacuated shortly after the a leak in Exxon's Pegasus pipeline on March 29, but the company's attempt at correcting the disaster has apparently only made things worse. Activists with the group Tar

Sands Blockade went to rural Arizona over the weekend to document the oil spill, and discovered that power washers used by Exxon to clean up the town has moved the crude into nearby wetlands. "That's right," reads a post published on the group's [website](#) over the weekend, "in order to get the tar sands out of the neighborhood where it spilled and out of sight and into one place for cleanup, Exxon power-washed the excess into a wetland area which had already been affected by the spill." Exxon agents and law enforcement officers have kept the affected area largely on lock-down since the spill was spotted a week and a half ago, and a no-fly zone in the vicinity has made monitoring the damages near impossible for environmentalists. Tar Sands Blockade activists managed to make their way through the woods shortly before sundown over the weekend, though, and were able to get an up-close look at how severe the spreading actually is. "It was just before sunset, and most of the workers had gone home. We had tried to access this area before but always been kept out by workers and police," the group says. Once they made it to the wetlands, there they discovered that oil power-washed through the city's storm drains have emptied out into an area that would normally be inhabited by a number of wildlife species. Those wetlands, the activists write, "now serves as a storage area for diluted bitumen spilled by Exxon's negligence." During their on-the-ground investigation in the swamp, the activists also located what is believed to be a section of the Pegasus pipeline that has been outfitted with a clamp. "There are multiple pipelines in the area and we can't absolutely verify that this is Pegasus, but we compared it to photos of other oil pipelines built in the 1940s and they are similar," they write. "Do you think that this pipe should be carrying heated, pressurized, corrosive tar sands bitumen?" asks the group alongside a photograph of the archaic-looking pipeline. And while animals that call those wetlands home are the ones that are feeling the effects of the spill now, they aren't alone. Tar Sands Blockade has been conducted interviews with Mayflower residents who have since developed a number of health issues in the days since the March 29 accident. "I don't have allergies," a man who lives on Lake Conway going by the name "Duck" told the activists. "But now my sinuses are bothering me. My throat's bothering me. My eyes water constantly. But they [Exxon] act like nothing's wrong. They don't have to live here, we do. And we're not moving just because of them." Formally, ExxonMobil told Mayflower residents that the oil never made it to Lake Conway. Those that live in the area, however, say oil has indeed been "flowing" into the body of water since last week's spill.

Related Links

- ['Hundreds of thousands of gallons' of oil blanket Ark. neighborhood](#)
- [Activist claims oil spill has reached wetland](#)
- [Reporters Say Exxon Is Impeding Spill Coverage In Arkansas](#)
- [Twitter account suspended after mocking Exxon's response to oil spill](#)
- [Activist Group Accuses Exxon of Covering up Cleanup](#)
- [Cameras allowed near Exxon oil spill for first time](#)

<http://rt.com/usa/wetlands-arkansas-oil-spill-520/>



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USA, AKA, FAIRBANKS, APRIL 10 2013. RICHARDSON HIGHWAY REOPENED AFTER DOUBLE TANKER FIRE

sam friedman

A double-tanker truck fire temporarily closed the Richardson Highway between Miles 210-212, south of Delta Junction, Monday morning. The "driver noticed a tire blow out, then a second tire blow out on the lead trailer," Alaska State Trooper spokeswoman Megan Peters wrote in an email. "(The) operator pulled off the road and discovered axles six, seven and eight were on fire. The vehicle was loaded with 14,008 gallons of fuel oil in each trailer. (The) driver tried to put the fire out with a fire extinguisher and realized it was no use. (The) operator dollied off the trailers from the tractor and was able to contact a SOA plow truck to call it in." The Delta Junction and Fort Greely fire departments responded to the fire. The fire is being investigated and more information was not yet available, Peters said. Emergency crews closed the highway in both directions just before 10 a.m. The highway had reopened by 11:44 a.m.

http://www.newsminer.com/news/alaska_news/double-tanker-fire-closes-richardson-highway/article_ed4e8862-a077-11e2-ae19-001a4bcf6878.html#.UWMK002GMaI.facebook

INDIA, KARNATAKA, UPPINANGADY, APRIL 10 2013. 8 CHARRED TO DEATH AS LPG TANKER CATCHES FIRE AT PERNE

 **Watch the Video** [Bantwal: 8 Dead in Gas Tanker Tragedy at Perne](#)

 **Photo's [33]** [LPG Tanker in Flames at Perne Near Uppinangady : 8 Killed, 3 Serious](#)

 **Photo's [45]** [Album 1 - 8 Dead in Gas Tanker Tragedy at Perne](#)

 **Photo's [32]** [Album 2 - 8 Dead in Gas Tanker Tragedy at Perne](#)

 **Photo's [18]** [Album 3 - 8 Dead in Gas Tanker Tragedy at Perne](#)

 **Photo's [6]** [Eight Charred to death as LPG tanker catches Fire at Perne](#)



Death Toll have Increased to 8 after two injured persons passed away in hospitals later in the evening and total no of injured have increased to more than 10. The deceased are Khateejamma, who was admitted to Father Muller hospital, and Vasanth from Bantwal, who was in AJ hospital. The dead have been identified as Guruvappa (30); Shobha (45); Chaitresh (5), Shobha's son; Vanitha (38); Sunil (5), Vanitha's son; tanker driver Selvarasu from Tamil Nadu; and Khateejamma (40). All except Vasanth and Khateejamma, who died in a hospital, were burnt alive. The tanker was transporting 16 tonnes of LPG for Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL). The injured are Indira Rai, 50; Vimala, 29; Safiya aliad Khateejamma (all of whom suffered 40-60% burns). Van

driver Vasanth, 30, who was hospitalized with 100% burns died at 7.30 pm. Vasanth was delivering bakery products to a petty shop when his Omni van caught fire. Eyewitnesses said the driver was given first aid by locals before being taken to hospital. As soon as the tanker overturned at a sharp curve, flash fires erupted in a 300-metre radius. Eight houses, petty shops and a garage were engulfed in the flames, the eyewitnesses said. Residents of a house who could not react quickly were burnt alive. Total of 13 fire tenders with 65 personnel were employed for the task of controlling fire. HPCL officials said: "It would be premature to speculate on the cause. An investigation will be conducted to determine the cause of the fire." The condition of some people who managed to flee the area with burns is not known. Four vehicles were damaged. Chief fire officer HS Varadarajan said: "The blaze was so intense that everything in a 300-metre radius was burnt, including houses and trees. We got the message around 10.10am. We first sent fire engines from Bantwal and Puttur, and then from Mangalore, Belthangady, Moodabidri and Karkala. The scene reminded me of the air crash of May 22, 2010." Dakshina Kannada deputy commissioner Harsh Gupta has announced a compensation of Rs 1 lakh to the next of the kin of those who died in the disaster. A release from his office said people who had suffered more than 50% burns would also be given Rs 1 lakh, while those with less than 50% burns would be given Rs 50,000 each. The officer said efforts would also be made to get relief from HPCL.

Related Links

- [Bantwal: 8 Dead in Gas Tanker Tragedy at Perne](#)
- [8 Killed as LPG Tanker Overturns, Catches Fire](#)

<http://tulunadunews.com/2013/04/09/uppinangady-six-charred-to-dead-as-lpg-tanker-catches-fire-at-perne/>



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USA, WASHINGTON DC, APRIL 10 2013. SIGNIFICANT PIPELINE FAILURES INVOLVING THE TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS LIQUIDS: 1993-2012

bob petz



Between the ongoing saga of the Keystone XL, the Exxon Pegasus spill in Arkansas, and the Royal Dutch Shell spill near Houston, pipelines have been in the news a lot lately. Yet, despite the coverage, the obvious damage, claims and counter-claims, it's difficult to understand these events in the overall context of pipeline safety without looking at longer time frames. Fortunately, the [Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration](#) (PHMSA) maintains a comprehensive database of all pipeline incidents reported in the U.S. Using data from 1993-2012, we focused on onshore and offshore pipelines carrying hazardous liquids (primarily crude oil and refined petroleum products) that suffered what PHMSA classifies as "significant incidents." To qualify, a

"significant incident" must satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- a fatality or injury requiring in-patient hospitalization;
- \$50,000 or more in total costs, measured in 1984 dollars;
- highly volatile liquid releases of 5 barrels or more, or other liquid releases of 50 barrels or more; liquid releases resulting in an unintentional fire or explosion.

Of 5,727 reported incidents during 1993-2012, 2,079 met the PHMSA definition of "significant incidents," accounting for 99.4% of the total volume spilled. Read the full article and for a more detailed breakdown of causes, visit [Significant Pipeline Incidents By Cause](#) on the [PHMSA](#) website.

<http://www.ecology.com/2013/04/08/significant-pipeline-spills-liquids-1993-2012/>

USA, CT, HARTFORD, APRIL 10 2013. TESTIMONY STARTS IN 2007 CRASH THAT KILLED THREE >> 'IT LOOKED MORE LIKE A PLANE CRASH'

alaine griffin

 **Photo's [13]** [Testimony Starts in 2007 Crash](#)



Interstate 95 near Exit 75 Friday after a tanker truck hit five vehicles. Ditches were dug in the median to contain spilled fuel.

For years, Aimee Held has tried not to think about her husband's final moments in a horrific vehicle crash on Interstate 95 that killed three people. So, when her lawyer Carl A. Secola Jr. told jurors how an out-of-control tanker truck loaded with 8,000 gallons of fuel slammed into Fred Held's vehicle in the Nov. 2, 2007 crash, she broke down in tears in a courtroom gallery at Superior Court Tuesday. "His life didn't end instantly," Secola told jurors during opening statements Tuesday in a civil trial stemming from lawsuits filed by Held's estate, the estate of Luann T. Dugas, 54, of [East Lyme](#), who was also killed in the crash, and others

who were injured. Tuesday was the start of testimony in the case against the estate of the driver of the fuel tanker, Peter M. Derry III, and Derry's employer, Northeast Carriers of Connecticut, who are accused of negligence and carelessness in connection with the crash. Derry, 51, of Webster, Mass., was killed when the tanker truck he was driving north on I-95 crossed the median and plunged into the southbound lanes, colliding with a tractor-trailer and several cars between exits 75 and 76 in East [Lyme](#). "This didn't look like a car crash," Secola said while pointing to photographs of the crash scene that showed mangled vehicles and debris strewn across the highway. "It looked more like a plane crash." Secola told jurors they would hear evidence from witnesses who told police that Derry was driving "aggressively," speeding, tailgating and switching lanes. He said evidence would show Derry was running a tight schedule, trying to cover many miles, hauling multiple loads of fuel in a short amount of time. "He's running all over, everywhere," Secola said. "Why is he in such a rush?" Paul Daly, a lawyer for Northeast Carriers, told the jury he does not dispute that Derry crossed the median resulting in a crash that killed three. "What we don't know is why," Daly said. Derry, who he said "did pay the price" of the crash, "is the person who probably knows best what happened but will not be able to tell you." Daly said witness information is "incomplete." He said there are unanswered questions about whether Derry and another truck driver were engaged "in some kind of contest," while speeding down the



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interstate, "like a road-rage-type incident." Daly said evidence will show whatever was happening between Derry and another truck driver is what led to the crash that he said "had nothing to do with schedules or routes." Lawyers warned jurors that evidence in the case, including graphic crash scene photos and detailed recollections by motorists who witnessed the crash, could be difficult to hear and view. Secola showed a few photos in opening statements when talking about Held's death. He told jurors the fuel tanker crushed Held's vehicle. "Fred was struggling to get out of the car," Secola said. "He was in pain. He was in distress. He was in fear." Held, 33, of Milford, died in "the arms of a stranger," Secola said, one of many motorists who offered help to the injured at the chaotic crash scene that day. Though she said though she is grateful to the stranger who helped her husband, Aimee Held said she has not contacted him because she fears knowing the details of Fred's death. "In my mind, I don't want to think about how he suffered and was scared," Held, 42, a trauma nurse, said outside the courtroom where she went to escape words that were just too much to bear. "It breaks my heart." Instead, she said she tries to remember Fred, or "Freddie Rock" as he was called when he walked into their favorite hangout, and his love of things like the New York Mets, singer Billy Joel, traveling, spending time with nieces and nephews and buying lunch for people who could not afford to eat out. And she thinks of the good times, like the morning they woke up and decided to get married later in the day. The couple raced to a department store for formal clothes. They went to a hospital to get blood tests and managed to gather about 40 friends to help them celebrate. "Today we would have celebrated our 16th wedding anniversary," she said through tears.

Related Links

- [Crash Took Place 'So Fast' >> Motorists Pitched in to Help The Injured](#)
- [Trial Starts in Lawsuit over 2007 East Lyme Crash that Killed Three](#)
- [Tanker Collision Kills 3 and Closes I-95 in Connecticut](#)

<http://www.ctnow.com/news/connecticut/new-london/hc-interstate-tanker-crash-20130408-1,0,5734876.story>

USA, TX, APPLE SPRINGS, APRIL 10 2013. APPLE SPRINGS POLKS REOPENS AFTER EARLY MORNING GAS SPILL



A Polk Oil Exxon station in Apple Springs has reopened after a fuel delivery truck spilled gasoline all over the service runoff this morning. About 50 gallons of gas was spilled. As a precaution the station was closed for most of the morning. Workers from Cardinal ATC were at the scene and put down absorbent pads to soak up the gas spill, which is limited to concrete, according Terry Clawson, the manager of media relations for the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality. Also on scene were representatives of the TCEQ and Total Maintenance, UST (a contractor for underground storage tanks). The people from Total Maintenance are conducting an inspection of the equipment. "It was a relatively minor amount, maybe as much as 50 gallons but we think probably less than that, probably around 30 gallons of gasoline got out and it was mainly just on the service runoff so we've got most of it absorbed," Richard Parker, the director of asset management for Brookshire Bros., said. Details about how the truck spilled the gas online were not given. The station reopened around lunchtime. "As of this time, the investigator is awaiting inventory control information to determine the exact amount of fuel," Clawson said. "The investigation is ongoing."

<http://www.ktre.com/story/21923697/apple-springs-polks-reopens-after-early-morning-gas-spill>

PHILIPPINES, PALAWAN PROVINCE, APRIL 10 2013. COAST GUARD TO SIPHON FUEL FROM GROUNDED CHINESE VESSEL IN TUBBATAHA

The Philippine Coast Guard on Wednesday mapped out plans to siphon the fuel from a Chinese fishing boat that ran aground in Tubbataha Reef before midnight Monday. Coast Guard spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Armand Balilo said this aims to prevent the possibility of fuel spilling from the vessel and polluting the area, radio dzBB's Carlo Mateo reported. Balilo said the removal of the fuel from the Chinese vessel will be done before the vessel itself is removed from the reef. On Wednesday morning, the 12 Chinese fishermen aboard the grounded vessel arrived in Palawan province aboard a Philippine Coast Guard vessel. A report by dzBB's James Viernes said the 12 were to undergo a medical exam at the Western Command station hospital, and then inquest proceedings. The Chinese vessel ran aground before midnight Monday, three months after the minesweeper USS Guardian also ran aground the heritage site. As of Wednesday morning, the Coast Guard said it is waiting for high tide to try and remove the grounded Chinese vessel from the reef. The last time Philippine authorities attempted to arrest Chinese fishermen and seize poached marine life, in April last year, an international stand-off between the Philippines and China at



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Panatag Shoal near the Zambales coast resulted in the occupation by China of the shoal, a situation that persists one year later.

<http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/303156/news/regions/coast-guard-to-siphon-fuel-from-grounded-chinese-vessel-in-tubbataha>

USA, N.H., CONCORD, APRIL 10 2013. \$816 MILLION JURY VERDICT FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE OVER MTBE CONTAMINATION OF STATE'S DRINKING WATER

- State awarded \$816 million - ExxonMobil will pay 28.94% (its market share) - \$236,372,664.
- ExxonMobil supplied over 2.7 billion gallons of MTBE gasoline into New Hampshire, which accounts for nearly 1/3 of the state's gasoline market.
- Evidence showed that ExxonMobil's own environmental experts advised in the 1980's against adding MTBE to ExxonMobil's gasoline.
- Experts for the State estimate that over 40,000 New Hampshire drinking water wells are contaminated with MTBE. The jurors reached verdicts in less than 90 minutes, Lawyers on both sides were stunned by the speed with which they reached the liability verdict and even more stunned when the jurors took barely 20 minutes more to fill out the damages verdict. A Juror said 12 felt "very, very confident about our decision." "It was just cut and dry. We all pretty much had our own decision before we went in there."



After a three month trial - the longest in state court history - a New Hampshire jury took less than two hours to find unanimously that ExxonMobil was negligent in supplying over 2 billion gallons of MTBE gasoline that resulted in widespread contamination of the state's drinking water. The jury awarded the state total damages of \$816 million - ExxonMobil will pay 28.94% (its market share), which is \$236,372,664. "The trial was about whether ExxonMobil designed a defective product, failed to warn about the increased dangers of MTBE and disregarded the advice its own environmental experts," said Jessica Grant of Sher Leff, lead trial attorney for the State of New Hampshire in this matter. "The finding of ExxonMobil's negligence is particularly important because it shows the jury understood that this problem could have been avoided." In the trial which began on January 14, 2013, the State of New Hampshire was seeking clean up costs

relating to the contamination of New Hampshire's drinking water with MTBE - a gasoline additive classified by the EPA as a "possible human carcinogen" that was banned in New Hampshire in 2007. The State sued to hold ExxonMobil liable for its share of the clean-up costs, based on the fact that the company supplied over 2.7 billion gallons of MTBE gasoline into New Hampshire, which accounts for nearly 1/3 of the state's gasoline market. The state originally sued 26 oil companies in 2003 over the contamination of the State's drinking water by the gasoline additive MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether). The State previously settled with all other parties but ExxonMobil - collecting more than \$130 million for MTBE cleanup from the other defendants. Evidence showed that ExxonMobil's own environmental experts advised in the 1980's against adding MTBE to ExxonMobil's gasoline because it travels farther in groundwater than gasoline without MTBE and is resistant to biodegradation, which significantly increases the potential for contaminating much larger volumes of water. Although ExxonMobil contends that the use of MTBE was mandated by the EPA to curb air pollution, the Clean Air Act Amendments are oxygenate neutral, leaving it up to the oil companies as to which oxygenate to use. Experts for the State estimate that over 40,000 New Hampshire drinking water wells are contaminated with MTBE and that 5,590 wells have levels of MTBE that are above the State's safe drinking water standard. The State was also seeking costs to clean up 228 high risk sites where MTBE has contaminated the soil and groundwater. New Hampshire is the only state to have reached the trial stage in a suit over MTBE gasoline and is trying the case on a statewide basis. Other lawsuits brought by water districts, cities and individual well owners have ended in settlements. Lawyers from Sher Leff won a \$250 million federal jury verdict in 2009 on behalf of New York City for MTBE contamination of city wells, which is currently on appeal - Exxon Mobil's share of damages in that case was \$105 million. The case is State of New Hampshire v. Hess Corp., 03- C-0550, New Hampshire Superior Court, Merrimack County (Concord)

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BRAZIL, SAO PAULO, APRIL 10 2013. PETROBRAS FINED \$5M FOR SPILL



A bird covered in oil following an oil spill.

Brazil's state-run energy giant Petrobras has been ordered to pay a fine of \$5-million over an oil spill that fouled several beaches along Sao Paulo state's coast, authorities said Monday. The spill occurred Friday as a result of "an operational failure" at a sea terminal of Transpetro, a Petrobras subsidiary, during the refueling of a ship, the Sao Paulo state Environmental Company Cetesb said in a statement. The oil slick reached beaches in the towns of Sao Sebastiao and Caraguatatuba. Transpetro said it had no estimate of the amount of crude spilled.

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SOUTH AFRICA, CAPE TOWN, APRIL 10 2013. ENRAGED BY REFINERY FUMES

philani nombembe



People living near an oil refinery in Cape Town owned by the multinational petroleum giant Chevron are coughing up a storm about the black fumes and stench they say are being emitted by the plant.

James Vos, ward councillor for Edgemead and Bothasig, has called on Western Cape authorities to launch an investigation. Chevron owns the Caltex network of petrol stations. The refinery is just outside Cape Town. Table View resident Alex Lepnick, who lives just over 2km from the refinery, said he has been battling with the company over emissions for the past five years. "My two-year-old son is suffering from terrible asthma and I am convinced that Caltex has made a very big contribution to it," said Lepnick. "What I don't understand is that these companies are making billions so it's peanuts for them to invest in filters but they

don't." Chevron SA spokesman Delight Ngcamu-Aitken said the company invests in "the latest technologies to improve



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efficiency and environmental performance". "Chevron places the highest priority on the health and safety of its employees and the communities in which it operates," she said. "The refinery works closely with the City of Cape Town's environmental authorities and operates with an atmospheric licence." Andre du Plessis lives 3km from the plant, in Edgemead. He said the city and the province lacked the political will to take on the multinational corporation. He has lived in the suburb for 24 years and has repeatedly confronted the company about pollution. "They just continue with what they are doing, making a lot of promises and getting away with the bare minimum standards allowed," he said. He said residents often wake up to see dark plumes of smoke emitted by a chimney at the plant. The smoke is accompanied by a strong stench. "Politicians have legislation on their side but nothing happens because this is a multinational corporation." Vos has written to the MEC for the environment and to the city, and says residents are "losing patience". "[People in] areas surrounding the refinery, up to several kilometres away, have [often] woken to find a covering of soot on their vehicles, laundry and properties, but the refinery management continues to report that its systems show no significant increase in pollution," said Vos.

<http://www.timeslive.co.za/thetimes/2013/04/09/enraged-by-refinery-fumes>

CHINA, SHANGHAI, APRIL 10 2013. SINOPEC SHUTS CRUDE UNIT AT SHANGHAI REFINERY AFTER LEAK, FIRE

Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical Co. had a fire at its refinery that shut a residue hydrocracker, according to the company's board secretary. The blaze started this afternoon and was caused by a leak at the unit, which has a capacity of 3.9 million metric tons, Zhang Jingming said by phone today. Sinopec Shanghai extinguished the fire "very quickly" without casualties and other units were undamaged, he said. The company is working to resume production "shortly" and supplies of refined products won't be affected, according to Zhang. The refinery plans to process 15 million tons of crude this year, Zhang said today. A residue hydrocracker breaks down fuel oil into higher-value products such as gasoline and diesel.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-04-09/sinopec-shuts-crude-unit-at-shanghai-refinery-after-leak-fire.html>

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, CAMPANIA, APRIL 10 2013. ATSB TO EXAMINE CHEMICAL SPILL >> PHOSPHORIC ACID AND SODIUM HYPOSULPHITE

 **Watch the Video** [Acid Spills in Train Derailment](#)

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The derailment of a train carrying dangerous goods near Colebrook will be investigated by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau. Tasmania Fire Service crews spent today cleaning up after the chemical spill near the southern Tasmanian town. It happened when four wagons of a south-bound TasRail train derailed about 9.30pm yesterday. The TFS said no one was injured in the incident but a quantity of chemicals was spilled trackside. No residential properties near the accident site had been affected by the chemical hazard, the TFS said. TasRail said two of the four derailed wagons were empty, while the other two were carrying phosphoric acid and sodium hyposulphite. "As soon as the derailment occurred, TasRail promptly notified the TFS and the Environment Protection Authority," TasRail CEO Damien White said in a statement this afternoon. "All TasRail locomotives carry spill kits and the prompt action taken by staff to place bunding around the tanktainer resulted in the initial spillage being confined. "The TFS attended the scene last night and sealed the tanktainer leak. "As a precaution, TasRail requested the TFS return to the derailment site today to oversee the recovery of the two dangerous goods wagons." TasRail crews are working to repair about 2.5km of track damage, with the north-south line expected to reopen late tomorrow. The ATSB will investigate the incident with the full co-operation of TasRail.

 **Related Links** [Acid Spills in Train Derailment](#)

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CANADA, B.C, PORT MOODY, APRIL 11 2013. SUNCOR SPILLS 225 BARRELS OF BIODEGRADABLE FUEL FROM PORT MOODY PLANT >> STORAGE TANK LEAKED FUEL ONTO THE SITE AND POSSIBLY INTO THE BURREARD INLET SATURDAY EVENING.



Cleanup crews are shown Thursday on the scene of a spill in Burrard Inlet at Port Moody.

At about 8 pm last Saturday, [Suncor Energy Inc.](#) spilled 225 barrels of biodegradable diesel fuel from its Port Moody plant. A small amount of fuel may also have made it into the Burrard Inlet just north of the plant. Suncor spokesperson Sneh Seetal said the company has response plans in place for all of its materials. "We took a number of immediate actions, and that involved mobilizing our response team to immediately contain the leak and isolate the tank," she said over the phone from Alberta. "We also drained the tank we trenched around the tank to collect any material so we could dispose of it." She said fuel left in the leaky tank was transferred to another storage unit, and the company reported the spill to the [Ministry of the Environment](#) at both the

provincial and federal levels. The fuel in question is called R100, a soybean-based, biodegradable diesel fuel. Seetal said it's clear and odourless. The company doesn't know yet what caused the leak, but Seetal said cleanup is the first priority. "We engaged [Western Canada Marine Response Corporation](#) to assist with the cleanup effort for the oil that would have spilled onto the property," she said. "That involved deploying booms and absorbent pads to capture any product that was not contained in the trench." She said the community has not been formally notified. "Even though we believe a very small amount of the biodegradable product reached the inlet, for us any release of the product not intended for discharge is not acceptable and that's why we activated our response plan immediately." The plant is divided into three levels. The highest borders a residential neighbourhood and the lowest looks onto the water. The spill occurred in the middle section where most of the fuel is stored.

<http://www.vancouverobserver.com/environment/suncor-spills-225-barrels-biodegradable-fuel-port-moody-plant>

USA, FLA, MIAMI, APRIL 11 2013. FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION UPDATE

sonia lavina

The [Florida Current](#) gave a legislative update on Tuesday, April 9 on some of the top waste and contamination environmental issues facing the state. Even today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that Florida has more sites contaminated with petroleum than any other state. [In Florida, there are over 15,450 contaminated sites](#), including over 2,800 in the Tampa Bay region with a potential cost of \$2 billion to the state. [Governor Rick Scott](#) requested \$135 million for the cleanup program of the petroleum contaminated sites in fiscal year 2013-14, an increase of \$10 million above current fiscal year spending. Funding for the program comes from a [wholesale tax on oil](#). [The Florida Department of Environmental Protection](#) (FDEP) said it is working to clean up petroleum contaminated sites more effectively and has requested bill SB1416. This bill would allow the FDEP to seek competitive bidding among contractors for site cleanups. A committee substitute for SB 1416 dealing with petroleum contamination sites passed the [Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation](#) and has two more committee stops. [Senators Simpson](#) and [Latvala](#) warned that they wanted to learn more before the next committee stop about how the bill will affect the petroleum cleanup process. In other contamination related news, the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) has been studying coal ash since the 2010 spill in Tennessee that dumped the waste into a tributary of the Tennessee River. According to the FDEP, coal ash, a waste product from power plants, contains the toxic metals mercury, cadmium and arsenic. Patrick Gillespie, Press Secretary for the FDEP noted that hazardous waste landfills are prohibited in Florida under state law. The department estimates that trucking coal ash out of Florida would cost \$2.5 billion per year, according to a Senate committee staff report. Under bill SB 682/HB 659, the prohibition would not apply to coal ash disposal sites. Someone who wished to dispose of the ash would still be required to get a hazardous waste facility permit. The bills also define beneficial uses of the coal ash in products such as asphalt and concrete. Bill SB682/HB659 cleared its final committee stop, the [Senate Committee on Rules](#), despite continued environmental opposition. Environmental groups want FDEP to decide whether uses of coal ash in products and paving should be allowed on a case basis. Bill supporters said companies should be able to plan for its safe use. The bills have support from



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electric utilities and industry groups. However, [Audubon Florida](#), [Sierra Club Florida](#) and [Clean Water Action](#) have raised concerns about the designated allowable uses.

<http://www.examiner.com/article/florida-legislative-update-environmental-contamination-update>

USA, CO, DENVER, APRIL 11 2013. 13 TREATED AFTER CHEMICAL LEAK AT COLORADO COLLEGE

 [Watch the Video 13 Treated After Chemical Leak](#)

A chemical leak forced a portion of Colorado College to evacuate, with 13 people ending up at the hospital. Two people had to be rescued after chemical exposure left them unable to walk. After the alarms went off, "we thought it was a drill," one student told 11 News. But as HAZMAT crews in full gear moved in, it quickly became evident something serious was going on. The leak began in the basement at Olin Hall, exposing students and staff to titanium tetrachloride, a chemical that turns to hydrochloric acid when it reacts to moist air, giving off a dangerous gas. Titanium tetrachloride can be very irritating to the skin, eyes, mucous membranes and the lungs. Breathing in large amounts of titanium tetrachloride can injure the lungs, causing chemical bronchitis or pneumonia and possibly death. Students tell 11 News the chemical is only used in upper level chemistry classes. HAZMAT was on scene for hours, decontaminating the building and working to make sure all those exposed were treated. A spokesperson for Colorado College tells 11 News that all buildings will be open for normal operations on Thursday. We are waiting college officials to confirm exactly what caused the incident. According to officials with the Colorado Springs Fire Department, it was an accident and police will not be investigating. As of Wednesday night, one person still remains in the hospital recovering from exposure to the chemical. The others have been released.

<http://www.kktv.com/news/headlines/Possible-Hazmat-Exposure--202400751.html#.UWUe2pP-GM4>

SOUTH AFRICA, JOHANNESBURG, APRIL 11 2013. PETROL CHEMICAL CONTAMINATES WATER SOURCE

Environmental affairs spokesman Moses Ranneditsheni said that the underground water source formed part of the catchment of the Crocodile River. The Green Scorpions are investigating a possible petrol leakage into an underground water source at Wonderboom near Pretoria, Beeld reported on Wednesday. Environmental affairs spokesman Moses Ranneditsheni said on Tuesday that the underground water source formed part of the catchment of the Crocodile River, and that the investigation had



been initiated after Wonderboom residents had complained for four years of massive water contamination and exposure to benzene fumes. Tshwane metro spokeswoman Nomasonto Ndlovu said Tshwane's department of environmental management and the water and sanitation department had investigated the issue in March 2011. Several water samples were taken and fuel contamination - thought to have emanated from a nearby filling station - was detected. Repairs were then carried out, Ndlovu said, but in November 2012 further complaints were received, after which the matter was taken up by the Department of Environmental Affairs. The department reportedly intended to issue a warning to the polluter. Ndlovu said the Department of Environmental Affairs was the only state entity with prosecution powers. According to experts, benzene, a chemical found in petrol, can cause cancer if the fumes are inhaled, and it can be fatal if drunk.

<http://www.iol.co.za/scitech/science/environment/petrol-chemical-contaminates-water-source-1.1497972#.UWUe0MZP-GM4>

USA, ARK, LITTLE ROCK, APRIL 11 2013. ARKANSAS AG SAYS OIL PIPELINE GASH 22 FEET LONG

jeannie nuss

An ExxonMobil pipeline that ruptured last month and spilled thousands of barrels of oil in central Arkansas has a gash in it that is 22 feet long and 2 inches wide, state Attorney General Dustin McDaniell said Wednesday. "The pipeline rupture is substantially larger than many of us initially thought," McDaniell told reporters Wednesday evening. McDaniell's update on the March 29 oil spill in Mayflower, about 25 miles northwest of Little Rock, comes as lawyers and investigators review more than 12,500 pages of documents his office received from ExxonMobil. McDaniell sent a subpoena to ExxonMobil, seeking inspection records, investigative documents and maintenance records related to its Pegasus pipeline that ruptured in Mayflower. It wasn't immediately clear what all the documents contain; McDaniell said his office received them just before he held a news conference Wednesday. "More documents will be received and requested from Exxon in coming days," McDaniell



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said. "But now everyone's priority continues to be the cleanup efforts in Mayflower." So far, crews have recovered about 28,200 barrels of oily water and about 2,000 cubic yards of oiled soil and debris, according to a statement from ExxonMobil and local officials. "We still do not know how much oil was released. We still do not know the exact makeup of the crude itself, of the chemical solvents used in the transportation process," McDaniel said. "And our immediate concern tonight is with the weather." A severe thunderstorm raked the area Wednesday, but there were no immediate reports of weather-related incidents at the site of the oil spill. ExxonMobil and local officials in Mayflower said crews secured equipment and strengthened a containment system protecting the main body of nearby Lake Conway. McDaniel said he retained a firm to conduct an independent analysis of the cleanup process. He's also retaining technical advisers to provide independent air sampling and other scientific data. To cover those and other costs, McDaniel requested \$4 million from Exxon. ExxonMobil spokeswoman Kim Jordan says the company has received McDaniel's letter and will respond directly to his office.

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/arkansas-ag-oil-pipeline-gash-22-feet-long-18928405#.UWYoAZOTjKA>

INDIA, TAMIL NADU, VIRUDHUNAGAR, SEITHUR, APRIL 11 2013. 5 DIE AS VAN BURSTS INTO FLAMES



The remains of the ill-fated van that went up in flames charring to death five persons from Shengottah at Seithur in Virudhunagar district on Tuesday.

Five people travelling by a van died, as their vehicle was engulfed in fire after it hit a roadside tree on Tuesday morning. The victims - S Lakshmanan, S Gopal, G Muthuraj, N Kalyani and S Murugan, all belonging to Sengottai were painters by profession and used to undertake painting contracts in the neighbourhood. According to police sources, they started from Sengottai around midnight in a Maruti Omni van fuelled by auto gas and were travelling to Rameswaram for some painting work. When their vehicle neared a petrol tank at Seithur near Rajapalayam, the vehicle accidentally hit the roadside tamarind tree and in the

impact went up in fire. All the five died in the spot and except Murugan, others were charred to death and the bodies were burnt beyond recognition. Fire and rescue services department personnel rushed from Rajapalayam and doused the burning vehicle. The department suspects that gas leak from the fuel tank of the vehicle could have triggered the fire. Besides, the victims were carrying lot of paint tins and chemicals required for their work and those materials were highly flammable, fire personnel said. "When we reached the spot, the van was a ball of fire and the victims apparently met instant death as they were found charred in their seats. The gas tank had not burst and we assume that the auto gas leaked when the van hit the tree and fire spread quicker due to the combustible painting materials inside the vehicle," a fire official said. Seithur police, who investigated the site of the accident, also confirmed that the gas tank was intact and they had a tough time identifying the victims. Among them, Murugan was lying dead outside from burn injuries and he should have fallen out in a burning stage, as the vehicle door gave way hitting the tree. "We found a damaged cell phone on the spot and using the SIM card we tried reaching out to the people. We were able to contact their relatives in Sengottai and identify the victims," a police official said. Police also suspect that the van driver, who was believed to be Lakshmanan, had allegedly fell asleep and lost control because there were no other vehicles in the vicinity. The van apparently skidded from left to right and collided with the tree. A postmortem was conducted on the spot and the dead bodies were handed over to the relatives. Since the bodies were burnt beyond recognition, the relatives conducted the funeral rites near the accident site itself, police said.

http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2013-04-10/madurai/38432715_1_gas-tank-burning-vehicle-auto-gas

INDIA, GUJARAT, AHMEDABAD, APRIL 11 2013. CNG TANKER EXPLOSION KILLS 1, INJURES 3

One person died and three were injured when a speeding tanker carrying CNG exploded after overturning on Bavla-Bagodara Road on Tuesday. "The driver lost control after a tyre burst. It then overturned and there was an explosion. The tyre burst happened as the tanker was going at a very high speed towards Bagodara. We have nabbed the truck driver, Abbas Pathan, and registered an accident case against him," said VD Choudhary, police sub-inspector, Bagodara. According to the police, the vehicle was also carrying two women, a 10-year-old girl and a man identified as Mahesh Solanki. While Solanki died on the spot, the women and the girl were severely injured and rushed to VS Hospital. Initial investigation revealed that the driver had stopped at Adani CNG gas station near Bavda to fill the tanker. He was supposed to empty the tanker at Bagodara. However, just 2 km before reaching the destination, the driver lost control and the vehicle turned turtle. Subsequently, it



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exploded as it was filled with CNG gas. Passers-by gathered at the spot and immediately called ambulance service and police control room.

<http://daily.bhaskar.com/article/GUJ-AHD-cng-tanker-explosion-kills-1-injures-3-in-bagodara-4231173-NOR.html>

CANADA, ONT, PICKERING, APRIL 12 2013. TUNNEL EXPLOSION IN PICKERING SENDS 4 TO HOSPITAL >> 1 PERSON SEVERELY BURNED

 **Watch the Video** [3 Workers Injured in Pickering Underground Explosion](#)

An explosion in a sewer tunnel in Pickering, Ont., sent four construction workers to hospital on Wednesday, police say. One person was suffering from severe burns. Three of the workers were taken to Markham Stouffville hospital, Durham Regional Police told CBC News. There were reports that one person was moved to another hospital, but the second location has not been confirmed. The fourth man was injured but not seriously, Durham Regional Police said on Wednesday evening. The explosion happened in a part of a 30-kilometre-long sewer line under construction. The workers were reportedly digging at a depth of about four meters when a methane detector triggered an alarm. As the workers began to evacuate the tunnel, there was some kind of flash, a statement from York Region Communications said late Wednesday. Police said the workers "encountered a methane pocket" and that "a small explosion occurred." Officials said the tunnel did not collapse, despite earlier reports, and that evacuation safety protocol procedures had been followed. The incident happened northeast of Toronto, where Concession Road 4 in Pickering meets the Markham Townline Road, police said. The Ontario Ministry of Labour has been called in to investigate.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/story/2013/04/10/tunnel-collapse.html>

USA, IN, TIPPECANOE CO, APRIL 12 2013. CREWS BEGIN TO OFFLOAD DENATURED ALCOHOL FROM OVERTURNED TANKER

ron wilkins

 **Watch the Video** [Crews Begin to Offload Denatured Alcohol](#)



Law enforcement block the intersection of Old Indiana 25 and Tippecanoe County Road 300 North for an overturned semi Thursday, April 11, 2013, on the roundabout at the Hoosier Heartland Highway near Lafayette. The semi was hauling 7,700 gallons of denatured alcohol.

A semi hauling 7,700 gallons of denatured alcohol overturned on the roundabout at the western entry to the Hoosier Heartland Highway around 7:20 a.m. Thursday. "He said he came around the corner and his wheels caught the curb and his load shifted," said Mike Hieatt, Lafayette Fire Department battalion chief. "He was taken to the hospital with minor injuries." The rig, which is owned by Thomas Trucking in Columbus, Ind., came to rest on its passenger side at the west end of the roundabout. It was leaking a small amount of diesel fuel, which could be smelled in the air and seen as

rainbow-like reflections in the puddles and runoff from the early morning rain. "The company is trying to contact somebody to pump off the alcohol that's in the tank before we can upright it," Hieatt said. A new tanker trailer arrived around 10:45 a.m. to begin offloading the denatured alcohol, which, Karl Stokes, Lafayette Fire Department's public information officer explained, is made up of 3 to 5 percent gasoline, so it is no longer food grade alcohol. Lafayette firefighters, Lafayette hazardous material team, Tippecanoe County Emergency Management, and Tippecanoe County sheriff deputies were at the scene. Motorists wanting to get onto northbound Indiana 25, the Hoosier Heartland Highway, were permitted to do so. However, southbound traffic was diverted before the roundabout and southbound traffic from old Indiana 25 also was blocked from entering the roundabout. At the nearby Arrow III Adventure, an outdoorsman and convenience store, along with a gasoline station, Doug Vaughan, the manager, was tending shop Thursday morning when he heard the sirens. He didn't hear the accident, but after hearing so many sirens, he joked he thought he should poke his head outside to make sure the store wasn't on fire. Vaughan said he's surprised that there haven't been more accidents in the roundabout. "That's the first one I've seen in the roundabout



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itself," he said. At 11 a.m., more than three hours after the accident, the roundabout remained closed for most of the traffic and crews continued to work to upright the rig.

<http://www.jconline.com/article/20130411/NEWS/304110007/Roundabout-Indiana-25-65-partly-reopened-update->

AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, ADELAIDE, APRIL 12 2013. TOXIC VAPOURS DETECTED IN THREE HOMES

[Map South Australia](#)



Toxic vapours have been detected in three homes at Clovelly Park in Adelaide's south after more tests were carried out. Residents in the Chestnut Court area were told in 2008 not to use bore water after an industrial solvent was detected in groundwater near the Monroe and former Mitsubishi sites. Vapours of trichloroethylene (TCE) were also detected in soil on council land last year. The chemical is used as a metal cleaner and degreaser. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) says air samples show solvent vapour in three of five homes tested remains slightly above guidelines. It says there is no immediate health risk to the affected residents. The testing was carried out by an environmental consultant hired by manufacturer Monroe. The EPA says the results of the testing will be added to previous data and presented to the Site Contamination Auditor before a decision is made on further steps. According to SA Health, prolonged

exposure to TCE is believed to cause cancer and kidney and liver disease.

[Related Link Water Contamination Found in Adelaide's South](#)

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-04-11/toxic-vapours-detected-in-three-homes/4623930?section=sa>

CANADA, SK, MOOSE JAW, APRIL 12 2013. OIL TANKER ROLLS, ON TREACHEROUS SASK. HIGHWAYS

Icy conditions were making it difficult for crews to clean up after a tanker truck rolled on an icy stretch of southern Saskatchewan highway. RCMP say what's known as a B-Train — a semi with two trailers — rolled overnight at the Buffalo Pound Causeway on Highway 2 between Moose Jaw and Chamberlain. No one was hurt, but an unknown volume of oil was spilled and traffic was halted in both directions. The estimated volume of oil in the tankers was between 15,000 and 20,000 litres. It was not immediately known how much of that spilled. Snowbanks along the side of the road seemingly prevented the oil from leaking into a lake located approximately 100 metres from the road. Police say the icy conditions made it hard for emergency crews to get to the scene. Saskatchewan Environment was overseeing the cleanup. The agency said it receives around 700 reports of spills per year, though most of those are for spills of around 100 litres. There are around six to 12 spills annually the magnitude of Thursday's incident, according to Saskatchewan Environment.

<http://www.thestarphoenix.com/news/Snow+black+make+driving+dangerous+across+Saskatchewan/8228086/story.html>

USA, ILL, CHICAGO, APRIL 12 2013. FORMER CRESTWOOD OFFICIAL PLEADS GUILTY IN TAINTED [VINYL CHLORIDE AND DICHLOROETHYLENE] WELL SCHEME >> LEGAL FEES DRAINING TOWN THAT TRIED TO CUT WATER COSTS

michael hawthorne & annie sweeney

Map: [13840 South Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, IL 60445, USA](#)



Frank Scaccia, center, said he was "following directives" as he pleaded guilty in federal court to making false statements as part of a scheme to supplement the village of Crestwood's water supply with water from a contaminated well.

A state inspector visiting south suburban Crestwood in 2007 had a question for one of its top water officials: How could the village have pumped out more water than it had claimed to purchase from nearby Alsip? Certified water operator Frank Scaccia shrugged his shoulders, according to court records. In fact, Crestwood for two decades had been secretly drawing part of its water supply from a community well contaminated with cancer-causing chemicals. Federal prosecutors say Scaccia and several other village officials falsified records and repeatedly lied to state regulators. On Thursday, just days before Scaccia was



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scheduled to go on trial in federal court, the former Crestwood employee pleaded guilty to one count of making a false statement. He could face up to 27 months in prison and a \$250,000 fine for his role in cloaking the use of the tainted well. Theresa Neubauer, on leave as Crestwood's police chief and, as former water department supervisor, one of Scaccia's alleged co-conspirators, still faces a 23-count indictment on similar charges related to a systematic cover-up first revealed by a [2009 Tribune investigation](#). Her trial has been delayed until April 22. The plea and trial are part of a long legal battle that has cost the village of 11,000 nearly \$6 million in attorney fees and forced elected officials to cut off the annual property tax rebates that drew national attention to Crestwood's penny-pinching ways. By drawing water from the well, village officials saved \$380,000 a year that otherwise would have been spent fixing leaky water mains, according to court documents. "This is what we have to do," Neubauer is alleged to have told Scaccia at one point. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency had told Crestwood officials in 1986 that the well was contaminated with vinyl chloride and dichloroethylene, hazardous chemicals related to the dry-cleaning solvent perchloroethylene, known as perc. Prosecutors accuse Scaccia, Neubauer and unnamed village employees and contractors of participating in a scheme to supplement Crestwood's water supply with the tainted well water, then repeatedly lying about it in reports required under federal and state law. The false reports stated that the village's only source of drinking water was treated Lake Michigan water purchased from Alsip and that the well would be used only in emergencies. As a result, the village avoided routine testing for toxic chemicals and water-use audits. The well wasn't shut off until December 2007. A 2010 study by the Illinois Department of Public Health found that toxic chemicals in the village's drinking water could have contributed to "significantly elevated" cancer rates in Crestwood, though researchers could not make a definitive link. In court documents, federal prosecutors allege that Scaccia and Neubauer were following the orders of former Crestwood Mayor Chester Stranczek, identified in court documents as "Public Official A." Stranczek, who led the village for more than 40 years and often boasted that he guaranteed the lowest water rates in Cook County, was not charged. His paid experts concluded that the former mayor has "mild to moderate" dementia caused by Parkinson's disease and is not fit to stand trial in the federal criminal case or lawsuits filed by Crestwood residents. Robert Stranczek, who took over as mayor from his father in 2007 but opted not to run for re-election this year, also was not charged. In a 2009 interview with the Tribune, Robert Stranczek said he had known about the routine use of the well since at least 1997, when he became a village trustee. Like Chicago and other Illinois communities that rely on water from Lake Michigan, Crestwood is allocated a set amount to ensure that the state complies with a U.S. Supreme Court order limiting daily withdrawals. Crestwood, though, had "substantial leakage" in its distribution system, according to court records. Scaccia, 61, and other village employees kept a secret logbook and adjusted a timer that controlled how much water was pumped from the contaminated well to Crestwood homes and businesses, records show. Scaccia also ordered a village employee to "keep quiet" about the well and to keep the well house messy to make it appear that nobody had been inside. On Thursday, dressed in casual clothes and speaking softly, Scaccia told U.S. District Judge Joan Gottschall about various health issues, including that he takes anti-anxiety and anti-depression medication. He mentioned dialysis that "leaves him weak" and often unable to venture outside his house. Scaccia told the judge he understood what he was pleading guilty to but also said that when it came to doctoring paperwork about Crestwood's drinking water, he did what he was told. "I was following directives," Scaccia said. During the four years since the U.S. attorney's office launched a criminal probe, Crestwood has paid criminal and civil defense attorneys more \$5.7 million to defend the Stranczeks and other officials, according to a tally provided by John Toscas, a village trustee who this week lost a bid for mayor. Insurance has covered about \$1.6 million, Toscas said; disputes about other claims are pending in court. Crestwood's chief attorney declined to provide more information without a Freedom of Information Act request. Some of the most expensive legal bills were to prepare Chester Stranczek's defense from ongoing civil cases, including one filed by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan that accuses the Stranczeks and Scaccia of lying more than 120 times about the tainted well. With the village paying defense lawyers who charge up to \$500 an hour, Robert Stranczek told residents in October 2009 that they no longer would be getting property tax rebates. Gov. Pat Quinn and state lawmakers responded to the Tribune investigation by requiring more frequent monitoring, prompt disclosure of water contamination to consumers and tougher penalties for deceiving state officials.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/ct-met-crestwood-water-guilty-plea-20130412,0,194439.story>

EGYPT, ASWAN GOVERNORATE, LAKE NASSER, APRIL 12 2013. LEAKED OIL CLEANED UP IN EGYPT'S NASSER LAKE

Egypt has cleaned up spilled diesel off the shores of Lake Nasser, official MENA news agency reported Thursday. Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency said Monday that a cruise ship named "Isis" had leaked oil into the Nile, and resulted in an area



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of oil slick near Lake Nasser, located by the High Dam in Aswan governorate. Minister of State for Environmental Affairs, Khaled Fahmy, ordered to survey the area, to contain and remove the spilled diesel, and to make sure there is no more oil leakage. Two marine units are working in the lake, equipped with ambulances and fire extinguishers, a representative of the armed forces told MENA. Much of the spilled oil evaporated due to high temperature, researchers said. The working groups and marine units used sponges to absorb the rest of it. The Environmental Affairs Agency recommended to take legal measures against the cruise ship. Last October, oil spilling was detected in the Nile in Aswan, which then leaked to neighboring Luxor, Qena, Sohag and Assuit governorates. In response, an anti-Nile River pollution unit was formed in Luxor governorate to regularly inspect tourist ships and other facilities that discharge wastes into the river.


http://www.china.org.cn/environment/2013-04/12/content_28520756.htm

PAKISTAN, PUNJAB, LAHORE, APRIL 12 2013. OIL TANKER FIRE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL

The firemen late Thursday night thwarted a major destruction by bringing an oil tanker fire under control saving the petrol pump it was parked at, Geo News reported. According to initial reports the incident was reported from a fuel outlet located near Butt Chowk on College Road. Rescuers as well as fire brigade reached on time a doused the fire before it could spread further. There was no word on the casualties, if any, so far. What caused the fire to erupt is yet to be known.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-96339-Oil-tanker-catches-fire-at-a-Lahore-petrol-pump>


USA FLA, TAMPA, APRIL 12 2013. H2S – 6 WORKERS OVERCOME WITH FUMES AT PORT OF TAMPA

 **Watch the Video** [Workers at Port of Tampa Injured by Chemical Exposure](#)

Six contract workers were overcome by fumes, gas or lack of oxygen while cleaning a sewer line Thursday night in the Port of Tampa, a Tampa Fire Rescue official said. Five of the workers were taken to Tampa General Hospital; one is in critical condition, said Emilio Salabarria, chief of special operations for Tampa Fire Rescue. One of the workers refused transport. The workers were at the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2700 Maritime Blvd., in a confined space at the Port of Tampa. They dug out an area and got in the sewer line, which is several hundred feet long, to vacuum waste, Salabarria said. While in the line, the workers were overcome by gases, possibly methane or hydrogen sulfide, or a lack of oxygen, Salabarria said. The fire department's Hazardous Material team responded to the scene at 6:49 p.m. The contractors have been working all week to clean the sewer lines and line it with fiberglass, Salabarria said. No one at the Wastewater Treatment Plant or surrounding area was evacuated, Salabarria said.

<http://tbo.com/news/breaking-news/six-workers-overcome-with-fumes-at-port-of-tampa-b82477302z1>

NIGERIA, LAGOS, APRIL 12 2013. SHELL RETURNS TO POLLUTED Ogoniland

 Shell said it had launched a review of its oil and gas assets in Nigeria's massively polluted Ogoniland region, resuming work in the area two decades after unrest forced the company to pull out. The Anglo-Dutch oil major said the move was not part of an attempt to restart oil production in Ogoniland, describing it instead as a bid to comply with a 2011 UN report that called for one of the world's biggest ever environmental clean-ups. "The intention is to determine the state of our facilities since we suspended operations in the area in 1993, and determine how best to decommission them," the head of Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria (SPDC), Mutiu Sunmonu, said in a statement. Spokesman Precious Okolobo said the review was "a key step" in complying with the United Nations Environmental Programme report, which detailed the devastating impact that decades of oil pollution had brought to the southern region. The report called for the oil industry and the Nigerian government to contribute \$ 1 billion (762 million euros) to a clean-up fund for the region, adding that restoration could take up to 30 years. Among the most condemned episodes in Ogoniland's past was the 1995 execution of renowned environmental activist Ken Saro Wiwa under the regime of dictator Sani Abacha. Wiwa had fiercely criticized Shell before his death. His brother, Harry Wiwa, said Shell could be welcomed back to the region after the two-decade absence. "If the purpose is to clean the spills, they are welcome but UNEP should supervise the exercise... The problem we have with Shell is that it is not socially responsible," said Wiwa, an activist with the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People. Okolobo said the company has sent community outreach staff to the region in recent years, but the review exercise marks the first time oil and gas workers have been to Ogoniland since the pull-out. The firm still controls at least seven oil fields in the area, as well as flowstations, gas plants and pipelines, according to the SPDC



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statement. Nigeria's is Africa's top oil producer, but the country remains deeply impoverished, partly due to massive corruption in the energy sector.

<http://www.arabnews.com/news/447848>

ENGLAND, CO DURHAM, PORTRACK, APRIL 12 2013. POLICE OPERATION CHECKING HGV TRANSPORTING DANGEROUS GOODS PROVES TO BE A SUCCESS

graeme hetherington

A national operation aimed at vehicles carrying dangerous goods or hazardous chemicals resulted in 17 being stopped and checked. The Cleveland Police operation took place in partnership with the Vehicle Operator Services Agency (VOSA) on the A19 at Portrack in Stockton between 9.30am and 1pm on Wednesday (April 10). As a result, one vehicle was issued a prohibition notice for defective tyres, two drivers were given advice regarding tachograph offences and one prohibition and three advice notices were given for missing equipment and defective signage. Inspector Mick Robson, of the Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit, said: "We take part in these operations regularly, along with our partners, in order to ensure that our roads and the people that use them remain as safe as possible. "To achieve this, officers from the joint unit check vehicles for any offences and identify any defects with the vehicles which need to be rectified. The aim is to educate the operators and drivers of these vehicles as to the importance of the relevant legislation and to deal with drivers at an appropriate level which can include everything from advice to prosecution. "It is important that we make sure that people keep their vehicles in a roadworthy condition. This can prevent accidents that could have been avoided and therefore reduce the number of people that are injured, or potentially killed, on the roads."

http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/10350236.Police_operation_checking_HGV_transporting_dangerous_goods_proves_to_be_a_success_in_Stockton/

CANADA, ONT, CHATHAM-KENT, APRIL 12 2013. ETHYL BENZENE SPILL UPDATE

In a complete turnaround, Transport Canada has agreed to meet with Wallaceburg residents regarding last summer's ethyl benzene spill in the St. Clair River. Wallaceburg Councillor and Wallaceburg Advisory Team for a Cleaner Habitat member Jeff Wesley says it's taken a long time to get to this point. "I'm sure they will argue that there was an ongoing investigation and there were certain reasons they couldn't talk," says Wesley. "But you know what? We asked the questions, we had the public meetings and that's all they had to say. Instead the response then was 'We're just not going to meet with you.'" The spill took place last August. Wesley isn't sure when the meeting will take place yet. There were never any health concerns connected to the drinking water.

<http://blackburnnews.com/chatham/chatham-news/2013/04/11/ethyl-benzene-spill-update/>

USA, LA, NEW ORLEANS, APRIL 12 2013. TUG CAPTAIN DIES OF BURNS SUSTAINED IN LOUISIANA GAS EXPLOSION

A boat captain injured March 12 in a fiery explosion on the Intracoastal Waterway near New Orleans when his boat struck a pipeline has died, officials said. Chad Breau was one of four crewmen aboard a 47-foot tugboat pulling a 154-foot barge in Bayou Perot, 30 miles south of New Orleans, when it struck a Chevron pipeline, igniting a gas fire fed by the pipeline that burned for days, WDSU-TV, New Orleans, said. The accident occurred at a spot where the water was only 1- to 2-feet deep, U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Kyle Washington said. Breau was hospitalized with burns over 75 percent of his body, and died Wednesday in the burn unit of Baton Rouge General Hospital The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune reported Thursday. The barge was carrying 92,000 gallons of oil at the time of the incident. U.S. Coast Guard officials said none of the oil spilled.

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2013/04/11/Tug-captain-dies-of-burns-sustained-in-Louisiana-gas-explosion/UPI-68731365703619/

USA, ARK, LITTLE ROCK, APRIL 12 2013. ARKANSAS ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKS EXXON FOR \$4 MILLION TO FUND INVESTIGATION

Arkansas Attorney General Dustin McDaniel has asked Exxon Mobil Corp. (XOM) for \$4 million to pay for the state's investigation into a pipeline rupture that led to an oil spill last month. "This is consistent with federal law and the approach taken by attorneys general on the Gulf Coast, who were advanced \$175 million" by BP PLC (BP, BP.LN) following the Deepwater Horizon explosion, Mr. McDaniel said during a press conference Wednesday. A spokesman for Exxon said



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Thursday that the company will "respond directly" to the attorney general's office. Exxon's Pegasus pipeline ruptured March 29 in the small town of Mayflower, Ark. Residents were evacuated from 22 homes after an estimated 5,000 barrels of oil flowed into the neighborhood. The company was still at work this week cleaning up the area. Exxon said Thursday that the Arkansas Department of Health has approved a plan for residents of 10 homes to return, following tests of the air inside. Last week, Mr. McDaniel opened an investigation into the spill and gave Exxon until April 10 to turn over documents. He said Wednesday that the company had turned over more than 12,500 pages worth of information. Mr. McDaniel said Wednesday that the break in the pipeline was more than 22 feet long-larger than initially thought. The attorney general's office has hired a consulting firm led by James Lee Witt, former director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to do an analysis of the cleanup process.

<http://www.foxbusiness.com/news/2013/04/11/arkansas-attorney-general-asks-exxon-for-4-million-to-fund-investigation/>

NORTHERN IRELAND, CO LOUTH RAVENSDALE PARK, APRIL 12 2013. MASSIVE FUEL-LAUNDERING PLANTS SHUT BY DOWN IN RAIDS BY ARMED GARDAI



A van used in the mobile fuel-laundering scam.

A massive mobile fuel-laundering operation was raided by the Revenue authorities and armed gardai in the early hours of this morning. Two mobile plants were targeted by the authorities in simultaneous operations at Ravensdale Park, in Co Louth, close to the Border. The plants were near to each other and part of the same operation. It was estimated that the equipment was capable of producing up to 15 million litres of fuel at a potential loss to the exchequer of €8m a year. The first mobile laundry, which was processing fuel when uncovered, was concealed in a curtain-sided lorry on commercial premises. The mobile laundry, four lorries, one of which had a concealed tank for transporting fuel, three oil tankers, 28,000 litres of fuel and ancillary equipment were seized by Revenue's Customs Service. Three tonnes of toxic waste were also uncovered by officials at the scene. In a connected search of a private residence adjoining the yard, a slurry tank that had been adapted for use as a mobile oil

laundry was uncovered. Around 100 bags of bleaching earth for use in the laundering process and 6,000 litres of fuel were seized. Six vehicles, including three cars, two jeeps and a van at the site were detained for further enquiries. A senior Revenue spokesman at the scene said it was "the biggest ever fuel doctoring operation discovered along the Border". He said the loss to the Republic's economy from the distribution of the laundered fuel was enormous. The location of the illegal plant was less than a mile from the South Armagh Border. Gardai later questioned a number of men in the local area about the early-morning raid.

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/massive-fuellaundrying-plants-shut-by-down-in-raids-by-armed-gardai-29189870.html>

TAIWAN, TAOYUAN, APRIL 13 2013. PETROL, GAS CANISTERS FOUND ON TAIWAN TRAIN >> 600 EVACUATED



File photo of high-speed trains in Taiwan.

More than 600 passengers were evacuated from a high-speed train bound for Taipei on Friday after what appeared to be petrol and two small gas canisters were found in suitcases on board, police said. Two other cases also apparently containing petrol were found in lawmaker Lu Chia-chen's office in New Taipei city, his assistant told reporters, leading to the bomb squad and emergency services being called. Police said they were looking into whether the two incidents were linked. The Railway Police Bureau set up a special taskforce to investigate the incident after the suspected explosives were found. "We have

started necessary investigative work such as screening passenger lists and surveillance camera footage for possible suspects. We don't have further leads at this moment," said a police official who asked not to be named. Railway police revised an earlier statement that some triggering devices were found in the suitcases on the train. Train operator Taiwan High Speed Rail Corp. said it alerted police after the two unattended cases with a "strong odour" were spotted in a bathroom in train 616 bound for the capital. It evacuated the passengers when the train arrived at Taoyuan station near Taipei, and police removed the



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bags for investigation. Passengers were later put on another train to continue their journeys. Officers searched the train for evidence and the platform for Taipei-bound trains was temporarily closed during the removal of the suitcases, the company said. It said it had not received any threats prior to the incident and added that it was the first time an evacuation was carried out over unidentified objects found on one of its trains. "The high speed train I rode today stopped in Taoyuan for a long time and I thought it was a mechanical failure but later heard that there were gasoline bombs on the train," passenger and lawmaker Lu Shiow-yen wrote on her Facebook page.

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/suspected-explosives-foun/636390.html>

USA, KS, SOUTH WICHITA, APRIL 13 2013. UPDATE: GASOLINE, SPACE HEATER SPARK WICHITA FIRE

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- [Spilled Gasoline Ignites House Fire in South Wichita](#)

Photo's [3] [Fire Started by Gasoline Spill & Space Heater](#)

Photo's [5] [Amsden House Fire](#)



April 12, 2013

Two brothers working on a scooter were injured in a fire in South Wichita Thursday. Fire crews responded to the fire in the 1500 block of Amsden after 7:00 p.m. Investigators said the brothers were working on a gas powered scooter when some of the gas spread to a space heater, sparking the fire. One of the men remains in the hospital in critical condition. The other has been released from the hospital. The fire caused nearly \$100,000 damage.

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Two people suffered critical injuries Thursday evening in a south Wichita house fire. The fire was reported around 7:20 p.m. in the 1500 block of Amsden Street, near Pawnee and Hydraulic. Battalion Chief Andy Cole said crews arrived to find heavy smoke and flames emanating from the one-story home. Power lines were also down in the backyard. Due to the fire's intensity, crews were forced to battle it defensively for a short time. "The fire got so bad, we made a call to pull the guys out," Cole said. Two people who got out of the home were taken an area hospital in critical condition. One firefighter suffered a minor burn to his face. The fire was brought under control around 7:40 p.m. The cause of the fire and a damage estimate have yet to be determined, but Cole said the home appears to be a total loss.

<http://www.kake.com/news/headlines/BREAKING-Crews-Battle-SE-Wichita-House-Fire-202621541.html?ref=541>

INDIA, JODHPUR, APRIL 12 2013. IOC PETROL PUMP GUTTED, MAJOR ACCIDENT AVERTED

An IOC petrol pump was gutted during a fire which broke out while a petrol tanker was unloading at the pump in the Jodhpur outskirts on Friday. The tanker, three petrol dispensing kiosks, an underground tank and the front office of the pump were burnt to cinders during the fire which also triggered four explosions. There was no report of casualty in the blaze, which was doused by over two dozen fire tenders in a little over an hour and averted a major accident. Preliminary reports suggested negligence of the petrol pump staff as the cause of the fire though the exact nature of the cause is yet to be ascertained. The incident which happened in a densely populated area in the evening was followed by protest from nearby residents who assembled at the site and demanded shifting of the petrol pump from the residential locality. Earlier, the residents had also objected when the pump was being constructed. The pump belongs to former BJP MPJaswant Singh Bishnoi. According to the Shastrinagar SHO Subhash Sharma, the incident happened when the tanker was unloading at the IOC petrol pump located in the densely populated Pal Link Road. During the unloading, sale of the fuel was not halted by the staff. "The tanker suddenly caught fire, which spread so fast and engulfed the entire petrol pump except for three fuel dispensing kiosks located on the front side," Sharma said. He said the entire staff and the tanker driver fled from the spot the moment fire broke out. "We rushed to the spot, called the fire tenders and diverted traffic. Meanwhile, four explosions also took place there completely gutting the back fuel kiosks, office and other installations," Sharma said. Timely action by the fire tenders stopped the flames from spreading to a motor garage and an ATM located on the sides of the pump, the SHO added.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/IOC-petrol-pump-gutted-major-accident-averted/articleshow/19520624.cms>



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USA, KY, MCCracken CO, APRIL 13 2013. HAZMAT CREWS CLEAN UP HAZARDOUS MATERIAL LEAK

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Emergency crews responded to an injury wreck and hazardous chemical spill on Thursday in McCracken County. It happened on Cairo Road (KY 305) at the intersection of Ogden Landing Road (KY 358) at around 1:30 PM. Dispatchers were reporting a large amount of smoke coming from a trailer which was later determined to be a hazardous materials leak from an anhydrous ammonia tank. The tank was being pulled by a truck that was involved in the wreck. Crash investigators say a 2001 Ford F-350 driven by Mr. Laverne L. Schulte, 62, of Simpson, Illinois, was headed westbound on Cairo Road. Schulte was pulling two 1000 gallon agricultural tanks containing anhydrous ammonia that were being delivered to a local farmer in West Paducah. Police say Schulte is an

employee of Southern Farm Supply in Marion. When Schulte was passing the intersection of Ogden Landing Road, a 1991 Chevrolet flatbed pickup truck with a utility trailer failed to stop at the intersection, according to investigators. The truck's driver, 24 year old, Jason Wingler, 24, of Symsonia, Ky., was driving eastbound on Ogden Landing Road prior to the accident. After reaching the intersection, police say Wingler failed to stop at the stop sign and then collided with Schulte's truck and trailers. Police say the collision caused the tanks to break free of Schulte's truck and overturn. A pressure relief valve was damaged in the crash, which caused the contents of the tank to release. Concord fire crews responded to the scene and called for the Paducah area hazardous materials team, HazMat1. Hazardous Materials technicians were sent to the site and found that the contents had to be removed from the tank before it could be up righted. Residents who live on the eastern side of the spill within quarter mile had to be evacuated from their homes while the chemical was released.

<http://www.kfvs12.com/story/21953390/hazmat-crews-clean-up-hazardous-material-leak>

TURKEY, PORT OF İZMIT BAY, APRIL 13 2013. JUDICIARY ACTS ON TANKER LEAKING TOXIC IN İZMIT BAY

The Supreme Court of Appeals has finally made a ruling in a trial concerning a tanker that allegedly was smuggling liquid petroleum gas (LPG) after a six-year period during which the tanker, leaking toxic LPG, sat in the middle of the İzmit Bay. In March, Turkish press reported that the tanker carrying LPG that was seized by Turkey six years ago off İzmit was still anchored in the bay, posing a major risk of marine pollution since the vessel -- with no maintenance done in the past six years -- was already leaking gas. The tanker was left where it was while its owners and the authorities were awaiting the outcome of an appeal filed after a court decision concerning the legality of its cargo. Finally, on Tuesday the 7th Chamber of the Supreme Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling that found that the owner of the tanker guilty of smuggling. The news report that appeared in Zaman and Today's Zaman in March might have helped speed up the process, as Customs Minister Hayati Yazici commented after the report was published: "This is a shame for us, I apologize to all. We, God willing, will bring this to an end as soon as possible." The vessel Chernomores, flying a Panamanian flag, was seized in July 2007 after authorities determined that the LPG onboard was being smuggled. It was bringing 800 tons of LPG to İzmit. The vessel was seized and its owner charged with attempting to smuggle LPG. A lower court decision regarding the tanker was challenged by the new owners of the tanker -- which changed hands three times during the six years it was anchored in the bay -- and Customs had been waiting for the conclusion of the appeals process to take action. An expert report from earlier this year said a gas leak had been detected. It also said that the vessel was anchored at a busy passage point in the bay and that it was dangerously close to the Turkish Petroleum Refineries Corporation (TÜPRAŞ) refinery. If the gas leak exploded, a major marine disaster would be inevitable, the report warned. The main reason for the gas leak was believed to be the lack of maintenance on the vessel, which had not sailed for six years. The tanker and the LPG tanks on it were beginning to rust -- the reason for the leak. The load of the vessel, originally 1,800 tons, had fallen to 1,500 tons, according to experts. The report said that due to corrosion, most of the pipes and valves on the LPG tanks had lost their ability to contain the gas. It also said the situation was bound to deteriorate, with the amount of gas leaking increasing with every passing day. The report also found that the lower explosive limit (LEL) sensor on the ship had already gone off. "The vessel, as it is, is a fast-ticking time bomb," the report said.

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