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CANADA, ESSEX CO, KINGSVILLE, JUNE 11 2013. TANKER TRUCK ROLLOVER IN KINGSVILLE INJURES ONE



Firemen at the scene of an overturned tanker Saturday.

One person was sent to hospital following a tanker truck rollover in Kingsville on Saturday morning. The truck was heading south on County Road 27 in the area of Highway 3 at about 9 a.m. While travelling along a curve in the road, the liquid load of the tanker shifted, causing the vehicle to strike a hydro pole and roll over into a ditch. The driver was the lone occupant, and was transported to Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, police said. The liquid fertilizer in the tanker spilled into the surrounding ditch following the rollover and

was contained to a 20-metre section. County Road 27 from Highway 3 to McCain Sideroad was closed during the cleanup, which took more than three hours.

<http://www.windsorstar.com/Tanker+truck+rollover+Kingsville+injures/8502123/story.html>

CANADA, OTTAWA, JUNE 11 2013. MAN CHARGED IN OTTAWA GAS STATION COLLISION THAT TOPPLES GAS PUMP

A 48-year-old man has been charged after a collision at an Ottawa gas station that toppled a fuel pump. Police say a Toyota Camry parked at the station veered from one set of pumps to the next on Saturday night, striking a Dodge Dakota truck. They say the truck then struck its 57-year-old man before hitting a fuel pump and knocking it off its foundation. Police say the man hurt his hip but is in stable condition. They say no fuel was spilled in the crash because the pump's safety valve stopped the flow of gas in time. Quang Do is charged with criminal negligence causing bodily harm. Police say alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

<http://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/man-charged-in-ottawa-gas-station-collision-that-topples-gas-pump-1.1319169>

ENGLAND, STAFFORDSHIRE, JUNE 11 2013. TON OF FIREWORKS DESTROYED IN LONGPORT FIRE

michelle chow

 Watch the Video [Chemical Lane Fire](#)



Firefighters may never find out the exact cause of a major blaze that destroyed an industrial unit containing more than a ton of fireworks. Police have ruled out that the fire at the building in Chemical Lane, Longport, was started deliberately. However, the unit was so badly damaged that the cause may never be established. The site contained wooden pallets and a diesel container as well as the fireworks. After destroying 80 per cent of the building, the fire then spread to neighbouring businesses. The owner of the affected business was too distraught to speak to The Sentinel. Fire officer Ian Housley, from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "When crews arrived at the building, there was already quite a severe and serious fire. "We could tell it was going to burn quite quickly because on the site was a large number of pallets, a large container of diesel

and one ton of fireworks. "There are actually houses all around the area but because the fire was so hot it carried upwards so, luckily, it didn't spread to nearby homes." Smoke from the fire – which broke out at around 8.30pm on Friday – could be seen from as far away as Crewe. The fire was under control by 1am on Saturday. Sandyford Fire Station watch manager Martin Hall said: "During Saturday, we had to knock down some parts of the building because it was too dangerous for firefighters to go in there to tackle the blaze, as the building structure had been severely damaged by the heat. "Something like this could have been prevented by the installation of a sprinkler system in the building. "Even if it didn't extinguish the fire, it would have contained it and the owner would have been back up and running today. "Understandably, the owner was extremely distraught having seen the damage caused." More than 50 firefighters tackled the blaze at its height. The fire also led to the closure of the adjacent A500 for two hours on Friday night and trains were stopped from running on the railway line. A Staffordshire Police spokesman said: "Staffordshire Police and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service are both investigating the circumstances and the cause of the fire. "The fire caused considerable damage to businesses and also caused disruption to the transport network. "We are appealing for anyone who witnessed the fire to speak to us. We are also interested in speaking



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to anyone who has mobile phone footage of the fire to come forward. "We do not believe the fire was started deliberately but we are trying to establish the cause and the full circumstances." Witnesses are asked to call police on 101.

<http://www.thisisstaffordshire.co.uk/Ton-fireworks-destroyed-Longport/story-19240025-detail/story.html#axzz2VtHu9gCM>

USA, GA, COFFEE CO, DOUGLAS, JUNE 11 2013. FIRE OFFICIALS INVESTIGATING GAS FIRE IN COFFEE COUNTY



Fire Department and other first responders at the scene of the fire. Coffee County Fire Chief Steve Carver says that around 2 PM they received a call that there was an explosion at the Ferrell Gas Company on Highway 32 East. Carver says they then sent out officials with the Coffee County Fire Department, Douglas Fire Department, and the Region 8 Hazmat Team. Captain Casey Wright, who works with both Douglas Fire and the Hazmat team, says they arrived on the scene to find a large residential propane delivery truck and a smaller service truck on fire. Carver says that two employees were transported to Coffee Regional Medical Center while a third employee drove himself with minor abrasions. The condition of those involved is unknown at this time. Wright says it took about 30 minutes to get the fire under control and put out. That's when

officials realized that one of the tanks in the truck was still leaking. They were unable to stop the leak, instead they found a way to dilute it and let it empty on its own without causing other tanks to explode. This is expected to take several hours to finish. Wright says that it couldn't have happened in a better spot as the building and area was designed to handle a leak and residential homes are far enough away they don't have to worry about the leak. He commends his team for their quick response and their training allowed them to handle any ripple effects. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

<http://www.mysouthwestga.com/news/story.aspx?id=907923#.UbbVQvkweM4>

USA, N.J, TRENTON, JUNE 11 2013. ARGENTINA'S YPF TO SETTLE [\$65 MILLION CASH PAYOUT] OLD ENVIRONMENTAL LAWSUIT IN NEW JERSEY

Argentina's state-controlled energy company, YPF, said its board of directors approved a \$65 million cash payout to settle an old environmental dispute in the U.S. state of New Jersey. A lawsuit was brought against a U.S. chemical company that YPF later purchased for allegedly polluting the Passaic River and Newark Bay during several decades, starting in the 1940s. The New Jersey court will have to approve the settlement terms, YPF said in a statement to the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange. The case is New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, et al v. Occidental Chemical Corporation, et al.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/06/07/snippet-idUSL1N0EJ27P20130607>

USA, N.Y, VALHALLA, JUNE 12 2013. HUGE FIREWORKS CACHE FOUND IN WESTCHESTER BASEMENT

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- [Huge Fireworks Cache Found in Westchester Basement](#)
- [FBI Seizes Hundreds of Boxes of Illegal Fireworks from Home](#)



Fireworks stash discovered in Mount Pleasant.

Neighboring homes were evacuated and several streets were shut down while authorities removed the fireworks. Several streets were shut down and neighboring homes were evacuated after an undercover police officer discovered hundreds of boxes of fireworks stacked "virtually floor-to-ceiling" in the basement of a Westchester home Monday night. Stephen Surace, 53, of Valhalla, was arrested after the undercover officer purchased \$1,000 worth of fireworks from him and saw the massive cache in his Valhalla basement, authorities said. "It was basically like a Sam's Club warehouse store of fireworks down there, floor-to-

ceiling, wall-to-wall, the whole basement of the house," said Westchester County Inspector Thomas Gleason. Police evacuated nearby homes while local and federal authorities experienced in potentially hazardous devices removed the fireworks from Surace's basement. Several side rounds surrounding Surace's home remained shut down Tuesday. Surace was charged with criminal possession of a weapon and reckless endangerment, both felonies, as well as unlawful dealing of fireworks. Information on an attorney for him wasn't immediately available. A neighbor said the fireworks were "scary." "It's not



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just Roman candles, it's beyond that," said Jane Abbate. Charles Mulham, who has been a federal agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for more than 20 years, said he has never seen a collection of dangerous fireworks like this before. "Now there's obviously the other side of this investigation," Mulham said. "Where were they obtained, what explosives dealer sold them to this individual."

<http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Fireworks-Stache-Valhalla-Westchester-Arrest-Federal-Arms-Agents-Investigation--211022051.html>

ENGLAND, LONDON, JUNE 12 2013. PHILLIPS 66 TO SELL IRELAND'S SOLE REFINERY

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Phillips 66 said on Tuesday it is to sell Ireland's only refinery, another blow to Europe's ailing oil refining industry. An analyst said it was likely the 71,000 barrels per day Whitegate facility in Cork would have to shut as it will be hard to find buyers for it. "The odds of a buyer emerging look slim," said Seth Kleinman, head of energy research at Citigroup. "Phillips 66 intends to continue operating the assets as usual during the marketing process, which is expected to last for several months," company spokesman Rich Johnson said in a statement. Other assets on sale include an oil and refined products storage terminal in Bantry Bay and its wholesale marketing business, the company said. Europe's refining sector has been struggling because of over capacity. Coryton refinery in the UK, owned by the bankrupt Petroplus group, closed last year after administrators failed to find a buyer for it. Creditors of Petroplus's UK operations were paid a maximum of 6.4 percent of their claims. Kleinman said a closure of Whitegate refinery would lead to worries about security of fuel supply for Ireland. "Whitegate supplies about one third of Ireland's oil products, so it would leave a big hole to fill and has to raise questions about fuel security for the country." In Dublin, the leader of Ireland's main opposition party Fianna Fail, Micheal Martin, said the sale of Ireland's only oil refinery had potentially serious consequences for its economy. "Whitegate is a key strategic asset. It provides one third of all our transportation fuel and is a long-term principal supplier to the National Oil Reserves Agency. The threat to its future has serious implications for Ireland's energy supply and consequently for our economy," Martin said in a statement. He said Whitegate has operated in east Cork for nearly 55 years. "It has been a major employer in the area for decades, supporting hundreds of jobs directly and indirectly. Its loss would be a serious blow to local economy." Data released on Tuesday also highlighted the strains on the European refinery sector. European refiners processed less crude oil in May than the previous month, the data from industry monitor Euroilstock showed, cutting back in the face of weak demand in the region.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/06/11/phillips66-refinery-ireland-idUSL2N0EN0Q820130611>

USA, MISS, JASPER CO, JUNE 12 2013. BAY SPRINGS OIL SPILL STATE'S COSTLIEST IN DECADE >> AMOUNT LEAKED FOUR TIMES MORE THAN ORIGINAL COMPANY ESTIMATE

emily le coz



Workers from several clean-up companies remove oil from Piney Branch Creek just outside Bay Springs earlier this year.

By the Numbers

Here's how the \$5.2 million in costs breaks down:

- \$3,500: Lost value of the leaked crude oil
- \$150,000: Property damage
- \$4,924,000: Emergency fees
- \$123,653: Environmental factors

The Bay Springs oil leak that polluted wetlands and waterways four months ago was the state's costliest pipeline accident in a decade at more than \$5.2 million,

according to a federal agency that tracks such incidents. Some 122 barrels of crude oil had drained from the Plains All American pipeline before officials noticed the leak on Feb. 5 and shut down operations, according to a company report filed with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. The spill amount is four times higher than the company's earlier official estimate of 30 barrels, a figure that had been disputed early on after sources close to the cleanup placed the total at 300 to 400 barrels. Hundreds of emergency workers descended upon the leak site within hours of its discovery to sop up the slick, which had spread for nearly 2 miles as it crossed ditches and wetlands and flowed into the Piney Branch Creek. The company report, prepared one month after the accident, determined that corrosion had caused a pinhole leak in the 48-year-old pipe. The compromised pipe section since has been replaced, Plains said.



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Federal inspectors have cited Plains nine times in as many years for corrosion control issues, according to the Pipeline Safety Enforcement Tracking System. One of the cases involved its Mississippi operations. Most, including the one in Mississippi, ended in compliance without penalties. Although the Bay Springs spill reportedly had no impact to wildlife, it did contaminate the soil, water and surface. It's the most expensive pipeline accident in Mississippi in at least a decade, according to the PHMSA, whose data shows 115 such incidents within the state during that time. It's also Plains' most expensive onshore pipeline accident since at least 2006, agency records show. The Houston, Texas-based company operates nearly 5,000 miles of mostly crude-oil pipeline through 13 states, including Mississippi. It also has several dozen miles of offshore pipeline. In the past six years, the company has racked up 122 accidents totaling nearly \$17 million. Seven of those accidents occurred in Mississippi. A company spokesman on Tuesday reiterated an earlier statement that Plains regretted the oil spill and was working with authorities to clean it as quickly as possible. Mississippi produces roughly 26 million barrels of oil from its more than 5,700 wells annually, according to Oil & Gas Board statistics. The product then is shipped throughout the state, as well as transported elsewhere, via a network of pipelines, tankers, vessels and other modes of transportation. Most move oil without incident. "These oil spills are not as frequent as people think," said Howard Leach, attorney for the Mississippi Oil & Gas Board, "but they are a problem any time they occur."

<http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20130611/NEWS/306110040/Bay-Springs-oil-spill-state-s-costliest-decade>

USA, TX, JEFFERSON CO, JUNE 12 2013. MAN BLAMES CANCER ON EXPOSURE TO BENZENE

kelly holleran

A man has filed suit against his former employer, alleging he developed cancer after being exposed to benzene products while working. Benjamin Tate claims he was working as a crew member for defendant American Commercial Lanes, a marine transportation company based in Indiana, where he was required to load and discharge barges carrying various hydrocarbon liquids, including crude oil. Some of these substances contained benzene, according to the complaint filed June 4 in Jefferson County District Court. Due to his exposure to benzene, which is a carcinogen, Tate developed lymphoma, which is a type of blood cancer, the suit states. Because of his disease, Tate has experienced mental and physical pain and suffering, endured a fear of dying and lost his physical and mental functions, the complaint says. He also claims he lost his earnings and his earning capacity, incurred medical costs and lost earnings. Tate blames American Commercial Lanes for causing his injuries, saying it negligently failed to provide him with a safe place to work, failed to exercise reasonable care, failed to properly train and supervise him, failed to establish safe procedures and rules, failed to train and supervise him in the proper use of respirators and violated federal laws concerning exposure to petroleum. In his complaint, Tate is seeking monetary relief of more than \$1 million but no more than \$25 million. He will be represented by S. Reed Morgan of Comfort. The case has been assigned to Judge Donald Floyd, 172nd District Court. Case No. E194-418

<http://setexasrecord.com/news/286249-man-blames-cancer-on-exposure-to-benzene>

USA, MD, BALTIMORE, JUNE 12 2013. CARBON DIOXIDE TANK EXPLODES ON APG, STARTLING RESIDENTS IN HARFORD, CECIL

bryna zumer



Maps:

[Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, USA](#)



An [Aberdeen Proving Ground](#) carbon dioxide tank exploded Monday night, damaging three buildings on the post and creating a blast that was heard and felt by residents several miles away. People from Aberdeen, [Havre de Grace](#) and even as far away as North East reported hearing the blast shortly after 10 p.m. Monday and feeling their houses shake or having items fall. At least two calls were logged and Harford County emergency responders were alerted, according to the Harford County 911 Center calls for service. No one was injured in the explosion, according to a news release sent by the Army Test & Evaluation Command's Public Affairs Office Tuesday afternoon. The tank was outside a building owned by the Army Test and Evaluation Command. The building next to the tank, which is used to support military testing systems, sustained "substantial" structural damage, according to the news release. Two other



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buildings, nearly half a mile away, were also damaged in the blast, the Army said. The incident remains under investigation by the Army's criminal investigation command, as well as local APG authorities, and no further information was immediately available from the military installation. Entry to the affected building was prohibited as of Tuesday afternoon, the Army said. "Although criminal activity is not suspected at this point in the investigation, we have not completely ruled it out in order to conduct a complete and thorough investigation," APG criminal investigation spokesman Jeffrey Castro said in the news release. Reports about the explosion came from Giles Street in Havre de Grace and Gemini Court, which is between Havre de Grace and Aberdeen, according to the 911 Center incident reports. At 10:13, according to the reports, a call came from the 500 block of Giles Street reporting a "possible explosion/loud bang." Also logged at 10:13 was a call from the 2100 block of Gemini Court with a "report of possible explosion/loud bang." A person posting on the Harford Fire & EMS Association Facebook page also reported feeling the rumbles in Cecil County: "Anyone else feel the boom a little while ago," the Facebook post read. "Shook the house a little bit ago. I'm in North East though." Harford County government spokesman Bob Thomas initially said he thought the noise and shaking could have been from a lightning strike, as it happened at the same time as severe storms were passing through the area. Fire companies in Havre de Grace and [Aberdeen](#) were alerted to both 911 calls and sent responders, according to the chief of one of the companies. Scott Hurst, chief of the Susquehanna Hose Company of Havre de Grace, said he felt rumbles at his home in the Grace Harbour community, which is between the areas where the two 911 calls were received. "It really wasn't like distant thunder; it shook the house so much more," Hurst said Tuesday afternoon. "It was definitely weird when it happened." Hurst, who said he found out the cause of the rumble earlier in the day Tuesday, confirmed his company responded to the Giles Street call. "We checked it out, everything was OK and we cleared the scene quickly," he said.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/harford/aberdien-havre-de-grace/ph-ag-tremors-0612-20130611,0,3199165.story>

USA, WA, AIRWAY HEIGHTS, JUNE 12 2013. GAS MIX UP FORCE SPOKO FUEL TO DECONTAMINATE TANKS

shawn chitnis

 **Watch the Video** [Fuel Distributor Fills Underground Gasoline Tanks with Diesel](#)



Spokane Tribal leaders blamed a fuel distributor Tuesday night for a gas mix-up at Spoko Fuel. Nearby mechanics said they helped drivers who filled up their gas tanks at Spoko Fuel. Mechanics said that it appears the Spoko Fuel gas tanks meant for unleaded gas were actually filled with diesel. The gas station stopped selling gas Tuesday when operators became aware of the issue. Tribal leaders said

the fuel distributor, R.E. Powell, should be done decontaminating the tanks by late Tuesday night. "R.E. Powell has accepted responsibility for the contamination," wrote Tribal leaders in a statement released Tuesday. Customers who were impacted are asked to call R.E. Powell's Insurance Agent Jill Peruca. She can be reached at 1-800-488-2869 x 445 to initiate a claim.

<http://www.nwcn.com/news/washington/211147921.html>

USA, CO, GRAND JUNCTION, JUNE 12 2013. STATE HAD 400 OIL, GAS SPILLS IN 2012, REPORT SAYS

dennis webb

About 400 oil and gas spills were reported to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission last year, including 66 instances in which ground or surface water remediation measures were required. That's according to a report recently prepared by Jim Milne, the agency's environmental manager, who reviewed the findings with the commission at its last meeting. The report showed 399 spills were documented last year, including 375 reported by the industry, 17 resulting from commission inspections and six resulting from landowner complaints. Sixty-three had groundwater impacts, and 22 impacted surface water, although Milne clarified that the latter figure includes spills into dry as well as wet drainages. No water wells were affected. Ninety-four cases required contaminated soil to be excavated, with 32 more cases requiring further soil remediation work. In 142 cases, the spilled fluids were recovered and no soil impacts occurred. Further research is needed to categorize several dozen spills. The 2012 total is the fourth-highest in the last decade. The highest was 527, reported in 2011. During the state's drilling peak of 2008, 430 spills were reported. However, Colorado's active well count now exceeds 50,000, compared to about 34,000 at the start of 2008. More than half of last year's spills—211—resulted from equipment failure. Sixty-five were the result of human error, and 62 were historical, a reference to old leaks discovered during current operations. Twenty-one were the result of vandalism, which Milne said stemmed from the "unusual event" of vandals opening valves on



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numerous condensate tanks in Weld County last year. Seventeen spills were caused by pit closures, three by pit leaks and two by lightning, with 18 resulting from other causes. Milne said the data suggests that "perhaps some of these are preventable," as in human-caused incidents, and Oil and Gas Conservation Commission staff will look at whether it can convey things it has learned to companies to help prevent spills. Of the spills, 110 involved oil/condensate, 123 produced water, and 75 a combination of those categories. Thirty-nine spills involved drilling mud, four cases involved flowback fluids from wells, and the fluids in 30 cases are unknown. The spill amounts for oil/condensate ranged from less than a gallon to 398 barrels (a barrel contains 42 gallons). The produced-water spills ranged from one to 900 barrels, with the largest involving a pit leak in Las Animas County. The report doesn't break down spills by regions or counties. But the commission website shows that last year 30 spills were reported in Garfield County, 24 in Rio Blanco County, six in Mesa County and four in Gunnison County. The region's largest in aerial extent covered about 23,000 square feet at a Rio Blanco County site owned by XTO Energy, a subsidiary of ExxonMobil Corp., and involved a historical release and a compromised pit liner. Milne said one thing the commission is finding, however, is that the aerial extent of a spill often doesn't correspond with the seriousness of impacts. A spill on a well pad or compact surface can spread far laterally but not infiltrate into the subsurface, where responding to it can be more difficult. "If they can see it on the surface it's a lot easier to deal with quickly," he said. The Williams natural gas liquids spill near Parachute Creek did not spread far on the surface but traveled hundreds of feet in groundwater. That spill, which is believed to have begun in December but wasn't discovered until this year, ultimately was determined to be outside the commission's jurisdiction.

<http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/state-had-400-oil-gas-spills-in-2012-report-says/>

USA, WASHINGTON D.C, JUNE 12 2013. CHEMICAL MAKERS LOSE COURT CHALLENGE TO TRAIN SAFETY RULES

andrew zajac

Chemical makers failed to show any harm from a rule boosting safety requirements for shipping dangerous substances by rail, a U.S. appeals court said, throwing out a lawsuit challenging the 2012 regulation. The Arlington, Virginia-base Chlorine Institute argued that the Federal Railroad Administration rule would constrain or eliminate chemical makers' ability to ship products by rail. "But the described impact is -- at most -- speculative," Judge Karen LeCraft Henderson wrote for a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington. The Chlorine Institute also didn't argue "that any carrier has diminished -- or is about to diminish -- any individual member's shipping ability -- only that it could do so," Henderson wrote. Frank Reiner, president of the institute, said the group is reviewing the decision and had no immediate comment. The case is Chlorine Institute Inc. v. Federal Railroad Administration, 12-1298, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (Washington).

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-06-11/chemical-makers-lose-court-challenge-to-train-safety-rules-1>

USA, S.C, PICKENS COUNTY, JUNE 12 2013. GAS SPILLED NEAR PICKENS COUNTY CREEK

julie howle

An environmental contractor was on the scene Tuesday to do clean-up after gasoline spilled into a small creek Monday night that feeds into Town Creek in Pickens County, authorities said. A gas station on State 8 received a delivery of fuel Monday and several hours later someone noticed that the above-ground tank was leaking, said Chuck Haynes, director of emergency management for Pickens County. "The Pickens County hazmat team and Pickens Fire Department responded and did mitigation work to protect lives and the environment," Haynes said. Jim Beasley of the state Department of Health and Environmental Control said it wasn't clear exactly how large the leak was. A small amount of gasoline was captured in a stream near the spill, but there was no evidence that it had moved farther downstream, said Lindsey Evans of DHEC. Haynes said it was captured at Fox Squirrel Ridge Road. Evans said the investigation will continue, including sample collection and analysis to ensure that any contamination is addressed. Evans said the investigation will continue, including sample collection and analysis to ensure that any contamination is addressed. "As of now, there are no health hazards to the people in the area," Evans said. Haynes said the gas station, Ike's Food Mart No. 11, is near the intersection of Fox Squirrel Ridge Road and State 8. How the leak happened was still being investigated, he said. "There was a hole in the tank about the size of a pencil," Haynes said. He said the owner of the gas station hired an environmental contractor to do the clean-up. The company was working with DHEC representatives on site Tuesday, Haynes said. The leak was discovered and initial calls were made around 7:30 p.m. Monday, he said. "Due to the response from Pickens fire and Pickens County hazmat team the product was



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isolated to a specific area and was not allowed to enter into the main waterways," Haynes said. "That really cut down on the loss of vegetation and fish and impacting a larger population than it did."

http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130611/YOURUPSTATE10/306110067/Contractor-cleans-up-after-gas-spill-near-Pickens-County-creek?nclck_check=1

PAKISTAN, PUNJAB, RAWALPINDI, JUNE 12 2013. PETROL CANS UNDERNEATH SEATS 93 SCHOOL VANS IMPOUNDED

khalid iqbal

On the directions of Secretary Transport (Punjab), District Regional Transport Authority (DRTA), Rawalpindi, has impounded 93 school vans having petrol cans under their seats. The concerned department under a special drive launched after Gujrat tragedy impounded 1,273 public service vehicles (PSV) so far including wagons, buses, Suzuki and taxicabs for having more than two CNG cylinders, loose fitting cylinders and having petrol cans under their seats. On the other hand, Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) authorised 13 CNG stations in Rawalpindi and Islamabad to issue No Objection Certificate (NoC) to the vehicles for six months. The vehicle owners would get NoC after complete checking. Ogra has fixed Rs1,000 checking fee for getting NoC.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-183068-Petrol-cans-underneath-seats-93-school-vans-impounded>

NEW ZEALAND, TAURANGA, JUNE 12 2013. PETROL FLARE UP LANDS MAN IN HOSPITAL

amy mcgillivray

A Tauranga man suffered burns to his face and arms after the petrol he was using to help start a fire caused a small explosion. Te Puke fire chief Glenn Williams said workers were burning cardboard kiwifruit crates in the yard at Plant and Food Research on No1 Rd in Te Puke when the man was injured about 2pm yesterday. "One of them decided to hurry it along with some petrol and got a bit burnt. The fuel and the vapours that were around obviously ignited," he said. "I'm sure it could have been a heck of a lot worse." A St John ambulance spokesperson said the 50-year-old Tauranga man was taken to Tauranga Hospital with moderate burns to his face and arms. The man was initially described as being in a very serious condition but the burns turned out to be superficial, he said. All facial burns were treated seriously as people could inhale flames causing burns to their airways which were often not visible. A Tauranga Hospital spokesperson said the man was in a stable condition in Tauranga Hospital but was last night transferred to the burns unit at Waikato Hospital. A Plant and Food Research manager declined to speak to reporters at the scene saying it was a small accident which resulted in a man receiving very minor burns. The receptionist said staff tried to call off the fire brigade but they were already on the way. "It was just a mishap. Someone called the ambulance in case a person was badly hurt but they're not."

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10890048

ENGLAND, YORKSHIRE, WHITBY, JUNE 12 2013. TANKER TOWED TO TEES AFTER FIRE

karl hansell



Whitby's lifeboat was launched today after a merchant seaman suffered extensive burns and was airlifted to hospital today (June 11) following a fire on board a tanker. The tanker, Mississippi Star, was six miles north east of Whitby when the alarm was raised to Humber Coastguard at 12.30pm. The RNLI lifeboat from Whitby was launched, followed by Scarborough RNLI lifeboat which was already at sea for a training exercise. A member of the tanker's crew was airlifted from the vessel by RAF rescue helicopter and taken to James Cook University Hospital while the lifeboats stood by in case the crew had to abandon ship. The Mississippi Star's crew isolated the engine room and extinguished the fire, said Glenn Goodberry, Whitby RNLI Mechanic. Speaking from the lifeboat at 4pm, he added: 'By the time we reached her, the ship had drifted several miles but the fire was out. Scarborough lifeboat has returned to station but we are standing by the tanker at

the moment to ensure the crew are safe. We expect a tug will be called to take the tanker into the Tees where the damage can be assessed. The tanker, which was not carrying any cargo, had left the Tees this morning bound for Antwerp.

<http://www.whitbygazette.co.uk/news/local/whitby-tanker-towed-to-tees-after-fire-1-5757006>



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USA, FLA, MIAMI, JUNE 12 2013. TRUCK DRIVER'S LAWYER WANTS GAS STATION EXPLOSION CASE DISMISSED

stuart korfhage



The gas station explosion at Florida 16 and Masters Drive caused significant property damage. Truck driver David Cowles suffered third degree-burns.

There's not even a trial date yet, but the defense attorney for the fuel delivery truck driver in an August 2011 gas station explosion is arguing that the case is over. At a pretrial hearing Monday for David Hunt Cowles, Miami attorney Mycki Ratzan made it clear that she doesn't see why the case is even in criminal court. Both Cowles and gas station owner J.B. Coomes have civil suits filed against one another. Cowles is charged with misdemeanor culpable negligence, or exposing others to injury. He was the driver delivering fuel when an explosion took place on Aug. 19, 2011, at the gas station at 215 Florida 16 and Masters Drive. Cowles suffered third-degree burns in the accident. No other injuries were reported, but there was significant property damage. "I'll be asking your honor to dismiss this case," Ratzan said. Ratzan had a reason for her optimism. A ruling from Judge Howard Maltz in the civil case would appear to have a favorable impact on the defense. The ruling from Maltz is in regard to whether Cowles or Coomes' company, Coomes Oil & Supply Inc., can seek punitive damages in their respective lawsuits. Maltz writes in his ruling that gross negligence must be shown before one party is allowed to seek punitive damages. He writes that the state defines gross negligence as "conduct [that] was so reckless or wanting in care that it constituted a conscious disregard or indifference to the life, safety, or rights of persons exposed to such conduct." Maltz found that the conduct of neither party rose to such a level. As to Cowles' actions in particular, Maltz's ruling reads: "There is no reasonable basis to conclude that the conduct ascribed to Cowles rises above that of ordinary negligence, and thus, cannot support a claim for punitive damages." Ratzan

presented the ruling to Judge Charles Tinlin, who said only that he would review it. Her argument before him was that the standard of proof in a civil case is even lower than in a criminal case, and a judge has now ruled that Cowles' conduct does not even meet the lesser standard. Therefore, she said, there is no reason for the state to be allowed to attempt to find Cowles guilty when there has already been a ruling that says the evidence does not support it. "I'm at a loss for how you're filing a negligence case against the guy who got blown up," Ratzan said. Ratzan said the state has not made any offer in the second-degree misdemeanor case and was starting to build up ire when Tinlin slowed her down. "It's a two-way street," the judge said. Tinlin asked Assistant State Attorney William Underhill if there had been an offer. He said the defense had not sought one but that he would submit something by the end of the day. The state's charging information accuses Cowles of "standing in excess of 25 feet away from his tanker truck, the valves and emergency cut-offs while off-loading his fuel, and/or positioning himself with an obstructed view of the cargo tank and delivery hoses while off-loading the fuel, and/or by failing to remain alert while off-loading his fuel, all of which prevent David Hunt Cowles from being in position to engage the emergency cut-off valves when fuel overflowed before the explosion occurred." Another pretrial hearing has been set for Sept. 24.

<http://jacksonville.com/news/crime/2013-06-11/story/truck-drivers-lawyer-wants-gas-station-explosion-case-dismissed>

USA, WASHINGTON D.C, JUNE 12 2013. EPA SCHEDULES PEER REVIEW TO EVALUATE RISKS OF SOME TRICHLOROETHYLENE USES

pat rizzuto

The Environmental Protection Agency will peer review its [draft risk assessment](#) of trichloroethylene that determined car mechanics, other small-business workers, and hobbyists inhaling the solvent could be harmed by it, according to a notice published June 7 (78 Fed. Reg. 34,377). The peer review will be held in three meetings through the telephone and Internet on July 9, July 17, and Aug. 7. Parties interested in addressing the peer review panel must contact EPA by July 6. EPA's notice names 13 provisionally selected peer review panel members and the panel's chairwoman, Penny Fenner-Crisp, a private consultant who formerly worked at EPA, including serving as senior science adviser to the director of EPA's Office of Pesticide



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Programs. Individuals who think any of the experts provisionally selected to serve on the TCE peer review panel have conflicts of interest must advise EPA of their concerns by June 28. Trichloroethylene (TCE; CAS No. 79-01-6) is one of the first batch of five chemicals EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics evaluated in its first public risk assessment initiative. OPPT released the five draft risk assessments in January (37 CRR 5, 1/7/13).

Narrow Scope of Uses Evaluated

TCE is produced in or imported into the United States in volumes of more than 250 million pounds or more annually, EPA's draft risk assessment said. EPA's risk assessment focused on a small portion of the total volume because the majority of TCE, about 84 percent, is used in closed systems--thus limiting potential exposures--and transformed into other chemicals. "Much of the remaining roughly 15 percent is used as a solvent for metals degreasing, leaving a relatively small percentage to account for all other uses, including its use in consumer products," EPA's draft assessment said. The assessment focused on TCE's use as a degreaser in small businesses, such as car repair shops, and consumer uses in clear protective coating sprays for arts and crafts hobbyists. EPA's assessment included a scenario in which some people might be exposed to TCE because their work or lifestyle brought them near the small-business employee or a hobbyist using the degreaser or spray rather than because they used it.

Health Hazards

High concentrations of inhaled TCE--300 parts per million in air and higher--have depressed people's central nervous system and caused dizziness, lethargy, and other problems, even when the exposures were relatively short, meaning around two hours, EPA's draft assessment said. Based on animal as well as human studies, chronic exposures to TCE can harm the liver, kidneys, the immune system, and the male reproductive system. Chronic TCE exposures also can cause certain cancers, "primarily kidney and liver, but also non-Hodgkin's lymphoma," the draft assessment said. Based on the hazards and known or estimated exposure information, the draft assessment concluded EPA has potential concerns:

- for commercial degreasers and nearby individuals who inhale high concentrations of TCE for a short duration due to possible developmental toxicity and neurotoxicity effects;
- for commercial degreasers and nearby individuals inhaling TCE chronically who might experience harmful liver, kidney, and immune system effects or develop tumors;
- for hobbyists using TCE as a degreaser and nearby bystanders inhaling it who could experience developmental toxicity from short-term, high-concentration exposures; and
- for hobbyists inhaling TCE when using it in clear protective sprays who also might experience developmental harm from short-term, high-concentration exposures.
- EPA did not have concerns about bystanders who might inhale TCE sprayed by hobbyists working on an art or a craft project.

Broader Initiative

EPA's risk assessment of trichloroethylene is part of an initiative OPPT announced March 1, 2012, when it identified an initial group of seven chemicals it would begin to assess in 2012 as part of a broader effort to examine risks posed by 83 "Work Plan Chemicals" (36 CRR 269, 3/5/12; 36 CRR 388, 4/2/12). Individuals wishing to voice conflict-of-interest concerns about any of the provisional peer reviewers should contact EPA by June 28 by submitting their views and information to <http://www.regulations.gov> marked Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OPPT-2012-0723.

Individuals wishing to address the peer review panel or listen to its meetings must contact EPA contractor Susie Warner by July 6 at (301) 670-4990 or SWARNER@scgcorp.com. EPA's draft risk assessment of TCE is available at http://www.epa.gov/oppt/existingchemicals/pubs/TSCA_Workplan_Chemical_Risk_Assessment_of_TCE.pdf.

An advance copy of EPA's notice is available at <https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2013-13576.pdf>.

<http://www.bna.com/epa-schedules-peer-n17179874422/>

USA, LA, BATON ROUGE, JUNE 12 2013. SULFUR EMISSIONS FROM EXXON MOBIL LEAK CAUSE ENVIRONMENTALISTS CONCERN

michael patrick welch

A leak in one of Exxon Mobil's sulfur recovery units in Baton Rouge on May 22 resulted in the release of various chemicals harmful to human health, including benzene, sulfur dioxide, and hydrogen sulfide, claimed Exxon's report to the National Response Center. The Advocate reported that employees rerouted the gas leak into an incinerator, but the incinerator lacked



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the capacity to recapture the sulfur dioxide, leading to a temporary increase in sulfur dioxide releases. "Expedited repair work on the Exxon Baton Rouge Refinery's environmental control equipment is complete, and the environmental control equipment (TCGU) is back in service," stated Jennifer Hughes, Exxon Mobil Public and Government Affairs in an email last week to The Louisiana Weekly. The refinery was issued a temporary permit for increased sulfur emissions during repairs. "Through?out the repair period the refinery operated within its interim daily permit limit for SO₂." Exxon Mobil officials said the repair work did not at all affect the facility's ability to fulfill supply contracts to customers. However, the accident may cost the surrounding community quite a bit. Though air monitoring at 14 sites around the facility began last Wednesday evening by the DEQ and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the refinery has yet to provide a complete report on the accident. The Louisiana Bucket Brigade's Accident Response Team (ART), however, has been keeping up with the leak's effect on the nearby Standard Heights neighborhood, and in a door-to-door survey conducted May 30, 74 percent of 92 residents surveyed (all African-American) reported a health impact, from nausea and headaches to eye irritation and respiratory problems. The Bucket Brigade has posted its findings online, along with its iWitness Pollution Map, where local residents continue to report what they believe to be leak-related ailments (<http://map.labucketbrigade.org/reports>). The Louisiana Bucket Brigade is an environmental health and justice organization helping to promote informed, sustainable communities, free from industrial pollution. The Bucket Brigade's ART is a group of trained workers who knock on doors in neighborhoods during and after oil industry accidents to document the impacts of chemical emergencies. Hughes doubts the group's finding: "[Exxon Mobil] regularly advertise a neighbor hotline that folks call with concerns or questions about our operations. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality also has a similar community call line," she says, adding, "No one from the community called either line during the incident. In fact, the EPA, the LDEQ and Exxon Mobil all separately conducted monitoring in the community during the incident to ensure air quality. You can view monitoring results on the LDEQ's website (<http://deq.louisiana.gov/>)." Still, there's no denying that Exxon Mobil's Baton Rouge refinery is one of the largest and most troubled in the nation, with supposedly the highest accident rate in Louisiana – no small feat in the 107-mile stretch of 156 industrial refineries between Baton Rouge and New Orleans referred to often as "Cancer Alley." According to the Bucket Brigade, between September 2010 and September 2011, more than 3,700 oil industry accidents occurred in the Gulf of Mexico. The Baton Rouge plant has reported several benzene leaks just in the last year, including one in June of 2012 that resulted in the release of 31,000 pounds of benzene in Baton Rouge. That's just what's reported: According to an EPA report procured by the Bucket Brigade in February 2013, Exxon Mobil's Baton Rouge Refinery failed to inspect hundreds of corroded pipes and report several incidents in the last five years. The Examiner has gone so far as to publicly accuse Exxon Mobil of direct human rights violations.

<http://www.louisianaweekly.com/sulfur-emissions-from-exxon-mobil-leak-cause-environmentalists-concern/>

USA, S.C, HILTON HEAD ISLAND, JUNE 12 2013. BOAT FILLED WITH GAS CAUSES NO SPILLS ON HILTON HEAD

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Gasoline is drained from the bowel of a boat after its owner accidentally put the fuel dispenser into a fishing-rod holder instead of the fuel tank on Monday afternoon at Broad Creek Marina.

The owner of a boat docked at Broad Creek Marina mistakenly pumped 77 gallons of gasoline into the hull instead of the fuel tank Monday, triggering an hours-long response that successfully kept the boat from leaking or catching fire. The owner of the 19-foot Sea Pro thought he was putting fuel into the tank shortly after noon. But he was pumping it into a fishing-rod holder, said Town of Hilton Head Island Fire & Rescue Division spokeswoman Joheida Fister. Personnel from Fire & Rescue, the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Coast Guard and the S.C. Department of Natural Resources arrived before 12:50 p.m., while the marina's general manager, Nate Jones, cleared the area around the boat. Jones said the rod holder "looks a whole lot like the fuel hole."

"It's an easy mistake to make if you're not paying attention," he said. When the owner realized gas had filled the boat's bottom, he turned off the batteries, which are in the hull, Fister said. But fire officials remained concerned the batteries could ignite the fuel, so they called a towing company to pull the boat out into the water away from the dock, Fister said. The Coast Guard



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directed water traffic away from the boat until it could be relocated at about 3 p.m. to an area of the marina made of concrete. A forklift hoisted the boat, while Fire & Rescue emptied the gasoline into barrels through a drain, setting up containers to prevent spills, Fister said. The operation ended at about 4 p.m., with no fuel spilled, Fister said. Coast Guard Sector Charleston said it will send investigators Tuesday to confirm that no gas entered the water. Fister said fire officials had hoses aimed at the boat throughout the operation. Jones said marina employees will clean the boat, and he is thankful the responders kept everybody safe and prevented a spill.

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/06/10/2536606/boat-filled-with-gas-causes-no.html>

USA, MO, HERCULANEUM, JUNE 12 2013. ACID SPILL AT DOE RUN PLANT INJURES THREE WORKERS

 **Watch the Video** [3 Injured in Acid Spill at Smelting Plant](#)

 **Photo's [10]** [3 Injured in Acid Spill at Smelting Plant](#)



Three workers were injured in an acid spill Tuesday morning at the Doe Run Co., Fire Capt. Kevin Baker of the Herculaneum Fire Department said. The most seriously injured worker, a man, was taken by medical helicopter to the burn unit at Mercy Hospital St. Louis in Creve Coeur. Two other workers were treated and released, a Doe Run spokesperson said. The Fire Department got a call at 6:41 a.m. for an accidental injury at the smelting plant, at 881 Main Street, Baker said. When firefighters arrived, workers at the plant were spraying off their injured co-workers with water, Baker said. The accident was described by Doe Run as a small sulfuric acid leak in an acid storage line, according to a statement by Gary Hughes, general manager of Doe Run's Herculaneum smelting division. "It appears that during the course of the inspection, an employee may have accidentally come into contact with the line and the connection broke apart," Hughes said in a statement. The worker taken to the

nearby hospital and the worker taken to the urgent care center have both been treated and released, according to an updated statement released by the company just before noon Tuesday. "Our thoughts and prayers are with them for a full recovery," Hughes said. "We are grateful for the help of our emergency responders. In the meantime, the damaged line has been isolated, and there is no further risk to other employees or the environment."

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/acid-spill-at-doe-run-plant-burns-three-workers/article_6e84324a-5b32-573e-baf6-235a8fc15697.html

CANADA, ONT, TORONTO, JUNE 12 2013. BIG OIL'S GRIP ON CANADA'S GAS STATIONS DIMINISHING

Jennifer Kwan

When you drive by a gas station today, chances are big oil is not running it or setting the price at the pump. Despite what you might think, gas prices at the majority of Canada's 12,285 gas stations are not directly controlled by energy giants such as [Shell](#), [Suncor](#) and [Imperial Oil](#). Just over three quarters of the country's gas stations are run by independents, known in industry jargon as "non-refiner marketers." A recent analysis by MJ Ervin & Associates shows the traditional "well-head to gas tank" vertical integration business model for the dominant oil and gas companies has broken down over the past two decades, thanks in part to the rise of [big-box retailers](#) who have contributed to the decline in conventional gas stations. And with diminished control of Canadian gas stations, the survey suggests the dynamics at the pump could get better for consumers as big-box branded gas stations such as [Costco](#) or [Loblaw](#) offer more competitive prices. "More choice is going to translate into better prices for consumers. I use the word better as opposed to lower because you can't predict what's going to happen to crude prices," says Michael Ervin, principal of MJ Ervin & Associates. "But the benefit to the consumer is that the retail portion is not going to grow. If anything, it's probably going to shrink." The average price a consumer pays at the pump across Canada right now is roughly \$1.30 per litre. About half of that price is determined by the price of crude; 15 per cent by the refiner mark up; 5 per cent is the retail marketers mark up; and roughly 31 per cent is taxes, says Ervin. At the retail level, it is unlikely companies will price themselves out of the game. The total number of retail gasoline stations in Canada stood at 12,285 as of Dec. 31, representing a downward trend since the late 1980s when more than 20,000 existed, the survey shows. Only 14 per cent of Canada's gas stations come under the direct price control of the three major oil companies including [Shell](#), [Suncor](#) and [Esso](#), the survey shows, also noting 36 per cent of big brands can appear on the signage of gas stations even though some



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are run by players such as Pioneer Energy and Parkland Fuel. Independents represent some 77 per cent of retail gas stations. The big-box branded gas stations are known for their cheap prices, and many come with perks such as a nearby grocery store where consumers can conveniently shop before or after filling up their tanks. But buying from the lowest-price branded stations isn't always a good thing, particularly in places like Toronto where little competition has historically resulted in prices moving higher in lockstep, says Dan McTeague, a former Liberal MP and founder of web site tomorrowsgaspricetoday.com. "The lowest price isn't a reflection of competition, it's actually predatory pricing aimed at undermining hard-working, independent-owned gas stations who, through sweat equity, were keeping the big integrated oil companies on their toes," he wrote on Monday. If the dynamic is such that more independent players are squeezed out, leaving a handful of dominant gas retailers, that could in the long-term translate into some higher prices at the pump as there is no incentive to keep prices low, says McTeague. Big Box, grocery and convenience stores serve as willing participants in the price squeeze at the retail level, "safe in the fact that they recover their below-cost gas sales by charging you inflated prices at the grocery/convenience checkout," says McTeague, adding "there's no such thing as a free lunch."

<http://ca.finance.yahoo.com/blogs/insight/big-oil-grip-canada-gas-stations-diminishing-183647230.html>

ENGLAND, NORFOLK, THETFORD, JUNE 12 2013. THIEVES SPILL DIESEL AFTER BUNGLED HEIST IN THETFORD

andrew fitchett



Coach Services had 15,000 litres of diesel stolen on Sunday night. It caused a diesel spill and emergency services had to be called to. Pictured: Robert Crawford, transport manager

Three fire crews had to clean up the mess left by a pair of thieves after they bungled the theft of 15,000 litres of diesel from a coach provider. Two crews from Thetford and an Environment Protection Unit from Sprowston had to clean up 500 litres of spilled fuel in Howlett Way, Thetford after the theft early on Monday morning. The spillage came after two men jumped the fence of Coach Services, who supply the majority of the town's bus services. The pair targeted the firm's diesel storage tank, before drilling through its two-ply walls and

siphoning out 15,000 litres of fuel with an electric pump. The burglars used two vehicles in the heist, with one being abandoned after they were forced into a hasty getaway by security guards. Robert Crawford, Coach Services transport manager, said it was the third time the firm had been hit in the last seven years, with the last incident 18 months ago. "The first time it happened, the tank was by the front gate so we moved it and improved our CCTV. "The tank is two ply so they must have had some pretty impressive machinery," he said. Mr Crawford said the theft had not affected services, but would mean the company's vehicles would have to pay commercial rates to fill up. The amount stolen would cost more than £20,000 at a commercial pump. "It makes it difficult for us because it costs more to fill up outside the depot, and there's also the inconvenience. We use thousands of litres a week," he said. Mr Crawford added that he hoped to get the fuel back with the help of the police. The clean up operation took around 45 minutes, with crews called at 1.45am. The brigade used granules to absorb the spillage and drain dams to prevent diesel entering the drainage system. Police are now looking for witnesses to the incident. Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact Sgt Kelly Ashby at Thetford Police on 101.

<http://www.buryfreepress.co.uk/news/latest-news/thieves-spill-diesel-after-bungled-heist-in-thetford-1-5183337>

USA, MO, ST. LOUIS. JUNE 12 2013 OIL INDUSTRY FIGHTING NEW ETHANOL SOURCES

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Lobbyists told ethanol producers at the Fuel Ethanol Workshop in St. Louis Tuesday that their industry is at war with the petroleum industry, which doesn't want to give up market share, especially as cellulosic ethanol is on the verge of commercial scale production. "We're on the cusp of commercialization and new technologies and feedstocks, and they can't let that happen," said Bob Dinneen, president and CEO of the Renewable Fuels Association. If the ethanol industry is allowed to expand, "now they're losing a third of a barrel, and they can't let that happen," he said, referring to the amount of market share the oil industry could lose. Tom Buis, CEO of another trade group, Growth Energy, agreed that the oil industry's concern is the main reason ethanol is under attack in Congress, the media, and elsewhere. The lobbyists said the oil industry aims to repeal the Renewable Fuel Standard, which mandates blending of ethanol with gasoline. "It's over market share," Buis said. "We're going to win this fight. It's not going to be easy. Oil has got a lot of money, and their interests have a lot of money." Buis,



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Dineen, and Brian Jennings, executive vice president of the American Coalition for Ethanol, urged ethanol producers and anyone connected with ethanol -- farmers, bankers, and others -- to contact members of Congress to urge continued support for the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). "The oil companies seem to forget that the RFS wasn't enacted to make their life comfortable," said Jennings. "It's working, and that's why they're coming after us." The ethanol industry's capacity to make ethanol from corn and other grains is nearing the RFS mandate of 15 billion gallons. But the 2007 energy law's mandate ultimately aims to have the nation use 36 billion gallons of biofuels by the year 2022. Part of that will come from ethanol made from cellulose, an abundant plant material found in corn stover, grasses, and plant and wood wastes. Representatives of the first commercial makers of cellulosic ethanol shared their companies' plans for production. Abengoa Bioenergy, part of a Spanish construction and biofuels company, is completing construction of a 25 million-gallon commercial cellulosic ethanol plant near Hugoton, Kansas, said Chris Standlee, the fuel-maker's executive vice president. "It is scheduled to come online at the end of this year, 2013," Standlee said. The plant is able to make fuel from wheat straw, corn stover, prairie grasses, and grain sorghum, he said. "We've been able to contract for our needs by taking less than 20% of feedstock in a 50-mile area." Dupont is starting construction of a 30 million-gallon cellulosic ethanol plant near Nevada, Iowa, said Steve Mirshak, global business director for cellulosic ethanol. "We have completed all of the site preparation. We begin pouring the foundation next week. This project will go up very fast," Mirshak said. DuPont will collect stover from 190,000 acres of land in a 30-mile radius, he said. "This will be the world's largest cellulosic ethanol plant."

http://www.agriculture.com/news/business/oil-industry-fighting-new-ethol-sources_5-ar31928

USA, MA, NORTHBOROUGH, JUNE 12 2013. SELECTMEN ACCUSE NATIONAL GRID OF STORING FUEL 'ILLEGALLY'

National Grid has been storing 12,000 gallons of diesel fuel in the town without permits for almost a year, according to Northborough Fire Chief David Durgin. During the selectmen's meeting June 10, Durgin expressed his dismay with National Grid's lack of diligence in obtaining proper permits for four above ground fuel tanks located at the company's 55 Bearfoot Rd. location. "I'm somewhat disappointed that we haven't moved any of this process along as far as permitting what has already been installed," Durgin said to the board. "This is basically an installation that was never approved, never inspected, and none of the paperwork went through the fire department." According to Durgin, National Grid had previously held two 1,500 gallon tanks prior to 2008, both of which were permitted by the fire department. After major remodeling during that year however, the company has added two additional tanks, one of 6,000 gallons in 2008 and another of 3,000 gallons in 2012. Neither of these new tanks have been inspected or permitted. The latest fuel tank addition also places National Grid over 10,000 gallons of fuel in storage, (12,000 total) which exceeds Massachusetts Fire Prevention Regulations and must be approved by the Board of Selectmen. Durgin said that National Grid officially applied for permits for the new tanks in July of 2012, after both tanks had already been installed. "We're here today and we still don't have any information on the tanks, containment, cut sheets, anything like that," he said. "There's no standing for these tanks to be there or for them to have any product in them right now." According to Kris Thebado, the facilities supervisor at 55 Bearfoot Road, the diesel fuel tanks are used specifically for running the facility's emergency generators during power outages. Selectman Jeff Amberson sought accountability in a line of questioning aimed at Thebado and National Grid Environmental Engineer Joanne Lupa. "I'd like to hear the post mortem on it," Amberson said. "I haven't heard anything here tonight that says you guys know what you did wrong or what you're going to do to remedy the situation in the future." Thebado had no comment as to why the fuel tanks were installed before obtaining permits. Lupa said she was unable to respond given her recent arrival to the Northborough location. It was unclear as to why the fuel tanks had been allowed to be installed and utilized for so long without proper permits. Durgin said that despite the shortcomings, he recommended favorable action by the board to grant National Grid the fuel tank license. "I believe them to be fire safe, I believe them to be environmentally safe," he said. Amberson said he would vote for approval of the license 'reluctantly.' "It sounds like the town is in a tenuous position because as of right now, this whole board has been officially notified that there is 12,000 gallons of fuel that is basically there illegally," Amberson said. "If something happens there tomorrow, where's the liability? It sits with this board, I think at that stage." Selectman Chair Leslie Rutan echoed Amberson's concerns. "Things that have to do with public safety, I'm not interested in having fall through the cracks," she said. "I would like more than a progress report; I would like some more information about what happened and how your company will ensure this won't happen again." The board unanimously approved National Grid's application for a license to exceed 10,000 gallons of fuel storage. Each fuel tank must now pass inspection and receive a permit from the fire department.

<http://www.communityadvocate.com/2013/06/11/selectmen-accuse-national-grid-of-storing-fuel-illegally/>



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USA, TN, DYERSBURG, JUNE 13 2013. TANKER TRUCK OVERTURNS SPILLING OVER 1,000 GALLONS OF ETHANOL



A tanker truck lies on its side after overturning on the ramp from I-155 onto Highway 412 on Tuesday morning. The tanker was carrying approximately 7,500 gallons of ethanol, with approximately 1,500 gallons having leaked out. Two certified haz-mat crews from Nashville and Memphis will perform a cleanup of the site.

A tanker truck hauling ethanol overturned on a ramp at the Highway 412 /I-155 interchange on Tuesday morning in Dyersburg, causing traffic to be diverted for much of the day. Around 8:40 a.m., the driver of a tanker truck, hauling approximately 7,500 gallons of ethanol, took the ramp from I-155 onto Highway

412. While making the turn, the truck did two rollovers and came to rest in a ditch below the ramp. Dyersburg Fire Chief Bob Veal said the tanker was reportedly coming from an ethanol plant in Obion County. Ethanol is an alcohol-based fuel made by fermenting and distilling starch crops, such as corn. The Dyersburg Fire Dept.'s haz-mat crew and other emergency officials were dispatched to the scene immediately after the wreck. Veal said the driver of the truck was transported to Dyersburg Regional Medical Center with minor injuries. As Dyersburg Police blocked off traffic, Veal stated the haz-mat crew quickly identified the liquid cargo as ethanol and stabilized the scene. The crew then performed dyking measures to contain the leaking ethanol. Veal estimates that approximately 1,500 gallons of ethanol leaked from the tanker. Two certified haz-mat cleanup teams from Nashville and Memphis were notified and are in the initial stages of performing a cleanup of the spill. Veal said the truck and tanker would probably be uprighted on Tuesday evening and the scene would be secured until cleanup crews can begin their cleanup procedures on Wednesday. He noted the spill is not hazardous to the community. Veal added the driver of the truck was released from DRMC on Tuesday. Dyersburg Police are investigating the crash. They could not release any information on the wreck on Tuesday. Veal stated the cleanup of the site could take two to three days.

<http://www.stategazette.com/story/1977255.html>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, JUNE 13 2013. SAFETY ALERT OVER INTEGRITY OF GAS CYLINDER PIGTAILS

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Bromic has issued a safety alert over its stainless steel flexible pigtails, used commonly by cylinder refillers and gas fitters. According to the safety alert, LPG cylinders fitted with Bromic's stainless steel flexible pigtails can under extreme conditions, malfunction, with the end fitting connected to the regulator or cylinder valve separating from the hose assembly. The safety alert covers Bromic stainless steel flexible pigtails under approval

number AGA 66223 manufactured between January 2011 and December 2012, with the information confirmed on a red label on the product. All people refilling LPG cylinders should watch out for the integrity of the affected Bromic flexible stainless steel pigtails. If they are seen to exhibit any sign of potential separation, or there are other concerns, they should be replaced. If equivalent copper pigtails are present during inspection, changeover should be immediately completed. If not, contact should be made to Bromic for supply of equivalent copper or alternate flexible pigtail replacements.

[http://www.esv.vic.gov.au/Portals/0/Alerts-and-](http://www.esv.vic.gov.au/Portals/0/Alerts-and-Recalls/Bromic%20Stainless%20Steel%20Flexible%20Pigtail%202013%20May.pdf)

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SOMALIA, SOMALI BASIN, JUNE 13 2013. AUSTRALIAN MISSILE FRIGATE RESCUES 3 FILIPINO SAILORS INJURED IN TANKER FIRE

An Australian frigate rescued three Filipino sailors who were wounded during a fire on their oil tanker in the Somali Basin, according to a report by the Herald Sun on Tuesday. It said the sailors were injured from the machinery fire on the Liberian-registered merchant tanker Perla last week. The guided-missile frigate Newcastle of the Royal Australian Navy was called in to help the sailors. The report quoted Newcastle Commander Paul O'Grady as saying that the fire had left the oil tanker powerless, adrift and vulnerable to pirate attack. The Newcastle was in the area conducting maritime security operations in the region as part of collaboration between the French and Spanish navies. "After steaming 100 nautical miles at best speed to



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reach the Perla, the sea state prevented us from rendering immediate assistance," O'Grady said. "Being in a known pirate area, we took up a security position for Perla." The report said while the frigate kept guard until conditions improved, Filipino-born Able Seaman John Baguio, a member of the ship's medical team, reassured the injured sailors over radio. "I was humbled that I could help merchant seamen from my old country, as a member of my new country's Navy," Baguio said. "Before leaving the Philippines, I had trained to be a merchant seaman myself, so this whole situation was surreal," the Australian newspaper quoted him as saying. It said Navy medics were able to winch aboard the Perla and recover two men with second and third degree burns to their face, head, shoulders and hands. They also treated a third man who had a second degree burn to his arm. The pair is now recovering in a Seychelles hospital after being transferred to Spanish Naval Ship SPS Numancia following a night aboard the Newcastle. The report did not identify the sailors. Philippine officials were not immediately available to comment on the report.

http://www.mindanaoexaminer.com/news.php?news_id=20130611051106

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, BALLANDEAN, JUNE 13 2013. 4 QUEENSLAND MEN DRANK BIODIESEL INGREDIENT: FRIEND

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Left to right: Joel Lynam and Bryan Wilmot died earlier this week, Joshua Lynam remains in hospital and Vincent Summers has also died.

Three young Queensland men who died of suspected methanol poisoning drank a batch of alcohol that was meant to be used in biodiesel, not for human consumption, a neighbour says. Joel Lynam and Vincent Summers, both 21, and 30-year-old Bryan Wilmot all died. Media reports say they drank a dodgy batch of home-brewed Italian spirit grappa at Mr Lynam's parent's Ballandean property. But neighbour and winemaker Angelo Puglisi says the reports are wrong and the alcohol had been brewed by Joel Lynam's father for use in biofuel, not for human consumption. "This 'grappa' that everyone is talking about was

being produced to make diesel and somehow these young fellas got hold of it," he told AAP. "They just made a mistake and whole thing's been blown out of proportion." The doctor treating sole survivor Josh Lynam, 26, who is in a serious but stable condition, said he may escape with minor eye damage. Clinical pharmacologist Dr Pillans said injuries for victims of methanol poisoning included blindness, nerve and brain damage and Parkinson's disease-like symptoms. He explained that methanol poisoning was treated by dialysis or by giving a patient hospital-grade alcohol, because it blocked the enzyme that is converting the methanol into formic acid. Alcohol was usually administered through a drip, but Dr Pillans said the hospital ran out so they had to feed Mr Lynam vodka through a nasal-gastric tube. Dr Pillans said Mr Lynam's chances were looking good. "He may have some injury to his eyes, but otherwise I'm aware he's cognitively good," he told reporters. "I would say he's very lucky." Health Minister Lawrence Springborg said a police investigation was underway and it was too early to speculate on how the four men were poisoned. "Our thoughts go out to the families of these young men and of course, the community," he told AAP.

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-national/qld-men-drank-biodiesel-ingredient-friend-20130612-2o2vj.html>

AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, PERTH, JUNE 13 2013. MASSIVE FUEL SPILL SPARKS EXPLOSION RISK

Map: [North Perth 6006](#)

Firefighters say there was the potential of an explosion from a massive fuel spill at a service station in North Perth. More than 750 litres of fuel spewed across the driveway of the BP service Station at the intersection of Charles Street and Scarborough Beach Road road last night. A motorist accidentally drove off with the bowser hose still in the tank and it took some time to shut down the pump. Firefighters stood by as BP work crews doused the fuel with foam. They say the fuel was guided into specially installed drains.

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<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-06-13/fuel-spill-in-north-perth/4751348?section=wa>



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