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#### TAIWAN TAIPEI, JUNE 1 2013. 100 GAS STATIONS CLOSE ON LOW DEMAND OVER PAST YEAR

Around 100 privately operated gas stations have shut down over the past year due to increasing difficulty in maintaining profitability resulting from weaker demand, according to market sources. There were a total of 2,534 gas stations around the island as of the end of April, selling fuel products supplied by the two major oil refiners — state-run CPC Corp., Taiwan and the privately owned Formosa Petrochemical Corp. The figure was down from 2,619 recorded a year earlier. Of the total, 2,009 stations are associated with CPC; 645 stations are directly operated by the state-run oil company while 1,364 are franchises. The remaining 525 stations are associated with FPC, including 133 stations directly run by the firm. Market insiders said that a major CPC franchiser used to operate more than 100 gas stations around the island, but the figure had fallen sharply to 31 as of the end of April, as it could not cover the sums needed every day to purchase fuel from CPC. CPC has asked franchised stations that do not offer guarantee funds to pay cash for their fuel purchases. As a result, some franchise operators in poor financial situations have been forced to shut down or suspend some of their gas stations over the past year. In addition, when renewing contracts with franchisees, CPC has also changed a discount offered to them. It is now NT\$0.3-NT\$0.4 per liter of fuel purchased, instead of the previous 2-percent discount on the total purchased amount, shrinking profits further. This, coupled with poor domestic sales of cars caused by the availability of the high-speed rail and mass rapid transit systems, has resulted in a significant decrease in fuel consumption. Annual local car sales have declined to only 360,000 from a peak of 514,000 units, according to CPC. The state-run refiner started to contract private firms to operate franchised gas stations in 1987. The following 10 years has since been dubbed the “golden decade” for private gas stations. During that time, operating a gas station could bring in daily revenue of over NT\$1 million. After Formosa Petrochemical Corp. joined the oil supply market in 2000, competition heated up among local gas stations, which launched wave after wave of price discount and giveaway campaigns — some even offered free car-washing services.

<http://www.chinapost.com.tw/taiwan/national/national-news/2013/05/31/380009/100-gas.htm>

#### INDIA, ASSAM, GOLAGHAT, NUMALIGARH, JUNE 1 2013. FIRE AT NUMALIGARH REFINERY

ritupallab saikia



Numaligarh Refinery, situated at a distance of 250 KM from Guwahati and 25 KM from Golaghat, was engulfed in a devastating fire broke out at the Crude Distillation Unit (CDU) and Vacuum Distillation Unit (VDU) of the refinery in the wee hours of morning on Friday.

“The fire was started at around 5.24 am and in a joint effort by the fire tenders of NRL, Bokakhat, Dergaon and Golaghat were able to put off the fire at 9.40 am.” Kajol Saikia of Numaligarh Refinery Ltd. (NRL) told Assam Times. The CDU and VDU are considered to be the mother unit of the refinery as the CDU distills the incoming crude oil into various fractions, each of which are then processed further in the other refinery processing units and that's why production has been stopped for the time being as a precautionary method, he said. He further added that till now the assessment is going on about the loss sustained by the refinery and a high level enquiry committee will be formed to investigate the actual

cause of fire. He also rules out any possibility of sabotage. It is to be noted that on April 7, 2012 a powerful blast was occurred at the hydro-cracker unit of the refinery for which the United Liberation Front of Assam has claimed responsibility. Numaligarh Refinery Ltd. which has a capacity of 3 million metric ton per annum is the result of the Assam Accord and was inaugurated by then prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on July 9, 1999 and it commenced its commercial production in October, 2000

<http://www.assamtimes.org/node/8427>

#### USA, PA, CHESTER CO, WEST GOSHEN TWP, JUNE 1 2013. GASOLINE TANKER FIRE ON RT. 100

lauren disanto

A gasoline tanker fire shut down a major road in West Goshen Township, Chester County tonight. Route 100 Southbound is closed between Pottstown Pike and US 202, according to PennDOT. Chester County Dispatch tells NBC10 that the fire started in one of the tanker's tires and quickly spread to the tanker. The driver got out before the fire started, authorities say. Skyforce10 shows fire crews on the scene spraying the truck with water. It appears the fire is now under control.

<http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Gasoline-Tanker-on-Fire-209607311.html>



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### USA, N.J., BRANCBURG, JUNE 1 2013. MULTIPLE INJURIES REPORTED AT BRANCBURG GAS PIPELINE FACILITY FLASH FIRE

*walter o'brien*

A flash fire at a natural gas pipeline compression facility sent two construction workers to local hospitals and caused minor injuries to about 13 persons, authorities said. "At about 7 p.m. (Thursday) we had a flash fire at a construction project at our natural gas compression station," Chris Stockton, a spokesman for the Williams Corporation, operator of the Transco Pipeline. "Two individuals were taken to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, there was no damage to the station, and it occurred on a non-active piece of pipeline." Stockton said that Williams investigators are on their way to the facility at 623 Case Road to determine the cause of the accident. Mayor Jim Leonard of [Branchburg](#) said it was a minor explosion, with 13 minor injuries, and the three fire crews and EMS were off scene by about 8:30 p.m. "We've been in touch with (Williams) and the Board of Public Utilities, who has put us in touch with the federal agency in charge about what steps can be taken to prevent something like this in the future," Leonard said. "(Williams) said they are having an internal discussion about this now and will call me back." Leonard said he's hoping the company will tell him what exactly exploded. He said Williams had been involved in some testing over the last few days but he was not sure if those test were related to this incident. Leonard said he will be speaking Thursday with the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. Chief Matt Hoffman of the Branchburg Rescue Squad confirmed an "active incident" at about 8:14 p.m. but at the time he had no details or cause. He said the squad was on scene evaluating about 13 patients with minor injuries.

[http://www.nj.com/somerset/index.ssf/2013/05/multiple\\_injuries\\_reported\\_at.html](http://www.nj.com/somerset/index.ssf/2013/05/multiple_injuries_reported_at.html)

### USA, WA, PUYALLUP, JUNE 1 2013. 1 KILLED AS SPEEDING PICKUP REAR-ENDS TANKER TRUCK ON HWY. 512

 **Photo's [10]** [1 killed as speeding pickup rear-ends tanker](#)



A pickup slammed into the rear of a tanker truck on Highway 512 late Thursday, killing the pickup driver, the Washington State Patrol reported. Alcohol and high speed were believed to be factors in the crash. State troopers responded to the scene, on Highway 512 at 94th Avenue East, at about 10:45 p.m. Thursday after receiving a report of a serious crash. The pickup driver, identified as David B. Rogers, 46, of Puyallup, was found dead in the back seat of his vehicle, which wound up in the highway median after the crash. A preliminary investigation found that a westbound 2012 Peterbilt semi was hauling a tanker trailer with a full load of gasoline uphill at about 30 to 35 mph when a 2011 Ford F150 pickup headed the same direction slammed into the rear of the tanker trailer at high speed. The pickup swerved to the left after the impact and came to a rest in the highway median. There were no spills or leaks from the tanker truck. The accident remains under investigation.

<http://www.komonews.com/news/local/1-killed-as-speeding-pickup-rear-ends-tanker-truck-on-Hwy-512-209652061.html>

### USA, UT, SALT LAKE CITY, JUNE 1 2013. TESORO TO PAY \$1.1 MILLION FOR VIOLATION OF CLEAN-AIR RULES

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EPA » The settlement for breaking clean-air rules in Utah, 3 other states is largest penalty of its type. In what the Environmental Protection Agency describes as the largest penalty of its type in the 40-year history of the nation's clean fuels program, Tesoro Corp. has agreed to pay \$1.1 million to settle claims it violated the federal Clean Air Act by failing to properly monitor the production of gasoline at refineries in Utah and three other states. Tesoro's Salt Lake City refinery and similar facilities in Mandan, N.D.; Anacortes, Wash.; and Kenai, Alaska; failed to keep adequate gasoline production records and didn't document whether the fuel was sampled and tested to ensure it met federal standards before it was sold to the public, according to a 2010 federal court complaint the EPA filed in Washington, D.C. All gasoline produced, imported or sold in the U.S. must meet EPA standards that if violated could lead to an increase in emissions of harmful pollutants, such as volatile organic compounds and cancer-causing air toxins. "EPA's fuel regulations are vital safeguards that protect our nation's air quality," Cynthia Giles, spokeswoman for the agency's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, said in announcing the penalty. Tesoro spokeswoman Tina Barbee said Thursday in an email that the EPA's allegations primarily related to the testing of gasoline batches and reporting of gasoline quality to the government between 2003 and 2006. "Tesoro takes its environmental compliance obligations very seriously and worked diligently with the EPA and the Justice Department to resolve



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the issues raised in this matter," she said. In addition to the fine, the settlement the EPA reached with Tesoro requires the company to adopt a compliance and auditing plan to ensure no future violations of EPA regulations. Brian Moench, president of Utah Physicians for a Health Environment, believes Tesoro's alleged violations were more egregious than a simple failure to file the right pieces of paper with the government. "Failing to keep the proper records may not seem like a serious violations, but ... without those records there is no way for the EPA or independent observers to act in a watchdog role and ensure that nothing improper is going on in the [gasoline] production process," he said. Moench doubts the \$1.1 million fine will have much impact.

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/money/56388059-79/tesoro-epa-gasoline-1.1.csp>

### PAKISTAN, RAWALPINDI, JUNE 1 2013. ILLEGAL PETROL AGENCIES THRIVE IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Illegal agencies of petrol and diesel have been operating in some areas, which may result in any untoward incident, media reports say. According to reports, such agencies are operating in different areas of cantt and city including Said Pur road, Asghar Mal road, Pir Wadhai, Bakra Mandi, Ghousia Chok, Tahlil Mohri, Chakri road, Dhok Sayedaan where petrol and diesel is being sold openly in shops. These illegal agencies could cause a big incident at any time in area, while citizens have pleaded to District Coordinating Officer (DCO) Rawalpindi to take action against them. DCO Rawalpindi directed the city police officer (CPO) Rawalpindi and Department of Civil defence to seal all such petrol agencies and register F.I.Rs against their owners. However, his orders seemed to be disregarded as the illegal business was still going on. Residents of the area have appealed to concerned authorities to take action against these agencies owners to protect lives of citizens from any unpleasant incident

[http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013%5C06%5C01%5Cstory\\_1-6-2013\\_pg11\\_2](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013%5C06%5C01%5Cstory_1-6-2013_pg11_2)

### USA, MA, ARLINGTON, JUNE 1 2013. DIESEL FUEL SPILLS INTO MYSTIC RIVER AFTER TANKER ACCIDENT

*samantha tatro*

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A 10,000-gallon tanker truck that overturned along the Mystic River in Arlington was "full or nearly full" when it dumped its load of pink-colored diesel fuel into the critical waterway, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection spokesman Joe Ferson said this evening. "We have a significant amount (spilled). The truck was carrying up to 10,000 gallons, and we have an empty truck," he said. Emergency response teams had surrounded the spill with booms in the river water by 7:30 p.m. between River Street and Medford Street after the 4:15 p.m. truck crash, police and environmental officials said. The truck overturned at the intersection of Mystic Valley Parkway and Medford Street in Arlington, said Arlington Police Dispatch Officer Scott Silver. The cleanup is likely to continue throughout the weekend, Ferson said, as crews collect and remove the fuel oil from the water. Response team members are also checking nearby homes and business buildings for fumes from the spill that could be harmful to people and they are cleaning up roadways where the accident occurred. "They're collecting it from the river and tracking it back from the point

where they find the oil," Ferson said. They'll be diverting it from that part of the river and essentially vacuuming it and skimming it so they can collect it." The fuel is pink colored because it is intended to be used only for home heating or off-road vehicles. The color is added to indicate it has not been taxed for vehicles using it on public roads. The pink dye gave the contaminated river a rosy hue, Ferson said. "It was fortunate that it was not raining or windy so it was churned up in the river," he said.



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Patrick Herron, the Water Quality Monitoring Director for the Mystic River Watershed Association, said the smell of fuel at the scene and even several blocks away was overwhelming. "The odor in the air is much like as if you had oil delivered to your house," Herron said. "Even a quarter of a mile, half a mile, downstream." Though it was too early to tell, Herron said, the toxicity of the oil could have a negative long and short-term impact on the river. "People really should recognize that river is a real asset to these communities," he said. The only reported injury, Silver said, was the driver, who was ejected from the truck cab. He was taken by ambulance to Beth Israel Hospital. State police said his injuries were serious. Surrounding streets were closed causing afternoon traffic tieups.

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### USA, ARK, MAYFLOWER, JUNE 1 2013. MAYFLOWER OIL SPILL: EXXON DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW PEOPLE ARE GETTING VERY, VERY SICK

carly pildis

 **Slideshow [4]** [Before-&-after Photos of ExxonMobil Mayflower Oil Spill](#)

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*Mayflower Oil Spill Exxon Doesn't Want You to Know People Are Getting Very Very Sick.*

The oil spill in Mayflower, Arkansas has left residents outside the evacuation zone complaining of illness. Exxon says the air is safe, but new documentation shows they lied and attempted to cover up the extent of the oil spill. We should trust residents who are suffering from spill-induced illness, not Exxon. "I could smell that horrible smell. I got really scared," says [Sherry Appleman](#), who awoke to a nightmare on March 29. As the Exxon Tar Sands oil flowed through their town, residents of Mayflower reported strong odors that lead to [headaches and vomiting](#) in areas that Exxon deemed safe and not in need of evacuation. Some of residents, like [Scott Crowe](#), were deemed safe to remain in their homes where

a [mere 300 yards from the rupture site](#). They say they haven't heard from city officials or Exxon, but have experienced headaches, stomach pains, nausea, fainting, and have been [prescribed inhalers](#) for the first time. [Ann Jarrell](#) reports that she stayed at home with her daughter and a 3 month old grandchild despite the smells because they were told they didn't need to evacuate and were safe. Ann Jarrell is a beekeeper and [found dead, oil-soaked bees](#) on her porch. The state plant board agreed to evacuate her bees to a safe location, but deemed the situation safe enough for Jarrell's family. They later learned it was likely they'd been exposed to toxic chemical fumes, and are now suffering from breathing problems and have been placed on inhalers. A local elementary school outside the evacuation zone had to send home [eight students](#) who became ill after breathing petrochemical fumes. Although Exxon had determined the air around the school safe, residents, [including school officials](#), reported strong odors of oil in and around the building. These are just a handful of disturbing examples of illness in Mayflower after the oil spill. One Mayflower resident, despite being able to see the leak from her home, was told by Exxon that residents were [merely suffering allergies](#). Some of the residents affected by the spill have [filed a class action lawsuit](#). [Arkansas regulators](#) have stated that the level of toxic chemicals in the air are low enough that residents are safe, but the symptoms of residents [match classic symptoms](#) of exposure to chemicals in crude oil. Furthermore, samples taken by the the Faulkner County Citizens Advisory Group and Global Community Monitor [found high levels](#) of airborne compounds that are known to be hazardous to human health. "Total toxic hydrocarbons were detected at more than 88,000 parts per billion in the ambient air and present a complex airborne mixture or soup of toxic chemicals that residents may have been exposed to from the Mayflower tar sands bitumen spill," Neil Carman, a representative from the Texas chapter of the Sierra Club, [said in a statement](#). Much of the attention has been focused on airborne benzene, which is toxic even at low levels, but little attention has been paid to the hundreds of other chemicals that are airborne. [Little is known](#) about some of these chemicals' effect on human health. Some experts have claimed that there are [gaps in scientific research](#), and that it could be hard to judge the short- and long-term effects of exposure. While [Exxon and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality](#) claim the air is safe, Attorney General McDaniels remains unconvinced, and [points to findings of benzene](#) in residents' homes. Countering the Arkansas Department of Health, AG McDaniels [stated](#), "I have a real concern about the short- and long-term effects of carcinogens released into the air which are still detectable in the living rooms of people in that area," and [further stated](#), "Who



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determines what's an imminent health risk? ... And if it was your house, how much would you be content to have benzene in the living room and be comforted that it's not an imminent health risk?" While Exxon is claiming that air in [Mayflower is safe](#), newly revealed documents showed that they have attempted to cover up information about the Mayflower spill in the past. [Greenpeace filed a Freedom of Information Act](#) request and found emails and other documentation proving that [Exxon knew that oil had been found](#) in Lake Conway and the nearby cove, and intentionally attempted to mislead the public about the extent of the spill in local waterways. While Exxon has been forced to [redact its statements](#) on the lake being "oil free," it hasn't commented on the dangerous levels of benzene found in the lake. The American Petroleum Institute and the EPA agree that exposure to benzene is [unsafe](#). Residents surrounding the "oil-free" lake were not evacuated. Exxon has shown us that the residents of Mayflower cannot take the company at its word about the safety of its waterways. It's foolish to assume we can trust the company's evaluation of the air quality in Mayflower, when we now know they attempted to cover up public safety issues. Those who have suffered health problems are not sure where to turn. [No central health clinic](#) has been set up for them, and most family doctors have no experience diagnosing or treating this type of chemical exposure. Residents have found [doctors lacking the knowledge](#) to treat them. Most medical schools do not have expertise in environmental health concerns, and [attempts to secure federal funding for specialized doctors](#) to train local doctors on these types of medical issues have failed in the past. Exxon has clearly shown that the company is willing to lie about safety issues in order to serve its own interests. We should believe the residents of Mayflower over a company that has shown it is willing to leave people in harm's way in order to preserve its public image. Unfortunately for Exxon, the sick residents of Mayflower aren't going away, and they aren't willing to remain silent.

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#### ENGLAND, LONDON, JUNE 1 2013. ILLEGAL FUEL: 48% RISE IN 'POP-UP GARAGES'

*angus crawford*

There has been a 48% increase in the detection of illegal fuel sales from so called "pop-up garages" in the UK, HM Revenue and Customs figures show. The operators sell fuel which has been smuggled or is substandard after being mixed with cheaper chemicals. They do not pay tax and cost the Exchequer hundreds of millions of pounds a year in what petrol retailers are saying is a "crimewave". HMRC says its detection is improving and the illegal trade is reducing. Figures from HMRC show that in the 2012-13 period it made 6,506 visits to sites in the UK. It detected illicit fuel, mostly diesel, being sold on 388 occasions, compared with 262 detections in 2009-10. Pat Curtis, of HMRC's specialist investigations unit, believes criminal gangs are feeding off the recession. "Criminal gangs will take advantage of any tax differential to make money on it," he says. "They'll take advantage of customers out there who may be feeling the pinch and may be feeling they're getting value for money." Brian Madderson, chairman of the Petrol Retailers' Association (PRA), describes the pop-up garages as a "crimewave" engulfing the market. "A stagnant economy gives rise to unemployment, especially for younger people, and lowers real wages," he says. "The inevitable result is that criminal activity becomes an alternative despite the risks."

#### Tax Losses

The fuel being sold is often substandard and can seriously damage car engines. The chemicals used by the gangs and the waste they produce also damage the environment. No-one knows exactly how much excise fraud costs the government. The most recent estimates by HMRC are from 2010-11, which calculate that the loss to the Exchequer could be anything between £150m to £700m. HMRC insist that the trend is downwards, reflecting the success of its strategy to prevent fuel fraud. But Edmund King, president of the AA, says anecdotal evidence suggests the opposite. "We believe that the sales of illicit fuel are



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on the increase broadly linked to the increase in fuel prices and slump in the economy over the last four to five years," he says. "Geographically it has spread from Northern Ireland, to the north of England and now down to the south east." That view appears to be backed up by HMRC's own figures.

### Testing Improvements

In 2009-10, officers detected illegal fuel sales on 150 occasions in Northern Ireland and 112 in the rest of the UK. Last year, there were 128 in Northern Ireland and 260 in the rest of the UK. Brian Madderson, from the PRA, applauds the work HMRC has done in Northern Ireland, but argues it has to change focus. "It is now time for them to focus their efforts on Great Britain," he says. "Independent services stations continue to close at the rate of 175 to 200 each year, mostly in challenged rural areas, with loss of jobs and local facilities." But Mr Curtis suggests the reported rise in sales in England, Scotland and Wales may be down to better testing. "We were under no illusions that it was happening everywhere," he says.

'Affects Everybody'

So just how easy is it to buy illegal fuel? Our contacts led us to a warehouse on a trading estate in east London. We asked if they sold "cheap diesel" and were offered fuel for £1.15 per litre - approximately 25p less than at the pumps. The operator pumped 40 litres into the tank, we paid in cash and were given no receipt. HMRC says all these are indicators of illicit fuel sales. When we had the fuel siphoned from the car and tested, it was contaminated and substandard. Mr Curtis says the criminals who sell, and the motorists who buy, are depriving the government of much-needed funds. "The loss of this revenue affects how government works," he says. "It affects everybody in their pocket."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-22716007>

### USA, N.M, ALBUQUERQUE, JUNE 1 2013. STATE CRITICIZES KAFB FUEL SPILL CLEANUP CHANGE >> REGULATORS SAY SWITCH TO LOWER TEMPERATURE FURNACE WASN'T APPROVED

john fleck

A highly touted Air Force system for sucking fuel contamination from Albuquerque groundwater is using a less effective technology than planned and the Air Force made the switch without consulting state regulators, according to the New Mexico Environment Department. The Air Force said the design change, which uses a lower temperature furnace to burn off fuel vapors, was made for fire safety reasons and that the system still meets the contamination removal requirements. The system, turned on with fanfare that included a January news conference attended by dignitaries from around Albuquerque, was built to suck fuel from deep beneath Kirtland Air Force Base's fuel loading facility, where a decades-old spill has contaminated Albuquerque groundwater, and then burn off the vapors in a furnace. According to a May 23 letter from the Environment Department, the Air Force promised one thing when asking for state approval last year, then while the project was under construction last year quietly switched the kind of cleanup technology to one that removes contamination at a "significantly" lower rate. "They didn't put in what they told us they were going to put in, and they didn't tell us why," Tom Skibitski, head of the Environment Department's Resource Protection Division, said in an interview. The Air Force changed its original plan because of fire safety concerns, said Col. Jeff Lanning. Lanning did not dispute the Environment Department's contention that the system as built will slow removal of contamination, but said the Air Force is still collecting its own data to determine how effective the machine has been in nearly six months of operation. Despite the design change, "our system still meets the requirements," Lanning said in an interview Friday. Lanning said the Air Force is still reviewing the Environment Department notification letter to determine how to respond to the department's concerns, including that the change was made without proper notification to the state. State officials and Lanning both said in interviews that, despite the dispute over the technology being used, the new system is removing contamination. "They are pulling fuel out of the ground," said John Kieling, head of the Environment Department's Hazardous Waste Bureau. The Air Force discovered the spill from a leaking underground fuel line in 1999. Officials believe fuel had been leaking for decades. In 2007, they discovered that it had reached groundwater and was moving beneath a southeast Albuquerque neighborhood towards municipal drinking water wells. The nearest drinking water well is less than a mile from the closest known area of groundwater contamination. Test results on the well, and a monitoring well drilled as a "sentry" between the drinking water and the fuel plume, have showed no contamination. An Air Force report filed with the Environment Department in April concluded that the area of groundwater contamination continues to grow, with the most serious area of contamination spreading at the rate of 80 to 200 feet per year. The new fuel-sucking machine is an interim step to reduce the threat from the spill while a long-term cleanup plan is developed. It pulls fuel vapors from the ground, removing contamination from around the spill site before it can further contaminate groundwater. The original plans, approved by the state last June, called for a high-temperature furnace to burn off the fuel vapor. But the final project



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uses a lower temperature furnace, according to a project report provided by the Air Force. The high-temperature furnace would have been capable of burning off contaminants at "a significantly higher rate," according to the Environment Department's May 23 letter. Lanning said the change was required to meet fire codes because of the furnace's proximity to the base's current fuel aircraft fuel facility.

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<http://www.abqjournal.com/main/2013/06/01/news/state-criticizes-kafe-fuel-spill-cleanup-change.html>

#### ECUADOR, QUITO, JUNE 1 2013. PETROECUADOR SAYS BIGGEST OIL PIPELINE CUT BY AMAZON LANDSLIDE

nathan gill

OPEC member Ecuador's biggest crude pipeline, known as SOTE, was cut today by a landslide in the country's eastern Amazon region, said PetroEcuador, the nation's state-owned oil company. The pipeline, which transports Ecuador's Oriente crude to the Esmeraldas refinery and the oil port of Balao on the Pacific coast, halted operations after an avalanche of boulders and dirt pushed the conduit 40 meters (131 feet) off course near Ecuador's Reventador volcano, the company said today in an e-mailed statement. Cleanup and repair efforts have begun and no time frame was given for when the pipeline would restart, PetroEcuador said. Today's accident is the second time in two months that a landslide has damaged Ecuador's oil pipelines. The avalanche may have been triggered by recent explosions and tremors from the nearby Reventador volcano, Ercilia Torres, a PetroEcuador spokeswoman, said today by telephone from Quito. The volcano exploded eight times yesterday and sent a column of steam 600 meters into the air, the country's geophysical institute known as IGEPN, said yesterday in a statement. PetroEcuador doesn't know how much oil was spilled in the region today when the pipeline was cut, Torres said, adding that no one was injured. The SOTE pipeline has a transport capacity of about 360,000 barrels a day, according to PetroEcuador. Oil accounts for about 57 percent of Ecuador's exports, according to central bank data. On April 8, Ecuador's heavy-crude pipeline, known as OCP, was damaged by a landslide near the city of Esmeraldas, spilling about 5,500 barrels of oil. The OCP restarted operations four days later.

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-05-31/petroecuador-says-biggest-oil-pipeline-cut-by-amazon-landslide>

#### USA, CT, HARTFORD, JUNE 1 2013. NEW LEGISLATION PASSED IN STATE SENATE,= EXPECTED TO HELP GAS STATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT



Baltazar Suarez fills up his work van for FRAMA Exclusives at a Shell Station on Main Ave. Friday. House Bill 6534 repeals a current requirement that Connecticut gas stations install and regularly maintain stage II vapor recovery systems on their gas pumps. Since 2000, on-board vapor recovery (ORVR) equipment has been incorporated directly into the design of all new passenger vehicles, which serves much the same purpose as state II vapor systems. The requirement was introduced in the early 1990's to prevent the emission of harmful ozone and other pollutants as customers refueled their cars.

On Wednesday, state Sen. Bob Duff led unanimous passage of legislation in the state Senate to repeal an equipment mandate imposed on Connecticut gas stations. Duff, D-25, who is also Senate chairman of the Energy & Technology Committee, said that once legislators "brought the outdated systems to our

attention," the Energy & Technology Committee thought it was "important that we address the issue to save businesses money. They'll no longer have to invest in a product that is unnecessary." "It gets very expensive to fix them, so without them it'll easier to run the station," said William Mossop, a local gas station owner. "It's one less thing to worry about." This mandate, introduced in the early 1990s, was originally meant to prevent the emission of harmful ozone and other pollutants as customers refueled their cars. It required that Connecticut gas stations install and regularly maintain stage II vapor recovery



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systems on their gas pumps. Since 2000, on-board vapor recovery equipment has been incorporated directly into the design of all new passenger vehicles, which serves much of the same purpose as state II vapor systems, rendering the mandate unnecessary. Moreover, the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) found that when ORVR-equipped vehicles refuel at gas stations that use stage II systems, equipment incompatibility can actually result in increased ozone emissions. These findings led Duff to spearhead House Bill 6534, which requires a decommissioning of stage II systems at all Connecticut gas stations by July 1, 2015. "This legislation is a win-win for consumers, business and the environment," Duff said. "[The bill] will actually reduce harmful gasoline emissions while saving gas station owners money." The expense of decommissioning the stage II equipment is expected to be less than required in annual maintenance costs, resulting in a net and ongoing savings for gas station owners. The legislation passed the House of Representatives on May 8, also in a unanimous vote. It now proceeds to the desk of Gov. Dannel P. Malloy.

[http://www.thehour.com/news/norwalk/new-legislation-passed-in-state-senate-expected-to-help-gas/article\\_a786a1d1-ca2d-5837-94fb-7abdd89d6d3a.html](http://www.thehour.com/news/norwalk/new-legislation-passed-in-state-senate-expected-to-help-gas/article_a786a1d1-ca2d-5837-94fb-7abdd89d6d3a.html)

### USA, CA, BUTTE MEADOWS, JUNE 1 2013. TANKER TRUCK OVERTURNS ON HIGHWAY 32 NEAR BUTTE MEADOWS

A double-trailer tanker truck overturned about 7:30 p.m. Friday on Highway 32, just east of the Butte Meadows turnoff. The driver was not injured in the crash, but the truck and both trailers were leaking, sending a mixture of diesel, gasoline and "mid-range fuel" flowing toward Big Chico Creek, according to radio traffic from the incident commander. The accident was classified as a top-level hazardous material spill, and hazmat technicians were summoned to the scene. The accident was just across the Tehama County line, but was handled by Cal Fire-Butte County, which has better access to the location. Final resolution of the incident was not available at deadline.

[http://www.chicoer.com/news/ci\\_23368078/tanker-truck-overtURNS-highway-32-near-butte-meadows](http://www.chicoer.com/news/ci_23368078/tanker-truck-overtURNS-highway-32-near-butte-meadows)

### USA, PA, NORTHAMPTON CO, HANOVER TWP, JUNE 1 2013. AT LEAST 1 INJURY REPORTED IN EXPLOSION IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

 **Watch the Video** [At least 1 Injury Reported in Explosion in Northampton County](#)

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2 injured in explosion, fire in Northampton County. An explosion in Northampton County sent two people to the hospital Friday morning, officials said. The explosion was reported around 10 a.m. Friday at [Ungerer and Company](#), 110 N. Commerce Way, in Hanover Township, near Bethlehem. The explosion resulted in a fire, but only a small amount of smoke could be seen rising from the building, which did suffer some damage, officials said. Two people were taken to the hospital, but officials on the scene could provide no information about the victims' injuries. There were initial reports of hazardous materials inside the building and that several people on the scene had to be decontaminated. There's no immediate danger to the public, said Bob Mateff, coordinator, Northampton County Emergency Management Agency. Ungerer and Company, headquartered in Lincoln Park, N.J., manufactures flavors, fragrances, essential oils and aroma chemicals, according to its website. It has facilities around the world.

<http://www.wfmz.com/news/news-regional-lehighvalley/at-least-1-injury-reported-in-explosion-in-northampton-county/-/132502/20372916/-/ny103mz/-/index.html>

### INDIA, KARNATAKA, MANGALORE, JUNE 1 2013. TANKER OVERTURNS AT NELLYADY, FIREMEN BRING GAS LEAK UNDER CONTROL



A tanker overturned near Nellyady here on Saturday June 1 early morning resulting in gas leak. However, alert fire personnel rushed to the spot and brought the leakage under control, thus preventing a tragedy. The accident occurred near Mannagundi near Nellyady. The tanker was moving from Mangalore. The officials also took all necessary precautions to ensure that the gas leak did not cause any damage. The cleaner escaped with minor injuries

[http://www.daijiworld.com/news/news\\_disp.asp?n\\_id=175424](http://www.daijiworld.com/news/news_disp.asp?n_id=175424)



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#### CANADA, AB, COALDALE, JUNE 1 2013. SOIL CONTAMINATION FORCES TOWN OFFICE CLOSURE

The Town of Coaldale office was closed Friday as a precaution after town officials learned of soil contamination under the building. The building that would eventually become the town office was built on the site of a former gas station more than 30 years ago. A report by WA Environmental Services, commissioned by the town and submitted this week, warned of unacceptably high levels of certain contaminants in the soil under the building. That prompted town officials to close the office Friday as a safety precaution for town staff, pending further information. "The safety of our staff is obviously our top priority," said Mayor Kim Craig. "It's always better to be safe than sorry." However, follow-up information provided by WA on Friday showed the staff were not in immediate danger, since contaminants would be at a considerable depth under the concrete pad upon which the building was constructed. The environmental report has identified a number of concerns, said Craig, and the town will be investigating them and working with Alberta Occupational Health and Safety in the days and weeks to come to ensure all possible hazards are addressed quickly and completely. "This situation could potentially have serious consequences down the road," added the mayor. "Council and administration need to make sure we're ready for any eventuality, up to and including moving to a new town office if that's required. Again, we will do everything that needs to be done to ensure the safety of town staff and the residents of Coaldale." Council expects to receive more detailed information from WA Environmental within two weeks.

<http://www.lethbridgeherald.com/local-news/soil-contamination-forces-town-office-closure-6113.html>

#### USA, WI, WASHINGTON CO, JUNE 1 2013. LAWSUIT OVER TOWN OF JACKSON PIPELINE SPILL HITS COURT TUESDAY >> COURT ACTION AGAINST WEST SHORE PIPE LINE REPRESENTS MORE THAN 200 FAMILIES

don behm

More than 200 Washington County families get their first day in court Tuesday in a lawsuit against the owner and operator of a fuel pipeline that spilled gasoline last July in a Town of Jackson farm field. Gasoline has contaminated groundwater in roughly a 1-square-mile area of the town, tainting 37 private wells with benzene and other chemicals and forcing rural residents to consider other options for their permanent drinking water supply. West Shore Pipe Line Co. of Arlington Heights, Ill., owner of a 650-mile fuel distribution system within Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana, purchased a home and property immediately west of the spill in the 1800 block of Western Ave. as part of a settlement last December with one family. The families in the lawsuit against West Shore and operator Buckeye Partners LP, of Breinigsville, Pa., and Houston, are seeking compensation for the following: costs of a new safe water supply; reduced property values; lost profits and interference with family-run businesses; loss of use and loss of enjoyment of properties; reduced quality of life; and emotional distress. The lawsuit also asks the court to order the companies to pay for restoring their properties and groundwater and to award punitive damages against the companies for failing to prevent the spill and to act as a deterrent against similar conduct in the future. Attorneys representing the families have dropped their claim for a medical monitoring fund to screen families for cancer, according to an amended complaint. No explanation was given for the action. Habush, Habush & Rottier S.C. in Milwaukee and Madison and the Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos in Baltimore are representing the property owners.

##### Emotional Distress Fought

Defense attorneys for the companies will go to court Tuesday to try to persuade Washington County Circuit Judge Todd Martens to dismiss the emotional distress claim. The claim should be dismissed because none of the family members have alleged physical injury from exposure to gasoline from the spill, according to Milwaukee attorneys Trevor Will and David Lucey, of Foley & Lardner LLP. Worries of loss of property values or risk of ill health in the future don't meet legal standards required to claim severe emotional distress in Wisconsin courts, according to a legal brief filed by Will and Lucey in support of their motion to dismiss the claim. Even smelling gasoline in tap water or indoor air, or experiencing headaches, as some families have alleged, are not sufficient exposure to support a claim of emotional distress, the brief says.

##### Hardships Cited

Lawyers for the other side disagree with this view. "This spill has taken both an emotional and financial toll on these residents, including concerns about their health and land value," say attorneys for the families in a brief supporting the emotional distress claim. Some families have been unable to sell their properties, while others have been unable to refinance mortgages, the brief says. Severe emotional distress is an actual injury and the families do not need to prove additional physical harm, according to lawyers for the families. A section of 10-inch pipe in West Shore's Milwaukee to Green Bay line ruptured along a welded seam July 17 in the 1800 block of Western Ave. An estimated 54,600 gallons of gasoline spilled in a farm pasture on one of the highest points in eastern Washington County. The gasoline drained into cracks of fractured dolomite close to the



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surface. Major plumes of gasoline flowed in bedrock northwest and southwest from the spill. Benzene and other petroleum compounds have been detected in 37 private wells on 35 properties. By April, the contamination had spread west to Maple Road and north to Sherman Road. One of the recently contaminated wells is on Maple Road, between Mill Road and Western Ave. Another is on Sherman Road near Maple. The companies were negligent in operating the line because they should have known that welded pipes manufactured and installed before 1970 were prone to seam failures, according to the amended complaint. Since the July 2012 spill, West Shore has completed an internal inspection of the line between Milwaukee and Green Bay. The inspection found nine sections of the pipe are degraded where it crosses wetlands in the Jackson Marsh Wildlife Area, according to a consultant for West Shore. The pipe must be reinforced or replaced at those locations to prevent a spill in the marsh. A contractor for the company is pumping water out of the pipeline right-of-way in preparation for the work, but recent rains have delayed excavation, a state Department of Natural Resources official said Friday. At least 11 other sections of pipe between Germantown and West Bend have been excavated and repaired this year.

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/ozwash/lawsuit-over-town-of-jackson-pipeline-spill-hits-court-tuesday-b9923394z1-209760681.html>

### WALES, PEMBROKESHIRE, JUNE 2 2013. FAMILIES STILL WAITING FOR ANSWERS TWO YEARS AFTER CHEVRON REFINERY DISASTER



*The scene at the former Chevron oil refinery in Rhoscrowther, where four people lost their lives in June 2011.*

Two years after the tragic incident at the former Chevron oil plant in Pembrokeshire in which four people died, the families of those affected are still waiting for answers about what happened. It was the UK's worst refinery disaster for almost four decades, claiming the lives of three men and one woman. But two years on after the tragic incident at the former Chevron oil plant in Pembrokeshire, inquests into the four deaths have still not been held. Tomorrow marks exactly two years since the incident at the site, now owned by Valero, in Rhoscrowther. Julie Schmitz, 54, a fire guard from Pembroke, died in the blast on June 2, 2011, along with three men from Milford Haven, Dennis Riley, 52, Robert Broome, 48, and Andrew Jenkins, 33. Another worker, Andrew Phillips, known to his friends as Pansy, suffered critical burns after the blast. The inquests were

opened on June 13, 2011 at Milford Haven Town Hall, where Pembrokeshire coroner Mark Layton was told the four who died were identified using DNA samples. But a full hearing into how each of the co-workers died cannot be held until a full inquiry into the accident has been completed. Pembrokeshire coroners' clerk Dave Friend said they could not say when the inquests were likely to be held. "Unfortunately none of the inquests can proceed until the full health and safety investigation into what happened has been completed," he said. "We are in regular contact with Dyfed Powys Police as to any developments but unfortunately there has been no recent news. We appreciate how difficult this must be for all the family members concerned." An inquiry is continuing into the cause of the explosion, which Chevron said happened while a storage tank was being taken out of service for maintenance work. Chevron, which immediately after the incident flew in experts from the US, has said the investigation will be a lengthy process. The only survivor of the explosion has been undergoing treatment for post traumatic stress disorder. Dad-of-four Andrew Phillips, who was hailed a hero after the disaster, is still haunted by the memory of the explosion at the refinery. Mr Phillips, known to his friends as "Pansy", underwent a series of surgical operations at Morriston Hospital, Swansea, after suffering extensive burns to his shoulders, head, back and chest. He has also had gruelling skin grafts to his face. But for the oil worker, it is the emotional scars that are proving hardest to heal. He still tortures himself with thoughts of what might have been and is wracked with guilt for being the only one to survive. Mr Phillips said he still felt unable to talk about what happened. His wife Angela said the family were still uncomfortable talking about the accident and that her husband found it difficult to recount the worst day of his life. She said her husband was wracked with guilt for being the one who is still alive and it was difficult for him to talk about his survival, particularly when so many were still trying to come to terms with the fact their loved ones had died. In a statement made on behalf of her husband, she said: "I am devastated for the loss of Julie and Andrew, Robert and Denny. There isn't a day that passes that I don't think of them or their families. "Our thoughts and prayers are with all of them. It is all still too difficult to talk about at this time." Mr Phillips was said to have returned to help his colleagues when the final blast happened. The four killed in the massive explosion included two



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grandparents and a father of young twins. The accident happened during routine maintenance of one of its storage tanks at the Pembroke refinery. Two employees of US oil giant Chevron have been questioned over gross negligence manslaughter. Dyfed-Powys Police said the questioning took place as part of the wider investigation, and "no conclusions should be drawn at this stage". Jane James, spokeswoman for Chevron last night said: "Chevron confirms that it continues to co-operate fully with the police and the HSE on their joint investigation into the incident of June 2 2011."

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/families-still-waiting-answers-two-4036218>

### USA, WA, GIG HARBOR, JUNE 2 2013. MISHAP ON BOAT CAUSES DIESEL SPILL INTO GIG HARBOR

*christian hill*



A private contractor is finishing up the cleanup after an accident aboard a private boat caused at least 50 gallons of diesel fuel to spill into Gig Harbor on Saturday morning, the state Department of Ecology reported. The spill occurred about 9 a.m. when the owner of 51-foot pleasure boat who wanted to fill the water tank inadvertently began filling the fuel tank instead and it overflowed, said Brook Beeler, an Ecology spokeswoman. She said the two tanks look alike and were located near each other. Gig Harbor police and firefighters were dispatched to contain and collect the diesel. A private contractor was then brought in to finish the job, which should be completed later this afternoon, Beeler said. "It was hot. There was a lot of evaporation," she said. "When they got out there it was pretty dispersed." The U.S. Coast Guard also responded to the spill. The boat owner responsible for the mishap will pay for the private contractor's cleanup work, Beeler said. Ecology also will complete a "natural resource damage

assessment" and the owner may be on the hook to pay to repair any damage, she said. Lastly, both Ecology and the Coast Guard could fine the owner, but Beeler said it's likely the owner would receive a warning because it was an accident.

<http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2013/06/01/3034405/mishap-on-boat-causes-diesel-spill.html>

### SOUTH KOREA, SEOUL, JUNE 2 2013. COURT PROCEDURES OF TAEAN OIL SPILL DAMAGE SUITS STREAMLINED

Victims of the country's worst oil spill in 2007 will be able to receive speedy trials for their damages suits, judicial officials said Sunday, amid legal wrangling over compensation that has dragged on for years. The spill occurred when a Samsung Heavy Industries barge carrying a construction crane broke free and rammed an anchored Hong Kong-registered tanker in December 2007, spilling more than 12,000 tons of crude oil into the West Sea near the coastal county of Taean. Miles of beaches, notably in Taean, about 110 kilometers southwest of Seoul, were engulfed by the spillage, decimating the region's once-vibrant fishing and tourism industries. The Office of Court Administration under the Supreme Court said it has drastically streamlined court procedures for numerous damage suits filed by some 110,000 victims, in accordance with a special act on the oil spill. Under the act, a lower court should make a ruling within 10 months of the filings, officials said. An appellate court and the top court should deliver rulings within five months of previous verdicts. Thus, the plaintiffs of the damage suits are expected to receive their final verdicts by March 2015, at the latest, the office said. Little progress has been made in securing compensation for victims of the oil spill. In January, a district court appraised that the spill caused 734 billion won (US\$694 million) worth of damage, marking the first court's assessment in five years. The Seosan branch of Daejeon District Court ruled that Samsung Heavy Industries and Hebei Spirit Shipping Co., owner of the tanker, are liable for the incident. The court's appraised value of the financial damage to residents, however, ignited controversy due to the wide gap between the court's assessment and the amount demanded in compensation by the victims.

<http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/yonhap-news-agency/130601/court-procedures-taeon-oil-spill-damage-suits-streamlined>

### CHINA, YUNNAN PROVINCE, KUNMING, JUNE 3 2013. KUNMING TO RELEASE REFINERY'S EIA DETAILS FOLLOWING PROTEST

A southwest China city will publicize the environmental impact assessment (EIA) for a planned refinery that residents protested last month, the city's mayor said Sunday. Li Wenrong, mayor of Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province, said at a press conference that details of the EIA will be released to the public, subject to procedures. The city government will listen to



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comments and suggestions from the public and communicate with residents, especially those who have concerns about the project, Li said. The government will respect the opinions of the public and strengthen supervision over the enterprise in order to prevent environmental accidents during the project's construction and operation, he said. "Supervision will not be missing just because the operator is a major state-owned enterprise," he said. Li made the statement after hundreds of residents demonstrated on May 10 and 16 against plans to build an oil refinery near the city, which will be operated by China National Petroleum Corporation, China's largest oil producer. Although government officials said the project has passed feasibility studies and was approved by the country's top economic planner, residents have still requested that the plant be relocated.

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-06/02/c\\_132425592.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-06/02/c_132425592.htm)

### CHINA, LIAONING PROVINCE, DALIAN, JUNE 3 2013. 2 MISSING AFTER BLAST AT REFINERY

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*Residents look on after two diesel tanks exploded at an oil refinery of China National Petroleum Corporation in Dalian on Sunday afternoon. The fire was extinguished at 4 pm, but smoke from the blaze raised pollution concerns among residents.*

Investigators still trying to identify cause of accident at Dalian plant. Two workers were seriously injured and two others were missing after an explosion and ensuing fire at an oil refinery in Dalian, Liaoning province, on Sunday. Two oil tanks with residual diesel exploded in succession at about 2:30 pm on Sunday at the Dalian plant of the China National Petroleum Corp, the country's largest oil and natural gas producer and supplier. Heavy smoke could be seen several miles away. According to Xinhua, hospital sources said the two injured workers were in critical condition. Sources from the city's emergency command center said the

cause of the accident is still under investigation. The tanks, which were used to store tar and other materials, was undergoing maintenance. Nearly 100 firefighting vehicles and more than 300 firefighters responded, and the blaze was extinguished by 4 pm. A preliminary environmental evaluation indicates no environmental damage was caused. But residents disagree. "With such heavy smoke, how is it possible that there's no environmental damage?" said Han Lin, who lives near the plant. She said she worries a lot about safety as accidents occur from time to time. "We really hope that we'll be able to move somewhere far away from the plant," Han said. This is the sixth fire at CNPC's Dalian plant in three years. On July 16, 2010, an oil pipe exploded at the Xingang Port and caused serious oil leakage into the Yellow Sea. About three months later, workers were found to have caused a fire at the same oil terminal as they dismantled an oil tank that still had fuel inside. On July 16, 2011, oil refinery equipment leaked oil and caused a fire at the plant in the Ganjingzi district, the same area as Sunday's accident. On August 29, 2011, a fire broke out in a diesel tank there. The day after the fourth fire, Jiang Fan, the general manager of the Dalian plant, was removed from his post. In November 2011, the State Council said that the four accidents were caused by human error, and 64 people found responsible for the accidents were punished. Jiang Jiemin, chairman of the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council, and president of the CNPC at that time, was also given a disciplinary warning. The most recent fire before Sunday's was on Nov 22, 2011, when lightning set two oil tanks ablaze at the Xingang Port in the city's Jinzhou New Area.

[http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/cndy/2013-06/03/content\\_16557997.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/cndy/2013-06/03/content_16557997.htm)

### USA, VT, NEWPORT, JUNE 3 2013. WOMAN STRUCK BY TRUCK, KILLED AT VT. GAS STATION

Police say a woman is dead after an accident at a gas station in northern Vermont. The Newport City Police Department says a chemical retardant used to put out fires at gas stations was released at a pump Saturday at the Newport Car Wash and Mini-Mart. That caused panic as people tried to get away from the chemical. Police say 18-year-old Trevor Coderre of Newport was attempting to move his truck away from the pump when he struck a woman walking in the parking lot. Forty-five-year-old Tina



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Hall of Newport was pronounced dead at a hospital. No charges have been filed. It's not clear what caused the chemical retardant to be released

<http://www.boston.com/news/local/vermont/2013/06/02/woman-struck-truck-killed-gas-station/oerPRUfSaWY71GE3g5XC9I/story.html>

### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, COOPER BASIN, JUNE 3 2013. AUTHORITY KEEPS WATCH OF CLEAN-UP OF SANTOS 240,000 LITRES OIL SPILL IN OUTBACK QLD

*kate stephens*

**Map:** [Longreach 4730](#)



The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection says it is closely monitoring the clean-up of an oil spill in south-west Queensland. About 240,000 litres of oil spilled from Santos's 'Zeus' oil field in the Copper Basin last month before the company plugged the leak. A Santos spokesman says the leak was plugged quickly and the company is working with the Queensland Government to remediate the site. Rehabilitation work at the site is already underway. Department spokeswoman Anne Lenz says the cause of the incident is being investigated to determine what actions are required to prevent another spill. She says the department is monitoring the clean-up and will determine what enforcement action, if any, is appropriate.

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### CHINA, JILIN PROVINCE'S MISHAZI TWP, JUNE 3 2013. CHINA POULTRY PLANT FIRE KILLS 112

 **Watch the Video** [China Poultry Fire Kills more than 100](#)

 **Photo's [4]** [Victims Trapped as 'Explosions Heard' in Deadly Factory Fire](#)



At least 112 people were killed in a fire at a poultry processing plant in northeastern China on Monday, local officials said, in what appeared to be the country's worst blaze for 12 years. A fire at Baoyuan poultry processing plant at Dehui, in northeast China's Jilin province, on June 3, 2013. At least 112 people were killed, and the toll still not finalised, in what appeared to be the country's worst blaze for 12 years. More than 300 workers were at the Baoyuan poultry plant at Dehui in Jilin province when the fire broke out and emergency workers searching for survivors were uncertain how many remained trapped inside, Xinhua news agency said. "As of 3.20 pm, altogether 112 people had died," the Jilin provincial government information office said on its Weibo account, a service akin to Twitter. The latest post did not say how many were injured, but an earlier one had put the number at at least 54. It is the country's worst fire for more than a decade, according to

listings on Baidu, an Internet portal. On December 25, 2000, a blaze at a shopping centre in Luoyang, in the central province of Henan, killed 309 people. The slaughterhouse gate was locked when the fire broke out but about 100 workers escaped, Xinhua added. The facility had a "complicated interior structure" and narrow exits which were slowing the rescue work, it said. The cause of the blaze was not immediately clear, but state broadcaster CCTV said eyewitnesses had heard a blast and suspected a leak of liquid ammonia. CCTV also said on its Weibo account that the blaze might have started with an electric spark in the plant. Six hours after the fire broke out around 6:00 am it had largely been brought under control, CCTV said, but



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Xinhua added that firefighters were still working to extinguish it entirely. A dramatic photo taken earlier in the day from an unnamed Weibo account and posted on a Hong Kong-based online news portal showed dense clouds of black smoke several times higher than the low-slung plant. A bright blaze could be seen inside a row of windows in one part of the processing plant. The image could not be independently verified, although the building looked similar to the one shown by CCTV. Photos from Xinhua showed charred walls and rooftops at the plant, with a row of fire engines standing by. The Jilin Baoyuanfeng Poultry Company, which began operations in 2009, employs 1,200 people and produces 67,000 tonnes of chicken products per year, Xinhua said. China News Service said that as of the end of 2010 it had sales of 230 million yuan (\$38 million). Workplace safety standards can be poor in China, where fatal accidents happen regularly at mines and factories, with some blaming lax enforcement of rules. But loss of life is rarely on such a scale as the Jilin fire. A major blaze at a Shanghai apartment building in 2010 left 58 people dead, and one at a shopping mall in Jilin killed 53 people in 2004. In some cases owners or company officials have been arrested as a result of workplace accidents. It was not clear whether poor standards were to blame for the blaze in Dehui. No arrests were immediately reported, and Xinhua said an investigation into the cause had begun. Company representatives could not be reached for comment.

<http://www.bangkokpost.com/breakingnews/353226/china-poultry-plant-fire-kills-112>

### VIETNAM, HANOI, JUNE 3 2013. HUGE FIRE HITS GASOLINE STATION IN HANOI, 10 INJURED

 **Photo's [11]** [Huge Fire Hits Gasoline Station In Hanoi](#)

 **Photo's [19]** [Fuel Tanker Catches Fire Near Hospital](#)



*Two firefighters have sustained burn injuries while working to extinguish this wildfire.*

An extensive fire broke out at the gasoline station No. 9 on Tran Hung Dao Street, Hanoi that belongs to the Military Gas & Oil Company on Monday afternoon. As seen by photos, a fuel-tank truck carrying 100,000 litres of gasoline erupted in flames, sending billowing clouds of black smoke into the air. According to Tuoi Tre's on-the-scene-reporters, at least 10 firefighters sustained burn injuries while battling the fire and all of them have been taken to hospital for treatment. The cause of the blaze was not immediately clear yet. 20 fire trucks and a large number of firefighters have been deployed to the scene. As of 4:45pm today, firefighters were still working to put it out entirely. Around 15 mins later,

more than 1000 people were deployed to extinguish the fire. Tuoi Tre reporters at the scene said they could feel the heat and the smell of gasoline hundreds of meters away from the fire scene. As of 5:45pm, the fire was basically put under control.

<http://tuoitrenews.vn/society/10291/big-fire-hits-gasoline-station-in-hanoi-photos>

### NIGERIA, LAGOS, OJO, IJEODODO, JUNE 4 2013. FIRE EXPLOSION RAVAGES IJEODODO PIPELINE AGAIN

Barely six months after a midnight explosion caused fire at Ijeododo in Ojo Local Council of Lagos State owing to activities of suspected pipeline vandals, residents of the sleepy community have again sighted a huge smoke, which is indicative of another fire outbreak. A resident told The Guardian, "As I saw thick smoke in the sky, I knew we are at it again, I do not need to be told that fire has occurred again." Continuing, he said "the last time experience is still living with us and had thought many a lesson. When I noticed that the smoke was from the last explosion spot, I concluded that vandals had gone there to steal, taking advantage of the rain that fell several hours before. Another resident who spoke under condition of anonymity told The Guardian that the fire started after the uninterrupted heavy downpour that was witnessed across the state on Saturday and that nobody knows the people responsible for it. She said that explosion occurred at about 5:00 p.m. and the raging fire was yet to be attended to. Sources said that officials of the Pipelines Products Marketing Company (PPMC), who visited the site about two hours after the explosion, left due to lack of access road to the explosion point. Security officers attached to Ijeododo pipeline who preferred anonymity said that the fire might have been caused as a result of four electric poles erected along the pipeline route that fell on it during the rain. However, Bale of Ijeododo community, Alhaji Tajudeen Subair, who visited the site, refuted the claim by the security officers, saying, "he lied to cover up their inefficiency." He said that the poles were erected simultaneously with the pipelines for over 15 years and have never caused any pipeline explosion. Subair said



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that the explosion was caused by the activities of pipeline vandals, who have continuously vandalised the pipelines in the community. He lamented that the last explosion caused the community 45 days of power outage because it damaged over four electric poles and cables. Subair explained that each building in the community contributed N1,000 for the replacement of the damaged electrical equipment. Spokesman of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Mr. Ibrahim Farinloye, said that no casualty was recorded. Farinloye said that the agency will be visiting the scene today to ascertain the level of damage done by the explosion.

[http://www.ngrguardiannews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=123490:fire-explosion-ravages-ijeododo-pipeline-again&catid=1:national&Itemid=559](http://www.ngrguardiannews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=123490:fire-explosion-ravages-ijeododo-pipeline-again&catid=1:national&Itemid=559)

### USA, IL, SEWARD, JUNE 4 2013. CHEMICAL PLANT EXPLOSION IN SEWARD

 **Watch the Video's:**

- [Residents Evacuated after Chemical Plant Explosion in Northern Illinois](#)
- [Seward Residents can now Return Home](#)
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*Nova-Kem employee treated and released for injuries suffered in fire.*

Nova-Kem chemical processing plant in Seward catches fire shortly after noon, ending more than 20 fire crews to the scene, and forcing residents out. It started with an explosion. That drew Larry Fender out of his garage and into the street. "It started getting a lot of heavy duty smoke," he says. "And then we got down there and we seen a couple of employees coming out of the building with hazmat suits, running. and we figured that's about the time we turned around and left because the smoke was going out across the cornfield out over the houses at the time." Soon, police were door to door, forcing the whole town of Seward, and the surrounding two miles, out. It was no longer safe for them to be at home. Mike Knoup, Deputy Chief of the Pecatonica Fire Department says, "they have tanks with chlorine gas in them and if they were to rupture we wanted to make sure that the public in the immediate area was evacuated." Residents were

directed north, to Pecatonica High School. Principal Todd France was called to open the building for those displaced. "Our building's fully open we've had some kids in our gym we have TVs, we have the bathroom. We're willing to help Seward any way we can," says France. Emergency crews also took up residence in front of Pecatonica High School while they waited for commands. Fire chiefs made the decision not to fight the fire, instead, let it burn out on its own. "The particular chemical that they manufacture here can be unstable and can explode with water," says Captain Charles Barnes, with the Rockford Fire Department's Hazmat Response Unit. More than 8 hours after the fire started, the main building is a total loss. The structure collapsed, and is still smoldering. The homes and streets of Seward remain abandoned tonight. Residents will not be able go back until fire crews and the Environmental Protection Agency has a chance to survey the damage. That won't happen until Monday morning. "Nobody wants to be put out of their house at night but they're handling it well," says Knoup. A few local fire crews will stay on site through the night to monitor the fire. Only one person was injured, a plant employee, who was taken to an area hospital for treatment. His injuries are non-life threatening. The Red Cross was called to assist those evacuated at Pecatonica High School. Some chose to stay with relatives, others mentioned free lodging at the Rockford Radisson hotel thanks to it's owners and the owners of Nova-Kem.

<http://www.wrex.com/story/22480582/2013/06/02/breaking-chemical-plant-explosion-in-seward>

### ENGLAND, IPSWICH, JUNE 4 2013. IPSWICH: FIREFIGHTERS CALLED AFTER FUEL TANKER'S PIPE RUPTURES

Firefighters were called after fuel leaked from a tanker at a petrol station. Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service received reports of the leak at the Shell Garage in Ranelagh Road, Ipswich, at 5.15pm. Two appliances from Princes Street and another from Ipswich East were sent to the scene where they found a tanker was leaking LPG fuel. The firefighters established that the tanker had a ruptured pipe. One appliance remained on scene while the delivery of fuel was taking place and left once the tanker had returned to depot by just before 6.25pm.

[http://www.ipswichstar.co.uk/news/ipswich\\_firefighters\\_called\\_after\\_fuel\\_tanker\\_s\\_pipe\\_ruptions\\_1\\_2221382](http://www.ipswichstar.co.uk/news/ipswich_firefighters_called_after_fuel_tanker_s_pipe_ruptions_1_2221382)



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