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LEBANON, ZAHRANI, , JUNE 13 2013. ZAHRANI REFINERY FIRE A WARNING TO OFFICIALS ON CONSTRUCTION

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A Civil Defense worker at the shantytown.

The southern district of [Zahrani](#) evaded potentially catastrophic consequences Wednesday when a fire broke out near the area's oil refinery. While the blaze devastated dozens of shantytowns located near the refinery, it could have caused considerably more property damage and resulted in severe financial and environmental losses had it spread to the nearby Zahrani power plant, and the oil reservoirs and estuaries located there. Fire fighters in the vicinity and three specialized Civil Defense teams from Sidon, [Sarafand](#) and [Angoun](#) worked together put out the fire, the cause of which is still unknown. At least five shantytowns inhabited by the [Dom](#) community and a vehicle were damaged in the fire, which broke out midday. Civil Defense teams and Army soldiers evacuated

about 100 residents from the affected areas. Soldiers also helped contain and put out the fire. Ali Khalife, employed by the Zahrani oil refinery, claimed that the fire was caused by the residents living in the shantytowns. "Firefighters from the refinery and others from the Civil Defense were able to contain the fire quickly, before it spread into the refinery," Khalife told The Daily Star. "Thank God no one was hurt and the refinery sustained no damage," he said. However, local residents said that the fire was caused by oil deposits, which later spread to their homes. "The fire spread from the refinery and burned our home," said Talal Kayed, while his wife Rawya wept near the ruins of what was once their makeshift house. Shepherds rushed to save goats and sheep from the fire and drove them to an area close by. "God had saved this region from imminent catastrophe. This fire is a warning to all officials, that they must exert efforts and put an end to the chaotic construction of homes, which has spread to lands around the refinery," a resident, who did not want to be identified, told The Daily Star. "The shantytown that was damaged by the fire began with just a few homes, but expanded over the years to include more than 100 homes," he said. The Dom living in the shanty areas often hung their laundry out to dry along the fences of the oil refinery. Police later arrived at the facility to launch an investigation.

<http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Local-News/2013/Jun-13/220220-zahrani-refinery-fire-a-warning-to-officials-on-construction.ashx#axzz2W57z2JXE>

RUSSIA, KOMI REPUBLIC, KOLVA VILLAGE, JUNE 13 2013. CONFUSION REIGNS OVER MONTHS-OLD OIL SPILL IN NORTHWEST RUSSIA'S KOMI REPUBLIC

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Officials say a pipeline that ruptured as long ago as winter has been for the past several weeks clogging a Northwest Russian river that empties into the Arctic Ocean with oil.

Nearly 120 people including several volunteers from the local community were working to eliminate the residue of a months' old spill into local rivers in the Northwest Russian Komi Republic after pipelines owned by the Rusvietpetro sprang a leak as far back as winter, officials in the region reported Tuesday. The spill, which has been hushed for days by the local administration in the Komi Republic, according to activists and independent journalists, was first noticed on May 22, when local residents of Kolva Village began to see huge slicks of oil flowing down the Kolva River toward the Pechora River, and further out to the Barents Sea. A Bellona source within the Komi administration, who

spoke anonymously because he was not authorized to discuss the event, said in an email interview that the leak has been stopped, but that reaching estimates on how much oil spilled, as well as establishing the reason for the spill, will be difficult. Greenpeace International reported in a [June 4 posting](#) that 100 tons, or 730 barrels of oil had leaked into the Kolva river. According to various reports, "oil containing liquids" began issuing into the Kovla River due to a loss of integrity in an underwater pipeline owned by Rusvietpetro, Russian-Vietnamese joint venture. The Komi administration source that the pipeline ruptured as early as winter, and that the sludge was only now becoming visible. Activists groups have suggested that Rusvietpetro is in the habit of hiding its spills, and the Bellona source said that the current spill was a case in point.



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"Apparently, Rusvietpetro concealed the pipe burst because its general director, Viktor Abmayev, was due for a promotion, [and] as soon as [the promotion] came down, the company stopped hiding its responsibility for the burst," said the Bellona source in the Komi administration. Spokespeople for Rusvietpetro's headquarters in the Komi Republic would not respond to several telephone requests for comment from Bellona on Wednesday on the Komi administration source's remarks. Since the initial gagging of local reporters, the [official government portal of the Komi Region](http://official-government-portal-of-the-komi-region) has begun to publish sketchy statistical information on cleaning efforts nearly daily, but the site has not posted any information on the amount of oil spilled.

Initial Reports Published Only By Activist Groups

The first reports about the oil slick coating the surface of the Kolva River began to pour into Greenpeace Russia on May 22, the day the leak became visible to local residents. Greenpeace then began to publish witness reports from the site on May 27. The official Komi Republic portal did not begin to publish information on the leak or clean up efforts (in Russian) until June 4, causing a delay in official information about the spill of eight days.

Official Reports Attack Activists...

In his first public announcement on the spill via the Komi portal, regional governor and coordinator of the spill liquidation effort, Vyacheslav Gayzer, went immediately on the defensive "This incident has had wide public resonance," he wrote. "Among people who are truly worried about the incident, there are a number of people who are trying to earn political dividends on an alleged hush-up of information, and attempts to hide the scale of the problem. This is fundamentally untrue," he said, adding that, "I consider that liquidating the consequences of the accident must be maximally transparent to the media and the public."

...Though Promise to Bring Culprits to Justice

But he also promised to bring those responsible to account, adding further that the spill is evidence of extreme negligence practiced by those responsible for maintaining the pipeline. "They must answer in full for what happened and I request that law enforcement agencies take this matter into special consideration, and that the punishment must be harsh," said Gayzer.

Cleanup Response Sluggish

As of Tuesday, the Komi portal reported that 235 cubic meters of oil sludge had been collected from the surface of the Kolva river and that some 130 cubic meters remained to be siphoned off. It also said that 23,350 meters of riverbank had been cleaned, and that 2,210 meters of oil blocking booms had been laid out. But Greenpeace reports collected by local activists and journalists indicate the initial responses from officialdom in late May were far from helpful.

Residents Take Oil into their Own Hands

The Komi Republic town of Usinsk on May 28 hosted a public meeting, which was pressured out of authorities by activists. At the meeting, Alexander Tian, head of the Usinsk administration, told the attending residents in exasperation that: "If you do not want to breathe in oil fumes, you should take a boat out and remove the oil yourself." According to Greenpeace, local residents did exactly that, with an apparent offer from the Komi Administration of 10,000 rubles (\$300) per barrel of oil recovered. As of the official report from the Komi Republic portal on Tuesday, clean up efforts were indeed comprised of several local volunteers, but that of the 117 working to clean up the spill, only 11 are from Rusvietpetro, the company responsible for the leak. Other spill liquidation workers come from the specialized emergency cleanup group Nature, which has supplied 94 personnel.

Difficulty in Assigning Blame

But confusion still remains about who is in, in fact, charge of the cleanup effort. A local representative of the Ministry for Emergency Situations what quoted by Greenpeace as saying that: "A mitigation plan for oil spills has been put into operation, but we don't have it. Ask Rusvietpetro for it." Local prosecutors, meanwhile are struggling to evaluate the extent of damage caused by the spill because the ruptured Rusvietpetro pipe has been replaced. This makes calculating the amount spilled and the monetary damages that should be assigned difficult. But local prosecutors in this oil spill prone region do not expect matters to go further than the initiation of a light administrative violation case. Bellona's source in the Komi administration said that the fines that may eventually be levied will not equal the cost of cleaning up the spill's aftermath.

http://www.bellona.org/articles/articles_2013/komi_kolva_oil_spill

USA, WI, MADISON, JUNE 13 2013. GAS TANK VIOLATIONS GET SETTLED

A settlement has been reached in an environmental lawsuit against the owners of the former Jefferson Mobil gas station on East Racine Street. Wisam L. Asad and Wisam Enterprises LLC were charged with violations of Wisconsin environmental laws regulating the maintenance of underground tanks for storage, handling or use of flammable or combustible liquids and the proper abandonment of unused tanks. Through a settlement agreement with the Wisconsin Attorney General's Office, the



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tanks have been brought into compliance and Wisam Enterprises agreed to pay forfeitures, costs and surcharges totaling \$5,000. The tanks involved in the allegations are located at 325 E. Racine Street and referenced as Jefferson Mobil. The site, known as Jefferson Ice Pump, has been closed for a few years and the pumps were removed. According to Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, it is important to have the tanks in compliance with the code because soil contaminated with petroleum products contaminates groundwater flowing through it, and can emit petroleum vapors that seep into nearby basements. The laws are designed to protect the waters of the state from harm due to contamination from such liquids. Wisam Enterprises LLC reportedly did not bring its storage tanks into compliance until after the state Department of Safety and Professional Services referred the violations to the state Department of Justice, ultimately leading to the settlement. Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge William Hue approved and signed the settlement. The total sum is comprised of the forfeitures, statutory surcharges and costs as follows: forfeitures of \$3,836.61, 26-percent penalty charge of \$997.52; \$25 court costs, \$13 crime laboratories and drug law enforcement surcharges, \$68 court support services surcharge, 1-percent jail surcharge of \$38.37, and the \$21.50 justice information system surcharge. Except between the parties involved in the agreement, the stipulation and judgement is not to be considered an admission of liability by Wisam Enterprises LLC.

http://www.dailyunion.com/news/article_625624f2-d373-11e2-87e1-001a4bcf6878.html

USA, MI, DETROIT, JUNE 13 2013. DETROIT POLICE BUST THIEVES SUSPECTED OF STEALING HUNDREDS OF GALLONS OF GAS


shawn ley

 **Watch the Video** [Detroit Police Bust Thieves Suspected of Stealing Hundreds of Gallons of Gas](#)

 **Photo's [6]** [Thieves Steal Gas from Detroit Station](#)



Only Local 4 is on the scene Wednesday morning of a gasoline heist that has left even the most experienced Detroit police investigators surprised and scratching their heads. An alert officer noticed a van parked in a odd position in the parking lot of a gas station in the 17000 block of Grand River Avenue. The officer noticed two tubes running out of the bottom of the van and into the tank cover of the gas station. Inside the van were two men. Police arrested them on the spot. From there, they found that the van had been rigged into an elaborate gas pumping system designed to steal gas. In a photo sent to Local 4, inside the van is a tank that appears to be a deep fat fryer from a restaurant. It is hooked to a pump with two hoses. Police sources say the pump works. When police discovered the gas theft in progress, the men had already pumped 100 gallons of gas into the 250 gallon tank. The fire department has been called in to help handle the gas in the van. Police cannot tow the van with the gas inside of it. A HAZMAT crew has also been called and is on the way to the gas station to help with any spilled gasoline. Police may try to pump the gas back into the station's tank.

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<http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/busted-stealing-hundreds-of-dollars-worth-of-gas-with-homemade-contraption/-/1719418/20532870/-/tpwvyl/-/index.html>

CANADA, ALBA, ZAMA, JUNE 13 2013. TOXIC WASTE SPILL IN NORTHERN ALBERTA BIGGEST OF RECENT DISASTERS IN NORTH AMERICA >> 9.5 MILLION LITRES

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The substance is the inky black colour of oil, and the treetops are brown. Across a broad expanse of northern Alberta muskeg, the landscape is dead. It has been poisoned by a huge spill of 9.5 million litres of toxic waste from an oil and gas operation in northern Alberta, the third major leak in a region whose residents are now questioning whether enough is being done to maintain aging energy infrastructure. The spill was first spotted on June 1. But not until Wednesday did Houston-based Apache Corp. release estimates of its size, which exceeds all of the major recent spills in North America. It comes amid heightened sensitivity about pipeline safety, as the industry faces broad public opposition to plans for a series of major new oil export pipelines to the U.S., British Columbia and eastern Canada. In northern Alberta, not far from the town of Zama City, the leak of so-called "produced water" has affected some 42 hectares, the size of 52 CFL fields, in an area less than 100



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kilometres south of the Northwest Territories border. "Every plant and tree died" in the area touched by the spill, said James Ahnassay, chief of the Dene Tha First Nation, whose members run traplines in an area that has seen oil and gas development since the 1950s. Apache spokesman Paul Wyke called the spill "salty water," with "trace amounts" of oil. The Energy Resources Conservation Board, Alberta's energy regulator, said it contained roughly 200 parts per million of oil, or about 2,000 litres in total. But information compiled by the Dene Tha suggests the toxic substance contains hydrocarbons, high levels of salt, sulphurous compounds, metals and naturally occurring radioactive materials, along with chemical solvents and additives used by the oil industry. Produced-water leaks are considered easier to clean up than oil spills. But the Dene Tha suspect this is a long-standing spill that may have gone undetected for months, given the widespread damage it has done. Apache and the Alberta government say its duration is under investigation. The leak follows a pair of other major spills in the region, including 800,000 litres of an oil-water mixture from Pace Oil and Gas Ltd., and nearly 3.5 million litres of oil from a pipeline run by Plains Midstream Canada. After those accidents, the Dene Tha had asked the Energy Resources Conservation Board, Alberta's energy regulator, to require installation of pressure and volume monitors, as well as emergency shutoff devices, on aging oil and gas infrastructure. The Apache spill has renewed calls for change. "We don't believe that the government is doing enough to ensure upgrades and maintenance of the lines," Mr. Ahnassay said. The Apache spill took place in an area rich with wetlands. Though the Dene Tha suspect waterfowl have died, the company said it has seen no wildlife impacts. The spill has not reached the Zama River, although the Alberta government said it has affected tributaries. Water monitoring is ongoing. Neither Apache nor Alberta initially disclosed the spill, which was only made public after someone reported it to a TV station late last week. The National Energy Board, by comparison, sent out a news release Tuesday after a spill of five to seven barrels of oil at an Imperial Oil Ltd. refinery in Sarnia, Ont. Bob Curran, a spokesman for the ERCB, defended the late release of information, saying it took 10 days to determine the size of the spill. "The second we knew the volumes, we put out a news release," he said. Asked how it could take so long to determine the severity of a large spill, he said Wednesday: "We didn't know it was over 42 hectares. We found that out last night." Environmental groups have long criticized the government for being slow to notify the public when things go wrong with the oil industry, the province's financial lifeblood. "This latest spill should call into question the provincial government's decision to hide the pipeline safety report they received last year and the failure to follow through on the public pipeline safety review the Minister of Energy promised last July," said Greenpeace campaigner Mike Hudema in a statement. A spokesman for Energy Minister Ken Hughes said the province trusts its energy regulator to decide when to release information based "on a process of established science and protocol." Apache said in a statement that it has halted the leak and "taken steps to contain the release as the company continues to map, sample and monitor the impacted areas."

Related Stories

- [Apache spill is one of Alberta's largest pipeline ruptures](#)
- [ERCB Updates Volume Spilled on Pipeline Incident Near Zama City](#)

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/industry-news/energy-and-resources/apache-pipeline-leaks-60000-barrels-of-salty-water-in-northwest-alberta/article12494371/>

ENGLAND, HAMPSHIRE, RINGWOOD, JUNE 13 2013. LONG QUEUES ON A31 AFTER WOMAN DRIVES INTO PETROL PUMP AT RINGWOOD GARAGE



The scene at the garage.

Police and firefighters sealed off a petrol station on Wednesday morning after a motorist drove into one of the pumps. The incident happened at 6.30am at the Texaco garage on the [A31](#) at [Ringwood](#). The 26-year-old female driver of the red Ford Fiesta was treated by an ambulance crew and firefighters and the pump was partially knocked over. There was no fire, but two fire crews from Ringwood were sent to the scene and helped to make it safe, washing down the area. A spokesperson for Hampshire Fire and Rescue said they used one hose reel to help dampen the fumes which were around. Staff and customers were evacuated during the incident. The driver of the red Ford Fiesta suffered minor injuries, thought to be whiplash, and her vehicle was recovered. The petrol station remained closed for most of yesterday, while engineers repaired the damage. A member of staff at the service station said: "Basically someone just drove into one



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of the pumps and has really damaged it. "We're not sure how she managed to do it. "We're going to be closed for the rest of the day." Traffic built up on the A31 as a result of the recovery operation with long delays from Ringwood throughout the morning. The queues were cleared by midday.

http://www.bournemouthcho.co.uk/news/10478046.Motorist_drives_into_petrol_pump_at_Ringwood_garage/?ref=nt

USA, TX, SAN ANGELO, JUNE 14 2013. HYDROCHLORIC ACID SPILL PROMPTS EVACUATION

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 **Watch the Video** [Acid Spill in San Angelo](#)

The La Quinta Inn Conference Center and Inn at 2307 Loop 306 in San Angelo was evacuated Thursday morning after a tanker truck loaded with 3,000 gallons of hydrochloric acid pulled into the parking lot with a leak. San Angelo Fire Marshal Ross Coleman estimated the spill to be about 300 gallons. City spokesman Anthony Wilson said the La Quinta and two other nearby businesses, one of which was the QualTrust Credit Union, were evacuated as a precaution. Wilson said some of the acid was threatening to spread into the neighboring QualTrust parking lot, but safety crews set up a sand berm to prevent it from spreading further. The truck is owned by Refinery Specialties Inc. of Bryan, which had a truck en route to clean up the spill, Wilson said. The San Angelo Fire Department dispatched four trucks, a rescue unit and two ambulances to the site, and Goodfellow Air Force Base sent a hazardous materials handling team to dike the area with sandbags to prevent the spill from spreading, he said. No injuries or illnesses were reported, and Coleman said the spill did not pose a threat to any neighboring residences. The area to the west includes apartment buildings and town houses. "The company is responsible for the cleaning," Wilson said. "Our role is to make it safe and contain it until the company cleans it up. We're here to make sure it's done correctly." Hydrochloric acid is used for cleaning oil field equipment deployed in hydraulic fracturing, Coleman said. "It's not a widespread issue," Coleman said, "In an enclosed environment (hydrochloric acid) could be very dangerous. Right now we're in an open environment, so we're OK. We just want to make sure everyone is safe." The details of how the spill happened are still unclear, he said. The Loop 306 westbound frontage road between the exits to Southwest Boulevard and Knickerbocker Road was closed, but traffic was otherwise unaffected. Wilson said the cleanup would take at least three hours. The spill was reported about 9 a.m. The Red Cross set up an emergency shelter for La Quinta guests at the Southland Baptist Church, 4300 Meadowcreek Trail, about half a mile from the motel. Red Cross Executive Director Janet Karcher said food and water would be available. Although it seems unlikely at this point, said Red Cross volunteer Norvell Holveck, the organization is prepared to make arrangements for people to stay overnight. "We just respond when we're asked," he said. About 24 motel guests and 14 staff from the La Quinta were affected, Wilson said.

<http://www.gosanangelo.com/news/2013/jun/13/breaking-news-hazmat-spill-around-loop-306-and/>

VIETNAM, HO CHI MINH CITY, JUNE 14 2013. ALL PETROL STATIONS IN HCM CITY TO BE INSPECTED



A petrol station in fire in Tan Binh District, HCM City last December. According to the Ho Chi Minh City Fire-fighting Police Department, all petrol stations in the city will be checked from now to the end of July 2013. Under this plan, inspectors will consider the legality and anti-fire plans of all 514 filling stations in the city. Earlier, Mr. Le Tan Buu, deputy director of the Fire-fighting Police Department, stated that petrol stations found flouting fire safety laws could be shut down by the end of this year. According to Buu, 93 petrol stations had been closed for safety reasons since 2007 when a plan to relocate them took effect. Of the 514 left in the city, 107, some opened before 1975, do not meet safety regulations issued last year. To mitigate the threat of fire at petrol stations, the Fire-fighting Police Department has recommended that the city

authorities should relocate them by 2020 and get the older ones upgraded to meet the safety standards, Buu said. The department is focused on improving people's awareness of fire prevention, strengthening the fire department and modernizing its equipment, he added. It already has the most modern vehicles in the world like 30-meter-ladder trucks and others made in France. The authorities have approved four rescue helicopters for the department by 2020 and two more by 2025, he said. The plan to check all petrol stations in HCM City was approved after the fire at a gas station in Hanoi on June 3.

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<http://english.vietnamnet.vn/fms/society/76570/all-petrol-stations-in-hcm-city-to-be-inspected.html>



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ENGLAND, ESSEX, JUNE 14 2013. BRAINTREE: METAL OBJECT FLIES ACROSS PETROL STATION AND RIPS OPEN MUM'S HEAD



Two young children watched in fear as their mum's head poured with blood after she was hit by a piece of metal in a freak accident on a petrol station forecourt. Alison McAiney pulled into the Texaco petrol station, off Galley's Corner, in Braintree, ahead of a trip into town with her children George, five, and Noel, 16 months. She had just finished filling up when a lorry pulled in behind her and clipped what she claims was a piece of metal that would usually connect the roof to a height restriction warning sign, which she says was missing. The metal sprang off and hit her head, causing a deep cut and sending blood streaming down her face. A spokesperson for The Co-operative Food, which owns and runs the petrol station site, said: "We are sorry that Mrs McAiney suffered an injury at our Galley's Corner petrol station in Braintree, and we wish her a speedy recovery. "We are currently investigating the circumstances of the incident."

<http://tinyurl.com/lafggpp>

AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, BALAKLAVA, JUNE 14 2013. TANKER SPILLS DIESEL AT BALAKLAVA



Map: [Of Affected Area: Balaklava-Owen Road, Owen South Australia 5460](#)

Motorists are advised that diesel has spilled from a tanker at Balaklava and is likely to cause delays. Emergency Service crews are on scene, but the clean up is expected to take hours, a Transport Department spokeswoman said. The spill is affecting the Port Wakefield-Auburn Rd, Balaklava-Owen Rd and Dunns Rd.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/national/tanker-spills-diesel-at-balaklava/story-fni5yv7-1226663504251>

INDIA, TAMIL NADU, PERAMBALUR, JUNE 14 2013. 4 DIE AS BUS, TANKER COLLIDE



The bus which hit a tanker lorry at Elambalur, near Perambalur on Wednesday. Four persons, including three passengers and the driver of a tanker lorry, were killed on the spot and ten others injured when a bus and the tanker lorry collided at Elambalur village near here on Wednesday. The incident happened when the air-conditioned bus coming from Chennai to Tiruchi went out of control and hit the Ulundpet-bound tanker carrying diesel. The dead were identified as S. Selvaraj (41) of Ottanchathiram, his son S. Naveen Kumar (14) and M. Sathan (35) of Aranthangi – all bus passengers, S. Sivakumar (40), tanker lorry driver. Police officials led by Magesh, Superintendent of Police and Fire and Rescue

personnel rushed to the spot. The injured, including Thiagarajan (54) bus driver and A. Suresh (36) conductor were admitted to the Government Headquarters Hospital.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/4-die-as-bus-tanker-collide-near-perambalur/article4807846.ece>

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, HOBART, JUNE 14 2013. SEVEN HURT IN BP SERVO EXPLOSION

 **Watch the Video** [Gas Explosion at Margate Petrol Station, South of Hobart, Injures Seven](#)



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A gas bottle explosion "like an earthquake" at a Margate petrol station sent seven people to hospital earlier today.

Seven people were injured when a gas leak caused an explosion at the Margate BP Service station this morning. The injured people were taken to hospital with minor bruising and abrasions, as well as ringing in their ears. All seven people have now been released from hospital. Police, the Tasmania Fire Service and Workplace Standards attended the scene. Police post-blast forensic personnel and TFS investigators are working to determine the cause of the explosion. Police said the explosion occurred in the rear of a ute. A male from a nearby business used a fire extinguisher to put out a residual flame. The explosion caused damage to the roof covering the bowsers, spreading wreckage across the



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pavement, but police said there was not believed to be any damage to the bowsters. Inspector Ian Lindsay said some of the injuries were caused by flying debris, including to one person on the other side of the road. Nicole Franklin, a worker at the service station who was inside at the time of the explosion, said: "It was just very scary. The windows shattered but they didn't break." Traffic on the Channel Highway has not been affected.

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USA, ARK, LITTLE ROCK, JUNE 14 2013. EXXON IS SUED OVER MARCH PIPELINE SPILL

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The [federal Department of Justice](#) and Arkansas filed a complaint on Thursday against Exxon Mobil over an [oil spill](#) involving the company's Pegasus pipeline. The complaint, filed in federal district court in Little Rock on behalf of the [Environmental Protection Agency](#) and Arkansas's environmental quality department, asserts that the spill continues to pollute waterways and that Exxon did not promptly repair the pipeline, which carries heavy Canadian crude. The pipeline ruptured in Mayflower on March 29, and the complaint says many residents of the 22 homes evacuated have been unable to return. The plaintiffs are seeking damages under clean water laws. An Exxon Mobil spokesman said the company had yet to review the complaint and would continue to cooperate with government agencies.

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/06/14/us/arkansas-exxon-is-sued-over-march-pipeline-spill.html?_r=0

USA, ILL, DETROIT, JUNE 14 2013. HUNDREDS OF GALLONS OF GAS SPILL INTO DETROIT SEWER AFTER THIEVES TARGET FUEL TANKER



The Detroit Fire Department continues cleanup at a gas station where hundreds of gallons of gas spilled into the sewer system after thieves stole fuel from a tanker.

A hazmat team was called to a gas station on Detroit's east side after someone tried to steal gasoline from a tanker, resulting in hundreds of gallons of gas spilling onto the pavement and into the sewer. The incident happened early Friday morning at the Clark gas station at 7 Mile and Schoenherr roads. Police say the driver of the fuel tanker was filling station's underground tanks when two men tried to rob him. The driver said he didn't have anything, so the thieves pulled the fuel hose right out of the ground and tried to fill up a plastic gas can, police said, spilling fuel everywhere. Police say the thieves managed to get away with about a gallon of gas, but about 200 gallons of gasoline could have spilled from that hose. While some of the gas remained on the pavement, most

of it spilled into the sewer, police said. The Detroit Fire Department's HAZMAT team quickly responded to the scene and flushed the sewer system, but authorities are concerned about fumes from the spilled gas escaping sewer pipes that serve surrounding businesses and homes. Hours after the incident, police made two arrests in the case. According to reports, one of the suspects, dressed only in his underwear, was taken from a home across the street from the gas station, where his gas-soaked clothes were allegedly found in the basement. Residents in the neighborhood were surprised to hear that the incident occurred just steps away from where they were sleeping. BJ Davis, who lives across the street from the gas station, said she woke up and went to get her morning coffee from the gas station when she saw all the commotion. "I asked Omar what



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happened and he told me that two young guys tried to rob the guy that puts the gas down in the ground and some little guys tried to rob him. They couldn't rob him so they snatched the gas thing up out the hole in the ground and then the gas got everywhere," she said. This is the second time in a week that gas stations have been targeted by thieves in Detroit. On Wednesday, two men were arrested on the city's west side after they were caught using a homemade contraption to syphon gas from an underground fuel tank.

<http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2013/06/14/hundreds-of-gallons-of-gas-spill-into-detroit-sewer-after-thieves-target-fuel-tanker/>

CANADA, B.C, MERRITT, JUNE 14 2013. KINDER MORGAN SAYS LEAK FROM TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE IS CONTAINED

dene moore,

 [Watch the Video 2,000 Litres of Crude Oil Spill](#)

 [Watch the Video Kinder Morgan Says Leak from Trans Mountain Pipeline is Contained](#)



A crew was cleaning up a small oil spill Thursday from Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline in British Columbia, where the company plans a controversial expansion through a province divided over oil pipelines and the tankers that go with them. Initial estimates from the Calgary-based company said 12 barrels, or about 2,000 litres, of light crude leaked before an employee discovered the breach Wednesday about 40 kilometres south of Merritt, B.C., where the line follows the Coquihalla Highway through the Cascade Mountains. "We had crews in the area that were doing routine maintenance work and one of our crew members... noticed a small pooling of what appeared to be oil," company spokesman Andy Galarnyk said. The pipeline was shut down about 10 a.m. and

a crew dispatched, he said. All regulatory agencies were notified, and by late Wednesday, the National Energy Board had observers on site and the repair was underway. The energy board said the public and the environment were not at risk. A Kinder Morgan oil spill response team of up to 24 people was at the scene within a couple of hours, but Galarnyk said it is unclear how long oil had been leaking. "My understanding was that the control centre did not receive an alarm, so in terms of whether it was a very slow leak that just bubbled to the surface, that's part of the investigation that's underway at this point," he said. The federal energy board said the company is responsible for clean-up and site remediation. "There is no immediate safety concern for local residents and precautions are being taken to ensure continued public safety," the watchdog agency said in a statement. B.C. Environment Minister Mary Polak did not respond to a request for comment. The province recently announced its opposition to the Northern Gateway oil pipeline proposal, due in part to concerns about a spill. The province has not taken a position on Kinder Morgan's proposed expansion. The Trans Mountain line ships 300,000 barrels per day of various petroleum products from Alberta to the B.C. Lower Mainland and Washington State. Last month, Kinder Morgan submitted its project description to the National Energy Board. The plan would almost triple the capacity, and include shipment of diluted bitumen, a heavier, molasses-like oil that critics claim is harder to clean up. The proposal is controversial, and critics were quick to seize upon the spill. Sarah Cox, the head of Sierra Club B.C., said the leak -- however small -- highlights the dangers of oil pipelines. "We find it alarming that it took them a few days to detect the leak," she said. The expansion would mean more oil coursing through the pipelines on land, and an additional 400 oil tankers a year plying the B.C. coast. "Where oil moves, it spills," Cox said. "It's only a matter of time before there is a bigger spill." Since 2005 there have been four ruptures on the Trans Mountain line, she said, including a 2007 construction accident that rained down 230,000 litres of oil on a Burnaby neighbourhood. Ben West, of the group ForestEthics, said the incident serves as a reminder that "it's not a matter of if spills will happen, but when they will happen." The spill occurred days before a federal panel begins hearing final arguments in its review of the Northern Gateway pipeline, another controversial proposal that would transport oil from Alberta to a tanker port in Kitimat, B.C. Galarnyk said the spill is not a blow to efforts to win over a skittish B.C. public. "The fact that we do ongoing integrity work and maintenance on the existing line, I think, just attests to the fact that we take the safe and efficient operation of the line seriously," he said. "Events like this do happen from time to time, but at the same time we are prepared for them." The company has said that in 51 years, there have been only eight spills on the Trans Mountain line that exceeded the reporting threshold of 1.5 cubic metres, and only two of those in the past 30 years.

<http://bc.ctvnews.ca/kinder-morgan-says-leak-from-trans-mountain-pipeline-is-contained-1.1324084>



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USA, KY, HILLSBORO, JUNE 14 2013. FLEMING FIREWORKS BUSINESS DESTROYED IN EXPLOSION

christy hoots

The Hillsboro Volunteer Police Department responded to an explosion at Starlight Fireworks Thursday morning. According to Fire Chief William Thompson, the explosion occurred around 8:30 a.m. "There were about eight or 10 explosions," he said. "It sounded like loud thunder. I live close by and heard and that's what I thought it was. And, then, there were a few smaller explosions after we arrived." Thompson said another firefighter heard the explosion and called the incident in to dispatch. By the time firefighters arrived, the building housing the business had been destroyed. "We could see where the walls had blown out and the roof had collapsed," he said. "Around the outside were circles scorched into the ground (where) the explosions happened. There wasn't much in the building, so it just engulfed it. When the explosion happened, it just went up." Thompson said firefighters just let the building go up in flames. "There wasn't much we could do, because so much of it was already gone," he said. Thompson said the owner, Caroline Tinge was out of state when the explosions happened. "We were able to get in touch with the owner, who was supposed to have returned about 1 (p.m.)," said Thompson. Thompson said Starlight Fireworks, which sits about a mile outside Hillsboro, normally provides Flemingsburg and Maysville with custom made pyrotechnics for the cities' annual Independence Day fireworks displays. "The owner makes custom fireworks, which both of the cities purchase for their fireworks displays every year," he said. "It's a shame this happened." Thompson said he is unsure what prompted the explosion, but it remains under investigation. Hillsboro VFD was assisted at the scene by the Flemingsburg VFD and Fleming County Emergency Management.

http://www.maysville-online.com/news/local/fleming-fireworks-business-destroyed-in-explosion/article_38190d6c-2ced-58d4-8af3-c56c472c1829.html

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, MAITLAND, JUNE 14 2013. CARCINOGENIC DIESEL EMISSIONS IN MINES

In June 2012 diesel exhaust was reclassified as a carcinogen to humans. This change has implications for the mining industry as most mines use diesel engines in some form or other. The law requires that:

- mine operators ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health of workers
- pollutants from diesel plant in underground parts of a mine are minimised as far as reasonably practicable
- management systems to control diesel pollutants in the underground parts of a coal operation are in place

All mines should have a documented strategy to control diesel emissions with the objective of minimising people's exposure to the lowest level reasonably practicable. For full details and recommendations see [SB13-03 Diesel emissions in mines](#). To access other safety bulletins published by the department please visit: www.resources.nsw.gov.au/safety/safety-bulletins. To access safety alerts published by the department, please visit: www.resources.nsw.gov.au/safety/safety-alerts

CHINA, SHANGHAI, JUNE 14 2013. CROWDSOURCED MAP SHOWS CHINA'S POLLUTION HOTSPOTS

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Summary: The Alibaba-backed Danger Maps, which allows "crowdmapping" of pollution sources, is now expanding to cover missing people and child abuse.

A crowdsourced mapping project, called Danger Maps, indicates pollution hotspots in China and is now expanding to cover other themes such as missing people and child abuse. According to [Bloomberg](#) on Thursday, the Web site was started by netizen Liu Chunlei last year, to enable others to look up sites such as toxic-waste treatment facilities, oil refineries and power plants. Liu has also plotted about 6,000 pollution sources based on government data and user input on [Baidu Map](#)--China's version of Google Maps. The site taps on the knowledge of China's 564 million Internet users to draw attention to environmental risks. Specifically, the site [Usahidi.com](#), created in 2008 to track post-election violence in Kenya and [Web sites tracking radiation after the Fukushima nuclear disasters](#) inspired Liu's move. In January, Danger Maps received a donation of 50,000 yuan (US\$8,150) and an offer of technical support from the Alibaba Foundation, which supports groups working to preserve China's environment. Liu created Danger Maps after realizing the Shanghai apartment he bought in 2007 was near a landfill, something he was not informed of when negotiating the purchase. He is now expanding his site by letting users add information to maps with other themes such as missing people and child abuse. He pointed out he does not have significant problems with user data, and that Danger Maps has not received complaints from government agencies or real estate developers. He said he only deletes information which is false or libelous. "The reason we started crowdsourcing is that if everyone can take action and add data, the level of accuracy may rise," Liu said. "We're not defining our image as being in



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opposition to the government. What we want is to create positive energy." Industry watchers previously told ZDNet [Asian firms are well-poised for internal crowdsourcing](http://www.zdnet.com/cn/crowdsourced-map-shows-chinas-pollution-hotspots-7000016787/) due to the high uptake of mobile devices and social media among Asian workers but will also need clear and firm strategies and rules to ensure the process does not evolve into a hinderance.

<http://www.zdnet.com/cn/crowdsourced-map-shows-chinas-pollution-hotspots-7000016787/>

USA, TN, DYERSBURG, JUNE 14 2013. TANKER ROLLS IN DYERSBURG, SPILLS 1,500 GALLONS OF ETHANOL

Cleanup crews are dealing with an ethanol spill after a tanker truck overturned in Dyersburg. According to The State Gazette, the rig rolled twice Tuesday, spilling an estimated 1,500 gallons of the 7,500 gallons of ethanol it was carrying. The driver had only minor injuries. Ethanol is an alcohol-based fuel made from starch crops, including corn. Dyersburg Fire Chief Bob Veal said the spilled ethanol is not a danger. Veal said the truck is believed to have picked up its load at an ethanol plant in Obion County. Hazardous materials crews from Nashville and Memphis were called to clean up the spill, which could take two or three days.

<http://www.nwntoday.com/news.php?viewStory=84777>

USA, MI, LEONI TOWNSHIP, JUNE 14 2013. 32 YEAR OLD IN CRITICAL FOLLOWING OIL WELL EXPLOSION

A 32 year old man is in critical condition at UofM hospital with third degree burns over his entire body. He was driving a truck that caused a natural gas line to explode at an oil well in Leonie township. The fire occurred on West Bay's oil well property, near Dorrell and Portage road. Mark Curl has lived next to the West Bay oil well for nine years and hasn't heard and smelled anything out of the ordinary until Wednesday around 6. "While the rumble took off, the explosion happened and actually moved my son up against the wall and my other son in the garage knocked him off his chair," said Home Owner Mark Curl. That impact the Curl's felt is believed to be the result of a natural gas line explosion that happened at the West Bay oil well site. "It appears that we had a truck driver that may have hit a gas line," said West Bay Field Operations Manager Jeff Schunk. Causing the semi-hauler he was driving to go up in flames. "I can't tell you why he was exactly where he was at, where you surprised by it.... a little bit yes," Schunk said. That driver, a 32 year old man from Clare County suffered serious 3rd degree burns and had to be airlifted to University of Michigan hospital. "Fortunately we were able to extinguish that fire without anyone else being injured and we were very quickly able to rescue the driver and get him away from danger," said Deputy Director Blackman Leoni Public Safety Jon Johnston. There were workers nearby, but not near the explosion when it happened, the environmental protection agency, DEQ and MI-OSHA will be on hand through the investigation. The oil well portion of West Bay will be shut down while the investigation continues.

<http://www.wlns.com/story/22575156/reported-explosion-at-oil-pumping-field>

USA, N.J., PALMYRA, JUNE 15 2013. CONTRACTOR INJURED IN GULF STATION FUEL TANK EXPLOSION IN PALMYRA

david levinsky & lisa irizarry



Firefighters dousing a gas station underground storage tank after it exploded Friday afternoon at the Gulf Gas Station on Route 73 N. in Palmyra.

A contractor suffered severe burns Friday afternoon from an underground gasoline tank explosion at a Gulf gas station on Route 73, police said. The worker was cleaning an empty underground fuel tank at 12:35 p.m. when a spark caused an explosion, according to investigators. The man, who was not identified but was described as an independent contractor hired by Gulf, was taken to Cooper University Hospital in Camden. His condition was not immediately available. However, police Chief Scott Pearlman said he was still conscious when first responders arrived. A witness said the man appeared to be badly hurt. "It looked like his stomach had exploded," Palmyra resident Heather O'Donnell said Friday from near the station. She said she was at a nearby hair salon when she heard the loud explosion and ran to see what happened. "There was fire and smoke pouring out of this hole," she said. "(The worker) was on the ground ... He didn't look good. I hope he makes it." Another witness said the explosion sent a plume of thick black smoke 100 yards into the air. "It shut up



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fast and you could smell it. It was this noxious kind of smell," said Walt Moska, a sales employee at The Auto Store dealership on Route 73. Pearlman said the explosion set fire to residual fuel and fumes in the empty tank, but firefighters were able to prevent the blaze from spreading to other fuel tanks. Two of the three tanks at the station were empty. A third was filled with high-octane fuel, the chief said. Route 73 North was closed for over an hour while firefighters filled the tanks at the station with water and fire suppression foam. The road reopened at close to 2:30 p.m. "The fire company is telling us there is no danger," Pearlman said. An investigation into the explosion is ongoing involving police and fire officials. Investigators from the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency also responded to the station along with officials from the state Department of Environmental Protection and the Burlington County Department of Health.

http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/contractor-injured-in-gulf-station-fuel-tank-explosion-in-palmyra/article_c2d1cde1-3422-51a8-a9f3-864095c3e274.html

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, TONCURRY, JUNE 15 2013. MAN KILLED, HOME FLATTENED IN GAS EXPLOSION

 [Watch the Video Man Killed, Home Flattened in Gas Explosion](#)



An elderly man has been killed in a massive explosion at a home on the New South Wales mid-north coast. Police are investigating the blast, which might have been caused by a gas cylinder. The Tuncurry home has been destroyed by fire and several neighbouring homes are damaged. The boom could be heard several kilometres away, just before 11 o'clock this morning. "The windows shook and it literally felt like someone had driven into the side of the building, either that or an earthquake," local James Perry told Fairfax. It scattered debris, including asbestos, over a 30-metre radius. Attempts are being made to identify the body. The Lakes Way has been closed in both directions. Motorists are being advised to exit the Pacific Highway at Bulahdelah and use the Lakes Way.

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/national/17604773/body-found-after-gas-explosion/>

USA, IN, COLUMBUS, JUNE 15 2013. TANKER OVERTURNS; NO HEALTH DANGER >> 2 ANHYDROUS AMMONIA TANKS

mark webber

What might have been a potential threat to public health resulted in only a brief power outage and short-term road closure in southeast Bartholomew County, police said. At 3:52 p.m. Wednesday, a truck pulling two anhydrous ammonia tanks went off County Road 900E, just north of County Road 300S, after the teenage driver fell asleep, said Maj. Todd Noblitt of the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department. After the truck drifted off the west side of the road, one of the tanks struck a Duke Energy utility pole, causing the tank to overturn on its side, Noblitt said. The driver, Karson Kamman, 16, of Columbus, was not injured, and the overturned tank was nearly empty, Noblitt said. But when first-responders arrived, they discovered that the utility pole, which had live wires, was leaning across one of the tanks, Noblitt said. After the road northwest of Grammer was closed, a crew from Duke Energy had to be called in to shut off the electricity before the overturned tanker could be up righted and removed, Noblitt said. Members of the Elizabethtown Volunteer Fire Department and a Columbus Regional Hospital ambulance were called in due to the possibility of a tank leak and as a precaution against the excessive heat, Noblitt said. However, he added the firefighters and paramedics were not needed. The electricity was restored to the area after the utility pole was reset, Noblitt said.

http://www.therepublic.com/view/local_story/Tanker-overturms-no-health-dan_1371176599

PAKISTAN, ISLAMABAD. JUNE 15 2013. LICENCES OF STATIONS SELLING PETROL ILLEGALLY SHOULD BE CANCELLED, SAYS CJ

Chief Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry on Thursday observed that licences of petrol pumps selling fuel illegally should be cancelled. A three-member bench of the Supreme Court, headed by the chief justice, reserved the judgment in the Gujrat school van incident case after hearing all the parties. The suo moto notice case was regarding an incident that took place on May 25 in Gujrat wherein 18 students, between the ages of five to 15, of a private school and their female teacher were burnt to death when their van caught fire on their way to school. During the hearing, Afnan Kundi, the counsel for Oil and Gas



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Regulatory Authority (Ogra), requested the court to ban the use of CNG in public transport in order to avoid Gujrat like incidents in the future. He contended that since 2011, they had written to the federal government that use of CNG cylinders in the public transport, particularly vans and pick-ups, was very dangerous as there was no space for fitting the cylinders, therefore, they were fitted under the passenger seats. Kundi contended that the entire responsibility of the Gujrat incident lies on Chief Inspector Explosive (CIE). However, CIE Mohammad Hussain told the court that for the last three years, the issue as to who should conduct inspection had been pending in the Lahore High Court. The court, however, observed that it was Ogra's responsibility to inspect and check the fitting of cylinder in vehicles. Afnan Kundi contended that the van did have a fuel tank and the driver kept petrol in jerry cans. He said the incident took place either due to a short-circuit or the cigarette the driver was smoking. The chief justice lamented that corruption was rampant everywhere. The Gujrat DPO informed the court that according to the statements of the driver and owner of the vehicle, they got the fitness certificate without presenting the vehicle before the motor vehicle examiner. Punjab Additional Advocate General Jawwad Hassan told the bench that according to the inquiry conducted by commissioner, Gujranwala Division, the secretary regional transport authority (RTA), Gujrat, motor vehicle examiner (MVE), district traffic police, excise and taxation department and education department are responsible for the tragic incident. Meanwhile, the court, after hearing all the parties, reserved the judgment.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-23481-Licences-of-stations-selling-petrol-illegally-should-be-cancelled-says-CJ>

USA, CA, SAN CLEMENTE, JUNE 15 2013. PROPANE TANKER CRASH CAUSES TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE NEAR CAMP PENDLETON

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- [Truck Pileup Snarls I-5 around San Onofre](#)
- [Propane Tanker Crash Snarls Traffic on 5 Freeway](#)

 **Slideshow [9]** [Propane Tanker Crash Closes SB I-5 at Scales](#)



Southbound Interstate 5 near Camp Pendleton turned into a virtual parking lot Friday after a multi-vehicle crash involving a propane tanker blocked all lanes of the freeway, authorities said. The crash in northern San Diego County near the shuttered San Onofre nuclear reactor occurred around 7:10 a.m. on south I-5, just north of the scales, and quickly backed up traffic headed into San Diego County from Orange County, according to the California Highway Patrol. Crews were busy cleaning less than 40 gallons of fluid that spilled across the freeway and truckloads of debris, the CHP reported on its website. All lanes of traffic were closed until around 8:30 a.m., when one lane was reopened. The CHP reported a second lane might possibly be reopened around 9 a.m. An injury report was not immediately released.

<http://www.kusi.com/story/22594710/propane-tanker-crash-causes-traffic-nightmare-near-camp-pendleton>

USA, MD, JACKSONVILLE, JUNE 15 2013. OVERTURNED TANKER SPILLS FUEL

 **Watch the Video** [Overturned Tanker Spills Fuel](#)

Earlier today, the Baltimore County Fire Department responded to the 3800 block Blenheim Road in Jacksonville for an incident involving an overturned tanker. The tanker was carrying diesel fuel. A private company was called in to clean up contaminated soil. During the cleanup process, a natural gas line was struck. Fire Department crews and BGE remained on the scene and waited for the storm threat to pass before continuing to resolve the issue. The affected area includes Blenheim Road near Dance Mill Road and Redcoat Road, north to Sweet Air Road. Motorists were being redirected.

http://www.abc2news.com/dpp/news/region/baltimore_county/overturned-tanker-spills-fuel

INDONESIA, ACEH, JUNE 15 2013. BRITISH OIL WORKER KIDNAPPED IN INDONESIA

jon mainwaring

A British oil worker has been kidnapped in the Aceh province of Indonesia, according to reports Wednesday. BBC News reported a spokesman for police in the Aceh province as saying the man, named as 61-year old Malcolm Primrose, had been traveling back from a mine site when a group of armed men ambushed his car. The British embassy in Jakarta was reported



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as being in touch with the local authorities and the man's family. But so far there have been no ransom demands, the BBC added. Primrose's LinkedIn profile lists him as a senior drilling supervisor working for Indonesian oil firm Medco Exploration and Production in the Medan area of North Sumatra. Companies he has worked for in the past include: GeoEnpro, PetroChina, Lundin Russia and Lundin Indonesia, according to the profile. The Aceh area has been generally regarded as safe for foreigners to work in since the bloody conflict between the Free Aceh Movement and the government of Indonesia ended in 2005. However, kidnappings have occurred since then. In 2008 several workers from a Chinese company were kidnapped by gunmen in the Gayo district of Aceh; they were all released days later.

http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=127043&utm_source=WeeklyNewsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=2013-06-14&utm_content=read&utm_campaign=feature_1

USA, GA, COLUMBUS, JUNE 15 2013. 4 INJURED IN COLUMBUS GAS STATION CRASH

 **Watch the Video** [4 Injured in Columbus Gas Station Crash](#)

Four passengers, including two children, were rushed to a hospital Thursday afternoon when their car crashed into a gas pump. Two cars were involved in the crash, which took place at the Crown gas station on South Lumpkin Road. A driver says he was making a left turn into the gas station when the black car swerved to avoid him and went over the curb into the pumps. It slid underneath a Coca-Cola truck that two men were unloading in the parking lot. "The Coca-Cola man was in the back of the truck and he jumped out," said Calvin Payne Sr., who was involved in the crash. "I mean they just came down from here and after they hit me they just went straight airborne. With that impact, that's what you see." Witnesses say two adult women were lying in the grass and loaded onto ambulances by stretcher. One woman appeared to be seriously hurt. We're told the children's injuries are less severe.

<http://www.wsfa.com/story/22586685/4-injured-in-columbus-gas-station-crash>

USA, LA, ASCENSION PARISH, GEISMAR, JUNE 15 2013, 2ND VICTIM DIES FROM LOUISIANA CHEMICAL PLANT EXPLOSION

molly hennessy-fiske

 **Watch the Video** [Second Death in Louisiana Chemical Plant Explosion](#)



Thursday's chemical plant fire in Geismar, La., is doused.

A second worker injured in [an explosion and fire](#) at a central Louisiana petrochemical plant has died and a few others remained hospitalized Friday. Scott Thrower, 47, of St. Amant, La., suffered burns Thursday morning in the explosion at the Williams Olefins plant in Geismar, La., about 20 miles south of Baton Rouge, according to Louisiana State Police Capt. Doug Cain. Thrower was treated at the burn unit at Baton Rouge General Medical Center and died midday Friday, Cain told the Los Angeles Times. "He was one of the victims we were concerned with overnight," Cain said, adding that it was unclear where Thrower was at the time of the explosion. "Unfortunately, we never had a chance to speak to him." The explosion also killed a 29-year-old worker identified Friday as Zachary Green of Hammond, La. Green had started working

at the plant in October, according to Alan Armstrong, chief executive of Tulsa, Okla.-based [Williams Cos.](#), who held a briefing Friday at the Chamber of Commerce after meeting with Green's family. Green's relatives could not be immediately reached Friday. "He will be deeply missed by his friends at the Geismar plant," Armstrong said, adding that the explosion was a "tremendous tragedy." "A lot of us in this industry have spent much of our careers working to make it safe to operate. When something like this happens, honestly, it feel like a big failure," he said. Armstrong said two Williams employees and four contractors remained hospitalized. Of the 839 workers at the plant at the time, 100 were treated for injuries, plant manager Larry Bayer said during the briefing. The plant was in the process of expanding and the explosion occurred in a propylene fractionation area, which makes propane and propylene, a highly-flammable chemical, the plant manager said. The company is working with regulators to investigate the cause of the explosion, assess damages at the 25-acre site and reopen the plant, which Williams Cos. has owned since 1999, Armstrong said. He also said he was unaware of a [class-action lawsuit](#) filed Friday in state court by the Louisiana-based Becnel Law Firm on behalf of a worker on scaffolding at a nearby facility at the time of the explosion who claims he was harmed by the smoke plume. "I have talked with some of our employees and I know



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they are hurting," Armstrong said. "Once we better understand the cause we certainly will be taking necessary steps to prevent this from ever happening." He said that employees would be paid while the plant is temporarily closed, but that it was not clear how extensive the damages are or how long it will take to reopen. Bayer said about two dozen workers were staffing the plant in 12-hour shifts to make sure it remains safe as residual hydrocarbons are burned off through a smokestack, probably within the next day. He said they have been working with the [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) to "assess the plant's structural integrity." "We are devoted to operating a safe facility. We are very proud of our safety record," Bayer said. He said he also visited Green's family and an employee burned in the explosion. "They are holding up remarkably well," Bayer said. "I'm sure they would like to understand what happened and we're going to do our best to find out." The company does not have an inspection history with OSHA, and although OSHA staff members were at the plant Friday, they declined to release information, citing the investigation, according to regional spokeswoman Diana Petterson in Dallas. She said that it was unclear how long the investigation will take, but that OSHA has up to six months. The [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) has also dispatched staff to the plant to monitor potential environmental effects. "To date, air monitoring has not shown levels of concern to the surrounding community," said regional spokeswoman Jennah Durant in Dallas. She noted that within the last five years, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has taken two Clean Air Act enforcement actions against the plant, fining them \$4,500. But DEQ officials said the plant has a relatively clean record with only minor violations, and they saw no signs of air contamination Friday at a mobile air monitoring lab and 10 sites tested in surrounding communities. "We have seen no levels of any concern of any pollutants," said DEQ spokesman Rodney Mallett.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nation/nationnow/la-na-nn-louisiana-plant-explosion-20130614,0,6225907.story>

USA, WASHINGTON, DC, JUNE 15 2013. CHEMICAL SAFETY BOARD DEPLOYING TO ACCIDENT AT WILLIAMS OLEFINS PLANT IN GEISMAR, LOUISIANA



An investigative team from the U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) is deploying to the scene of a fire and explosion that occurred on Thursday June 13, 2013, at the William Olefins Inc, Plant located in Geismar, Louisiana. The investigative team will be led by CSB Western Regional Office Director Don Holmstrom and is expected to arrive in Louisiana over the weekend. The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating industrial chemical accidents. The agency's board members are appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. CSB investigations look into all aspects of chemical accidents, including physical causes such as equipment failure as well as inadequacies in regulations, industry standards, and safety management systems. For more information, contact Hillary Cohen hillary.cohen@csb.gov 202.446.8094 (cell) or Sandy Gilmour sandy.gilmour@csb.gov 202.251.5496 (cell).

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MEXICO, MORELIA, JUNE 15 2013. SEVEN DIE IN FUEL-TRUCK CRASH IN MEXICO

 **Watch the Video** [Tanker Carrying Tar Slams into Teachers' Protest](#)

 **Photo's [2]** [Mexico Tanker Accident Kills Seven](#)



A firefighter stands next to a flipped over truck that was carrying tar on a highway just west of the state capital city of Morelia, Mexico, Thursday, June 13, 2013. Authorities say the tanker truck carrying tar slammed into a highway toll booth that had temporarily been taken over by protesting teachers. They say seven people are dead and another 14 injured.

Seven people were killed and several others injured Thursday when a truck carrying fuel smashed into buildings and vehicles near a tollbooth on Mexico's Siglo XXI expressway, police said. The accident took place just before 11:00 a.m. in San Angel Zurumucapio, a municipality in the western state of Michoacan, Federal Police inspector Teofilo Gutierrez told EFE. The truck crashed into public restrooms and around a dozen vehicles that were lined up at the tollbooth, he said. It appears the truck's brakes failed, Gutierrez said. The

driver was pulled from the wreckage before the fuel-laden vehicle caught fire and is being treated at a nearby hospital. The fatalities were identified as five men and two women, all of them teachers affiliated with the dissident CNTE union. CNTE members have been occupying tollbooths on the Siglo XXI and Occidente highways, which link central Mexico with the west,



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as part of protests against a national education overhaul enacted in February. San Angel Zurumucapio lies 96 kilometers northwest of Morelia, Michoacan's capital. The Siglo XX highway is traveled daily by hundreds of trucks carrying products to and from the busy Pacific coast port of Lazaro Cardenas.

<http://www.laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=807102&CategoryId=14091>

USA, PA, LUZERNE CO, EXETER, JUNE 15 2013. DEP CAN'T LOCATE SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION >> DEP HAD THREE UNIDENTIFIED "SUSPECTS" IN MIND, BUT NONE CAN

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 **Watch the Video's:**

- [Source of Creek Contamination Unknown](#)
- [DEP Can't Locate Source of Contamination](#)
- [To see and hear what DEP spokeswoman Colleen Connolly had to say about the Hicks Creek investigation](#)



Hicks Creek as it flows through a culvert near Route 92 in Exeter.

After more than a year of investigation, the state Department of Environmental Protection announced Friday that it is unable to identify who's responsible for oil entering Hicks Creek. DEP responded in March 2012 to reported creek contamination and immediately began investigating how a substance described as "lubricating oil" made it into the creek. Standing by that creek on Friday, DEP spokeswoman Colleen Connolly said the department tried to trace the oil back to its source but was "not able to definitively determine where the oil came from and how it got into the creek." DEP had three "suspects" in mind, but was unable to say for sure if any of them was responsible, Connolly said. She also declined to identify who they were. Within two months of the oil being found in the creek, DEP cited Bosco Inc. and issued a notice of violation to Bridon American for violations discovered on their properties. Both are in the vicinity of Hicks Creek, and the violations were spotted during DEP's Hicks Creek investigation. Connolly would not say whether those two companies were among the three "suspects." "Physical evidence was gone a month after this happened and the oil trail just isn't leading us anywhere," Connolly said. "The only way we're going to get any more evidence is if someone comes forward," she said, noting that the investigation remains open. She implored anyone with knowledge of the oil contamination to contact DEP at 826-2511.

Had the culprit been identified and sanctioned under the state's Clean Stream Law, the civil penalty could have been in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The department, said Connolly, spent money to keep the oil slick from making its way into the Susquehanna River and spent "countless man hours on the extensive and exhaustive investigation." The department was able to find how the oil entered the water system, with Connolly saying a manhole on Stevens Lane had visible signs of oil when inspectors lifted it last March. But the trail grew cold and the time had come for DEP to announce its findings, or lack of them. "We just came to the conclusion we're just not going to get anywhere else," Connolly said.

<http://golackawanna.com/news/local-news/599924/DEP-cant-locate-source-of-contamination>

USA, LA, DONALDSONVILLE, JUNE 16 2013. DONALDSONVILLE EXPLOSION LEAVES 1 DEAD, 8 HURT IN LOUISIANA

 **Watch the Video** [Explosion at Donaldsonville Plant Kills one, Injures Five](#)

One person died and eight others were injured in a blast Friday evening at a chemical plant in Donaldsonville, Louisiana, police said. The incident occurred at a CF Industries facility in the Mississippi River community of about 7,500 people, located some 40 miles south of Baton Rouge. According to its website, CF Industries is "the second largest nitrogen fertilizer producer in the world and the third largest phosphate fertilizer producer among public companies." Nitrogen was being offloaded from a tanker truck inside the Donaldsonville plant when "a small vessel ruptured," plant manager Louis Frey said. "We don't know exactly what happened," he said. Frey insisted "there was no explosion and no fire. It ruptured." Ascension Parish Sheriff Jeffrey Wiley explained, "It was kind of like a balloon popping." Two of the eight people injured were airlifted from the plant, and Frey said it was his understanding none of the injuries are considered life-threatening. Louisiana State Police Lt. John



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Cannon had told CNN that two people were critically injured in the incident. The parish sheriff stressed that there was never any danger to the general public from the blast or any dispersal of chemicals. "This was an isolated incident that was ... immediately contained," Wiley said. "There was never a threat of... off-site impact." The blast comes a day after two people died and more than 100 others were injured in an explosion at another at Louisiana chemical plant -- that one in Geismar, which is about 10 miles north of Donaldsonville and also in Ascension Parish. Authorities didn't know immediately what caused that explosion at the Williams plant, which produces about 1.3 billion pounds of ethylene and 90 million pounds of polymer-grade propylene each year, according to the company's website. In addition to 29-year-old Zachary Green's death, dozens were hospitalized for burns, cardiac issues and blunt trauma, Louisiana Department of Health spokeswoman Christina Stephens said. The U.S. Chemical Board -- the independent federal agency that probes industrial chemical incidents -- announced Friday that one of its investigative teams was heading to Geismar. Both explosions happened two months after 15 died following a fire and twin blasts at a fertilizer plant facility that decimated homes, businesses and more within 37 blocks of West, Texas, a town 20 miles north of Waco.

<http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/national/2-critically-hurt-in-explosion-at-louisiana-chemical-plant>

USA, FLA, FORT MYERS, JUNE 16 2013. TRIP TO GAS STATION LANDS FORT MYERS MAN IN HOSPITAL

jim spiewak

 **Watch the Video** [Trip to Gas Station Lands Fort Myers Man in Hospital](#)



Filling up the gas tank usually doesn't result in a trip to the hospital, but it did for one Fort Myers man yesterday. He was filling up at the Hess station on US-41 near Jamaica Bay and all of a sudden the gas hose line split open--drenching him in gallons of fuel. Twenty-one-year-old Malachi Randolph was surprised to say the least. One second he's filling his gas tank, the next he's a walking fireball waiting to happen. "It was in my shoes, it was down my pants, my hair was soaked too," Randolph said. More than 24 hours after the incident and Randolph still smelled of gasoline. "And it just exploded, the tube exploded right into my eyes," Randolph said. A picture shows the fuel line that suddenly ruptured--showering Randolph in gas. "I probably should of ran but I tried to kink it so it wouldn't go over everyone else, because it was a wild hose and it was going everywhere," Randolph said. His first thought was to save others, forgetting he was one spark away from going up in flames. "A lot of people smoke while they're getting gas and they shouldn't and thank god I don't smoke, but I mean I would have been dead. I would have been toast literally," he said. With no medical supplies nearby, Randolph says he rushed into the bathroom--his eyes and skin burning. "I just took a shower in the bathroom at the sink," he said. The fire department

and EMS arrived five minutes later. They took him to Gulf Coast Medical Center for treatment to chemical exposure and fume inhalation. "They had to bag up all my clothes in four different bags because they couldn't bring them to the hospital because of the fumes," Randolph said. A Hess spokesperson confirmed to us the company does not have a testing standard on pump equipment. Employees are only required to visually check hoses and an investigation is ongoing. Now the question is, how often does this happen? It's hard to tell. The Department of Agriculture told me today they've inspected 233 facilities in Lee County over the last year. Eighty-five of those resulted in correction notices. The state has not yet received a complaint on this issue but says if they do, they will investigate.

http://www.nbc-2.com/story/22598145/trip-to-gas-station-lands-fort-myers-man-in-hospital#.Ub1I8_kweM4

USA, MI. EMMET COUNTY, JUNE 16 2013. COOKING OIL SPILL IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN RIVER PROMPTS EXTENSIVE CLEANUP EFFORTS

lauren gibbons

Cleanup crews contracted by the Environmental Protection Agency are still working to remove more than 2,500 gallons of used cooking oil that spilled into the Crooked River Tuesday evening. The spill was the result of a collision in downtown Alanson, where a vehicle carrying used fryer oil in a vessel tipped, landed on its side and released its contents into a nearby storm drain. "It was like (the vessel) was emptying a sink," said Gregory Williams, emergency manager for Emmet, Charlevoix and Cheboygan counties. "All of the product went down the storm drain at the same time and rushed through the storm sewer to the water." First responders installed booms along the river's edge in an effort to stymie the onslaught of cooking oil, but large quantities of the substance quickly spread through the river system, leaving various pockets of oil spread throughout the



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water. The EPA-contracted crews arrived Wednesday morning to continue on-site cleanup. The river was closed to the public after the spill to clear the way for clean up crews, local emergency management responders and police and fire officials working to eradicate the substance. Crews have removed all of the cooking oil from the storm drain where the spill originated, but still have significant work to do in the water, Williams said. Even so, the waterway could reopen again as early as Saturday if river users do not disturb the cleanup process. At this time, it's unclear when the cleanup work will be complete. The used cooking oil does no harm to humans, but Williams said the sheer amount of product that went into the river had the potential to remove oxygen from the water. "It could be toxic to aquatic wildlife," he said. "We're taking this spill very seriously." The water is being tested regularly for signs of low oxygen levels, but Williams said there have been no signs of environmental issues related to the spill.

http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2013/06/cooking_oil_spill_in_northern.html

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, MARGATE, MAY 16 2013. UTE BLAST 'HELL' STILL MYSTERY

jarrad bevan

 **Photo's [8]** [Petrol Station Explosion](#)



Aftermath: The explosion at the BP service station at Margate on Friday. Police are still investigating the cause.

Zlatko Paksec has described the explosion in the back of his ute at Margate as a "day of hell". The 49-year-old Woodbridge resident said he felt relieved that no one had been seriously injured in the explosion at the Margate BP service station on Friday. Police are still investigating the cause of the blast. Mr Paksec had stopped at the service station to fill up his work ute, which was carrying the gas bottle that witnesses say blew up. "It was a day of hell," Mr Paksec said. "It is very lucky that no one was seriously hurt. I am happy to be alive but the most important thing to me is that everyone else who was nearby escaped without major injuries. "When we were at the hospital I apologised to everyone." On hearing the explosion, Mr Paksec's first thought was that a tyre had exploded. Something hit him in the head -- perhaps shrapnel -- and he then turned to see debris littering the area. "I was stunned. People were running everywhere, fleeing the scene," he said. "Debris flew onto cars and damaged the petrol station's roof and windows. "I got out of my vehicle to check if people were OK, it was a relief to see no one with obvious physical injuries. Everyone's ears were ringing." Mr Paksec said he was unsure of what may have triggered the explosion. "I assume it was a gas leak in a bottle that was in my vehicle, perhaps ignited by a spark from an automatic door shutter," he said. "I don't know for sure, the police are still investigating." After the

stress of the incident, Mr Paksec spent a quiet day at home yesterday, only leaving for a walk around Salamanca. "It would be good to try and think about something else for a short time," he said. "The next step will be dealing with insurance companies." Seven people were taken to the Royal Hobart Hospital. All were discharged on Friday.

http://www.themercury.com.au/article/2013/06/16/381502_most-popular-stories.html

PHILLIPINES, MASBATE, JUNE 16 2013. OIL SPILL FEARED FROM SUNKEN FERRY OFF MASBATE

jorge carño

 **Watch the Video** [Oil Spill Feared from Sunken Ferry](#)

Philippine Navy divers on Saturday went back to the area where the MV Carmel sank. The Navy estimates the ferry sank at a depth of 1,314 feet. "Nasa 30 meters. Wala kaming maaninag sa ilalim," said one of the divers. The Navy also went around nearby Burias Island. There is a high probability that survivors of the sea mishap may have drifted there. "Sabi namin, in case na may makuha silang bangkay, ipagbigay-alam lang sa amin o sa Coast Guard," said another Navy diver. Aside from the Navy, the "bantay-dagat" of Masbate and members of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) are helping in search efforts. But up to now, they have yet to find new survivors nor bodies, a day after the ferry sank. "Walang debris o indication man lang na may lumitaw pa, nung pagkalubog niya," said Noel Umbao of BFAR Region 5. Authorities also want to



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locate the ship to determine the condition of the oil that's still inside it. Even though the ship sank at a very deep part of the sea, authorities want to reach it to see if there are bodies inside and if it poses an oil spill threat.

<http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/nation/06/15/13/oil-spill-feared-sunken-ferry-masbate>

USA, IN, PORTER BEACH, JUNE 18 2013. MYSTERY SUBSTANCE PROMPTS CLOSURE OF INDIANA BEACH

nancy harty

 **Watch the Video** [Mystery Substance Prompts Closure of Indiana Beach](#)



Hear [Mystery Substance Prompts Closure Of Indiana Beach](#)



Swimmers have been ordered out of Lake Michigan at Porter Beach because of a substance in the water. WBBM's Nancy Harty has more. It was originally thought to be an oil slick that prompted the closure of Porter Beach and the Indiana Dunes State Park Beach right next door, but park ranger Bruce Rowe says samples taken of the quarter-mile long slick show it is not. "The initial results, very initial, are that it is not oil based, but that we don't have the specific results as to what it is," Rowe says. Rowe says that around noon, beach visitors noticed their children coming out of the lake with a silvery, almost metallic material sticking to them, which prompted the beach closure. Lifeguards walked the shoreline, announcing the water was off-limits. "They said it with urgency.

They told everybody to evacuate the water immediately," beachgoer Jason Pavela said. Several agencies are investigating, including the U.S. Geological Survey. Rowe says it will likely be the morning before they have any idea of what the substance is, so no one is allowed into the water until then.

<http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2013/06/17/mystery-substance-prompts-closure-of-indiana-beach/>

CANADA, B.C, LANGLEY, JUNE 18 2013L. SUSPICIOUS FIRE CAUSES OIL SLICK IN NICOMEKL RIVER

monique tamminga



A suspicious fire at an abandoned Langley City house — the third time it has gone up in three weeks — also resulted in an oil slick in the Nicomekl River.

A suspicious fire, [one of three in three weeks](#) at an abandoned home in Langley City, has had an added consequence — the cost of a spill into the Nicomekl River. A Langley City resident took pictures of booms that had been put down in the river days after the [May 24 arson fire](#). They were placed in the waterway to soak up the foam used to fight the fire in the abandoned house on Park Avenue. "The foam itself is biodegradable and not harmful to the environment, however one of its properties is to act as a degreaser and therefore it can carry oils that may have washed into the storm sewer system from our roadways, into the river," wrote Pete Jokisch, with the City's engineering department, to a City resident. "We are continuing our investigation in order to rule out other possibilities, however I think until it dries up, we will continue to see small amounts of oily sheen in the river." Three booms were placed in different areas

of the river. Last Tuesday's fire was the third time in less than three weeks that the Langley City fire department was called out to battle fires set in the abandoned, derelict home at 20435 Park Ave. The resources this home has taken up through fire and police has been extensive. In total, 15 firefighters were called out last Tuesday. Ten paid on call firefighters were there for about 23 hours, two hours each, at a total extra cost of \$553, said City administrator Francis Cheung. The other five are full-time and are already paid for that day, he mentioned. The property, which is severely overgrown with trees and vines, is not of much value. But it is located between a single family home and the Telus switching office, making it important for the fire to be contained, said City fire deputy chief Pete Methot. Neighbours say the property has been abandoned for the past eight years and has been a constant headache for them. One neighbour said the City has received several written complaints about the home. Transients consistently break into the house, sometimes even sleeping underneath it, and often break into neighbouring homes as well. Cheung said the City has the power to order the home owner to demolish the building on the property, but



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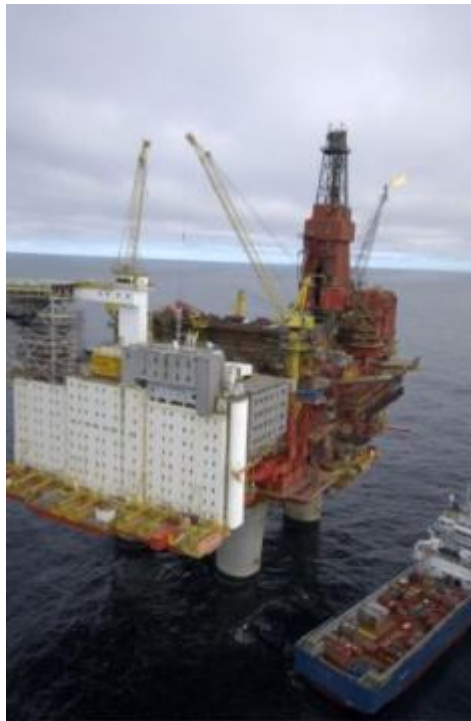
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council rarely, if ever, takes that action. "It is only used as a last resort," said Cheung last week. He doesn't foresee staff recommending any action against the home owner. "If needs be, council can consider remedial action but that is last resort. Council can direct the owners to do whatever, whether it be demolition or to fix it up and bill the owners for the costs," said Cheung. "It is rarely used because we have to demonstrate the City has done everything it can do, and document that it has asked them to do whatever we have asked. It's a lengthy process." Cheung points to the former motel on 200 Street that was housing prostitutes, drug dealers and a heavy criminal element, forcing nearby residents to endure late night parties, arrests, fights and drug paraphernalia. "It took us three years to collect enough evidence so they couldn't challenge it in court," said Cheung. In the end, the City pulled the motel's licence. It created an instant change in the neighbourhood. Abandoned, older homes left in Langley City has been a major problem for several neighbourhoods. Only a few weeks ago, a delegation of neighbours came to City council asking it to be more proactive on homes that sit empty and are left to be occupied by squatters. The City is in transition and many bungalow-style homes are being bought by developers and left to sit unoccupied. The homes are quickly stripped of all the metal and anything else left of value. They are often lived in illegally. The properties are not kept up, said neighbours, as is the case with the Park Avenue home. Residents in the 201 Street and 53 Ave. area, where there are plans for a condo development by Weststone Properties, said their neighbourhood has been reduced to a slum. "We have a number of those homes, some are pending development," said Cheung. We encourage them to get a demolition permit but we can't force them," he said. "We would rather work with our property owners to address the issues."

<http://www.langleytimes.com/news/211908941.html>

NORWAY, OSLO, JUNE 18 2013. PLATFORMS RELEASE OIL SLICKS AT SEA



The Statfjord A, B and C platforms also released oil into the sea, as late as on June 3.

Offshore oil installations on the Norwegian Continental Shelf have spilled oil more than 40 times so far this year, according to an overview from Kystverket (The Norwegian Coastal Administration). It's in charge of oil spill preparedness and admits that oil installations send oil into the sea almost every day. Newspaper Dagsavisen reported Monday that large quantities of oil are regularly released into Norwegian waters, sometimes with the approval of the authorities. The newspaper gained access to photographs from Kystverket's surveillance flights that clearly show oil slicks extending from platforms including Draugen, Troll C and Statfjord A during the past year alone. The oil companies, however, have legal permission to release water that contains oil every year. The slicks registered by Kystverket and seen in the surveillance photos reportedly are within the allotted amounts, but environmental officials think they're set too high. "The pictures from Kystverket show that the limits for what's allowed to spill into the sea should be set lower," Per-Erik Schulze, an adviser in marine biology and pollution for Naturvernforbundet (Friends of the Earth Norway) told Dagsavisen. He said the oil platform Draugen, for example, has permission to release 600 liters of oil into the sea every 24 hours. Over the course of a year, Schulze noted, that would be comparable to oil spilled during a shipwreck that would set off a major clean-up operation. News of the "approved" oil spills comes at a time when the oil industry and environmentalists continue to battle over rights to the seas and amidst the ongoing controversy over whether drilling should be allowed off scenic Lofoten and Vesterålen and in sensitive Arctic waters. Norway's oil industry claims it's among the cleanest in the world, with oil spill prevention a top priority. The photographic evidence of oil slicks that are several kilometers long and a hundred meters wide suggest otherwise. "For the first

time we have documentation that it's quite common with long slicks of oil at sea," Schulze said. He thinks that's "frightening and absolutely unacceptable." It would never be accepted, he said, for cargo ships sailing along the Norwegian coast to leave a trail of oil like that. One oil worker with more than 20 years of experience working on various platforms in the North Sea said that the spills now documented "aren't illegal, and no one is doing anything criminal, but no one knows what the consequences



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are.” He noted that the oil installations “are standing right in the middle of our food supplies,” referring to the rich fishing grounds off the Norwegian coast. “Especially in the years prior to 2000 it could see really dirty with the oil floating around the platforms,” the worker, who didn’t want his name published, told Dagsavisen. “It messed up the sea and gave off oil stink, but it was just a part of everyday life out there.” Hanne Marie Øren of Norway’s climate and pollution directorate Klif said the agency is considering tougher limits for such oil spills or leaks from offshore installations. “We’re aware of these episodes and we follow up every case,” Øren told Dagsavisen. “We think it’s very unfortunate with these oil slicks at sea, which can harm seabirds. We have worked to minimize the emissions and continue to do so.” Asked whether currently allowed levels are too high, she stressed that the legal limit is “the least possible” but that new levels may be set per oil field. “We haven’t come that far yet, but it’s among things we’re working with.” Øren said.

<http://www.newsenglish.no/2013/06/17/platforms-release-oil-slicks-at-sea/>

USA, N.D, DISCKINSON, JUNE 18 2013. ANHYDROUS AMMONIA LEAK CONTAINED IN WEST DICKINSON

an anhydrous ammonia leak at an industrial park on Dickinson’s west side temporarily closed down Highway 10 and left area residents with a “shelter-in-place” order from Stark County. The Stark County Sheriff’s Office, Dickinson Police Department and Dickinson Rural Fire Department responded to a 911 call from Baker Boy just before 10 a.m., said Stark County Emergency Manager Bill Fahlsing. “We sent out a shelter-in-place reverse 911 message shortly after the call for residents in the affected area, which was immediately downwind from the Baker Boy facility,” Fahlsing said. “We advised residents to close their doors and windows and to shut off their heating and cooling systems.” Fahlsing said the message was lifted about an hour after it was initially sent out. The only injury reported from the incident as of Monday evening was a “minor injury” suffered by an unidentified Baker Boy technician, said Guy Moos, the company’s president and CEO. The individual was treated at Work Partners of North Dakota in Dickinson and released back to work, according to a Baker Boy release. Moos indicated that a leak was detected during a routine maintenance check on an ammonia refrigeration system at about 9:45 a.m. One of the system’s valves malfunctioned, sending approximately 200 pounds of ammonia spilling onto a floor within the facility, said Moos and emergency responders. “Our refrigeration technicians remedied the leak fairly quickly,” Moos said. “While that was going, we contacted Stark County emergency management. The emergency personnel responded very quickly and we would like to thank them for their prompt response. Their quick response prevented a minor incident from escalating into a larger event.” Dickinson Rural Fire Department Chief Andy Paulson said his crew was at the scene for about an hour. Dickinson police officers blocked off Highway 10 for motorists attempting to take the road west out of Dickinson at about 10 a.m., though the corridor was reopened in a matter of minutes. Terry O’Clair of the North Dakota Department of Health’s Air Quality Division lauded Baker Boy technicians and emergency responders for their quick response. “The amount that was spilled was not a huge amount, but anhydrous has an affinity for water and that’s what makes it dangerous,” O’Clair said. “If you breathe it in, it combines with the liquid in your nasal passages and can burn. It’s good news that it was taken care of quickly. You certainly know it’s there because the ammonia smell is a distinct odor.” Moos said a number of areas at the Baker Boy complex — including the front office, mechanical room, break room and restrooms — were evacuated Monday morning, though parts of the facility remained running. Moos said the entire complex was up and running as of Monday afternoon. A Baker Boy employee who wished not to be identified said the smell of ammonia was thick around the industrial park as he was heading in for the beginning of his shift sometime before 10 a.m. Monday.

<http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/event/article/id/69437/group/News/>

USA, NE, FIRTH, JUNE 18 2013. NEBRASKA MISSILE SITE CONTAMINATION SPREADS

A southeast Nebraska builder who says he’s losing thousands of dollars a month wants the federal government to sink a new well for his housing development because water beneath it has been contaminated by a chemical used at a nearby nuclear missile site. But the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#) favors a slower, permanent cleanup of groundwater contamination from the degreasing chemical used to clean missile fuel lines. The struggle between [Dan Kadavy](#) and the federal government started in 1994, when, Kadavy said, he bought the 16 acres near Firth, the [Lincoln Journal Star](#) said (<http://bit.ly/11To2ye>). He didn’t buy four nearby acres containing an underground silo that once held a nuclear-tipped Atlas missile. The silo was one of a dozen around Lincoln during the Cold War. Missile crew members used trichloroethylene, or TCE, as a solvent that has proved to be a health risk.

<http://www.seattlepi.com/news/science/article/Nebraska-missile-site-contamination-spreads-4604504.php>



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