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### USA, OH, BRUNSWICK, JULY 30 2013. GETGO NOTIFIES DRIVERS OF FUEL MIX-UP >> ETHANOL MISTAKENLY DISPENSED INTO THE SITE'S 87 OCTANE TANK, 500 CUSTOMERS AFFECTED

Giant Eagle is letting drivers know about a fuel mix-up. The company said that the Brunswick GetGo on Center Road received a shipment of unblended ethanol from its fuel supplier, Source One Transportation. They said it was mistakenly dispensed into the site's 87 octane fuel tank. Giant Eagle said about 500 customers purchased the fuel between 7:45 p.m. Sunday and 2:30 p.m. Monday. They are in the process of contacting affected customers. If the purchase was made for a flex fuel or a vara fuel vehicle, Giant Eagle said there should be no issue. In a statement, Giant Eagle and GetGo apologized for any inconvenience caused by the error. So, what should you do if you purchased the affected product? The company said to call your local mechanic or car dealership and have your car towed to the site for inspection. Customers may also contact Giant Eagle at 1-800-553-2324 between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. to process a claim related to this incident.

<http://fox8.com/2013/07/29/gas-alert-getgo-notifies-drivers-of-fuel-mix-up/>

### USA, MT, POLSON, JULY 30 2013. BILLINGS COMPANY FINED FOR 2008 HWY 35 GAS TANKER SPILL



Arguably, the worst accident that has taken place on Montana Highway 35 near Flathead Lake was the 2008 gasoline tanker crash near Finley Point. Keller Transport of Billings was recently fined over \$83,000 to settle Clean Water Act Claims. This comes after a gasoline truck overturned on Highway 35, spilling more than 6,000 gallons of gasoline near Flathead Lake. Cleanup efforts are still ongoing in some areas where the spill occurred. Homeowners had to be evacuated, some for more than a year. Homeowners and Highway 35 residents were up in arms over the issue of large truck traffic on Montana Highway 35, citing a danger to the environment and to lives. The Montana Department of Transportation has since ruled Highway 35 can be safely negotiated by commercial truck traffic.

<http://www.ktvq.com/news/billings-company-fined-for-2008-hwy-35-gas-tanker-spill/#>

### USA, CA, SACRAMENTO, JULY 30 2013. TEEN MAIMED BY IMPROVISED FIREWORKS

The "4th of July" fireworks season wasn't all fun and games this year in West Sacramento. "On July 7, a 19-year old man blew off his hand – literally blew it off – as a result of the detonation of an improvised fireworks device," said Lieutenant Tod Sockman of the West Sacramento Police Department. "Basically, he made a homemade firework and took it out of his backpack," Sockman told the News-Ledger. "When he lit it and raised it over his head, it blew his hand off." The victim was Alexander Baker. The incident occurred at about 3 p.m. on the 2200-block of Rice Avenue, said Sockman. Two other people were on scene but "at a distance" when it blew. Sockman added that police weren't sure about the device's origin: "He claimed to have found it, but we don't know. He went to UC Davis Medical Center for treatment. I know that he's had surgery, and he lost his hand up to his forearm." Sockman said investigators were still determining what the device was made from, but that it wasn't a "safe and sane" type of legal fireworks. Three seasons ago, the City of West Sacramento legalized "safe and sane" fireworks. Charities were selected by lottery to sell these fireworks by lottery, and they could legally be set off this year from noon on July 28 through noon on July 6. With fireworks season comes complaints from local residents about neighbors using illegal styles of fireworks – powerful exploding types, or aerial fireworks. The News-Ledger observed dozens of such complaints in police call logs early this month. But Sockman says that – at least judging by calls to police – the problem of illegal fireworks is not rising year-by-year. "Between June 28 and July 4, we tracked the calls for service (due misuse of fireworks) in 2012 and 2013," said Sockman. "Last year, we had 88 calls for service related to fireworks. It was not necessarily for illegal fireworks. Sometimes, people are just saying, 'hey, people are shooting off fireworks.'" "We had 33 calls this year," he added. Peak time for the complaints went from about 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. during those days, said Sockman. But he noted that the number of complaints had dropped by over half from the previous year. "On the Fourth of July, we actually assigned two officers to fireworks patrol," he added. No one was ever actually cited or arrested this year. People frequently "light them off and run," so they're gone when officers arrive, said Sockman. So what should you do next year, if you believe someone is using fireworks illegally? "Call us," said Sockman. "The fact that we assigned two officers to handle this shows the importance. We appreciate those calls because we want to get the illegal fireworks off the street."

<http://www.westsac.com/blog/2013/07/29/teen-maimed-by-improvised-fireworks/>



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#### USA, MS, SEMINARY, JULY 30 2013. FULLY-LOADED TANKER-TRAILER CLEARED FROM HIGHWAY 49

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A tanker truck carrying more than 8,700 gallons of a gasoline/ethanol mixture that overturned just before 12:30 p.m. on Saturday is now cleared from Highway 49. Collins Fire Chief John Pope says the fire department used a hot tap to drill five holes in the truck's fuel tank and drain all the mixture out. After successfully draining it, Chief Pope says the five holes were plugged and the truck was flipped over onto its right side. The truck was recovered at about 10:30 p.m. on Saturday. The Collins Fire Department says it used a combination of absorbent pads and a substance called micro blaze to make sure fumes were kept to a minimum and prevent any chance of a random fire. The intersection of Highway 49 and 589 is now back to normal.

<http://www.wdam.com/story/22951707/fully-loaded-tanker-trailer-cleared-from-highway-49>

#### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE, JULY 30 2013. DOMINICAN SHIP 'DANNY ROSE' BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR OIL SPILL AT PORT OF BRISBANE

robyn ironside

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- [Massive Clean-Up after 10 Tons of Oil is Spilled in Australia](#)
- [Oil spill at Port of Brisbane](#)
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*Dominican ship 'Danny Rose'.*

A Dominican registered ship called the "Danny Rose" is believed to be responsible for the oil spill that fouled the Port of Brisbane on Monday. A detention order has been issued to the master of the bulk cargo carrier currently under the Gateway Bridge, to ensure it remains in Queensland waters. Transport Minister Scott Emerson said analysis of fuel samples taken from three ships had resulted in a "clear belief the (Danny Rose) was connected to the oil spill". He said investigators had also reviewed CCTV footage but the reason for the spill was still unknown. About five to ten tonnes of oil is believed to have spilt in the Port of Brisbane Sunday night or Monday morning. A number of pelicans and cormorants were affected by the spill but most of the mess has

been contained.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/national/dominican-ship-8216danny-rose8217-believed-responsible-for-oil-spill-at-port-of-brisbane/story-fnii5v70-1226688294674>

#### USA, TX, ARLINGTON, JULY 30 2013. TEXAS WATER CONTAMINATION LINKED TO FRACKING SITES

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*High levels of pollution near US fracking sites point to the need for further research into shale gas extraction technology, toxic substances such as arsenic, selenium and strontium have been discovered in water wells. A high level of water contamination has been discovered in the water wells near a natural gas extraction site in the US.*

The toxic substances, including arsenic, selenium and strontium, were all found at levels higher than recommended levels in wells in and around the Barnett Shale, an important reservoir of natural gas in North Texas. The study, led by [Kevin Schug](#), professor of chemistry and biochemistry at the University of Texas (UT) at Arlington, took water samples from 100 private wells. Of these, 91 were taken from wells that were within a five kilometre radius of a natural gas drilling site, while another nine were taken from "reference areas" of more than 14 kilometres from a drilling site. The highest levels of contaminants were discovered within three kilometres of natural gas wells. While many of the heavy metals identified in the samples are naturally



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present in groundwater, the researchers found that they were present at levels higher than historical average. "This study alone can't conclusively identify the exact causes of elevated levels of contaminants in areas near natural gas drilling, but it does provide a powerful argument for continued research," said Brian Fontenot, a UT Arlington graduate with a doctorate in quantitative biology and lead author on the new paper. He added, "We expect this to be the first of multiple projects that will ultimately help the scientific community, the natural gas industry, and most importantly, the public, understand the effects of natural gas drilling on water quality." Arsenic, for instance, which occurs naturally in the region's water, was detected in 99 out of 100 of the samples. However, the concentrations of arsenic was significantly higher in the samples taken from the areas near drilling sites, compared to non-extraction areas and historical data. The highest concentration was 16 times the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) safety standard for drinking water, which creates risks of skin damage, circulation problems and cancer.

#### Political Debate

The researchers accepted no outside funding to ensure the integrity of the study, which indicates just how controversial such research is. Fracking, which has dramatically decreased the cost of natural gas in the US from \$15 per million British thermal units at the end of 2005 to around \$2.30 in 2012, is a highly political subject, with millions of pound of lobbying from energy companies influencing debate. According to the [Center for Responsive Politics](http://www.centerforresponsivepolitics.org), Exxon Mobil spent \$19.6 million on lobbying in 18 months. With exploratory drilling set to begin in West Sussex, these kinds of discoveries will heighten the concerns in the UK that have already caused protests in Balcombe this weekend, with [16 arrests](http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-2013-07-29-water-contamination-discovered-near-texas-fracking-sites/) taking place on Friday.

<http://www.rtcc.org/2013/07/29/water-contamination-discovered-near-texas-fracking-sites/>

#### USA, MS, JACKSON, JULY 31 2013. DENBURY PAYS BIG FINE FOR 2011 OIL WELL BLOWOUT

jeff amy

Denbury Resources promises to bring new life to old oil fields by pumping in carbon dioxide to force additional oil to the surface. But the company's oil fields have seen a series of uncontrolled carbon dioxide blowouts that may bring up oil and drilling fluids with them. Now, one of the biggest of those blowouts has resulted in Denbury agreeing to pay a \$662,500 fine to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality over a 2011 oil well blowout in Yazoo County. It's one of the largest environmental fines Mississippi has assessed in the last 10 years. And questions linger about whether Denbury and other companies pumping carbon dioxide underground are doing enough to ensure long-abandoned oil wells are safely capped and can stand up to the pressure that shoves up the oil. Denbury has had at least two other Mississippi blowouts since 2007. It has been fighting another release near Delhi, La., since June 13. There, carbon dioxide and drilling fluids broke through the ground's surface. Denbury, based in Plano, Texas, says the technique is decades old and it operates safely. "Prior to commencing injections of carbon dioxide into an oil field, Denbury creates a development plan that includes an analysis of previously drilled well records," spokesman Ernesto Alegria wrote in an email Thursday. "Denbury's primary objective in creating the plan is to develop these fields in the safest and most efficient manner." In 2007, the company saw carbon dioxide releases in Mississippi's Lincoln and Amite counties. In December 2007, a few Amite County homes were evacuated after a well that Denbury was working on blew out. Already by that time, some in southwest Mississippi had warned that the pressure of the carbon dioxide could cause wells that had been capped decades ago to rupture. Environmental regulators said Thursday that's what happened at an abandoned well south of Yazoo City. The well's metal pipe had been stripped and the 2,000-foot-deep hole vented carbon dioxide, oil and drilling mud for 37 days starting Aug. 9, 2011. So much carbon dioxide came out that it settled in some hollows, suffocating deer and other animals, Mississippi officials said. The company ultimately drilled a new well to plug the old one, and removed 27,000 tons of drilling mud and contaminated soil and 32,000 barrels of liquids from the site. "It had serious impacts in the immediate vicinity," said Richard Harrell of the Mississippi DEQ. Monitoring wells show no contamination in underground water supplies. That's a threat because the well crosses an aquifer used for drinking water in the Jackson area. Deeper down, it also crosses the Sparta aquifer, a significant drinking water source across the lower Mississippi Valley. "Denbury has worked with government and local officials and agencies to thoroughly remediate any isolated and unrelated releases of well fluids in our operated fields," Alegria said. Harrell said Mississippi fined the company because officials believe Denbury should have more closely inspected abandoned wells before it began injecting carbon dioxide. Instead, the company may have relied too much on paper records of old wells at the Mississippi Oil and Gas Board. "A lot of this work, we felt, should have been done before they started flooding the field," Harrell said. "It was somewhat preventable." The company said in a later stock filing that it re-plugged 28 wells in the Tinsley field. However, it never told stockholders about the blowout, only saying it slowed carbon dioxide injections and oil production because "we found that



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multiple wells, many dating back to the 1940s and 1950s, had been improperly plugged and abandoned by prior operators and did not have sufficient cement in them." Mississippi Oil and Gas Board attorney Howard Leach said he didn't know of any new regulations to prevent a repeat. But carbon dioxide releases have continued. Mississippi officials said corrosion in the top of a well casing allowed the gas to escape and bubble up in nearby water well in the Heidelberg field in Jasper County earlier this year. More serious is what some people have termed an "underground blowout" near Delhi, La., in another old oil field that Denbury is reviving. That incident was detected in northeast Louisiana's Franklin Parish on June 13, when a monitor showed unsafe concentrations of methane in the air. At first, authorities suspected a natural gas pipeline, but Louisiana Department of Natural Resources spokesman Patrick Courreges said it now appears two or more plugged wells gave way underground. Methane, carbon dioxide, oil, water, brine and sands pushed up through the earth in a sparsely populated, marshy area. Concentrations of carbon dioxide were so high initially that Courreges said responders wore breathing apparatus to keep from suffocating. Courreges said Denbury has stabilized the situation by pumping in "kill fluid" — water with lots of calcium chloride that forms a barrier keeping carbon dioxide from surfacing. He said hundreds of Denbury employees and contractors continue working in the area. Courreges said that this is the first time that Louisiana regulators know of that carbon dioxide has vented to the surface in such large quantities. He said a cleanup will be needed, but because the investigation is still going on, he couldn't speculate about whether the state would fine Denbury. He also said it was too soon to tell whether Louisiana would change regulations governing enhanced oil recovery. The company is using the same technique in Texas, Wyoming and Montana. Alegria said Denbury "works to apply the information gained from operating these floods to further improve their safety and efficiency."

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[http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/07/26/denbury-pays-big-fine-for-2011-oil-well-blowout/?utm\\_source=WhatCountsEmail&utm\\_medium=FuelFix&utm\\_campaign=FuelFixNewsLetter](http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/07/26/denbury-pays-big-fine-for-2011-oil-well-blowout/?utm_source=WhatCountsEmail&utm_medium=FuelFix&utm_campaign=FuelFixNewsLetter)

## CHINA, FUJIAN PROVINCE, ZHANGZHOU, JULY 31 2013. EXPLOSION HITS CHINA FACTORY AT CENTER OF INFLUENTIAL PROTEST

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*Six years ago, thousands of people in Xiamen used peaceful protests to upend plans for a chemical plant they feared was dangerous. Despite that success, the plant was eventually built in a different location. On Tuesday, part of it exploded.*

Six years ago, thousands of people in the coastal city of Xiamen used peaceful protests to upend plans for a chemical plant they feared was dangerous, scoring a victory that fostered copycat activism nationwide in China. Despite that success, the plant was eventually built in a different location. On Tuesday, part of it exploded. Details are sketchy about blast at the Tenglong Aromatic PX (Zhangzhou) Ltd. According to an official government statement and unofficial accounts on the Internet, a pipeline blew up but no one was injured. For a plant so steeped in history, the explosion is likely to resonate further than the glass the government said shattered in a nearby village. The incident follows increased reassurance in China's state-run media that it is safe to produce the chemical made at the plant, a plastics input called paraxylene, or PX. On the same day as the blast, the Communist Party's mouthpiece newspaper, the

People's Daily, [quoted an oil and industry executive](#) as saying, "For large projects like PX, they have been running for decades without big work safety accidents anywhere." "This morning, People's Daily got a big slap," lawyer Yuan Yulai wrote on Sina Corp.'s popular Weibo micro-blogging platform, one of a number of users to note the coincidence. Organized by text message in the summer of 2007, residents of Xiamen protested a PX plant near their homes with mass "strolls" that peacefully drew attention to their views and didn't directly challenge the government's authority. Policymakers soon bucked, and a [Chinese public-participation strategy](#) was born. In the years since, organized mass strolling has emerged as an effective way for Chinese citizens to influence the plans of their leaders. In addition to thwarting plans for chemical plants, [similar protests](#)



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prompted new thinking about [the extension of a railway](#) in Shanghai and, just this month, [a nuclear power facility](#) in Guangdong. Some of the not-in-my-backyard protests appear to have had an element of policymaker support. In fact, before anyone took to the streets in Xiamen during the spring of 2007, over 100 delegates to the China People's Political Consultative Conference in Beijing a few months earlier had signaled their opposition to the plant. After the June 2007 strolls, Xiamen authorities agreed to build the PX facility further inland, away from the coastal city in Fujian Province. According to the government in Zhangzhou, where it was finally built, the plant was completed in the past year and is the centerpiece of a large industrial park called Gulei. The factory was planned since 2004 and approved by the central government in 2006. In [a statement posted](#) last August to the Zhangzhou government website, authorities described "the war" they endured to win public support for the plant. Photos circulating online on Tuesday showed flames leaping out of facility. In [a statement](#) Tuesday, Zhangzhou's government explained the incident happened at 435 A.M. in [an unused hydrocracking pipeline](#) that was undergoing a hydrogen inflation pressure test that began last week. A welding crack caught fire, the statement said. It noted the pipe had been tested successfully earlier with nitrogen. "The fire was quickly put out and there were no casualties, no damage to the equipment and no leaking. There are some glass windows broken in a nearby village. The life of villagers remains orderly. An investigation into the cause and the recovery work are going on now," the statement said.

<http://stream.wsj.com/story/latest-headlines/SS-2-63399/SS-2-289726/>

#### PHILIPPINES, MANILA, JULY 31 2013. UNIOIL SPENDING P400M YEARLY TO BUILD 60 MORE STATIONS BY 2015

claire-ann marie c. feliciano



*UNIOIL Petroleum Philippines, Inc. will focus on expanding its station network in Luzon until 2015.*

Fuel retailer Unioil Petroleum Philippines, Inc. has earmarked about P400 million for the construction of 20 retail stations this year, the company's top official told reporters yesterday at The Ascott Makati Hotel. "We want to accelerate the expansion of our retail segment. So instead of constructing 12 stations every year, our new target is 20 stations every year," Kenneth C. Pundanera, Unioil president, told reporters on the sidelines of the launch of the company's Euro IV gasoline products. "That's about P400 million every year until 2015 to reach our target of 60 more retail stations." The official said that as of end-June, Unioil had 33 retail stations across Luzon. "Our expansion this year will start with the three new stations that will open in August. They are about 95% complete already," Mr. Pundanera said. He noted that two of these stations are located in Quezon City, while the other one is in Bataan. "So we will start the design, securing of permits and construction of 17 more stations within the year," he said. "We will finish construction by 2014." Mr. Pundanera said that all retail stations will be

located in Luzon. Asked on the company's plans on expanding outside the region, he said: "We don't have plans on that yet because we still have to saturate a lot of areas in Luzon. So we are focusing on that." Of its existing retail stations, Unioil has 21 stations in Metro Manila and 11 provincial stations located in Cavite, Laguna, Nueva Ecija and Pampanga. "Basically, we need to grow our retail segment here. We have been in the industry for quite some time and the retail needs a lot of expansion," Mr. Pundanera said.

#### New Product

Unioil yesterday launched its Euro IV gasoline, which is compliant with European fuel quality standards. Mr. Pundanera said: "Unioil is the first oil company in the Philippines to become fully Euro IV-compliant with all diesel and gasoline products having lower amounts of sulfur." Last month, Petron Corp. started offering its premium gasoline product that complies with European standards, called Petron Blaze 100 Euro IV. Mr. Pundanera said that Euro IV Gasoline will replace its Quantum gasoline brand. Last year, the company also replaced its Pure Diesel brand with Euro Diesel IV. He added that the European emission standard for vehicles requires sulfur content amounting to 0.005% or 50 parts per million. This is lower than the current Philippine fuel standard which still allows a maximum sulfur content of 500 parts per million, he added. In the same event, Unioil General Manager Luisita M. Medina-Cue said: "We have decided to make all our retail fuels Euro IV-compliant because we believe that it is time to introduce this standard to the Philippine market. "We want to cater to a wide variety of users with different types of engines and vehicles. We are making these products readily available because we want Filipino consumers



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to be able to choose a more advanced, better-performing and more eco-friendly fuel." Unioil was incorporated in 1966 to engage in lubricants blending and distribution. In 1997, the company started establishing its retail network. Today, the company engages in operation of retail gas services stations; marketing and blending of lubricants; oil trading and the marketing of bitumen.

<http://www.bworldonline.com/content.php?section=CorporateNews&title=Unioil-spending-P400M-yearly-to-build-60-more-stations-by-2015&id=74018>

#### UGANDA, KAMPALA, JULY 31 2013. TANKER BLAST KILLS AT LEAST 29 >> EXPLOSION KILLS DOZENS ATTEMPTING TO SIPHON FUEL FROM STRICKEN FUEL TANKER



*Firefighters in Kampala, Uganda, clean a road with water after a fuel tanker blast.*

A fuel tanker explosion has killed at least 29 people and left dozens injured, according to Ugandan police. Spokesman Ibn Senkumbi said the tanker blew up after colliding with a car on Saturday evening on the outskirts of the capital, Kampala. He said the tanker had been hit from behind, causing a leak. Passersby attempted to siphon fuel from the stricken vehicle after the driver abandoned it. Moments later the tanker burst into flames, engulfing nearby cars and scores of people. At least 20 badly burned patients were admitted to a hospital in Kampala. "Some people noticed the flow of fuel and they came for it," Senkumbi said. "The tanker exploded, killing 29 people on the spot." At least 29

others were critically injured, he added. On Sunday morning, police continued to search for bodies in a papyrus swamp where many of the victims had fled to douse the flames. The minister for disaster preparedness, Musa Ecweru, described the incident as an avoidable calamity and said it was unfortunate that some people had failed to learn from past mistakes. "We have always told our people to stay away from trucks that involve inflammable products such as petrol," he said. "We thought they would learn from the lessons of the past."

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/jun/30/uganda-fuel-tanker-blast-kampala>

#### USA, MI, YPSILANTI, JULY 31 2013. YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP: SLOAN PETROLEUM PLANS MOVE OVER HAZMAT FLAP

krystal Elliott



Following a hazardous gasoline spill that occurred last month, Ypsilanti Township has pursued legal action against the owner of Sloan Petroleum Transport. On July 3, more than 1,000 gallons of gasoline spilled from a petroleum tanker being stored at 3105 E. Michigan Ave. According to township officials, the tankers were being stored improperly and the property was in violation of zoning regulations. "The tankers were set in place on the grass without being hooked to the tractors," said Ron Fulton, building department director for Ypsilanti Township. "You're never supposed to unhook the tractor if the load is not fully supported." Fulton said that the spill was caused by the heavy tankers sinking into the soft grass on the property. Since the tankers were so heavy, the jacks supporting one of the tankers collapsed, knocking that tanker into the one next to it. One of the tankers was punctured, and the gasoline leaked out.

According to a letter from Mike Radzik, director of the Ypsilanti Township Office of Community Standards, to township attorney Doug Winters, the HAZMAT cleanup took 14 hours. Sheriff's deputies were dispatched throughout the area, asking residents not to light fireworks near the spill on the Fourth of July, as there was the potential for one to land on the site and set off an explosion. Fulton said that the business was operating in an area zoned for B3, which is general business. The type of business being run by Sloan Petroleum Transport requires a location in an industrial zone. "What he was doing is not permitted in B-3," Fulton said. "But because the trucks were on the road during the day, and then parked on the property in the evening, we didn't even know what he was doing there." But Woody Sloan, the



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owner of Sloan Petroleum Transport, said that he had no idea that his business was operating illegally and doesn't understand how the township overlooked the violation. "I've been here for 10 years and now they want to say that I'm running an illegal operation," Sloan said. "They drive by here every day. They saw the trucks. They knew what was going on here. All they had to do was tell me 'You're in violation,' and I would have taken care of it. "Until now there was no issue. They knew exactly what I was doing here. I paid my personal property tax. I don't get it." Sloan also said that when the accident happened, he handled the situation the best he could. "I called HAZMAT. I got it cleaned up. I did everything by the handbook," he said. Despite Sloan's claims, the township pursued legal action against the business owner anyway. "There's a very significant HAZMAT bill that's going to have to be paid by the property owner," Winters said at a July 22 Ypsilanti Township Board of Trustees meeting. "The underground water needs to be monitored for a while. Cleanup is not quite accomplished and the expense is not quite known, but whatever the expense is, some third-party is going to be responsible for paying it and not the township." Sloan Petroleum Transport has been ordered to immediately cease all operations on the property and remove all equipment in violation of the zoning ordinance. Sloan has also been ordered to pay back more than \$15,000 in restitution to the township for the cleanup. The township filed the lawsuit on July 12. Fulton said the case was initially scheduled to go to court on July 25, but township attorneys and Sloan's attorney reached a consent agreement. "Sloan has already submitted a claim to begin paying that restitution and I believe he has completely ceased all operation there. I know it continued for a short time, but he's stopped now," Fulton said. "He's been moving all old property and empty trailers off the site. "He's moving towards compliance." Sloan said that he has already moved his business out of Ypsilanti Township and is currently working on listing all of his properties located in the township. He plans on relocating outside of Ypsilanti due to the backlash he's received from township officials. "I'm done with the township. I've been here 10 years, then one accident happened and they try to shut me down overnight," he said. "I don't get why they're trying to run me out of business." Although Fulton said that the legal matters had been settled through the consent agreement, Sloan said he plans to talk to his attorneys to see what more can be done about the situation. "I'm not going to just sit back," Sloan said. "I'm going to be heard."

[http://www.heritage.com/articles/2013/07/30/ypsilanti\\_courier/news/doc51f7edfadbec7575569765.txt?viewmode=fullstory](http://www.heritage.com/articles/2013/07/30/ypsilanti_courier/news/doc51f7edfadbec7575569765.txt?viewmode=fullstory)

### KUWAIT, SABAHYA, JULY 31 2013. ASIAN BURNT TO DEATH IN FUEL TANKER CRASH

*munaif nayef*



#### *Dense Smoke Billows From The Burning Tanker.*

The charred remains of an Asian expatriate were referred to Forensics as fire engulfed a tanker carrying 32,000 liters of fuel after it overturned on the King Fahad Expressway opposite Sabahiya area. Firemen extinguished the flames and removed the victim's body from the tanker and the road was blocked to traffic until the situation was resolved. Security sources said the Deputy Director General of Fire Affairs Brigadier Khalid Al-Mikrad had witnessed the accident and led the firefighting operation to prevent the blaze from spreading. They explained the main tank exploded before the firefighters arrived at the scene but they managed to lift the wreck from the road and traffic was restored, while the charred remains of the driver were deposited to Forensics. High ranking fire officials were present at the scene. Meanwhile, an unidentified person had a miraculous escape when his van went on fire off the Fifth Ring Road, reports Al-Watan Arabic daily. The motorist allegedly pulled his vehicle over to the side of

the road when he saw smoke rising from the engine and shortly after the van was engulfed by fire. In another incident, an unidentified expatriate was seriously injured following a two-vehicle collision on the Fourth Ring Road, reports Al-Anba daily. According to sources the vehicle overturned and came to a halt on an open ground.

<http://www.arabtimesonline.com/NewsDetails/tabid/96/smld/414/ArticleID/198580/reftab/36/t/Asian-burnt-to-death-in-fuel-tanker-crash/Default.aspx>

### INDIA, UTTAR PRADESH, KANPUR, JULY 31 2013. TANKER RAMS INTO HORSE CART, KILLS FOUR

Four persons, including a woman and her two minor daughters, were killed while 15 others suffered serious injuries on Monday when a tanker rammed into a horse cart near Chandalivillage on GT road under the limits of Billhaurpolice station. The accident occurred when Rajepur resident Shan Mohammad was riding his horse cart to Billhaur. "He was on his way to



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Billahur from Dhaursalar along with nearly 19 persons including women and children. Just when he had reached Chandali village, a tanker, in a bid to over-take the cart, hit it from the rear and sped away. The cart and horse fell near the railway tracks situated parallel to the GT road and those riding on it suffered critical wounds," said a police official at Billhaur Kotwali police station. Rekha (35), wife of Kamlesh of Rajepur village, her five-year-old daughter Muskan died on the spot while her elder daughter Swati (12) and Seema (30), wife of Vishwanath, succumbed to wounds on way to [Lala Lajpat Rai hospital](#). Those injured are undergoing treatment at a Community health centre. "As both vehicles were moving fast, the horse cart was tossed into the air and landed near the railway tracks," said a local. Villagers rushed to the spot and saw four persons lying on the road struggling for life. They said it took a long time for the ambulance and the police to arrive. The bodies of the victims were handed over to their families after postmortem examination. Station officer Pramod Kumar said, "a case against the tanker driver has been registered."

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kanpur/Tanker-rams-into-horse-cart-kills-four/articleshow/21482053.cms>

### UGANDA, KAMPALA, JULY 31 2013. ONE DEAD IN FUEL TANKER ACCIDENT



*Scenes from the recent accident in Namungoona outside Kampala.*

Kayabwe police in Mpigi reports one person is dead and two injured after a fuel tanker collided with a Toyota Corona at Buganga close to Katonga along Masaka road. Mpigi police traffic boss Gamal Abdu Kadri said the driver of the Kampala-bound Toyota Corona veered from his side of the road and rammed into the fuel tanker, UAM 140V. He said beer bottles were found inside the car. The occupants of the Corona were rushed to Nkozi hospital. Earlier Police battled a crowd led by bodaboda riders that was eager to siphon fuel! The Tuesday evening accident sparked fears of a repeat of a [similar fatal accident](#) late June that claimed over 38 people in Namungoona on the outskirts of Kampala.

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/news/645589-another-fuel-tanker-in-head-on-collision.html>

### USA, N.Y, NEW YORK, JULY 31 2013. NEW BP AD SUGGESTS IT'S THE VICTIM IN THE OIL SPILL FALLOUT

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 **Photo's [22]** [The Gulf disaster from Spill to Trial](#)



*Fire boat response crews battle the blazing remnants of the off shore oil rig Deepwater Horizon on April 21, 2010. The blowout in the Gulf of Mexico killed 11 people and sent 4.9 million barrels of oil gushing from the sea floor into the Gulf.*

BP published [a new advertisement](#) Thursday in The New York Times and Wall Street Journal suggesting it's a victim of trial lawyers seeking a big windfall — an unfair one, in the company's view. The headline at the top of the ad states, "Business Leaders Agree: What's Happening to BP is Bad for American Business." The British oil giant is continuing its aggressive challenge to how business claims are being handled as part of the multibillion dollar Gulf oil spill civil settlement that it reached last year with thousands of victims of the disaster. BP chief: [Oil spill settlement has been 'hijacked'](#) The ad compiles recent public statements from some business leaders who offer support for BP's position. A

federal appeals court in New Orleans is weighing BP's appeal of a lower court's decision to accept the way claims administrator Patrick Juneau is calculating business economic loss claims. U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier [has denied BP's requests to halt payments](#) from the settlement.

[http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/07/25/bp-publishes-new-ad-over-gulf-spill-settlement-dispute-suggesting-it-is-a-victim/?utm\\_source=WhatCountsEmail&utm\\_medium=FuelFix&utm\\_campaign=FuelFixNewsletter](http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/07/25/bp-publishes-new-ad-over-gulf-spill-settlement-dispute-suggesting-it-is-a-victim/?utm_source=WhatCountsEmail&utm_medium=FuelFix&utm_campaign=FuelFixNewsletter)



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### USA, OR, PORTLAND, JULY 31 2013. TANKER TRUCK, CHEMICAL TRUCK & POWER POLES IN PEARL DISTRICT CRASH

 **Photo's [4]** [Tanker Truck, Chemical Truck & Power Poles in Crash](#)

 **Photo's [6]** ['Domino Effect' of Power Lines in Pearl District](#)



A crazy accident scene in the Pearl District involved two big trucks, power poles and at least one crushed car. It all happened at around 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Northwest 14th and Marshall. Witnesses said a chemical truck tried to pull out of the way of a nearby tanker truck, but the driver accidentally hit a guide line connected to a power pole. When the truck pulled forward, the line brought down one power pole and it led to a domino effect. The surrounding poles and lines also came down. The two trucks, along with two cars, were draped in power lines when firefighters arrived. One car was crushed by a transformer. Amazingly, emergency crews said nobody was trapped or hurt. Pedestrian, vehicle and light rail traffic were all shut down in the area to prevent any contact with the power

lines. There was no timetable provided for reopening the roads. Portland General Electric workers shut off the power lines. A PGE spokesperson said about 240 people were without power in the immediate area. The power was expected to be restored by Tuesday evening.

<http://www.kptv.com/story/22968577/tanker-truck-power-pole-crash-shuts-down-pearl-district-road>

### CANADA, QUE, TORONTO, JULY 31 2013. OIL COMPANY DISPUTES LAC-MÉGANTIC CLEANUP ORDER

*jacquie mcnish & justin giovannetti*

 **Watch the Video's:**

- [How the oil spill is being cleaned at Lac-Mégantic](#)
- [Stephen Harper joins crowds at emotional Quebec memorial](#)



*Lac-Mégantic business owner says outside support is helping.*

A Miami-based oil logistics company is objecting to a Quebec government order to assist with the cleanup of the train derailment and fiery crude-oil explosion in Lac-Mégantic, Que. World Fuel Services Corp. said in a statement that the order issued Monday by Quebec's Environment Ministry "is the first time the provincial government has taken the position that World Fuel Services has any responsibility for funding or supervising" the Lac-Mégantic cleanup. World Fuel, through its Minnesota-based subsidiary Western Petroleum, purchased the oil from producers in North Dakota's Bakken region, then leased and loaded rail cars and arranged for their transport to an Irving Oil refinery in New Brunswick.

The oil never made it to the final destination because a parked train operated by Montreal Maine & Atlantic Railway broke away and derailed on July 6, unleashing an explosive ball of burning oil on the small town. The catastrophe killed 47 residents and levelled more than 40 buildings. Investigators are testing the chemical composition of the oil carried by the train to help explain why the derailment triggered such a large and unusual explosion. In its statement, World Fuel said it did not expect to be named by the province or in any other government action because "MMA has assumed responsibility for the accident." MMA's chairman Edward Burkhardt told reporters after the catastrophe that its engineer failed to properly set emergency brakes when he parked the train on a hill near the town. Mr. Burkhardt said Tuesday the brake error is one of several factors involved in the tragedy and the final explanation won't be known until Canada's Transport Safety Board finishes its investigation. World Fuel said its representatives have had "limited access" to the accident site because it is controlled by MMA and local authorities. Mr. Burkhardt disputed the account, saying his employees were only allowed brief access to the site on the day of the derailment, and it has since been tightly controlled by police and federal investigators. He confirmed that World Fuel's staff visited the accident scene, but their "only interest was to inspect tank cars involved in the accident." In the early days of the accident, MMA hired contractors to clean up the burned-out centre of Lac Mégantic, which, according to investigators, is now laced with crude oil and other chemicals such as benzene. MMA has stopped paying the bills, which prompted Monday's order from Quebec to pay for the cleanup. The town has sent two legal notices to MMA that it owes \$7.7-



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million in unpaid cleanup fees. Mr. Burkhardt said the railway does not have sufficient cash to pay the bills and “we aren’t getting funds from our insurer to meet our obligations to the environmental mitigation contractors. If we were, there would be no issue with the municipality.” He said discussions are continuing with the insurance company, Dublin-based XL Group PLC. “This is a complex matter, and discussions are continuing. I expect a resolution later this week.”

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<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/oil-company-disputes-lac-megantic-cleanup-order/article13518237/>

## ISRAEL, HAIFA, JULY 31 2013. CONTAMINATION CLEANUP AT MAJOR ISRAELI DEFENSE SITE HAMPERED BY RED TAPE

zafir rinat



*Untreated industrial waste that was channeled into ground compromised water wells in Israel's north; three-year-old cleanup appears to be delayed due to funding difficulties.*

Cleanup and containment of contamination discovered three years ago at a Rafael Advanced Defense Systems facility in the Haifa Bay area may be hampered by funding difficulties. The Environmental Protection Ministry, which sets conditions for the operation of the facility in terms of its treatment of toxic materials, first discovered the contamination on a tour of the site - known as the David Institute. Ministry officials observed that untreated industrial waste was being channeled directly into the ground, giving rise to concerns over extensive soil and groundwater contamination in the area. The facility complied with a ministry demand that it stop channeling the untreated waste, but subsequent

testing showed that some wells had already been contaminated. The ministry demanded that Rafael carry out soil surveys and provide information on the history of activity at the site, so that possible environmental contaminants could be identified. However, testing was delayed because ministry personnel encountered ongoing difficulties obtaining the necessary security clearance to enter the facility. Testing has only recently begun. The Water Authority confirmed that the David Institute had caused contamination in the past. “We are working on an ongoing basis with the facility,” the Authority said in a statement, adding that it is “now in the process of identifying the contamination. Ways will then be determined to deal with it, with the Water Authority presenting the requirements and determining the means of treatment. It is important that the facility deal with the contamination caused in the past, and we are working with all factors.” “The real challenge in treating the contamination at Rafael, and in other places, will be funding,” the ministry’s deputy director general, Shuli Nezer, said. In order to determine the specifics of how the state will fund the cleanup of contaminated soil, Nezer says a bill now before the Knesset must complete the legislation process. “Without this law, we have no way to fund treatment of contamination,” she said. A statement issued by Rafael called environmental protection “an essential and inseparable part of the management strategy of Rafael, which invests many resources in advancing it, while meeting advanced standards and fully cooperating with the supervising authorities and agencies. Over the years, in the framework of testing, contamination was found at certain points and, upon discovery, Rafael immediately did everything that was required.” The statement said Rafael had involved all relevant agencies in its action, and that it would “continue to meet the requirements of the authorized bodies.” Rafael reiterated that, according to the information it had, the contamination was at certain specific points, “and at no stage was there a danger to employees or the general public.” In recent years, numerous points of contamination involving security-related industries have been discovered. According to a



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report prepared for the Environmental Protection Ministry, typical contaminants include oils, fuels, solvents, toxic metals, explosives and cyanides.

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/national/.premium-1.538874>

#### **BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, SARAJEVO, JULY 31 2013. GAZPROM LAUNCHES GAS STATION NETWORK IN BOSNIA**

The Serbian oil company NIS, a daughter company of Russia's Gazprom Neft, has opened 27 gas stations in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The stations operate under the Gazprom brand, Beta is reporting. A press release issued by Gazprom Neft said that, besides Bosnia, the project for developing a new network of Gazprom gas stations was expanding to Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania. The statement stressed that more than 250 gas stations would be constructed in the Balkans by the end of 2015, including 40 in Bosnia, where Gazprom is expected to cover around 15 percent of the fuel retail market. The first NIS gas station under the Gazprom brand in Bosnia opened in January. In 2012, NIS purchased 28 gas stations from the Austrian OMV in Bosnia. In addition to approximately 300 filling stations in Serbia, the company also owns gas stations in Romania and Bulgaria.

##### **Bosnian Market one of NIS Priorities**

Bosnia-Herzegovina is one of the priority markets for NIS when it comes to the company's development, and the proximity of the Oil Refinery in Pančevo would also contribute to this end, Director of NIS Sales and Distribution Block Alexander Malanin stated. NIS intends to invest around EUR 45 million (or BAM 90 million) in Bosnia-Herzegovina by the end of the year, reporters from Bosnia-Herzegovina stated after spending two days touring NIS and the Pančevo Oil Refinery, Fena news agency reported. Malanin noted that in addition to the existing 22 Gazprom gas stations, NIS would have 28 new gas stations in Bosnia-Herzegovina, while the number of such stations in Serbia would total 17, in Romania 50 and in Bulgaria 40. Malanin announced that NIS would focus on cities in Bosnia-Herzegovina where the company has not presented its services yet and in municipalities where the development of the gas station network is justified in economic terms. Regional Manager of NIS Gazprom Neft for the Adriatic region and director of retail companies in Bosnia-Herzegovina Branko Radujko expressed the expectation that NIS would have 250 Gazprom stations in the region by the end of 2015. The network of Gazprom gas stations belongs to a premium segment of the Balkan fuel market and it sells fuel of Euro 5 quality, high-quality oil and lubricants and other accompanying goods.

[http://www.b92.net/eng/news/business.php?yyyy=2013&mm=07&dd=25&nav\\_id=87065](http://www.b92.net/eng/news/business.php?yyyy=2013&mm=07&dd=25&nav_id=87065)

#### **USA, N.Y, NEW YORK, JULY 31 2013. HOME DISTANCE FROM BENZENE SITES LINKED TO LYMPHOMA RISK**

How far a person lives from a manufacturing plant that releases the chemical benzene into the environment may determine their risk of developing immune system cancer, a new study suggests. Researchers in Georgia looking at rates of non-Hodgkin lymphoma in that state found that risk for the disease fell with every mile between a person's home and facilities that release benzene. "It would suggest even with moderate changes in distance that there can be large changes in the decrease in non-Hodgkin lymphoma," said Dr. Christopher Flowers, the study's lead author and head of the lymphoma program at Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University in Atlanta. Non-Hodgkin lymphoma is a large group of cancers that grow out of the body's immune system. An individual's risk of developing the cancer is about 1 in 50 over the course of a lifetime, according to the American Cancer Society. But that risk has risen between 3 and 4 percent every year since the 1970s, Flowers and his colleagues write in the journal Cancer. Better diagnosis of the disease and changes in cancer classifications are responsible for about half of that increase, they add, and exposure to certain industrial chemicals may also be contributing. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, benzene is used in the production of plastics, nylons, resins and other materials, such as lubricants, dyes, cleaners and pesticides. Even in small amounts, the chemical has been shown to alter DNA, the researchers write, and it is already linked to the development of leukemia, a blood cell cancer. But there's still controversy about whether it is involved in non-Hodgkin lymphoma. For the new study, Flowers and his colleagues combined information on chemical release sites in Georgia between 1988 and 1998 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and data from a state cancer registry from 1999 to 2008 as well as the 2000 U.S. Census. In Georgia, 19 facilities reported benzene releases between 1988 and 1998 and there were 12,716 cases of non-Hodgkin lymphoma in adults between 1999 and 2008. The overall risk for the cancer was about 17 cases per 100,000 people per year, and the researchers found that the risk of developing non-Hodgkin lymphoma fell by about 0.3 percent for every mile between a person's home and a benzene release site. "These are mean differences between the location areas and release sites. That takes into account every release site in the state," Flowers said. "We can say - at the population level - the incidence of non-Hodgkin lymphoma was higher in



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those population areas that are clustered around (the facilities)," Flowers said. He cautioned, however, that the new finding can't exclude influences from other factors, such as other chemicals that were also released at those sites. "Given the fact that there are numerous other studies in other countries□ It's a further piece of important evidence supporting a link between benzene exposure and non-Hodgkin lymphoma," said Martyn Smith, a professor of public health at the University of California, Berkeley. "I think this is an additional piece of information that's very useful in adding to the literature," said Smith, who wasn't involved in the new study. Tongzhang Zheng, the Susan Dwight Bliss Professor of Epidemiology and Environmental Health at the Yale School of Public Health in New Haven, Connecticut, said the link may be even stronger for specific types of non-Hodgkin lymphoma or for people who are genetically susceptible to certain cancers. "This study clearly suggests there is an increased risk, but because of the type of the study we cannot say there is a casual relationship," said Zheng, who has studied the effects of benzene exposures but wasn't involved in the new research.

SOURCE: <http://bit.ly/16uRev9> Cancer, online July 29, 2013.

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### USA, KS, SEDGWICK, JULY 31 2013. FIREFIGHTERS TO REMAIN OVERNIGHT AT SCENE OF BIODIESEL PLANT FIRE IN SEDGWICK

rick plumlee & matt riedl

 **Watch the Video's:**

- [Crews Battle Massive Fire in Sedgwick](#)
- [Firefighters Battle Large Blaze at Biofuels Plant](#)
- [Explosions, Fire at Sedgwick Biodiesel Plant](#)

 **Photo's [7] Everyone Safe after Explosion and Fire**

 **Photo's [5] Firefighters to Remain Overnight**

 **Photo Gallery [10] Fire Rages at Biofuels Plant**



Firefighters were scheduled to keep watch overnight Tuesday at the site of a fire in Sedgwick that apparently destroyed a biodiesel plant earlier in the day. Sedgwick firefighters remained at the scene to watch for hot spots from the fire that started about 8 a.m. at the plant operated by Green Energy Products, just south of the Harvey County line. Crews from five jurisdictions responded to the fire and had it under control by noon, officials said. But early on they faced an unpredictable situation with burning biodiesel, corn oil and methanol. Some cylinders and other vessels exploded initially, Sedgwick County Fire Chief Gary Curmode said. "The first hour and a half was pretty dangerous," he said. "Fires involving tanks containing fuels and chemicals are very hazardous." There were no injuries. The cause is unknown, but the state fire marshal is investigating. Fire sent flames and black smoke high into the air at one point and caused the metal building's roof to collapse. Bernie Hoffman, vice president of WB Services — the parent company of Green Energy — said, "It started very small and

burned very fast. It looks like it's going to be a complete loss." About a dozen people were in the building at the time of the fire, Hoffman said. "The good news is the building is designed to contain this kind of thing," he said. "We're just grateful (no one is injured). Not even a scratch." Crews had to be cautious at mid-morning when fire was coming from at least two collapsed tanks that were leaking chemicals. Fire crews from McConnell Air Force Base and the HollyFrontier oil refinery in El Dorado were called in to put blankets of foam on the fire. "They are the only ones in the area that have the foam to use in any quantities," Curmode said. To keep tanks cool, crews poured water on them, including a 5,000-gallon tank of methanol, he said. More than 40 firefighters worked the fire, Curmode said. Newton and Halstead joined Sedgwick County, McConnell and the El Dorado oil refinery crew. About a year ago, Healy Biodiesel and WB Services merged and established Green Energy, according to Sedgwick city officials.

<http://www.kansas.com/2013/07/30/2914396/biodiesel-plant-in-sedgwick-catches.html>



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### USA, OH, VAN WERT COUNTY, JULY 31 2013. SHERIFF RELEASES INFORMATION ABOUT EXPLOSIVE TARGETS

Van Wert County Sheriff Thomas M. Riegenbach recently received information regarding the use of explosive targets. Sheriff Riegenbach is releasing information to inform the public of potential violations of the law regarding explosive targets. The sale/possession of the basic components of most explosive targets are not illegal to possess, and in many cases, use. Some retail stores carry the basic components for sale. Under different sections of the Ohio Revised Code, explosive targets can become illegal in the state of Ohio. The key event that can change the application of the Ohio Revised Code is when the raw materials of an explosive target (such as a metal like aluminum powder and ammonium nitrate) are combined into a single mixture. The effect of this combination creates sensitized ammonium nitrate (SAN). The SAN is listed in the Ohio Revised Code as a dangerous ordinance. Because SAN is a dangerous ordinance under the Ohio Revised Code, it is a 5th degree felony to knowingly possess it. Also, because SAN is a dangerous ordinance under the Ohio Revised Code, it is a 2nd degree felony to manufacture it. The act of combining the raw materials discussed earlier is manufacturing, unless a person has been issued a license, certificate of registration, or permit from a fire official of a political subdivision of this state or from the office of the State Fire Marshal. The detonation of an explosive target with a bullet would constitute, depending on circumstances, an explosive device. Under the Ohio Revised Code, possession of an explosive device is possession of a dangerous ordinance which is a 5th degree felony. In addition to the potential violations of law already mentioned, the combination of explosive target raw materials, including SAN, also falls under the Ohio Fire Code. The manufacturing and possession and use of such substances are subject to special fire safety permits and rules of the fire code. A violation of the Ohio Fire Code is a 1st degree misdemeanor. Anyone who has questions about the information provided by the State Fire Marshal's Office can contact that agency at (888) 252-0803 or (614) 752-8200, or the Van Wert County Sheriff's Office at (419) 238-3866.

<http://timesbulletin.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=4&ArticleID=181607>

### USA, MO, LAWRENCE CO, JULY 31 2013. MORE THAN 900 GALLONS OF GAS SPILL IN DEADLY TRACTOR-TRAILER CRASH

A deadly tractor-trailer crash spilled hundreds of gallons of gasoline onto a Lawrence County roadway, causing a two-hour closure. The Missouri State Highway Patrol confirms David A. Walters, 47, of Aurora, died in the crash at noon Tuesday. According to the Patrol's report, Walters was driving the semi south on Route M. About three miles north of Mount Vernon, Walters ran off the roadway, struck a field access and overturned. The vehicle struck a fence just north of Missouri 174 before coming to a rest on the driver's side. That caused more than 900 gallons of various grades of gasoline to spew into the roadway. Walters was pronounced dead at the scene. The Highway Patrol closed Route M for more than two hours as cleanup crews from MoDOT, the Department of Natural Resources, and many other agencies processed the scene.

<http://www.ozarksfirst.com/story/more-than-900-gallons-of-gas-spill-in-deadly-tractor-trailer-crash/d/story/YAOclGRNck2yDCAJziAouQ>

### USA, N.Y, SCHENECTADY, AUGUST 1 2013. GAS PUMP CATCHES FIRE AFTER DRIVER CRASHES, TAKES OFF

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*The damaged gas pump, after a car hit it early this morning.*

A 21-year-old Schenectady man is facing felony charges for fleeing the scene of a hit and run accident and crashing into a gas pump. Schenectady Police say they arrested Steve Braxton early Wednesday after he was allegedly involved in a crash at the intersection of Crane Street and Fourth Avenue in Schenectady around midnight on Wednesday. Investigators say Braxton hit another car but took off. Shortly after Braxton lost control on his car going around a turn and hit a Mobil gas pump on Broadway Avenue. The pump caught fire after it was hit but the pumps were quickly turned off and the fire was pump out, avoiding what could have been a disastrous situation. Braxton then fled the scene of that crash. Schenectady Police found Braxton's car a short time after and made the arrest a few hours later. He's charged with criminal mischief and aggravated unlicensed operation.

<http://www.cbs6albany.com/news/features/featured/stories/gas-pump-catches-fire-after-driver-crashes-takes-off-1415.shtml>



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#### THAILAND, BANGKOK, AUGUST 1 2013. OIL SPILL CLEAN-UP CHEMICALS: WHAT ARE THEY? - ALARM BELLS SOUND OVER OIL SPILL DISPERSANT USE >> PTTGC ADMITS CHEMICALS RISK ENVIRONMENTAL HARM



Experts are worried the chemical dispersants being used in the oil spill clean-up operation in Rayong province could cause environmental damage. They have urged PTT Global Chemical Plc (PTTGC) to reveal what type of dispersants are being used. Their call came after Pollution Control Department chief Wichian Jungrungeon admitted yesterday that using dispersants could harm the environment PTTGC has remained silent about what chemicals it is using but also said they could pose a hazard to the environment and people's health. "Dispersants are the last resort in this situation" Lack of information about the chemicals has prompted experts to pressure authorities and PTTGC to provide more details. "It's important to know what chemicals they are and how much is being used so we can decide on measures to prevent possible negative impacts," Arpa Wangkiat, a professor at Rangsit University's environmental engineering department, said. "Don't leave questions to society. Disaster management should not be left in the hands of one participant" Ms Arpa said her

studies have found the use of dispersants can result in environmental damage and health problems. Environmental activists suspect PTTGC might be using Corexit to tackle the Rayong oil slick because it is commonly used worldwide. In 2012, a study found that Corexit increases the toxicity of oil by 52 times. It can remain in the ecological food chain for many years and cause widespread and long-lasting health impacts. "The use of dispersants is a solution that creates new and worse problems," Ms Arpa said. The main ingredients of Corexit include 2-Butoxyethanol which can comprise up to 60% of the dispersant and is known to harm the blood, kidneys, liver and central nervous system. Experts say the substance can also cause cancer birth defects and has been found to cause genetic mutations. It is also a delayed chronic health hazard as well as an environmentally hazardous material. Pornsri Mingkwan, director of the Pollution Control Department's marine environment division, said PTTGC has sought permission to use 32,000 litres of a dispersant called Slickgone NS since the spill occurred on Saturday. However, the dispersant is ineffective in tackling oil slicks more than 48 hours after a spill occurs, she said. Thon Thamrongnawasawat, a leading marine biologist at Kasetsart University, wrote on his Facebook page that the use of dispersants should be avoided in seas where the water is about 20m deep or less. This was because dispersed oil could come into contact with the sea bed and cause negative effects on the benthic organisms that live there, he wrote. He called on the authorities to check the depth of the sea off Rayong. He also urged authorities to clarify which agency had allowed the use of dispersants on Sunday. Pisut Painmanakul, also of Chulalongkorn University's environmental engineering department, said the Rayong oil spill could lead to a similar problem which occurred in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010 when Corexit was primarily used to deal with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Officials took three months to deal with the oil slick there but scientists have said the toxic chemical remains in the ecological system. Samai Kungsaworn, director of the Office of Diseases Prevention Control 3 which oversees Rayong, said local health units have reported four patients complaining of dizziness since the oil spill on Saturday. The cases could possibly be linked to the oil's pungent smell in the area, he said.

He has advised localsto stay away from the shore because the smell could cause respiratory problems.

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<http://www.bangkokpost.com/learning/learning-from-news/362349/oil-spill-chemicals-what-are-they>

#### USA, TX, FRISCO, AUGUST 1 2013. FIREWORKS LEFT IN TRASH NEARLY DESTROY FRISCO HOME

Frisco investigators say fireworks discarded in a trash cart sparked a house fire that destroyed three vehicles and heavily damaged the home between Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Shortly after 10 p.m. Wednesday, a local resident called 911 and alerted the Frisco Fire Department to a house fire in the 4300 block of Castle Bank Lane. When fire-fighters arrived about four minutes after the call was received, they found a heavy fire in the garage area, which had spread to the house. Investigators say a resident put spent fireworks into a trash cart stored in the home's garage. "This magnifies the reason why we discourage people from using fireworks," said Mark Piland, chief of the Frisco Fire Department, in a statement released by the city. "Used fireworks can remain hot for days, which are why we encourage people to enjoy fireworks by attending or viewing displays manned by professionals [where] fire-fighters are present." No one was injured in the incident,



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and city officials said the value of damage to the home and other property is still being estimated. Consumer fireworks are illegal in the city of Frisco as well as the extraterritorial jurisdiction areas of Collin and Denton counties. Violators of are subject to confiscation of the fireworks and the issuance of fines, not to exceed \$200 per violation.

[http://www.friscoenterprise.com/articles/2013/07/31/frisco\\_enterprise/news/252.txt](http://www.friscoenterprise.com/articles/2013/07/31/frisco_enterprise/news/252.txt)

### INDONESIA, NORTH MALUKU, TERNATE, AUGUST 1 2013. PERTAMINA TANKER, KM PATRIOT ANDALAN SPILLS 5,400 TONNES OF FUEL INTO MOLUCCA SEA



A tanker owned by state energy company Pertamina spilled thousands of tons of oil into the Molucca Sea after it got into trouble off Ternate, North Maluku on Wednesday. Bagus Handoko, the firm's distribution manager, [told the state-run Antara news agency](#) that the KM Patriot Andalan was anchored at the port of Ternate when high seas caused the connection between the oil store and the transfer pipe to rupture. "The boat was carrying 7,000 tons of fuel from Papua," he said. Workers managed to unload 1,600 tons of premium fuel and diesel but the rest spilled into the sea. "We are currently trying to contain the oil spill and prevent it from expanding further, while trying to neutralize the oil already spilled into the sea," he said, adding that Pertamina was still calculating the financial losses suffered as a result of the incident. "This will not disrupt the city's oil supply," he said. "The supply will be sufficient for the next 23 days." In Tasikmalaya, West Java, meanwhile, a Pertamina oil pipe used to distribute

premium fuel leaked a total of 2,200 kiloliters into the surrounding area, causing a fire. "If Pertamina did not shut the valve down immediately, more losses could have been recorded," Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Jero Wacik said on Wednesday. A man named Edi Istianto was admitted to a hospital with burns. Pertamina personnel reportedly noticed the leak on Wednesday morning. A faucet, electric drill and a hammer were found at the site. "Theft is a criminal act. It endangers the country as well as public safety, and we have to prevent an incident like this from happening again," Jero said. The National Police were still investigating the alleged theft.

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<http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/news/pertamina-tanker-spills-oil-in-molucca-sea/>

### GHANA, WEIJA, AUGUST 1 2013. GWCL APOLOGISES AFTER CHLORINE GAS CYLINDERS FELL FROM MOVING TRAILER

*The chlorine gas cylinders that fell off the truck carrying them.*



The Ghana Water Company Limited (GWCL) has apologised to residents of Weija after 10 chlorine gas cylinders being sent to its treatment plant fell off a trailer and rolled dangerously into their homes on Monday night. Although there were no casualties in Monday's incident, residents say it was the fourth of such accidents in the last few years. Public Relations Manager of Ghana Water Company Ltd, Stanley Martey, told Joy News the company is taking measures to minimise such accidents. "We are talking to the owners [of the truck] who have been carrying the cylinders and the chemicals to the treatment plant", he said. But the Public Relations Manager could not make a firm promise that such dangerous accidents will not happen again. According to him, "We all must know

that accidents are inevitable, they could happen anytime so we can only pray very little [to prevent such accidents]". However, the residents say such life threatening incidents are becoming regular events in the Weija area and called for the reconstruction of the road. One resident recalls how a trailer skidded off the road and plunged into an empty apartment. Chlorine gas, which is highly effective in the treatment of water, could also be dangerous when exposed to humans. Inhalation of chlorine gas can cause difficulty in breathing, chest pains, cough, eye irritation, increased heartbeat, rapid breathing, and death. Exposure would be a very traumatic experience. The Weija water treatment plant of the GWCL produces over 50 million gallons of water a day to serve Accra and Tema residents.

<http://edition.myjoyonline.com/pages/news/201307/110500.php>



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