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USA, S.C, SPARTANBURG, AUGUST 30 2013. PCBs FOUND ON EQUIPMENT OF WASTE HAULER; LICENSE REVOKED UNTIL HEARING >> OWNER SAYS HE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE THE PCBs CAME FROM

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A cease-and-desist order has been issued to a Greer waste hauling company that was found to have equipment contaminated with PCBs, a hazardous chemical. PCBs, polychlorinated biphenyls, are the same chemicals discovered in several Upstate sewage treatment plants. Mark Plowden, a spokesman for the Department of Health and Environmental Control, said he cannot comment on whether the Greer company and the order are related to that investigation. On Aug. 23, DHEC issued a cease-and-desist letter to American Waste Septic Tank Service of Greer and owner Timothy Howard. The letter revokes the company's license for pumping, hauling and disposing domestic wastewater, sewage and septage pending a future hearing. According to the order, DHEC inspected American Waste Septic Tank Service on Aug. 13 and discovered PCBs on equipment on the site. A state regulation that governs the licensing of wastewater haulers states DHEC may, at their discretion, inspect equipment used in waste hauling at the time a license or renewal is applied for. It is unclear how often these inspections occur or how frequently they lead to disciplinary actions. Earlier this summer, PCBs were discovered in four sewer treatment plants — Fairforest and North Tyger River facilities in the Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District, the town of Lyman's facility, and the Pelham facility in the Greenville-based district Renewable Water Resources. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has launched a criminal investigation into illegal dumping in connection with the cancer-causing chemical's presence. Howard said he does not know how the chemicals ended up on his equipment. "We're trying to figure out where they came from," he said Wednesday. The order also alleges Howard and his company failed to maintain accurate records of their pumping, hauling and disposal activities. "Proper disposal of numerous loads of septage are unaccounted for," the order states. Howard said the dispute involving paperwork has been resolved. Alan Johnson, public works director for Lyman, and Ray Orvin, executive director of Renewable Water Resources, said they think grease traps, one in each of their service areas, are the cause of the PCB contamination at their facilities. Sue Schneider, general manager of SSSD's governing agency, Spartanburg Water, said her district does not have such evidence. Johnson told Lyman Town Council on Wednesday that the grease trap thought to be the source of contamination has been sealed. Schneider, Johnson and Orvin said none of the PCB contaminated facilities received direct deposits of sewage from American Waste Septic Tank Service. Johnson and Orvin said their facilities do not accept waste from haulers.

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20130828/ARTICLES/308281036/1051/news01?Title=PCBs-found-on-equipment-of-waste-hauler-license-revoked-until-hearing>

USA, N.J, MANASQUAN BOROUGH AND SEA GIRT, WALL TWP, AUGUST 30 2013. CLEAN UP AT SITE CONTAMINATED BY DRY CLEANERS ADVANCES

Dry cleaners seem to be everywhere. We all use them, and couldn't imagine keeping our non-washable garments in top shape. Unfortunately, some of these businesses experience leaks of cleaning solution which can cause serious soil and groundwater contamination. One such site in New Jersey is being remediated under the federal Superfund program. This happens when those responsible for the contamination are no longer in business, and can't be made to fund the clean up. This site is estimated to cost more than 18 million dollars to remediate! The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has proposed a plan to clean up contaminated soil and ground water at the site (White Swan Cleaners/Sun Cleaners Superfund site) in Wall Township, Manasquan Borough and Sea Girt, New Jersey. Previous dry cleaning operations in Wall Township caused the contamination of the soil and ground water with volatile organic compounds, including perchloroethylene (PCE) and trichloroethene (TCE). Exposure to these chemicals can have serious health impacts, including liver damage and increased risk of cancer. The plan proposed will require the excavation and treatment of contaminated soil and the treatment of some ground water. "Thirty years of operation by local dry cleaning companies have left a toxic contamination that will cost \$19 million to address," said EPA Regional Administrator Judith A. Enck. "This is an astonishing toxic legacy that the EPA is addressing. Our top priority is protecting public health and the local environment. The public is urged to attend the August 27th public meeting." White Swan Cleaners and Sun Cleaners operated in the area between 1960 and 1991 and are believed to have contributed to the PCE and TCE contamination in the soil and ground water. Vapors from the chemical contamination have seeped into some residential and commercial buildings in the vicinity. Area residents receive their drinking water from deep ground water that runs well below the layer of ground water that is contaminated. It is monitored regularly to ensure the water quality meets drinking water standards. In December 2001, the EPA and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection began investigating whether vapors from the contamination in the area were getting into homes, schools and



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businesses. Of approximately 500 properties sampled to date, 34 have needed mitigation systems to vent the vapors. These have all been installed. Indoor air sampling designed to identify any homes that may have unacceptable levels of PCE or TCE vapors in their basements is an ongoing active program. The EPA added the White Swan Cleaners/Sun Cleaners site to the federal Superfund list of most contaminated hazardous waste sites list in 2004.

<http://www.enn.com/business/article/46359>

UKRAINE. AUGUST 30 2013. SHELL LAUNCHES HOTLINE TO TACKLE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS (044) 205-00-15

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Global energy giant Royal Dutch Shell launched a free hotline on Aug. 28 to address any concerns Ukrainians might have about the company's intent to extract shale gas in eastern Ukraine. The company won a tender in 2012 and signed a product sharing agreement with the Ukrainian government this year to operate in the Yuzivska field in Donetsk and Kharkiv region, but drilling is yet to start. The Yuzivska field and the Oleksa field in western Ukraine are believed to have Europe's fourth largest shale gas reserves with a combined estimate of 1.2 trillion cubic meters, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Ukraine's own estimates are much higher. In its statement, Shell said that the new hotline "is another step in our policy of good neighborliness and open dialog between Shell and the interested citizens, particularly the residents of Donetsk and Kharkiv regions, which are part of the Yuzivska field." The hotline's number is (044) 205-00-15, and calls via landlines are free in Ukraine. Operators of the hotline will be able to inform the public about the general activity of the company, the particulars of its operation in the Yuzivska field, ecological and safety issues, as well as its ongoing work with local communities. Shell is currently extracting natural gas in Kharkiv Oblast in a joint project with state-owned Ukrgezvydobuvannya and is preparing to develop gas from tight sandstone in the Yuzivska field. The technology used for extracting gas from shale and tight sandstone, called hydraulic fracturing or fracking, when water and chemicals are pumped underground to release gas, has raised concerns among Ukrainian residents and some political groups. Last week, a regional council in western Ukraine vetoed a product sharing agreement with Chevron, another global energy giant, for environmental and other reasons. Chevron won a tender to develop shale gas in the Oleska field in Ivano-Frankivsk and Lviv region. Approval from local councils are an essential step before the company can start operation on the ground. Shell received a go-ahead from the Kharkiv and Donetsk councils in January, but the procedure for the approval is currently being challenged in court. Shell is also a party in an international consortium led by ExxonMobil that won a tender a year ago to extract gas in offshore Skifska field in the Black Sea. The consortium is also yet to sign a product sharing agreement with the government to start the operation.

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/business/shell-launches-hotline-to-address-environmental-concerns-328818.html>

USA, DE, DELAWARE CITY, AUGUST 30 2013. DELAWARE CITY PETROLEUM SPILL CREATES SHEEN ON DELAWARE RIVER

jeff montgomery

The Delaware City Refinery and state environmental officials are tracking down a spill that sent a 50-by-500 foot petroleum sheen into the Delaware River early this morning. A Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control official said that "gas oil" apparently reached the refinery's wastewater discharge channel after leaking through the 210,000-barrel-per-day plant's storm water collection and wastewater treatment system. Workers spotted gas oil in the channel just off the river at about 11:30 p.m. Tuesday. Most was contained by equipment already in place, the refinery said in a statement released this afternoon. Information was not immediately available on the size of the spill that eventually produced the material on the river, but workers did find and shut down the source, according to the refinery, which is owned by New Jersey-based PBF Energy. State officials have pointed out that as little as a quart of oil can produce a sheen far larger than the one reported at about 1:30 a.m. today. Workers with the Delaware Bay and River Cooperative, a spill response contractor for the refinery, placed absorbent boom in the river to contain the sheen, officials said. The Coast Guard also was notified. Gas oil is material that emerges from a refinery's first-stage crude oil processing unit after gasoline or other light hydrocarbons are distilled off, and is usually sent along to other parts of a plant for further breakdown into fuels and petroleum products. PBF's main crude unit can process about 191,000 barrels of crude oil daily.

<http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20130828/NEWS08/308280066/Delaware-City-petroleum-spill-creates-sheen-Delaware-River>



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INDIA, JAMMU AND KASHMIR, BANIHAL, AUGUST 30 2013. DRIVER DIES WHILE SAVING COLLEAGUE >> TANKER CAUGHT FIRE AFTER SLIPPING INTO GORGE, 2 INJURED

Driver of a petrol tanker died here last night while trying to rescue another driver, trapped in a burning tanker that caught fire in an accident. Two others received critical burn injuries and have been shifted to Srinagar hospital. Locals said a Petrol tanker under number JK-09/2366 was on way to Srinagar from Jammu loaded with 12000 liters of petrol. "The tanker rolled down into a gorge near Chamalwas, 5 kilometers short of Banihal on Jammu-Srinagar highway and caught fire soon after the mishap", they said. According to eyewitnesses, drivers of two other tankers accompanying the ill-fated tanker, got down from their vehicles and started the rescue operation to save the trapped driver, Shafiq Hussain son of Mir Wali resident of Kalakote, Rajouri, whose tanker had caught fire. Shafiq Hussain was rescued with burn injuries from the burning petrol tanker but driver of another tanker bearing registration no: JK-09/2367 was burnt alive during the rescue effort. The driver died on the spot. He was identified as Baag Hussain son of Noor Hussain also a resident of Kalakote, Rajouri. Driver of another tanker (No: JK-02Q/ 9891), Sadam Hussain son of Muhammad Latief resident of Kalakote Rajouri also received burn injuries while rescuing Shafiq Hussain. An eyewitness, driver Surjeet Singh told Greater Kashmir that soon after the accident, Baag Hussain got down and tried to rescue Shafiq Hussain who was trapped inside the cabin of the burning tanker. He said after some time the brave driver with the help of some more drivers succeeded in saving Shafiq but blazing flames engulfed Baag, killing him on the spot. Sources said that shifting of the injured drivers got delayed by about an hour as hospital authorities were demanding fuel charges for of the ambulance. Fire service department and army unit pressed their fire tenders into service to control the flames and they succeed to control the fire after fighting fire for two hours.

<http://www.greaterkashmir.com/news/2013/Aug/30/driver-dies-while-saving-colleague-67.asp>

USA, TX, PORT ARTHUR, AUGUST 30 2013. TEXAS REFINERY IS NATION'S BIGGEST WITH PROBLEMS TO MATCH

dave fehling



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The Motiva refinery is bordered by neighborhoods in Port Arthur

When your neighbors process millions of barrels of crude oil, you notice when things aren't going right. "There has been some increase in flaring incidents, because whenever you shut down they have to flare to let off certain gases," said Hilton Kelley. He lives in Port Arthur and years ago he led community activists in negotiations with the companies behind the massive expansion of the Motiva Refinery. Hilton said the companies promised the new refinery would run cleaner using innovations in pollution control. What the activists didn't think to ask for was a promise the refinery — now the nation's largest — would just simply ... run. "We had no idea that the unit would not start off working properly," said Kelley, founder of Community In-power and Development Association. Now he wonders what a series of leaks, fires, shutdowns and start-ups will mean to

the air residents breathe.

Fires, Leaks & Vibrations

The Motiva Port Arthur Refinery is a \$10 billion [joint venture of Royal Dutch Shell and Saudi -Aramco](#). The expansion was finished last spring, but quickly ran into trouble. There were a couple of small fires, apparently related to leaks caused when a corrosive chemical was mistakenly allowed to flow through the new unit, causing extensive and costly damage. Repairs were made, but shortly after re-starting the unit, a mysterious vibration in a key pipe raised concerns according to a [Reuters article](#). Then earlier this month, two more fires in a week caused another shutdown in some of the refinery's units. "This is an industrial process so there are glitches. It seems with this particular project, it's almost as if it's hexed in some way because they've had very little success in getting everything up and operating in any consistent way," said Kenneth Medlock, an energy market economist at Rice University's Baker Institute.

Part of a Wave of Expansion along Coast

The expanded Motiva facility has a capacity to process 600,000 barrels of crude a day. The project is just one in [a wave of billion-dollar expansions](#) of refineries and petrochemical plants along the Texas Gulf Coast. "It's a direct result of all these new supplies coming on line," said Medlock, referring to the surge in oil & gas from shale in Texas and other states. "There's a lot



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of capacity in the United States along the Gulf Coast in particular. Inventories are at record highs right now." But what if the nation's biggest refinery is substantially offline this time next year in order to make extensive repairs as some reports have suggested? "If the market's relatively tight and then you have to take that system down, then you could potentially see some ripple effects on petroleum product prices like gasoline and diesel," said Medlock. What are the chance of that? "In keeping with our disclosure policy, we cannot provide detail on the timing of maintenance at specific units, or how long it will take to complete maintenance activities," said Destin Singleton in an email to StateImpact. "We strive to operate the Motiva Port Arthur Refinery at all times in a safe, reliable and environmentally-sound manner with the goal of causing no harm to people who are on our site and the surrounding community. The Motiva Port Arthur Refinery continues to invest in reviewing, maintaining and improving the safety and reliability of our facilities," Singleton said.

Texas Gives a Satisfactory Rating

According to a Compliance History Report provided to StateImpact by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, environmental regulators gave the Motiva refinery a "satisfactory" rating for complying with pollution and safety laws (satisfactory is the [commission's middle rating](#) between "high" and "unsatisfactory"). Among several dozen pages of alleged violations and inspection data for 2007-2012, one entry said that during just one five hour period in June 2011, an alleged lack of "operational and/or maintenance practices" resulted in "unauthorized emissions" of 1,938 pounds of sulfur dioxide. That's the very sort of potentially toxic air pollution that concerns the Port Arthur neighborhoods nearest the plant, according to activist Hilton Kelley. There were already several other big refineries and petrochemical plants nearby. It's why he says they fought the Motiva expansion, bringing the companies to negotiating table in 2006.

Community Relations

"What we were saying was enough is enough already. We already have a disproportionate amount of sulfur dioxide being dumped into the air. We have disproportionate amount of other volatile organic compounds being released into the air. And now, you're talking about expanding?" said Kelley. He said there were eventually agreements that the project would include millions of dollars of pollution control equipment to lessen those releases. And he said Motiva has provided funding for community outreach groups. Not to mention jobs and tax revenue. But with all the troubles the new refinery is having, he said they will keep Motiva under scrutiny. "We're constantly on guard with Motiva even though they're giving money back. But money cannot buy your health."

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/texas/2013/08/29/texas-refinery-is-nations-biggest-with-problems-to-match/>

USA, SPRING GARDEN TOWNSHIP, SPRING GARDEN TWP, AUGUST 31 2013. CHLORINE FIRE AT YORK JCC STARTED DURING ROUTINE POOL MAINTENANCE

A chlorine fire sparked during routine maintenance at the pool at the York Jewish Community Center Friday morning prompted the evacuation of the estimated 100 people at the center at the time and resulted in three center staff members being treated for inhalation of the potentially toxic fumes. The fire, reported shortly before 10 a.m., started when heat from a pump being used to drain the pool for routine maintenance ignited a five-gallon bucket of granulated chlorine that was placed next to the pump's housing, said Nathan Tracey, deputy chief of York Township's Goodwill Fire Company. Patty Neidigh, the center's facilities director, first spotted the fire. "I was sitting at my desk and saw sparks and then, there was fire," she said. Another staffer put the fire out with an extinguisher while Neidigh called 911. The building was evacuated. The staffer who put the fire out carried the bucket outside, through a nearby door, where it re-ignited, Tracey said. Tracey called the actions of the staffer "a very risky move," considering the volume of hazardous fumes the fire produced. Fire crews and members of York County Emergency Management Office's Hazardous Material team responded. Firefighters fully extinguished the fire and the hazmat team inspected the building for fumes and other hazardous materials. "It was an unusual event. High risk, low frequency," Tracey said. Some chemical odor remained after the fire was extinguished. Firefighters ventilated the building while hazmat crews cleaned up the chlorine that spilled in the pool area. The three JCC staff members exposed to the fumes were taken to York Hospital where they were evaluated. They were not believed to be severely injured, officials said. The center's staff and members who were using the gym were evacuated to the church across the street. The pre-schoolers and some young students from Dallastown Area School District, who had the day off, were escorted to York Suburban Senior High School, where they were taken to the auditorium. Parents were notified, said center executive director Randy Freedman. The center was expected to be closed for two to four hours while crews cleaned up, Tracey said.

http://www.ydr.com/local/ci_23981562/emergency-crews-respond-chlorine-fire-at-jewish-community



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USA, UT, NORTH SALT LAKE, AUGUST 31 2013. ANOTHER NORTH SALT LAKE REFINERY FINED BY THE EPA

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Another Utah refinery has agreed to pay a penalty to the Environmental Protection Agency and to upgrade emissions controls for alleged violations of the Clean Air Act. Big West Oil LLC will pay a \$175,000 fine and spend approximately \$1.8 million on emissions controls at its North Salt Lake refinery. The EPA and U.S. Department of Justice announced the settlement jointly last week. Big West, a subsidiary of Flying J, will also invest \$253,000 to improve monitoring and management of potential releases of hydrofluoric acid at the refinery. "This settlement will result in substantial reductions in harmful air pollution and, building on previous settlements with area refineries, marks another step forward in improving the quality of air Utahns breathe in the Salt Lake City area," said Robert G Dreher, acting assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's Environmental and Natural Resources Division. "Big West will be required to install advanced technology pollution controls that will benefit the health and the environment of its neighbors and future generations." The settlement comes on the heels of a \$400,000 penalty levied on the Chevron Refinery on Aug. 1, 2013, and a \$115,000 fine levied on Holly Refinery on Dec. 20, 2012. "EPA continues to secure significant settlements with refineries that benefit public health and improve air quality in our communities," said Shaun McGrath, EPA's regional administrator in Denver. "Today's agreement will help bring Big West Oil's refinery up to date with industry standards to protect the environment." "Big West has been working with EPA and the State of Utah for a number of years on ways in which Big West can reduce air emissions at its North Salt Lake refinery," company spokesman Brett Bailey said in an email. "We have appreciated EPA's and the state's willingness to work with us in finding workable methods for making the desired reductions. The mutually agreed decree entered on Friday will require Big West to spend tens of millions of dollars on pollution control equipment and procedures, and will result in significant reductions in emissions," he said. "As a company, Big West is committed to responsible environmental stewardship, while providing great jobs for the state of Utah and supplying the fuel that runs our economy and benefits all of its citizens." He also noted that in agreeing to the consent decree, the company admitted no liability, a fact noted in the EPA's announcement. "We just took the approach that rather than fighting over alleged violations, we should see if we could work with EPA on what they wanted us to improve," Bailey said. Under the agreement, Big West will install a state-of-the-art flue gas filter system to control particulate matter emissions and to place ultra-low nitrogen oxide burners on four heaters and boilers. The company will also install a caustic scrubber system at the sulfur recovery plant. The company will also spend \$253,000 on a supplemental environmental project to install a laser detection system around the perimeter of the hydrofluoric acid alkylation unit that is expected to improve the detection and response to releases of potentially hazardous acid. When fully implemented, the controls and requirements under the agreement will reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide by approximately 158 tons per year, nitrogen oxides by approximately 32 tons per year and particulate matter by approximately 36 tons per year, the EPA said. Reductions of volatile and hazardous pollutants, such as benzene are also expected as a result of compliance with leak detection and repair requirements. The refinery employs 185 people and refines 35,000 barrels of oil daily, according to the company website. It refines crude oil from Utah, Wyoming and Canada, and ships to seven western states.

http://www.davisclipper.com/view/full_story/23477067/article-Another-North-Salt-Lake-refinery-fined-by-the-EPA?instance=home_news_1st_left

DENMARK, JUTLAND, FREDERICA, AUGUST 31 2013. GREENPEACE ACTIVISTS INVADE SHELL REFINERY >> THE ACTION IS A PROTEST AGAINST SHELL SPEARHEADING THE SEARCH FOR OIL IN THE VULNERABLE ARCTIC REGION

christian wenande



Around 40 Greenpeace activists, some dressed as polar bears, forced entrance to the Shell oil refinery in Fredericia this morning.

Shell's oil refinery in the Jutland city of Fredericia was invaded by about 40 Greenpeace activists dressed up like polar bears early this morning. The activists forced entry to the Dutch oil giant's refinery just after 6am and a group of them immediately began climbing up one of the refinery's large silos, where they hung a banner featuring an image of the well-known yellow and red Shell logo juxtaposed with a polar bear's face. "We are here to reveal Shell's true face. The company is leading the hunt for oil in the Arctic, despite having shown us that they are completely unable to protect the vulnerable environment and



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unique nature in Greenland and the rest of the region," Helene Hansen, a 28-year-old activist, told Ekstra Bladet tabloid.

Part of a Global Campaign

The activist group in Fredericia includes Danes as well as individuals from Sweden, Norway, Finland, Italy, Germany and Latvia. The police showed up at around 6:30am but as of two hours later no arrests had made. The Fredericia action is the latest Greenpeace stunt aimed at taking on Shell's hunt for arctic oil. In July, six activists climbed western Europe's tallest building near Shell's headquarters in London to display a 'Save the Arctic' banner, and last Sunday a 20-metre banner was unveiled during the Formula 1 Grand Prix in Belgium.

The Arctic: Another Nigeria?

Shell is currently preparing a number of seismic examinations in protected sea areas in Baffin Bay, the body of water between Greenland and Canada. Whale experts have warned that the noisy seismic tests could threaten the population of whales in the area. In June, [Denmark's Arctic oil spill preparedness was found woefully inadequate by experts](http://www.bgdailynews.com/for_the_record/police_news/tanker-overturms-shuts-down-ky/article_526f4a02-606a-518a-8e50-0e28742c49a5.html). "Shell has already a displayed horrendous breach of security in Alaska, they've polluted the entire Niger Delta and now they're getting ready for Russia and Greenland. The plans should be stopped so Greenland doesn't become the next Nigeria," Niels Fuglsang, a spokesperson for the Danish Arctic campaign in Greenpeace, told Ekstra Bladet. Greenpeace is hoping that politicians in Greenland and Denmark step up and prohibit Shell's tests before they commence over the next few months.

<http://cphpost.dk/international/greenpeace-activists-invade-shell-refinery>

USA, KY, ALLEN CO, AUGUST 31 2013. TANKER OVERTURNS, SHUTS DOWN KY. 100

Several hundred gallons of spilled diesel fuel closed Ky. 100 in Allen County for about seven hours Thursday, according to a news release from Kentucky State Police. A tractor-trailer cargo tank owned by Key Fuel/Service Transport left the right shoulder of the road near the four-mile point, according to the release. The truck continued through a fence, hit a utility pole and overturned multiple times. Police responded at about 5:30 a.m. The driver, John McGraw of Spring Hill, Tenn., who not wearing a seat belt, was ejected from the vehicle, the release stated. He was flown to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville with head and chest injuries. A spokeswoman from Vanderbilt did not return a telephone call seeking his condition by press time. The Environmental Protection Agency and Environmental Services responded to the spill. The investigation of the spill continues, and inattention and speed appear to be contributing factors, according to the release.

http://www.bgdailynews.com/for_the_record/police_news/tanker-overturms-shuts-down-ky/article_526f4a02-606a-518a-8e50-0e28742c49a5.html

USA, MN, ATWATER, AUGUST 31 2013. TANKER TRUCK FIRE IN ATWATER

There were some tense moments in Atwater early this morning (Thursday) when fire crews were called to the scene of a diesel fuel tanker truck that caught fire. KWLM reports Atwater Fire Chief Gerald Schwartz saying the truck was westbound, traveling toward Willmar on Highway 12 when fire broke out in the rear axle area of the tractor. Schwartz says the driver tried to get out of town but the damage to the axle was too great and he came to a stop just east of Casey's convenience store. At one point the flames were so high they wrapped around the trailer which was full of diesel fuel. Schwartz says they were able to put the fire out using water foam. There are no reports of injuries. The fire was reported about 5:40 a.m. Traffic was diverted south of the scene for about two hours.

<http://www.kduz.com/2013/08/29/tanker-truck-fire-in-atwater/>

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, RAS AL KHAIMAH, AUGUST 31 2013. OIL SLICK AFTER DIESEL TANKER OVERTURNS

ahmed shaaban



An Asian man sustained several injuries after the diesel tanker he was driving overturned, spilling its contents, in Ras Al Khaimah on Thursday night. According to a senior police officer, the traffic accident, the second in a month, damaged part of the concrete median of the Etihad bridge where the tanker overturned. Lt-Col Ahmed Al Samm Al Naqbi, Acting Director of the RAK Traffic and Patrols Department, said the tanker driver was to be blamed for the mishap as he was the one who lost control over the steering wheel and crashed into the concrete median. "He veered off the road, ran into and broke part of the concrete median of the bridge, and overturned on the left side." The Central Operations Room of



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the RAK Police, on being alerted about the accident, dispatched the police, traffic patrols, and rescue teams to the scene. "The rescue team safely pulled out the injured driver who was stuck in the damaged tanker, and shifted him to the hospital for treatment and medical care." Lt-Col Al Naqbi said all the diesel that the tanker was carrying spilled on to the road, covering a wide area. "The concerned authorities, in collaboration with the RAK Civil Defence department, swiftly swung in action and cleaned the road, ensuring a smooth flow of traffic." The authorities closed the road under the bridge after the accident and shifted the tanker hanging up from the middle on the bridge wall. Al Naqbi urged all motorists and truck drivers to be more cautious and attentive on the road and abide by the set rules and regulations. "Heavy truck drivers are advised to take enough rest when they feel tired, sleepy or unwell so as not to put their lives or the lives of other road users in danger." Earlier this month, a collision between a water tanker and pick-up truck, had damaged a 55-metre-long concrete part of the Etihad Bridge, in the direction of Al Faisal Road. The pick-up driver, a 75-year-old Emirati man, received several injuries due to the accident. Director-General of Central Operations at the RAK Police Brigadier Ghanem Ahmed Ghanem, said the 33-year old driver of the water tanker, also received minor injuries and was to blame for the accident. A tougher unified traffic law with higher fines and a black points system was implemented in 2008 all over the country, in order to encourage safer driving, especially amid the high incidence of traffic accidents involving heavy duty vehicles.

http://www.khaleejtimes.com/nation/inside.asp?xfile=/data/crime/2013/August/crime_August88.xml§ion=crime

USA, OK, OKLAHOMA CITY, AUGUST 31 2013. CREWS CONTAIN OIL SPILL IN OKLAHOMA RIVER >> AN ESTIMATED 385 BARRELS, OR 16,940 GALLONS, OF OIL AND SALTWATER SPILLED

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Heavy rain washed oil mixed with salt water into streams that empty into the Oklahoma River, Cleanup crews corralled oil that spilled into the Oklahoma River before most of the slick, sticky fluid could find its way to the Boathouse District. An estimated 385 barrels, or 16,940 gallons, of oil and saltwater spilled into Mustang Creek, near SW 15 and Morgan Road, after lightning struck a tank battery Aug. 12. Heavy rain the next morning overwhelmed containment materials put in place by firefighters, said Paul Bronson, Oklahoma City's assistant public works director. Maintenance crews saw oil in the Oklahoma River the next morning "and they said, 'Oh, boy,'" Bronson said. Oil that washed downstream was trapped in the lock at the May Avenue dam and by containment booms at a railroad trestle just downstream. "I'm fairly certain that we got 90 to 95 percent of it," Bronson said. The city will seek reimbursement from the well operator for an estimated \$6,000 to \$6,500 in cleanup costs, he said. Lightning hit a "gun barrel" — which separates water and oil — at a saltwater disposal well around 10 or 10:15 p.m. on Aug. 12, Bronson said. He said the piece of equipment was blown outside the containment dike. The installation, consisting of what appears to be 10 tanks and other equipment, is visible in a Google Maps satellite view adjacent to the SW 15 bridge over Mustang Creek. An aerial photo taken Aug. 14 shows an oil sheen on the Oklahoma River west of Western Avenue. Bronson said the Oklahoma Corporation Commission oversaw the spill response. Some containment booms still are deployed to catch oil-coated debris, he said.

<http://newsok.com/crews-contain-oil-spill-in-oklahoma-river/article/3877390>

BULGARIA, BURGAS, AUGUST 31 2013. BULGARIA INVESTIGATES MYSTERIOUS CHEMICAL ON BLACK SEA BEACHES



Authorities in southern Bulgarian Black Sea city of Burgas have launched an investigation on a yet unspecified substance that has appeared a number of beaches in the region. The white granular chemical was thrown out in what are reported to be "vast quantities" on beaches near Kiten, Primorsko, Lozenets, Tsarevo and Sinemorets. Citizens who reported the substance said it is greasy to the touch and emits an oil-like smell. At some locations the chemical appeared on Monday, while at others it was washed ashore on Wednesday. The Bulgarian news website OffNews.bg writes that the substance could have been used for the neutralization of an undisclosed oil spill. The environmental inspection unit (RIOKOZ) at Burgas said that the chemical is being investigated by its officers, together with officers from the regional health inspection, as well as officers from maritime authorities.

<http://www.novinite.com/articles/153280/Bulgaria+Investigates+Mysterious+Chemical+on+Black+Sea+Beaches>



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IRELAND, CO GALWAY, CONNEMARA, AUGUST 31 2013. CONNEMARA OIL DISCOVERY CAUSED BY SOIL CONTAMINATION

Galway Bay fm newsroom - Galway County Council has confirmed that oil traces found under a Connemara road are a result of soil contamination. The oil was spotted deep in the road in the Casla area between Derrynea crossroads and Carraroe by contractors laying pipes for a local water scheme. Samples have been sent away for analysis. A spokesperson for Galway County Council told Galway Bay fm news that tests are being carried out to determine the source and extent of the contamination. Contractors working on the water scheme on the Carraroe Road have skipped a short section of the pipeline until the source of the contamination is known.

<http://galwaybayfm.ie/component/k2/item/2361-connemara-oil-discovery-caused-by-soil-contamination>

FRANCE, PARIS, AUGUST 31 2013. FRANCE'S TOTAL TO BUY CHEVRON'S EGYPT RETAIL NETWORK

French oil major Total said it had agreed to buy the Egyptian retail network of U.S. energy company Chevron, in a move it said would create its biggest marketing and services subsidiary outside Europe. Total said the Chevron network has annual sales of more than 1.4 million tonnes and includes 66 service stations, two oil depots and the aviation fuel operations at Cairo and Marsa Alam airports. It bought the assets jointly with Egyptian partners Beltone Capital and Beltone Private Equity (BPE) Energy. The purchase is subject to approval by the relevant authorities, Total said in a statement. It did not give a value for the deal. Chevron had been seeking to sell its Egyptian and Pakistani downstream assets to raise \$300 million for the second-largest U.S. oil company, sources told Reuters in May. Total already agreed in May to buy the Egyptian retail assets of Royal Dutch Shell. Once the Shell and Chevron purchases close, the annual sales of its local subsidiary Total Egypt will exceed 3 million tonnes through 218 service stations, giving it a 14 percent share of the market, Total said. The service stations will also distribute lubricants provided by a blending plant owned jointly by Total Egypt and OilLibya.

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2013/08/27/total-egypt-idINL6N0GS27Z20130827>

MALAYSIA, KUALA LUMPUR, AUGUST 31 2013. DIESEL SPILL INTO WATER SUPPLY - SYABAS DECLARES 'CODE RED'



Syabas has declared code red emergency after a diesel spill entered the water supply in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur. According to a statement by Syabas, the diesel spill has caused water disruption in almost the entire state of Selangor and Kuala Lumpur and an emergency response plan has been activated. "We have used all our existing logistical resources to supply emergency water to affected consumers," said Syabas chief operating officer Lee Miang Koi. However, he warned that the amount of emergency water that can be delivered is limited. "It (emergency water supply) depends on the reservoirs at all four water treatment plans and Syabas service reservoirs that are in the respective consumers' areas," he said. Lee also appealed to both the federal and state government for assistance to deal with the water crisis. We request help from the Selangor government and federal government to prepare sufficient logistic such as water tankers and static tanks as soon as possible to face a large-scale water disruption," he said. He said

the spill has resulted in the closure of water treatment plans of Sungai Selangor phase one, two, and three as well as the Rantau Panjang water treatment plan. The affected areas are Petaling, Kuala Lumpur, Gombak, Kuala Selangor, Hulu Selangor and Kuala Langat. However, in a statement late today, Selangor exco Elizabeth Wong said that the situation was [under control](#) and water supply in the affected areas should return in the morning.

'Long Clean-Up'

According to Bernama, a tanker had overturned, spilling the diesel it was carrying into Sungai Selangor at around 8am this morning. Energy, Green Technology and Water Deputy Minister Mahdzir Khalid (right) was quoted as saying that a clean up has begun but that it would take a long time. He added that the federal agency National Water Services Commission (Span) will set up operations centres to convey information to the public about the crisis. Syabas's corporate communications and public affairs assistant general manager Priscilla Alfred was quoted as saying that the four affected water treatment plants cover 57 percent of the water demand in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya. She said 42 lorries and 525 static tanks have been mobilised to deal with the water disruption. Meanwhile, Syabas chief executive officer Ruslan Hassan said steps were



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taken to reduce the output of treated water following the breakdown of a mobile generator supplying electricity to Phase 2 of the Sungai Selangor (SSP2) Water Treatment Plant (LRA). SSP2 LRA supplies 950 million litres of clean water a day to 290,529 accounts which now had to be reduced to 320 million litres, he said in a statement. Anyone with complaints or queries can contact Syabas Customer Service Centre through toll free 24-hour line at 1-800-88-5252 or SMS 39222 or lodge a report in Syabas Facebook or Twitter accounts.

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- [Oil Spill Under Control - S'gor Exco Eli Wong](#)
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- [Water Cut To Hit 1 Million n Selangor, it's Code Red](#)

http://www.malaysia-chronicle.com/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=153812:diesel-spill-into-water-supply-syabas-declares-code-red&Itemid=2#axzz2dVs1HfS3

ENGLAND, MANCHESTER, OLDHAM, AUGUST 31 2013. STOLEN PETROL DISCOVERED IN OLDHAM COULD HAVE 'BLOWN UP THE ENTIRE AREA'



The fuel discovered in Oldham.

Around 1,600 litres of petrol and diesel were stashed in a garage and garden shed at a property on Mark Lane in Shaw on Thursday. The largest illegal haul of suspected stolen petrol ever discovered in Greater [Manchester](#) could have 'blown up the entire area' - police have warned. Around 1,600 litres of petrol and diesel were stashed in a garage and garden shed at a property on Mark Lane in [Shaw, Oldham](#), yesterday. A 51-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of theft and money laundering and remains in custody for questioning. The raid – under Operation Caminda which was set up to tackle organised crime in Oldham – also saw officers discover around £30,000 in cash hidden at the address. Fire crews also attended the swoop to ensure the fuel was safely removed from the site – with officers warning the storage of the fluids could have killed nearby

residents. Chief Superintendent Catherine Hankinson, divisional commander for Oldham, said: "This is an incredible find. "We believe this fuel was stolen and was being illegally stored at and sold from the address, and the fact we have recovered £30,000 in cash shows what a lucrative criminal enterprise this is. "I want to be absolutely clear that the amount of fuel we recovered posed a huge risk to residents in this area. "Given the location of the property and the way it was being recklessly stored in chemical containers in a garden shed and garage, if there had been a fire then it is no exaggeration to say the entire area could have exploded and put people's lives in serious jeopardy. "What that demonstrates is that criminals have zero regard for other people's lives, only their own pockets, but thanks to this intervention by the Oldham Divisional Organised Crime Unit we have not only smashed a criminal enterprise but undoubtedly saved lives."

<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/stolen-petrol-discovered-oldham-could-5816410>

SCOTLAND, SHETLAND, AUGUST 31 2013. NORTH SEA CRASH: 4 DEAD, AS332-L2 SUPER PUMA GROUNDED

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Offshore transport services firm CHC Helicopter reported Saturday that it has temporarily suspended all of its AS332-L2 Super Puma helicopters worldwide after Friday's crash in the North Sea that left four people dead. Sixteen passengers and two crew members were on board the aircraft, said CHC. The firm added that 17 people, including three of the dead, have been accounted for, while one remains missing. The helicopter, carrying oil and gas workers, was on approach to Sumburgh Airport on the Shetland Islands when it lost contact with air traffic control. According to CHC, it landed in the water approximately two nautical miles west of Sumburgh. The Maritime Coastguard Helicopter from Sumburgh along with other rescue services promptly responded to the scene, CHC said. The AS332-L2 Super Puma had travelled from Aberdeen to the North Alwyn platform and then on to the [Borgsten Dolphin \(mid-water semisub\)](#) rig before heading towards Sumburgh. Total E&P UK issued a statement confirming that one of its employees was among the passengers and that other passengers represented 12 separate contractor organizations. The statement said that nine injured people were taken to hospital in Lerwick, Shetland, for treatment and that none of these is believed to be seriously injured. Total said in addition to its emergency response, crisis management and relative response teams being mobilized Friday evening, "all necessary resources have been made



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available to provide every possible support and assistance to those who had been on board the flight and their families". CHC Regional Director for the western North Sea Mark Abbey said at a press conference Saturday: "CHC will not enter into any speculation as to what caused the incident but rest assured a full investigation will be carried out in which we will co-operate fully with all the regulatory bodies and share any learnings with the industry." In a separate statement issued by trade body Oil & Gas UK, Chief Executive Malcolm Webb said: "Oil & Gas UK expresses its profound sorrow at the news of the deaths and injuries resulting from yesterday's helicopter ditching off Shetland. Our thoughts are first and foremost with all who were on this flight, their families and their friends and we send our deepest condolences to the loved ones of all of those who have so tragically lost their lives. "We also wish to thank and acknowledge all those persons involved in the, still continuing, search and rescue operation. Their prompt, professional action no doubt saved many lives and for that we are sincerely thankful." Oil & Gas UK added that the Helicopter Safety Steering Group met Saturday afternoon to discuss the accident and has taken the precautionary measure of recommending temporary suspension of all Super Puma commercial passenger flights to and from offshore oil and gas installations in the UK. The incident occurred just two weeks after a different variant of the Super Puma, the EC225, returned to service after problems with the helicopter's main vertical gear shaft [caused two ditchings](#) last year.

http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=128648&utm_source=WeeklyNewsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=2013-08-30&utm_content=&utm_campaign=feature_3

SCOTLAND, ISLE OF LEWIS, KERSHADER, SEPTEMBER 1 2013. ABOVE-GROUND FUEL STORAGE AT OUTER HEBRIDES VILLAGE IS A FIRST IN SCOTLAND



The first community fuel service using an above-ground fuel storage tank in Scotland is currently under construction in the Outer Hebrides. Co-chomunn na Pàirc (Paìrc Community Co-operative) which runs the Ravenspoint Centre at Kershader on behalf of the community of South Lochs received funding from the Big Lottery Fund, the Muaitheabhal Trust, and a £25,000 grant from Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) to help establish the fuel service in this fragile rural area. Residents will now be able to enjoy access to 24 hour unleaded petrol and diesel and avoid having to travel a 40 mile plus return trip to the nearest filling station. A former school building dating back to the 19th century, the social enterprise now comprises a community shop, cafe, hostel, and visitor attractions. HIE's Head of Strengthening Communities in the Outer Hebrides, Jane Macintosh, said: "HIE has been working closely with the social enterprise for over six years now and it is great to see the new fuel pump being installed which will

complement existing activities and help support the economic growth of the South Lochs area. "Co-chomunn na Pàirc has made an enormous effort to develop a range of services for the community and we look forward to seeing the pump operational. As the first of its kind, HIE will be monitoring the effectiveness of above-ground installations as a viable means of meeting the fuel supply needs of remote rural areas." John Randall, Chairman of the Co-chomunn na Pàirc, said: "Once the pump is up and running, it will make a tremendous difference to our community and greatly enhance our facilities at Ravenspoint. It will save many wasted journeys and indeed has the potential to transform the way people view the idea of living in or visiting South Lochs." Although the storage of both petrol and diesel in above-ground tanks is the first of its kind for a community retailer in Scotland, the practice is established elsewhere in the UK for commercial installations, and meets all relevant safety and environmental standards. This is a lower cost option than installing new underground tanks, which are also easier to maintain and eliminates the risk of underground fuel leakage. Big Lottery Fund Scotland Chair, Maureen McGinn, said: "Our support for Co Chomunn Na Paìrc through the two grants we have made in the last three years have allowed this rural community to acquire assets to become more sustainable. Over that period, we have invested half a million pounds of National Lottery funds to this group to reduce rural isolation for local people as well as improve local economic growth and funding for this petrol station is a key element. "We know through our Growing Community Assets programme that when communities such as this are able to take an active part in their own development, both ambition and confidence increase. The Big Lottery Fund is delighted to fund Co Chomunn Na Paìrc and believe that our investment will make a difference to this community for years to come." The Centre also houses a 14-bed hostel, exhibitions on Calum Kennedy and other local musicians, Patagonia, Whaling, the Comunn Eachdraidh na Paìrc local history museum, the Angus Macleod Archive, and Derek Cooper Collection. Gaelic courses are run several weeks a year which take students from all over the world into the



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heart of a Gaelic-speaking community. The Centre is also the headquarters of the Islands Book Trust and the new Hebridean Connections heritage project, and located immediately next door to the offices of the Pairc Trust and the Muaitheabhal Trust.

<http://www.stornowaygazette.co.uk/news/local-headlines/above-ground-fuel-storage-at-outer-hebrides-village-is-a-first-in-scotland-1-3068556>

INDIA, ANDHRA PRADESH, VISAKHAPATNAM. SEPTEMBER 1 2013. VIZAG HPCL REFINERY FIRE: DEATH TOLL CLIMBS TO 19



The death toll in the massive fire at Hindustan Petroleum refinery-cum- petrochemical complex here, today rose to 19 with one more private worker succumbing to burns at a hospital here. According to HPCL sources, the worker identified G Varun Kumar (20) died at the New care hospital here. At present, 16 patients are undergoing treatment at various hospitals in the city while eight injured have been shifted to a burns hospital in Mumbai, where they are responding well, sources said. On August 23, a big blaze broke out at the sprawling complex here when staffers from private companies were at work. Prima facie, a gas leak in the sea cooling water system was attributed to the fire even as probe is on into the mishap. Out of the 19 people killed so far, only

Ch Murali, in-charge of the cooling tower, was an employee of HPCL, while other victims were private workers engaged on contract. HPCL officials had earlier said that altogether 102 workers, including eight employees of HPCL, were at the site at the time of the accident. Out of the total workers present at the site, 56 workers, including seven HPCL staffers, escaped unhurt when the blaze began. The production activity is expected to resume soon.

http://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/vizag-hpcl-refinery-fire-death-toll-climbs-to-19_943172.html

USA, WASHINGTON DC, SEPTEMBER 1 2013. EPA, OSHA AND ATF PROVIDE INFORMATION AND LESSONS LEARNED ABOUT THE SAFE STORAGE, HANDLING AND MANAGEMENT OF AMMONIUM NITRATE

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Today the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) issued a chemical advisory that provides information on the hazards of ammonium nitrate (AN) storage, handling and management. This action supports the goals of President Obama's August 2013 executive order on "Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security." The advisory provides lessons learned for facility owners and operators, emergency planners and first responders from recent incidents, including the explosion in West, Texas, involving AN in order to prevent similar incidents. "Understanding and minimizing the hazards posed by solid ammonium nitrate used in fertilizers is a key component of this advisory," said Mathy Stanislaus, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response. "In addition, the community emergency planning and response information in this document provides a valuable tool that will help protect workers, first responders and communities throughout the country." "Ammonium nitrate can be very dangerous, and it's imperative that employers, workers and first responders all understand the hazards," said Dr. David Michaels, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health. "With this understanding, together they can control these hazards and save lives and limbs." "ATF National Response Team works closely with other federal, state and local emergency personnel responding to incidents, to include ammonium nitrate explosions," says Arthur Herbert, ATF Assistant Director for the Office of Enforcement Programs and Services. "ATF maintains an open dialogue with first responders of the possible hazards of ammonium nitrate and is committed to working towards development of best practices in collaboration with our federal partners, industry members and their association representatives." The advisory takes steps now to reduce the risks associated with AN to workers, first responders and communities. It is part of an ongoing coordinated federal government effort to improve chemical safety with regards to AN and includes information on ensuring proper building design, storage containers and fire protection at their locations; learning from other accidents; and knowing and understanding the hazards that exist when developing their emergency response plans. Earlier this month, President Obama directed the federal government to improve operational coordination with state and local partners; enhance federal agency coordination and information sharing; modernize policies, regulations and standards; and work with stakeholders to identify best practices to improve chemical safety. President Obama established the Chemical Facility Safety and Security Working Group. To this end, this advisory was developed by working group members and was



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facilitated by the working group process. View the advisory and more information on EPA's risk management program: <http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/rmp/index.htm> View President Obama's Executive Order: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/08/01/executive-order-improving-chemical-facility-safety-and-security>

USA, N.D, BAKKEN, SEPTEMBER 1 2013. INSPECTIONS TARGET FRACKED U.S. CRUDE SHIPPED BY RAIL

U.S. rail-safety regulators began a "Bakken blitz" of inspections of crude oil tank cars this week as they seek to prevent a railroad disaster in the U.S. similar to July's fatal inferno in Quebec. Inspectors from the U.S. Federal Railroad Administration and Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration are examining rail cars moving crude from North Dakota's Bakken region, Cynthia Quarterman, PHMSA administrator, told reporters today during a break in a Washington meeting to discuss U.S. rail safety risks. Crude produced by hydraulic fracturing in the Bakken was being hauled by a train that rolled away while parked overnight and crashed into Lac-Megantic, triggering an explosion that killed 47 people July 6. U.S. regulators are carrying out the inspections to make sure shippers are properly identifying the cargo in the rail tank cars from the region. Hazardous materials regulations require tank cars to carry placards telling railroads and emergency responders what's inside. "We believe there's risk," Federal Railroad Administrator Joseph Szabo said. "Most grades of crude would not be that volatile." Known internally as "Operation Classification," regulators began planning the surprise inspections in March, before the Quebec accident, after employees in the field noticed "inconsistencies with crude oil classification," PHMSA said in an e-mailed statement.

Volume Doubled

The volume of crude oil moved by large U.S. railroads more than doubled in the second quarter from the same period a year earlier, the Association of American Railroads said today. U.S. railroads originated 108,605 carloads of crude in the quarter ended June 30. That's a U.S. record for rail shipments in a quarter as oil production increases in North America and rail gains in popularity over pipelines as a means of transport. The association, based in Washington, estimates railroads carry 11 percent of U.S. crude oil production. The group's members include Burlington Northern Santa Fe LLC, owned by Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (BRK/A), and Union Pacific Corp. (UNP), the largest U.S. railroad by track miles. The inspection blitz will continue as long as regulators deem it necessary, Quarterman said. Examinations are occurring where crude is loaded and at its destinations, she said. "Our big concern is that what is in the tank car is what they say is in the tank car," she said.

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/08/30/inspections-target-fracked-u-s-crude-shipped-by-rail/>

USA, ORE, PORTLAND, SEPTEMBER 1 2013. COAST GUARD INVESTIGATING OIL SLICK ON THE WILLAMETTE RIVER

The Coast Guard is investigating after Air 12 reported an oil slick on the Willamette River Friday. Officials say it's no longer a threat to the river, or the environment. Crews contained the sheen with booms and absorbent materials. The Coast Guard says the oil came from a nearby storm drain when a catch basin overflowed. The agency is still trying to figure out how the oil got in the drainage system in the first place.

<http://www.kptv.com/story/23305506/coast-guard-investigating-oil-slick-on-the-willamette-river>

PANAMA, PANAMA CITY, SEPTEMBER 1 2013. ETHANOL IN GAS WILL NOT HARM CARS – GOVERNMENT

All gasoline at the pumps in Panama will contain ethanol starting Sunday, September 1, and the government is "confident that this additive will not cause any damage to cars". The statement came from Minister of Government, Jorge Ricardo Fabrega, on Friday, August 30, after a meeting with leaders of selective transport including taxis who has threatened to strike. Fabrega said the mixture of gasoline and ethanol has been used for over 30 years and that "the Government of the Republic of Panama is not inventing warm water". He added that the move is part of the international commitment to environmental sustainability, and that "to the extent that we all understand the use of ethanol as an additive and not as an additional fuel we can rest easy." The taxis and other transport carriers who had earlier announced that they would not provide service to protest the mandatory use of ethanol, withdrew the threat. As a result of the meeting which was also attended by Director of the Transit Authority and Land Transport (ATTT), Roberto Moreno, and experts in the field of the use of ethanol, it was concluded that a commission will be established which will address the concerns of carriers. The minister reaffirmed the fact that no major setbacks for the use of ethanol as a gasoline additive and that the United Nations has stressed that countries use



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alternative energy , and that this is a contribution "in the right direction because it will create jobs , we will use biofuel and in the end all Panamanians will realize that this additive is not going to cause any problems."

<http://www.newsroompanama.com/panama/6298-ethanol-in-gas-will-not-harm-cars--government.html>

USA, CA, SEAL BEACH, SEPTEMBER 1 2013. CHEVRON GAS STATION DECLARED A PUBLIC NUISANCE

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City officials say work authorized by G&M Oil, the Chevron station's owner, at a monitoring well resulted in "dangerous" damage to 13th Street in Seal Beach. The Seal Beach City Council has declared the Chevron Gas Station that sits on 13th Street a public nuisance because of its monitoring well that led to damage to the street. At its Monday night meeting, the City Council authorized City Manager Jill Ingram to go forward with immediate repairs to the damaged area of 13th street and Pacific Coast Highway without advertising for bids. "The dangerous condition of 13th Street is a threat to the public health, safety and welfare, and constitutes a public nuisance," Sean Crumby, the city's director of Public Works, wrote in a staff report. The damages to the street, which include cracked sidewalks, surfaced on July 15 when Atlas Environmental Engineering, Inc. injected hydrogen peroxide into a monitoring well at the gas station. Atlas was hired by G&M Oil, the owner's of the Chevron. In the staff report, city official said the damage was so bad 13th Street from PCH to Landing Avenue was closed so the damage could be reviewed. The repair work is estimated to cost about \$44,700, which the city is billing to G&M Oil.

<http://losalamitos.patch.com/groups/politics-and-elections/p/chevron-gas-station-declared-a-public-nuisance>

CHINA, SHANGHAI, BAOSHAN DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 1 2013. LIQUID AMMONIA LEAK LEAVES 15 DEAD, 25 INJURED AT SEAFOOD PLANT

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 **Photo's [8]** [15 Dead, 26 Injured in Liquid Ammonia Leak in Shanghai](#)



Fifteen people were killed when ammonia leaked in a seafood refrigeration plant in Shanghai's Baoshan District yesterday. The accident also left 25 people requiring hospital treatment for the effects of the caustic gas, including five in a critical condition, local authorities said. Doctors said most victims suffered internal burns after inhaling the highly corrosive fumes, while some of those who died had severe facial burns. All the dead and injured were in the plant at the time of the leak, and authorities said there was no danger to the wider population. The accident happened at about 10:50am at Shanghai Weng's Cold Storage Industrial Co Ltd on Fengxiang Road, the municipal government said in a statement. The injured were rushed to Baoshan's Dachang Hospital. Last night,

five were still in critical condition, the local government said. Thirteen people died after being taken to the hospital, and another two died after they were transferred to Shanghai Liqun Hospital. Three people in a critical condition have been transferred to Tongji Hospital and Changhai Hospital, according to a report by eastday.com. Doctors at Dachang Hospital said most of the victims suffered respiratory tract burns after breathing in the ammonia. Some victims had burns to their skin, and a number of those who died had severe facial burns, making identification difficult, said doctors. The report said those who suffered light injuries were given oxygen and transfusions at Dachang Hospital and some were able to leave afterward. More than 200 firefighters in 25 fire vehicles and 100 police were dispatched to the scene, where firefighters sprayed water to dilute ammonia in the air. A chief firefighter told the Xinhua news agency that there were no naked flames after the leak, so the team carried out rescue work immediately and closed down valves that are suspected of having been the source of the leak. "It was so pungent that I could hardly open my eyes," said a 23-year-old worker, surnamed Jiang. Jiang and other workers were sleeping when someone knocked at the door and told them there had been an ammonia leakage. They then ran out immediately, said Jiang. Nurses at Dachang Hospital said a pungent odor filled the air when the patients arrived. "I was awakened by a harsh smell," Li Qiufen, a hospitalized worker, told Xinhua. "I could not breathe. I stumbled out of the room and found the smell



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coming from the workshop. There was a clamor to escape and chaos." "There was no place to hide. I rolled on the ground, choking," said another injured worker surnamed Wang.

Severe Burns

Wang Xiaofei, spokesman for Tongji Hospital, told Shanghai Daily that two patients were sent to the hospital at noon yesterday. Both had suffered severe burns but were in a stable condition following treatment. The majority of workers at the plant are women from neighboring provinces. Many have worked for Shanghai Weng's for just a couple of weeks, the Xinhua news agency said. Liquid ammonia is widely used as a refrigerant because it can absorb a large amount of heat. However, the colorless liquid must be stored under high pressure or at a very low temperature because it boils at minus 33.5 Celsius degrees. The cause of the accident is still under investigation, the city government statement said. A report on Xinmin Evening News website said the accident was caused by a pipeline leak in a workshop, while a report by China Central Television said the leak occurred in an ice glazing workshop in a food processing unit inside the plant. Shanghai Weng's Cold Storage specializes in import and export, logistics, purchasing, processing, cold storage, sales and international trade of seafood products, according to its website. It has a cold storage covering an area of more than 30,000 square meters and a 3,000-sq-m temperature-regulated storage and a processing workshop for frozen foods. During the rescue, workers in the plant were evacuated and traffic police cordoned off Fengxiang Road. Environmental emergency monitoring vehicles were also sent to monitor if there were air pollution. Baoshan government said no environmental pollution was detected and the plant was later reopened to staff. Han Zheng, Party secretary of Shanghai, instructed the work safety administration to find out the cause of the accident and publish their findings as soon as possible. As liquid ammonia is volatile and high corrosive, it has a high incidence of causing chemical accidents. In June, 121 people were killed and 76 injured in an explosion caused by a liquid ammonia leak in a poultry company in Changchun City of northeast China's Jilin Province. And last October, 479 people were poisoned in an ammonia leakage attributed to worn machine parts in Honghu City of central China's Hubei Province.

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INDIA, GUJARAT STATE, BHADBHUT, SEPTEMBER 1 2013. ONGC PIPELINE RUPTURES, OIL SPILLAGE IN BHADBHUT



Tackling oil spill in Gujarat.

An oil spill has been reported in the coastal areas of Gulf of Khambhat following a rupture in Oil and Natural Gas Corporation's (ONGC) pipeline, near Bhadbhut village of the district, officials said today. "The rupture in ONGC's pipeline was brought to our notice by the Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) yesterday. ONGC has been asked to take immediate steps to control the situation," said Bharuch collector Avantika Singh. She said, flow of oil in that line has already been stopped. According to her, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) was informed about the spillage, which undertook an aerial survey of the affected area using its advanced light helicopter Dhruv. The ICG, in its aerial survey, found that the spill has spread in the area of 2-3 nautical miles in the sea in Gulf of Khambhat. A Coast Guard officer said, "It could not use Oil Spill Dispersant (OSD), generally used to control oil spreads, as the area was confined and shallow." The ICG has advised the district administration to deploy mechanised boats so that they can create a churn around the oil-spilled region, which can break the oil into droplets, the officer further said. Oil spill dispersant are a mixture of surfactants and solvents that break up an oil spill into droplets. By breaking it up, microbes and the environment can more easily biodegrade the oil. The effect of the spill on the environment is yet to be ascertained, officials said.

<http://www.firstpost.com/fwire/ongc-pipeline-ruptures-oil-spillage-in-bhadbhut-1075095.html>



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USA, MD, BALTIMORE, SEPTEMBER 1 2013. ECBC ENGINEERS DEVELOP NEW DECONTAMINATION GUIDANCE

Experts at the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) have partnered with industry and medical professionals to revise an ECBC Special Report featuring new guidance on Mass Casualty Decontamination for [Hazardous Material \(HazMat\)/Weapon](#) of Mass Destruction (WMD) incidents. The report is based on input from community responders, Army responders, Department of Defense (DoD) and DoD chemical-biological technical experts. The revised report was completed in May and was presented at the 2013 International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) International [HazMat](#) Conference in Baltimore, Md. in June. "While there is no perfect solution to mass casualty decontamination and there is no single process or method that can account for all variables such as hazard, time, number of victims, environmental conditions, resource availability, etc., the information presented in Volume I and II of the revised report provides a means to help identify a simple, consistent mass casualty decontamination process that can be applied with reasonable effectiveness to any HazMat/WMD incident," said Bill Lake, ECBC's Engineering Support Division Chief. Lake and ECBC colleague Stephen Divarco, Ph.D., partnered with Pete Schulze of the U.S. Army Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) School and Robert Gougelet, M.D., from the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth University, to upgrade the original April 2009 report to include new empirical data and technical information. Research for new decontamination scientific advances was incorporated into the revised report, "Mass Casualty Decontamination during a HazMat/WMD Incident, Volumes I and II (ECBC-SP-024)." Volume I is a quick reference book with short, concise descriptions of procedures and checklists to set up and execute a mass casualty decontamination. Volume II was revised to include an in-depth discussion of HazMat/WMD mass casualty decontamination. Both volumes now include high resolution graphics developed for emergency reference and follow-on [training](#) in multi-lingual communities. "Life [safety](#), especially in the event of a mass casualty situation like the recent Boston Marathon [bombing](#) incident, is always the highest priority. Mass casualty decontamination requires timely response, gaining rapid control of victims, and applying proven, life-saving decontamination techniques in an efficient and timely manner," said Lake. "The guidelines presented in the revised ECBC Special Report provide first responders with consistent means to countermeasure the after effects of mass casualty incidents." The ECBC Special Report can also be seen as a companion piece to a higher level national report, "[Patient](#) Decontamination in a Mass Chemical Exposure Incident: National Planning Guidance for Communities," which will be published by the U.S. Department of [Homeland Security](#) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Both documents support local planning and response actions for mass casualty incidents, especially in situations involving the accident release of hazardous materials and [terrorist](#) events that utilize weapons of mass destruction. For more information about ECBC, visit <http://www.ecbc.army.mil/>.

<http://www.fireengineering.com/articles/2013/08/ecbc-engineers-develop-new-decontamination-guidance.html>

USA, CA, ESCALON, SEPTEMBER 1 2013. TANKER TRUCK EXPLODES AFTER CRASH IN ESCALON

 **Watch the Video** [Tanker truck explodes after crash in Escalon](#)

 **Photo's [10]** [Tanker Truck Explodes](#)



A gas tanker truck exploded after crashing with two other trucks in a rural area of Escalon. The crash happened on Mariposa Road and Dodds Road around 1:31 p.m. According to the California Highway, a fuel tanker transporting propane, a big rig and a box truck collided at the intersection. The fuel tanker exploded after impact. The CHP said flames from the explosion ignited a nearby field; fortunately, nearby homes did not catch fire. The man driving the fuel tanker was pulled out of the crash by two civilians. He was taken to UC Davis Medical Center to get treatment for major injuries. Neither driver in the big rig or the box truck were injured. CHP is investigating the crash.

<http://www.news10.net/news/article/256042/2/Semi-truck-set-ablaze-after-crash-in-Escalon>



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