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### USA, TX, JEFFERSON CO, SEPTEMBER 24 2013. EXPLOSION AT CHEVRON FACILITY CAUSED DAMAGE TO MAN'S PROPERTY, SUIT ALLEGES

*david yates*

Seeking more than \$100,000 in damages, area resident Michael Brown has filed suit against Chevron Phillips Chemical and Chevron Pipe Line, alleging an explosion at the defendants' facility caused fire damage to his property. The suit was filed Sept. 16 in Jefferson County District Court. According to the lawsuit, on July 21, 2012, the defendants caused and permitted a dangerous condition to exist that resulted in an explosion, causing fire damage to Brown's property. The Beaumont Enterprise reported that the fire started about 5 p.m. when lightning hit an above ground ethylene control valve near West Port Arthur Road and 60th Street during a severe thunderstorm. A large portion of the Port Acres neighborhood was under mandatory evacuation. There were no injuries reported and the fire began dying down about 8:30 p.m. after valves were shut off to a five mile stretch of pipeline. At least one building across West Port Arthur Road, Triangle Liquor Store, caught fire when an explosion sent flames billowing across the road, the Enterprise reported. The plaintiff is suing for actual and consequential damages. B. Adam Terrell of Weller, Green, Toups and Terrell in Beaumont will be representing him. Judge Bob Wortham, 58<sup>th</sup> District Court, is assigned to the case. Case No. A194-749

<http://setexasrecord.com/news/289821-explosion-at-chevron-facility-caused-damage-to-mans-property-suit-alleges>

### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, KINGAROY, SEPTEMBER 24 2013. COUGAR ENERGY FINED OVER QLD ENVIRO BREACH

Cougar Energy has been fined \$75,000 for releasing a cancer causing chemical into groundwater at its coal gasification trial project in Queensland. The company's \$550 million underground coal gasification (UCG) trial at Kingaroy was shut down by the state government in January 2011 after the cancer-causing chemical benzene was found in nearby bores. Prosecutor Alan MacSporran QC told Brisbane Magistrates Court on Tuesday that Cougar had failed to install a production well in line with agreed environmental conditions and later released benzene into the local groundwater. Mr MacSporran said Cougar also failed to notify authorities about the benzene release as soon as reasonably practicable. Cougar pled guilty to three counts of contravening conditions of an environmental authority for a licence earlier in 2013. Defence lawyer Tony Glyn QC argued the benzene release had been so minimal that it had not posed any actual risk. "The trigger level is set at a point where to be at risk one would have to drink two litres of (the bore) water a day for 70 years," Mr Glyn told the court. "In fact, your honour, there is probably at greater risk travelling from the lift to your car in the car park from the levels of benzene there. "There was in fact no risk to anybody." Chief Magistrate Tim Carmody ruled that Cougar had contravened agreed environmental conditions and there was need to ensure other companies did not do the same. He ordered Cougar to pay a fine and an additional \$40,000 in costs. "The fault giving rise to the liability to penalties by the company is its failure to properly supervise the exploration of the well to prevent it from failing and releasing contaminants ... into the surrounding aquifers," Mr Carmody said. "Given the nature and seriousness of the offences and the need in particular for general deterrence ... I consider that a fine of \$75,000 is an appropriate penalty in the circumstances."

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-national/cougar-energy-fined-over-qld-enviro-breach-20130924-2ubox.html>

### USA, CO, DENVER, SEPTEMBER 24 2013. OIL AND GAS SPILL REPORT FOR SEPT. 23

The following spills were reported to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission in the past two weeks. Information is based on Form 19 that operators must fill out detailing the leakage/spill events. Any spill or release that may impact waters of the state must be reported as soon as practical. Any spill of more than 20 barrels must be reported within 24 hours, and all spills of more than five barrels must be reported within 10 days of the event, according to COGCC rules. Spills and leaks are typically found during routine maintenance on existing wells, though some actual "spills" do occur among the 19,000-plus wells in the county.

**Sept. 12,** Kerr-McGee Oil and Gas Onshore LP reported that on Aug. 29, a gasket on a truck failed while an oil hauler was being loaded northeast of Fort Lupton. About 1.6 barrels of oil were released; none were recovered. The driver shut the pumps down and released the pressure. A bucket was placed to catch leaking oil. Contaminated soil will be excavated. Soil sample tests will determine further remediation efforts. The cause of the spill was determined to be equipment failure.

**Sept. 13,** Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company LLC reported that on Sep. 3, a tank equalizing valve was shut between two oil tanks east of Evans. This prevented oil from running over to the second tank as the first filled. About 100 barrels of oil



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were released, and 97 recovered with a vacuum truck. The equalizer valve was opened. The tank battery will be dismantled and soil tested. The cause of the spill was determined to be human error.

**Sept. 13,** Kerr-McGee Oil and Gas Onshore LP reported that on Sept. 4, an operator who was draining water from the oil tank to the water tank south of Platteville left the site without closing the drain valve. The water tank overflowed, releasing about 22 barrels of oil, none of which were recovered. Groundwater was impacted. Some contaminated water was disposed of, and MicroBlaze was applied to what remained. A new battery will be constructed with a geosynthetic liner. The cause of the spill was determined to be human error.

**Sept. 13,** Kerr-McGee Oil and Gas Onshore LP reported that on Sept. 6, an operator discovered oil staining on the ground during a daily site inspection southwest of Johnstown. The poly pipe came apart on the oil dumpline. It is unknown how much oil was released, and none has been recovered. Groundwater was impacted. Impacted soil was excavated. Ten gallons of MicroBlaze was applied to the water, and groundwater monitoring wells will be installed to determine the extent of the contamination. The cause of the spill was determined to be equipment failure.

**Sept. 13,** Encana Oil and Gas (USA) reported that on Sept. 6, a seal failed on a discharge line. The crew nearby shut off the mud drilling flow quickly. The spill area was scraped and the remaining drilling mud was removed using a vacuum truck. No further remediation is required. The cause of the spill was determined to be equipment failure.

**Sept. 17,** Bill Barrett Corporation reported that on Sept. 6, a hose from a mud pit to a pumping unit failed, causing a release of about five barrels of drilling mud, all of which were recovered. Soil samples will be collected, and if they are compliant with allowable levels of contaminants, no further remediation will be required. The cause of the spill was determined to be equipment failure.

**Sept. 17,** Noble Energy Inc. reported that on Sept. 11, about two barrels of water released from a filling frac tank during line blow down process northeast of Eaton. One barrel was recovered. The area will be excavated and soil samples collected. The cause of the spill was determined to be equipment failure.

<http://www.greeleytribune.com/news/local/8213911-113/oil-sept-spill-reported>

### INDIA, UTTAR PRADESH, VARANASI, SEPTEMBER 24 2013. TANKER CATCHES FIRE, THREE DIE

Three persons died when a tanker laden with chemicals overturned and caught fire near Leelapur village in Chandauli on Sunday. The tanker was heading towards Varanasi from Naubatpur on [Bihar](#) border. When it reached Leelapur, the staff of forest department outpost flashed torchlight towards driver and he lost control on the steering. After hitting the road divider, the tanker overturned and caught fire. The driver and cleaner failed to jump out. A passerby identified as Rajesh (32) of Bisauri village was also engulfed by the flames and died. Fire tenders reached the spot around 5 am. The firemen succeeded in extinguishing the fire after a struggle of two hours. The identity of driver and cleaner of tanker could not be ascertained. Angered by the incident, local residents blocked the National Highway-II near Leelapur and staged a demonstration. They demanded compensation for the bereaved family of Rajesh and removal of outpost from there. The situation normalised after SDM Sujit Kumar reached the spot and assured to fulfill their demands. Police were waiting for the arrival of tanker owner to ascertain the identity of killed driver and cleaner and register a complaint. The bodies were sent for postmortem examination.

[http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2013-09-23/varanasi/42322776\\_1\\_tanker-catches-fire-fire-tenders-three-die](http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2013-09-23/varanasi/42322776_1_tanker-catches-fire-fire-tenders-three-die)

### USA, PA, LOWER MACUNGIE TWP, SEPTEMBER 24 2013. CAR, GAS TANKER COLLIDE ON HAMILTON BOULEVARD >> THE DRIVER OF THE CAR WAS REPORTED TO BE TRAPPED IN THE VEHICLE.

samantha marcus

 [Watch the Video Car, Gas Tanker Collide](#)



*Tanker accident on Hamilton Boulevard near I-78.*

A car collided with a gas tanker in Lower Macungie Township on Sunday night, closing down the northbound lanes of Hamilton Boulevard. The car appeared to be pinned between the Penn Tank Lines tanker and a traffic light pole, and radio reports indicate the driver was trapped in the car. The accident occurred around 8 p.m. Sunday near the intersection of Hamilton Boulevard and Interstate 78, near the border of Lower Macungie and South [Whitehall](#) townships. The Lower Macungie Fire Department responded, and the fire chief directed questions to state police. State police at [Fogelsville](#) said they were still investigating the accident and didn't provide further information about whether anyone



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had been injured in the crash. PPL Electric Utilities trucks arrived on the scene before 10 p.m. A wire was spotted sparking near the crash, according to radio reports.

<http://www.mcall.com/news/breaking/mc-t-hamilton-gas-tanker-accident-20130922,0,3252662.story>

### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, GIN GIN, SEPTEMBER 24 2013. TWO INJURED WHEN TRUCK CATCHES FIRE AT CHOICE PETROL STATION

**Map:** [Gin Gin](#)

Fire crews have extinguished a blaze that has left two people critically injured in south-east Queensland. A 65-year-old man suffered extensive burns, while a woman suffered facial burns when a truck caught fire at a Choice service station at Gin Gin. Emergency crews are still at the scene.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-09-23/two-injured-when-truck-catches-fire-at-petrol-station/4975686?section=qld>

### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, SEPTEMBER 24 2013. SANTOS IN COURT OVER WATER SPILL

Coal seam gas (CSG) company Santos has pleaded guilty to a number of charges relating to unreported spills of waste water and other environmental breaches in the NSW Land and Environment Court. The company faced court during a hearing on Friday over the incidents in the Pilliga State Forest, which occurred under previous owner Eastern Star Gas (ESG). Santos said the breaches at the Bibblewindi Water Treatment plant occurred some months, and in one case years, before it took over ESG's operations. It shut down the plant in 2011 because it didn't meet Santos' operating standards, and in 2012, the company said it reported the release of untreated CSG water and other reporting failures before notifying the regulator. Santos said it accepts it will be held responsible for the reporting failures, despite the fact they had occurred when the operating company had different ownership and management. "Santos has fully co-operated throughout the process, including releasing a report on the operational issues uncovered in the Pilliga and bringing them to the attention of the regulator", Santos spokesman Sam Crafter said. After taking over Eastern Star's operations, a thorough review and upgrade of all infrastructure and work practices was undertaken by Santos, and around \$17 million has to date been spent on the rehabilitation of various sites in the Pilliga. "The rehabilitation has been done in accordance with relevant legal requirements and according to best environmental practice." The court case has ignited concerns in the North West about CSG waste water, with calls to stop drilling until the court case is complete. "There is wide scale concern across our communities in the North West, as we are going to have to deal with the consequences if Santos' waste water spills and contaminates again," Megan Kuhn of Bundella said. "We are requesting that no new coal seam gas drilling commences and therefore no toxic waste water is released before the court case is complete." The next hearing is set down for December 18.

<http://www.nvi.com.au/story/1798212/santos-in-court-over-water-spill/?cs=373>

### USA, MA, QUINCY, SEPTEMBER 25 2013. CREWS CLEANING UP GASOLINE AND BEEF TALLOW FROM FORE RIVER

*jessica bartlett*

Two different spills in the Fore River have kept crews busy since Sunday, as containment and cleanup work continues. "It's very unusual," said Quincy Police Lieutenant Bob Gillian. "...There is a slew of safety procedures to prevent this from happening that has reduced these types of occurrences. It's not usual at all." Quincy Police said crews have been on site since Sunday morning, when they received a report of oil sheen on the river. According to police, crews traced the source to an RDA Construction barge, which had been leaking several gallons of diesel fuel. Clean Harbors, Norwell-based environmental cleanup company, was hired to help contain the spill and begin the cleanup. Part of the river was shut down to recreational boaters for several hours, though no commercial vehicles were affected, Gillian said. While dealing with that response, police noticed pie-looking substances floating in the water. A sampling determined the substance to be a material called beef tallow, which is derived from animal fat. According to Gillian, crews discovered that a different barge operated by cement company Lafarge had been leaking the substance, and clean up efforts were expanded to include the tallow. Coast Guard responders said the oil sheen cleanup has since been completed. Investigators believe a couple gallons of the fuel was spilled into the river, but noted that just a drop of gasoline can produce a 50-foot sheen. "What could be recovered has been as far as product is concerned," said William Trapnell, a petty officer with the Coast Guard. "It's hard to go out there and retrieve a gallon of diesel fuel, it disperses so quickly in the water. It makes it almost impossible." Cleanup and containment of the tallow spill is ongoing, Trapnell said. Scott Metzger, senior vice president of field services for Clean Harbor, didn't know much of the oil spill,



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but said the tallow spill was not significant. "[Cleanup] is mostly being done with personnel, not a lot of heavy equipment on the job, just fine tuning and picking up some material, a little bit of shoreline cleaning," Metzger said. Areas along the Quincy, Weymouth, and Braintree shoreline were impacted by the Crisco-looking substance. Regardless of the size of the pollution, Trapnell said any incident like this would elicit some type of reaction from law enforcement. "The enforcement process is something the Coast Guard takes with every pollution case, regardless of the product or severity," Trapnell said. Enforcement can be as simple as a letter of warning, to a notice of violation and an accompanying civil penalty. Police are still organizing a response. Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's spokesman Ed Coletta also said his organization might look at penalties. "It's something we'd look at down the line," he said. "Right now we're mostly interested in making sure it's contained and cleaned up and assess if there is any damage to the environment." Engineers would be hired to survey the area and determine possible impacts, Coletta said.

[http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/quincy/2013/09/two\\_spills\\_on\\_fore\\_river\\_prompt\\_cleanup\\_efforts.html](http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/quincy/2013/09/two_spills_on_fore_river_prompt_cleanup_efforts.html)

### USA, TX, BEAUMONT, SEPTEMBER 25 2013. DUPONT SPILL CAUSES SHELTER IN PLACE

Dupont Beaumont Works has lifted its shelter-in-place order because of an early-morning spill that included an undetermined amount of hazardous chemicals including "trace amounts" of benzene, benzene compounds and sulfuric acid. The plant that makes aniline, a chemical component in plastic foam used in consumer products, had 12 workers on site when the incident occurred, said DuPont spokesman [Aaron Woods](#). The incident delayed arrival of morning shift workers, he said. There were no injuries among the 12 workers at the plant at 5:30 a.m. when the release occurred, he said. The unknown volume of the liquid release was contained on site and there is no danger to the outside area, Woods said. The company is in the process of determining the amount of material that spilled and whether DuPont is required to make a full report to the [Texas Commission on Environmental Quality](#), which already has been sent a preliminary notification, Woods said. The preliminary cause is cited as "equipment failure," Woods said.

<http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/DuPont-spill-causes-shelter-in-place-4838909.php>

### TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, TAROUBA, SEPTEMBER 25 2013. MAN KILLED IN CRASH WITH TRUCK CARRYING FUEL



Quinton Baker was killed in a car crash today at Tarouba, San Fernando. Baker's vehicle crashed into the cab of a truck carrying fuel, at around 10 a.m. Police said Baker, 37 was driving a rented Nissan Almeera headed north along the San Fernando By Pass. Police said when in the vicinity of Trinity Paints Limited, Baker overtook at least four cars and crashed head on into the tanker. A party of police officers led by Inspector Peter DeBoulet visited the scene. Baker's body was examined by the district medical officer and ordered removed to the mortuary of the San Fernando General Hospital. Baker was an offshore worker, living in Guayaquayare.

<http://www.trinidadexpress.com/news/Man-killed-in-crash-with-truck-carrying-fuel-224891962.html>

### ISRAEL, KIRYAT GAT, SEPTEMBER 25 2013. TRAIN CARRYING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DERAILS IN NEGEV

A train carrying hazardous materials partially derailed in the Negev south of Kiryat Gat area early Tuesday morning, causing police to temporarily close the area to traffic for fear of a dangerous leak. No injuries were reported in the incident which, according to Channel 10, occurred when a herd of cattle crossed the tracks in front of the train traveling from Nahariya to Beersheba. The train was carrying bromine and potassium. After hazardous materials experts examined the scene, police said that there was no leak of hazardous materials and area residents were not in any danger. Authorities were attempting to return the train cars that derailed during the incident to the track. The Israel Railways passenger train stations in nearby Beersheba and Lehavim were to remain closed Tuesday while efforts to clear the train continued and damage to the tracks was assessed. Israel Railways announced that southbound train services would go no further than Kiryat Gat, pending rectification of the situation.

<http://www.jpost.com/National-News/Train-carrying-hazardous-materials-derails-in-Negev-326922>



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### USA, MN, ST PAUL, SEPTEMBER 25 2013. FIRE WILL REDUCE ST. PAUL PARK REFINERY OUTPUT FOR WEEKS; REPAIRS COST \$10M



*The refinery will partly restart operations while repairs are made to a large crude oil distillation unit.*

The owner of the St. Paul Park oil refinery said Monday that repairs from a Sunday fire likely will cost \$10 million, take three to four weeks to complete and reduce output for the quarter. Northern Tier Energy said the fire in the refinery's larger crude distillation unit was put out within three hours by company firefighters and units from St. Paul Park and Newport. No one was injured in the accident, which also shut down other refinery operations. The Ridgefield, Conn.-based company said a smaller distillation unit and other components are being restarted, allowing the refinery to operate at lower capacity while the large unit is repaired. Maintenance also will begin immediately on an undamaged fluid

catalytic cracking unit that had been scheduled for an October shutdown, Northern Tier said in a statement.

<http://www.startribune.com/business/224926702.html>

### USA, PA, LANCASTER, SEPTEMBER 25 2013. WORKERS EVACUATED, EMERGENCY CREWS RESPOND TO CHEMICAL SPILL

ryan robinson



*Workers were evacuated from a company in Lancaster city Tuesday after an ammonia spill, according to county dispatch communications.*

No one was injured or sickened, but workers were evacuated from a company after an ammonia spill Tuesday, according to a fire official. About 7 1/2 pounds of anhydrous liquid ammonia spilled inside Advanced Cooling Technologies, 1046 New Holland Ave., at 11:54 a.m., city fire bureau Capt. Ken Barton said. The ammonia was being transferred from one container to another, in preparation for shipping it to an outside vendor, when the accident occurred. For a reason that wasn't immediately clear, the pressure inside the container rose, causing a rupture disc to open, Barton said. That is designed to happen so pressure doesn't build to dangerous levels. The disc rupture released some of

the anhydrous ammonia from the containers, but it was still kept inside a special containment booth, Barton said. The booth will slowly release the ammonia through its own ventilation system safely into the atmosphere over the course of a day or two, he said. "Everything at (ACT) is very state-of-the-art," Barton said. "Everything was in place, and it all worked just as it was supposed to." A technician had some slight exposure to ammonia, but did not require hospitalization. He was checked out by an EMT at the scene. Thirty to 40 workers were evacuated from the building until the incident was brought under control shortly before 1 p.m., he said. Haz-mat duty chief Chris Strayer and the state Department of Environmental Protection responded to the scene. The amount of ammonia in the air was measured and determined to be at a safe level. An area at the nearby Red Rose Credit Union was shut off to pedestrians for a time, and people at two IU 13 schools in the area were told to stay inside their buildings, Barton said. He explained that anhydrous ammonia is used as a gas, but is shipped as a liquid under extreme pressure. Barton said he didn't know how much the ammonia is worth, or how much the incident will cost the business. Advanced Cooling Technologies on its website describes itself as a "thermal management solutions company." Its products are "deployed in numerous commercial satellites, military vehicles, medical devices, primary calibration equipment, and HVAC systems."

[http://lanasteronline.com/article/local/898219\\_Workers-evacuated--emergency-crews-respond-to-chemical-spill.html](http://lanasteronline.com/article/local/898219_Workers-evacuated--emergency-crews-respond-to-chemical-spill.html)

### CANADA, ONTARIO, SEPTEMBER 25 2013. MTO CRACKING DOWN ON DANGEROUS GOODS MOVING UP AND DOWN ONTARIO HIGHWAYS

 **Watch the Video** [MTO Cracking Down on Dangerous Goods moving up & down Ontario Highways](#)

Dangerous or hazardous goods travel along Ontario highways every day, and over the next two days, thousands of vehicles carrying those goods will be pulled over and inspected. It's all part of a Ministry of Transportation two-day blitz to find out who's



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breaking the rules. There are strict rules for anyone transporting dangerous goods, and not following them can be expensive. The MTO kicked off its annual dangerous goods blitz today, looking for hazardous goods that aren't properly secured, labelled or documented because if one of these trucks crashes and spills its load, first responders need to know exactly what they're dealing with. Hank Dubee with the MTO says the labelling is "so we can say they need to evacuate so many city blocks, or we need to put the fire out with something without water, if fire fighters need to wear respirators..." Kevin Burgess is on the road everyday and he welcomes the inspection. "I'm on the road about two-to-three hours a day driving from job sites. It's definitely a good idea," he says. "They should have more of them actually." The MTO does inspect vehicles all year round, but once a year more than 300 employees are on hand at 44 locations across the province to stop, inspect and, if necessary, fine as many drivers as they can over a two day period. A typical fine is \$490 dollars, but can be as much as \$50,000 dollars for a first offence, or \$100,000 dollars for repeat offenders. At the MTO inspection station in King, Sgt. Gord Sadler pulled over a truck with incorrect labelling today. But since it was his first time being pulled over, Derek Kent was lucky to get off with a warning. While this blitz is mostly targeting commercial vehicles carrying dangerous goods, the rules still apply to everyone. Brining home propane from the store and not properly securing it in your car could result in a fine.

<http://barrie.ctvnews.ca/mto-cracking-down-on-dangerous-goods-moving-up-and-down-ontario-highways-1.1469254>

### USA, CA, SACRAMENTO, SEPTEMBER 25 2013. FUEL SPILL CLOSES ENERGY COMMISSION BUILDING

Roughly 550 California Energy Commission workers are at home today after a backup generator on the agency headquarters' roof leaked [diesel fuel](#) into a mechanical room. No one was injured by contact with the noxious fumes. Commission spokesman Adam Gottlieb said that an employee discovered the fuel around 6 a.m. State and local toxic substance official have closed the building, located at 1516 9th St. in Sacramento. "We're in clean up mode," Gottlieb said by telephone this morning. "We should be back up tomorrow."

[http://blogs.sacbee.com/the\\_state\\_worker/2013/09/fuel-spill-closes-energy-commission-building.html](http://blogs.sacbee.com/the_state_worker/2013/09/fuel-spill-closes-energy-commission-building.html)

### INDIA, TAMIL NADU, MADURAI, SEPTEMBER 25 2013. FOUR KILLED IN EXPLOSION IN FIREWORKS MANUFACTURING FACTORY NEAR MADURAI

Four persons, including two women, were killed and 17 injured in a powerful explosion at a fireworks manufacturing factory at Vadakanpatti near Madurai this evening, police said. The accident occurred due to "mishandling" of chemicals for manufacturing crackers, police said. While two women died on the spot, others died on their way to hospital, police said. All the injured have been admitted to the hospital. District Collector L subramanian cancelled the licence of the private factory immediately and ordered for a probe into the accident.

<http://www.ndtv.com/article/cities/four-killed-in-explosion-in-fireworks-manufacturing-factory-near-madurai-423256>

### SOUTH AFRICA, DURBAN, SEPTEMBER 25 2013. PETROSA PLANNING ENGEN DEAL



*South Africa's state oil and petroleum firm PetroSA is expected to - possibly this week - make an announcement on the acquisition of a stake in the operations of fuel retail and forecourt owner Engen.*

Details of the transaction remain under wraps, with the respective companies unwilling to comment ahead of the formal announcement. "PetroSA has continuously indicated a willingness to venture into the downstream market," PetroSA spokesperson Thabo Mabaso said on Monday. The company is speaking to various partners, and discussions are continuing, he said. Engen spokesperson Tania Landsberg said the company did not comment on shareholder issues. For almost two years, PetroSA has been engaged in behind the scenes negotiations on the transaction, but it seems that only now such a

deal could be clinched. Engen is 80% owned by Malaysian state oil giant Petronas, while the Pembani Group owns the balance. MTN Group chairperson Phuthuma Nhleko is one of Pembani's major investors, and it is not immediately clear if the company is part of the transaction. "A last meeting with the target company was held in London last week," said an insider close to PetroSA. He also declined to divulge the details of the deal, saying this week it "would all come out". Engen is South Africa's biggest fuel retailer by the number of service stations. It operates 1,500 petrol stations in 20 countries across sub-Saharan Africa, the majority being in South Africa. It also owns the 135 000 barrels per day Enref crude oil refinery in Durban.



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PetroSA wants to enter the downstream market by "acquiring a majority stake in one of the petrol station operators", PetroSA's Kaiser Nyatumba said in April. In July the company's chief operating officer, Thabo Kgogo, told the media in Mossel Bay that PetroSA was in talks with "numerous entities". Earlier this month, Engen unveiled its multimillion-rand strategy to revamp close to 400 Quickstop forecourts in neighbouring countries. The revamp project will start in Namibia and Botswana.

<http://www.petrolplaza.com/news/industry/MiZlbiYxNTcyMiYmMQ==>

### USA, CT, NEW LONDON, SEPTEMBER 25 2013. 600 GALLONS OF FUEL SPILLED IN THAMES RIVER

Crews are working to clean up about 600 gallons of fuel that spilled from the Cross Sound Ferry it was docked in New London on Tuesday. It happened after a fuel company accidentally filled one of the ferry's tanks twice, causing it to overflow into the Thames River, according to officials from the state Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection. Authorities said the spill does not pose an environmental risk and that cleanup is expected to be done by 5 p.m. Although most of the fuel has been absorbed and removed by cleanup equipment, a "non-recoverable sheen" will remain on a section of the river cordoned off by buoys, DEEP officials said. The sheen will evaporate over time without damaging the environment. DEEP officials said the buoys will be removed Wednesday morning and ferry service will resume. McCarthy Fuel of Waterford, the company DEEP said is responsible for the spill, funded the cleanup effort. The owner of fuel company declined to comment.

<http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/More-than-100-Gallons-of-Fuel-Spill-in-Thames-River-225057912.html>

### USA, MI, DETROIT, SEPTEMBER 26 2013. EB I-94 AT I-75 REMAINS CLOSED FOR TANKER FIRE CLEANUP

serena maria daniels

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*Traffic moves slowly along westbound I-94 in Detroit as firefighters extinguish a gasoline tanker fire in the eastbound lanes just east of Mount Elliott in Detroit on Wednesday morning.*

Eastbound Interstate 94 at I-75 remains closed Wednesday evening while crews work to clean up the debris left behind from an early morning tanker fire, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation. I-94 at Mount Elliott reopened to traffic early Wednesday afternoon, a couple of hours after a tanker carrying thousands of gallons of flammable material burst into flames, clogging traffic in the area for miles. Officials closed the highway a second time around 4:30 p.m. Michigan State Police Lt. Michael Shaw said the lane had to remain closed until Detroit firefighters determined the tanker had cooled enough to safely be removed from the right shoulder of the freeway. The fire originated from a flat tire about 10 a.m. when it overheated and caught the cab ablaze, Detroit Fire Department Chief Craig Dougherty said. The fire prompted a HAZMAT situation for more than an hour and sent eastbound motorists scrambling to get out of stand-still traffic. By 11:50 a.m., troopers reopened one lane of the freeway. The driver, Howard Tassoni, was headed to Mount Clemens to transport 7,000 gallons of resin. He was not injured. There also were no other injuries reported. Firefighters doused the cab of the tanker truck with flame-retardant foam. As of 11 a.m., a small amount of residual smoke was still emitting from the charred cab. Several fire trucks were posted on the eastbound service drive as firefighters had to climb down a steep grade with hoses to access the freeway and fight the blaze. Firefighters took extra precaution to ensure that the tanker did not explode, Dougherty said. The front end of the tank appeared blackened but was otherwise intact. Dougherty does not usually go to the scenes of fires but said he felt compelled this time because of its close proximity to homes. "I just saw that it was a tanker and wanted to make sure everything was OK," Dougherty said. About a dozen motorists stopped on eastbound I-94, stood outside of their vehicles and watched as firefighters worked to control the smoke. Kenneth Gregg, 46, who lives on Helen off of Harper, said he awoke to the sound of a large boom. He thought the sound was a passing semi truck driving over the nearby railroad tracks. "I heard a loud boom, but that's like an everyday thing around here with all the semi trucks," Gregg said. "What kept me awake was the noise of that helicopter."

<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20130925/METRO05/309250075/Tanker-fire-EB-94-Mount-Elliott-Detroit?odyssey=mod%7Cbreaking%7Ctext%7CFRONTPAGE>



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### CUBA, JAGUAR BAY, SEPTEMBER 26 2013. OIL SPILL AFFECTS CIENFUEGOS BAY

Putting to the test Cuban emergency response systems developed since the Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico three years ago, a fuel oil spill has affected Jagua Bay. The spill has been contained, official media reported Wednesday in a sparsely worded news item. The fuel leaked into the bay from a boiler at a local pediatric hospital, according to AIN. The official report didn't say what caused the spill, nor how much fuel oil ended up in the water. According to its postal address, the Hospital Provincial Pediátrico Paquito González Cueto is located near the historical center of Cienfuegos, nearly half a mile from the Bay. It is too early to quantify the spill or assess the direct damage to sea fauna and flora, an official with the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment (CITMA) said, according to AIN. Jagua Bay — home to the Port of Cienfuegos and the island's largest refinery, as well as an expanding cluster of petrochemical plants — is vulnerable to a major spill as supertankers frequently enter and exit the narrow mouth of the Bay, to unload crude. The Venezuelan-Cuban joint venture that operates the refinery has proposed an offshore supertanker terminal linking to the plant on the Bay via an undersea pipeline. The emergency response at Jagua Bay involved various entities, including from the local refinery and CITMA. Experts from the Camilo Cienfuegos refinery, currently undergoing a billion-dollar expansion, used 200 meters of containment booms and oil-absorbing blankets to stop expansion of the oil film and prevent "dirtying of ship hulls," AIN quoted a refinery specialist. A pressure cleaning of the "grid" has diminished the quantity of fuel oil spilling into the Bay, the article said, without explaining what pipes were involved in the spill, why oil continues to leak, or what the responders did with the contaminated water from the cleaning. In a next step, the oil will be extracted from the Bay, "according to environmental regulations," to then be "burned ecologically," AIN quoted the expert. The CITMA official said that fuel oil that has already settled on the bottom of the Bay cannot be extracted. The reports didn't say what kind of fuel oil was involved. According to AIN, this was the third emergency involving the boilers of the children's hospital. In the run-up of major offshore exploration projects and in response to the Deepwater Horizon disaster, Cuba has been assisted by experts from Venezuela and Brazil to create spill prevention and emergency response systems in offshore oil drilling. In 2010, Cienfuegos hosted an international oil safety conference. Presentations at that conference were about an early warning system, and a system the Cuban government was setting up to prevent and track spills. The Instituto de Oceanología de Cuba, which is part of CITMA, has developed a comprehensive oil spill information system. Other presentations at the conference were about the state of preparations in other high-risk operations such as thermoelectric power plants and ports, the role of Cuban fire fighters in disaster response, bio-remediation of spills, and liability issues.

<http://www.cubastandard.com/2013/09/25/oil-spill-affects-cienfuegos-bay/>

### USA, AKA, JUNEAU, SEPTEMBER 26 2013. DIESEL SPILL LEAKS INTO CITY'S WASTEWATER

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A severed fuel line inside a Mendenhall Valley storage warehouse caused an estimated 250 gallons of diesel to drain into the Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant Tuesday morning, according to city and state officials. The leak disrupted the wastewater treatment process and prompted an Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation investigation, but it is not likely to have any devastating effects on the environment, officials said. Workers at the plant, located on Radcliffe Road, discovered the problem at about 6 a.m. when they smelled the diesel and saw a sheen of oil in the reactors where the wastewater is aerated, said Jim Westcott, the treatment supervisor for the City and Borough of Juneau's Wastewater Utility Division. A wastewater collection crew then traced the source of the oil to a leak coming from a warehouse behind the Tlingit & Haida Native Lands & Resources office near Donna's restaurant in the valley. Cheyenne Sanchez, an environment program specialist with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation who responded to the scene alongside the local police and fire departments, said a fuel line that connected a monitor heater to a 275-gallon fuel tank was severed. The fuel leaked down into a floor drain which led directly to the treatment plant, he said. "A lot of the damage is already done since it already hit the drain leading toward the wastewater treatment plant," Sanchez said in a phone interview, adding that the only thing the DEC can do now is continue to monitor the cleanup. The cleanup was about 75 percent finished by mid-morning Tuesday. They crimped the line to prevent any further leakage, collected what fuel they could recover, and now all that's left to do is air out the building, Sanchez said. "There was no environmental damage outside, just inside (the building)," he added. He noted that the monitor heater had been out of service for years, but the fuel tank was refilled sometime in the spring. It was almost full, he said. City officials speculated that the severed fuel line was the result of a break-in or vandalism as members of the Juneau Police Department were seen dusting for fingerprints inside the building. A spokesman for the department was not aware of the incident earlier this morning and did not return subsequent phone calls in the afternoon seeking comment. A



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Hazmat team with Capital City Fire and Rescue also responded to the warehouse just shy of 11 a.m., but fire chief Richard Etheridge said that was largely due to a mix-up in communication. He said in addition to reporting the fuel leak, the Tlingit and Haida office called CCFR to consult with them about how to properly dispose of a water testing kit that contained a small amount of cyanide. The Hazmat team responded as if it were an emergency. "It appears there was a mix-up in communication," he said, noting CCFR crews left shortly after arriving on scene and confirming that the DEC was tending to the cleanup. The Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant, which is owned by CBJ, is one of three such plants in Juneau. The other two were not affected by the spill. It routinely processes around a million gallons of wastewater a day, and sometimes up to three million gallons if there's a big rain event. The wastewater (which is defined to include anything that goes down the drain, including human waste, stormwater and flushable items) is treated by aeration blowers and jet circulation pumps inside one of plant's eight sequencing batch reactors. The treated water from the Mendenhall plant is discarded into the Mendenhall River. CBJ Director of Public Works Kirk Duncan said the fuel leak affected the plant's ability to process the wastewater on Tuesday as it leaked into all seven operating reactors, but that it did not cause any "horribly significant" or "catastrophic" problems. He said they will not be able to completely remove the oil from the wastewater, but they will be able to dilute it before it's dumped into the river. He said the diluted oil will likely not have an impact on the environment, and people probably won't be able to see a sheen in the river. "You've got a situation where you've got 275 gallons being diluted by more than a million gallons of water that flows into a river that sees more than that a day," he said. "Dilution is the solution. We don't like it, but it will not have an impact on the environment." The odor of the oil will probably linger in the plant for the next month, he said. It will also affect the plant's readings of the quality of the wastewater, which they report to the DEC each month. That's in part why protocol calls for the plant to alert the DEC to spills, as they did in this case. Workers also drew samples of the biomass mixture containing the oil to send to Admiralty Labs for analysis, also required by protocol. A spokesperson for Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, which is believed to own the warehouse, could not be reached for comment.

<http://juneauempire.com/local/2013-09-24/diesel-spill-leaks-citys-wastewater#.UkOTLlmp9U>

### CANADA, ONT, SARNIA, SEPTEMBER 26 2013. REMEDIATION WORK AT SITE OF DIESEL LEAK MAY TAKE UP TO TWO MONTHS

*barbara simpson*



The Sun-Canadian pipeline responsible for a diesel leak into the St. Clair River may be back in operation within the next week. Company officials will be meeting with their provincial regulator Wednesday, seeking to bring the pipeline back online in a limited fashion, confirmed Tony Waters, general manager of Sun-Canadian Pipe Line. Under conditions imposed by the regulator, the pipeline would operate at a reduced flow, ensuring the stress contained inside the pipe is "significantly lower" than when the leak occurred, he noted. "We believe we can safely operate the pipeline under the constrained conditions," he said Tuesday. An estimated 200 barrels of ultra low-sulphur diesel fuel leaked from the Sun-Canadian pipeline at the corner of Vidal Street and Churchill Road into the St. Clair River just over two weeks ago. Wallaceburg and Walpole Island were both forced to close their water intakes following the spill.

Lambton County also put swimming precautions in place for several days. Since then, crews have been busy removing around 130 tonnes of contaminated silt from the storm water system leading into the Cull Drain. Sun-Canadian officials are now waiting for clearance on that work from the Ministry of the Environment and the City of Sarnia. "Once we get clearance, we can release that system back to the city," Waters said. "We expect that imminently." But remediation work at the site itself is expected to be a much slower process. Waters estimated it could take up to two months for the contaminated soil to be replaced and the road to be resurfaced at the site. However, Waters believes the biggest challenge will be gaining public trust again in light of the criticism over the communications breakdown on the day of the spill. "It's been a very challenging time for us and we recognize there's been damage and concern and trust we need to rebuild in a lot of people we work with," he said. "That to me is the more challenging part of the work we're doing." Sun-Canadian representatives sat down again Tuesday with city, fire and police officials to update them on the remedial work. Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley said he reiterated the importance of proper communication to the public during emergencies. On the day of the spill, hours passed before the public was notified



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that diesel had reached the St. Clair River. "The suggestion has been they (the company) need to bring their resources in sooner than later," Bradley said, adding the city may look at some form of backup communications for future emergencies. Waters said Shell and Suncor workers were "extensively used" during the onset of the spill. Both companies co-own Sun-Canadian Pipe Lines. "Both organizations responded immediately and brought people to participate in the overall incident command," Waters said. "In the first couple of days, they were the boots on the ground who were doing all the heavy lifting." The Ministry of the Environment has ordered Sun-Canadian to hire a qualified person to assess the pipeline to determine the cause of the leak and to submit a detailed report. Once that report is complete, Waters said the company can reapply to the provincial regulator to be able to operate at full capacity again.

### Related Stories

- [Pipeline source of diesel fuel spill](#)
- [Diesel leak reaches St. Clair River](#)
- [Estimate of 200 barrels of diesel escaped pipeline](#)

<http://www.theobserver.ca/2013/09/24/remediation-work-at-site-of-diesel-leak-may-take-up-to-two-months>

### **USA, TN, NASHVILLE, SEPTEMBER 26 2013. SOUTH NASHVILLE ROAD CLOSED AFTER TANKER TRUCK OVERTURNS**

A road in south Nashville remained shut down Wednesday morning after a tanker truck overturned. Firefighters and a wrecker service were back on the scene on Glenrose Avenue around 7 a.m. trying to empty the tanker of fuel before uprighting it and clearing the scene. They used foam to avoid the fuel sparking and cause a fire. Around 10:35 p.m., the driver of the Mapco fuel truck backed up into a ditch near Old Glenrose Avenue. His truck ended up overturning and he was pinned inside for a few minutes. He was transported to the hospital, with non-life threatening injuries. Firefighters said the rain and the lack of light forced them to hold off on draining the fuel from the tank overnight. A detour was in place as Glenrose Avenue was closed until the truck could be uprighted and cleared from the road. Police said the cause of the crash was the truck driver improperly backing up and running off the roadway.

<http://www.newschannel5.com/story/23522857/south-nashville-road-closed-after-tanker-truck-overtorns>

### **USA, CA, CARSON, SEPTEMBER 26 2013. CARSON CHEMICAL PLANT FIRE SPARKS HAZMAT CONCERN; 4 HOSPITALIZED**



*A fire broke out at the Plaskolite West plant in the 2200 block of East Del Amo Boulevard in Carson on Monday, Sept. 23, 2013.*

Investigators are trying to figure out what caused an intense fire that brought hazmat crews to a plastics manufacturing plant in Carson and sent four people to the hospital Monday. The two-alarm blaze erupted at the Plaskolite West plant in the 2200 block of East Del Amo Boulevard around 6:50 p.m. A crew of 70 firefighters knocked the fire down in about 90 minutes. Three civilians and a firefighter were taken to local hospitals for treatment. One civilian was treated for burns while another suffered from smoke inhalation. No information on the third person's injuries was released. The firefighter was treated for minor

injuries and released. The fire reached some chemicals used in plastic production, County Fire Inspector Tony Akins said, but these were regarded as an irritant more than as a danger. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

[http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/los\\_angeles&id=9259689](http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/los_angeles&id=9259689)

### **CANADA, SK, CEYLON, SEPTEMBER 26 2013. TANKER TRUCK ROLLS OVER, DRIVER HURT**

Weyburn and Radville RCMP members were dispatched to a single vehicle rollover involving a semi tanker truck on Thursday at 3:43 p.m., approximately five miles south of Ceylon on Highway 6. Pangman EMS and Fire also responded to the scene. The 59-year-old male driver from the United States, was ejected from the cab of the truck and sustained injuries requiring immediate medical attention. Pangman EMS transported him to Regina hospital for medical treatment. The tanker truck which was carrying diesel fuel at the time experienced some leaking. The Saskatchewan Spill Control Centre and the Provincial HAZMAT Coordinator were contacted to assist. Upon arrival at the scene, Pangman Fire assisted with preventing further fuel spill. Additional oilfield service resources were successful in off-loading the remaining diesel fuel. Early on Friday morning, the



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tanker trailer was off-loaded and remained at the scene. It had not been determined how much fuel spilled from the tanker trailer, however the majority of the tanker load was recovered. As the entire vehicle had rolled off of the highway, there was no need to close the highway, and traffic was able to flow through the area without any major delays. Recovery of the heavily damaged tanker truck and trailer took place on Friday and there were delays experienced by motorists in the area. The police investigation remains ongoing at this time and the cause of the accident has not yet been determined.

<http://www.veyburnreview.com/article/20130925/WEYBURN0101/130929945/-1/veyburn0101/tanker-truck-rolls-over-driver-hurt>

### USA, TX, PARKER COUNTY, SEPTEMBER 26 2013. WATER CONTAMINATION NEAR FORT WORTH EXCEEDS EXPLOSIVE LIMITS

brett shipp

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*Elizabeth Falconer's well water is so contaminated with chloride or salt, the wellhead installed in 2000 is corroded and flaking. She has spent thousands of dollars on a water filtration system.*

Remember the images of Parker County residents whose water wells catch on fire? Now they say their problem has gone from bad to explosive. They also say they have the test results to back up their assertions. A handful of Parker County residents said it all started around 2009 when their tap water started to bubble and stink. Their curiosity flowed into suspicion. Their suspicion evolved into disgust. Their water wells were filling with volumes of methane gas. Logic told them two newly drilled natural gas wells near their homes were to blame. Their

complaints to state oil and gas regulators at the Texas Railroad Commission went nowhere. Tests performed by the drillers themselves showed only minor contamination. What methane was there, they claimed, has been naturally occurring for years. They said one of the residents' wells was actually drilled 70 feet too deeply into a shallow gas-bearing formation called the Strawn. By 2011, the Texas Railroad Commission declared the case closed. Unwilling to give up, homeowner Steve Lipsky has now paid for his own series of tests. He used the same instrumentation and the same kind of tests conducted two years ago. The findings now show the levels of methane coming from their water wells are off the charts. One day earlier this month, the fumes coming out of Lipsky's water well measured 162,000 parts per million; 50,000 ppm is considered "explosive." "And just by knowing that the methane levels normally at 50,000 parts per million is extremely explosive, this is scary," said air monitoring technician Buddy Alexander with Stacy Systems of Fort Worth. A few blocks away, at Shelly Perdue's water well, the same test was conducted with the same instrumentation. Inside Perdue's house with the tap water running, the technician discovered another danger — the inside ambient air detecting 63 parts per million of methane. When asked if that figure represents a dangerous level of gas in Perdue's home, Alexander replied: "Yes it is; yes it is." So now, more than ever, Lipsky and Perdue suspect the gas well just down the street is to blame. An environmental scientist hired by Lipsky, Dr. Bryce Payne of Pennsylvania, witnessed the recent tests and even conducted his own. His greatest concern: A buildup of methane gas inside Perdue's water tank. "That holding tank was functionally a methane bomb that could ignite at any time, explosively," Payne said. But tests conducted in 2010 by the drilling company, Range Resources, showed only minute levels of methane around Perdue's water wellhead. The company hired by Lipsky recorded 140,000 parts per million in that same space three years later. The air around Lipsky's water wellhead tested even higher — 158,000 parts per million of methane. Yet the same tests done by the drilling company in 2010 recorded zero methane. Zero. But there's more. Last December, Duke University scientists measured methane levels in Lipsky and Perdue's water itself. Anything above 10 parts per million is considered unacceptable. Duke's researchers found methane levels of 41 and 54 parts per million. Tests conducted by Range Resources measured methane levels of only 2.3 and 2.8 parts per million. Next door to Lipsky, Elizabeth Falconer's well water is so contaminated with chloride or salt, the wellhead installed in 2000 is corroded and flaking. She has spent thousands of dollars on a water filtration system since the gas wells were drilled in 2009. "My water was fine when we first moved here in 2000," Falconer said. "Today, without super cleaning it, I wouldn't drink it." Earlier this summer, News Eight obtained documents showing that one of the two nearby gas wells called the Butler Unit experienced problems right after it was drilled. Natural gas pressure was building-up at the wellhead. News 8 later discovered that the drilling company had not sealed off all of the down



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well gas zones with cement, as recommended throughout the industry. A recently released Duke University study in Pennsylvania links well water contamination with faulty gas well construction. Dr. Payne believes failure to properly cement the well is causing the problem here in Texas. "It is my opinion that it is likely to be because the amount of the contamination, the speed of onset, and recent observations indicate that it's spreading over an area that looks like it's spreading away from location of the Teal and Butler wells," Payne said. Lipsky said regardless of the cause, he knew the contamination was worse than was reported to the state by Range back in 2010. Now he wants the state to act. "I don't feel any vindication until the Railroad Commission or someone comes forward and admits that this is a severe problem," he said. "Regardless of who did it or what caused it, we need to determine what's happening, what's causing it, and try to stop it." Range Resources stands by its test results from 2010, and says evidence and testimony has proven that its operations are not causing water well contamination which, again, they say is naturally occurring in that area. They say evidence suggests upset residents' water wells were drilled too deeply into a shallow gas formation called the Strawn. However, the Texas Railroad Commission has re-opened the case and plans to conduct its own air and water tests soon.

<http://www.kens5.com/news/consumer/Water-contamination-near-Dallas-exceeds-explosive-limits-225201492.html?gallery=y&img=3&c=y#/news/consumer/Water-contamination-near-Dallas-exceeds-explosive-limits-225201492.html?gallery=y&img=4&c=y>

### USA, AL, BRIDGEPORT, SEPTEMBER 26 2013. FIRE MARSHAL: BIODIESEL PLANT MUST MEET CODE BEFORE REOPENING

stephen mclam

 **Watch the Video** [Biodiesel Plant must meet Code before Reopening](#)



A Jackson County biodiesel plant shut down after two fires moves closer to re-opening, thanks to an agreement worked out between the state fire marshal and the plant owner. The state fire marshal said the facility must become code compliant before re-opening. Alabama Biodiesel and the state fire marshal's office reached the agreement with the blessings of the court Wednesday morning. Plant officials were asking a judge to allow them to reopen the facility located in Bridgeport. The state issued a cease-and-desist order Aug. 20 after two fires prompted evacuations of the area, due to hazardous chemicals found on site that were not known by local first responders. Plant officials said they would suffer serious and irreparable harm if they were not allowed to reopen. The fire

marshal said they are still working on the particulars as to what needs to be completed before the plant can become operational once again, and that should be determined in the next few days.

<http://www.waff.com/story/23530039/fire-marshal-biodiesel-plant-must-meet-code-before-reopening>

### USA, OK, WYNNEWOOD, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. WIDOWS OF MEN KILLED AT WYNNEWOOD REFINERY FILE SUIT

 **Watch the Video** [Widows Of Men Killed At Wynnewood Refinery File Suit](#)

Nearly a year after a boiler explosion killed two workers at the Wynnewood refinery, the widows of the two victims sue the company. And OSHA says that company is responsible for the deaths. LeeAnna Mann and her 45-year-old husband Russell were high school sweethearts and had been married 27 years. Russell died while lighting the boiler at the Wynnewood plant on Sept. 28 of last year. Leanna says her husband's dead because the fat-cat company he worked for is cheap. From her home in Davis, eight miles south of the Wynnewood refinery, LeeAnna Mann did not hold back her anger at Texas-based CVR, the company that runs the Wynnewood Refinery, a refinery that insisted on using an outdated 60-year-old boiler, a boiler that had caused problems for years. Mann's attorney says the boiler exploded while 45-year-old Russell and 35-year-old Billy Smith were trying to light it. Smith died in the blast. Russell Mann hung on for a few weeks. OSHA fined CVR nearly \$300,000, which Mann's attorney says is merely a slap on the wrist for a company that he says makes a million of dollars a day. The Mann lawsuit asks for damages of at least \$5 million dollars. When OSHA dinged CVR for those violations this past April, the company released a statement that said employee and contractor safety remains its number-one priority.

<http://www.newson6.com/story/23532729/widow-of-man-killed-at-wynnewood-refinery-speaks-out>



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### AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, ESPERANCE, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. LIMITED TIME LEFT FOR TANKER JETTY

Lorraine Horsley



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**Map:** [Esperance, Western Australia](#)



*The tanker jetty is an Esperance icon but its life is nearing the end with the decay of its pylons.*

Most people in Esperance would have strolled along or fished off the tanker jetty at some point. It's a significant feature on the coastline and many locals love the jetty. However, severe degradation to the jetty is making it unsafe for use. The council has approved some funding to keep it open for an interim time, but the pylons are severely degraded. Esperance Shire President Malcolm Heasman says "The reality is, from the environmental and social point of view, that the jetty is at the end of its life". On Saturday there will be a "Show and Tell" at the James St area on the waterfront to share the plans with the community. Listen

to the audio link as Lorraine Horsley spoke with Esperance Shire President Malcolm Heasman for the latest diagnosis.

<http://www.abc.net.au/local/audio/2013/09/26/3856806.htm?site=esperance>

### AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, GEELONG, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. \$150 MILLION FUEL STORAGE COMPLEX FOR NORTH GEELONG



The fuel storage complex will include nine bulk liquid tanks with the capacity to hold 205,000 cubic metres of unleaded petrol, jet fuel and diesel. Australia's leading bulk liquid storage company, Terminals Pty Ltd, announced its expansion plans early in the week, with the complex to be located adjacent to its current Wharf Road site. The new tanks will service the Geelong and Victorian fuel and transport sectors and complement Terminals' existing tanks, which store raw materials for the agriculture, aviation and manufacturing industries. Terminals currently has 31 tanks on site with a capacity of 77,000 cubic metres. The expansion will mean an additional 50 ships will visit Geelong annually and

create an extra 250 truck movements weekly through the port. Terminals Managing Director George Horman said the expansion would further strengthen Geelong's position as a transport hub servicing southern and eastern Australia. "Having a ready supply of raw materials will also attract industry to the Geelong area," Mr Horman said. Construction of the tanks is expected to begin next year and will take five years to complete, creating more than 300 jobs during the building period.

[http://retailmedia.com.au/resources/CW\\_eNews/CW\\_eNews\\_270913.html#story5?utm\\_source=CW+eNews+-+Shopper+docket+discounts+increase+to+40%C2%A2+a+litre.+New+Caltex+General+&utm\\_campaign=cw-270913&utm\\_medium=email](http://retailmedia.com.au/resources/CW_eNews/CW_eNews_270913.html#story5?utm_source=CW+eNews+-+Shopper+docket+discounts+increase+to+40%C2%A2+a+litre.+New+Caltex+General+&utm_campaign=cw-270913&utm_medium=email)

### USA, N.M, ALBUQUERQUE, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. KIRTLAND TO TEST PUMPING OF CONTAMINATED WATER >> SYSTEM DESIGNED TO CLEAN FUEL SPILL

John Fleck

An Air Force contractor Friday will begin pumping contaminated groundwater from beneath Kirtland Air Force Base and an adjacent Albuquerque neighborhood. The initial pumping is small, an early test of a system that might later be employed for larger-scale cleanup. Observers said the milestone is important. It is the first time since the 1999 discovery of a massive Kirtland Air Force Base aviation fuel spill that contaminated groundwater will be pumped up for treatment. The Air Force and its state regulators have been criticized for not moving more quickly. "People have been saying, 'You need to pump real water,'" said Michael Jensen of Amigos Bravos, an environmental and water policy group. The pumping is part of a new, more aggressive push by state regulators to deal with the problem. "What I'm unwilling to do is to allow us to wait any longer," state Environment Secretary-designate Ryan Flynn said last month when plans for the pump test were announced. Data from the monthlong test will be used to determine whether larger-scale pumping might be an effective long-term cleanup strategy, according to Tom Blaine, head of the Environment Department's Environmental Health Division. But even as the initial



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pumping gets underway, questions remain about disposing of the water. The test will be conducted in two phases. Initially, less than 2,000 gallons will be pumped to clean out the well. That water will be stored in tanks and tested to see if there is any contamination. Once that is completed, there will be a longer test to determine the well's effectiveness at pulling out contaminated water. The Air Force is still working with the state and the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority on a plan for disposing of the water, according to Kirtland spokeswoman Meredith Mingledorff. A filtering system will be used to clean contamination out of the water, and the agencies are in discussions about the possibility of piping it into a supply system used to irrigate parks and street medians in southeast Albuquerque. That plan hinges on whether the water meets safe water standards, said Rick Shean, a water quality hydrologist with the utility. "There's still some details that we all need to work out," Shean said. Any such disposal plan on parks or other public property could raise public concerns because of questions about how well the contamination has been cleaned out of the water, said Dave McCoy with Citizen Action, an Albuquerque water quality activist group. "It's problematic, to say the least," McCoy said.

<http://www.abqjournal.com/269459/news/abq-news/kirtland-to-test-pumping-of-water.html>

### SUDAN, KHARTOUM, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. AT LEAST 27 KILLED IN SUDAN FUEL PROTESTS

khalid abdelaziz

 **Watch the Video** [Sudan Petrol Station set Ablaze by Protesters](#)



*A destroyed fuel tanker is left behind after rioters torched a fuel station in Khartoum. Sudanese authorities have deployed troops around vital installations and gas stations in Khartoum following days of deadly rioting over gas price hikes.*

At least 27 people have been killed in protests in Khartoum over fuel subsidy cuts announced by President Omar Hassan al-Bashir, a medical source said on Thursday, in the worst outbreak of unrest in Sudan's capital in years. Thousands of protesters torched cars and petrol stations in central areas of the capital on Wednesday, sending thick plumes of black smoke into the air. Internet access went down across the country, although the cause was not immediately clear. President Bashir, though facing a warrant for his arrest issued by the International Criminal Court, has avoided the unrest that unseated rulers in Arab states like Egypt and Tunisia; but anger has risen over inflation and corruption. A

UN official told Reuters by email that Bashir, who came to power in a 1989 coup, would not be coming to New York for a meeting of the General Assembly. The President had said on Sunday he planned to attend and had booked a hotel. Relatives and medics said at least six people were killed in Wednesday's protests, but a medical source at a hospital in Khartoum's Omdurman neighbourhood, asking not to be named, told Reuters: "There were 27 people killed in the protests and their bodies are at the Omdurman hospital." The Arab-African country has suffered armed insurgencies in its poor peripheral regions for decades, but the wealthier central areas along the Nile including Khartoum are usually relatively isolated from unrest. Similar protests broke out in June last year after some fuel subsidies were cut, but they fizzled after a security crackdown. This round of unrest started on Monday after the government announced another set of cuts to fuel subsidies. The secession of oil-producing South Sudan in 2011 hurt Sudan's economy, depriving it of about three-quarters of the crude production it relied on for state revenues and foreign currency used to import food. Bashir, announcing the cuts on Sunday, said the subsidies posed a danger to the entire Sudanese economy. The state-linked Sudanese Media Centre said schools in Khartoum state would be shut until September 30. Students have been at the forefront of previous rounds of anti-government protests. Authorities have not commented on the internet outage, which continued on Thursday, but a private sector telecoms official told Reuters the government had cut off internet without consulting telecoms firms. The governor of Gezira state, where protests first broke out on Monday, said the unrest was "premeditated" and that rioters attacked electricity and fuel stations and tried to loot banks and stores, the Sudanese Media Centre reported on Wednesday. Bashir has remained in power almost 25 years despite armed rebellions, US trade sanctions, an economic crisis, an attempted coup last year and the warrant for his arrest issued by the International Criminal Court. Washington has led calls for Bashir to face international justice over bloodshed in the now decade-old conflict in Sudan's Darfur region. The US ambassador to the UN had previously called Bashir's intention to travel to New York "deplorable"

<http://www.iol.co.za/news/africa/at-least-27-killed-in-sudan-fuel-protests-1.1583082#.UkTILoanp9U>



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### USA, N.Y, BIRMINGHAM, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. FIGHTING ETHANOL FIRES (WITH PHOTOS)

 **Watch the Video** [Fighting Ethanol Fires](#)

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Local firefighters got a hands-on lesson Wednesday with ethanol fires. The New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control hosted a course with the Binghamton Fire Department's Hazardous Materials crew Wednesday. The course was designed to teach firefighters about the challenges an alcohol-based fire can bring and provide them a real life scenario. A tanker simulation showed various aspects firefighters could expect from a spill and fire involving ethanol. "With the simulator that they currently have, it creates a much more real scenario. Obviously everyone here, if you ask them afterwards, they're going to tell you this is a very worthwhile course and we've learned lessons here that we didn't know before and always adding to your knowledge base is a positive thing," said Binghamton Assistant Chief Steve Faughnan. While incidents like these are rare, Faughnan stressed the importance of being prepared.

<http://www.wbng.com/news/video/Fighting-ethanol-fires-225263362.html>

### KENYA, NAKURU, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. SENIOR POLICE OFFICER TELLS JUNIORS TO ALLOW 'OWNERS' SIPHON FUEL



*Mwariki residents scramble for kerosene at the scene of an accident in which an oil tanker overturned near Nakuru town on the Nairobi-Nakuru highway yesterday.*

The extent of fuel theft syndicate operations along the highways played out yesterday after a tanker transporting suspected siphoned fuel was involved in an accident on the Nakuru-Nairobi highway. After the accident, members of the public, armed with containers, arrived at the scene ready to siphon the fuel, a move that was thwarted by the police guarding the tanker. The angry mob threatened to beat up the officers. Shortly after, the officers were shocked when a group of ten, who claimed ownership of the fuel, arrived and chased them

away. As the confrontation between the police and the 'owners' ensued, the officers allegedly received orders from a senior police officer, who they could not name, to report back to the station. "We have been recalled by our seniors," said an officer on condition of anonymity as they left the scene. The group started scooping the spilled fuel using plastic buckets at Stem on the Nakuru-Nairobi highway. They also used a small generator connected to long pipes to get fuel from the accident tanker to another one, which was brought to the scene. "The origin of this fuel must be investigated; the contaminated fuel will definitely find its way to the market and should be stopped. The whole issue is questionable," said one of the officers as he left the scene. The officers had earlier stood their ground against the group scooping the spilled oil, but after they allegedly received the call, they left the scene. The officers helplessly watched the scene from a safe distance as gang representatives went and mocked them, and even talked of how they could influence their transfers from the area. "The lesson you have learnt is not enough, we are going to deal with you more firmly so that you will never forget!" shouted a man who seemed to be the leader of the group to the police officers. The officers, who looked terrified, left the accident scene as they narrated the shocking revelation of how senior police officers in the region collude with wealthy people, among them a politician, to steal fuel in transit at will. Two months ago, The Standard carried a report on how senior police officers colluded with unscrupulous businessmen to siphon fuel meant for export. The businessmen give officers money in return for protection. After the expose, police from Rongai raided illegal depots at Salgaa, where they impounded thousands of litres of fuel meant for export but diverted by the shrewd businessmen. When reached for a comment, Nakuru OCPD Bernard Kioko said the police officers who responded to the accident had no mandate to stop the owners from salvaging their goods. "But why were they preventing them from salvaging their property? They had introduced themselves as the owners and should not have been denied access to it," said Kioko. He could not, however, explain the rationale of scooping already contaminated oil back into the tanker.

[http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/?articleID=2000094324&story\\_title=senior-police-officer-tells-juniors-to-allow-owners-siphon-fuel](http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/?articleID=2000094324&story_title=senior-police-officer-tells-juniors-to-allow-owners-siphon-fuel)



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### AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, ESPERANCE, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. BRAZEN THIEVES DISAPPEAR WITH 1000 LITRES OF DIESEL FUEL FROM ESPERANCE SHIRE DEPOT

lauren varyd

**Map:** [Esperance, Western Australia](#)



*Police are looking for a diesel fuel tanker similar to this but with TR44 written on the side.*

A brazen thief made a hole in the perimeter fence at the Shire of Esperance depot last weekend, drove their vehicle in and exited with almost 1000 litres of fuel, say police. Esperance police are appealing to anyone who noticed suspicious activity around the yard between Saturday afternoon and Monday morning to contact the station. Police Sergeant Beswick said it appeared the offender/s cut their way into the depot by making a hole in the perimeter fence. "They have then driven their vehicle in and appear to have removed some diesel fuel from one of the tanks," he said. "Then they have proceeded to hitch up a diesel tanker trailer containing almost 1000 litres of diesel and driven out of the hole in the fence." Police are looking for a diesel fuel tanker similar to the one pictured above but with 'TR44' on it. If you have information that would be helpful to police, contact the Esperance Police Station on 9079 8999 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

<http://www.esperanceexpress.com.au/story/1803906/brazen-thieves-disappear-with-1000-litres-of-diesel-fuel-from-esperance-shire-depot/?cs=1268>

### USA, ORE, WARM SPRINGS, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. CREWS CLEANING UP 3,500-GALLON HWY. 26 FUEL SPILL >> TANKER TRUCK HIT BULL ELK, CRASHED; HIGHWAY DOWN TO ONE LANE



*Crews dug about 20 feet down to the water table Thursday to be sure a diesel fuel spill along Hwy. 26 north of Warm Springs didn't contaminate area.*

A fuel tanker truck hit a bull elk on Highway 26 on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation and overturned Tuesday night, injuring the driver from Bend, spilling about 3,500 gallons of fuel and closing the road for hours, Oregon State Police and ODOT reported. One lane of the highway remained closed Thursday, with a flagger letting traffic through in each direction, during extensive cleanup work expected to take through Friday, said ODOT spokesman Peter Murphy. Shortly after 9 p.m. Tuesday, a 2014 Kenworth truck pulling a tanker trailer driven by Kyle Taber, 31, of Bend, was eastbound on Highway 26 near milepost 81 when it struck a bull elk on the highway, troopers said. Taber lost control as the truck and tanker trailer crossed into the westbound lane and rolled onto its side, sliding about 400 feet before coming to rest in trees bordering the north side of the highway, OSP reported. Taber was treated for non-life-threatening injuries and released from St. Charles-Madras Wednesday. Two OSP troopers responded to the scene to assist Warm Springs police. Taber was driving for

Central Petro Inc, out of Bend. Oregon Regional HazMat Team 3 responded to the scene to coordinate cleanup efforts with ODOT and fire personnel. SMAF Environmental crews were called out and the EPA also was on scene, Murphy said. About 3,500 gallons of mostly diesel fuel spilled onto "swampy" land near Beaver Creek along the highway, Murphy said Thursday. Cleanup began early Wednesday morning, after the truck was removed and other fuel drained. Murphy said about 500 cubic yards of contaminated soil was removed Wednesday and another 1,000 cubic yards was slated for removal Thursday. Fortunately, he said, "the snowmelt, runoff, water table is low at this time of year, so the fuel hasn't reached the creek." "But we have to move pretty quickly to get the fuel out, so that when rain and snow do come, we have eliminated the chance for further contamination," Murphy said. The hole was at least 20 feet deep Thursday, he said, as crews dug down to the water table to test and assure no contamination. Murphy said the northbound lane was closed due to the work, but despite a construction project farther south, delays were not too lengthy

[http://www.ktvz.com/news/fuel-tanker-truck-hits-elk-crashes-1000s-of-gallons-spill/-/413192/22127174/-/101521xz/-/index.html?utm\\_source=publish2&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_campaign=www.opbnews.org](http://www.ktvz.com/news/fuel-tanker-truck-hits-elk-crashes-1000s-of-gallons-spill/-/413192/22127174/-/101521xz/-/index.html?utm_source=publish2&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=www.opbnews.org)



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### ENGLAND, ESSEX, WEST THURROCK, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. TWO INJURED IN WEST THURROCK EXPLOSION WHICH "SHOOK HOUSES"

*matt abbott*

*Reports: Explosion at chemical plant in West Thurrock.*

Two men were injured in an explosion at a West Thurrock chemical plant which "shook" nearby houses. Fire crews were on stand-by for two hours as experts at Industrial Chemical Ltd on Stoneness Road assessed a leak of caustic soda. It is thought the explosion came from within a chlorine scrubbing unit, shortly after 8pm on Thursday. Essex Police advised residents living nearby to stay inside and close their doors and windows as a strong smell of chlorine wafted through the air. At 10pm, Divisional Officer Neil Fenwick said: "We have had assurances from chemical experts on site that there is no risk to the public. "A small tank of diluted caustic soda exploded and the contents drained away into an interception tank and was contained on site." Police closed Oliver Road in both directions while work was carried out to make the site safe. Two workers suffered minor injuries. One, who had a leg injury, did not require ambulance treatment but the East of England Ambulance Service said one person was treated at the scene. Just after 10pm, police and fire crews declared the site safe and announced there was no risk to the public. The Health and Safety Executive have been informed of the incident. A number of people reported on social networking site Twitter that the explosion "shook houses" and could be heard as far away as Aveley, Corringham and Bexleyheath in Kent. At 9.30pm, a spokesman for Essex Police said on the force's Twitter feed: "Explosion caused loud bang at chemical plant in Stoneness Road West Thurrock about one hour ago. Strong chlorine smell in area." Daniel Campbell, of London Road, said on Twitter: "Our house shook. Sounded like a bomb went off. Everyone in the street was out to see what happened." Kirsty\_xo said: "Chlorine gas explosion in Thurrock. Made the doors shake at work!" Eunice, also on the social networking site, said at 8.15pm: "Something has just gone bang in west Thurrock. Thought my front door was being kicked in." Industrial Chemicals Ltd supply water treatment chemicals, flocculants and detergents to a variety of industries across the UK and Europe.

[http://www.southendstandard.co.uk/news/echo/10702167.Two\\_injured\\_in\\_West\\_Thurrock\\_explosion\\_which\\_shook\\_houses/?ref=nt](http://www.southendstandard.co.uk/news/echo/10702167.Two_injured_in_West_Thurrock_explosion_which_shook_houses/?ref=nt)

### MADAGASCAR, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. EXXON MOBIL'S HUNT FOR OIL KILLED 100 MELON HEADED WHALES

 [Watch the Video Whale Stranding Proven to be Sonar Related for the First Time](#)



*Antsohihy residents in western Madagascar carry a melon-headed whale, a species of dolphin, which was found dead among the mangroves, a site where ExxonMobil carried out seismic surveys.*

A noisy technology that blasts compressed air below water to map the ocean for oil is being blamed for 100 melon headed whale deaths off Madagascar. An independent panel of scientists found that seismic airgun surveying by Exxon Mobil in late May 2008 led to the sudden displacement of the whales, which became stranded and died. "This is the first known such marine mammal mass stranding event closely associated with relatively high frequency mapping sonar systems," said the report released by the International Whaling Commission.

"Earlier such events may have been undetected because detailed inquiries were not conducted." The researchers described a "highly unusual event" in which about 100 melon headed whales became stranded in shallow waters in the Loza Lagoon system in northwest Madagascar in May and June 2008. "This typically open ocean cetacean species had never previously nor since been reported in this shallow tidal estuarine system, nor in any other in Madagascar," said the study. The culprit was named as a "high power 12 kHz multi beam echosounder system (MBES)" operated by an Exxon Mobil vessel on May 29 about 65 kilometres offshore from the first known stranding. The five-member independent scientific review panel said the vessel's seismic airgun was "the most plausible and likely behavioural trigger for the animals initially entering the lagoon system." The sounds would have been "clearly audible over many hundreds of square kilometres of melon headed whale deep water habitat areas." The advocacy group Oceana said the findings show how dangerous the technology can be to aquatic animals. "Seismic blasts can disturb the vital behaviors of dolphins and whales such as breathing, feeding, mating and communicating," said the group's vice president for US Oceans, Jacqueline Savitz. "This can quickly turn deadly when animals are startled into rushing to the surface or are driven into shallower areas, where they often die as these whales did." Exxon Mobil did not immediately return a call for comment. The evidence was compiled by the International Whaling Commission, the



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### CANADA, SASK, LANDIS, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. FIRE EXTINGUISHED AT CN TRAIN DERAILMENT IN SASK.

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 [Photo's \[5\] Fire Extinguished at CN Train Derailment in Sask.](#)



Emergency services were called to a Canadian National (CN) train derailment just west of the town of Landis, Sask. on Wednesday. At 4:50 a.m., RCMP were called to a derailment approximately 500 to 700 metres from the town. Fire departments from Biggar and Wilkie attended and put out a grass fire caused by the derailment in a ditch. RCMP say one of the tanker cars was breached and Hazmat crews were called in to contain and cleanup a lubricating oil spill. The

amount of petroleum product spilt is unknown at this time. A total of 17 cars have gone off the track and none have caught fire. The 571 metre train was travelling west with various commodities including 55 cars carrying ethanol. One car carrying ethanol ended up on its side but no leaks have been determined. Due to the flammable nature of some of the other cars' contents, Landis School was closed for the day while contents are unloaded. The cause is unknown but RCMP can confirm that the derailment occurred mid-train and no other vehicles were involved. No injuries have been reported. CN police remain on scene and will continue with the investigation.

<http://globalnews.ca/news/862617/fire-extinguished-at-cn-train-derailment-in-sask/>

### CANADA, QC, MONTREAL, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. DEPARTMENT ADMITS IT FAILED DANGEROUS GOODS OVERSIGHT >> PLEDGES FUNDAMENTAL TO PUBLIC SAFETY, TRANSPORT CRITIC SAYS

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*Transport Canada workers look at one of nine oil tank rail cars that didn't derail as part of their investigation of the Lac-Mégantic derailment zone.*

Transport Canada says it hasn't delivered on promises to improve oversight of the transportation of dangerous products in the wake of a scathing 2011 audit, including pledges to clarify its roles and responsibilities in inspections and ensure compliance from industry. A department spokeswoman, Maryse Durette, made the comments one day after senior officials spoke to reporters about rail safety and the Lac-Mégantic train disaster, but were unable to provide details about the government's progress in responding to the audit from the environment watchdog, released in December 2011. At the time of that audit, prepared by then-environment commissioner Scott Vaughan in the office of the auditor general, the department pledged to complete improvements to its

oversight by April 2013, in response to criticism it wasn't adequately tracking or following up on risks identified by inspectors looking at the transportation of dangerous products. "We work collaboratively with the office of the auditor general to develop progress reports and implement timelines," Durette told Postmedia News in a statement. "Some recommendations require more time to implement than others, which is why the (auditor-general's office) has granted the department an extension to the selfimposed deadlines." The auditor general's office, which told Postmedia News on Tuesday that it was up to the



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department's management to explain its progress in meeting its pledges, was not immediately able to confirm whether it had granted Transport Canada an extension. NDP transport critic Olivia Chow said the department was offering a disorganized response to safety concerns. "It's totally unacceptable," Chow said in an interview. "There's no business that could justify saying, 'We don't really have a performance standard to measure all our staff against.' " Dozens of people are believed to have perished after rail cars carrying oil from an unmanned train exploded after derailing and crashing into the small Quebec town early Saturday. While Chow said there was not enough information to know whether the oversight weaknesses played a role in the tragedy, she suggested the unfulfilled pledges were "fundamental" to ensuring public safety. She also questioned the relevance of the department improving training and risk assessment strategies in the absence of completing its review of its own roles and responsibilities and delivering a quality-control plan to guide inspectors. Durette said the department had completed seven out of 10 commitments emerging from the 2011 audit, related to training and strengthening procedures for overseeing transportation of dangerous goods. But it extended plans until next year to deliver on commitments to establish a quality assurance plan for following up on compliance. It also extended plans to "update and implement a performance measurement strategy" for the transportation of dangerous goods. Department officials confirmed Tuesday they were reviewing several safety oversight rules and practices in the wake of the tragedy.

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/business/Department+admits+failed+dangerous+goods+oversight/8643864/story.html>

### USA, HI, HONOLULU, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. TESORO CLOSES DEAL TO SELL HAWAII REFINERY TO PAR PETROLEUM

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San Antonio-based based Tesoro Corp. said Wednesday that it has sold its 94,000-barrel-a-day Hawaii refinery and related assets to a subsidiary of Houston-based Par Petroleum Corp. Par Petroleum said it's paying \$75 million in cash plus the market value of net working capital and a payout of future earnings over three years of as much as \$40 million, subject to certain conditions. Tesoro valued the acquisition at \$325 million. In addition to the refinery, the purchase includes storage, terminals and pipelines. Par's subsidiary also has the right to sell gasoline at 31 Tesoro-branded retail stations in Hawaii. The refinery produces gasoline, jet fuel, high-sulfur diesel, low-sulfur fuel oil and high-sulfur fuel oil. It also supplies ultralow-sulfur diesel to the Hawaiian Islands.

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/09/25/tesoro-selling-hawaii-refinery-to-par-petroleum-unit/>

### USA, MS, LUDLOW, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. LUDLOW GAS CUSTOMERS END UP WITH WATER IN THEIR TANKS

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 **Watch the Video** [Gas Customers end up with Water in their Tanks](#)



Some drivers are dealing with problems after water filled their gas tanks Wednesday. Rather than gasoline, water ended up being pumped into at least a half dozen cars Wednesday at the Sunoco station on Center Street in Ludlow. The station is owned by F.L. Roberts. Company President Steve Roberts tells ABC40 that the station was closed down once the issue was discovered and the company has since pumped out "several hundred gallons of water" out of the underground tanks. Roberts adds that while water does accumulate over time, the company is currently investigating how that much water ended up in the tanks. He explains that there are automatic gauges that show how much water is in a tank at any given time and systems are in place to remove that water. "It is more than our automatic water gauges indicated was in the tank," Roberts says. Water can make a mess when it's mixed with gas in your car. According to President and CEO of Tyre Trak Automotive Tim Andrew, that water can cause big problems. "Well the entire fuel system will be contaminated. Not just the gas tank, but everything from the gas cap up to the motor and back," he explained. And that's just the beginning of the headaches these drivers may face. "Most of those items are not cleanable. They're replacement items," Andrew explained. And those items may fail over time instead or all at once, so the problems could continue for years. The best bet is to replace the entire fuel system from the pump to the fuel injectors and even the EVAP system. "That would be the recommendation, although that would be quite expensive. I mean, those will run into the thousands of dollars," Andrew adds. However, Andrew doesn't think that's the



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route that most drivers would choose. "You try to as best you can make sure they understand the severity of the problem and the prudence of taking care of the whole problem," he says. Roberts notes that the company will "take care" of any customer that had an issue with their car and is able to provide a receipt indicating a gas purchase during the period of time the station experienced the problem.

<http://www.wggb.com/2013/09/26/ludlow-gas-customers-end-up-with-water-in-their-tanks/>

### USA, FLA, SANFORD, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. UNDERGROUND SANFORD OIL TANK LEAKING

A leak has afflicted an underground storage tank that stores gallons of used engine oil in Sanford's fleet maintenance complex. It's where city employees work on more than 400 vehicles. Officials at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection said they're keeping a watch on how the city of Sanford cleans up the mess. "What we are concerned with is the environment and protecting the environment and our resources," said Christine Daniel with the FDEP. State environmental officials got an anonymous tip the tank was leaking. Officials said the soil around the tank is contaminated and work is underway to find out how far the oil has spread. "We are very happy the city has worked with us very well on this. Corrective actions are being implemented and we are going to fix the problem," Daniel said. There's another problem. Officials said the tank isn't in compliance and wasn't registered with the state. Taxpayers have to pay to remove it and the contaminated soil, in addition to about \$1,000 in penalties and fees. FDEP inspects tens of thousands of similar tanks a year and it's not uncommon to find some that aren't registered or not in compliance.

<http://www.wftv.com/news/news/local/underground-sanford-oil-tank-leaking/nZ8GL/>

### USA, PA, LANCASTER TWP, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. TANKER HITS BRIDGE ON PEQUEATWP./LANCASTER TWP. LINE; OIL SPILLS INTO CONESTOGA RIVER

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A tanker tractor-trailer crashed into a bridge over the Conestoga River on Thursday, resulting in a small spill of motor oil into the waterway, officials said. The accident happened around 10:45 a.m. on Route 741 at the border between Pequea and Lancaster townships. A small amount of oil also spilled onto the road, according to an official on the scene. The driver was in and out of consciousness. He was extricated from the truck by emergency crews and was receiving treatment. Firefighters worked to contain the spill. A hazardous-materials team was called to the site. Lancaster Township Assistant Fire Chief Steve Roy said the spill was minimal. Although the truck was hauling corn oil to Perdue Farms in Maryland, Roy said "the contents of the tank are intact." The spill, he said, was about 8 gallons of motor oil that was dumped from the truck's engine block after impact. "Haz-mat crews and our crews are cleaning up the oil," Roy said Thursday afternoon. Crews used absorbent booms to sop up what

they could from the river, he said. But, because of the small amount, "it's going to break up pretty quickly" as it moves downstream, he added. A stretch of Route 741 was closed after the accident. The truck was removed from the scene, Roy said, and the roadway reopened about 3 p.m.

<http://lancasteronline.com/article/local/898959-Tanker-hits-bridge-on-PequeaTwp--Lancaster-Twp--line--oil-spills-into-Conestoga-River.html>

### USA, MI, DETROIT, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. TANKER TRUCK FIRE CAUSES TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN DETROIT ALONG INTERSTATE 94; NO INJURIES REPORTED

A tanker truck fire in Detroit has caused daylong traffic problems along Interstate 94. WWJ-AM and The Detroit News report the fire along the eastbound lanes happened Wednesday morning, prompting a hazardous materials response. No injuries were reported. Detroit fire officials say the tanker had a flat tire, overheated and caught the cab ablaze. The driver was headed to the eastside suburb of Mount Clemens transporting 7,000 gallons of resin. The eastbound lanes had closed near the fire on the city's east side and slowed traffic in the westbound lanes. Some lanes reopened later, but lanes and ramps closed again Wednesday evening for cleanup.

<http://www.tribtown.com/view/story/887d79e4a5cf42a38972ec35b847c535/MI--Tanker-Fire-Detroit>



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