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AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, NOVEMBER 19 2013. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY TESTS FOR TOXIC CHEMICALS IN HILLSDALE PARK BOTCHED

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Denied misleading the committee: EPA chairman Barry Buffier.

The NSW government laboratory used by the Environment Protection Authority to test the levels of toxic chemicals and metals around a Hillsdale park area, made a series of embarrassing bungles that skewed the official results. An investigation by Fairfax Media has uncovered the trail of errors by the Office of Environment and Heritage's laboratory, which included misinterpreting the levels of metal found in the soil by "100-fold". The discovery comes after NSW Chief Scientist Mary O'Kane chose Emeritus Professor Chris Fells, AM, to scrutinise the EPA's methodology and analysis in concluding that toxic metals from the park and the verges of homes were below health investigation levels. Controversy flared earlier this year when concerned residents engaged their own expert, Andrew Helps, from Hg Recoveries, a company that is part of the United Nations Environment Programme's Global Mercury Partnership, to carry out some testing for potential off-site contamination around the Orica chemical company's Botany site. Mr Helps reported significant levels of a man-made

organochlorine and heavy metals, including mercury, sparking a flurry of testing by the EPA on the front verges of homes on Denison Street, the back fence lines of homes that abut a Hillsdale park and into the park area that adjoins Grace Campbell reserve. The EPA did not release the full results and told residents they were below the residential health investigation levels. But residents obtained a copy, which was given to Mr Helps and the National Toxics Network, and their assessments disagreed with the EPA. Despite putting out a statement in May saying the results were below residential health investigation levels, the EPA has since said the testing was done on "recreational" land. Documents obtained by Fairfax Media under freedom of information laws revealed the trail of laboratory errors, as well as emails that also showed the authority suddenly switched the health investigation levels it was using to compare the soil results. The most stringent residential level was dropped in favour of the weaker recreational level after senior managers were told the toxic metals exceeding the residential levels would then mostly "disappear". Emails also show that right from the start, when the EPA was assessing the results, it was doing so against residential levels, in one case warning "we'll need to be cautious ... PCB (chemical) detection limits seem to be too high to compare with residential land-use scenarios". EPA chairman Barry Buffier was asked at an August parliamentary estimates committee by opposition environmental spokesman Luke Foley if the authority had applied a "lower standard - that is, recreational C rather than residential A - so that you could deliver the news that everything is hunky-dory?" Mr Buffier said, "absolutely not". Mr Foley said it "appears that Mr Buffier has misled the committee and I think he should be recalled in the light of this new evidence." Mr Buffier has denied misleading the committee. Several emails dated July 31 show chief environmental regulator Mark Gifford was advised by a department director that although the EPA had initially used residential comparisons, if that changed and "if it was compared to recreational C, then, of course, all the metal exceedences i.e. chromium and lead disappear except for that one site that remains above the HIL [health investigation level] for lead." The director told Mr Gifford he had already given an analysis of that scenario to another senior EPA manager at the "Orica meeting" they had the week before, with instructions to show it to Mr Gifford. Documents also reveal the EPA then changed a draft media statement, dropping the reference to residential, and saying it had used recreational. The documents also show that it was not until the Office of Environment and Heritage's laboratory had reissued its report for the fourth and final time after making mistakes, which included cross-contamination of samples, that the true metal readings were found to be "100-fold" higher than before. The national laboratory accreditation body, NATA, is now reviewing the bungles. Emails show staff apologised for any "embarrassment caused" and warned others not to compromise quality or take shortcuts that could "harm its reputation".

Environment Protection Authority: Culture of bullying, says report

The NSW Environment Protection Authority is riddled with workplace bullying, according to a public sector report that also finds most complaints are going unreported either by the victims or witnesses. One staff member, who has complained of intimidation and physical violence by an EPA supervisor, has alleged there is a culture of bullying at the environmental watchdog. The complaint of physical violence was revealed in freedom of information documents obtained by Fairfax Media.



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The State of the NSW Public Sector Report - People Matter Survey had a 69 per cent participation rate from EPA staff. Of those staff, almost a third said they had witnessed bullying at work in the past 12 months. Six per cent of those reported they were "currently experiencing this behaviour", according to the report. Separate documents obtained by Fairfax Media show that, in the past 12 months, only three complaints of bullying had been made against managers in the EPA. The documents showed that, in October last year, there was an email complaint about how a manager continuously discriminated against, intimidated, bullied and victimised a staff member. But after the matter was investigated, it was found there was "no evidence" to support the allegation. A separate formal grievance complaint made last November addressed a number of issues, including "repetitive bullying". It was investigated but treated as a respectable workplace policy issue. In a December case, a staff member claimed "intimidation and physical violence" and a "culture of bullying" at the EPA. But the documents said investigations showed "there was no evidence to support the allegations" and it was a "he said-she said" scenario. The EPA chairman Barry Buffier said the organisation had developed and promoted information for staff to identify what bullying was, what to do if bullying occurred, and the roles and responsibilities for all staff concerned. The revelations about the culture at the EPA came after reports that workplace bullying had also reached extreme levels in the NSW health system, despite government programs, including an anti-bullying hotline, to stamp out the practice.

<http://www.smh.com.au/environment/environment-protection-authority-tests-for-toxic-chemicals-in-hillsdale-park-botched-20131116-2xnn0.html>

USA, KS, KANSAS CITY, NOVEMBER 19 2013. HAZMAT CREWS ON THE SCENE OF TIPPED TANKER TRUCK IN KCK MONDAY

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 **Watch the Video** [18 Wheel Tanker Truck Lifts off Ground](#)

A tanker truck containing hazardous chemicals tipped into the air Monday, while attempting to unload near S. 66th Terrace and Kansas Avenue in Kansas City, Kan. At about 11:00 a.m. on Monday, an 18-wheel tanker truck was unloading chemicals into a receiving tank at Dayton Superior Chemical Company. As the load was being emptied, the rear of the tanker truck became too light to counterbalance the weight of the front end, and the truck began to lift off the ground. Cranes were brought in to aid in stabilizing the truck while the rest of its contents were being emptied. No injuries were reported at the scene, and as of 3:40 p.m. Monday, HazMat crews were still on the scene but were said to have the situation under control.

<http://fox4kc.com/2013/11/18/hazmat-crews-on-the-scene-of-tipped-tanker-truck-in-kck-monday/>

KUWAIT, NOVEMBER 19 2013. OIL TANKER WRECKS THREATEN MARINE ENVIRONKUWAIT STILL GRAPPLING WITH EFFECTS OF IRAQI INVASION

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Kuwait's marine environment is under threat haunted by two Iraqi oil tankers sunk during the 1991 Iraqi incursion into Kuwait. John Curley, the former Salvage Director with UNDP who has 26 years of experience in conducting salvage missions in international waters, revealed this to the Arab Times in an exclusive interview from New York. The wrecks have begun to show decay with new cracks emerging on the hulls of both ships, hinting at another major leak in the offing. Outlining the history of the wrecks, Curley said two Iraqi oil tankers of 30,000 DWT were sunk offshore Kuwait in the vicinity of what is now the New Mubarak Port currently under construction. The tankers, named Ain Zalah and Ramaila, had spilled most of their crude into the waterways of Kuwait causing severe damage to marine life and biodiversity back then. Years of wear and strong daily tidal flow have led to high chances of the tankers leaking dangerous emulsion any time again. Curley backs his claim with the findings of IAEA/UN which says that the ongoing detrimental effect on the fish stocks in the area and

the overall environment, especially the coastal area is highly sensitive. According to four major surveys costing nearly \$ 2 million, the wrecks pose imminent threat on several fronts, including: negative environmental impact due to continual seeping of emulsion and crude into the waterways; the presence of unexploded ordinance on board both tankers, including one 500 lb bomb on board the Ain Zalah; and security and navigation risk with the expected increase of inbound and outbound shipping



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traffic after the Mubarak ports becomes fully operational. Over the past 20 years, organizations such as the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME) with its HQ in Kuwait, the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Atomic Energy Authority (IAEA), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the United Kingdom's Ministry of Defence (UKMOD) among others have voiced concerns on these issues. The surveys were conducted in 1995, 1998, 2003/4 and 2010. The last one evidenced major decay, as over time new cracks have opened in both the ships' hulls. This is a clear sign that the wrecks are starting to break up with the risk of another major slick of the remaining fuel and lubricants that at present are held in place by tons of mud. Curley is concerned because despite ROPME's insistence on the urgency for the wreck removal, the salvage operation has not received the green light from the concerned authorities. "Investigations have indicated that all the necessary expertise is available to ROPME. Whatever the reasons for the delay, is it not the responsibility of the Kuwaiti authorities concerned to ensure the long term prospects of its own natural maritime resource? Surely the removal of two large wrecks posing substantial risk should be acknowledged and operations to clean up the area should start immediately." Curley also sheds light on what he thinks complicates the salvage efforts. The tankers were sunk in 1991 by the UN forces in Iraqi waters, but now the border line between Kuwait and Iraq has been moved by the UN. The wrecks now lie in Kuwaiti territorial waters. Under normal circumstances, the ship owners request the state where the wrecks are to action the salvage operation as soon as possible to minimize the risk to environment. The insurance company or the owner, in this the Iraqi government, would bear the cost. However, Iraq was slapped with sanctions immediately after the war and the hostile attitude of the Iraqi government to international laws severely crippled the chances of a salvage operation. Since 2003, Iraq has confused all parties by selling the salvage rights to Iraqi companies who have little or no experience in salvage operations. Iraq also harbors negative feelings about the new port in Kuwait built near the wrecks which further discourages them from having any concern for the Kuwaiti environment. "It feels that they are just playing with this matter with no concern whatsoever, instead of acknowledging all the survey reports completed by UNDP, IMO, IAEA, UK, USA and ROPME." More importantly, for the past 25 years Iraq and Kuwait haven't been the best of neighbors. With Iraq having its own environmental problems to tackle, it was not in any big rush to clear the coastline of Kuwait, especially now that the wrecks lay in Kuwaiti waters. In Curley's opinion, it would be best for Kuwait to give ROPME the nod for the salvage operation and fund it, and later claim the costs against Iraq via the UN compensation committee. "Otherwise, Kuwait runs the risk of the wrecks breaking and causing another huge environmental disaster requiring clean-up costing several times more. This case, Curley notes, is unique in his 26 years of international salvaging experience. "No state wants this kind of rubbish and pollution in their waters." Curley was the Salvage Director for all the surveys of the wrecks done for the UN, IMO, ROPME, Japanese reconstruction NK and the British government.

<http://www.arabtimesonline.com/NewsDetails/tabid/96/smld/414/ArticleID/201399/reftab/36/t/Oil-tanker-wrecks-threaten-marine-environ/Default.aspx>

USA, CA, VENTURA, NOVEMBER 19 2013. SQUID BOAT SPILLS 300 GALLONS OF DIESEL IN VENTURA HARBOR

Photo's [3] [Squid Boat Spills 300 Gallons of Diesel](#)



Ventura County Hazmat crews respond to a fuel spill in the Ventura Harbor, Ventura Calif., on Monday, Nov. 18, 2013. The spill was caused by a punctured squid boat, releasing 500 gallons of deisel into the harbor.

A punctured squid boat spilled about 300 gallons of diesel fuel into the Ventura Harbor on Monday, authorities said. The spill occurred after a fishing boat hit another vessel in the harbor, the U.S. Coast Guard said. The incident was reported at 1:18 p.m. off the 1400 block of Spinnaker Drive. Assistant Fire Chief David Endaya said the spill was under control and the fishing boat was no longer leaking fuel into the water. No injuries or evacuations were reported, but fire officials monitored the area for flammable vapors, Endaya said. "We're working with all parties to contain it and limit the spread of diesel, which has worked very well," Endaya said Monday afternoon. Several agencies sent

personnel to the scene, including county and city fire departments, the Coast Guard, harbor patrols and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2013/nov/18/boat-spills-500-gallos-of-diesel-in-ventura-harbor/>



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NIGERIA, LAGOS, NOVEMBER 19 2013. HORROR IN LAGOS AS TANKER KILLS ONE PUPIL, INJURES TWO OTHERS

One pupil was killed and two others injured in Ikota, a suburb of Lagos on Monday morning, when a Mercedes Benz tanker rammed into the school children, who were on their way to school. The children, who are pupils of Ikota Primary School, were on their way to school early Monday morning when an oncoming tanker rammed into them killing one of them on the spot and injuring two others. The accident provoked the youths of the area to rampage before a combined team of police officers from Ajah division and soldiers from the Nigerian Army restored law and order. The angry youths blamed the driver of the tanker for over speeding, which led to the accident. They said such an accident could have been avoided if drivers drive carefully while on the road. They also appealed to the Lagos State Governor, Babatunde Fashola to construct a pedestrian bridge on that road for children and other individuals who might need to cross to the other side of the road. Speaking to our correspondent at the scene of the accident, the DPO of Ajah police division, Mr Lawal, said that it took the timely intervention of his men to calm the angry youths and forestall a looming crisis in the area. He revealed that the injured children were receiving treatment at a nearby hospital.

<http://www.dailytimes.com.ng/article/horror-lagos-tanker-kills-one-pupil-injures-two-others>

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE, NOVEMBER 20 2013. [APACMA/APICSA] AUDITS TO CHECK COMPLIANCE IN QLD



The Queensland Government will audit 100 service station sites a year under a three-year program that supports the new dangerous goods and hazardous chemicals regulations in the national Work Health and Safety Act (2011).

Speaking at a luncheon organised by APICSA, in conjunction with ACAPMA, Tapash Das, of the Hazardous Industries & Chemicals Branch of Workplace Health and Safety Queensland, said service stations would be chosen at random and the audits would be managed by regional inspectors. The audits come as Queensland transitions from previous Dangerous Goods and Safety Management Acts and Regulation to the new national laws. During the audits, the inspectors will be interested in whether the service station sites are complying with the legislation in such things as:

- Storage and systems
- Manifests
- Impact protection
- Fire fighting
- Information and training
- Record keeping

The widespread modifications to the laws will change the way a lot of service stations manage dangerous chemicals. For example, all sites will need emergency plans, and sites once considered a Large Dangerous Goods Location (now a Manifest Quantity Workplace) will need to submit these plans to

the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service for review and revision. There are also various changes to classifications, forms, notifications, placards and manifests. The legislation covers a variety of safety obligations, from general obligations to designer, supplier, installers' obligations, as well as a duty to consult with others involved. At the same luncheon, Paul Magee of the Natural Environment Water and Sustainability Branch of Brisbane City Council, outlined new requirement for the storage and dispensing of petroleum products. Changes to the Environmental Protection Act have removed various Environmentally Relevant Activity thresholds, but this does not mean these ERAs no longer need to comply with the act. Mr Magee said there was still a requirement to meet the General Environmental Duty and businesses need to take responsibility for actions that affect the environment. On the positive side, the new laws have removed the need for new storage or refuelling activities to obtain an environmental protection licence from council – which means no licence fees. Various other changes to the EPA cover design and installation of underground petroleum storage systems; leak protection; mandatory pollution prevention equipment; fuel dispensing areas; bulk fuel deliveries; wastewater management and more. You can download a guide to the [Work Health and Safety Act 2011](#) as well as a full copy of the Act on the [Workplace Health and Safety Queensland Website](#). There is also a [guide for service station operators](#) and other useful information at <http://www.deir.qld.gov.au/workplace>. For



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more information on the changes to the EPA Act and the pollution requirements of Brisbane City Council, contact Paul Magee, paul.magee@brisbane.qld.gov.au. Copies of the presentations are being sent to attendees, and will be made available through the ACAPMA You Tube Channel in the coming weeks. Contact ACAPMA on 1300 160 270 for more information.

http://www.acapma.com.au/articles/audits-to-check-compliance-in-qld.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=thewebconsole.com&utm_campaign=Enewsletter++201112013&utm_content=17062238&c=17166633&c=c8a983d504c916c6ae6f9d2e4aea75bb

ENGLAND, SOMERSET, NOVEMBER 20 2013. UPDATE - 7 DEATHS IN M5 CRASH: FIREWORK SMOKE LED TO 'IMPENETRABLE SMOG'

steven morris



Firework display organiser accused of safety breaches after smog caused pile-up in which seven people died

Plumes of smoke from a fireworks display combined with damp, still air to create an "impenetrable smog" that drifted across a motorway at night and caused a pile-up in which seven people died and more than 50 were injured, a crown court has heard. The smog was so dense that drivers likened it to suddenly having a tin of paint thrown over their windscreens and had no chance of avoiding the series of collisions, which involved 24 cars and lorries. Geoffrey Counsell, the contractor in charge of the display, is accused of failing to properly plan the event, in which he fired about 1,500 fireworks in 15 minutes at a rugby club only 200 metres from

the M5 in Somerset. Counsell, 51, who was trading as Firestorm Pyrotechnics, denies breaching health and safety rules by failing to ensure the safety of members of the public. At the start of his trial at Bristol crown court on Monday, the jury was shown images of the "cakes" – packs of up to 100 fireworks that are ignited simultaneously – and "mortar" tubes used to send rockets high into the sky. Prosecuting, Peter Blair QC, said: "He was not handling little rockets or bangers that you or I might acquire for our use with our children in our back gardens. He was handling hazardous explosives." But Blair told the court, which was packed with relatives of those who lost their lives: "The prosecution will be asserting that he had serious weaknesses in his planning." Blair said the display at Taunton rugby club started at 8pm on 4 November 2011 and was well-attended. "There was much excitement and anticipation. Mr Counsell no doubt wanted to put on a good show," he said. But the crowd began to watch the smoke rather than the fireworks. "When Geoffrey Counsell started off his display smoke just built up and built up," said Blair. "It started low and it lingered and it was not being dispersed away and cleared. The visibility had deteriorated so quickly and dramatically that they [the crowd] couldn't even see across the rugby pitch." Blair said conditions were damp, humid and still. The firework smoke mixed with the air to create the kind of smog that once blighted London. Blair told the jury that scientists would be called to explain how light cannot penetrate such smog. The prosecutor claimed that the smog began to drift across the northbound carriageway of the M5. To begin with, vehicles passed through with some drivers later recalling the smell of firework smoke. The first collisions took place at 8.21pm – six minutes after the display ended. "Fifty-one injured, some severely, seven people died," said Blair. "The prosecution say this was no ordinary patch of fog that just happened to be there that evening. "Many of the descriptions they gave of the atmosphere were remarkable and distinctive. Some of them spoke of it as being as if someone had tipped a tin of paint over their windscreen. "Their headlights had no effect whatsoever on penetrating what was in front of them. It was impossible to see what was ahead and the inevitable consequence was the multiple pile-up." Blair said the month before the incident an official at the rugby club said he did not think "a few bangs and crashes" would affect the motorway. But Blair said motorways could be "dangerous places" where vehicles travelled at "breath-taking speeds". He said it would take a lorry just half a second to cross the courtroom. But the stopping distance at 70mph was the length of 24 cars. "The drop in visibility was such as to give vehicles on the M5 no chance of stopping within the distance that they could see ahead," Blair said. "With visibility at effectively zero there would have no opportunity for drivers to have reacted and avoided what came in their path." The trial continues.

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- [M5 Fireworks Trial Hears Organiser may have made Risk Assessment after Fatal Crash](#)
- [Fireworks Man 'Failed over Safety'](#)
- [Trial over M5 Horror Crash that Killed Exeter Store Manager & 6 Others Begins](#)

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/nov/19/m5-crash-firework-smoke-impenetrable-smog>



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USA, WASHINGTON D.C, NOVEMBER 20 2013. RAILROADS BACK RETROFITTING FLAMMABLE LIQUID CARS

U.S. railroads are supporting new safety standards for rail cars that haul flammable liquids to address flaws that can allow crude oil, ethanol and other substances to leak during accidents. The Association of American Railroads said Thursday that railroads support making upgrades to the fleet of 92,000 tank cars that carry flammable liquids. Of those, 14,000 cars are newer cars built to current safety standards. The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is considering a plan intended to fix a dangerous design flaw in a rail car commonly used to haul oil and other hazardous liquids from coast to coast. Safety experts say the soda-can shaped car, known as the DOT-111, has a tendency to split open during derailments and other major accidents.

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2013/nov/19/us-transporting-oil/>

USA, CA, CARSON, NOVEMBER 20 2013. 70 PEOPLE TREATED AFTER SULFURIC ACID FUMES LEAK IN CARSON

 **Watch the Video** [70 People Treated after Sulfuric Acid Fumes Leak](#)

Joseph Serna & Robert J. Lopez

About 70 people in Carson were treated for exposure to fumes from sulfuric acid after a machine malfunctioned and leaked the chemical Monday night, the Los Angeles County Fire Department said. Initial reports indicated that about two dozen workers at a business in the 21000 block of South Maciel Avenue were exposed to the fumes, which can irritate the eyes, nose, skin and lungs. However, the number soon swelled to 70 patients, with 13 of them requiring a trip to the hospital, said L.A. County Supervising Dispatcher Robert Diaz. Most of the patients worked in the business where the machine malfunctioned, he said. The equipment that malfunctioned was some type of cleaning device. Some workers at neighboring businesses also complained of symptoms from the gas, Diaz said. The fumes eventually dissipated, and firefighters cleared the scene about midnight. No serious injuries were reported.

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- [About 70 taken ill after California chemical plant leak](#)
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<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-sulfuric-acid-fumes-carson-20131119,0,1370594.story>

BELGIUM, ANTWERP, NOVEMBER 20 2013. TOTAL SAYS EXPLOSION AT BELGIAN REFINERY KILLS TWO

Géraldine Amiel & Sarah Kent

Blast at Facility in Antwerp's Port Occurred During Planned Maintenance

 **Watch the Video** [2 Dead In Total Oil Refinery Blast In Antwerp](#)



Firemen and police arrive after an explosion at the Total Antwerpen oil refinery at Antwerp harbour, on November 19, 2013. Firemen and police arrive after an explosion at the Total Antwerpen oil refinery at Antwerp harbour, on November 19, 2013.

Total SA said Tuesday it has shut down part of its refinery in the Belgian city of Antwerp, after a steam explosion killed two people. The French oil and gas company said the blast occurred around 3 p.m. local time Tuesday during planned maintenance of a gasoline producing unit. Total didn't provide any further details about the explosion, saying "the situation is now under control." The company said both of the victims worked for a subcontractor. A spokeswoman said neither worker had been identified yet. The Port of Antwerp, Europe's second-biggest port, remains open as usual to shipping traffic and there

was no environmental impact, said a spokeswoman. The Antwerp refinery is one of the largest in Europe, with the capacity to process 17 million metric tons of crude oil a year. However, the impact of a closure would be cushioned by market conditions. "Most refineries are running at reduced rates," said Olivier Jakob, managing director of Swiss Consultancy Petromatrix. "Overall it's not going to be difficult for Europe to replace capacity." Europe's refining sector has suffered in recent years as a result of dwindling demand amid weak economic growth and increased competition from rivals in Asia, the Middle East and North America. According to a report published by the International Energy Agency this month, the amount of oil processed by



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European refiners in September was the smallest since April 1991. Total has already shut down some of its refining capacity in Europe and recently Chief Executive [Christophe de Margerie](#) said it would close more in the near term.

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USA TX, IRVING, NOVEMBER 20 2013. CHEMICAL SPILL CLOSES PART OF STATE HIGHWAY 114 IN IRVING

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 **Document** [potassium Hydroxide – Hazardous Substance Fact Sheet](#)

A chemical spill on State Highway 114 closed westbound lanes in Irving while crews worked to clean it up. The driver of a truck carrying 10 300-gallon barrels noticed that potassium hydroxide, which is used in making soaps and alkaline batteries, was leaking from one of the containers, Irving Assistant Fire Chief Rusty Wilson said. Hazardous-materials workers were cleaning up more than 250 gallons of the chemical, which is also known as caustic potash. Westbound lanes between North Belt Line Road and Estes Boulevard remained closed late Monday.

<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/community-news/irving/headlines/20131119-chemical-spill-closes-part-of-state-highway-114-in-irving.ece>

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE, NOVEMBER 20 2013. [APACMA/APICSA] INFORMATIVE SESSION ON DANGEROUS GOODS



National President of APICSA, Russell Dupuy, addresses attendees.

Seventy-five attendees were treated to a sumptuous banquet at Brisbane's Greek Club as industry experts explained changes to the Act and Regulations involving the transport and storage of dangerous goods. The introduction of national Work Health and Safety legislation has seen sweeping changes to the laws surrounding the storage of flammable and combustible liquids in Queensland. Organised by the State office of APICSA, in conjunction with ACAPMA and with support from G-Tech and Cadway Projects, the luncheon was an opportunity for experts to address the industry as the effect of the changes becomes more apparent. Russell Dupuy, National President APICSA, welcomed the attendees, who then heard presentations from Elisha Radwanowski, Manager of Association Business, ACAPMA; Tapash Das, Senior Dangerous Goods Advisor, Hazardous Industries and Chemicals Branch, Workplace Health and Safety Queensland; and Paul Magee, Environmental Protection and Compliance, Brisbane City Council. Mrs Radwanowski said the lunch was well attended and the delegates engaged in some informative discussions with each other and the presenters. State Secretary APICSA Qld, Paul Richardson, who was instrumental in pulling the event together, said the lunch attracted a range of attendees – suppliers, contractors and customers. He said it was the biggest turnout ever for a QLD APICSA

event – apart from trade shows and conferences – and he was looking forward to working with ACAPMA to bring more information to members of both organisation. Workplace Health & Safety Queensland, which has recently completely a state-



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wide audit of service stations, also took the opportunity to release new and relevant guidance material during the lunch. The presentation will be circulated to delegates and ACAPMA will make a web version available in the coming weeks.

http://www.acapma.com.au/articles/informative-session-on-dangerous-goods.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=thewebconsole.com&utm_campaign=Enewsletter++201112013&utm_content=17062250&c=17166633&c=c8a983d504c916c6ae6f9d2e4aea75bb

USA, OK, OKLAHOMA CITY, NOVEMBER 20 2013. CREWS CONTAIN 2,500 GALLONS OF KEROSENE ON FIRE IN S.E. OKLAHOMA CITY

a. edwards

 **Photo's [4]** [Crews Contain 2,500 Gallons of Kerosene on Fire](#)



Crews have contained a fire at a warehouse in southeast Oklahoma City Tuesday morning. Authorities said a significant amount of kerosene, a 2,500 gallon vat, somehow caught fire just before 8 a.m. near S.E. 44th St. and S. Eastern Ave. Officials have not said how the fire started on the 1800 block of S.E. 40th St. So far, no serious injuries have been reported.

<http://kfor.com/2013/11/19/crews-working-to-contain-kerosene-fire-in-southeast-oklahoma-city/>

USA, ARK, MAYFLOWER, NOVEMBER 20 2013. OIL SPILL DAMAGES EXCEED \$70 MILLION,

[ExxonMobil](#) estimates that the March oil spill in an Arkansas subdivision has caused more than \$70.5 million in damages for the company, according to documents recently filed with the federal government. The figures were reported in an updated accident report submitted late last month to the federal [Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration](#), the [Arkansas Democrat-Gazette](#) reported Tuesday (<http://bit.ly/1bYnom1>). Exxon's pipeline ruptured March 29, spilling thousands of barrels of oil in the Mayflower community about 30 miles northwest of Little Rock. Exxon spokesman [Aaron Stryk](#) said the damage total does not include the purchase of subdivision homes, which the company has offered to purchase based on appraisals from before the oil spill. "These are costs related to cleanup and remediation," Stryk said. Property records show that Exxon had purchased 20 of the subdivision's 62 houses as of Monday. Three of the purchased houses, all within yards of the rupture site, have been demolished because of oil beneath their foundations. Stryk said the company "will maintain and market the properties it purchases in a manner that will be considerate of the value of the neighboring properties and the rest of the subdivision." He said the company had not placed any houses up for sale as of Monday. According to the latest accident report, the cost of the emergency response to the oil spill was estimated at \$58.8 million, with environmental remediation costs put at \$7.5 million. The estimated cost of the pipeline company's property damage and repair was placed at \$1.2 million, while the cost of the commodity — Canadian crude oil — lost was put at \$300,000. The company estimated that "other costs" had reached \$2.7 million, which included expenses for temporary housing and living expenses for spill-affected residents. The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has recommended \$2.6 million in civil penalties against Exxon, finding nine probable violations of pipeline safety regulations. Stryk said Exxon is still reviewing the notice of probable violations.

<http://www.chron.com/news/science/article/Oil-spill-damages-exceed-70-million-Exxon-says-4993252.php>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, NOVEMBER 20 2013. AUSTRALIA 'UNCOMPETITIVE': BP AXES STAFF

madeleine heffernan

At least 300 people are set to lose their jobs as global energy giant BP cuts costs at its Australian business. A spokesman for BP told BusinessDay: "I can confirm there will be significant job losses." He said that although Australia was still considered a growth market, over the past few years it had become uncompetitive. The 600-odd employees at BP's headquarters in Melbourne were today told of the job cuts, the spokesman said. Exact numbers are not yet confirmed although the cuts are estimated to be about 150. Staff members at BP subsidiary Elite Customer Solutions were also told today that 30 per cent of their jobs - or around 170 staff - would be made redundant and sent overseas. There are about 530 employees at Elite, which manages the fuel deliveries to BP service stations, as well as doing sales and marketing for BP, and accounts. At least one



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team has been offshored. Others have been told they could reapply for a reduced number of jobs and would know by March next year whether they could stay. It is not known where the jobs have been sent to, although there is speculation they will go Bangalore or Manila. Previous work has been sent to Kuala Lumpur. In an email to staff, Andy Holmes, the President of BP Australasia, refers to staff who have been "disestablished" - apparently a reference to people who are being asked to reapply for the jobs that remain. The job cuts followed an eight-week organisational review.

Related Stories [BP to Cut Jobs from 1250 Employed in Melbourne, to Improve Competitiveness](#)

<http://www.smh.com.au/business/mining-and-resources/australia-uncompetitive-bp-axes-staff-20131120-2xv3y.html>

USA, N.C, LONG VIEW, NOVEMBER 20 2013. FUEL LEAK INTO FRYE CREEK CONTAINED >> CREWS WORK TO CONTROL FUEL OIL SPIL

john tinkelenberg

Watch the Video [Firefighters Contain Underground Fuel Leak in Catawba Co.](#)



Hickory and Long View firefighters build an earthen dam at the 17th Street NW culvert to stop an underground fuel oil leak near a Century Furniture warehouse in Long View.

Environmental and emergency crews worked Tuesday morning to prevent further contamination from fuel oil that leaked into Frye Creek and a nearby tributary. Workers at the Century Furniture warehouse near 21st Street NW and 2nd Avenue NW called authorities about 8:30 a.m. after they found an in-ground fuel oil tank leaking. Long View and Hickory fire departments and environmental cleanup agency STAT Inc., of Lenoir, were on scene. Emergency crews built earthen dams in the creek to contain the flow of the oil, both at the original site and further down the creek. They also used absorbent booms. Long View Fire

Chief Eric Shepherd said STAT began pumping some of the spilled oil at 9:30 a.m. He said the tank appeared to have leaked for a while, and a pocket of oil was exposed when dirt was disturbed. Shepherd said there was a low impact to the environment and it was contained to the immediate area. He said the crews dammed near where the creek crosses 2nd Avenue NW. "There was not a tremendous runaway from the area because they notified us in time," Shepherd said. "We got it dammed and backed up real quick." Shepherd said he expected STAT to begin digging out the tank and the contaminated soil immediately. A report was made with the National Response Center. Once a report is made with the National Response Center, that report is disseminated to federal, state and local responders and agencies. From there, it is decided which agencies respond, according to Stephen Ball, duty officer for EPA Region 4. There will be inspections by the N.C. Department of Environmental and Natural Resources Division of Water Resources, according to Andrew Pitner, environmental regional supervisor. He said, in situations such as this, the division will work concurrently with the emergency management team and shortly thereafter. He said oftentimes, the Division of Waste Management will respond as well, because of the involvement of a fuel oil tank. "When something is seeping into the soil, there's typically additional soil that needs to be excavated," Pitner said.

Related Stories

- [Fuel leak into Frye Creek contained](#)
- [Firefighters Contain Underground Fuel Leak in Catawba County \(NC\)](#)
- [Firefighters contain underground fuel leak in Catawba Co.](#)

http://www.hickoryrecord.com/news/article_bea44688-512e-11e3-a64f-0019bb30f31a.html

USA, CO, COMMERCE CITY, NOVEMBER 20 2013. REFINER TO PAY \$1.9 MILLION TO SETTLE OIL LAWSUIT

Suncor oil refinery operators have agreed to pay \$1.9 million to settle a lawsuit by federal and state authorities over a toxic spill that contaminated Sand Creek and the South Platte River. A consent decree filed in U.S. District Court says government authorities agree to drop further legal action unless the spill worsens. The settlement requires court approval after at least 30 days for public notice and comment. [According to the Denver Post](#), Colorado Attorney General John Suthers and U.S. Department of Justice attorneys filed a civil lawsuit against Suncor seeking remedies for harm caused initial by a 2011 spill from a broken underground pipe beneath storage tanks.

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/11/19/refiner-to-pay-1-9-million-to-settle-oil-lawsuit/>



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AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, CORIO, NOVEMBER 20 2013. CREWS CONTAIN FUEL LEAK AT SHELL REFINERY IN CORIO

erin pearson, rebekah cavanagh

 **Watch the Video** [Highly Flammable Substance Leak at Shell](#)



Emergency vehicles at the Shell refinery in Geelong this morning.

Shell is investigating the cause of a fuel leak at its refinery in Corio today. The facility was locked down after firefighters were alerted to the uncontrolled leak in the refinery's catalytic cracking unit about 5am. The company declared the "all-clear" at the site about 9.30am. More than a dozen fire crews worked to contain the highly-flammable leak. Ian Beswick, the CFA's deputy incident controller on the scene, said the leak was downgraded to minor after 8am. He said there was no immediate risk to the public. He said fire crews had spent three hours slowly closing it down. "The leak is still happening but it's a small amount and nothing has gone off-site," he said earlier. "We've done atmospheric monitoring across Shell itself and there's no readings, except for right next to the leak." Shell said

fuel supplies would not be affected. "The refinery is still operating and we're not expecting any market impacts," Shell spokesman Paul Zennaro said.

Related Stories

- [Fuel spill closes part of the Shell refinery at Geelong](#)
- [Fuel leak stopped at Vic Shell refinery](#)
- [Firefighters try to stop petrol leak at Shell refinery in Geelong](#)
- [Fuel spill closes Shell refinery at Geelong](#)
- [Highly flammable substance leak at Geelong Shell Refinery](#)

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/crews-contain-fuel-leak-at-shell-refinery-in-corio/story-fni0fit3-1226763989247>

NEW ZEALAND, NEW PLYMOUTH, NOVEMBER 20 2013. CHILDREN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL AFTER NEW PLYMOUTH CHLORINE SPILL

anna cross



The Todd Energy Aquatic Centre.

Eight children under the age of 12 have been taken to hospital this evening after a chlorine spill at a New Plymouth pool. Emergency services were called to the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre just after 5pm. The New Plymouth District Council is investigating the spill. Manager of Recreation and Events Ron Murray says the chlorinators at the pool were shut down for a time this afternoon when a faulty valve was discovered. He says the spill occurred when they were turned back on. "Unfortunately it injected some chlorine into the spa pool and there were about 10 people in the pool at the time. "We believe five of them felt unwell, and so an ambulance was called to take them to hospital." Mr Murray says: "People presented themselves to reception coughing, some of them felt a bit unwell, so our staff reacted immediately." Seven of those

affected are likely to go home tonight, while one is to stay at the hospital for 12 hours for observation. No one is thought to be seriously affected.

<http://www.farmingshow.com/news/nbnat/1507537503-chlorine-spill-in-new-plymouth>

USA, OH, ZANESVILLE, NOVEMBER 20 2013. I-70 TANKER ACCIDENT UPDATE

 **Watch the Video** [I-70 Tanker Accident Update](#)

The Zanesville Post of the Highway Patrol says it's still trying to figure out why a tanker truck driver went off of I-70 into a culvert this morning. Troopers say that 53-year-old Jon Pierce of Frazesburg was in the eastbound lanes just past the Airport Road exit when he drove off the highway. The Highway Patrol says the Petroleum crude oil tanker was empty at the time of the accident, but its fuel tank did suffer a leak which had to be cleaned up. The Muskingum County Emergency Management



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Agency and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency were called to the scene. The Ohio Department of Transportation has temporarily closed one lane of I-70 so guardrail clean-up can take place. Troopers say Pierce was cited with failure to control. <http://www.whiznews.com/content/news/local/2013/11/19/i-70-tanker-accident-update>

NEW ZEALAND, BAY OF PLENTY, KATIKATI, NOVEMBER 20 2013. FIRE CREWS SCRAMBLE TO ISOLATE PETROL TANKS DURING BLAZE

rebecca quilliam



Fire crews were called to a petrol station fire in Katikati overnight.

Fire crews scrambled to isolate petrol tanks at a Bay of Plenty service station fire overnight. Emergency services were called to the blaze at the Caltex station on Main Road at Katikati just before 2am, northern communications spokesman Jarron Philips said. The station's 40m by 40m workshop was well alight when crews arrived. "The petrol tanks had to be isolated - there was some concern of the extreme heat from the workshop fire." The fire was not thought to be suspicious, but fire investigators would arrive at the scene later today to determine the cause. It took two hours to control the blaze and crews were still

dampening down hotspots, Mr Philips said. No other properties were damaged and there were no injuries, he said.

Related Stories

- [Fire destroys petrol station](#)
- [Fire wrecks Katikati service station](#)
- [Fire destroys Katikati Caltex](#)
- [Fire crews battle blaze at Katikati Caltex](#)

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11159903&ref=rss

USA, AZ, FOUNTAIN HILLS, NOVEMBER 20 2013. FUEL SPILL MAJOR CONCERN

Businesses at Saguaro and Shea boulevards were evacuated early Sunday morning, Nov. 17, after a gasoline tanker ruptured and spilled between 2,500 4,000 gallons of its cargo. Firefighters and hazardous materials teams converged on the intersection after the tanker truck struck a post between the McDonald's restaurant and Circle K, tearing a hole in the tank. Fire Chief Randy Roberts said a main concern was the number of potential sources of ignition for the gasoline that could cause an explosion and fire. Roberts said firefighters pulled large protective hose lines to prepare for that possibility. The gasoline was flowing north along Saguaro from Trevino Drive as far as Ledferd Lane. Fire crews built dirt dikes to contain the gasoline. An Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) emergency responder assessed the environmental impact. An environmental clean-up contractor was called to the scene. Town Environmental Planner Raymond Rees said he is working closely with ADEQ to assess the extent of the spill. Rees said the fuel crossed under Saguaro Boulevard through a culvert and into a wash between the First Baptist Church and the Clear Aire subdivision. The fuel transport company is responsible for the clean-up, and a firm has been hired to do the work. The effort will take an undetermined amount of time. Southbound traffic on Saguaro Boulevard has been reduced to one lane from just south of Palmer Lane to Trevino Drive for the clean-up efforts.

http://www.fhtimes.com/news/local_news/article_216d6ec0-5094-11e3-a096-0019bb30f31a.html

MALTA, NOVEMBER 20 2013. ENEMALTA ORDERED TO PAY WORKER €85,000 OVER 1999 ACCIDENT

Enemalta was ordered to pay an employee over €85,000 in damages over a workplace accident which occurred in 1999 – 11 years after the corporation was found responsible. Louis Borg Falzon was a 41-year-old tank cleaner at Enemalta when the accident occurred on 11 March, 1999, while aviation fuel was being transferred into a bowser to enable the cleaning of a storage tank. But this bowser caught fire during the operation, producing a flare which caused burns injuries in Mr Borg Falzon's face and arms and caused him to fall backwards. Mr Borg Falzon was unable to go to work for six months. But while his burn injuries healed well, he had also sustained neck and back injuries when he fell, which caused a persistent nerve irritation. He also suffered from psychological problems for which he continued to receive treatment. In court, Mr Borg Falzon testified that while he returned to work after six months, he no longer felt able to work overtime – he used to work an average of 8 hours overtime before the accident. He said that he was barely able to cope with his regular workload, pointing out that his



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colleagues were helping him do so, and that as a result of the accident, he could not hope for any career progression. Enemalta was found to have been responsible for the accident in December 2002, and the case was put off for the calculation of damages. Based on a permanent disability of 20%, Mr Borg Falzon's income and his age at the time of the accident, Judge Lorraine Schembri Orland ordered Enemalta to pay him €79,849 in compensation for the loss of income, as well as an additional €5,479.66 to cover his medical expenses

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- [Enemalta Ordered to pay €85000 Compensation](#)
- [Enemalta Ordered to pay Worker €85000 for 1999 Injuries](#)
- [Former Enemalta Employee Wins €85,328 in Damages](#)

<http://www.independent.com.mt/articles/2013-11-19/news/enemalta-ordered-to-pay-worker-85000-over-1999-accident-3236790274/>

USA, MI, LANSING, NOVEMBER 20 2013. TWO MEN CRITICALLY INJURED IN GAS TANK FIRE AT AUTO REPAIR SHOP

 **Watch the Video** [2 Men Critically Injured in Gas Tank Fire](#)

 **Photo's [6]** [Car Repair Mishap Sparked Fire](#)

 **Photo's [9]** [Fire Sends 2 People with Critical Injuries to Hospital](#)

A fire at an auto repair facility left two men critically injured and damaged the building on the site of a used car dealership on Lansing's south side. Three people were inside the barn-style structure behind RPM Auto Sales at 5436 S. Cedar St., south of Jolly Road, when the fire broke out shortly before 1 p.m. Tuesday, Lansing fire officials said. Firefighters arrived to find heavy smoke billowing from the building and a severely burned man outside, Lansing Fire Department Public Information Officer Lt. Bruce Odom said. They found the second victim inside the garage with his shirt "completely burned off his body," Odom said. The two men, whose names and ages were not released, were taken to Sparrow Hospital in critical condition. The third person who was inside the building when the fire started declined to be taken to the hospital. Odom said workers were trying to remove a fuel pump from an elevated vehicle when the gas tank fell onto the concrete floor, causing a spark that ignited gasoline in the tank. Firefighters quickly extinguished the flames, which had spread throughout the building, he said. Jarrod Olsen, operations manager for RPM, said he was inside the dealership when employees ran in to report the fire. They grabbed fire extinguishers and ran to the garage, he said. "It all happened really fast," Olsen said. The garage facility sits on property shared by RPM Auto Sales and Lansing Auto Repair & Towing. Olsen said the garage was being used by a contractor who was not doing work for the dealership. He said he did not know the name of the business. State records show three repair facilities are licensed to operate at the site, a spokesman for the Michigan Department of State said. A section of South Cedar Street was closed to traffic for a time after the fire.

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/viewart/20131119/NEWS01/311190034/>

USA, UT, WOODS CROSS, NOVEMBER 20- 2013. FIRE AT HOLLYFRONTIER REFINERY CONTAINED WITHOUT INJURY, INCIDENT

mckenzie romero



Firefighters try to contain a fire at the Holly Refinery Monday, Nov. 18, 2013, in Woods Cross, A gas leak at the HollyFrontier Corp. refinery temporarily evacuated the location Monday.

A gas leak at the HollyFrontier Corp. refinery temporarily evacuated the location Monday. The fire broke out on a hose transporting gas oil about 2:30 p.m., setting off an alarm signaling all employees not involved in containing the problem to exit the facility, said Mike Astin, a spokesman for the refinery. The fire was contained by HollyFrontier personnel and allowed to burn out without injury or incident, Astin reported. Local police and fire crews were also on scene to provide support, as well as shutting down nearby 800 West between 500 South and 400 North as a precaution. "Any material that's being released, we don't want it to come out in a combustible form," Astin said. "We'd like it to burn right



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there so we've got it contained and it doesn't create a hazard." Damage was limited, but the affected refinery unit will be inoperable for about a day while repairs are made, he said. After the fire, personnel from the refinery tested the air in nearby communities to make sure it was safe, Astin said.

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865590848/Fire-at-HollyFrontier-refinery-contained-without-injury-incident.html>

INDIA, TAMIL NADU, SALEM, NOVEMBER 21 2013. FIVE KILLED IN LPG CYLINDER EXPLOSION

m. k. ananth



Fire and rescue services personnel remove debris from the houses that collapsed after a gas cylinder explosion at Attayampatti in Salem district on Wednesday morning.

Five persons, including a four-year-old girl, were killed and four others injured when an LPG cylinder exploded on Wednesday morning in a residential complex on Mettukadai Street in Attayampatti Village, nearly 25 km from Salem. According to police, the explosion occurred around 6.10 a.m. in one of the nine apartment complexes, damaging three flats on the first floor of the building. Ayesha (38), her son Siddique (17), their neighbour A. Devarajan (50), his wife Malliga (45) and their grand daughter Deepadharshini (4) were killed in the explosion due to a gas leak from the cylinder in Devarajan's house. Ayesha,

Siddique and Devarajan died on the spot. Malliga and the child died at the hospital. The injured are: Ayesha's husband Ahmedullah (45), their son Aasif (13), daughter Sahitha (14), Devarajan's son Kumar (25), daughter Sandhya (23) and Gurubaran (25) and his wife Meenakshi (22) who were staying in the adjacent flat. The roof of the apartments of Ayesha and Devarajan collapsed and a portion of the roof collapsed in Gurubaran's flat. The explosion left cracks on the walls of other houses on the first floor. "The child (Deepadarshini) was flung about 50 feet away from the house in the explosion. She was lying on the ground floor under a pile of debris," said J. Yogaraj, who was among the first few to rescue the injured victims.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/five-killed-in-lpg-cylinder-explosion/article5370892.ece?homepage=true>

USA, CA, RANCHO CORDOVA, NOVEMBER 21 2013. STATE LABOR OFFICIALS INVESTIGATE AEROJET EXPLOSION

richard chang

 **Watch the Video** [2 employees injured in explosion at Aerojet hangar](#)

 **Photo's [18]** [2 Injured in Explosion at Aerojet Hangar](#)



Aerojet Corp. in Rancho Cordova.

State labor safety officials are investigating an explosion Tuesday that rocked the Aerojet Rocketdyne campus in Rancho Cordova and injured two workers. Authorities released few details about the incident, which occurred just before 8 a.m. Investigators have not said what caused the explosion or what the workers were doing. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Department concluded that the incident was not criminal and has turned the probe over to the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health. "It appears to be an industrial accident," said Sgt. Lisa Bowman, Sheriff's Department spokeswoman. Multiple units from the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District were called to the scene by Aerojet officials.

No fire was found upon their arrival. One employee was taken to a hospital and another was treated on site, Aerojet confirmed in a written statement. Peter Melton, a Cal-OSHA spokesman, said one worker suffered serious injuries. Their names have not been released. Helicopter video footage on Channel 3 (KCRA) showed a tattered white warehouse with its door and roof blown off. Pieces of debris were scattered in the vicinity, while a metal barrel and other machinery sat inside the facility. The video also showed a small contingent of emergency personnel scouring the site, located in an isolated area and described by authorities only as "Building 05030." Ten deputies from the Sheriff's Department responded, including three bomb squad detectives, Bowman said. FBI agents were also present, she said. Two Cal-OSHA safety inspectors arrived on scene Tuesday afternoon and were "assessing the situation," Melton said. At Aerojet Gate 3 across from the Folsom Lake Honda dealership, it was business as usual. Workers came and went, zipping through



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the gate near a battery of TV cameras. Aerojet employees declined to comment. Officials were slow to release information Tuesday, with the first confirmation of an explosion coming four hours after the fact. "The information sharing is a little difficult," Bowman told reporters at a noon press conference. "Private companies have to go through their chain of command to release specific information." Rancho Cordova city officials were similarly left in the dark. "We were trying to get information ourselves," city spokesman Troy Holt said. "If it was out on the streets in Rancho Cordova, I would know a whole lot more." Aerojet assured city officials there was no risk to Rancho Cordova's 67,000 residents, Holt added. The last accident at the Aerojet campus occurred in 2005, when an employee committed suicide, according to Cal-OSHA. Four complaints against the company have been filed since 2006. A routine inspection in December 2010 found five violations, including one related to sulfuric acid. Aerojet was subsequently fined \$1,695. During its heyday in the 1960s, Aerojet built rocket engines for the space program and weapons that were part of the United States' Cold War arsenal. The roar of engines being tested could be heard for miles around. In the last four decades, the company has tried to reinvent itself. Aerojet and its parent company, GenCorp, tried to diversify, putting money into electronics, chemicals and auto parts. Earlier this year, GenCorp Inc.'s \$550 million takeover of Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne was cleared by the Federal Trade Commission.

<http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2013/11/19/3343516/explosion-reported-at-aerojet.html>

NIGERIA, LAGOS, NOVEMBER 21 2013. TANKER CRUSHES TWO PUPILS IN LAGOS

A road traffic accident in which two school pupils were killed, yesterday, on the Lekki-Epe Expressway, Lagos, led to a protest that generated an unprecedented gridlock on the usually busy highway. For several hours, protesters blocked the entire expressway, making passage in both directions, impossible. The accident occurred directly opposite the Ikota Primary School premises, a public school, as the children crossed the expressway. An eye witness told Vanguard that the pupils, numbering five, who came from the Mega Chicken side of the road, had crossed the first part of the expressway and were on the pavement in the middle of the road when a tanker from the Ajah end, knocked off a Spots Utility Van, SUV, that stopped for the children to cross over. The tanker, it was gathered, then hit the children on the pavement, killing two of them on the spot while the other three sustained serious injuries and are currently receiving treatment at a nearby clinic. The tanker driver reportedly took to his heels after the accident.

The Protest

It was gathered that things went awry when some members of the Ikota Youth Association took advantage of the incident to protest against what they termed government's insensitivity to their plea to provide the area with a pedestrian bridge. It was aggravated as policemen drafted to the scene fired tear-gas and gun shots into the air. Olugbenga Adesanmi, a spokesperson of the association lamented Lagos State government's unresponsiveness to their plea. He declared a seven-day ultimatum for the state to do something about the situation, otherwise they would react violently. He said: "Some of the youths who witnessed the accident, based on the fact that we have been canvassing a pedestrian bridge at this spot, came out to protest the killing. "Instead of the police who earlier arrived the scene to find an acceptable way of managing the situation, they fired sporadically at passers-by and protesters, causing more casualties. "Four people were injured including a woman who had a baby on her back. It is speculated that the child on her back died as a result of gun shot. "If we should count the number accidents that happen on this spot from January till date, it will be over 200. We are giving them seven days to do something about this situation, otherwise, they will have to kill all of us." However, the Ajuwa Divisional Police Officer, Issah Lawal, who was present at the scene with his men said there was a fatal accident which involved three school children around 8 a.m.

Police React

According to him, "three school children were involved in the accident, two of them died on the spot while the third child is receiving treatment at a nearby hospital. "The allegation that men of the Police Force shot, killed and injured some protesters and passers-by is not to my knowledge. Like I said, my men have been here. "We were contacted immediately the accident occurred and we responded swiftly. We got here in 10 minutes."

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201311190976.html?viewall=1>

CANADA, ONT, PORT HOPE, NOVEMBER 21 2013. OPP ASSIST IN TANKER FUEL SPILL

At approximately 7:50 pm on Tuesday November 19, 2013 Northumberland Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) attended to a dangerous condition on Highway 401 at County Road 10 off ramp in the Municipality of Port Hope where a transport truck was leaking diesel fuel. OPP assisted Port Hope Fire Department (PHFD) and the Ministry of Transportation in (MTO) members containing diesel fuel that was running out on to the shoulder from an external tank on the transport truck that had been



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punctured by debris on the 401. The driver exited the 401 at the off ramp of County Road 10 and called for assistance. The Ministry of Environment's (MOE) Spills Action Center was contacted and attended to assess the situation. PHFD crew contained the leak and the tanker was removed from the scene. A local spill cleanup company attended and transferred the remaining fuel and cleaned up the road.

There were no injuries or further traffic hazards reported. The ramp was re-opened at 10:17 pm.

<http://www.northumberlandview.ca/index.php?module=news&type=user&func=display&sid=25476>

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, SEA LOTS, NOVEMBER 21 2013. POLICE DIG OUT 2 DIESEL TANKS FOUND IN SEA LOTS

jensen lavende



One of the tanks which was being used as an illegal fuel bunker, was discovered in Sea Lots, on Monday.

Just over 11,000 litres of diesel was found in two underground tanks at an abandoned lot of land in Sea Lots on Monday afternoon, police said yesterday. The excavating of the tanks ended around 1 am yesterday police said and 11,400 litres of diesel was found. Police searched the area for other buried tanks but none were found. The local subsidised price for diesel is \$1.50 a litre. The unsubsidised price is \$4.21 a litre. Police estimate the cost of the diesel at \$17,100 locally. However, on the black market the fuel could be sold for upward of \$50,000. Officers of the Besson Street Police Station, Port-of-Spain CID, Canine Unit and other branches went to the area on Monday afternoon after close investigations and tip-offs that there were diesel bunkering taking place in the abandoned land, just off Pioneer Drive, Sea Lots. Officers conducted searches in the area yesterday in the hope of arresting the culprits. Though they were empty-handed in that regard the officers managed to arrest 14 people for various offences including possession of narcotics. This was the third time for the year that illegal bunkering activity has been discovered in the community. According to police reports, around 2.30 pm on Monday officers of the Inter Agency Task Force (IATF) were on patrol in the Sea Lots area when they discovered the two underground tanks on an abandoned lot of land. The tanks were estimated to be 12 feet deep with close to four feet of diesel in each tank, and were close to the shoreline. The officers also found a pump and several hoses used to fill the tanks of boats that officers believe went into the mangrove

from the Gulf of Paria to fill up on fuel.

<http://guardian.co.tt/news/2013-11-20/police-dig-out-2-diesel-tanks-found-sea-lots>

BRUNEI, BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, NOVEMBER 21 2013. GASOLINE, TYRES ALLEGEDLY DUMPED INTO BRUNEI RIVER

Some members of the public have expressed their dismay over alleged irresponsible acts by some karters who reportedly, dumped a huge amount of gasoline and many tyres into the Brunei River during the recently concluded Go-Kart Race dubbed the "Bandar Race" held in the capital, Borneo Bulletin reported. According to a concerned Borneo Bulletin reader who was among the hundreds of spectators during the event held in conjunction with the renaming anniversary of Brunei Town to Bandar Seri Begawan, following the conclusion of the race, a team of go-kart racers dumped used gasoline into the Brunei River, causing the area near the bazaar during the event to reek of petrol. "As if that wasn't enough, one of the teams threw their go-kart tyres into the river. I wouldn't be surprised if the tyres are still floating around," the reader added. Another spectator relayed the same concern, saying that following the event, the go-kart members were seen indiscriminately discarding worn out tyres, some spare parts and empty drinking bottles into the river, ignoring the fact that there were people around to witness the Whole act. "They were also seen pouring gasoline into the water and then dumping the bottles too, which not only caused water pollution but also left the air with an overbearing smell of gasoline," the reader said. "It was not just once or twice but five times I saw teams dumping gasoline into the river. We were shocked. A few of us who witnessed the acts just looked at each other and were lost for words." He added that the go-kart teams may not have had much choice. "I



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think the organiser of the race might not have provided adequate disposal facilities. Dumping into the river might have been the only choice for them," he said. "It would be greatly appreciated if the authorities concerned could do something about this. It's terribly disappointing to see our own people polluting the river so casually," said another eyewitness. The Department of Environment, Parks and Recreation (JASTRe), which acts as a coordinating agency for environmental protection and conservation as well as a regulatory agency for Environmental Acts and regulation, could not be reached for comment yesterday. The Borneo Bulletin contacted the JASTRe Hotline 140 to find out if they have received similar complaints but was told they have received none so far. An official from the Enforcement Division of the BSB Municipal Department said they will launch an investigation if the allegations are true as it is an offence.

<http://www.theborneopost.com/2013/11/20/gasoline-tyres-allegedly-dumped-into-brunei-river/>

USA, N.C, LONG VIEW, NOVEMBER 21 2013. FUEL OIL SPILL CLEANUP CONTINUES



Teams spent Wednesday continuing to deal with the fuel oil leak at a Century Furniture warehouse that contaminated Frye Creek. "It's concerning because that can be dangerous health-wise," said Jessica Benge, 24. She grew up in a home beside Frye Creek and remembers playing in the creek as a child. "We definitely won't be going into the creek now," she said. Workers were clearing brush and straightening the banks of the creek near the warehouse when they saw oil oozing from the ground Tuesday, Long View Fire Chief Eric Shepherd said. "It had been leaking into the ground for a while, but we don't know how long or how much," he said. The warehouse is near the intersection of 21st

Street NW and Second Avenue NW. The leak came from a 15,000-gallon underground tank, said Dennis Tart with Century Furniture. He said the tank was not used often. Crews drained about 2,000 gallons of fuel oil from the tank, said Andrew Pitner, environmental regional supervisor for the N. C. Department of Environmental and Natural Resources Division of Water Resources. It is unclear how much oil was in the tank before the leak started. Pitner said the contamination appears to be restricted to an area fairly close to the leak. There is stained soil and oil seeping from the soil near the leak, but crews appear to have done a good job of preventing the oil from flowing down the creek, he said. Century Furniture is working with STAT Inc., an environmental cleanup agency based in Lenoir, to resolve the problem. Crews are trying to determine exactly where the leak started, Pitner said. Once the leak is found, he expects the leaking tank, as well as a second tank nearby, will be dug out of the ground and the hole will be backfilled. Excavation of the tanks is complicated by storm water pipes, stairs and fencing near the tanks. STAT and Century will send soil samples to a certified lab to be tested for oil contamination, Pitner said. The certified lab will then report its findings to the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources. The cause of the leak is uncertain, but Pitner said erosion from summer flooding could be to blame.

http://www.hickoryrecord.com/news/article_ac62d3ce-523a-11e3-adb7-001a4bcf6878.html

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, WEIPA, NOVEMBER 21 2013. GAS LEAK ON RIO'S WEIPA SITE, WORKERS EVACUATED



Acetylene cylinders.

Workers have been evacuated from Rio Tinto Alcan's Weipa bauxite operation this morning, after a gas leak was identified. One employee was injured, suffering a freeze burn to the hand. A tank containing acetylene gas located in the main workshop at the site has been confirmed as the source of the leak. Rio said its fire and rescue team responded to contain the leak and despite other media reports there has been no explosion. There have been no other injuries. "All personnel in the workshop and surrounding areas have been evacuated," a Rio Tinto spokesperson said. "Evacuated employees are expected to be able to return to their workplaces later this afternoon." Rio Tinto Alcan will investigate the cause of the incident.

<http://www.miningaustralia.com.au/news/gas-leak-on-rio-s-weipa-site-workers-evacuated>



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SAUDI ARABIA, JEDDAH, NOVEMBER 21 2013. FUEL TANK FIRE PUT OUT

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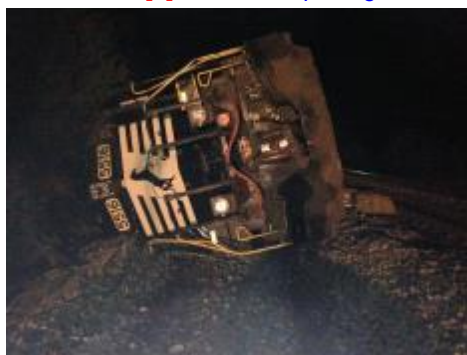
Contained: Firefighters used foam to douse the fire.

Civil Defense firefighters contained a major fire that gutted three diesel tanks northeast of Jeddah on Tuesday, stopping the blaze from spreading to nearby buildings. Col. Saeed Sarhan, spokesman of the department in the Makkah region, said the firefighters moved to the area soon after receiving information about the fire. "Five firefighting teams, a rescue team and an ambulance were immediately mobilized," the spokesman said. A snorkel truck was also sent to the site. He said that Civil Defense teams used foam to fight the fire from three sides. Sarhan said nobody was injured in the accident. "We have launched an investigation to determine the cause of the blaze," Sarhan said.

<http://www.arabnews.com/news/480761>

USA, TN, BULLS GAP, NOVEMBER 21 2013. TRAIN TRANSPORTING 100,000 GALLONS OF PROPANE DERAILS IN HAWKINS COUNTY

 **Photo's [5]** [Train Transporting 100,000 Gallons of Propane Derails](#)



Rescuers dodged a big bullet Tuesday night when a Southern Railroad train derailed in Bulls Gap, and the only cars that didn't tip over were at the back of the line including four carrying 28,000 gallons of propane each. The accident occurred around 10:20 p.m. as some cars were being pulled through a spur at Seminole Gas. Apparently a middle car came off the track, which caused chain reaction, tipping all cars in front of it including the engine. The biggest cleanup was for diesel fuel that leaked out of the engine. Two men were on the train at the time of the derailment, including the engineer who suffered a head injury and other bumps and bruises when the engine tipped over. The engineer was treated for injuries but returned to the accident site early Wednesday morning. As of noon Wednesday the cars were back upright and cleanup was continuing. Hazardous material enters Hawkins County on the Southern Railroad through Bulls Gap on a daily basis, most of which is on its way to Eastman Chemical Co.

in Kingsport. For years Hawkins County emergency responders have been planning and training for a train derailment of this nature, and Tuesday night that plan was put into action. In this case, however, it wasn't a pass-through "Eastman" train that derailed, but some cars that were being picked up for transfer to the exchange yard in Bulls Gap. Route 66-S, which runs parallel to the tracks, was closed from the Rt. 113 intersection near Cherokee High School to the 11-E intersection in Bulls gap for about an hour until the situation was assessed and it was determined that no hazardous material had spilled or was in danger of spilling. Hawkins County Emergency Management Agency director Gary Murrell said Southern Railroad was investigating the cause of the derailment Wednesday afternoon. "It was a switch engine pulling out of Seminole Gas," Murrell said. "They had pulled in to pick up four loaded (propane) tank cars to take to Bulls Gap yard so the regular train could pick them up and take them to where they're going. They were coming out of the yard on the switch track and they don't know how it happened, but somewhere in the middle of that train something happened and it started pulling cars off the track. It just pulled off everything from that (middle) car forward. It turned everything over including the engine." There were some empty tankers behind the engine. The first emergency responders found the badly shaken engineer laying on the ground outside the train, and initially it wasn't know that those first tankers were empty. Aside from the four propane tanks at the rear of the train, there were some cars carrying scrap metal and some carrying plastic pellets. Some of the pellets also spilled. Hepaco Environmental and American Environmental cleanup companies were both called to assist with the cleanup. "Hepaco said they would be there for days for the diesel," Murrell said. "The diesel is going to be the biggest thing. We've had EPA there. All the diesel was confined to one side of the railroad tracks, and they're digging everything up to get the diesel out of the ground." Murrell said the emergency services from Hawkins and Greene counties that responded deserved to be commended for working together to put the emergency plan into action while the situation was being assessed. "This is why we put in so many



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hours of training," Murrell said. "If it had turned out to be a major disaster, we had the highway blocked already. That way if there was an evacuation we only had to worry about getting people out, and not new people coming in. There are a lot worse things than propane moving up and down that line, and it's good to know everybody (in emergency services) is on the same page if something major does happen."

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- [Freight Train Derails In Bulls Gap; Engineer Suffers Minor Injuries](#)
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<http://www.timesnews.net/article/9070100/photo-gallery-train-transporting-100-000-gallons-of-propane-derails-in-hawkins-county>

CANADA, ONT, OTTAWA, NOVEMBER 21 2013. RAILWAYS TRANSPORTING DANGEROUS GOODS MUST INFORM COMMUNITIES



A derailment in Lac-Mégantic last summer, in which 72 tankers full of crude oil crashed, killed 47 people.

Months after the deadly train disaster in Lac-Mégantic, Que., the federal government is forcing rail companies to tell municipalities when they transport dangerous goods through their communities. But the information won't flow until well after the dangerous substances in question have already rolled through town — months or even a full year later. Transport Minister Lisa Raitt issued what's called a protective direction Wednesday in the hope it will result in better communication between municipalities and rail companies. Raitt acknowledged that the information won't prevent another tragedy like the one on July 6, when

oil-laden tanker cars derailed and exploded into flames, killing dozens of people and decimating the picturesque core of Lac-Mégantic. But what it might do is give municipalities more tools to better prepare for possible future disasters, she said. "This part isn't about prevention," Raitt told a news conference in Ottawa. "This part is about response and ensuring that communities have the information that they identify that they want to have." It may also have something to do with a report from the auditor general due Tuesday that's expected to linger on the issue of whether Transport Canada is effectively managing the risks of rail transport.

Effective Immediately

Wednesday's order is effective immediately, and will require that Canadian Class 1 railway companies that transport dangerous goods provide municipalities with detailed dangerous goods information every three months. Any other company or person that transports dangerous goods will also have to inform municipalities what was transported through the community, but on an annual basis. None of the information has to be provided in advance, although Raitt said that some rail companies are now proactively letting municipalities know what kind of dangerous goods are moving through their areas. The announcement is "welcome news for Canadian communities," said Claude Dauphin, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. "It sends a clear message that the government of Canada fully agrees that local governments need to know basic information about dangerous goods being transported through their communities." The federation met with Raitt in late September, where the dangerous goods information issue was raised. Municipalities also called on the federal government to help better equip municipal first responders for rail emergencies, but cautioned Ottawa against downloading rail safety and emergency response costs to local taxpayers. Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau commended Raitt for issuing the order, saying municipalities can use all the information they can get. "That level of transparency and openness with communities that could be affected is a good first step," Trudeau said as he left a meeting with his party's caucus. The explosions and fire that resulted from the derailment of a Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railway train in Lac-Mégantic destroyed several blocks of buildings in the community. But workers have been building a new link between the town's industrial park and a local rail network, and trains could be rolling through Lac-Mégantic once again as early as this week.

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- [timeline: Lac-Mégantic rail disaster](#)
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USA, TX, KLEBERG COUNTY, KINGSVILLE, NOVEMBER 21 2013. BLAZE SHUTS DOWN TEXAS GAS PLANT >> ALL PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR.

mark collette

A fire continues to burn Monday at ExxonMobil's King Ranch Gas Plant in western Kleberg County. The fire broke out at about 1 a.m., company spokesman David Eglinton said. All personnel were accounted for and no injuries were reported, he said. Although firefighters were still working on the blaze, it did not appear to be spreading, Eglinton said. There was no information on where the fire originated or what caused it. The plant is shut down. It processes natural gas and has pipeline connections with other plants and refineries throughout the Texas coast, according to the company's website.

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/11238995/exxonmobils-king-ranch-gas-plant-on-fire-in-texas>

USA, TX, DENTON, NOVEMBER 22 2013. TWO FINED FOR STORAGE TANK VIOLATIONS

peggy heinkel-wolfe

Two Denton County convenience store owners faced enforcement action this week for violating state rules related to their petroleum storage tanks. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in Austin on Wednesday approved two orders that assessed \$24,225 in fines for the local businesses, part of \$496,228 in penalties assessed to 21 regulated entities statewide. Through terms reached in an agreed order, VJK Friends Place will make monthly payments for the next three years to settle a \$15,475 fine for two violations last year at its Chevron station on Valley Ridge Boulevard in Lewisville. Arvind Sharma said that the company monitored levels in its tanks and was over an allowance two months in a row. Exceeding that allowance requires the company to test its tanks for leaks and report the exceedance to the TCEQ within 24 hours. Sharma said the test came back fine, but the company was fined for failing to report within 24 hours. State records showed that the required test was performed, but the company needed to show its plans for future compliance in order to meet the other conditions of the agreed order. State environmental officials also approved a default order that fined Jian Enterprises \$8,750 for three violations related to the operations of its petroleum storage tanks at a convenience store on King Road in Frisco. Zaid Jian could not be reached for comment. State records showed that the fine was assessed for failing to provide a corrosion protection system for the petroleum storage tanks, to monitor the storage tanks and to provide monitoring records to inspectors. No corrective action was ordered because state records showed Jian Enterprises sold its interest in the store in December.

<http://www.dentonrc.com/local-news/local-news-headlines/20131121-two-fined-for-storage-tank-violations.ece>

NEW ZEALAND, NELSON, NOVEMBER 22 2013. CHEMICAL SPILL SUSPECTED IN LARGE FISH KILL

bill moore

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Seagulls were feasting on thousands of dead fish along the edges of Nelson's Maitai River this morning, killed by what Fish and Game field officer Lawson Davey suspects was a chemical spill. The avenue of death stretched from below the Queen Elizabeth II Drive bridge to beyond the footbridge linking Paru Paru Rd with Trafalgar Park. Davey said the dead fish were one or two marine species ranging from tiny up to about 15 centimetres, and not the yellow-eyed mullet frequently seen in the river's lower reaches. Shortly after arriving on the scene, Davey hadn't seen any dead trout or eels, but he said that judging by what he had found already, whatever killed the fish would have taken out all species in the vicinity. He speculated that a chemical spill into Saltwater Creek, which runs alongside Haven Rd at the Trafalgar Centre and joins the Maitai, might have been the cause, with the affected fish then washed upriver and left by the tide. "There's dead fish everywhere. It's the biggest fish kill I've seen. "Obviously, something has occurred that's pretty abnormal. It's a matter of trying to find out what's caused it. It would have to be a reasonable quantity, just looking at it." Through a team member, Nelson City Council communications manager Angela Ricker said council staff were taking samples to try to establish what killed the fish. "If there was contamination involved, we won't have the test results right away, but it obviously isn't something that's ongoing, because there's a lot of live fish down there swimming around as well." She said a witness had reported that the fish were trapped by the outgoing tide. "There's not going to be a cleanup - it's basically being cleaned up right now by our friends the seagulls, and the tide will help with that." The Department of Conservation also sent a freshwater technical adviser to the scene. Large schools of yellow-eyed mullet can often be seen in the Maitai River, as far upstream as the Riverside Pool. The river also holds many brown trout, and is popular with whitebaiters. It has been prone to pollution problems from the Collingwood St bridge down to where it flows into Nelson Haven. Last year there was a health warning against swimming in that section. The



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Maitai has also been found to contain blooms of cyanobacteria, a toxic blue-green alga that has killed dogs and can produce a severe reaction in humans when ingested in even small quantities.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/news/9431538/Spill-suspected-in-large-fish-kill>

PHILIPPINES, ILOILO PROVINCE, ESTANCIA, NOVEMBER 22 2013. REPORT: OIL SPILL FROM YOLANDA-DAMAGED BARGE RAISES AIR POISON LEVELS IN ILOILO VILLAGE



Fumes from an oil spill from a National Power Corp. barge damaged by Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) has raised air poison levels in a village in Estancia town in Iloilo province, an Iloilo-based news site reported Friday. Health Secretary Enrique Ona said air pollution levels at Barangay Botongon had reached 16.9 parts per million, which is considered critical, The Daily Guardian reported. Ona also called for an [urgent relocation](#) of the 1,174 families or 4,444 people in the area after he went to the area Thursday with Dr. Bessie Antonio, an oil spill toxicologist from the Poison Control Unit of East Avenue Medical Center. "The first step of action is to control the spread of the leak and to get in touch with health facilities. There must be daily monitoring. We still cannot assess how long this will last because we still have to check with the experts," he added. For her

part, Antonio warned the oil spill may cause cough and fever, and long-term conditions like a plastic anemia, lung cancer and leukemia. The Daily Guardian cited data from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority saying the current legal limit for this oily discharge is 15 parts of oil to one million parts of water (15 parts per million). Bunker fuel spilled from the Napocor's Power Barge 103 after big waves from Yolanda caused it to slam into the shoreline. The barge had also crashed into a house, killing Gael Manguito, 59, and Keycha Manguito, 2. Many family members were injured. Estancia Mayor Rene Cordero said the oil spill may have reached as far as neighboring Batad town, about 10 km away. He said this may affect the livelihood of local residents, which is fishing. Ona said national and local government officials will provide assistance to those affected by the oil spill. He added Napocor should also help since it owns the barge. Meanwhile, the DOH on Thursday took random samples of air and water and of marine life like fish and shells. These will be brought to the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR).

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GUINEA, SIGUIRI PROVINCE, CONAKRY, NOVEMBER 22 2013. GUINEA GOLD MINE EXPLOSION KILLS UP TO 25: SOURCES

A gas explosion has killed as many as 25 people in a gold mine in eastern Guinea, a resident and a police source said on Thursday. The accident took place on Wednesday at an artisanal mine in the remote Siguiri province, 800 km (500 miles) northeast of Conakry. The zone holds some of the West African country's largest gold reserves. Noumouke Dioubate, a Siguiri resident who witnessed the rescue operation, said 14 bodies had been found but he believed that none of the 25 miners in the pit at the time of the explosion could have survived. Police source confirmed that 14 bodies had been recovered at the site. "The walls of the mine are too narrow and it's impossible to survive this kind of accident," he said, asking not to be identified. Artisanal mining in mineral-rich Guinea is legal. But it is notoriously dangerous and in July four people were killed in a similar incident. "Authorities have been battling for years to find ways and means to assure the security of artisanal miners," government spokesman Damantang Albert Camara said. "This accident shows that there is still a lot of work to do." Guinea is also one of the world's top bauxite exporters and has large, untapped iron ore reserves that have lured large global miners.

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