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### USA, LA, NEW ORLEANS, JULY 3 2010. TUG COMPANY INVOLVED IN MISSISSIPPI CRASH CHARGED

*cain burdeau*

A company whose towboat was involved in a crash with a tanker that caused a major oil spill on the Mississippi River two years ago has been accused of operating vessels with unqualified and overworked captains, federal prosecutors said Friday. DRD Towing Co. was charged with breaking maritime safety and environmental laws, prosecutors said. Also, one of its owners, Randall Dantin, was charged with obstruction of justice for allegedly deleting electronic payroll records the Coast Guard needed to investigate the accident. On July 23, 2008, the towboat Mel Oliver collided with the tanker Tintomara. A Coast Guard investigation revealed John Paul Bavaret II, a sleep-deprived apprentice mate without a captain at his side, was at the tug's helm, a violation of Coast Guard rules. The collision caused 283,000 gallons of fuel to leak and closed the Mississippi for six days. It was one of the biggest oil spills in U.S. history, even though the tanker never ruptured. DRD, a company based a few miles upriver from the French Quarter, was charged with violating the Ports and Waterways Safety Act and the Clean Water Act. The charges against DRD and Dantin, 46, were contained in two separate bills of information, which typically signal a plea deal. Attorneys for DRD and Dantin could not be reached for comment Friday. U.S. Attorney Jim Letten said DRD created "hazardous conditions" by operating a fleet of tugboats and barges with unqualified and overworked mariners, often without backup captains onboard. Also, prosecutors charged DRD with illegally discharging oil in the 2008 accident. The oil that spilled into the river came from a tanker barge the Mel Oliver was pushing. The Tintomara, a 600-foot Liberian-flagged tanker, slammed into the barge and broke it open. DRD faces fines of up to \$700,000. Dantin was accused of deleting electronic payroll sheets from a DRD laptop computer after the Mel Oliver accident, prosecutors said. If convicted, Dantin faces five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. The Coast Guard has not finished its investigation into the accident and not taken any action of its own against the company and individuals involved in the crash, Petty Officer Stephen Lehmann said. An Associated Press probe that followed the Mel Oliver crash revealed that a federal program to recruit more tugboat pilots may have backfired by allowing thousands of novice captains to take the helm and contributing to a 25 percent increase in the number of accidents on the nation's rivers. The AP review of Coast Guard records indicated the U.S. tugboat fleet was increasingly piloted by captains who spent as little as one year in the wheelhouse. At the start of the decade, the Coast Guard was under pressure from the shipping industry to revamp its training and licensing process for river pilots because an older generation of captains in their 50s was beginning to retire, creating a labor shortage, the AP probe found. The agency scrapped the time-honored "master's system" in which captains hand-selected rookies for pilot training. Instead, officials began allowing companies to pick trainees and pay for them to become "apprentice steersmen." Under the new system, someone could get behind the controls of a tug after just a year, whereas the old arrangement required new pilots to spend years working their way up to the captain's seat. The Coast Guard, Congress and the industry have moved to close some of the loopholes in licensing, monitoring and safety revealed by the accident.

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### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, KINSHASA, JULY 3 2010. HUNDREDS DIE IN DR CONGO FUEL BLAST



At least 200 people have been killed in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) after a lorry loaded with oil exploded, setting fire to a village in the east of the country, officials have said. Marcellin Cismavo, the governor of Kivu province where the accident took place late on Friday, said children were among those killed. "Some people were killed trying to steal the fuel, but most of the deaths were people who were indoors watching the (World Cup) match," Cismavo said on Saturday. Vincent Kabanga, a spokesperson for the South-Kivu regional government, said the tanker coming from Tanzania overturned in the village of Sange. "There was a crush [of people] and a petrol leak, [then] there was an explosion of fuel oil which spread throughout the village," Kabanga said.

#### Deadly Leak

Katrina Manson, a journalist with the Reuters news agency in the DRC, told Al Jazeera that once the fuel started leaking "it ran absolutely everywhere, once it caught fire, the trap was already set". Dozens of homes, mostly constructed with earth and straw, were engulfed in the blaze. Sange is located around 100km from the town of Bukavu, near the border with Burundi. A police officer based in Bukavu said the accident had been caused by the truck's "excessive speed". Leonard Zigade, an official with the Red Cross, said that the organisation has people on the spot and the search for victims is continuing. The UN has made three helicopters available to evacuate residents and has alerted hospitals at Bukavu and Uvira, a source said. The UN had initially said that five of its peacekeepers were killed in the blaze, but later said that no peacekeepers died. "Other medical

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staff have also been sent to the scene from Uvira," the Reuters journalist said. "Congo is no stranger to transport related accidents, whether on road, rail or on rivers, but this is one of the worst," she said.

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/africa/2010/07/2010736375189472.html>

## USA, TX, LUBBOCK, JULY 3 2010. FATAL ACCIDENT UNDER INVESTIGATION AFTER CAR-FUEL TANKER COLLIDE FRIDAY MORNING

*sarah nightingale*

A Lubbock man was killed Friday morning after a fuel tanker crashed into the scene of a two-vehicle wreck in the 8100 block of FM 2528. Sheik Saheb, 49, was pronounced dead at the scene by the medical examiner's office, according to Cpl. John Gonzales, with the Texas Department of Public Safety in Lubbock. Saheb was riding in the back seat of a 2003 Jaguar driven by Rob Roy Hockaday, 53, of Lubbock. Hockaday was traveling northbound when he collided with a semi-trailer truck driven by Michael Glynn Fulton, 34. Fulton was facing southbound on FM 2528 and was attempting to back his trailer across the northbound lanes into a business driveway. The accident occurred at around 4:15 a.m., Gonzales said. Hockaday and the front-seat passenger, John Pete Richmond, 43, of Lubbock, were able to get out of the car. They were trying to free Saheb, who was trapped in the vehicle, when a 2005 Peterbilt tanker truck also traveling northbound on FM 2528 — North Frankford Avenue — collided with the Jaguar. The tanker truck was driven by Leldon Masters, 65, of Lubbock. Emergency services had been alerted but were not yet on scene, Gonzales said. The men were traveling to work at Bell Helicopter in Amarillo, Gonzales said. Richmond and Hockaday were both treated and released from Covenant Medical Center. Fulton and Masters were not injured, Gonzales said. The crash was still under investigation Friday afternoon and no charges had been filed.

<http://lubbockonline.com/filed-online/2010-07-02/fatal-accident-under-investigation>

## ITALY, TUSCANY, VIAREGGIO, JULY 3 2010. ITALY TRAIN EXPLOSION: 15 DEAD IN GAS BLAST AFTER DERAILMENT

*nick squires*

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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/telegraphtv/5699869/VIDEO-Italy-disaster.html>

A train accident in which two tankers containing liquefied gas exploded after derailling, killing at least 15 people, has left a town in Italy looking like a war zone. The blast, which happened in the seaside resort of Viareggio in Tuscany, killed at least 15 people, some of them incinerated in their homes. Nearly 40 people were injured, many of them seriously burnt, as flames engulfed houses and the force of the explosion caused at least two buildings to collapse into rubble. One of the buildings was thought to have had 18 people inside, prompting fears that the death toll would rise. "We saw a ball of fire rising up to the sky," said Gianfranco Bini, who lives in a building overlooking the station. "We heard three big rumbles, like bombs. It looked like war had broken out." A second, unnamed, witness said: "I heard the explosion and I went out into the street to find myself faced with flames and a motionless charred body lying on the ground. It was a terrifying scene which I will never forget. We couldn't do anything for the body except cover it up." The inferno happened overnight when a wagon in a 14-carriage train transporting liquefied petroleum gas came off the rails in the coastal town, which is just northwest of Pisa. The rear of the train came to rest close to houses next to Viareggio's train station, setting fire to a vast area. "The cars flipped over on their sides on the rails and the gas spread out among the nearest houses before exploding," said Antonio Gambardella, commander of the firefighters at the scene. Hundreds of firemen from across the region were rushed to the area to help with the rescue operation and ensure remaining tankers do not catch fire. They dug through the rubble of collapsed or burnt homes looking for casualties, while others wearing nuclear, biological and chemical threats fought to contain the blaze. An estimated 1,000 people were evacuated from the area because of the danger of more explosions, said Luca Lunardini, the town's mayor. At least one child was among the victims who were killed in their homes by the explosion. Others survived the fireball but died on their way to hospital from severe burns. "The condition of the bodies is such that it will be very difficult to identify them," said police spokesman Raffaele Gargiulo. The ANSA news agency reported that three children were pulled alive from the rubble of their collapsed home shortly before dawn. "It's an impressive scene, there are dozens and dozens of cars hit by the shock wave and collapsed houses," said a fire brigade spokesman, Luca Cari. The train's two engineers were only lightly injured and were questioned in hospital. They said they felt an impact when they were about 650 feet outside the station, shortly before the rear of the train flew off the tracks. Officials said the accident may have been caused by damage to the tracks or by a problem with the train's braking system.

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### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, KINSHASA, JULY 4 2010. DR CONGO FUEL TRUCK VICTIMS BURIED IN MASS GRAVES

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*The truck overturned in the village of Sange.*

Teams have been taking bodies to mass graves outside the devastated village. The bodies of some of the scores of people killed in a fuel truck explosion in the Democratic Republic of Congo have been buried in mass graves. At least 230 people were killed when the overturned oil tanker exploded and sparked a fire in Sange village. Some of those who died were trying to collect leaking fuel but others were trapped inside buildings, including a cinema, by the blaze. UN peacekeepers, aid workers and troops have been helping the injured. As Saturday wore on, Red Cross teams carried bodies wrapped in plastic sheeting to two mass graves outside

the village, the Associated Press reports. Jean-Claude Kibala, South Kivu's vice-governor, said scenes in the village were "terrible". "There are lots of dead bodies on the streets. The population is in terrible shock - no-one is crying or speaking," he said. "Warning ignored" The accident happened late on Friday in Sange, about 70km (40 miles) south of the town of Bukavu in South Kivu, near the border with Burundi. The truck, travelling from Tanzania, overturned and began leaking fuel. "Petrol began to leak out but instead of fleeing people came to collect the fuel," Tondo Sahizira, 28, told AFP news agency. "A few minutes later there was an explosion, flames burst from the truck and spread very quickly." Bedide Mwasha said that five Pakistani peacekeepers had urged people to leave the area "but people refused to leave". "Men, women and children, even [government] soldiers were stealing petrol," the 45-year-old Sange resident said. Several homes with thatched roofs were engulfed in flames, as was a cinema where a crowd had gathered to watch the World Cup. "My children were watching the football match in the cinema and then they ran out to see the petrol," Kiza Ruvinira told Reuters news agency. "I went out to see what happened and I found my three children's bodies myself. I don't know how to go on." Madnodje Mounoubai, a spokesman for the UN peacekeeping mission, said the latest death toll was 230, with another 196 people injured. The Red Cross said that at least 61 children and 36 women were among the dead. Peacekeepers helped evacuate dozens of the injured to hospitals in towns of Bukavu and Uvira. Congolese troops have also been sent to Sange help survivors. The UN's acting special representative to Congo, Leila Zerrougui, said the UN would "do everything possible to help authorities and assist victims".

#### Fuel Tanker Disasters

- October 2009: At least 70 people burnt to death when tanker explodes in Anambra state, Nigeria, setting fire to minibuses
- November 2008: Tanker overturns and explodes in Ghana, killing at least 22 as people scoop up fuel
- August 2008: Similar incident kills dozens of villagers in explosion in northern Cameroon
- January 2008: Dozens of people reported dead as tanker explodes near Port Harcourt, Nigeria
- March 2007: Up to 100 dead in blast after trying to collect fuel from broken-down tanker in Nigeria's Kaduna State

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/world/10500068.stm>

### PAKISTAN, BANNU, QASSABAN GATE, JULY 4 2010. FIVE HURT AS OIL-TANKER CATCHES FIRE IN BANNU

Five persons were injured and 10 shops reduced to ashes when an oil-tanker parked at a filling station caught fire in Qasaban Gate area Saturday. Eyewitnesses and police said the tanker abruptly caught fire while it was being filled at the filling station. As a result, five persons sustained burn injuries and the fire also engulfed the nearby 10 shops. The injured were rushed to the district headquarters hospital where two of them were discharged after treatment. Soon after the incident, personnel of the fire brigade, District Coordination Officer Syed Zahir Shah and a heavy contingent of police rushed to the scene and extinguished the fire after several hours. The sources said about 10,000 liters petrol from the tanker started flowing and soon spread all over the place. Meanwhile, elders of the area demanded of the government to establish Burn Care Unit at the DHQ Hospital or

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the Khalifa Gul Nawaz Medical Complex in Bannu. They also asked for provision of necessary equipment to cope with such incidents in future.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/print1.asp?id=248752>

### AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, HOBART, JULY 4 2010. CALTEX PETROL LEAK PROBE >> 30,000 LITRES

david killick



*The Caltex petrol station near Eastlands.*

Leaking underground fuel tanks at a busy petrol station have spilled 30,000 litres of fuel at a Hobart suburb. Investigations have begun into how and when more than 30,000 litres of petrol leaked from the storage tanks of the Caltex service station at Eastlands on the Eastern Shore. The service station, at the corner of Gordons Hill Rd and Cambridge Rd, sits above the Rosny Park Shopping Centre and is less than one kilometre from the waterfront. A spokeswoman for the Environment Protection Authority said investigations and remediation work had begun. The amount of fuel lost apparently over many years is equivalent to slightly more than the capacity of a large fuel tanker. "The EPA served an Investigation Notice on Caltex Oil Australia PL in December last year requiring the company to perform a site assessment at 1 Gordons Hill Rd to determine the extent and risk of fuel loss from an underground storage tank," the spokeswoman said. "The assessment was completed and the EPA has requested further information." The proprietors of the service station declined to speak to the Sunday Tasmanian, citing legal advice. Leaking underground fuel tanks pose significant environmental problems, particularly to groundwater, through contamination by benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes contained in petrol. Benzene is considered to increase the risk of cancer in humans if present in drinking water at just five parts per billion. Clarence Mayor Jock Campbell said to his knowledge the council had not been informed of the leak. "Usually if there's anything untowards I'm told about it immediately," he said. Leaks from underground fuel storage tanks installed in the post-war years have caused environmental problems in the United States and Australia in recent years. "They're all vintage from the late 1950s and early '60s from when all the oil companies came looking for market share at that point in time," Ald Campbell said. Underground petrol tanks were discovered leaking at Hobart's Anglesea Barracks in 2001 and remediation work at that site is continuing. A Caltex spokeswoman said work was under way to mitigate the effects of the leaked petrol, which appeared to have been in the ground for some time. "Independent consultants undertook site investigations at Caltex Eastlands service station in late 2009 and found no evidence of a recent leak," she said. "During these investigations, evidence of historic leaked petrol contamination predominantly under the service station was discovered." She added: "Caltex continues to work with the EPA in monitoring and removing the contamination. "There is no evidence to indicate harm to animal or marine life."

[http://www.themercury.com.au/article/2010/07/04/156525\\_tasmania-news.html](http://www.themercury.com.au/article/2010/07/04/156525_tasmania-news.html)

### NIGERIA, KANO, JULY 4 2010. 11 KILLED, 40 HOUSES RAZED AS PETROL TANKER CRASHES INTO BUILDINGS



No fewer than 11 persons were on Friday burnt beyond recognition in Jekadafari, Gombe State, when a petrol tanker went out of control and crashed into buildings and vehicles. The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that nine others were seriously injured, while 40 houses and business shops were destroyed and burnt in the resultant inferno. Mr Fidelis Osakwe, Sector Commander of FRSC in Gombe, confirmed the accident in an interview with NAN. He said when the driver lost control of the tanker, with registration number Taraba XB 157 TRR, it rammed into parked vehicles and buildings. Dr. James Madi, Chief Medical Director of the Specialist Hospital, Gombe, gave the figure of those who died as "more than 11." Mr. Abbas Mohammed, Gombe Divisional Secretary of the Nigeria Red Cross, who was involved in the rescue operations, said they took the nine injured persons to the hospital. Dr. Daniel Musa, Permanent Secretary, Gombe Ministry of Health,

who was at the Specialist Hospital, told NAN that all the injured persons would be treated free of charge. NAN reports that there was confusion when the accident occurred at noon as people ran in all directions for their lives. The inferno extended far beyond the spot of the accident, as the fuel flowing from the tanker covered more than 200 square metres.

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### USA, MO, SUGAR CREEK, JULY 4 2010. 3 RAIL TANKER CARS EXPLODE NEAR SUGAR CREEK

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Rail cars burned Saturday after an early-morning explosion on the railroad line running near the BP tank facility in Sugar Creek. No one was injured in the explosion, which occurred about 1:15 a.m.

Bright flames filled the night sky above the railroad tracks in Sugar Creek when the cars caught fire at about 2:15 a.m., officials said. Railroad workers reported an explosion in a car that was believed to be carrying what was described as a gasoline byproduct. Officials said another car that caught fire was carrying animal fat. "After it derailed, the engineer got off the train and that's when the tank car exploded," said the Sugar Creek Fire Chief Herb Soule. The engineer was not hurt. He got off the train just in time as the explosion caught two more cars and the locomotive on fire. The wind took the smoke across the Missouri River. Emergency crews said there was some concern that if the wind switched directions it would blow the smoke back toward Sugar Creek. "We found no toxins in the air," Soule

said. "We had two units set up their monitoring and one in Independence. We were ready to evacuate, but it did not become necessary." Neighbors kept an eye on the sky as the smoke continued to flow. "My husband got up and left and said, 'Look outside,'" said neighbor Dot Sharpe, who lives across from the refinery. "We watched all the action." Sharpe said at first she thought the refinery's tanks had caught on fire but was relieved that they had not. Firefighters said their concern later shifted to the paint-thinner type products and oil that was on the rail cars that were still burning. "Nothing has contaminated into the creeks," Soule said. "Our priority is that the others don't explode." Fire crews stood by for most of the day as state and federal environmental officials supervised the cleanup efforts.

<http://www.kctv5.com/news/24134533/detail.html>

### NIGERIA, ABUJA, JULY 4 2010. EXXON MOBIL RECORD IN NIGERIA 'DISTURBING'

The Nigerian government must take a cue from the U.S. response in the Gulf of Mexico and file criminal charges against oil companies, advocates said. Environmental group Oilwatch Africa complained that an Exxon Mobil pipeline ruptured more than three weeks ago and remains unchecked. The spill from the pipeline has spread to the surrounding communities and follows a 100,000-barrel spill from the same facility two weeks ago in southern Nigeria. The group called Exxon Mobil's environmental record in Nigeria "disturbing," adding that the government must take appropriate action, Nigerian newspaper Next reports. "By now, we expect the Nigerian government to take a cue from the U.S. government's response to the Gulf of Mexico incident by instituting criminal charges against individuals and businesses that have destroyed local livelihoods and compel them to pay for what it would cost to restore the ecosystem," said Nnimmo Bassey with Oilwatch. The U.S. government and British petroleum company BP are working to compensate for the impact of a giant oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The group said there have been more than 7,000 oil spills in Nigeria during the past 50 years.

[http://www.upi.com/Science\\_News/Resource-Wars/2010/07/02/Exxon-Mobil-record-in-Nigeria-disturbing/UPI-82591278085800/](http://www.upi.com/Science_News/Resource-Wars/2010/07/02/Exxon-Mobil-record-in-Nigeria-disturbing/UPI-82591278085800/)

### INDONESIA, JAKARTA, JULY 4 2010. RECALL PRESSURE MOUNTS AS MORE INJURED IN LPG EXPLOSIONS

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State oil and gas producer PT Pertamina says it is ready to recall faulty 3-kilogram LPG canisters, pending a final decision from the government, as pressure to withdraw the equipment is mounting after more explosions. The Indonesian Consumers Foundation (YLKI) on Friday said that the government must recall canisters distributed under the kerosene-to-gas conversion program after nearly 100 gas-related explosions. The program, first introduced in May 2007, aimed at reducing government subsidies by replacing kerosene cooking fuel with LPG. Under the program, Pertamina has been distributing conversion kits, which are

comprised of a canister, a stove, a hose and a regulator. The latest explosion occurred on Thursday in Malang, East Java,

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injuring one and nearly blowing off the roof of a house. Another explosion Thursday in Balikpapan, East Kalimantan, injured six. Pertamina president director Karen Agustiawan on Friday visited the families of Yadhi and Sugiharto in Cilandak, Jakarta. The pair died from injuries received in an explosion last month at their fried catfish food stall. Karen could not hold back her tears as she gave each family a payment of Rp 20 million (\$US2,200). According to a study by the National Consumer Protection Agency, faulty equipment had led to 95 explosions, 22 deaths, 131 hospitalization and 55 damaged buildings as of June 30. "The canisters must be pulled from the market. Their quality is poor and so are the fittings. If the government refuses to do so, it will violate the 1999 law on consumer protection," said YLKI executive board member Tulus Abadi. The cost for a recall will be immense as have been more than 45 million canisters distributed by Pertamina, the conversion program's sole contractor, Tulus said. It is a necessary cost, he added. Pertamina has the capacity to carry out the recall, pending a final decision from the government, spokesperson Wianda Puspongoro told The Jakarta Post on Friday. Wianda said that Pertamina was trying to curb explosion risks from leaky canisters through intensive inspections at distribution points. However, there will still be risks from 16 million canisters distributed outside Pertamina's supply chain, he added. "We find it difficult to track those canisters because they are unregistered. The producers sold the canisters directly on the market," she said. The government decided to recall all hoses after it learned that the products have an estimated life expectancy of two years. The decision was made after a Cabinet meeting led by Vice President Boediono last week. Arya Rezavidi, a director for technology conservation at the Agency for Assessment and Application of Technology (BPPT), told reporters Friday that the agency had informed Boediono of the poor quality of products distributed under the conversion program. The BPPT findings confirm a BPN survey, which says that all hoses, two-thirds of the canister check valves, half of the stoves, 20 percent of the regulators and 7 percent of canisters distributed did not meet safety standards. Arya said the recall idea emerged at Boediono's Cabinet meeting. However, the government is reluctant to order a recall because the conversion program will be complete by the end of the year and because it can not provide more free conversion kits due to costs, he added.

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2010/07/03/recall-pressure-mounts-more-injured-lpg-explosions.html>

### **USA, ILL, CHICAGO, JULY 4 2010. DIVER DIES WHILE WORKING ON RIG UNRELATED TO SPILL**

A waste services company says a diver performing maintenance on a client's rig in the Gulf of Mexico, unrelated to the massive oil spill, has died after an underwater accident. A statement from Chicago-based Veolia Environmental Services North America says the diver was working at a depth of about 250 feet from the company's Normand Clipper vessel when "what might have been an underwater explosion" happened about 11:30 a.m. CDT Friday. Veolia says rescue teams retrieved the diver but paramedics weren't able to resuscitate him. The company didn't specify the client. But Margaret Cooper with Houston-based Chevron U.S.A. confirms a Veolia contractor died while performing maintenance on a Chevron rig that had been damaged by a hurricane in recent years.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g2T5Oh3ks9UO8FX-xJoMQhOjhseQD9GNDADG3>

### **INDIA, DANKORE, GREATER NOIDA, JULY 5 2010. ONE KILLED, SIX INJURED IN BLAST IN CRACKER FACTORY**

A 70-year-old woman was killed and six others injured in a series of cracker explosions at a house in Dankore area on Saturday. The impact of the explosion was such that the roof and walls of the house were blown to pieces, due to which family members got buried under the debris and suffered burn

injuries. Two of the injured were taken to a Delhi hospital owing to the seriousness of their injuries. "Among the injured, Bismillah, mother of Islammudin Ahmed (owner of the small-scale factory), died in the afternoon while undergoing treatment at the hospital. "A case has been registered under the Explosives Act against Islammudin. Though he had a licence and this was his ancestral profession, he had not got the licence renewed this year. He had also not followed safety norms," said Ambesh Tyagi, Deputy Superintendent

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/Explosion-kills-one-6-hurt/Article1-567060.aspx>

### **USA, CA, LOS ANGELES, JULY 5 2010. TEEN INJURED AFTER ILLEGAL FIREWORKS EXPLOSION**

A 17-year-old boy was injured this weekend in downtown Los Angeles after dropping a box of illegal fireworks that exploded, a city fire official said. The explosion happened at 247 E. Fourth St., Los Angeles Fire's Devin Gales said. The teen is believed to be a worker involved in the illegal sale of fireworks. He was taken to an area hospital in stable condition, Gales said. He suffered injuries to his chest, face and hands from the explosion caused by dropping a box of snap-caps. The explosion shattered a bathroom sink and a passersby lost their hearing for a few minutes. The owner of the IMAX souvenir shop where the snap-caps were found was arrested on suspicion of child endangerment

<http://www.knx1070.com/pages/7610259.php?>

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### USA, ID, MOUNTAIN HOME, JULY 5 2010. THREE FIREFIGHTERS HURT IN IDAHO FIREWORKS EXPLOSION

 **Watch the Video:**

<http://www.nwcn.com/news/idaho/Three-firefighters-hurt-in-Idaho-fireworks-display-explosion-97738124.html>




*A firefighter mops up at the scene of Saturday's fireworks explosion.*

Several firefighters were hurt when a fireworks display exploded while it was being set up at a Mountain Home golf course. It happened just before 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Desert Canyon Golf Course. Volunteer firefighters were were setting up the fireworks display when a shell one of the firefighters was holding exploded. The blast from that shell set off other nearby shells. Three firefighters were injured, one seriously, in the explosion. They were taken to a local hospital. Two were treated and released. The third was said to be in stable condition with first, second and third-degree burns. The blast destroyed 80 percent of the display and set off a grass fire. Firefighters said that the explosion may have been caused by static electricity. The City of Mountain Home canceled the Fourth of July fireworks celebration.

<http://www.nwcn.com/news/idaho/Three-firefighters-hurt-in-Idaho-fireworks-display-explosion-97738124.html>

### PERU, LORETO, JULY 5 2010. MARAÑÓN OIL SPILL HAS AFFECTED SOME 4,000 PEOPLE IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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Some 4,000 people living in communities on the banks of the Marañón river in Peru's north-eastern Loreto department have been affected by an oil spill that occurred last Saturday (June 19), daily [El Comercio](#) reported. Lilia Reyes, the Loreto representative for Peru's ombudsman, the Defensoría del Pueblo, said there are approximately 7,000 people living on the banks of the Marañón. There are at least six communities that have been affected by the spill, including Santa Rita de Castilla, Ollanta, and Alfonso Ugarte. A researcher at the Loreto-based Peruvian Amazon Research Institute (IIAP), Victor Sotero, has said there are high levels of contamination in the river as a result of the spill. "In Santa Anita, the population provided us with samples collected on Sunday and Monday. We did our work on Tuesday and Wednesday. All of the samples analyzed in the laboratory show high contamination," Sotero said. The oil spill was a result of an accident by a ship owned by Argentinean [oil company Pluspetrol](#). Mines and Energy Minister Pedro Sánchez previously said the company was working on cleaning the spill. Environment Minister Antonio Brack had added that whoever is found responsible will be fined for the spill.

<http://www.peruviantimes.com/maranon-oil-spill-has-affected-some-4000-people-in-local-communities/296765>

### USA, N.C, RALEIGH, JULY 5 2010. TRAIN DERAILS IN RALEIGH >> NO ETHANOL LEAK

 **Watch the Video** <http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/story?section=news/local&id=7536774>



*Only 25 of the train's 108 freight cars had made it into the Norfolk Southern rail yard before seven derailed.*

The process of restoring a freight train to the tracks in Raleigh will be completed. Seven cars of a freight train slid off the tracks in Raleigh Sunday afternoon near the intersection of Capital Boulevard and Fairview Road, a spokesman with Norfolk Southern said. The train of two locomotives and 108 cars was coming from Linwood to Raleigh at the time of the incident, according to Robin Chapman. None of the ethanol in the cars leaked and no one was hurt, he said. The cars blocked the intersection, forcing drivers to detour around the area. The intersection was clear by 4 a.m. Monday.

[http://www.wral.com/news/news\\_briefs/story/7904545/](http://www.wral.com/news/news_briefs/story/7904545/)

### RUSSIA, ALTAI REGION, BIISK, JULY 6 2010. CHAIN SAW AMMUNITION WORK KILLS 6

Workers dismantling defective ammunition with a chain saw at a Siberian firing range sparked an explosion Monday that killed six people. The blast near the town of Biisk in the Altai region was caused by a spark from the chain saw, which was being used in violation of safety rules, [RIA-Novosti reported](#). The Investigative Committee said two of the dead were military officers, while the rest worked at Sibpribormash, a defense company that owned the ammunition, Interfax reported. A company representative told Interfax that families of the civilian victims would be paid 600,000 rubles (\$19,000) each. Sibpribormash

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said the firing range belonged to the Interior Ministry, but the ministry said it did not own it anymore, [RIA-Novosti reported](#). Investigators were unable to clarify the issue Monday.

<http://www.themoscowtimes.com/news/article/chain-saw-ammunition-work-kills-6/409783.html>

### IRELAND, BELFAST, JULY 6 2010. MOTORWAY STATIONS: 300 JOBS ON THE WAY

jeanne craig & colin gleeson



Construction work at one of the new Applegreen service areas.

Around 300 new jobs are to be created with the opening of the first motorway service areas in the country. Irish company Applegreen has begun recruiting staff to fill the jobs, which will be created when the rest areas -- incorporating [Burger King](#) and Costa Coffee restaurants, showers, rest areas, playgrounds, and fuel outlets -- open in counties [Dublin](#), [Louth](#) and [Kildare](#). The full and part-time jobs will be mainly in food service, with additional jobs in retail, cleaning and maintenance. Construction is in the final stages, with the [Lusk](#) northbound site expected to be the first to open in September or October. Sites at [Castlebellingham](#) and Enfield will follow. The project represents an investment of more than €70m by the Superstop consortium, which also includes Top Oil and Pierse Contracting. Petrogas, the Irish firm that operates

the Applegreen filling stations, recently reported that full-year profits plummeted to €1.7m last year from €5.4m in the previous year, but insisted it is going ahead with planned expansions. Director of operations Joe Barrett said the investment was a demonstration of the firm's commitment to providing quality to Irish drivers. "We have invested heavily in the Irish economy across our network and this is just the latest demonstration of our commitment to provide outstanding value and quality to the Irish motorist." Applegreen is the country's largest independent forecourt retailer, with 57 sites in the Republic and an expanding network in the UK. Established in 2004, it employs more than 650 people.

<http://www.independent.ie/business/irish/motorway-stations-300-jobs-on-the-way-2246299.html>

### USA, ILL, BLUE ISLAND, JULY 6 2010. SETTLEMENT REACHED FOR REFINERY NEIGHBORS

A \$60 million settlement has been reached for residents living in the shadow of a now-shuttered refinery in south suburban Blue Island. Valero Energy now owns the property at 131st and Kedzie that was formerly known as Clark Oil and later Premcor. Residents claimed the refinery was a nuisance that showered them with noxious dust and particles. Lawsuits were first filed after an accidental release of 15 tons of catalyst dust in October 1994 sickened several nearby high school students.

<http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/local&id=7538630>

### USA, MA, CHARLTON, JULY 6 2010. OWNER CAN'T AFFORD CLEANUP - FINES FOR SPILL COULD BE TRIPLED

debbie laplaca

Charlton Welding & Repair owner Larry D. McKissick II has informed the state he cannot pay for ongoing work to remediate last month's substantial diesel fuel spill. The default could bring fines of up to three times the cleanup cost, which is currently more than \$400,000. Yet the state is but one of several agencies Mr. McKissick could face for fines and penalties. Fire Chief Charles E. Cloutier Jr. said Mr. McKissick did not have the permit to house a diesel fuel tanker, and Police Chief James A. Pervier said the spill site was "altered" before investigators arrived. The state Department of Environmental Protection hired New England Disposal Technology to clean up the June 10 spill of about 3,000 gallons of diesel fuel from a tanker at Charlton Welding on Griffin Road. On June 25, with more than 2,900 gallons of the contaminant recovered, the DEP turned the remaining work over to Mr. McKissick and his licensed site professional, CMG Environmental. "Mr. McKissick has informed us he has a financial inability to pay to continue with the cleanup. The state has taken back the project to ensure the cleanup continues," DEP spokesman Edmund J. Coletta said Friday. Mr. McKissick, the DEP-named responsible party, said the 7,000-gallon tanker, which held about 3,000 gallons of fuel, was vandalized and drained during the night. He said he discovered the vandalism the next morning but did not report the spill. The fuel traveled waterways under Route 20 into the wetlands next to the former Fallon Clinic and the Cady Brook Crossing condominiums on Southbridge Road (Route 169), where it was halted by the Charlton Fire Department. Chief Pervier said: "On the evening of Thursday into Friday, there had been a fair amount of rain. The scene was compromised by Mother Nature and someone, yet to be determined, hosing down the area as well. When we were called, the scene had already been altered." The chief asked that anyone with information regarding who may have tampered with the tanker or attempted to hose away the spill contact the Police Department. Chief Cloutier said failure to obtain a permit does have consequences, but a decision is pending. The DEP ordered Mr. McKissick to hire a licensed site

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professional to clean the contaminant from his property and test 24 private wells identified within a 500-foot radius of the spill and its migration. Mr. Coletta said Mr. McKissick plans to complete the first round of well testing. The DEP will assume remaining tests and wetlands remediation. "The law for this type of situation does allow the DEP to recover our costs and does allow us to recover up to three times the cost of damages, and we will be taking a look at that," Mr. Coletta said. When contacted by a reporter, Mr. McKissick had no comment.

<http://www.telegram.com/article/20100705/NEWS/7050338/1101>

### USA, MO, PLATTE CITY, JULY 6 2010. NEIGHBORS RALLY TO HELP FAMILY OF GIRL INJURED BY FIREWORKS

*tony rizzo*

The kids like to sprinkle little explosive poppers in the street and watch cars run them over as part of the July 4 tradition in one Platte City neighborhood. But on Sunday as 11-year-old Emma Martin unpackaged some of those "Black Eyed Peas" into a bowl in preparation for this year's celebration, there was an explosion and Emma was critically injured. She remained hospitalized Monday as neighbors banded together to help her family deal with the tragedy. "She is an awesome little girl," said neighbor Bobby Vann. "She is the neighborhood sweetheart." The close-knit neighbors in the 1100 block of Fox Run Trail celebrate the July 4 holiday together, Vann said. They grill together, set up water slides for the kids and set off fireworks, including those little peas that pop from the pressure of car tires going over them. They are now taking care of the family's pets and helping to clean up in the aftermath of the explosion, which extensively damaged the kitchen where Emma was when she was injured. "I never believed they could do something like that," Vann said of the tiny fireworks. Vann said his wife is also working to set up a fund at an area bank to help the family. A few neighbors have already contributed about \$250, he said. He praised actions of Platte City police and other emergency workers for their prompt action that he believes saved Emma's life. It is not the first tragedy to befall the family. Emma's older brother was 26 when he was killed in a motorcycle crash in 2007, Vann said. The incident in Platte City was the third in the Kansas City area this year where someone was critically injured in a fireworks mishap. On June 26, a woman in Raytown suffered severe burns when she and others were handling fireworks inside a home. And two days later in Blue Springs, a man lost a hand after an explosion occurred while he was attempting to bundle sparklers together to make an explosive device, police there said.

[http://www.kansascity.com/2010/07/05/2064282\\_neighbors-rally-to-help-family.html?storylink=omni\\_popular](http://www.kansascity.com/2010/07/05/2064282_neighbors-rally-to-help-family.html?storylink=omni_popular)

### USA, ILL, TOWONDA, JULY 6 2010. AT LEAST 7 INJURED IN FIREWORKS MISHAPS AT TOWANDA'S SHOW

*paul swiech*

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*A photo from the scene at Towanda's firework display on July 4, 2010*

At least seven people were injured and two of them were treated at a hospital after two incidents of fireworks exploding prematurely during an abbreviated village of Towanda fireworks display Sunday night. The two men were treated at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington, and were released, Towanda Fire Chief Michael Donald said Monday. The names of the men were not disclosed. Donald followed up Monday with the village official in charge of the display and concluded that village representatives lighting the fireworks did everything correctly. He said the official will contact the company that supplied the fireworks to determine the cause of the incidents. The fireworks display happened at Hely and Jefferson streets, and Donald said firefighters received their first call at 9:14 p.m. Sunday when a firework exploded prematurely in its canister. Several people received minor burns. But one man's lower right leg was bruised and his arms and face received mostly minor burns, although one spot on his right arm had a third-degree burn, Donald said. The fireworks show was delayed as firefighters responded to the incident. The man was taken to St. Joseph where he was treated and released at midnight, Donald said. The display resumed and firefighters received a second call of a firework exploding prematurely in its canister at 9:50 p.m., Donald said. Five people — some of the same people who received minor burns the first time — were treated at the scene for minor burns and cuts. A man who had elevated blood pressure was taken to St. Joseph and released early Monday after his blood pressure was lowered, Donald said. The chief said that, after the second incident, the final firework was set off and the show ended earlier than planned for safety reasons.

[http://www.pantagraph.com/news/local/article\\_bd4072da-8873-11df-a27d-001cc4c002e0.html](http://www.pantagraph.com/news/local/article_bd4072da-8873-11df-a27d-001cc4c002e0.html)

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### USA, TX, LAKE HILLS, JULY 6 2010. FREAK ACCIDENT CAUSES SCARY EXPLOSIONS DURING FIREWORKS SHOW

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[http://www.woai.com/news/local/story/Freak-accident-causes-scary-explosions-during/\\_rrl7xemDk-WeTCDWpl0RA.csp](http://www.woai.com/news/local/story/Freak-accident-causes-scary-explosions-during/_rrl7xemDk-WeTCDWpl0RA.csp)



A massive series of explosions accidentally set off in the middle of a fireworks show on Medina Lake Sunday night had many spectators concerned. The freak accident was caught on tape by a News 4 WOAI viewer. The video shows a large amount of fireworks shooting out of control from a dock on Medina Lake. You can hear some people screaming as they run from the area. Others are watching and cheering at the streams of light and smoke. Organizer Elena Campos told News 4 WOAI trained professionals were hired to launch the fireworks. She says the accident happened 25-minutes in what was supposed to be an hour-long show. "One of the fireworks just happened to go up in the air and come right back down, landed in the box that was in there, and it just went off," Campos explained. Organizers say many spectators thought the accident was part of the grand finale, and did not realize the potential danger. Fortunately, no one was injured. Campos says two Sheriff's deputies, Game

Wardens, and other emergency workers were already in the area and helped keep the crowd calm. Campos says this was her family's fifth year staging an Independence Day fireworks show. She says they are not letting this accident stop what's become a holiday tradition.

[http://www.woai.com/news/local/story/Freak-accident-causes-scary-explosions-during/\\_rrl7xemDk-WeTCDWpl0RA.csp](http://www.woai.com/news/local/story/Freak-accident-causes-scary-explosions-during/_rrl7xemDk-WeTCDWpl0RA.csp)

### NIGERIA, AKWA IBOM STATE, JULY 6 2010. OIL-COATED FISH FOUND NEAR EXXON WELLS IN NIGERIA

The appearance of oil-coated fish are raising fears for the fishing industry in southern Nigeria where a leakage was reported near a pipeline owned by ExxonMobil. MPN, a subsidiary of ExxonMobil, on May 1 confirmed leakage at one of the company's offshore platforms in south Nigeria in Akwa Ibom State. Rev. Samuel Ayadi, Chairman of the state chapter of Artisan Fishermen Association of Nigeria (ARFAN), told the Nigerian news agency they could no longer cope with the spills. "We no longer make reasonable catch, and after fueling our outboard engines, we toil day and night, yet the catch does not cover the fuel costs. "It is hope that keeps us going; we have been running at a loss and have been praying that God will turn things around." Ayadi said that fishermen operating along the Atlantic shoreline recorded four oil spills within the past six months on Dec. 4, 2 009 as well as March 24, May 1, and June 21, 2010. According to the Ministry, since May 1, about 300 barrels of crude have leaked from one of ExxonMobil offshore platforms in southeast Akwa Ibom State. The story was first reported in SaharaReporters.com, a citizen journalism website.

<http://www.blackvoicenews.com/news/news-wire/44651-oil-coated-fish-found-near-exxon-wells-in-nigeria.html>

### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE, JULY 72 2010. CARGO SHIP CAPTAIN, 4 COMPANIES ORDERED TO STAND TRIAL OVER OIL SPILL OFF AUSTRALIA



*Tourists view polluted water in Coolumb, Queensland.*

A cargo ship captain and four companies were ordered Wednesday to stand trial on charges related to an oil spill off Australia's coast last year. After the three-day hearing in Brisbane Magistrates Court, defence attorney Tony Glynn entered pleas of not guilty on behalf of Manila-based Capt. Bernardino Gonzales Santos and the ship's owners and manager. Containers on the Pacific Adventurer tumbled overboard in a March 2009 storm, piercing the hull of the ship, which spilled 71,300 gallons (270,000 litres) of oil in Queensland waters. Prosecutors argued during the hearing that the lashings holding the containers were faulty and gave way. Prosecutor Peter Davis said the defendants were reckless in failing to maintain the lashings. Santos is charged with disposal of oil in coastal water and not reporting a spill. He is free on bail. Also charged with disposal of oil in coastal water are Swire Navigation Company Ltd. and Bluewind Shipping Ltd. Hong Kong, which both own 50 per cent of the Pacific Adventurer; the charterer, Swire Shipping Ltd.; and the manager, China Navigation Company Ltd. If convicted, Santos faces a maximum fine of 350,000 Australian dollars (\$297,000) and each of the four companies face a maximum fine of AU\$1,750,000. Swire Shipping CEO Richard Kendall said outside court the outcome of the

hearing was expected. "We are deeply regretful. But we will vigorously defend the charges," he said. "We stand by Captain Santos, who is a first-class captain." Magistrate Elizabeth Hall did not set a trial date. Swire Shipping Ltd. is a wholly owned

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### REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, ZAGREB, JULY 7 2010. AGROKOR KONZUM TO ADD PETROL STATIONS TO OUTLETS

Agrokor's Konzum is preparing to add petrol filling stations to ten of its retail outlets in Croatia. The retailer is currently preparing the documents required to start construction and the project could get underway by the end of 2010. The forecourt sector in Croatia is currently represented by Hungarian MOL, OMV and Russian Lukoil.

<http://www.petroplaza.com/news/industry/MiZlbiY5OTU2JiYx>

### USA, VA, BLUEFIELD, JULY 7 2010. DIESEL FUEL CLEAN UP PROCEEDS ON THE BLUESTONE RIVER >> A BLUEFIELD, VA. COMPANY IS CONTRACTED TO CLEAN UP THE FUEL SPILL.

*doug fritz*

Teams with Marshall Miller and Assoc. are working to clean up a fuel spill in the Bluestone River on Tuesday, July 6. Leaders with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection say an underground supply line for a 4,000 gallon diesel fuel tank broke on Sunday, July 4. The tank belongs to Ammar's Incorporated out of Bluefield, Va. Responders estimate about 200 gallons of diesel fuel was spilled when the supply line for the tank eroded away. The source of the leak has been stopped, but officials with the West Virginia DEP said some of the fuel seeped into a local stream and eventually ended up in the Bluestone River. According to Lt. Shawn Wyatt of the Princeton Fire Department, that happened at around 2:30 p.m. on Monday, July 5. Containment booms have been set up in the Bluestone River on both sides of the state line. WVDEP officials said there have been no reports of dead fish as a result of the spill at this time. They believe the extent of the spill in the river is small.

<http://www.cbs59.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=82477>

### USA, PA, BUSHKILL TWP, JULY 7 2010. PEN ARGYL BOY DIES IN PROPANE TANK EXPLOSION >> 12-YEAR-OLD WAS DRIVING TRUCK WHEN IT HIT TANK'S CAP

*jd malone*



*Luke Hahn, 12, of Pen Argyl died on Monday after an underground propane tank exploded at the Cherry Hill Christmas tree farm in Bushkill Township, Northampton County.*

A 12-year-old boy who was backing a pickup truck over an underground propane tank died Monday when the truck knocked off the tank's cap and sparked an explosion, police said. Luke Hahn and his father, both of Pen Argyl, were working at Cherry Hill Tree Farm when the explosion happened just after noon, police said. The father, Craig Hahn, was nearby and suffered burns, said police Chief Stan Coopersmith. The 1,000-gallon tank was still burning Monday night and likely would burn into today, fire officials said. A cause and manner of death for the boy are pending the results of an autopsy scheduled for today, said Northampton County Chief Deputy Coroner Kelly Gillis. Craig Hahn was flown to Lehigh Valley Hospital-

Cedar Crest, where a nursing supervisor said he was in critical condition Monday night. Pen Argyl Mayor Mikal Sabatine said he went to high school with Craig Hahn and knew his family. "On behalf of the borough," Sabatine said, "our sympathy goes out to (the Hahns) and our prayers are with Craig and his family." Firefighters were called at 12:08 p.m., according to a Northampton County 911 dispatch supervisor. Gillis said the coroner's office was notified 15 minutes later. Neighbor Gene Lilly said he was on his deck, which faces the farm property, when he saw and heard an explosion. Flames shot up 40 to 60 feet in the air, he said. "I jumped 10 feet," Lilly said. "It was huge — a lot of black smoke with it." Township police said multiple vehicles were involved. Firefighters, police, the state police fire marshal and OSHA are investigating. Lilly's wife, Chris Lilly, said the concussion shook the windows on the back of their home and rattled dishes in the kitchen. "I've never seen anything like it," she said. The property covers 12 acres and is owned by Wind Drift Real Estate Associates of Bethlehem, according to Northampton County property records. Developer Phillip Ronca lives on the property; residents Monday night were allowed to

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stay in the home, which is a safe distance from the burning tank, said Bushkill Township Assistant Fire Chief Brian Stahl. Fuel in the underground tank is used to power a generator and heat an in-ground pool on the property, Stahl said. The tank was about 70 percent full when the mishap occurred. Dozens of firefighters worked in four-hour shifts from Bushkill Township, Wind Gap, Plainfield Township, Nazareth and East Lawn fire companies, Stahl said. Coopersmith said that police believe the Hahns were doing work on the farm. Exactly what remains under investigation, officials said. Coopersmith said preliminary evidence shows that there was no foul play. The investigation was slowed due to the nature of the fire, police said, which spread to multiple vehicles. "There's not really much you can do," said Stahl, who said the initial explosion was followed by a second, smaller one. "You have to basically watch it, watch its surroundings and let it burn out," Stahl said Monday night at the scene. "We're riding it out. We can't contain the propane fire. It's under the ground. The top blew right off. We might be here until tomorrow and we'll have crews around the clock."

<http://www.poonorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100706/NEWS/7060316>

### USA, OK, TULSA, JULY 7 2010. OK PIPELINE COMPANY FINED FOR GASOLINE SPILL

A pipeline company based in Tulsa recently agreed to pay a \$418,000 fine in order to resolve violations of the federal Clean Water Act. According to the consent decree, on January 5, 2008, approximately 1,075 barrels (45,150 gallons) of gasoline leaked from the company's 12-inch distribution pipeline near Oologah, Oklahoma. The gasoline reached Four Mile Creek, a tributary of the Verdigris River, which flows into Lake Oologah. The cause of the pipeline leak was a failed weld at a coupling point. The fine will be deposited in the federal Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, which is used to pay for federal response activities and to compensate for damages when there is a discharge of oil or hazardous substances to waters of the United States or adjoining shorelines.

<http://enviro.blr.com/environmental-news/EHS-management/EPA-and-state-environmental-compliance-enforcement/OK-Pipeline-Company-Fined-for-Gasoline-Spill/>

### USA, OH, MEDINA CO, SHARON TWP, JULY 7 2010. FATAL TANKER CRASH FORCES EVACUATION OF SEVERAL FAMILIES

 **Photo Gallery** <http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2010/07/06/linden-propane-dies-in-tanker-truck-crash/>

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*HAZMAT units responded to the scene of a tanker truck that crashed into trees of Beach Road, killing the 75-year-old driver and leaking anhydrous ammonia into the air.*

The crash of a truck carrying six thousand gallons of anhydrous ammonia killed Philip Linden, a 75-year-old driver from Lagrange, and left an irritating odor in the air that forced emergency workers to evacuate 20 homes north of the site. The wreck happened on Beach Road in Medina County. Mr. Linden was traveling southbound on Beach Road when he drove off the right side of the road, overturned and caught fire. Randy Raw lives closest to the crash and says he heard a loud bang. When he came outdoors he believed the truck, which was starting to burn, was carrying propane so he and others were afraid to get too close. "When (we thought) it was propane it explodes so another neighbor is a fireman too, we just got back but we did see the body sitting outside so the fire just got bigger so we just got out of there". Raw told Fox 8 News. Firefighters say when they arrived the cab was burning and there was a small

leak of ammonia from the truck. "You can smell this product at three parts per million and it becomes dangerous at 300 parts per million and we were nowhere near that i do not believe, we didn't have monitoring set up initially but i wasn't getting any odor on our initial attack." Haas said. As a precaution 20 homes, some 90 residents to the north of the site were asked to leave their homes. At least one woman, a senior citizen in a wheelchair, was taken by ambulance to the United Methodist Church in Sharon Center which had been set up as a shelter for evacuees who wanted air conditioning. The heat also had an impact on the firefighters as they worked to assess the damage and come up with a plan to either right the overturned truck with the ammonia still inside or pump it out first into another tractor trailer that was waiting nearby. Anhydrous ammonia is a chemical that is commonly used as a fertilizer in farming. It becomes a toxic gas when in contact with air. Residents in the area have been trying, without success, to fight against a nearby farm where a tank was placed to store anhydrous ammonia. Chief Haas confirms that the truck was headed to the same farm. When asked whether the accident would confirm the worst fears of residents who are opposed to the tank the Chief Haas said he hoped it would confirm that they should not have concerns

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because of the way in which local emergency personnel responded to the scene. The crash remains under investigation. Chief Haas said residents should be able to return to their homes by midnight.

<http://www.fox8.com/news/wjw-news-tanker-truck-crash-medina,0,4909794.story>

### USA, IN, EVANSVILLE, JULY 7 2010. EXPLOSION VICTIMS FLOWN TO NASHVILLE BURN CENTER

nathan ryder

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Two people suffered serious burns Monday afternoon after a flash explosion and fire at Guardian Automotive on Congress Avenue. Guardian Automotive Trim, Inc., is located behind Eastland Mall. The company provides exterior systems to automotive industry. The call came in about 1:45 p.m. A man and a woman were working inside a paint booth when one accident caused chemicals they were using to ignite and create a flash explosion. Evansville firefighters still had a lot of questions to get answered in short order once they arrived at Guardian Automotive's Plant. Dist. Chief Dan Grimm with the Evansville Fire Department says his questions were, "Was it occupied? How many victims could we possibly have? How many more might we have as far as firefighters or other people in the area?" Vanderburgh County Sheriff's deputies ordered an evacuation of the plant while one crew of firefighters started checking to make sure there was no fire burning in the plant. Another crew started assessing patients. Investigators say a man and a woman were cleaning one of two large paint booths inside the plant with acetone. That's when fire investigators say a halogen light knocked over by one of those workers fell to the floor, arcing and igniting the acetone fumes into a flash fire. Co-workers heard the explosion and reported seeing air filters in the booth on fire along with the man's and woman's clothes. The male employee had burns on his face and around his mouth and nose, possibly inhaling hot gases and injuring his respiratory system. The female employee sustained 2nd and 3rd degree burns over 81% of her body. Both employees were transported to Vanderbilt for treatment of their burns. The employees names have not yet been released. [There was a fire at the same location in March of this year.](http://www.wfie.com/Global/story.asp?S=12756713)

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### D.R CONGO, KINSHASA, JULY 7 2010. CONGO RISKS MORE KILLER FUEL ACCIDENT: EXPERT

katrina manson



*The charred remains of corpses lie under blankets near rescue workers in Sange, eastern Congo after an oil tanker crashed and exploded, killing hundreds in a fireball, July 3, 2010.*

The Democratic Republic of Congo risks another fuel explosion like that which killed some 230 people at the weekend unless it boosts safety in the chaotic east and south of the country, a sector expert said on Monday. More than 60 children, many of them watching football in makeshift cinema halls, were among those killed in the blast after an oil tanker toppled, and leaking petrol later ignited with the force equivalent to 343 kg (756 lb) of dynamite. "It can easily happen again unless the government tightens safety measures," Alain Ilunga, deputy CEO of Congo's fuel distribution company SEP Congo, a joint venture with Total, told Reuters on Monday. SEP distributes 95 percent of fuel in the west of the country, imported by a

mix of traders including Swiss-based companies Glencore and Trafigura, which together accounted for 54 percent of stock in the first half of the year in the west. Since the 1998-2003 war that drew in six neighbours and killed more than five million people, the state's share of fuel distribution in the east has dwindled to 25 percent from 80 percent of the market as private transporters have stepped in. "We have lost the market in the east to independents since the war but most of them do not play by the rules or measure up to international safety standards," said Ilunga. He said poorly maintained vehicles, untrained drivers, poor quality fuel, driving at night outside cities and a lack of insurance and other documentation were among the pitfalls. Buhendwa Mayele, head of accounts at GINKI, the local private Congolese company whose hired tanker exploded, blamed the road for the accident and told Reuters there had been no problems with the truck or driver.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE66502320100706>

### D.R CONGO, KINSHASA, JULY 7 2010. CONGO REVISES TOLL AFTER FUEL TANKER BLAZE

The death toll from last week's devastating fuel truck explosion in the Democratic Republic of Congo has risen to 245, a local official said on Tuesday. "So far we have 245 dead," including around 60 children, infrastructure minister for Sud Kivu province

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Geronce Balegamire told reporters, adding that 92 injured were still being treated in hospital. Local administrator Victor Choma said that an unknown number of injured remained "hidden at home" and were being treated with herbs as local custom forbids the use of modern medicine. Friday's explosion in the eastern town of Sange erupted after a fuel truck overturned and people gathered around it to syphon off its contents, despite warnings from the driver that it might blow up. The fireball created by the blast spread to a cinema hall where a crowd had gathered to follow World Cup football matches in South Africa. More than 200 of the dead, including around 60 children and 30 women, were buried in three mass graves late Saturday in Sange, where the flames had also engulfed dozens of earth-and-straw homes.

[http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set\\_id=1&click\\_id=136&art\\_id=nw20100706221620518C263925](http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=136&art_id=nw20100706221620518C263925)

### USA, CA, WILMINGTON, JULY 7 2010. HOMEMADE FIREWORKS BLAST MAY COST TEEN AN EYE .. FACE OF BOY, 15, CAUGHT FIRE AFTER HE LIT DEVICE HE MADE.

*larry altman*

Doctors worked Tuesday to save a 15-year-old Wilmington boy's eye, which was seriously damaged a day earlier when he ignited a homemade firework that blew up in his face. Francisco Campos, who had collected gunpowder from the remnants of used fireworks at a nearby park, was recovering in the burn unit at Torrance Memorial Medical Center. His mother, Ana Campos, said in Spanish that it will be several days before physicians will know if the sight will return in his left eye. "So far the doctor told me that they cannot say anything for sure, that the eye looks just dark," Campos said, breaking into tears. "When I saw my son, he held my hand and told me: 'Sorry, Mom, you said not to leave home, ... but everything will be all right.'" Francisco ran screaming for help Monday and grabbed a hose to douse his face with water when the accident occurred down the street from his home in the 1000 block of North Sanford Avenue. Los Angeles city fire spokesman Brian Humphrey said the boy scavenged flammable powder from discarded and unused personal fireworks, "adding the volatile mixture to the remnants of a so-called safe-and-sane ground display." Neighbors said the boy collected the powder Monday from the remnants of fireworks used on the Fourth of July at the East Wilmington Greenbelt at L and Denni streets. He poured it into a tube, bent over it and struck a match. The powder exploded. "It was pretty loud," said Javier, an 18-year-old neighbor who declined to give his last name. "I walked outside right away." Neighbors said they heard Francisco scream, "Help me!" and saw smoke spewing from his burning face. Francisco ran to a house, grabbed a hose and sprayed water onto his face. Campos said she and her husband, Javier, had just returned from the laundry when they heard people screaming outside. "(My husband) left home like a madman because my son's face was burning," the mother said. Humphrey said intense flames had enveloped the boy's entire face, causing deep and painful second-degree burns and damaging his eyes. Firefighters arrived and took him to St. Mary Medical Center in Long Beach. He later was transferred to the burn center at Torrance Memorial. Campos said she and her husband, who is an unemployed gardener, did not buy fireworks for their family. Instead, they bought clothes. On Sunday, the family held a barbecue at home and watched the fireworks in the park. She described herself and her husband as good parents and said she had told her son to stay home while they did the laundry. Her son has a lengthy recovery ahead of him. "When his friend came to see him, Francisco didn't have an idea of how bad the burns were," his mother said. "He asked him to take him a picture to see himself with his cell phone. When he saw himself, he started to throw up." Fire Department arson investigators and detectives from the Los Angeles Police Department's Criminal Conspiracy Section are investigating. Officers from the LAPD's Bomb Squad recovered and disposed of explosives materials found at the scene, Humphrey said. Possession of fireworks is illegal in Los Angeles.

[http://www.pressetelegram.com/news/ci\\_15451539](http://www.pressetelegram.com/news/ci_15451539)

### USA, PA, LEBANON CO, PALMYRA BOROUGH, JULY 7 2010. BEHIND THE SCENES OF FIREWORKS: DANGER, SAFETY

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<http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/Behind-the-scenes-of-fireworks-danger-safety/IEGZ5m3BhkOruYtBDxhy9g.csp>

Investigators are still looking into a bizarre fireworks accident in Lebanon County. 11 people were hurt, several of them children. None of the injuries are life-threatening. At the end of a cell phone video of the Palmyra fireworks show, you will see several of the shells misfire and shoot off into crowds of people. Sunday night, Linglestown celebrated the Fourth of July with a professional fireworks show of their own. The people in charge say one of the ways they prepare for accidents, like the one in Palmyra, is keeping the crowds at least 500 feet away. Fortunately, the Linglestown show went off without a hitch. "We've never had a problem, knock on wood, we've always had a good show. It's always good fun and everything's been pretty safe." "With everything that's being cut, with all the financial things going on right now, we just want to keep something going for the community and I think this is it," said Chief Bill Payne of the Linglestown Fire Company. " They are still not taking chances. A

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front seat to the event is 500 feet away. "That's why we're set up so far away. That's why they're set up behind the dugout, back there and then they're down in a hollow so that if something should go wrong it should stay contained in that area."

<http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/Behind-the-scenes-of-fireworks-danger-safety/IEGZ5m3BhkOruYtBDxhy9g.csp>

### USA, KY, MADISON CO, JULY 7 2010. MUSTARD VAPOR LEAK DETECTED AT BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT

Depot officials say the leak does not pose any danger or risk to people living in Madison County or surrounding areas. Crews at the Blue Grass Army Depot are working to contain some leaking Mustard vapor, detected during routine weekly monitoring. Officials with Blue Grass Chemical Activity say workers detected trace amounts of Mustard vapor Tuesday morning inside one of the chemical agent storage structures, or "igloos" at the [Madison](#) County facility. The igloo in question stores Mustard agent filled artillery shells. Officials say toxic chemical workers at the Depot have begun the leaker isolation process. Once the leaking munition has been found, officials say it will be overpacked into a leakproof container and moved to a separate igloo that houses overpacked Mustard leaking munitions. Officials say during this process, that igloo is connected to a filter bank to make sure no vapors can escape into the outside atmosphere. Blue Grass Chemical Activity officials say the leak does not pose any danger or risk to people living in Madison County or surrounding areas.

<http://www.wkyt.com/news/headlines/97855609.html?ref=609>

### INDONESIA, JAKARTA, JULY 7 2010. WHO'S TO BLAME BEHIND GAS EXPLOSION? >> THE DPR ACCUSED STATE OIL AND GAS PERTAMINA AS THE ACTOR BEHIND THIS.



The continuing explosions of 3-kg LPG cylinders have caused dozens of people to suffer from various wounds. According to member of Mining and Energy Commission at the House of Representatives (DPR), M Romahurmuzy, said that since the kerosene conversion program was initiated in 2008, 60 cases of gas cylinder explosions have taken place. The latest report on the cylinder explosion involved a restaurant on July 5 in West Jakarta. Jaenah, owner of the restaurant, was the born victim. Due to the on-going incidents, complaints are filling the air. The DPR accused state oil and gas Pertamina as the actor behind this. Former Indonesian vice president, Jusuf Kalla - initiator of kerosene-to-gas conversion program, pointed his finger to the government. The government finally blamed consumers for not being too prudent in using LPG. Former state minister of Disadvantaged Province Development, Lukman Edy, urge the government withdraw every LPG cylinder available in the

market. Jusuf Kalla pointed out that the explosions were due to the weak monitoring over either the production or import of LPG cylinders. However, the government refused the blame over the LPG explosion case. Secretary to Coordinating Minister for People's Welfare, Indroyono, acknowledged that tight supervision has been set out on cylinders, tubes, regulators and rubber seals manufactured by Pertamina. "Early investigation shows that the cylinders are okay. No incident was caused by cylinder leakage," he said. Energy and Mineral Resources Minister, Darwin Zahedi, said minimum campaign over safe LPG use was the cause of cylinder explosion. "People deal with problems. One as such is concerned with tube," Darwin said. Ministry of State-owned Enterprises also denied the attack against it. He in fact revealed that the 3-kg cylinders circulating in the market are mostly fake. Bahkan, Sekretaris Kementerian BUMN Said Didu menduga ada pihak-pihak yang sengaja memproduksi tabung gas tanpa sepengetahuan pihak terkait. Dugaan itu didasarkan pada banyaknya perusahaan yang tiba-tiba memproduksi tabung gas dan membentuk asosiasi karena nilainya triliunan rupiah. Spokesperson of the SOEs Ministry, Said Didu, said Pertamina only purchases cylinders from recommended companies. Pertamina, he said, can never produce cylinders exceeding the set limit.

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