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IRELAND, CO CORK, WATERFALL, NOVEMBER 26 2011. TWO PEOPLE HURT IN CORK OXYGEN PLANT EXPLOSION

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Explosion at plant on Waterfall Road.

Two people have been injured in an explosion at an gas bottling plant on the outskirts of Cork city this morning. The explosion happened at the Irish Oxygen plant at Waterfall around 11.20am when it's understood an acetylene cylinder exploded. Five units of Cork City and Ballincollig Fire Brigade and four HSE ambulances, as well as three other HSE emergency vehicles including an advanced paramedic also responded to the accident. Gardaí under Supt Charlie Barry of Togher Garda station also responded and have begun evacuating elderly people from neighbouring houses as a precautionary measures. It is believed the two men

injured suffered facial injuries which are not life-threatening but they have taken to Cork University Hospital for treatment. It is understood part of the asbestos roof was blown off in the explosion and firefighters are working to make the area safe. The plant employs about 20 people. Irish Oxygen has two plants in Cork city producing oxygen and nitrogen gases by extraction from air, and acetylene gas chemically. The gases are used in welding and cutting metal, blanketing and inerting chemical reactions, purging pipelines, laboratory equipment, education and DIY.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/breaking/2011/1125/breaking26.html>

USA, WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 26 2011. OFFICIALS PUSH FOR CLARITY ON OIL AND GAS LEASES

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Federal lawmakers, bank regulators and law enforcement officials are broadening their efforts to ensure that the growing number of oil and gas leases being signed by landowners across the country comply with mortgage rules and do not create new risks for lenders, appraisers or landowners. The efforts stem from mounting concern that mortgages may be invalidated by people's signing such leases without first getting permission from their banks. Leases often allow certain activities, like storing hazardous waste on a property, that are expressly forbidden by mortgages because they can harm resale values. Such activities also violate rules set by institutions like Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Farmer Mac, which buy mortgages from banks. Banks have become increasingly reluctant to give mortgages for properties with gas leases on them. Lenders have predicted that the conflicts between leases and mortgage rules are not likely to lead to foreclosures, but are likely to result in new rules from local banks and additional hurdles to getting a home loan or refinancing an existing mortgage. As a result, lawmakers and regulators have called for investigations — and started their own — to determine the scope of the problem and potential solutions. Representative [Raúl M. Grijalva](#), Democrat of Arizona, sent a letter this week to the inspector general of the [Federal Housing Finance Agency](#), which oversees Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, asking him to conduct an audit to estimate how many mortgages that have been bought or sold by these federally backed agencies have leases on them. The letter also called for the inspector general to determine whether additional guidance should be provided to mortgage lenders, homeowners and potential borrowers. "It is clear to me that we cannot wait any longer, and a strictly hands-off 'buyer beware' attitude is no longer appropriate," Mr. Grijalva wrote. In another letter sent last month, Representative John Sarbanes, Democrat of Maryland, asked the House Committee on Financial Services to hold a hearing to discuss how Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac plan to address these issues. "These potential conflicts also pose major risks for the fragile housing market," Mr. Sarbanes wrote in the Oct. 26 letter, explaining how the conflicts may result in secondary mortgage lenders facing new financial burdens. "Investors could attempt to walk away from any security backed violated mortgages." Several other members of Congress have sent letters asking about conflicting language in mortgages and leases to other federal agencies, including the Department of Veterans Affairs and the [Federal Housing Administration](#), which provide federal assistance to mortgage borrowers, and to state regulators. The actions come after an article in The New York Times last month that described the growing concerns about conflicts between mortgage rules and millions of oil and gas leases. State officials have also started investigating the problem. "After reviewing a limited number of leases, we have concerns," Maryland banking regulators wrote to federal regulators in an Oct. 24 letter. Aside from the conflicts between leases and mortgages found in other states, the state regulators pointed to provisions in Maryland regulations that could allow drillers to use land in ways that



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further violate mortgage standards. In Ohio, bank regulators sent a letter in September to state lawmakers warning that if borrowers did not get their lenders' consent before signing a drilling lease, they would be violating the terms of their mortgage. The regulators added that they planned to begin contacting banks to find out what steps they were taking to mitigate risks of such conflicts. State lawmakers in Maryland, Ohio and Texas have also written their state bank regulators in recent weeks asking them to review the problem. Bank regulators from Maryland, New York and Pennsylvania said they were planning a regional meeting on the matter in the next several months with officials from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which acquired some mortgages when banks collapsed in the aftermath of the financial crisis. Plans of the meeting were discussed in a letter sent by state regulators to a Maryland lawmaker, Delegate Heather R. Mizeur, whose office has started working on legislation. An article in The New York State Bar Association Journal's November/December issue stated that the leases affected not only mortgages but also [home insurance](#). In October, the Maryland attorney general, Douglas F. Gansler, published a statewide alert warning landowners to check mortgages before signing a natural gas lease. Aside from the mortgage rules themselves, Mr. Gansler said that title insurance also often contains restrictions that, "if violated, would make it difficult to get title insurance and thus, difficult to get a mortgage or refinance." He added that his office had convened a team of lawyers that was working on a landowners' guide about the conflicts, to be published in coming months. Last month, Maryland real estate officials also wrote about the issue to a commission appointed by the governor that is reviewing drilling regulations. The officials asked that the commission consider creating a registry of all leases in the state so that regulators and the public could determine which properties also had mortgages on them. Over 100,000 acres in Maryland have already been leased for drilling, but the state has imposed a temporary moratorium on any new drilling while state officials review regulations. Officials at the Federal Housing Finance Agency have said they are still studying the issue. In letters sent to Congress, the agency said that before it decided whether to issue additional guidance for banks it was waiting for results from an Environmental Protection Agency national study on the safety of drilling and the technique commonly used after drilling known as fracking, which involves injecting at high pressure millions of gallons of water and chemicals into underground rocks to free the gas or oil trapped there. "Clearly, F.H.F.A wants to assure that no threats to collateral occur," a letter from the Housing Finance Agency said. "At the same time, the agency does not want to impact adversely homeowners by addressing a matter that has not been determined by the responsible agencies." But several members of Congress have urged the agency not to wait for the E.P.A. study since it is not focused on mortgage rules or ways in which values might be affected by drilling. In an interview, an official with the Housing Finance Agency who is not authorized to speak to the press, said the agency is still reviewing the matter. During a Nov. 3 House subcommittee hearing on the mortgage market, Edward J. DeMarco, the acting director of the Housing Finance Agency, said that his staff was finding it hard to gather information about the number of mortgages on leased properties, in part because many of the drilling leases were not being filed with local officials. "I'd be very happy to go back and take a serious look at whether an audit is in order, whether that's feasible and practical," Mr. DeMarco said. "Our ability to effectively gather this information is uncertain at the moment."

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/25/us/officials-push-for-clarity-on-oil-and-gas-leases.html?_r=1

NEW ZEALAND, BAY OF PLENTY, NOVEMBER 26 2011. MORE DANGEROUS RENA CARGO REVEALED

michael daly

 [Watch the Video More dangerous cargo revealed on Rena](#)



A further 21 containers on the grounded ship Rena have been found to hold goods classed as dangerous, officials say. Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) director Catherine Taylor said the agency had learned of the containers on Tuesday, and had spent the past few days working with scientific, environmental and health experts to assess the risk to the marine environment and to people. The manifest records the product as "Cover Bath Material" and "Pure Tapped Bath Material", a by-product of the aluminium smelting process. The material is known as cryolite. It is considered low risk unless ingested or inhaled directly in its dry powdered form. MNZ was investigating why the goods were not declared as required under

maritime legislation and whether that constituted a breach of the law, Taylor said. Immediately after the grounding of the Rena near Tauranga on October 5, she had requested information about all dangerous goods on board the ship from its charterers -



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the Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC). "For reasons still unknown, the contents of these 21 containers were not declared as dangerous goods in the original manifest provided to MNZ and as required under the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code," Taylor said. MNZ had been told about the 21 containers by insurers acting for MSC. Those containers were in addition to 11 containers of dangerous goods which MNZ was advised of earlier. Twenty of the containers containing cryolite were in hold 3, which was considerably damaged in the grounding. The other was in hold 5, MNZ said. That meant they were below deck and inaccessible. Of the 21 containers, 17 were understood to be submerged, and all were likely to have been submerged at some time as the ship had moved. The 490 tonnes of the product on board was packed in one-tonne bulk bags inside the containers. The bags had a polyethylene liner and were made of polypropylene, so were water resistant, but not water tight. Water was likely to have seeped into the bags within the container. "Expert advice is that the cryolite on board Rena is considered to be of low risk given that the product is only slightly soluble in water, so is expected to dissolve slowly," Taylor said. "Any dissolved material will be diluted and dispersed very rapidly, reducing the potential effects further." While cryolite was dangerous to humans in its dry form if ingested or inhaled, it was not considered a risk in those circumstances, because the material had been submerged and contained below decks since the Rena grounded. Salvors working on the vessel had been advised the material was on board and were taking all necessary precautions.

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[Weather may spill containers from 'fragile' Rena](#)

[One container down, 1279 to go](#)

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/rena-crisis/6034895/More-dangerous-Rena-cargo-revealed>

UGANDA, MPIGI DISTRICT, NOVEMBER 27 2011. DRIVER LOSES LIMBS IN ROAD ACCIDENT

A fuel tanker driver has lost his hind limbs after the fuel tanker he was driving lost control and collided with a trailer. The police in Mpigi district have identified the injured as Benjamin Mugabe whom they say lost control of the vehicle while driving. Mugabi was driving a fuel tanker registration number UAB 950R coming from Masaka before it collided head on with a trailer registration number UAN 877D carrying Beer from Kampala. The accident occurred in Mpanga forest in Mpigi district on Kampala-Masaka highway. The police have sent Mugabi to Mulago Hospital for treatment. Incidentally, before the police arrived some residents who had arrived at the scene earlier had started taking the crates of beer.

<http://www.ugpulse.com/uganda-news/people/driver-loses-limbs-in-road-accident/22813.aspx>

CANADA, B.C, SAANICH, NOVEMBER 28 2011. HOME-OIL SPILL KILLS MIGRATING FISH

sandra mcculloch

Up to 1,000 litres of heating oil have spilled from a homeowner's fuel tank and into Swan Creek and Colquitz River, killing migrating coho salmon and polluting the Saanich waterways. The spill started gradually but quickly grew as it got into the storm sewers. People walking in Colquitz Park smelled the fuel near the river and contacted authorities, said Adriane Pollard, environmental services manager for Saanich. The spill is being investigated by Saanich public works crews and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Booms have been set up to contain the spill, Pollard said. While no dead fish have been found at the spill site, some carcasses have turned up downstream, she said. The tank is above ground but the buried pipe bringing fuel to the home became damaged and drained the contents of the newly filled tank, said Mike Ippen, public services manager for Saanich. The break in the pipe probably happened Tuesday - the day people started to smell fuel in Cuthbert Holmes Park, Ippen said. The fuel seeped from the home, located in the Carey Road area, through the storm sewer system. Heavy rain pushed the fuel down the storm sewer system and into the streams. People often wait until fall to fill up their fuel tanks and damage isn't apparent until fuel has already leaked into the environment, Ippen said. Public works crews have put booms in Swan Creek and in the storm sewer itself, he said. It's unclear how far the fuel travelled, Ippen said. "What's in the storm sewer has been contained," he said. "We have no idea what those volumes are because the homeowner doesn't know how much came out of that tank - it's almost impossible to tell. The homeowner is on the hook for costs of the cleanup, he said. "We recover our costs from the homeowner, or we try to. That's the first step, and the homeowner has been very co-operative." Crews will monitor the waterways this weekend. "We're also expecting heavy rains this weekend and we'll be making sure the booms stay in place and we keep changing them out," Ippen said. Residential heating oil storage tanks have been used in Canada for more than 60 years, says a B.C. government fact sheet. Many of these tanks are now abandoned as homeowners move to natural gas, propane and electricity to heat their homes. Underground storage tanks pose risks of



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contamination to soil and groundwater. Unused oil storage tanks should be properly decommissioned by a qualified contractor, the fact sheet says.

<http://www.timescolonist.com/Home+spill+kills+migrating+fish/5772022/story.html>

CANADA, ALBA, EDMONTON, NOVEMBER 27 2011. THINK-TANK CALLS ON ALBERTA REGULATOR TO REVIEW OIL PIPELINE MONITORING, SAFETY

john cotter



In this Feb. 28, 2008 file photo, rail cars arrive in Milton, N.D., loaded with pipes for a Keystone Pipeline project.

An environmental think-tank says recent spills in Alberta show it's time for regulators to review how aging oil pipelines are monitored and maintained. Nathan Lemphers of the Pembina Institute says there's a greater chance of more spills because more oil is flowing through older lines. "Given the number of major pipeline spills that happened this past spring, and now this Penn West pipeline spill, there is a need for the Energy Resources Conservation Board to reassess how it manages aging infrastructure," Lemphers said Friday. "The ERCB needs to ensure that there is improved monitoring and maintenance of these aging pipelines and that they enforce existing pipeline safety regulations." The board estimates

there are about 400,000 kilometres of energy-related pipelines criss-crossing Alberta. Last month, a Penn West (TSX:PWT) pipeline leaked 500,000 litres of watery oil near Swan Hills. The emulsion came from a pipeline connected to old oil wells. The Calgary-based company has so far removed five million litres of water that was contaminated by the spill and 2,300 tonnes of soil. The ERCB said Friday that the site remains shut down and will not reopen until an investigation into what happened is complete. Last April, Plains Midstream Canada reported a major breach of its 44-year-old Rainbow pipeline north of Peace River. About 4.5 million litres of oil escaped. Kinder Morgan also reported a spill that month from its pipeline carrying diluted unprocessed oilsands crude near Chip Lake west of Edmonton. The Pembina Pipeline Corp. (TSX:PIF) reported a spill on its line near Swan Hills in July. Cleanup and remediation of the Plains Midstream spill continues. The conservation board is responsible for regulating pipelines that begin and end in Alberta. Pipelines that cross provincial boundaries or the U.S. border are regulated by the federal National Energy Board. The Alberta regulator said pipelines in the province have never been safer. The latest (2010) statistics show 1.6 incidents per thousand kilometres of pipeline. "Alberta's pipeline system is very safe," said board spokesman Darin Barter. "The ERCB expects companies to operate pipelines safely and within all regulatory requirements regardless of age." The Pembina Institute said the breaches this year show the status quo isn't good enough. "This recent spill highlights the environmental risks of pipelines in Alberta," Lemphers said. "More can and should be done to ensure this kind of spill does not happen again."

<http://www.canadianbusiness.com/article/58912--think-tank-calls-on-alberta-regulator-to-review-oil-pipeline-monitoring-safety>

USA, TX, HARRIS CO, NOVEMBER 27 2011. HARRIS CRACKING DOWN ON COMPANIES' LEAKING STORAGE TANKS

mike morris

Harris County's pollution control staff were eager last year to move into a new office the county was building in Pasadena. The opening was delayed for more than a month, however, after leaking underground storage tanks were found on the site and had to be cleaned up. "I think it was just par for the course that the pollution control people would be on a piece of land that had to be (cleaned up)," said a laughing Latrice Babin the department's special projects manager. County officials, tired of such cleanups and the delays that accompany them, are targeting the owners of leaking tanks, saying the companies - not taxpayers - should pay for the environmental repairs. There are nearly 55,000 underground storage tanks in Texas and more than 7,400 in Harris County. Roughly half have been identified as leaking, though the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality reports most have been cleaned up. Many of the tanks hold gasoline or diesel; some hold other hazardous liquids, such as dry cleaning fluid. The average cleancost up for a leaking tank is \$85,902, the TCEQ said. Assistant County Attorney Rock Owens said the state long has required companies to register their tanks and monitor leaks, but has not taken an aggressive approach to enforcement. When the county encounters contamination during projects, he said, the costs are absorbed by taxpayers. "They never went in and said, 'You polluted the water, you polluted the ground, you're responsible for



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that," Owens said. "We took a look and said, 'Wait, these people are getting a free ride.'" Since 1997, the TCEQ has issued more than 600 enforcement orders related to leaking tanks in Harris County, assessing \$5.1 million in penalties, according to agency spokesman Terry Clawson. The city of Houston also has noted the issues surrounding underground storage tanks. Mayor Annise Parker last fall announced plans to close most city fueling stations, aiming to reduce Houston's liability for leaks.

'Very Large Undertaking'

As of last month, the city had removed 71 tanks from 28 fueling sites, and cleaned up any contamination at an estimated cost of \$500,000, mayoral spokeswoman Janice Evans said. The county already has filed suit against the owner of a leaking dry cleaning tank off San Felipe, and is preparing a suit against AT&T, one of whose fuel tanks delayed a project on Gasmer and cost \$80,000 to clean up, Owens said. AT&T did not respond to a request for comment. "The precedent for environmental enforcement is there. We've been doing those kinds of cases for a long time. This is just a slightly different application," Owens said. "It could be a very large undertaking." TCEQ reports all but 209 of the county's 3,468 leaking tanks have been cleaned up, the vast majority by the companies themselves. Houston environmental attorney Jim Blackburn said the state's hands-off approach is reasonable, but he agreed with the county's stance.

Leaks Bring Lawsuits

After federal laws began requiring the registration and monitoring of underground tanks in 1986, he said, many leaking ones were dug up, at great cost. In the 1990s, the state moved to a policy of "monitor and manage" rather than "pump and treat," Blackburn said. Liquids, such as fuel, can be neutralized naturally over time, he noted, by bacteria in the soil. However, when contaminants leech onto other properties or interfere with public projects, lawsuits are appropriate, he said. "It's a cost the public is incurring due to what some would argue are the lax cleanup policies associated with these leaking tanks," Blackburn said. "Where there are certain honest claims that are being passed on to the public sector, I think it makes perfect sense for there to be legal action."

More Information

Underground Storage Tanks in Texas

- Total tanks: 54,881
- Leaking: 26,329
- Cleaned up: 24,462

Underground Storage Tanks In Harris County

- Total tanks: 7,453
- Leaking: 3,468
- Cleaned up: 3,259*

* Of this number, 3,009 were cleaned up by companies, 185 by local governments and 65 by the state or federal governments.

Source: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

<http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/County-cracking-down-on-leaking-storage-tanks-2293081.php>

USA, N.Y., NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 27 2011. NEW YORK STATE FILES 2ND SUIT OVER FUEL SPILL AT ROCHESTER AIRPORT

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New York state has filed a second lawsuit against Monroe County and several private companies seeking compensation related to a fuel spill cleanup at the Greater Rochester International Airport. The state sued last year, seeking to recover \$595,000 it spent cleaning up a spill at the airport's now-closed fuel farm that occurred in 2003. The latest complaint, filed in state Supreme Court last week, seeks another \$378,000 in damages for a cleanup of a separate spill at the fuel farm that occurred in 1999. It was not clear from court papers in both cases how the state Department of Environmental Conservation, which oversaw the cleanup before the county assumed the job in 2007, distinguished the extent of the groundwater and soil contamination caused by each spill. A spokeswoman for the state Attorney General's Office, which brought the suits, declined to comment on the pending litigation. The latest suit names the county, the county Airport Authority, plus three private companies that operated the fuel farm and a private insurance firm. The underground tanks were alongside the airport service road next to Interstate 390. The fuel farm operators named were Aircraft Services International Inc., Wilair Services Inc. and Flight Options International. Monroe County spokesman Noah Lebowitz said this week that the cleanup effort was nearly complete and that the county has been working closely with the attorney general on the lawsuits. Lebowitz described the



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naming of the county and the Airport Authority as defendants as a formality because they own and operate the airport, but said the county expects the litigation to result in the private companies reimbursing both the state and the county for the cost of the cleanup. Attempts to reach representatives at the private companies this week were unsuccessful.

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20111126/NEWS01/111260315>

CANADA, ONT, KINGSTON, NOVEMBER 27 2011. CONTRACTOR AND EMPLOYEE FINED IN DEATH AT WESTERN BIODIESEL

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For a family in Kingston, Ont. an almost four-year wait to find out what would happen to the companies that they believe lead to the death of their 33-year-old son. GLP Instrumentation and an employee of Western Biodiesel, where GLP was doing some work were both fined for their role in the death of Kevin Lodge, a welder at the Western Biodiesel plant in Aldersyde in 2008. For his father, a fine simply isn't enough. "They murdered him, as far as I'm concerned," said David Lodge. "They may as well have put their hands around his neck and did it themselves." What Lodge is referring to is an explosion that claimed his sons life on April 14, 2008 when he was welding a tank used to store chemicals at the plant. The engineers who designed the building warned that welding should not be done on the tanks once they were in production but Lodge was never told that, he was in fact told to weld a fitting onto one of the tanks, which resulted in the explosion. Davis Lodge said his son was a very safety-conscious person and would never have worked on the tank had he known. "I talked to him three days before and I told him to be careful and he told me he always was," Lodge said. "He would never have done anything to jeopardize his safety." He said he is also unhappy that all the charges against Western Biodiesel itself were dropped, stating that a company should be held responsible for what does on in its plant. Western has since ceased production and the company is now for sale. Earlier this year it was hit with a \$160,000 fine for illegally dumping water laced with methanol. To add insult to injury, a lawsuit was filed against his sons' estate for damage to the building. Lodge said he doesn't know what will happen to that now but his lawyer is advising him and his ex-wife to pursue civil litigation of their own. GLP Instrumentation was fined \$431,250 for their role and Sebastian Berube, the former vice-president of technology and operations for Western Biodiesel, was fined \$17,250. GLP was given 30 days to pay the fine and Berube was given two years. The Times attempted to reach GLP but all phone numbers for the company are out of service. While a fine might be cold comfort for a family who lost a son, the crown prosecutor who handled the case said it was the only avenue to punish those involved. "Nothing can bring back their son and the best we can do is levy substantial fines against those involved," Moira Vale said. "It shows the company they cannot behave this way in terms of safety and sends a message to the industry." Vale said it's a difficult situation because you can't put a company in jail and fines are the only option allowed under the legislation. Lodge told the Times that from what he understands GLP has declared bankruptcy and probably won't even pay the fine anyway. Vale said she has no information on this but even if the company were bankrupt the crown would be seeking the money. "We would be a creditor they have to pay, just like anyone else," she said. "If not a lot of companies might choose that option, it might be cheaper to declare bankruptcy than to pay fines." Vane said the fines are substantial, a lot more than one would receive in a criminal court and onerous upon the company and the individual charged. But in Lodge's mind, no fine would ever be enough to pay for the loss of his son.

<http://www.highrivertimes.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=3383903>

USA, ME, LAGRANGE, NOVEMBER 27 2011. LAGRANGE MAN BURNED IN DIESEL FUEL EXPLOSION COMING HOME FROM PORTLAND HOSPITAL

nick sambides jr

A town variety store owner will be released from a Portland hospital Saturday after suffering severe burns in a diesel fuel explosion more than a week ago, a family member said Saturday. "For him it is like, 'OK, I am feeling much better. Get me out of here,'" Donna Highers said Saturday of her brother-in-law John Decesere. Decesere telephoned family on Saturday morning to say that doctors had agreed to release him and a family member is headed to Portland to bring him home, Highers said. Several passers-by used coffee and jugs of water from within the store to douse the flames that inflicted first- and second-degree burns on the 60-year-old's face, head, torso and arms during an attempt [to burn away a stump from his store's side yard on Nov. 17](#). One witness said Decesere told him the red plastic gasoline jug carried No. 2, or off-road, diesel fuel. Decesere is up and walking, though slowly, and can shave himself. His doctors have said he must be able to change his bandages without need of pain medications before they will let him go home, Highers said. Meanwhile friends and residents of this tiny northern Penobscot County town are collecting money and planning fundraisers for the Deceseres, who lack health



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insurance. They have no idea how high his medical expenses will rise, they said. Described by residents as hardworking people who have improved the store extensively since assuming ownership four years ago, the Deceseres couldn't afford medical insurance, Joanne Decesere has said. Highers has established a bank account at Camden National Bank, care of P.O. Box 188, Milo 04463, for donations in care of John Decesere, and a local woman is planning a fundraiser supper for sometime after Thanksgiving, Highers said.

<http://bangordailynews.com/2011/11/26/news/penobscot/lagrange-man-burned-in-diesel-fuel-explosion-coming-home-from-portland-hospital/>

USA, N.H., PORTSMOUTH, NOVEMBER 27 2011. 150 GALLON FUEL SPILL REPORTED AT PEASE >> RADIO TRANSMISSIONS INDICATED 100 TO 150 GALLONS OF JET FUEL SPILLED SATURDAY NIGHT FROM A 747 JETLINER AT PORT CITY AIR

Pease firefighters responded to Port City Air on Saturday night after a reported large fuel spill occurred at Port City Air at Pease International Airport. According to emergency radio transmissions, the fuel spill occurred around 8:30 p.m. after jet fuel was discharged from a 747 aircraft. An estimated 100 to 150 gallons of fuel were spilled, according to the emergency radio transmissions. The plane was evacuated and all ground equipment shut down, according to the radio transmissions. The fuel spill was reportedly contained just before 9:30 p.m., according to the radio transmissions. A request was also made to have members of the state Department of Environmental Services respond to the scene. Attempts to get additional information from the Pease Fire Department or the NH Air National Guard Public Affairs office on Saturday night were unsuccessful. The Pease Fire Department, which is part of the NH Air National Guard at Pease, was still at the scene cleaning up the spill just before 10 p.m. The aircraft involved was an Atlas Air 747 jetliner and the fuel spill area was located between Port City Air and the main Pease International Airport terminal.

<http://portsmouth-nh.patch.com/articles/large-fuel-spill-reported-at-pease-airport>

USA. OH, ZANESVILLE, NOVEMBER 27 2011. EPA OKS ZANESVILLE SUPERFUND SITE WORK >> AGENCY SAYS FACILITY HAS TAKEN STEPS TO PROTECT PUBLIC, ENVIRONMENT

brian gadd

Efforts to keep contaminants from further damaging water supplies at the Zanesville Well Field and the surrounding area have been successful thus far, but long-term actions still are needed, a review found. The third five-year review of the former Lear Corp. property on Linden Avenue and the adjacent city well field at Riverside Park by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 said steps taken since 1996 are protecting the public and environment. Continued monitoring of contaminant levels and replacement of exhaust tubes on the soil vapor extraction system are needed, however. "Once these actions are taken, the remedial actions at the site will be protective of human health and the environment in the long term," states the report, which is signed by USEPA Superfund Division Director Richard Karl. Water Superintendent Paul Mills said a lot of work has been done during the last 15 years to minimize public contact not only with the contaminated wells but also with wells still in service. "And we're always sampling, taking our own measurements. We've put flow meters on the wells. People can't climb up on the wells anymore, we've put locks on them. We've had no major problems," Mills said. Wells 6 and 12 still continuously are pumped out, while Well 7 is monitored and is pumped out occasionally. There is hope one of the contaminated wells, No. 8, could be brought back into service, but there has been no response from USEPA, Mills said. No. 8 was taken out of service because of its proximity to the contaminated wells. "Everything is looking good right now," Mills said. Several businesses have moved to the almost 500,000-square-foot building and campus that covers 28 acres since the Lear Corp. shut down operations in 2009. That includes the Bloomer Candy Company, which moved into a 35,000-square-foot space in March 2010 and just signed a new lease. Demolition or new development at the site remains prohibited because of the subsurface contamination. Volatile Organic Chemicals were discovered on the site in the 1981. Officials determined that during the time of American Encaustic Tiling, a well was dug and filled with demolition debris and 121 drums of dichloroethylene and trichloroethylene solvents. United Technologies, which occupied the property at the time, began remediation work after it was discovered the debris had contaminated three city water wells on the east side of the river. The initial remediation efforts included pumping the chemicals from the abandoned well into the river and from the three wells. Excavation of contaminated soil and construction of the soil vapor extraction system was completed in 1996, and the site previously has been reviewed by the EPA in 2001 and 2006. The next official review report is due in May 2016.

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- Information about the Zanesville Well Field Superfund Site can be found at the John McIntire Library or by visiting www.epa.gov/region5/sites/zanesvillewell/index.html
- For more information about the site conditions or other concerns, contact Virginia Narsete, community involvement coordinator at narsete.virginia@epa.gov (312) 886-4359; Michelle Kerr, remedial project manager, kerr.michelle@epa.gov or (312) 886-8961.
- EPA Region 5 can be reached at (800) 621-8431.

<http://www.zanesvilletimesrecorder.com/article/20111126/NEWS01/111260303/EPA-OKs-Zanesville-superfund-site-work?odyssey=nav%7Chead>

MALAYSIA, SABAH, KUDAT, NOVEMBER 28 2011. 3 DIE AS BOAT'S FUEL TANK EXPLODES >> 4 OTHERS HURT, 3 FISHING BOATS DESTROYED IN FIRE BELIEVED TO BE CAUSED BY SMOKING BY VICTIMS

avila geraldine



The blaze that destroyed the fishing boat and two trawlers at the Angkasa Baru jetty on Sunday night.

3 people were killed and four seriously injured after a fuel tank in a fishing boat exploded at the Angkasa Baru jetty here on Sunday night. Two victims, including a woman, were burnt to death while another woman drowned following the 9.30pm explosion, which saw a huge ball of fire. The fire also destroyed the fishing boat and two fishing trawlers docked nearby. It was learnt that the three victims were in the fishing boat during the explosion. Their bodies were found between 6.50am and 11.30am, yesterday. "Police believe the three victims were in their 20s and 30s and the two women were Filipinos. "However we have yet to ascertain their identities," said district police chief Deputy Superintendent Dawi Ossen. Those injured were

identified as Richard Mohd, 21, Hamid Gabin, 35, Muhd Ayob Buyong, 50, and a 27-year-old woman, Mylen Masarap. Based on initial investigations, Dawi said the victims could have been smoking near the fuel tank which caused it to explode. He also said investigation showed that fuel transferring work was being carried out on the boat before the incident. However, Dawi said it was unsure whether any smuggling activity involving the commodity was taking place. "We do not know why the victims were there or what they were doing or where they were heading." Dawi said survivors of the blast managed to jump into the water. Meanwhile, district fire and rescue chief Jamaludin Hussin said the department received a distress call at 9.37pm and deployed 10 firefighters to the scene. He added firefighters managed to control the fire only about 1.30am. Jamaludin said the fire caused an estimated loss of RM1.6 million, adding that the cause of blast was being investigated.

<http://www.nst.com.my/local/general/3-die-as-boat-s-fuel-tank-explodes-1.12097>

BULGARIA, SOFIA, NOVEMBER 28 2011. SHELL BULGARIA SEEKS TO TAKE CONTROL OF 2 LITEX FILLING STATIONS



Shell Bulgaria has filed for competition clearance for taking control of two sites of the Litex filling station chain.

Shell Bulgaria has sought competition clearance for taking control of two sites of the Litex filling station chain. The Bulgarian unit of the Anglo-Dutch energy giant has already sent a notification to the Commission on Protection of Competition (KZK). At present, Shell Bulgaria has a total of 111 filling stations in the country, 30 of which were leased from Litex in 1998 for a period of 25 years. At that point, Litex controlled the biggest private filling station chain in Bulgaria, Capital Daily reported on Monday. Litex now runs four petrol stations (two in Sofia, one in Plovdiv and one in Lovetch) and two methane stations (one in Plovdiv and one in Lovetch), according to the company's website. Shell opened its first site in 1993 and currently

holds a 15% retail fuel market share. In mid-November it was reported that Russian Gazprom Neft was preparing to set foot on the local fuel retail market via its Serbian unit, Naftna Industrija Srbije. On November 16, KZK opened proceedings on a request of Gazprom's Serbian unit for purchasing 7 filling stations currently owned by sole traders and two natural persons.



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The deal is to be sealed through NIS Petrol, a division of Naftna Industrija Srbije. Approached for comment, Shell Bulgaria has denied any connection between the step it seeks to make and the emerging competition in the face of Gazprom.

http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=134340

USA, N.Y, HORSEHEADS, NOVEMBER 28 2011. DEC: GAS TANK UNDER WELLSBURG DINER MUST GO >> HORSEHEADS BUSINESS OFFERS WINDOWS TO FLOOD-DAMAGED EATERY

ray finger



Exterior walls have been stripped from the framing of the Wellsburg Diner. A gas storage tank pipe was discovered below the floor of the dining room when the floor was removed due to flood damage.

The owner of the Wellsburg Diner was arranging to meet with an environmental contractor Monday to determine what it will take to remove an underground gasoline storage tank. Business and property owner Linda Thomas met with a representative of the state Department of Environmental Conservation last week to discuss her options. The DEC representative told her the tank, buried underneath the building, has to be taken out, she said. The tank dates back to when a gas station was located on the site and had been built over and concealed. It was discovered during demolition that was under way in preparation for rebuilding the diner that was devastated by the

September flooding. The DEC representative provided her with a contact list of four environmental contractors to meet with and discuss plans to remove the tank, she said. "Financially, it's going to be a big hit," Thomas said. "There's a lot to it. I have to hear what they have to say." Despite this setback, her hopes of reopening the diner will get a boost from the donation of eight to 10 windows from the owners of M&P Windows of Horseheads that handles window replacement, specialty windows and decks. Paul Titus, part owner of the company with his brother Mark, has driven toward the Lowman Crossover several times since the flood and saw the shell of the diner. "I've eaten in the diner many times over the years," he said. "The people are really very nice, and the food is great. Like a home-cooked meal, and very affordable." Last week, he read of Thomas' situation in this newspaper and spoke with his brother about it, he said. They thought it would be a good gesture to donate the windows "because we specifically know who was getting them and have a high regard for the small business owner," he said. Thomas was thrilled by the offer. "That is great because I've been trying to get an SBA loan," she said. "They're reviewing it again, so I've been waiting and hoping and praying to get help from that." Titus said he suggested she have her contractor call them when she settles on who that is. "She was just overflowing with gratitude," he said. About four years ago, M&P Windows donated 21 or 22 windows to Catholic Charities of Chemung and Schuylar Counties for the Habitat for Humanity program, he said. "From time to time, you acquire some surplus windows," he said. "We've accumulated some more this go-around."

<http://www.stargazette.com/article/20111128/NEWS01/111280324/DEC-Gas-tank-under-Wellsburg-Diner-must-go?odyssey=tab%7Ctopnews%7Ctext%7CFRONTPAGE>

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, NEBO, NOVEMBER 28 2011. EXPLOSIVES THREAT AS TRUCK ON FIRE >> TRUCK CARRYING 38 TONNES OF AMMONIUM NITRATE EXPLOSIVES

Emergency crews are at the scene where a truck carrying 38 tonnes of explosive material is on fire, near Nebo. A Queensland Fire and Rescue Service spokeswoman told the Morning Bulletin at 3.19pm the truck was on the Suttor Development Road near Nebo. An emergency services alert stated the incident was at Fort Cooper, about 30km from Nebo, and the development road is closed. It is expected the road will remain closed for some time. Emergency crews are currently trying to ascertain what form the explosive material was currently in and determine the risk. There are no alternate routes around the scene, motorists intending to travel in the area are advised to avoid the Suttor Development Road or delay their travel.

<http://www.themorningbulletin.com.au/story/2011/11/28/explosives-threat-truck-fire/>

USA, WA, WHATCOM CO, NOVEMBER 28 2011. WORKER INJURED AT CHERRY POINT REFINERY SUES BP

john stark

A contract worker has filed a lawsuit against BP West Coast Products in connection with injuries he says he suffered on the job more than two years ago. In the lawsuit filed in Whatcom County Superior Court, Randy Allen Jones said he was working for Coastal Industrial Services Inc. at the time of the accident, cleaning vessel tanks at the BP Cherry Point refinery on April



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27, 2009. Coastal Industrial had contracted with BP to do maintenance services at the refinery west of Ferndale. "As plaintiff was cleaning the tank he stepped into a concealed drain, causing him to fall," the suit states. Jones' suit states that he suffered "permanent impairment and disabling injuries ... which include injuries to his left ankle, right ankle and back," resulting in medical expenses, lost wages and permanent pain. The suit contends that BP was negligent in failing to take precautions that could have prevented the accident, including alleged violations of state and federal workplace safety laws. The monetary damages Jones has suffered will be proven at trial, according to the suit filed by Bellingham attorney David Robinson. BP attorney Michael Fandel of Seattle has responded by seeking to have the case transferred to U.S. District Court in Seattle, on grounds that BP West Coast Products is controlled by BP Products North America, registered in Delaware and headquartered in Naperville, Ill. That means that BP is not a "citizen" of Washington state and is entitled to have the suit heard in federal court, Fandel argues in a federal court filing. BP's filing states that the company "will dispute the claims in their entirety." The filing contends that Jones has received \$39,010 in medical aid and \$96,826 in lost wage benefits from the Washington Department of Labor and Industries.

<http://www.thenewstribune.com/2011/11/28/1920968/worker-injured-at-cherry-point.html>

CHINA, NINGXIA HUI REGION, GUYUAN, YUANZHOU, NOVEMBER 28 2011. 2 DEAD IN NW CHINA ROAD CRASH CAUSING CHEMICAL LEAK



Photo taken on Nov. 29, 2011 shows the burnt vehicles in Yuanzhou district in the city of Guyuan, northwest China's Ningxia Hui autonomous region. The accident occurred at 8:30 a.m. as a van rear-ended a fuel tank truck loaded with 20 tonnes of crude benzene after failing to brake on an icy road, which caused an explosion, local police said. Two people were killed in the road accident.

Two people were killed in a road accident Tuesday morning that caused a chemical leak in northwest China's Ningxia Hui autonomous region, local police confirmed Tuesday. The accident occurred at 8:30 a.m. in Yuanzhou district in the city of Guyuan. A van rear-ended a fuel tank truck loaded with 20 tonnes of crude benzene after failing to brake on an icy road, which caused an explosion,

local police said. Villagers nearby have been evacuated due to a poisonous chemical leak following the explosion, according to local authorities. The gas from the incomplete combustion of the crude benzene was poisonous to humans, local police said.

<http://english.cri.cn/6909/2011/11/29/2941s669405.htm>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, SOUTH YARRA, NOVEMBER 30 2011. PARK IN SOUTH YARRA SOIL LACED WITH POISON

nicole cridland



Benzene Warning.

BENZENE, a toxin known to cause cancer, has been found in soil during landscaping work to convert a site into a park at the Clara St residential development in South Yarra. The site is a former Stonnington Council waste transfer station and was retained by the council to be used as open space when a planning permit was granted in 2007. In the minutes from the council's November 19, 2007 meeting it stated there was "potential site contamination from previous use". Landscaping of the 5700sqm site started this year in mid-October but stopped when the contaminated soil was discovered. A large containment tent was erected in the north-east corner of the site where excavation machinery and workers wearing breathing apparatus and full hazchem suits have been removing soil since. The contaminated soil has been piled

to one side of the site and covered with a tarp weighted down by sandbags and tyres and containing plastic piping for drainage. One local resident - Daniel Jellis - has terminated his lease because of concerns over the site. "Why haven't they told anyone what they're doing out there?" "There are families and young kids around," he said. Victoria's Environment Protection Agency confirmed it had issued a licence to the council to clean the site and directed the Leader back to the council for comment. An EPA spokeswoman, Tanya O'Shea, said residents had complained about a strong smell coming from the site. "The EPA is investigating and will move to ensure that the people undertaking the works comply with all regulations," Ms



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O'Shea said. When the Leader visited the site on November 18, the sides of the tent were being blown open by strong winds and workers were busy keeping them secured. Council chief executive Warren Roberts said the site was being managed to "very high safety standards" and the air was being tested.

<http://stonnington-leader.wherelive.com.au/news/story/new-park-site-soil-laced-with-poison/>

USA, MISS, RANKIN CO, PEARL, NOVEMBER 28 2011. DEQ SAYS HYDROCHLORIC ACID SPILL CLEANED UP >> FORKLIFT OPERATOR SPILLED CONTAINER

 **Watch the Video**

- <http://www.wapt.com/r/29882809/detail.html>
- <http://www.wlbt.com/story/16141781/interstate-20-in-pearl-re-opened>

The Department of Environmental Quality confirmed on Tuesday that a hydrochloric acid spill that led to business evacuations and the closure of Interstate 20 in Pearl has been cleaned up. The spill happened about 7:15 p.m. Monday at Vitran Express on Becknell Road, when a forklift operator was trying to move a large container of acid. Businesses in the Trustmark Park area were evacuated and Interstate 20 remained closed between Pearson Road and U.S. Highway 49 until about 4 a.m. Tuesday. Pearl authorities said Vitran followed proper procedure in handling the spill. The city was notified and a cleanup crew was contracted to clean up the spill, said Mayor Brad Rogers. "You know, I tell people all the time if they knew what came up and down I-20, it would scare them to death. That's a reality. It's a fact," Rogers said. Greg Flynn, of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, said the number of hazardous spills has been rising every year. This year, 665 hazmat calls have come into MEMA's communication center, the agency said. The vehicles that carry hazardous materials are required to place placards on the side of the vehicles identifying what they are carrying. "The permitting process we do has to do with radiological, and we do issue permits for that," said MEMA Deputy Director Kent Buckley. Radioactive materials require prior notification and permitting before shipping through the state either by road, river or rail. The Mississippi Department of Public Safety and Highway Patrol check the vehicles that carry them through random stops. "The Highway Patrol and the Department of Public Safety has more than 200 certified motor carrier inspectors in the state that are trained in hazardous material inspection of these vehicles," said Lt. Don McClain, of MHP. In most cases, the only notification regulators receive about what is coming through the state happens after an accident occurs. According to MEMA, this year there have been 98 applications for permits to transport radioactive product through this state.

<http://www.wapt.com/r/29882809/detail.html>

USA, N.Y, NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 28 2011. AMAZON DEFENSE COALITION: CHEVRON NAMED "MOST TOXIC" ENERGY COMPANY OF 2011

Amazon Chernobyl" Disaster in Ecuador, Brazil Spill Lead to Embarrassing Award for CEO John Watson. The American oil giant Chevron has been named the "most toxic" energy company of 2011 by AlterNet, a prestigious U.S.-based online magazine that closely tracks environmental issues. See here and here. Chevron won the sad award the same week it was caught misleading Brazilian authorities who threatened company officials with prison terms about a burgeoning offshore spill. The toxic designation also came in the same year Chevron lost the largest environmental lawsuit in history over its intentional contamination of what was once pristine rainforest in the Amazon of Ecuador. The Ecuador contamination decimated indigenous groups and created an outbreak of cancer that has killed or threatens to kill thousands of people, according to evidence presented to an Ecuador court that recently ordered the company to pay \$18 billion in damages. Chevron operated in Ecuador from 1964 to 1992 under the Texaco brand. AlterNet reported that Chevron beat out ExxonMobile and BP, which ranked second and third respectively. Koch Industries and Massey Energy ranked fourth and fifth. In its eye-opening report -- "The 5 Most Toxic Energy Companies and How They Control Our Politics" -- AlterNet cited Chevron's misconduct in Ecuador as the primary reason it won the award. AlterNet wrote: "Chevron's worst legacy may be in Ecuador, where Texaco (now part of Chevron) spent 30 years decimating the ecologically rich Amazon rainforest and the many indigenous communities there." Victims in Ecuador refer to Chevron's catastrophe as the "Amazon Chernobyl" and experts believe the damage dwarfs that caused by BP's recent spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Unlike the BP spill, which was an accident, Chevron designed its system of oil extraction in Ecuador to pollute as a way to lower production costs. AlterNet also concluded that Chevron has paid \$85 million on Washington lobbyists since 1998 to help cover up its wrongdoing. It wrote: "(Chevron) has ... moved quite a large amount of cash through Washington and its business practices have resulted in an incredible loss of life. Much of it just



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happened out of the country, so many in the U.S. may have missed Chevron's gross abuses." Chevron's "most toxic" award follows a November 7th spill caused by the company in Brazil that has leaked an estimated 110,000 gallons of pure crude into the Atlantic Ocean. Brazilian officials and environmentalists were outraged after Chevron's local spokesman misled them about the origin of the spill, low-balled the number of barrels released into the ocean and told regulators the damage was contained when it wasn't. See here. Chevron was drilling deeper than it was licensed to by the Brazilian government and had to borrow sonar equipment to try to determine the source of the spill, according to the U.S.-based environmental group Amazon Watch. Carlos Minc, an official in Brazil's Rio province, called the spill an "environmental crime" and said it took Chevron almost ten days to start containing it. In Ecuador, Chevron has declared open warfare on the country's government by suing it in various courts in a desperate attempt to shift the \$18 billion liability to Petroecuador, the state-owned oil company. The Ecuador judgment, issued after an eight-year trial, also found that Chevron left behind more than 900 unlined waste pits gouged out of the jungle floor that to this day contaminate groundwater and discharge oil sludge into nearby rivers and streams. AlterNet's report took into account a variety of factors in reaching its conclusions. Among them were loss of life, the extent of environmental destruction, and the use of false advertising to cover up misconduct. Chevron has been widely mocked for its "We Agree" ad campaign and spends far more money each year buying publicity than it has ever spent cleaning up its toxic legacy in Ecuador, said Karen Hinton, the U.S. spokesperson for the Ecuadorians. "It is becoming increasingly clear that Chevron under its current CEO John Watson has become the most rogue of energy companies and has fostered an internal culture of impunity when it comes to abuses," Hinton said. "There is little doubt Chevron's 'Most Toxic' award is richly deserved," she added. Hinton said a significant portion of Chevron's lobbying funds were used to try to convince the U.S. government to cut trade preferences for Ecuador in retaliation for letting its citizens press their legal claims against the company. Cutting trade preferences would have cost Ecuador an estimated 300,000 jobs. In the meantime, Amazon Watch appealed via email to its global network of supporters to send a message to the Brazilian government backing a strong response to the recent spill. "Anyone familiar with the ongoing battle to bring Chevron to justice in Ecuador knows that the company will do everything it can to protect its profits even at the expense of the planet and human health," wrote Amazon Watch in the email. Rainforest Action Network, another prominent American environmental group, also blasted Chevron for the Brazil spill and issued a warning to other countries who are thinking about doing business with the American company. "Countries like Brazil should be cautious about doing business with Chevron considering how long the oil giant has evaded responsibility for its environmental crimes in Ecuador," said Ginger Cassidy, an official with the organization.

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/amazon-defense-coalition-chevron-named-most-toxic-energy-company-of-2011-2011-11-24>

CANADA, N.J., ST JOHN'S, NOVEMBER 30 2011. FIRE DESTROYS LOADED FUEL-TRUCK NEAR ST. JOHN'S



A truck Tanker was badly damaged by fire on Pitts Memorial Drive Tuesday.

Firefighters tackled an oil-tanker fire on Pitts Memorial Drive Tuesday morning on the outskirts of Mount Pearl. The cab of seaboard tanker was badly damaged in the incident but no one was injured and the fire didn't spread to the tanker section of the truck.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/story/2011/11/29/nl-pitts-fire-129.html>

CANADA, MB, GYPSUMVILLE, NOVEMBER 30 2011. HAZARDOUS GOODS FIRE CLOSES THOMPSON HIGHWAY

Police have closed the highway between Winnipeg and Thompson after a truck carrying dangerous goods caught fire. RCMP Corp. Miles Hiebert said Highway 6 in the Gypsumville Grand Rapids area was closed between Devil's Lake and the Highway 60 turnoff after a semi-trailer caught fire around 5 a.m. Tuesday. A no fly area is also in effect for aircraft due to heavy smoke in the area. Hiebert said there were no injuries but police advise drivers travelling to and from Thompson to detour via Dauphin and Highway 10.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/story/2011/11/29/mb-detour-thompson-hazardous.html>



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USA, VA, RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 30 2011. NEW CIVIL FINE TO BE PAID BY DOMINION OVER 700-800 GALLON FUEL OIL SPILL IN 2010

daniel carawan

"Going green" seems to be a tough chore for Dominion VA Power. Dominion recently announced that it will pay \$5,600 in civil fines for a 700 to 800 gallon fuel oil spill that occurred at its Yorktown Power Station on Nov. 1, 2010, hardly more than a slap on the wrist for Dominion. The fine is expected to be paid as soon as the Virginia Water Quality Control Board pulls the measure through the formal bureaucratic process. The latest incident of Dominion's highlights the uncertainties inherent in the extraction and transportation of oil, natural gas, uranium ore, or any other natural resource. The only problem with these natural resources is that "leaks" can have serious human and environmental consequences, consequences from which there may be no short-term remediation. Moreover, given the temporary nature of many mining and extraction companies in particular, the logic of capitalism would dictate against long-term efforts at remediation oftentimes necessary to completely "clean up." While Dominion VA Power is an exception in that it has firm roots in Virginia, its centrality to Virginia's economy and close political ties with many levers of government give pause to the idea that coherent regulations can reduce or eradicate environmental disasters arising from negligence, incompetence, or complete disregard of environmental safeguards. 700 to 800 gallon fuel oil spills, and other related incidents, by Dominion hardly seem like a simple mistake. It is a systemic problem that should be addressed immediately before there is no natural world left to value.

<http://www.examiner.com/progressive-in-richmond/new-civil-fine-to-be-paid-by-dominion-over-700-800-fuel-oil-spill-2010>

CHILE, PUCHUNCAVÍ, ESCUELA LA GREDA, NOVEMBER 30 2011. 40 AFFECTED AT CHILEAN SCHOOL ENGULFED IN TOXIC CLOUD

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Sulfur dioxide closes school in La Greda once again, health minister warns of more to come. Thirty-one students, seven teachers and two school officials were evacuated from Escuela La Greda, in the small town of Puchuncaví on Chile's central coast, after a toxic cloud engulfed the school on Thursday morning. Photo by All 40 were given medical examinations after complaining of headaches, stomach and throat pain, nausea, vomiting and breathing problems. Some required respirators. Valparaíso Regional Health Secretary Jaime Jamett said that he "was not surprised" by the incident and warned of "a few" recurrences next year. "We at the Ministry of Health have warned the community that the possibility of this kind of event was very high, and unfortunately the facts have proved us right," Jamett told Radio Cooperativa. The health secretary said that chemical analysis of the area on

Thursday indicated sulfur dioxide (SO₂) levels of 900 micrograms per cubic meter, 300 above maximum permitted by environmental regulation. Those affected claimed that the incident was similar to the "toxic cloud" that blanketed much of the area on [Aug. 31](#) after a failure in the Las Ventanas smelter, property of the state-owned copper giant Codelco. The La Greda school is located in an industrial park in which 19 heavy industry plants are located. In [early 2011](#) the school was closed after students and teachers were hospitalized with respiratory problems and found to have unsafe levels of arsenic and lead in their blood. Classes resumed weeks later despite soil samples from the school grounds confirming arsenic levels 18 times higher than those permitted by international safety standards. After Thursday's incident classes at La Greda were postponed once again as authorities announced an investigation into the causes. Codelco's Las Ventanas, which emits over half of the SO₂ in the area, released a statement that rejected the possibility of an increase of toxic emissions from its foundry. "Operational conditions have continued with absolute normality in the last 24 hours and without any alteration in the regular emissions generated by the foundry," said Codelco. The statement also denied the minister's claim that regulations had been breached, asserting that "monitoring stations in the zone indicate that the SO₂ concentration in the area has not exceeded environmental regulations." However the latest incident is sure to increase pressure on the state-owned company after an investigative commission of the Chamber of Deputies unanimously approved a report on Nov. 16 accusing Codelco as one of the responsible parties in a lengthy history of contamination of the area that stretches back 50 years. The commission was formed after 28 legal cases were filed in local courts regarding the death of workers in the area from exposure to heavy chemicals. In its findings, the report also accused local authorities of failing to fulfill their obligations toward the health of local residents and of leniency toward the heavily polluting companies. Valparaíso Mayor Raúl Celis claimed that former governments had



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“underestimated the gravity” of the situation. “The easiest thing has been to look away, [but] we haven’t looked away,” he told Radio Cooperativa. “We have assumed responsibility for the problem, we have made studies and applied solutions, which in this case is moving the school.” The plan to relocate the school for the next academic year was announced in [October](#), however it was rejected by local environmental groups as well as teachers and parents from Escuela La Greda. “The solution is not to move the children,” said Carolina Hernández, president of the Parents Center on Thursday, “the industries are causing the problem.”

<http://www.santiagotimes.cl/chile/environment/22978-40-affected-at-chilean-school-engulfed-in-toxic-cloud>

USA, WI, THERESA, NOVEMBER 30 2011. ONE DIES IN ACCIDENT AT AREA PLANT

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A 55-year-old Horicon man died Monday, while a co-worker was reported in stable condition this morning after the two were overcome by chemical fumes at a plant near Theresa. Killed in the industrial accident was Roman Torres, while co-worker Thomas Persha was reported improving this morning. Persha’s wife found the two men on the floor Monday afternoon at Vivid Image, a company located near the intersection of state Highways 175 and 28, about one mile north of Theresa. The woman called 911 at 3:36 p.m. to report two adult males were found on the floor unconscious in the building. Torres was pronounced dead at the scene by the county’s medical examiner. An autopsy is scheduled for today. Vivid Image makes screens for televisions and audio-video equipment. The two men were the only employees of the business. The owner of the business and building lives out of state. The two men were the only occupants of the building. It is unknown how long the two were unconscious. Torres and Persha were mixing two or three compounds when they were overcome by chemicals from either glue or another adhesive, Sheriff Todd Nehls said. The substance was found on the floor. “The two or three items when combined, generated a fume which overcame them,” Nehls said. Upon receiving the emergency call, a Dodge County Sheriff’s Department detective responded to the scene along with the police chief from Theresa. Both detected a very strong toxic odor in the building which prohibited safe recovery of the two men. The sheriff’s department, medical examiner, emergency management, and Theresa Fire Department are handling the death investigation. It will be up to the Occupational Health and Safety Administration if there will be a further investigation into the industrial accident, Nehls said. Persha was decontaminated at the scene and was transported to Hartford Memorial Hospital. The hazmat team decontaminated about 20 first responders who arrived at the plant. Assisting at the scene was Flight for Life, Fond du Lac paramedics, Allenton Fire Department and EMS, Mayville Fire Department and EMS, Lomira Fire Department, and Dodge County chaplain.

http://www.wdtimes.com/news/local/article_9a3333a4-1aad-11e1-9ed7-001cc4c03286.html

USA, MA, BOSTON, NOVEMBER 30 2011. NO HAZARD FOUND AFTER TRUCK CHECKED FOR RADIATION

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<http://www.myfoxboston.com/dpp/news/local/haymarket-station-closed-due-to-hazmat-situation-20111129>

An active HAZMAT scene involving a medical supply truck prompted the shutting down of Haymarket Station in Boston on Tuesday afternoon. Trains ran through the station without stopping as authorities worked to investigate a truck stopped at the street level. The white box truck operated by Associated Couriers Inc., labeled as carrying radioactive cargo, was stopped outside the Haymarket subway station for a routine traffic inspection. “It had a high radiation plaque on it. This is not the thoroughfare it should be on,” Boston’s Department of Transportation Commissioner Thomas Tinlin told FOX 25. Police spokesman David Estrada says crews responded as a precaution. During the stop, inspectors tested for radiation levels. When results showed high levels of radiation, the area was shut down as K-9 crews were called in to investigate exactly what radioactive materials the truck was transporting. Tony Anderson, vice president of Maryland Heights, Mo.-based Associated Couriers, said the company transports radioactive medical materials and was working with Boston authorities. Anderson told FOX 25 he was not sure why the vehicle was pulled over. He said the truck was not leaking. Officials tell FOX 25 that the average human is exposed to approximately 1 millogram of radiation per day. This truck was giving a reading of around 4 millograms. City officials take issue with trucks carrying such high levels of hazardous material through busy Boston streets which is why there are already established routes to accommodate trucking companies outside of the city. According to investigators, the truck was heading to New York City by way of Burlington and had no reason to be near Haymarket Station. The driver claims to have been in the process of picking up paperwork in the area. City officials say everyone could have been



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spared this "embarrassment" if the papers were faxed. Haymarket Station reopened for business as usual a short time after the investigation.

<http://www.myfoxboston.com/dpp/news/local/haymarket-station-closed-due-to-hazmat-situation-20111129>

USA, WA, ENUMCLAW, NOVEMBER 30 2011. CONTAMINATED LAND JUST SITS; CLEAN-UP OF DOWNTOWN LOT AN EXPENSIVE PROPOSAL

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A small parcel of Enumclaw land sits vacant, unfit for development due to contamination that first soiled the ground in 1928. The privately-held property is found at the northwest corner of the intersection of Railroad Street and Washington Avenue. It harkens back to a day when Enumclaw's commercial district was much different, a time when the railroad chugged through town and strict environmental regulations were many decades away from implementation. For years, the city has expressed a desire to see the property reclaimed and made fit for development. One caveat, however, is that local government is unwilling to spend taxpayer dollars on the effort. Community Development Director Erica Shook has said the clean-up would likely cost at least \$500,000, perhaps twice that much. So the land sits, with local owners paying property tax on a parcel slightly less than a half-acre in size. The saga, more than 80 years in the making, began in 1928 when the Shell Oil Company established a bulk distribution facility on the property. Included were four above-ground storage tanks and two underground tanks with a combined capacity of more than 73,000 gallons. The facility supplied fuel dealers in the area with a variety of petroleum products which were shipped into and out of the facility by truck. Aside from leaded gasoline, the site was home to diesel fuel, heating oil/kerosene and lubricating oils. Hans Christensen purchased the property from Shell Oil Company in 1970 and operated the business until 1983 when he leased it to Associated Petroleum Products of Tacoma. The facility was decommissioned in the late 1980s and the last of the tanks removed in 1992. The property has been vacant since then. In 1996, the site was included on the Washington State Department of Ecology's list of "Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites" after petroleum contamination was found during utility work in 1994 to replace an old wooden storm drain in the city's right of way on the east side of the property. In 2006, the property received a formal assessment through the King County Brownfields Program. Soil samples confirmed the release of gasoline and diesel petroleum products. These hydrocarbons are generally confined to the central interior of the site and the northeast corner of the property, although it is believed contamination stretches under an adjacent alley and under Railroad Street to the east. Contamination is no deeper than 8 feet, which means the troubled soil can be excavated. Studies indicate between 2,700 and 4,500 tons of soil may have to be removed and/or treated to achieve cleanup of the property. A Phase 2 assessment was conducted in May, limited to the ground beneath the city-owned alley and Railroad Street. A drilling machine bored nine holes, each to a depth of 20 feet. It was determined contamination in the area was relatively shallow and did not extend far off-site, making excavation a viable option. That's not likely to happen soon, according to Shook. She said the city will continue looking for ways to pay for soil removal and groundwater testing, primarily through grants, but nothing will happen until outside money is secured.

<http://www.courierherald.com/news/134628148.html>

USA, N.J, SALEM, NOVEMBER 30 2011. SALEM COUNTY OFFICIALS ANGRY DELAWARE DIDN'T NOTIFY THEM OF CHEMICAL RELEASE FROM REFINERY

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The Delaware City Refinery can be seen from near the mouth of the Salem River in Salem County. Incinerator stacks used to burn off gases from the refinery can be seen to the left and right of the photo.

Salem County officials are angered that they were not notified of an incident at the Delaware City Refinery Sunday night that resulted in the release of chemicals into the air. A power failure prompted the



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activation of incinerator towers that lit up the night sky with large flame plumes and caused rumblings heard as far east as Elmer. "I am appalled and dismayed that the State of Delaware chose not to follow protocol during this incident by submitting a report to the State of New Jersey and Salem County Office of Emergency Management," said County Administrator Earl R. Gage. "We knew nothing about the release of toxic chemicals and any other sort of leak into the air." The oil refinery is located north of Delaware City, Del., across the Delaware River from Salem City. Delaware City Refinery Spokesman Michael Gayda said the power failure around the 7 p.m. hour caused several units at the oil refinery to shut down. As a result, gases in some of the production units were directed to the incinerator towers and burned off, producing the large orange flames seen for miles. Refineries use the incinerator towers to burn off gases when production systems shut down while processing to prevent damage to processing equipment — which operates under high pressure and temperatures — or spills of pollutants. Delaware City Refinery reported to the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control that during Sunday night's incident 1,000 pounds of carbon monoxide, 10 pounds of toxic hydrogen cyanide, 100 pounds of hydrogen sulfide and 500 pounds of sulfur dioxide were released into the air. Gayda said the refinery is required to report any releases to Delaware officials quickly so the amounts actually released may be lower. "We err on the high side," Gayda said of the initial reports to Delaware state officials. Gayda said the cause of the power outage was being investigated and units at the refinery were being gradually restarted on Monday. The major flaring at the top of two incinerator towers continued for about an hour before gradually dying down. The wind was coming from the south/southeast when the flaring began and later changed to south, according to National Weather Service records. Had the wind been from the west, it would have carried any releases into Salem City and areas of Elsinboro and Pennsville due east of the refinery. Residents in riverfront homes along the Elsinboro shoreline saw and felt the flaring. "The refinery's continuous rumbles and bursts of bright orange light woke us up," said Curt Harker who lives with his wife, Sue on the Delaware River shoreline across from the refinery. "When my wife and I didn't see any emergency vehicles' flashing lights we were concerned an explosion might be about to happen which we thought might reach our home. "I kept awake until the refinery settled down," Harker said. Once the flaring began at the refinery, the Salem County Office of Emergency Management immediately began receiving 911 calls of inquiry. Emergency Management officials quickly contacted the New Castle County Fire Board and were informed that there had been a power outage and that the refinery was simply burning off gases. Procedures for reporting emergencies, such as those related to the PSEG Nuclear generating station on Artificial Island in Lower Alloways Creek Township, are well established and in the past Salem County has enjoyed a close relationship with the New Castle County Fire Board, officials said. "Salem County is very troubled by this incident" said Gage. "We have requested that Delaware officials investigate the matter to assure that this failure to communicate does not occur again in the future." The Salem County Administration Department and the Salem County Emergency Management Department are conducting their own investigation to determine the possible impact of the toxic chemicals' release on Salem County residents and the environment. Salem County Freeholder Director Lee R. Ware has sent a letter to Gov. Jack Markell of Delaware asking him to have his office look into the issue of notification. The plant had been owned by Valero before it was shutdown. It was purchased by PBF Energy and restarted earlier this year, reaching full production capacity this fall, Gayda said.

http://www.nj.com/salem/index.ssf/2011/11/salem_county_officials_angry_d.html

CANADA, SK, SASKATOON, NOVEMBER 30 2011. CREWS CLEAN UP SMALL OIL SPILL

Workers from the Queen Elizabeth Power Plant were busy Friday and Monday cleaning up a small oil spill that caused a sheen on the South Saskatchewan River. SaskPower spokesperson James Parker said on Friday, water inadvertently flowed into a tank in the plant south of Saskatoon, pushing about five litres of oil out of a tank and down a drain. The oil went through an outflow pipe and into the South Saskatchewan, he said. The utility has permanent booms in the river to help contain such spills, he said. Crews also went out onto the river to mop up the oil with absorbent pads Friday, he said. SaskPower notified the City of Saskatoon and Ministry of the Environment immediately, Parker said. However, on Monday afternoon, a city worker called the power plant to report there was a sheen of oil visible on the river. Parker said a couple of workers returned to the river with absorbent material to clean up the oil. Even a small amount of oil can create a visible slick, Parker said. "Unfortunately, this is what happened in this case," he said. "It happens rarely, but as you can see, it happens." SaskPower will investigate how the leak happened and make any changes, if necessary, to prevent future spills, Parker said.

<http://www.thestarphoenix.com/news/Crews+clean+small+spill/5781192/story.html>



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