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USA, IA, MANLY, JANUARY 26 2011. HAZMAT CREW RESPONDS TO SULFURIC ACID LEAK

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 **Watch the Video** <http://www.kimt.com/content/localnews/story/Chemical-Spill-Near-Manly/NCTNxzWM7ESYE7h9HAyy7g.csp>

There were some tense moments this morning at an industrial site on the outskirts of Manly, Iowa. "We had a call, 9-1-1 call earlier today that there was a train car that had sulfuric acid spilling out of it," explained Worth County Sheriff Jay Langenbau as he stood outside his SUV, just down the road from the Manly Terminal. Sulfuric acid is a colorless, odorless and highly corrosive liquid. About two thirds of all fertilizers available on the market today are created from a combination of sulfuric acid and other chemicals. It's also a key component in batteries and wastewater treatment. "I don't know how much is spilling," said Sheriff Jay Langenbau. "We do have hazmat that is up there taking a look at it and taking care of the problem up there. So what we're doing is we're blocking the roads here and making a perimeter." The leak closed a county road, but did not affect heavily-traveled highway 65. "It's not a big enough amount and there's not a lot of vapors and stuff that are getting out in the air, so we're not having to evacuate anyone at this time," Langenbau said. By mid-afternoon the haz-mat team had left the site, and the county road running past the Manly terminal had been reopened to traffic. The cause of the leak hasn't been determined. No one was injured.

<http://kaaltv.com/article/stories/S1940446.shtml?cat=10226>

USA, MI, ADRIAN, JANUARY 26 2011. CHEMICAL LEAK AT ADRIAN PLANT FORCES WORKERS, RESIDENTS TO EVACUATE

 **Watch the Video** <http://abclocal.go.com/wtvg/story?section=news/local&id=7915148>

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The Adrian Fire Department responded early this morning to a bromine leak at Bio-Lab Inc., 1400 East Michigan St. in Adrian.

Residents on Adrian's east side were told to evacuate Monday morning after the chemical bromine leaked from the [BioLab](#) plant at the corner of Michigan Street and Gulf Street. Emergency buzzers sounded when workers at BioLab discovered the chemical, an ingredient used in the manufacturing of pool chemicals, had been released. "We immediately responded to that release with trained employees and we have since then gotten everything under control," said plant manager John Poelstra. The Adrian Fire Department responded and crews shut down streets near the plant, delayed school and asked people east of the plant to stay inside. "It's a

respiratory irritant and the best thing to do if people are exposed to it is just get fresh air," said Adrian Fire Department Chief Paul Trinka. Two workers from the plant were taken to an area hospital for treatment. Their names and conditions are not being released. "They were inside the plant working. They ran out of air and before they got out they took their masks off and they have tanks on and they had burning in their throats," said Chief Trinka. Plant officials believe a machine malfunctioned over the weekend, which was not discovered until operations began Monday. The plant manager says employees train for the worst. "Well, that's important for the employees welfare to know and understand, you know, how to address situations like this" said Poelstra. The plant manager says it had a similar leak there about 15 years ago. BioLab is a chemical manufacturing company with headquarters in Lawrenceville, GA.

<http://www.wtol.com/Global/story.asp?S=13894477>

INDIA, KOLKATA, JANUARY 26 2011. GAS LEAK EXPOSES CHINKS IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT >> FIREFIGHTERS FORGET BREATHING GEAR, TAKES 4 HOURS TO REALISE THAT IT WAS BEYOND THEM

This is how our administration tackles a disaster. The first firefighters to respond to the gas leak in Nagerbazar on Sunday evening forgot to take their breathing gear. It took four hours for officers to realise that it was beyond them and that BSF's [National Disaster Response Force](#) (NDRF) should be informed. The BSF team responded immediately but was caught in a traffic jam on Jessore Road no one had thought of clearing a lane for them. NDRF officers say they could have contained the leak by Sunday night itself had they been informed earlier. The firefighters spent all night pouring water into the ammonia gas tank in the hope of "diluting it". It was pretty much futile. The BSF men managed to plug the leak on Monday morning and the 3,000 people who had been evacuated started trickling back. About 30 people required medical attention. Till 11am on Monday, a pungent odour hung in a 500-metre radius. Locals spoke of their terror. "We started feeling nauseous. It brought memories of the Bhopal tragedy. All of us had read in the papers of a death in the Barrackpore ammonia leak. We did not

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know how poisonous the gas was. Women wept as they pulled out valuables and locked their doors before leaving the neighbourhood," said Rajesh Sarkar. Chief secretary Samar Ghosh admitted on Monday that there was "some problem" in handling the gas leak because of a shortage of firemen. This was the third gas leak in the city since January 1, but clearly no lessons have been learnt. The BSF's National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has contained nearly 95% of the ammonia gas leak in Nagerbazar, Dum Dum, said the battalion's second in command, T K Mandhata. "It took us some time as the tank is round and slippery. It is set against a wall, making that side inaccessible. We have channelised the remaining 5% of the gas into the atmosphere through the top floor of the building. This will cause no discomfort to residents," said Mandhata. Nagerbazar residents say they smelt the gas around 4pm on Sunday. Within an hour the situation had turned serious with police and firemen struggling to enter the narrow lanes. It was only around 7.30pm that officials on the spot felt that expert help was required. The NDRF battalion, based at Digberia in Barasat, is the only unit Kolkata can turn to in a chemical, biological or nuclear crisis. "As soon as we received the SOS, a 15-member team with protective gear, breathing apparatus, chemical protection fluid and searchlights was scrambled. We reached the spot around 8.30pm. Had we not got caught in the traffic on Jessore Road, we could have got there earlier. When we arrived, there was complete chaos and panic," said Mandhata. Among those who required medical attention were Pinki Roy (24) and Tinku Shaw (18). They were taken to RG Kar Hospital and administered oxygen. Fire department officials say the situation would not have been so bad if the cold storage staff had not run away. "There wasn't a single employee to guide us. We had no idea of the layout of the pipelines," said Tapan Kumar Chatterjee, OC of Dum Dum fire station. The fire department has lodged an FIR against owner Kishore Santania, a resident of Belgachia, and co-owner Nasir Khan. Santania's house was raided but he was not there. "There was no maintenance or checks on the ammonia tanks and cylinders. Fire control measures are also lacking," a fire official said. According to locals, the cold storage was part of a 30-year-old prawn-processing unit. "Barely six days ago, ammonia had leaked from the cold storage. We informed the police but no action was taken," said Satyabrata Santra, the local Trinamool Congress councillor. The incident comes within weeks of a gas leak at an ice factory in Barrackpore in which a man died and over 100 fell ill, followed by another on January 10 at a cold storage in Manicktala that led to a major fire. North 24-Parganas SP Rahul Srivastav said people are returning home and the panic has ebbed. "We are trying to locate the owner of the cold storage. He will be arrested soon. The cold storage will be sealed," he said.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata-/Gas-leak-exposes-chinks-in-disaster-management/articleshow/7356955.cms>

INDIA, MUMBAI, JANUARY 26 2011. OIL SPILL DAMAGED 1.2K HA MANGROVES

simit bhagat

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The collision of [Panamanian vessels MSC Chitra and MV Khalijia III](#) off the [Mumbai](#) coast on August 7, 2010, which saw over 800 tonnes of oil being spilled into the Arabian Sea, has severely impacted the regeneration of around 1,273 hectares of mangroves. Vashi continues to remain one of the worst-affected areas besides Colaba and Rewas. What's more worrying is the fact that the spill may have endangered the future of the entire mangrove population. These are some of the findings of an interim report by the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), which recently submitted them to the ministry of environment and forests (MoEF). "Since

the incident took place at a time when mangroves flourish, there was no natural regeneration in any of the areas affected by the oil spill," Deepak Apte, deputy director of BNHS's conservation department, said. "This has obviously put the population of the mangroves at risk and there is a big question mark over the mangroves being restored naturally." Several areas like Vashi, Uran, Sewri, Gharapuri, Sasavane, Kihim in Mumbai, Thane and Raigad districts were affected due to the oil slick. The study, which covered areas within the 25-km radius of Mumbai, found that even five months after the collision, mangroves in Vashi are soaked in oil. "In other areas, strong tidal currents have washed away a major part of the oil on the mangroves. However, since the creek in Vashi does not have strong tidal actions, the mangroves are still covered in oil," said Apte. The study also found out that several young mangrove trees at Navy Nagar in Colaba, Gharapuri and Uran had died due to the oil slick. No major mortality of mature mangrove trees were reported from any of the study areas, except for rapid defoliation which was followed by sprouting of new leaves. Naturalists, however, are hoping that the germination of mangrove seeds takes place this year. "The mangrove fruiting season starts in June. We will be able to get a clearer picture only after the end of the fruiting period," said Apte. The MoEF had entrusted the BNHS with the task of assessing the impact of the [oil spill](#) on mangroves. The ministry has asked the society to submit its final report, along with recommendations, by November 2011. "We are keeping

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tabs on oil-spill affected areas to assess the long-term damage on the coastal ecosystems," said Apte.BOX: The study covered areas in the radius of 25 kms around Mumbai and included Vashi, Sewri, Uran, Alibaug, Sasavane, Rewas and others. Several young mangrove trees at Navy Nagar in Colaba, Gharapuri and Uran had died due to the oil spill. But no major mortality of mature mangrove trees has been reported. Vashi remains to be the worst oil-spill affected area after Colaba and Rewas.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/Oil-spill-damaged-12K-ha-mangroves/articleshow/7356647.cms>

UK, LONDON, JANUARY 26 2011. GROUPS FILE OECD COMPLAINT VS. SHELL NIGERIA

james heron

Friends of the Earth and Amnesty International said Tuesday they have filed a complaint against Royal Dutch Shell with the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development, alleging the oil giant has published misleading data about oil spills in Nigeria. The two groups allege Shell has used "discredited and misleading information to blame the majority of oil pollution on saboteurs in its Niger Delta operations," and that use of this flawed data breaches the OECD's guidelines for multinational companies. Shell has previously estimated sabotage or attempts at oil theft were responsible for 98% of recent oil spills facilities it operates in the Niger Delta. Audrey Gaughran, Amnesty International's Director of Global Issues, said in a statement the figure was "totally lacking credibility" because the system for investigating spills isn't independent of Shell. "We monitor spills regularly and our observations often contradict information produced by Shell," said Nnimmo Bassey, director of Friends of the Earth Nigeria, in a statement. Shell has reported big increases in the volume of oil spilled in the Niger Delta in recent years, but said they were mostly due to deliberate damage inflicted on its facilities. In 2009, 13,900 metric tons of oil were spilled into the Niger Delta as a result of sabotage or theft, more than double the 2008 total and four times the 2007 figure, Shell said in its annual sustainability report last year. Shell's report said operational spills in 2009 totaled 1,300 tons, the lowest ever for the company. However, it also acknowledged figures for the previous year were inaccurate and was forced to quadruple its estimate of the amount spilled because of accidents in 2008 to 8,800 tons. OECD complaints have been used regularly by environmental and human rights advocacy groups to raise grievances against large multinationals, notably mining companies. The guidelines for multinational enterprises are voluntary principles and standards for responsible business conduct, according to the OECD website.

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/groups-file-oecd-complaint-vs-shell-nigeria-2011-01-24>

GHANA, ACCRA, JANUARY 26 2011. CONTAINING THE POSSIBILITY OF MAJOR OIL SPILL

A major concern Ghanaians have expressed in respect of the country's entry into the club of oil producing nations has to do with its ability to effectively manage the environmental impacts of the industry. Already, it is believed that the consultants who worked on the Jubilee Environmental Impact Assessment did not exactly do a good job. They are said to have used more of historical data rather than trend data in their analysis of potential impact on fisheries. Besides, impacts on livelihoods were trivialized to the extent that no clear mitigation measures were articulated in the management plan, the result of which is the increasing sea-use contestations that have characterized company-community relations. A test case of the adequacy of the country's laws to deal with matters of spill when they occur, revealed last year that in spite of the Environmental Protection Agency's rhetoric, there are yawning gaps in our environmental and petroleum exploration and production laws, which made it possible for Kosmos Energy to escape sanctions for spilling low toxicity oil based mud in its operational area. As lawmakers in the Dutch Parliament prepare to question Royal Dutch Shell over its years of spills in the Niger Delta on Wednesday, Ghana should be taking a cue from the experiences of established oil producing countries, especially in Africa, and take measures that will enable it avoid the pitfalls of countries like Nigeria. It is important that Ghana prioritizes health, safety and the environment and to create the necessary space for citizens, especially community people to be part of environmental compliance monitoring in the oil catchment area. West African countries are said to have some of the world's least rigorous regulatory regimes, and the question we ask ourselves is how rigorous is ours? Ghana, which just started oil output from its massive offshore Jubilee field, is a relative newcomer with unclear offshore oil and gas regulation, said Alex Vines, head of Africa Program at U.K. research institute Chatham House. "I don't see that Ghana is ready for production," he told a recent oil conference.

Public Agenda

Our anxiety is compounded by the information that, while the U.S. government marshaled an armada of 6,000 ships and 100 aircraft to battle the Gulf spill, West Africa's standing response team consists of a single small plane, based in Ghana, and a few boats. We can therefore not allow a Gulf of Mexico to happen in Ghana, and the only way to guarantee that, is to ensure that the rules are air-tight and complied with. It also requires that we pay much more attention to the EPA – its human

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resource, remuneration, equipment, and laboratories. A well rehearsed nationally owned rapid response plan that incorporates key stakeholders, including local fishermen is needed as a matter of urgency.

http://www.tradingmarkets.com/news/stock-alert/mjol_containing-the-possibility-of-major-oil-spill-editorial--1440753.html

USA, MO, SPRINGFIELD, JANUARY 26 2011. CWD TO OFFER FREE OSHA CONFINED-SPACE TRAINING

steve koehler

OTC's [Center for Workforce Development](#) will soon begin offering OSHA-approved confined space training courses at no cost to local businesses. The classes, which are expected to begin in February, will be provided through a [Susan Harwood Training Grant](#) from the federal agency. "We have been wanting to expand our job training programs to better fit industry needs here in the region. This new expanded OSHA training program will ensure our workforce is not only a skilled workforce but one with safety-first skill sets," said Dawn Busick, executive director of the Center for Workforce Development. Reggie Hoskins, CWD's workforce specialist business manager, said working in confined spaces is a high-risk job and it's crucial that all employees involved in a confined space entry understand the potential hazards and strictly adhere to the work practices and entry procedures. Confined spaces include underground vaults, tanks, storage bins, manholes, pits, silos, process vessels, and pipelines. The training is required annually by OSHA for persons supervising confined space entry, employees entering and working within a confined space, and those persons tasked with assisting with the entry, but not actually entering themselves. Hoskins said the training could be done at the Center for Workforce Development, 614 N. Washington, or at a company site where classes could be scheduled according to the availability of employees. An enclosed confined-space trainer is being built at the center to teach how to enter a storage vessel from above and the side. A hoist will also be installed to teach rescue awareness with the use of a 165-pound dummy. There are three modules to the training and company employees can take any or all of the modules as long as the prerequisites have been met. The three modules take a day to complete. Each module is valued at \$345. Even when the grant money runs out, CWD will continue to offer the training, Hoskins said. "We are very excited to begin offering the training and hope that many local companies will take advantage of this offer," Hoskins said. For more information or to enroll, contact Hoskins at Hoskinsr@otc.edu or 447-8898 or Eric Lansdown at lansdowe@otc.edu or 447-8918.

<http://www.kspr.com/news/local/kspr-cwd-to-offer-free-osh-confine-01242011,0,3662032.column>

USA, OH, FAIRPORT HARBOR, JANUARY 26 2011. LAKE COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS READY FOR ANYTHING

tom beres

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 **Watch the Video** <http://news-herald.com/articles/2011/01/25/news/nh3563601.txt>

Lake County's emergency responders had their hands full battling, fires, cold weather and all the uncertainty about natural gas dangers in Monday's incident in this community. But this was just the latest example of preparedness paying off in handling a Lake County crisis. Because of the Perry Nuclear Power plant, Lake County emergency responders always have to be on their "A game." The Federal Government requires massive emergency drills every two years to make sure safety forces are ready to handle any kind of incident around the plant. Emergency plans were carried out in 2006's massive flooding and a huge train derailment involving toxic chemicals in 2007. Today, the Emergency Command Post vehicle was quickly deployed to centralize decision-making about shelters, personnel deployment and Red Cross assistance. Lake County Commissioner Dan Troy said, "Everyone has a role in emergency planning in this county...It really paid off today." The first emergency calls came into the county's Emergency Operations Center before 7 a.m. The seriousness of the incident was evident. "We are now on 12-hour shifts. That will continue until the incident is complete," said the radio room's director, Lt. Cynthia Baker. More than 25 departments from Lake, Cuyahoga, Ashtabula and Geauga Counties responded. An original evacuation order was reversed, with residents being told to stay in their homes. Larry Greene, the county's Emergency Management Director, said, "Putting a lot of people on those streets in the cold was more dangerous. It was better to shelter." One valuable lesson from handling today's response dealt with reverse 9-1-1 calls. Many people have disconnected their house phones and now rely exclusively on cell phones, making the system less effective. New technology is being worked on to address that. Mayors and city managers were at the center Monday at a previously scheduled meeting to learn more about a replacement radio system and its cost. Emergency planners will review handling of Monday's incident in the coming days to see what other improvements might be paid.

<http://www.wkyc.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=171554&catid=3>

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AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, HILLCREST, JANUARY 26 2011. FUEL SPILL CONTAINED, AREA EVACUATED

peta fuller

A fuel spill which forced the evacuation of businesses and homes in Hillcrest south of Brisbane this morning has been contained. A Department of Community Safety spokeswoman said the spill was under control shortly before midday but recovery efforts would continue for hours. Approximately 15,000 litres of fuel was spilled after a petrol tanker rolled on Middle Rd, near the Mt Lindsay Highway. Evacuations included a childcare centre, a service station and some residents on Blackwell Rd and Anzac Ave. They remain outside the 500m exclusion zone. A police spokeswoman said there was no timeframe on how long they would have to stay out of the area. Police have closed the Mt Lindsay Highway through Hillcrest between Browns Plains Rd to the north and Green Rd to the south. No one was hurt in the accident which happened shortly after 6.30am on the Middle Rd overpass. Motorists are being advised to avoid the area and there are long delays. Queensland Fire and Rescue units are on scene including specialty hazmat, scientific and foam crews.

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/ipad/fuel-spill-contained-area-evacuated/story-fn6ck51p-1225994267427>

ETHIOPIA, ADDIS ABABA, ADDIS ABABA, JANUARY 26 2011. TOTAL ETHIOPIA TO BUILD 200MLN DEPOT, BLENDING FACILITY



Total Ethiopia, one of the six fuel operators in the country, will launch the construction of what will become the biggest depot and blending facility to be owned by oil distributing companies in Ethiopia, according to the Reporter. Projected to cost in excess of 200 million birr, the depot will have an installed capacity of eight million liters and an E10 (a 10 percent ethanol and 90 percent benzene blend) blending facility, the logistic department of the company disclosed. The project will be awarded to the would-be contractor in June while the construction is scheduled to be completed in 18 months, according to the information obtained from the company. Designed by a French company, the project will be installed in Dukem, a town 35 km east of Addis Ababa. The depot and the blending facility will be constructed on a 50,000 sq.m. plot of land.

<http://www.ezega.com/News/NewsDetails.aspx?Page=heads&NewsID=2742>

UK, CHESHIRE, JANUARY 26 2011. CHEMICAL LEAK AT M1 SERVICE STATION NEAR SHEFFIELD



The lorry was parked at Woodall Services when it was found to be leaking nitric acid. A roadside service station has been closed on the M1 near Sheffield following a chemical leak. The fire service said a parked lorry carrying 4,000 litres of nitric acid had leaked some of its load at Woodall Services. The car park was evacuated at about 0930 GMT. A 50m (164ft) cordon has been put in place around the lorry. The police and fire service are involved in the incident. It is not known how much acid has leaked. A specialist team is travelling to the incident to begin the clean-up operation.

Other News sites

- [Acid spill scare at South Yorkshire M1 service station](#)
- [Chemical leak at M1 service station near Sheffield](#)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-south-yorkshire-12275583>

ENGLAND, CHESHIRE, ELLSMERE PORTS, JANUARY 26 2011. MAN PAYS £145,000 TO SETTLE TOXIC FUEL BRIBE CASE >> PAUL JENNINGS EX CEO OF INNOSPEC ACCUSED OF APPROVING BRIBES TO BOOST SALES OF TOXIC FUEL ADDITIVES



Paul Jennings, President and CEO of Innospec.

A British businessman will pay \$229,000 (£145,000) to settle allegations that he authorised his company to pay multimillion-dollar bribes to Iraqi and Indonesian officials. Paul Jennings, chief executive of Cheshire-based chemical firm Innospec between 2005 and 2009, had been accused of approving bribes to boost sales of toxic fuel additives after they had been banned in western countries for endangering children. Jennings, who admitted no wrongdoing, will pay the money to settle the allegations from the US regulator, the Securities and Exchange Commission. Innospec admitted the allegations last year and paid \$40m to settle related investigations by the Serious Fraud Office in the UK and US prosecutors.

 Pdf Documents [Sentencing remarks of Lord Justice Thomas in the case of R -v- Innospec Limited/](#)

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<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2011/jan/25/toxic-fuel-bribe-case>

USA, WYO, RAWLINS, JANUARY 26 2011. SINCLAIR REFINERY EVACUATED AFTER SUNDAY FIRE >> POWER OUTAGE SHUTS DOWN ENTIRE FACILITY

Saturday's power outage shut down Sinclair Wyoming Refining Company, and workers were evacuated Sunday while trying to start the refinery up again. The outage was a "significant event," said John Pfeffer, refinery environmental health and safety manager. He added, "We lost our power coming in from our main feeder system, and that resulted in the entire refinery, all operating units, shutting down." He added that power was restored to the refinery later Saturday morning but could not estimate when. On Sunday, refinery personnel were evacuated after a fire started around 1:30 p.m. inside an electrostatic precipitator, or a device that collects dust and prevents it from being released into the atmosphere, Pfeffer said. Because it was one of the units waiting to be restarted, it wasn't operating when the fire occurred. "We sounded our evacuation alarm, and our emergency response team responded, put the fire out, (and) cooled the equipment," he said, adding that no injuries were reported in the fire and employees were allowed to re-enter the refinery within a few hours. Refinery officials are conducting an investigation into the fire's cause, which was unknown Monday afternoon, Pfeffer said. The damage to the electrostatic precipitator also was unknown.

<http://www.rawlinstimes.com/articles/2011/01/25/news/doc4d3e596d847e8578833706.txt>

USA, MS, MERIDIAN, JANUARY 26 2011. GAS SPILL AT MURPHY STATION

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Over 55 gallons of gasoline spilled Monday morning at Murphy Gas, next to the Bonita Wal-Mart in Meridian. Traffic had to be re-routed while the area was cleaned up. Gasoline gushed out of a pump at Meridian's Bonita Lakes Wal-Mart, because of an internal malfunction in one of the pumps. "There was no way to stop it, so they had to do a complete shut down of the entire gas station," said Fire Chief Anthony Clayton. "We were dispatched and blocked off all entrances and exits to the station. We then started our decontamination of the area." With a gas spill this large, over 55 gallons, MEMA and the state Department of Environmental Quality had to be notified. The exact amount of gasoline spilled won't be known until Murphy takes inventory Tuesday. The city takes the clean up efforts seriously, but officials say they were able to catch most of the gas before it was able to spread. "Trying to figure out how much fuel got away from us is what DEQ will help us with. Also, we have to figure out how much was able to get into the ground. But we did get most of it," said homeland security director Tim Miller. The city plans to flush out the storm drain into which most of the gasoline spilled.

http://www.wtok.com/news/headlines/Gas_Spills_114513834.html?ref=834

INDIA, MAHARASHTRA STATE, MANMAD, JANUARY 26 2011. OIL MAFIA BURNS ALIVE ADDITIONAL COLLECTOR >> MANMAD HAS MASSIVE OIL DEPOTS, MAKING IT THE STOMPING GROUND OF THE OIL MAFIA

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.zeenews.com/video/showvideo10033.html>

An additional collector was burnt alive on Tuesday afternoon in Manmad, near Malegaon, on Tuesday when he tried to call other government officials to the scene of a fuel theft. The perpetrators doused [Yashwant Sonawane](#) (44) with kerosene and set him afire in scenes that sent shockwaves across the state. Sonawane was found dead in a field from severe burns. But before dying he clung on to one of his attackers, Popat Shinde, making it impossible for him to flee. Shinde sustained 80% burns and is critical. He has been arrested with four others. The gruesome killing led to home minister R R Patil ordering an immediate crackdown on the fuel mafia across the state. [CM Prithviraj Chavan](#) ordered an inquiry into the incident. He also announced a Rs 25 lakh payment to the family, payment of his salary till retirement and other compensation. Furious gazetted officers plan a strike on Thursday. Deputy CM Ajit Pawar called it a blot on humanity. Sonawane had gone to Chandvad, where farmers had been agitating, and was proceeding towards Nandgaon when he spotted oil pilferage at Panewadi village in [Manmad](#) taluka, said Nashik divisional commissioner Jayant Gaikwad. The place has oil depots of major companies like HPCL, BPCL and [IOC](#). When he saw the theft outside the shop of Popat Shinde, he took video footage on his cellphone and also called local officials for a raid." Shinde's servant heard Sonawane calling the officials and alerted his boss. Soon,

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Shinde's accomplices accosted the government official, doused him with the kerosene they were stealing and set him on fire. "Shinde arrived on the scene and got into a heated argument with Sonawane. Shinde's son Kunal and other servants also reached the spot," said Gaikwad. "There were two kerosene cans of 20 litres each at the scene. One of the assailants poured the contents of a can over Sonawane and set him ablaze. Sonawane at that point caught hold of Shinde, who sustained nearly 60% burns and is critical." The divisional commissioner said fuel pilferage is not uncommon in Panewadi. The oil depots in the area supply fuel to nearly 12 districts in northern Maharashtra and Marathwada. Gaikwad said Shinde had lost his wife just 10 days ago. "We are taken aback at how he could have committed such a gory crime while in grief," said Gaikwad. The attacker had a criminal record and had been externed once. Sonawane's cell phone, with the video, is now with the police. The tanker from which the kerosene was being pilfered has been seized. The additional director-general of police (law and order) said Shinde, his son Kunal, brother-in-law Sitaram Bhalariao and their aide Raju Shirsat have been arrested for the murder. Nashik collector P Velarasu said Sonawane was a low profile, hard-working officer. "Local policemen reached the spot within minutes of receiving the information. However, it was too late. Sonawane had already died," said Velarasu. The body was taken to Nashik where the last rites will be performed. A postmortem was conducted on Tuesday evening and the funeral was scheduled for later in the night. Sonawane is survived by his wife, who lives in Malegaon, and two sons who study in Pune. Sonawane was a native of Dindori, but his parents stayed in Nashik. He had joined the government as deputy collector in 1994 and was expected to be absorbed into the IAS later. Police and government sources said officials have known about the fuel mafia, but all action taken so far has been merely cosmetic. Food and civil supplies minister Anil Deshmukh, who is visiting Satara district, said the government will unearth the adulteration racket and take action against those behind the gruesome killing. The CM asked revenue minister Balasaheb Thorat to reach the spot. Thorat said, "We will not hesitate to apply the strict MCOCA against the culprits."

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/Oil-mafia-burns-alive-additional-collector/articleshow/7364458.cms>

CHINA, HENAN PROVINCE, LUOHE, LAO GONGTIAN, JANUARY 26 2011. EXPLOSIVE MISTAKE



Locals got an early fireworks show when a blaze broke out at this firework factory at Lao Gongtian village in Luohe, in Henan province, central China. Chinese firework makers work overtime at this time of year in order to get the fireworks ready for the Chinese New Year which lasts over 20 days into mid-February. But the entire stock at the Yutian firecracker factory went up in smoke together with eight staff that were also killed in the blaze that injured 22. A fire brigade spokesman said: "The blaze could be seen for miles and it was a really difficult one to tackle – we had fireworks stored over the area the size of a football pitch and the explosions were so powerful that they completely destroyed the building." Building fireworks is one of the main

occupations in the region and the factory that burned down was one of the main ones in the village. There are another five firework factories in the village employing 1,000 people and it is now the main source of income. All those that died were workers at the factory who had been doing the night shift when the blaze started.

http://austriantimes.at/news/Around_the_World/2011-01-25/30017/Explosive_Mistake

USA, AZ, PHOENIX, JANUARY 26 2011. TANKER ON FIRE SHUT DOWN FREEWAY ENTRANCE

 **Slideshow** <http://www.kpho.com/slideshow/news/26617938/detail.html>



With bright flames shooting out of a tanker truck, the Arizona Department of Public Safety stopped northbound freeway traffic Tuesday night. A tanker truck caught fire as it headed north on Interstate 17. The driver pulled over to the right and called for help. Firefighters said he tried to put out the fire with an extinguisher but could not get the flames under control. As the Phoenix Fire Department sent its hazardous materials crew to the scene, DPS officers blocked traffic at the Bethany Home Road entrance and began taking vehicles off the freeway at Bethany Home Road. Northbound drivers were allowed back on at Northern Avenue. Firefighters turned on the water cannon and had the fire out within about 15 minutes. They said fortunately the fire was contained to the cab. "It was a close call. If the fire extends to the tanker -- now we have a huge fire, with 8200 pounds of fuel burning, possibly exploding, tearing up the freeway. (It could have) escalated quite a bit," said Scott

McDonald, of the Phoenix Fire Department. Freeway traffic is still diverted as emergency crews determine how to safely empty

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the trucks tanks. A DPS spokesman said northbound Interstate 17 between Bethany Home Road and Glendale Avenue was reopened shortly before 11 p.m.

<http://www.kpho.com/news/26616370/detail.html>

USA, CA, LOS ANGELES, JANUARY 26 2011. FEDERAL EXPLOSIVES LICENSEE [PYRO SPECTACULARS, INC] FORFEITS \$29,000 FOR ALLEGED STORAGE VIOLATIONS

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) announced today that Pyro Spectaculars Inc., a Federal Explosives Licensee located in Rialto, has agreed to forfeit the sum of \$29,000 representing proceeds from an alleged violation of Federal explosives laws. Pyro Spectaculars Inc agreed to forfeit the proceeds for the over storage of approximately 62,000 pounds of explosives stored in excess of individual container limits. "This case is historic for ATF and the explosives industry in that this is the first time a forfeiture has ever happened for storage violations. I commend Pyro Spectacular for agreeing to the forfeiture. Secondly, it shows ATF has zero tolerance for those who may want to circumvent explosives storage laws," said John A. Torres, Special Agent in Charge of ATF's Los Angeles Field Division. "For anyone thinking of doing this, don't! Public safety is our main concern and I feel we have done our part in ensuring their well-being." In March, 2010, an explosive inspection was conducted at Pyro Spectaculars Inc by ATF Industry Operations Investigators. Investigators found violations of the Federal mandated explosives storage laws which licensee's must adhere to when storing explosives material. Pyro Spectaculars Inc worked with ATF to quickly mitigate the public safety concerns and has instituted procedures to ensure full compliance with all Federal explosives laws. ATF is the Federal agency primarily responsible for administering and enforcing the criminal and regulatory provisions of the Federal laws pertaining to destructive devices (bombs), explosives, and arson. Over nearly 40 years, ATF has developed scientifically proven investigative capabilities, expertise, and resources that have positioned ATF as the Nation's primary source for explosives and fire investigative knowledge and assistance. To accomplish its mission, ATF has multiple tools at its disposal, including: Accelerant and Explosives Canines, Certified Explosives Specialists, Certified Fire Investigators, Criminal Investigative Analysis, Explosives Enforcement Officers, International and National Response Teams, U.S. Bomb Data Center/Bomb Arson Tracking System. More information about ATF and its programs is available at www.atf.gov.

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/federal-explosives-licensee-forfeits-29000-for-alleged-storage-violations-114561679.html>

USA, CA, PORT OF STOCKTON, JANUARY 26 2011. OIL SPILL SURROUNDS LARGE SHIP AT PORT OF STOCKTON



A San Joaquin County Sheriff's boat moves Tuesday toward the Norwegian shipping vessel *Champion*, which was leaking hydraulic fuel from its rudder into the Port of Stockton.

An oil spill has surrounded a large ship at the Port of Stockton, fire officials said. Divers are in the water searching for the source of the spill, and the Coast Guard is on scene, said Stockton fire spokesman Paul Willette. "They're going to be there for quite a while, I think," Willette said this afternoon. He said he had heard no estimate on the amount of oil spilled.

http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110125/A_NEWS/110129922

USA, OK, SAND SPRINGS, JANUARY 26 2011. CHEMICAL SPILL CLOSES MORROW ROAD



A hydrochloric acid spill from a transport truck in the 200 block of E. Morrow Road at about noon Tuesday closed the road from Main Street to Adams Road. Officials estimated the spill at about 100 gallons.

A hydrochloric acid spill at about noon Tuesday in the 200 block of East Morrow Road forced the closure of Morrow Road from Main Street to Adams Road for about four hours. City officials said approximately 100 gallons spilled from a transport truck as it left Brenntag Southwest, a chemical distribution company, at 206 E. Morrow Rd. The spill was safely contained and no injuries were reported, city officials said. Sand Springs firefighters monitored the incident and the spill was

cleaned up by Sooner Emergency Service

http://sandspringsleader.com/news/article_ae43fb6e-28b7-11e0-9851-001cc4c03286.html

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USA, TX, JEFFERSON CO, JANUARY 26 2011. CHEMICAL PLANT WORKER SUES 28 COMPANIES OVER BENZENE EXPOSURE

After working as a "long-term employee" for the Jefferson Chemical/Texaco Chemical Co. plant, Jefferson County resident Mark Majors claims he was exposed to benzene, causing him to develop blood cancer and multiple myeloma. On Jan. 14, Mark Majors and his wife, Sylvia, filed suit against American Cyanamid and 27 other companies in Jefferson County District Court, alleging they negligently exposed him to benzene despite being aware of the dangers. The other defendants include Cytec, Texaco, TRMI Holdings, Wyeth Holdings, Amoco Chemical Co., Amoco Oil Co., Atlantic Richfield Co., B.P. Amoco Chemical Co., B.P. Products North America, Chevron, Exxon Mobil, Exxon Mobil Oil Corp., Mallinckrodt Baker, Mallickrodt, McKesson Corp., McKesson HBOC, Sabine Towing and Transportation, Sequia Corp., Shell, Shell Chemical, Shell Oil, Union Oil Company of California, Univar, Fisher Scientific Co. and Fisher Scientific International. According to the lawsuit, Majors worked at the Port Neches chemical plant through the late 1970s and "was occupationally exposed to various toxic and carcinogenic chemicals, including but not limited to, benzene, benzene-containing products and other carcinogens." In addition, Majors was exposed to an aromatic distillate product manufactured at the plant, which contained high concentrations of benzene. As a result of his exposure to the various chemicals, Majors developed blood cancer and multiple myeloma, the plaintiffs claim. The suit alleges the defendants negligently failed to warn customers and workers of the dangers of benzene despite having actual knowledge. The Majors are seeking damages for Mark Major's alleged past and future medical expenses, mental anguish, pain, impairment, disfigurement and lost wages and for Sylvia Major's mental anguish, medical costs, loss of her husband's society and household services and costs for nursing care. They are represented by Beaumont attorney Darren L. Brown of the Provost Umphrey law firm. Judge Gary Sanderson, 60th District Court, has been assigned to the case. Case No. B189-181

<http://www.setexasrecord.com/news/232850-chemical-plant-worker-sues-28-companies-over-benzene-exposure>

USA, VA, CHESAPEAKE, JANUARY 27 2011. TANKER TRUCK OVERTURNS IN CHESAPEAKE >> NO ONE INJURED

 **Watch the Video** http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/local_news/chesapeake/tanker-truck-overtURNS-in-chesapeake



A tanker truck carrying liquid nitrogen fertilizer overturned into a ditch in Chesapeake on Wednesday morning, near the intersection of Head of River and Centerville roads. No injuries were reported, and the tanker did not release any of its product.

A tractor trailer carrying 4,500 gallons of liquid nitrogen fertilizer overturned into a drainage ditch in Chesapeake Wednesday morning. At around 10:30, Chesapeake fire crews responded to the scene. Captain Michael Thibeault told WAVY.com it appears the truck lost control while making a slow turn at the intersection of Head of River and Cedarville Roads and slowly rolled over into a drainage ditch. The

driver of the truck was not injured. Contractors remain on the scene transferring the fertilizer to other tankers. The intersection of Head of River and Cedarville roads is currently closed due to the accident.

http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/local_news/chesapeake/tanker-truck-overtURNS-in-chesapeake

USA, WASHINGTON, JANUARY 27 2011. US APPEALS COURT WEIGHS CONSEQUENCES OF INDONESIANS' LAWSUIT AGAINST EXXON

brent kendall

A federal appeals court on Tuesday explored the potential consequences of allowing Indonesian villagers to sue Exxon Mobil Corp. (XOM) for alleged atrocities committed by Indonesian soldiers guarding a natural gas plant in the Aceh province. A group of villagers alleges the soldiers, serving as Exxon's security forces, murdered, tortured, raped and kidnapped local residents. The alleged abuses took place from 1999 to 2001, during a period of civil unrest in the region. Exxon says the claims are baseless and argued in court that there were a host of reasons the lawsuit should be thrown out. During oral arguments Tuesday, company lawyer Sri Srinivasan said the plaintiffs were wrongly attempting to bring U.S. courts into a matter involving Indonesian soldiers and villagers that took place on that country's soil during a civil war. A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit spent nearly two hours weighing two important legal questions. Would allowing the lawsuit to go forward interfere with U.S. foreign affairs? And can corporations be held liable at all in U.S. courts for violating [international law](#)? The judges noted the Indonesian government has raised serious objections to lawsuit and questioned how the villagers could make a case against Exxon without implicating the Indonesian military. The appeals

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court, however, also noted that the U.S. government, despite having previously expressed foreign-policy concerns about the lawsuit, never has urged that it be dismissed in its entirety. Agnieszka Fryszman, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said the soldiers were "essentially privatized" and were under Exxon's control. She said the company was legally responsible for the soldiers' actions. The court peppered lawyers from both sides with questions about whether corporations can be held liable under Alien Tort Statute, a 1789 federal law that allows suits for violations of "the law of nations." The question is a significant one to the business community and U.S. business groups are backing Exxon's arguments that corporations can't be sued under the statute. In support of that position, Exxon lawyer Srinivasan frequently referenced a September 2010 decision from a New York federal appeals court that dismissed a suit brought by Nigerian residents, who alleged that three subsidiaries of Royal Dutch Shell PLC (RDSA, RDSA.LN) were complicit in crimes against humanity in Nigeria. The New York court said corporations could not be held liable under the statute. But two of the judges in Tuesday's case, Judith Rogers and David Tatel, questioned the reasoning of the New York court's ruling. "Why would we adopt that approach?" Rogers asked at one point. The plaintiffs' lawsuit against Exxon dates back to 2001. Not all of their claims are based on international-law violations. Among other things, they also sued Exxon for wrongful death and assault and battery. A [Washington](#) trial judge had thrown out some of the plaintiffs' claims, but issued a key procedural ruling in 2008 that appeared to clear the remaining parts of case for trial. However, the case was transferred to a different judge who dismissed the lawsuit a year later. Chief District Court Judge Royce Lamberth in Washington ruled in 2009 that the villagers had no standing to bring a lawsuit against the oil giant in U.S. courts because they are non-resident aliens. Exxon, which offered several alternative arguments for dismissing the villagers' case, did not defend Lamberth's legal reasoning and the appeals court on Tuesday said little about it. The case is John Doe VIII v. Exxon Mobil Corporation, 09-7125. A decision is expected in the coming months.

<http://www.nasdaq.com/aspx/stock-market-news-story.aspx?storyid=201101251554dowjonesdjonline000383&title=us-appeals-court-weighs-consequences-of-indonesianslawsuit-against-exxon>

USA, MA, MEDFORD, JANUARY 27 2011. MEDFORD STATE REP. SUPPORTS CHEMICAL SAFETY LAW

In response to continued public concern over the presence of dangerous chemicals in common household products and Congressional inaction on the matter, this week legislators in Massachusetts, including Rep. Paul J. Donato, D-Medford, and 29 other states announce legislation aimed at protecting children, families and workers from harmful chemicals. Despite well-funded opposition from the chemical industry, 18 state legislatures have already passed 71 chemical safety laws in the last eight years by an overwhelming, bipartisan margin — with more to come this year. Massachusetts legislators are filing bills that would replace toxic chemicals with safer alternatives in every day products, and introducing a resolution calling on Congress to overhaul the main federal chemical safety law, the Toxics Substances Control Act of 1976 (TSCA). "As a father and a legislator, I am committed to better protecting children and families in Massachusetts from the toxic chemicals in every day products, from cleaners to non-stick cookware to cosmetics," said Rep. Jay Kaufman, D-Lexington, lead sponsor of the Safer Alternatives bill filed this week. "We must break the cycle of preventable disease that starts with exposure to chemicals that can cause cancer, birth defects and reproductive disorders." "Dozens of states around the country are coming together to update our chemical safety laws so that hazardous chemicals are replaced with safer alternatives," said Sen. Steven Tolman, D-Brighton, introducing the TSCA resolution and Senate lead sponsor of the Safer Alternatives bill. "If Congress is not going to act quickly enough to protect families in Massachusetts, we're going to move forward at the state level." Increasing rates of chronic diseases linked to toxic chemical exposure, including cancer, asthma, and infertility, have created an urgency in state capitols to enact policies to get harmful chemicals off the market. Just last week, researchers at the University of California published a peer-reviewed study confirming that the typical pregnant woman has dozens of potentially toxic or even cancer-causing chemicals in her body — including ingredients found in flame retardants and rocket fuel. Last year, the Presidential Cancer Report concluded that "the true burden of environmentally induced cancers has been grossly underestimated" and urged President Obama "to use the power of your office to remove the carcinogens and other toxins from our food, water and air." According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, chronic diseases like cancer now account for 75 percent of U.S. health care costs. Just this month, the National Institutes of Health released a study projecting 2010 costs of cancer to reach \$127.6 billion, with the highest costs associated with breast cancer (\$16.5 billion), followed by colorectal cancer (\$14 billion), lymphoma (\$12 billion), lung cancer (\$12 billion) and prostate cancer (\$12 billion). "As the burden of chronic diseases linked to hazardous chemicals like cancer and learning disabilities mounts up, we are demanding leadership from officials at all levels of government," said Elizabeth Saunders, Clean Water Action legislative director. "Toxic chemicals such as cadmium and BPA simply do not belong in every day products in our homes and workplaces and our families are paying too high a price." "Breast cancer rates in our grandparents' time were 1 in 20 — now women face a more than 1 in 8 lifetime risk of breast cancer," said Erin Boles, associate executive director for the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition.

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"We must draw the line here and take every preventive step we can to turn this trend around, including phasing out cancer-causing chemicals in daily commerce." Bills to be considered in the 30 states include: bans on BPA and hazardous flame retardants in consumer products; requirements that children's product manufacturers use only the safest chemicals; and resolutions urging Congress to overhaul the 1976 Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) — the federal law that allows dangerous and untested chemicals to be used in everyday products and materials. In Massachusetts, the Safer Alternatives bill will set up a program whereby toxic chemicals are reviewed for availability of safer, feasible alternatives and the state assists businesses to transition to these safer alternatives. "A substantial body of scientific research shows that the public is exposed to chemicals that increase the risk of serious health threats, including cancer, asthma, infertility and learning and developmental disabilities," said Dr. Ted Schettler, MD, MPH, science director of the Science and Environmental Health Network. "For most chemicals, no government agency has the authority to require safety testing before they are put into widespread use. It's an uncontrolled experiment, and individuals and families across the country are paying the price." Despite overwhelming public support for stronger laws on toxic chemicals, Congress has heeded the aggressive opposition of chemical industry lobbyists rather than the support of the American electorate and failed to pass TSCA reform legislation three times in the last six years. However, the battle will continue at the federal level in 2011, with new TSCA reform bills expected to be introduced. A map of the U.S. showing states that are introducing reform can be found here: <http://www.saferchemicals.org/2011/01/30-states-nationwide-to-announce-upcoming-bills-to-protect-kids-and-families-from-toxic-chemicals-on.html> Last November two national health-based coalitions, SAFER States and Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families, released a report called Healthy States: Protecting Families from Toxic Chemicals While Congress Lags Behind (<http://blog.saferchemicals.org/2010/11/healthy-states-protecting-families-from-toxic-chemicals-while-congress-lags-behind.html>). This first-ever analysis of votes on state laws aimed at protecting the public from toxic chemicals found that, of more than 9,000 votes cast by state legislators, 73 percent of Republicans and 99 percent of Democrats favored stronger protection of children's health and the environment from dangerous chemicals, with equal support from governors of each party. The report found that the pace of state policymaking on chemicals has more than tripled in eight years.

<http://www.wickedlocal.com/medford/newsnow/x104388834/Medford-state-rep-supports-chemical-safety-law>

RUSSIA, MOSCOW, JANUARY 27 2011. RUSSIAN OIL FIRMS FINED 15 BLN RBLS [\$500 MILLION] FOR PRICE FIXING



Large Russian oil majors LUKoil, Gazprom Neft, TNK-BP and Rosneft will have to pay a total of 15 billion rubles (\$500 million) in fines for inflating petrol prices in 2008-2009, Federal Antimonopoly

Service (FAS) head Igor Artemyev said on Wednesday. "The total volume of penalties will amount to 15 billion rubles," Artemyev told the State Duma, Russia's lower house of parliament. The FAS had

initially levied a 26 billion ruble fine on the companies but later they signed amicable agreements with the service, reducing the sum. Artemyev said the FAS believed that the heavy penalties would have a positive effect on oil producers' pricing policy, but said other measures were ready if need be. "In

general, we are ready for new action. There is a subject for antimonopoly procedures," he said. He said the service would decide before February 6 whether to initiate new suits against oil companies following a price hike at the end of last year. Artemyev said it was difficult to justify Russian petrol prices, given the existence of higher international oil prices and petrol excise duties.

<http://en.rian.ru/business/20110126/162313900.html>

USA, LOUISIANA, JANUARY 27 2011. ETHANOL PROBLEMS ARE ON THE RISE

hank johnston

In June 2009, I wrote a column warning about the problems that many boaters were experiencing due to the use of ethanol-blended gasoline. I also warned that the EPA was entertaining a petition by the ethanol-lobbying group to increase the percentage ethanol blend from 10 to 15 percent. This November, in true bureaucratic fashion, the EPA bowed to the wishes of the ethanol producers, and authorized an increase from 10 to 15 percent ethanol fuel. This increased amount of ethanol is supposedly for 2007 and newer automobiles and light trucks. When the EPA announced this increase, they also warned that the higher concentration of alcohol was not to be used in marine engines, motorcycles and gas-powered lawn and garden tools. Outboard motor manufacturers have consistently warned against using gasoline with more than 10-percent alcohol

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content. Higher concentrations of alcohol can cause catastrophic engine failure, and the outboard manufacturers have all stated that your warranty will be voided if you use greater than 10-percent alcohol blends. What a wonderful example of our government at work. The EPA authorizes the increase of alcohol in our gasoline. They claim it is for 2007 and newer vehicles, and warn it is not to be used in marine, motorcycle or lawn equipment engines. They simply overlooked one slight detail: Who is going to be responsible when this increased alcohol content causes engine damage? Fifteen-percent ethanol fuel may start showing up in gas stations at anytime in the coming months. There is currently no labeling required for the 15-percent blend. No one has addressed the question of whether we will have the choice of 10 percent, 15 percent or just good-ol' pure gasoline. Apparently, the monkey is going to be on your back. It will be your responsibility to know what type of fuel you are pumping into your auto, truck or boat, and you will need to know what type of fuel is acceptable for each of those tanks. If you must use ethanol-blended gasoline in your boat, you may want to invest in an ethanol fuel test kit. I found these kits through a Google search for "ethanol alcohol fuel test kit." These kits are very inexpensive — \$25 plus shipping — and easy to use. It is a quick, two-step process, and you will see the results from 0-30% before you pump the gas into your tank. There are a few other precautions you should take to protect your outboard engines from the problems associated with ethanol. The installation of a water-separating fuel filter will trap water and dirt, and keep them from damaging your carburetors or fuel injectors. Make sure it is mounted in an area that is easy to get to so the filter can be removed and checked on a regular basis. Ethanol-blended gasoline has a shelf life of approximately 90 days, after which the octane level drops and the fuel becomes stale. The use of a fuel stabilizer will extend the shelf life to 1 year. Fuel stabilizer must be added when you fill your tank at the gas station. If you wait several weeks or months and then add stabilizer, you will be throwing your money down the drain. This product is very inexpensive. An 8-ounce bottle will cost approximately \$13, and the mixture ratio is 1 ounce per 10 gallons of gas. Alcohol is a water magnet. During the day when temperatures rise, the gas in your tank expands, forcing air out of the tank. At night when the temperature drops, the gas contracts and sucks air into the tank through the vent. The alcohol in your gasoline seeks out the moisture in that air. Water molecules are joined with alcohol molecules, and are accumulated in the bottom of the tank. Keeping your tank full will reduce the air space and thus reduce the amount of humidity that can accumulate in the tank. Ethanol-related fuel system problems have become a major source of business for many outboard repair shops. I have performed countless numbers of carburetor overhauls, rebuilt fuel pumps and replaced hundreds of feet of fuel lines due to the effects of ethanol.

<http://www.louisianasportsman.com/details.php?id=2768>

UK, SUFFOLK, JANUARY 27 2011. SUFFOLK: A14 FULLY OPEN AFTER PETROL TANKER CRASH

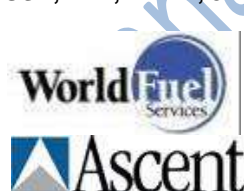


The scene of the accident involving an oil tanker on the A14 westbound by the A140 junction.

The A14 is fully open again after a petrol tanker crashed into the central reservation on the A14. The incident, on the westbound carriageway, happened just before the A140 junction at approximately 9.44am. It is believed the tanker was involved in a collision with several other vehicles before hitting the central barrier of the road. One westbound lane was closed until mid-afternoon while police recovered the petrol tanker and cleared the road. Both Suffolk Fire and Ambulance services attended the scene of the incident where a 25-year-old woman was the only casualty. She was taken to Ipswich Hospital for further checks but is not believed to have any serious injuries.

http://www.eadt.co.uk/news/suffolk_a14_fully_open_after_petrol_tanker_crash_1_784027

USA, FLA, MIAMI, JANUARY 27 2011. WORLD FUEL SERVICES TO ACQUIRE ASCENT AVIATION GROUP



World Fuel Services Corporation on Monday announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, World Fuel Services, Inc., (WFS) has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Ascent Aviation Group, Inc. The transaction, which is expected to be \$0.03 to \$0.05 accretive to earnings in the first twelve months, is subject to customary closing conditions and is expected to be completed within 30 days. WFS is a

Miami-based global fuel logistics company with over 6,000 locations in 200 countries, including airports, seaports, tanker truck loading terminals and other customer storage locations. With its recent acquisitions of Western Petroleum and the Hiller Group, WFS is looking to continue expanding its general aviation business and enhance its product offering to include deicing fluids. Ascent, a leading distributor of aviation

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fuel and deicing fluids based in Parish, New York, supplies aviation fuel and deicing fluid to more than 450 airports and fixed base operators throughout North America. It is also a national branded reseller of aviation fuel for ConocoPhillips and is the exclusive third-party distributor of deicing fluids for Dow in the United States.

<http://channel6newsline.com/2011/01/world-fuel-services-to-acquire-ascent-aviation-group/>

AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, NORTH HAVEN, JANUARY 27 2011. STINK OVER NORTH HAVEN FUEL DEPOT

tim williams

Odour and fire risk are the concerns of North Haven residents and environmentalists over a proposed fuel depot on Pelican Pt Rd. They said the depot, which would be built by Terminals Pty Ltd about 1km from homes, would be too close. Plans for the \$110 million project were lodged with the State Government's Development Assessment Commission last month. It would include 10 tanks for petrol, diesel, biodiesel and ethanol storage, with a combined 135 million-litre capacity, a 16-railcar loading area, a three-bay road tanker loading gantry and pipeline from Berth 4 or 8 at Outer Harbor. Steadman St residents, who would be closest to the depot, were unaware of the plan when approached by the Portside Messenger last week. They said they often smelled fuel odour from depots farther south on the peninsula as they drove past and expected they'd face the same at home. Danny Blackmore said: "If they're going to put it down here I reckon you'll get the smell." Gael Roberts questioned the need for another fuel depot on the peninsula. Christine Wolf said a depot was "probably the worst-case scenario" but was resigned to further industrial development of the area. Port Adelaide Residents Environment Action Group spokesman Tony Bazeley said the group was concerned about the risk of explosion, pointing to the 2005 Buncefield, UK, fuel depot fire which started about 1km from homes and injured 43 people. The application is on the website dac.sa.gov.au. Submissions must be made by February 3.

<http://portside-messenger.wherelive.com.au/news/story/stink-over-fuel-depot/>

USA, CHESAPEAKE, JANUARY 27 2011. HAZMAT TEAM ON THE SCENE OF FUEL SPILL >> 300 GALLONS OF FUEL SPILLS IN CHESAPEAKE



Halifax Lane in Chesapeake. Area where 300 gallons of fuel spilled Tuesday afternoon, January 26, 2011.

A hazmat team is on the scene of a 300 gallon fuel spill at a terminal on Halifax Lane in Chesapeake. According to Captain Mike Thibeault, a foam team has the spill contained and covered. Crews are conducting atmospheric monitoring in the area right now, Thibeault said. No injuries or evacuation have been reported. Further information has not been released. We'll be sure to update you as soon as more information becomes available.

http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/local_news/chesapeake/hazmat-team-on-the-scene-of-fuel-spill

USA, MI, DETROIT, JANUARY 28 2011. KALAMAZOO SPILL IS A WAKE-UP CALL FOR STATE >> FAULTY PIPELINE IS JUST ONE OF MANY THAT CRISSCROSS THE REGION



Workers try to contain a flow of oil on A Drive North as oil-spill cleanup continues along the Kalamazoo River in Marshall on Thursday. Enbridge owns the pipeline that ruptured last week, and the company estimated 820,000 gallons of oil have spilled.

Michiganders have watched in horror over the past week as a thick layer of oil from a pipeline rupture near Marshall rode down the Kalamazoo River toward Lake Michigan. Even in these divisive times, protecting the Great Lakes from contamination is a concern that commands unanimous support. So it is scarier yet to remember that the same pipeline crosses under the St. Clair River en route to Sarnia and points beyond in Ontario. Numerous other pipelines crisscross the state, including one for natural gas under the Straits of Mackinac and another filled with

refined products such as gasoline, which ruptured near Jackson in June 2000. Because virtually all of Michigan lies within the Great Lakes basin, any major pipeline break or other incident involving oil products has the potential to reach the waters that

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give Michigan its rightful sense of pride. The gasoline loosed in the 2000 pipeline rupture near Jackson got as far as the Grand River, which also flows into Lake Michigan, but it did not travel nearly as far as the Marshall spill has. The miles and miles of pipeline here do not always come to mind when addressing dangers posed to the lakes. In the wake of the drilling disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, for example, many elected officials and environmental advocates have called for a constitutional ban on drilling in or beneath the lakes for oil and natural gas. But Michigan, with its strong industrial heritage and proximity to Canada, also has a fair amount of apparatus devoted to moving those fuels around even when they come from places as far away as Alberta. Out of sight, as is the case with pipelines, should not be out of mind. That is especially true given that the pipelines appear to fall in the same category of aging infrastructure that plagues many of Michigan's roads, bridges, water lines and sewer mains. The 2000 break that brought an estimated 75,000 gallons of gasoline to the surface near Jackson was ultimately traced to a faulty weld done in 1954, according to Thomas F. Campbell, one of the lawyers who worked for the families suing the responsible company, Wolverine Pipeline. The Enbridge Inc. pipeline that ruptured last week dates to 1969, and the Free Press has reported that the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has twice this year expressed concerns to the company about corrosion in the 1,900 miles of Lakehead pipeline under the agency's jurisdiction. Enbridge's recent history also suggests it may not be on top of the problems associated with the age of its equipment. The company had two pipeline spills in northern Wisconsin in 2007 and a pipeline explosion in Minnesota the same year that killed two people, according to Associated Press reports. More worrisome, the Enbridge leak near Marshall dwarfs the earlier incidents. The 820,000 gallons of crude the company estimates it spilled last week are four times the amount spilled in Wisconsin. And the EPA has estimated that the spill is closer to a million gallons. As photos show, that's a lot of heavy oil to contain, vacuum up and truck away. By Friday, officials expressed confidence that they had stopped the downstream movement of the crude and could concentrate on cleanup. Given the amount, that may take weeks, if not months. Now imagine this much heavy crude in the St. Clair River, heading toward Lake St. Clair and the drinking water intakes for millions of people in southeast Michigan. The public health threat would be enormous, the damage to fish and waterfowl would be huge, and the disruption to everyday life long-lasting. So among the proactive steps that must come from this wake-up call is an insistence that Enbridge and other pipeline companies -- with appropriate regulators looking over their shoulders -- show that their equipment has been inspected and proven secure or else upgraded, starting with sections closest to the big lakes, and then the areas closest to major tributaries. Gov. Jennifer Granholm should delegate someone within state government as a watchdog. Granholm also needs to put a watchdog, or more appropriately a bulldog, on the case to shadow the ongoing cleanup of the Kalamazoo River and the area near Marshall where the spill occurred. The calamity for affected families will not subside for some time. (After the Jackson-area gasoline pipeline break, one family was forced out of its home for more than a year.) Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River will surely take years to return to some sort of natural state, even after a thorough cleanup; its status should be well-monitored and documented. A National Wildlife Federation report issued last week, which was spurred by the Gulf of Mexico disaster, documents that production, refining and pipeline accidents are an almost everyday event in the United States. The scale is usually much smaller than what Michigan is experiencing, let alone what happened in the gulf. But the message is clear. It's time for much more vigilant oversight, from wellhead to final delivery, of America's fuels.

Top 10 States ... For Pipeline Accidents, 2000-09:

Texas:	523
Louisiana:	223
California:	177
Kansas:	117
Illinois:	115
Pennsylvania:	114
Oklahoma:	113
Ohio:	74
Michigan:	61
New Mexico:	58

<http://www.freep.com/article/20100801/OPINION01/110180005/0/NEWS15/Kalamazoo-spill-wake-up-call-state?odyssey=nav/head>

UK, ELLSEMERE PORT, JANUARY 28 2011. REPORTS SUGGEST SHELL HAS SOLD STANLOW REFINERY TO ESSAR FOR £220M

Shell's Stanlow refinery has been sold for £220m to Indian firm Essar, reports in Mumbai suggest. The Economic Times states that Essar Oil has finalised its purchase of Shell's Stanlow refinery in UK for \$350 million dollars, quoting a source close to the

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deal. Shell has set a deadline of February for a deal to be reached and the announcement is expected to be made at the start of next month. The Stanlow refinery is part of the Royal Dutch Shell group. Essar reopened talks with Shell earlier this month after walking away from negotiations that have been ongoing since August 2009. The publication says that Essar will pay \$50m on signing of the deal, another \$100m on closing of the deal and \$100m in each of the next two years after closing the deal. With crude prices worth more than \$91 per barrel, the refining business is becoming more attractive and the sector is seeing a turnaround on higher energy demand. European companies are selling their non profitable plants to cut expenses and they fit into Indian refiners global strategy of expansion. Both Essar and Shell say they are still in talks and would not confirm the deal had been struck.

<http://www.ellesmereportpioneer.co.uk/ellesmere-port-news/business-news/2011/01/26/reports-suggest-shell-has-sold-stanlow-refinery-to-essar-for-220m-55940-28051674/>

CHINA BEIJING, JANUARY 28 2011. CHINA TO BEEF UP FIREWORKS SAFETY DURING UPCOMING FESTIVAL

China's police authority on Wednesday ordered the nation's police to increase monitoring of fireworks safety following recent fireworks accidents occurring a few days ahead of the Spring Festival. The Ministry of Public Security issued a notice ordering police authorities across the nation to eliminate illegal production and storage of fireworks and to prevent illegal fireworks from falling into the hands of criminals. The notice asked policemen across the nation to keep a close eye on the setting off of fireworks at times or places that violate regulations. The Spring Festival, the Chinese Lunar New Year that falls on Feb. 3 this year, usually brings a surge in fireworks sales as well as in accidental explosions due to lax management and supervision. Some 94 work safety accidents happened in China in the first 19 days of January, up 14.6 percent year on year. In the latest event, at least 10 people were killed and 21 injured in a fireworks plant explosion in central China's Henan Province.

<http://english.cri.cn/6909/2011/01/26/2722s617717.htm>

USA, CA, VACAVILLE, JANUARY 28 2011. PIGEON DROPPINGS CAUSE GAS STATION ROOF COLLAPSE

christopher collette

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.ktvu.com/news/26632234/detail.html>



Vacaville firefighters examine the damage caused when a portion of the roof of Quick Way Gas Station at Merchant and Mason streets collapsed under the weight of debris.

A bystander narrowly escaped serious injury when the roof on a gas station awning came crashing down, apparently caused by two decades of pigeons making themselves at home. Chris Doss said she had just bought gas for her vehicle at the Quick Way Gas on Merchant Street just after 2:00 p.m. Monday afternoon when she heard a loud bang and saw the roof crash down next to her. "Got in the car and within two to three seconds, there was this explosion," Doss said. "Close call." Doss said she believes she could have been killed if she were caught underneath the wreckage. Firefighters said about 20 years of pigeons loitering on the roof had led to a build up of fecal matter nearly a foot thick. The structure was built with an outdated design and couldn't handle the weight. The owner of the property said he purchased the business in foreclosure a year ago and now plans to tear the whole structure down.

<http://www.wtsp.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=171260&catid=58>

USA, WASHINGTON DC, JANUARY 28 2011. NATION'S SECOND LARGEST REFINERY TO PAY MORE THAN \$5.3 MILLION PENALTY FOR CLEAN AIR ACT VIOLATIONS >> SMOG- AND ASTHMA-CAUSING EMISSIONS TO BE CUT BY 8,500 TONS PER YEAR

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Justice announced today that Hovensa LLC, owner of the second largest petroleum refinery in the United States, has agreed to pay a civil penalty of more than \$5.3 million

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and spend more than \$700 million in new pollution controls that will help protect public health and resolve Clean Air Act violations at its St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands refinery. The settlement requires new and upgraded pollution controls, more stringent emission limits, and aggressive monitoring, leak-detection and repair practices to reduce emissions from refinery equipment and process units. "This settlement will produce significant benefits for the environment and for the people of the Virgin Islands," said Cynthia Giles, assistant administrator of EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. "The commitments made by Hovensa to install state-of-the-art pollution controls will mean cleaner air for years to come." "This important settlement with the second largest refinery in the United States will result in significant improvements to human health and the environment of the United States Virgin Islands," said Ignacia S. Moreno, assistant attorney general for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Justice. "Because of this settlement, Hovensa will install advanced pollution control and monitoring technology, will adopt more stringent emissions limits, and will also create a fund dedicated to local environmental projects. This is another major step in our efforts, alongside EPA, to bring the petroleum refining sector into compliance with our nation's environmental laws." The government's complaint, filed concurrently with today's settlement, alleged that the company made modifications to its refinery that increased emissions without first obtaining pre-construction permits and installing required pollution control equipment. The Clean Air Act requires major sources of air pollution to obtain such permits before making changes that would result in a significant emissions increase of any pollutant. Once fully implemented, the pollution controls required by the settlement are estimated to reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) by more than 5,000 tons per year and sulfur dioxide (SO2) by nearly 3,500 tons per year. The settlement will also result in additional reductions of volatile organic compounds, particulate matter, carbon monoxide and other pollutants that affect air quality. Additional pollution-reducing projects at the refinery's coking unit under the settlement will also reduce greenhouse gas emissions by over 6,100 tons per year. High concentrations of SO2 and NOx, two key pollutants emitted from refineries, can have adverse impacts on human health, and are significant contributors to acid rain, smog, and haze. The government of the U.S. Virgin Islands has joined in the settlement and will receive a portion of the civil penalty. In addition, the company will set aside nearly \$4.9 million for projects to benefit the environment of the U.S. Virgin Islands. The projects will be identified jointly by the U.S. Virgin Islands government and Hovensa, in consultation with EPA. The settlement with Hovensa is the 28th under an EPA initiative to improve compliance among petroleum refiners and to reduce significant amounts of air pollution from refineries nationwide through comprehensive, company-wide enforcement settlements. The first of EPA's settlements was reached in 2000, and with today's settlement, 105 refineries operating in 32 states and territories – more than 90 percent of the total refining capacity in the United States – are under judicially enforceable agreements to significantly reduce emissions of pollutants. As a result of the settlement agreements, refiners have agreed to invest about \$6 billion in new pollution controls designed to reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and other pollutants by over 360,000 tons per year. Hovensa is one of the 10 largest refineries in the world and has the capacity to refine more than 525,000 barrels of crude oil per day. The consent decree, lodged in the District Court of the Virgin Islands, is subject to a 30-day public comment period and court approval.

More information on the Hovensa settlement: www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/cases/civil/caa/hovensa.html
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/cases/civil/caa/oil/index.html>

USA, MO, JEFFERSON CITY, JANUARY 28 2011. KOSTER SUING GAS STATION

keith loria

Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster has filed a lawsuit against a gas station that allegedly violated Missouri's Underground Storage Tank Law. Flash Market of Arkansas Inc., which owns and operates gas stations in the Southeast Missouri towns of Clarkton and Steele, are alleged to have operated without financial responsibility for the past two years. Under Missouri law, owners and operators of petroleum USTs are required to have a financial responsibility mechanism in place. These most often take the form of UST insurance, Koster says. The financial mechanism ensures that resources are available should corrective action be needed after an accident. Flash Market is alleged to have failed to install proper equipment to prevent spills and failed to maintain release detection records. Additionally, Koster alleges, Flash Market did not test automatic line leak detectors on pressurized piping at its facilities. All of the alleged failures are violations of Missouri law. "Underground storage tanks that are not in compliance with the law can pose a serious health threat to Missourians," Koster said. "This legal action is necessary because the defendant failed to voluntarily comply with the law even though given the opportunity to do so." Koster said that the lawsuit was filed following Flash Market's failure to respond to correspondence or phone calls from the attorney general's office. Koster is seeking a permanent injunction from the court ordering Flash Market to comply with Missouri UST law, civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per day for each violation of the law, and all costs and fees associated with the lawsuit.

<http://www.legalnewsline.com/news/230782-koster-suing-gas-station>

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