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### **BRAZIL, BUENOS AIRES, JANUARY 14 2011. FUEL TANKER DRIVES INTO LUNA PARK STADIUM UNDER HEAVY RAINS**

The driver of a tanker was injured early in the morning when his vehicle skidded into a column of the Luna Park building due to heavy rains downtown, police authorities said. The accident took place minutes after 3:30 am when the driver of the fuel tanker, which was empty, was driving down Madero Av. and tried to stop at the Lavalle St. traffic light. According to witnesses, he managed to break in time, but the tanker kept moving forward until crashing into one of the stadium's columns. The driver, whose identity was not revealed, was traveling alone and was taken to a hospital nearby.

<http://www.buenosairesherald.com/article/56055/fuel-tanker-drives-into-luna-park-stadium-under-heavy-rains>

### **USA, PA, DELAWARE CO, EDDYSTONE, JANUARY 14 2011. EXELON REPORTS DIESEL FUEL SPILL IN EDDYSTONE** *timothy logue*

Exelon officials are still investigating an early Saturday morning diesel fuel spill at the Eddystone Generating Station, but say they are satisfied with the emergency response and containment effort. "Basically, the process worked," said Exelon spokesman Bob Judge. A broken pressure gauge on a sensing line caused the 8,000-gallon discharge of No. 2 diesel oil, which was discovered at about 1 a.m. by a worker during a routine inspection. Judge said most of the oil was captured by a trench and sump recovery system. "A small amount — estimated at a gallon — made its way to the adjoining Delaware River leaving a thin sheen near the plant bulkhead," the company stated in a press release. Judge said Exelon notified the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection of the ground spill at 6:52 a.m. When a plant protection officer noticed what appeared to be oil sheen on the river at 2:45 p.m., a second call was placed to DEP and Coast Guard and borough officials were also notified. A DEP spokeswoman said a small amount of oil made its way into the plant's sump containment system and leaked into the river through a submerged discharge pipe. Petty Officer 3rd Class Jonathan Lindberg said U.S. Coast Guard pollution investigators took samples from the river and found no contamination in the water. "That was our concern," he said. "The incident occurred about 300 yards inland, which isn't too far from the water." A member of the DEP emergency response team also surveyed the area Sunday at low tide and found no evidence of oil in the area. Judge said absorbent booms will remain in place until next Friday as a precaution. He added there has been no evidence of environmental damage or impact on fish or wildlife. DEP spokeswoman Lynda Rebarchak said Exelon will be keeping its stormwater system plugged until it is determined how the oil "migrated into it from the sump pump collection system." The company will also be required to install additional float alarms that alert the facility of any pump station or sump pump collection system malfunctions, she added. As of Thursday afternoon, it was still unclear why the pressure gauge failed. "The root cause is still under investigation and should be done in a couple days," Judge said. Though she has heard no resident complaints about spill, Eddystone Councilwoman Despo Tatasciore said Exelon should have contacted borough officials as soon as it a leak was discovered. "I do think we should have heard about it sooner," said Tatasciore, who chairs the borough's emergency management committee. "Even if it's self-contained, I think we should be notified immediately whenever something happens. We shouldn't have to wait until our residents see it or smell it."

<http://delcotimes.com/articles/2011/01/14/news/doc4d2fd720a2109132506358.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

### **USA, CA, AN FRANCISCO, JANUARY 24 2011. ICONIC FISHMONGER ALIOTO-LAZIO FISH CO. SHUTS DOWN DUE TO TOXIC CLEANUP**

*will reisman*



*Institution: The Alioto-Lazio Fish Co. on Jefferson Street in The City is famous for its seafood products and its all-female management team.*

The Alioto-Lazio Fish Co., an iconic seafood purveyor that has been in business for 70 years, is temporarily shutting its doors because of health concerns related to a nearby construction project. On Dec. 29, Exxon-Mobil began cleaning up ocean-floor sediment contaminated by a decades-old oil leak next to the headquarters of Alioto-Lazio, which is located at 440 Jefferson St. in the Fisherman's Wharf area. Due to the work, which involves excavating and jackhammering, employees at the seafood distributor have been forced to deal with a constant barrage of loud noises, floor vibrations, nasty odors and noxious fumes, said Angela Cincotta, one of owners of the business that is famous for its fish and crab products. "It's making us sick, and we really can't deal with it anymore," said Cincotta, who added that she suffered

from an asthma attack and required medical assistance while at work recently. Cincotta said the business plans to reopen once the cleanup work is finished. Initially, the company was told that would be Jan. 31, but now it has been informed that the

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work will last until Feb. 20, she said. Renee Dunn Martin, a spokeswoman for the Port of San Francisco, said the project is projected to take six weeks. According to Dunn Martin, the site was contaminated from an oil leak first detected in the 1930s. In 2008, the Port discovered new seepage in the contaminated area and sued Exxon-Mobil to clean it up. The company came up with a corrective action plan in January 2010, which Dunn Martin said it presented in numerous public forums and had approved by local and regional regulatory bodies. The Port's lawsuit has been stayed, pending the results of the cleanup. But Cincotta complained that none of the agencies that approved the cleanup were related to the food industry. Along with posing a health risk to workers, she said, the construction work could have an adverse affect on Alioto-Lazio's seafood products. In 2009, Alioto-Lazio filed a separate suit against Exxon-Mobil and the Port seeking damages related to the oil seepage. Alioto-Lazio is one of the last family-owned fishing companies in San Francisco. The company also is famous for its all-female management team.

<http://www.sfxaminer.com/local/2011/01/toxic-site-cleanup-shuts-iconic-fishmonger>

### USA, WI, FOND DU LAC, JANUARY 15 2011. TRUCK HITS FOND DU LAC GAS PUMP, STARTS ON FIRE

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.wfrv.com/news/local/Truck-strikes-gas-pump-causes-fire-113495899.html>

 **Photo Gallery [21]**

<http://www.postcrescent.com/apps/pbcs.dll/gallery?Avis=U0&Dato=20110113&Kategori=FON01&Lopenr=101130803&Ref=PH>



*Flames consume a pickup truck and gas pump at Highway 151 Mobile Thursday in Fond du Lac.*

A truck struck a gas pump at the Highway 151 Mobile, N5781 County Trunk D in Fond du Lac shortly before 9 a.m. today. The truck was engulfed in flames as well as the gas pump, according to reports on the police scanner at 8:55 a.m. Several fire departments responded to the gas station and the fire was extinguished in less than 40 minutes.

<http://www.postcrescent.com/article/20110113/APC0101/301140094/Story-photos-Truck-hits-gas-pump-starts-on-fire>

### USA, CA, TAFT, JANUARY 15 2011. HIGHWAY 58 CLOSED AFTER OIL TANKER OVERTURNS

Highway 58 west of Buttonwillow was closed for several hours early Friday after an oil tanker overturned just after midnight. Details on the crash were not immediately available. However, the California Highway Patrol website said the accident occurred at 12:16 a.m. on 58 just west of Lokern Road. The driver was pinned in the vehicle for a time. A quantity of oil spilled and the roadway was closed until just after 6:30 a.m. when the CHP and Caltrans reopened the roadway Traffic was rerouted to Lokern Road and Highway 33 during the closure.

<http://www.taftmidwaydriller.com/news/x1254708552/Highway-58-closed-after-oil-tanker-overturms>

### GERMANY, HAMBURG, JANUARY 15 2011. GERMAN RHINE TO BE SHUT FOR DAYS BY CAPSIZED SHIP

- Capsized ship carrying acid still blocks river
- High water also stops river shipping
- Only minor volume of cargo has escaped into river

A capsized tanker loaded with sulphuric acid blocking the river Rhine in central Germany could take days to remove and the river is likely to stay closed to shipping for several days, the German inland navigation authority said. A vessel carrying 2,400 tonnes of acid had capsized on Thursday at Loreley near Wiesbaden. "It is still unclear how long salvage operations will last but this could take several days as floating cranes have to be brought in," a spokesman for the authority said on Friday. The river would remain closed to shipping during this time, he added. The search for two missing crew members was continuing. The Rhine has also been blocked to shipping at Koblenz because of rising water levels following rain, he said. The ship was carrying acid for German chemicals company BASF from its works in Ludwigshafen in Germany to the Belgian port of Antwerp. The Rhine is an important shipping route for commodities including grain, minerals, coal and oil products including heating oil. It is also a major route for Switzerland's commodity imports. "Only a very small volume of the cargo may have leaked out so far and this presents no danger to the Rhine," said a spokeswoman for the state environment ministry in

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Rheinland-Pfalz. The vessel's cargo hold was intact and it was hoped the vessel could be salvaged successfully, she said. Meanwhile, unlisted German transport group Lehnkering said it operated the tanker, named Waldhof. "The ship in the accident is a stainless-steel double-hulled tanker which has double protection against a possible cargo loss in such an incident," the company said. German transport association DSLV said it did not expect a salvage before Wednesday. The German inland ports of Mannheim and Mainz were largely hit by the river closure and transport companies were seeking to switch freight to trucks, it said.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFLDE70D1LQ20110114>

### **USA, MA, BOSTON, JANUARY 15 2011. MASSDEP FINES STATION \$10,000 >> OWNER FAILED TO CLEAN UP SPILL**

The owners and operators of a Berkley, Mass., gas station will pay a fine after ignoring an order by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to clean up gasoline contamination from an underground storage tank (UST) located on their property. Under the settlement, filed in Suffolk Superior Court, Elizabeth and John Jackson and the corporation and real-estate trust they control must pay a \$10,000 civil penalty to the Commonwealth for ignoring MassDEP and for violating the Massachusetts Oil & Hazardous Material Release Prevention and Response Act. In addition, they must complete the cleanup of the gas station property by May 10, 2015, in accordance with the timelines and requirements established by DEP's regulations, which is known as the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP). "The law requires persons responsible for the release of oil or hazardous material into the environment to conduct and pay for the cleanup of their contaminated properties," said Massachusetts attorney general Martha Coakley. "This is the first of multiple cases in a pilot program where MassDEP and the [AG's] Office combined action against numerous violators who ignored the law and failed to clean up their sites," said MassDEP commissioner Kenneth L. Kimmell. "As part of this initiative, these defendants--along with others who similarly violated the law--will face cleanup costs and hefty penalties for ignoring their environmental responsibilities." The AG's Office filed its lawsuit after it was reported to MassDEP by a consultant who worked for the defendants that groundwater monitoring at the station had detected unsafe concentrations of methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE) near a private drinking water well on adjacent property, and the defendants ignored repeated compliance demands by MassDEP to promptly assess, classify and remediate the site. The refusals to act contributed to increased potential risk to public safety, welfare and the environment caused by the contamination. When threatened with the filing of the lawsuit, the defendants ultimately agreed to conduct the remainder of the cleanup and to pay the civil penalty, thus avoiding costly litigation with the office of the Attorney General.

<http://www.cspnet.com/ME2/Audiences/dirmod.asp?sid=&nm=&type=Publishing&mod=Publications::Article&mid=8F3A7027421841978F18BE895F87F791&tier=4&id=2156CE9266D84543BD93CBA1FE1A983E&AudID=CBA745B91AFB44FA923476ACBBD040A5>

### **USA, IN, FLOYD CO, JANUARY 15 2011. PETROLEUM SPILL REPORTED IN FLOYD COUNTY**

*jerod clapp*

The Floyd County Health Department sent out a public notice of a petroleum release, spill or overfill Thursday. According to the release, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management was notified of the incident at the Marathon Supreme Mart at 201 Vincennes St. Barry Sneed, public information officer for IDEM, said such a release is common, especially when removing or replacing an underground gas tank. "The soil affected will be over-excavated to make sure everything contaminated is removed," Sneed said. "After that, it will be tested again to make sure it's been taken care of and a new tank may be installed." Sneed said he didn't anticipate any negative effects from the call and the soil in the area is mostly clay, so there shouldn't be much permeation. Sneed said the owner of the property wouldn't likely face any kind of penalties since the incident was reported properly and within the time constraints.

<http://newsandtribune.com/local/x233960029/Petroleum-spill-reported-in-Floyd-County>

### **USA, MA, WESTBOROUGH, JANUARY 15 2011. TRANSFLO FACILITY RAISES CONCERNS**

Residents will soon get the opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns about railroad giant CSX Corp.'s proposal to build a chemical transfer station in town. Town Manager James Malloy last week said the review process on the CSX proposal continues in Westborough, and that public hearings will be held within the next three months. The plan remains under review by both the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board. Planners are required to sign off on an earth-removal permit, while selectmen will have the final say on site plan approval and whether or not to grant CSX a permit to upgrade their property as part of the \$19 million project. In the meantime, CSX has agreed to a traffic study peer review and the town has hired an outside consultant to conduct that review, Malloy said. On Tuesday, selectmen voted to hire MDM Transportation Consultants, Inc. of Marlborough. In another recent development, CSX has set up a Web site for the project at [www.railwestborough.com](http://www.railwestborough.com),

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which provides an overview of the project as well as questions to basic answers, including CSX's safety record and the nature of the materials to be handled at the site. The project in Westborough will provide CSX, an international transportation company, with a new location for the transition of raw materials from trains to trucks to be transported to local businesses. The site will replace the current TRANSFLO site in Allston starting in 2012. As a result, CSX will also provide 20 additional commuter rails between Boston and Worcester. The proposed chemical transfer station is slated to be built on the 25-acre rail yard CSX owns at the end of Walkup Drive, off Flanders Road. In October, CSX officials announced that the contractor company Transdevelopment Group/Borggard Construction Corporation will design and build the Westborough terminal. CSX anticipates 30 truck trips per day between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Approximately 70 percent of the materials the trucks will be carrying would be non-hazardous, while 30 percent of the materials would be considered hazardous - but not extremely hazardous. Those materials would include things like de-icing fluid, renewable biofuels or chemicals used to clean water. Materials that will be stored at the facility include flammable liquids, such as acetone, ethanol and methanol. Ammonium nitrate will also be stored there, as well as non-hazardous materials, such as maple syrup, vegetable oil, flour and deicing fluid. Jan Barnes, director of health, safety, environmental and quality for AMEC, an international consulting and engineering company working with CSX, told Westborough planners recently that CSX will double-valve containers to provide extra protection from an accident. Barnes also said CSX is required to produce a security plan for the site, and plans to train employees as well as the fire department and shippers on what to do in case of an accident. Westborough Fire chief Nick Perron, who was originally steadfast against the project, now says he is more comfortable with the prospect of Transflo coming to town after meetings and discussions with CSX.

### **Southborough's Concerns**

However, the project has some town officials and residents in neighboring Southborough fearful of the local impact that would be caused if there were chemical spills or truck accidents to and from the proposed facility. The site of the new transfer station is about a mile from the Southborough border. Last month, Southborough Fire Chief John D. Mauro Jr. told Southborough selectmen that based on the information he has been able to gather so far, the proposed facility poses little risk to Southborough. Should a large-scale spill occur, Mauro said the worst-case would require evacuations within a half-mile radius. A fire involving a tank truck or rail car might require evacuations within a 1-mile radius. No homes in Southborough lie within a 1-mile radius of the site, he said. Just last week, however, Southborough Selectman John Rooney said residents should take information that comes from CSX with a grain of salt. He said he did some independent research of the company's safety record that gave him cause for concern. Rooney said the company has had accidents in New York and Maryland in recent years that resulted in nearly \$20 million in combined property damage and cleanup costs. "This is not meant to alert or raise immediate concerns, but I'd like the opportunity to talk to the CSX people about some of these issues," he said. "I think the possibility of an accident is real, and we can't take a chance with the health and safety of our residents." Although the company has pointed to the fact that it has been given high marks for safety, Rooney said that it only takes one mistake to spell disaster. "Until recently, BP had an excellent safety record as well," he said. Rooney said he would like to know exactly what kinds of chemicals will be stored at the station so the town can have a plan in place in case of emergency.

### **Hazmat Risks**

Dr. Fred Millar, a nationally-recognized consultant on homeland security, hazardous materials transportation, and chemical accident prevention, agrees and believes that citizens are being kept in the dark about hazmat risks. "The public is owed vivid assessments by local emergency planners of the worst-case scenarios for the release of hazardous materials from railroad cars," he said. "For example, the impacts of a toxic ammonia gas cloud or an ethanol explosion or fire should be overlaid on detailed maps to allow public comparison of existing and prospective rail routes. Such worst-case releases can result either from an accident or from a terrorist attack." Millar, most recently the research director for an international trade union, was for 17 years the toxics director at Friends of the Earth. He is an international expert and lobbyist in nuclear waste transportation and chemical accident prevention, consultant to the major U.S. chemical and oil worker unions, networked with industry, government, and citizen groups. Millar has consulted for residents and local governments across the country on numerous rail safety issues. Millar, in fact, was one of several individuals and officials who spoke out on CSX's \$100 million freight yard expansion in downtown Worcester, and demanded a more in-depth environmental impact report on the project. Two weeks ago, however, state environmental officials issued an environmental certificate for the proposed project, ruling that the project did not require an environmental impact report. The certificate will allow the project to proceed without further environmental review by the state. The company is looking to nearly double the size of the Worcester freight yards along Franklin and Shrewsbury streets as part of a plan to relocate freight operations in Boston and make Worcester a freight hub for the region. The project is tied to the Westborough project and other projects and agreements with the state involving the state takeover of tracks shared by commuter and freight trains between Worcester and Boston needed to expand commuter rail service. "CSX has minimized concerns expressed by officials of neighboring towns, and by the public," Millar said. "Chemicals are to be

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transferred at the Westborough facility, 30 percent of which are considered to be hazardous - but not chlorine, according to the railroad, which will be shipped through the site to unspecified destinations. The railroad has also been openly contemptuous to selectmen from adjacent Southborough, who want to discuss their safety concerns." "We have all read news reports about mass evacuations of communities necessitated by the derailing and rupturing of tank cars carrying chlorine and other hazardous substances," Millar added. "One stand 90-ton chlorine tank car can produce a toxic gas cloud at a very dangerous level over any city 15 miles long and 4 miles wide." Millar noted the tragic Graniteville, South Carolina accident of 2005 when a freight train carrying liquid chlorine derailed killing nine people and landing 250 others in the hospital. Chlorine is one of several hazardous chemicals transported by the rail cars. CSX officials, however, insist that their handling procedures are closely regulated and monitored by both federal and state authorities, and that TRANSFLO not only prepares comprehensive environmental compliance plans for each of its terminals, its operations exceed basic compliance regulations. The company says hazardous materials make up a small portion of U.S. rail traffic and that only 30 percent of its clients' materials are labeled hazardous. The company says it does not plan to handle ultra-hazardous materials such as chlorine at the terminal. "Our commodities are similar to the products that are currently delivered within Westborough today," CSX says on its website. "Most of us regularly encounter these hazardous materials in our daily lives. They are on trucks, rolling down local roads, on ships, on trains, at the dry cleaners, at gas stations and even in our cars." "At TRANSFLO, the careful stewardship of products is our chief concern as proven by our record of excellence in quality, safety and the environment," the company says. "TRANSFLO utilizes closed containment processes. Materials are transferred directly from rail to truck utilizing specially designed hoses that avoid exposure of the materials to the outside air. In addition, TRANSFLO uses the most current containment designs and equipment. In the very rare event of a spill, the materials will be contained within the site, and will not have any impact on local groundwater."

<http://www.wickedlocal.com/westborough/news/x512655469/Transflo-facility-raises-concerns>

### USA, LA, BOSSIER PARISH, PLAIN DEALING, JANUARY 15 2011. SEVEN HOSPITALIZED AFTER NORTH BOSSIER TANKER WRECK

Nine people were injured in a wreck involving an 18-wheeler and several vehicles in far north Bossier Parish Friday afternoon. The wreck happened on Louisiana Highway 3 in Plain Dealing near the Outpost Travel Center.

Emergency responders said two people were treated at the scene and seven others were taken to LSU Hospital in Shreveport. None of their injuries was considered life threatening, officials said. Investigators said the truck was pulling out of the travel center when it collided with a sport utility vehicle, touching off a chain reaction wreck.

<http://www.ktbs.com/news/26499580/detail.html>

### USA, LA, GARYVILLE, JANUARY 15 2011. MARATHON 30-INCH CRUDE PIPELINE LEAKS AT GARYVILLE

[Marathon Oil Corp.](#)'s Garyville, [Louisiana](#), refinery reported a leak from a 30-inch crude oil pipeline at about 6 p.m. local time, according to a [filing](#) made with the National Response Center. The refinery had a "very small" spill at a dock yesterday, Shane Pochard, a Findlay, Ohio-based company spokesman, said in an e-mail today. Cleanup is being completed, he said. Pochard declined to comment if the spill affected operating rates at the refinery. U.S. refineries must notify the center if they release hazardous substances in excess of reportable quantities, according to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly known as Superfund. The refinery can process 460,000 barrels of crude a day, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-01-14/marathon-30-inch-crude-pipeline-leaks-at-garyville-update1-.html>

### USA, LA, SOUTH PASS BLOCK 11, JANUARY 15 2011. ENERGY PARTNERS REOPENS LOUISIANA OIL WELL AFTER PIPELINE LEAK

*ben lefevre*

Independent gas and oil exploration and production company Energy Partners Ltd. said Friday it reopened an oil well off the Louisiana shore after shutting it in because of a small oil pipeline leak. Energy Partners reopened the well in South Pass Block 11 around 10 p.m. EST Thursday after repairing a six-inch transfer pipeline leak that forced the company to shut the well earlier that afternoon. The leak resulted in oil discharging into a landlocked marsh, according to a filing with the National Response Center. Rig and platform problems have drawn more scrutiny after the April explosion at Transocean Ltd.'s (RIG) Deepwater Horizon oil rig that was leased to [BP](#). The blast killed 11 people and leaked nearly 5 million barrels of oil in the Gulf of Mexico.

<http://www.nasdaq.com/aspx/stock-market-news-story.aspx?storyid=201101141133dowjonesdionline000436&title=energy-partners-reopens-louisiana-oil-well-after-pipeline-leak>

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#### **CHINA, HUNAN PROVINCE, XINHUA COUNTY, KETOU TWP, JANUARY 15 2011. FIREWORKS FACTORY EXPLOSION LEAVES AT LEAST 1 DEAD, 3 INJURED IN CENTRAL CHINA**

An explosion at a fireworks factory Friday afternoon has left at least one worker dead and three injured in central China's Hunan Province, according to local authorities. One body has been recovered at the site where the explosion occurred at about 4:50 p.m. at Taolin fireworks factory at Ketou Township, Xinhua County, said Jiang Shixing, deputy chief of the county government who supervised the rescue. The three injured victims have been sent to local hospital, said Jiang. The site has yet to be cleared, so the death toll could rise, said Jiang. The number of workers present when the explosion occurred remains unknown, said Jiang. Police are investigating the explosion.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/7261717.html>

#### **USA, MI, CHEBOYGAN, JANUARY 15 2011. ARREST MADE IN CHEBOYGAN OIL SPILL**

*marc schollett*



*A Wisconsin man has been arrested and charged with one felony count and three misdemeanors related to water contamination issues in Duncan Bay off Cheboygan.*

A Wisconsin man has been arrested and charged with one felony count and three misdemeanors related to water contamination issues in Duncan Bay off Cheboygan County. Scotland Stivers, 50, of Superior, Wisconsin, voluntarily turned himself in to authorities on Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Office. Stivers was booked and then released on bond. He faces a felony count of violating the Water Resources Protection Act, and three misdemeanor counts related to an incident that occurred in August 2010 when one of three boats Stivers had moored on Duncan Bay sank. Subsequent activity and mooring of the vessels resulted in the two remaining boats running aground in wind storms with a significant amount of oil

washing up on the beach area of Cheboygan State Park in October 2010. The felony charge carries the possible penalties of up to two years in jail, and fines ranging from \$2,500 to \$25,000 per violation, plus \$25,000 for each day the unlawful discharge of oil occurred.

The misdemeanor counts include:

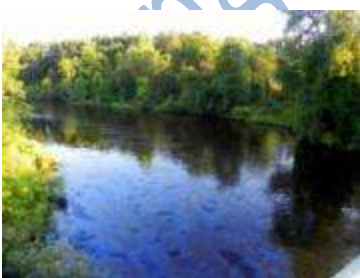
- Altering or modifying water or land related to the Great Lakes submerged lands with a permanent structure without first receiving permission from the state. This is punishable by up to 92 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine;
- Watercraft pollution-littering from a vessel by discharging, dumping, throwing or depositing garbage, litter, sewage or oil from a watercraft. This is punishable by up to 92 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine;
- And watercraft pollution-oil dirged into/onto the waters of the state. This is punishable by up to 92 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

A pre-trial conference is set for Feb. 7 in 88th District Court in Cheboygan County, with a preliminary exam set for Feb. 9. The Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the U.S. Coast Guard conducted a joint investigation of the incident and obtained arrest warrants from the Cheboygan County Prosecutor's Office. The Department of Natural Resources and Environment is committed to the conservation, protection, management, and accessible use and enjoyment of the state's environment, natural resources and related economic interests for current and future generations. Learn more at

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#### **USA, MI, MARSHALL, NOVEMBER 15 2011. MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTALIST CALLS ENBRIDGE NORTHERN GATEWAY PIPELINES "NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE"**



*Enbridge's oil spill in Michigan.*

Crews hired by Enbridge to clean up its oil spill in a wetland area of Michigan last July are still on site. Beth Wallace, the National Wildlife Federation's global warming program assistant, grew up in a town called Battle Creek, close to the spill site. Next Thursday (January 20), she will speak at a panel discussion in Kitsilano, organized by environmental group ForestEthics. Part of her talk will touch on how the spill affected her family and friends and covered over 32 kilometres of the Kalamazoo River, which flows into Lake Michigan. The panel discussion will take place at St. James Community Hall (3214 West 10th Avenue), from 7 to 9 p.m. Joyce Murray, the Liberal MP for Vancouver

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Quadra, will welcome the panellists, two of whom hail from Louisiana and one, Kyle Clifton, from the Gitga'at Nation. In a phone interview with the Straight from her office in Ann Arbor, Wallace spoke about Enbridge's proposed \$5.5-billion twin pipelines, the [Northern Gateway project](#), that will run 1,172 kilometres from Edmonton to Kitimat if approved. Oil would be transported westward while condensate would travel eastward through the pipes. Wallace said she believes what Enbridge is taking on is "nearly impossible". "Our pipeline is one pipeline, and it is in an area that is very accessible and very flat," she said. "It's something that should be easy to maintain, and in my personal opinion, I feel like Enbridge has failed to maintain this very accessible and very easy pipeline. So, to understand what's going on in the northern B.C. area, it's a little challenging for me to say that would be possible based off of my experience here in Michigan." Speaking by phone from Enbridge's office in Marshall, Michigan, company spokesperson Gina Jordan told the Straight the goal "is always zero spills". "We have 60 years of experience safely building and transporting pipelines," she said. "We intend to continue to do that." Jordan sought to reassure opponents by bringing up past projects. "We've built the Alberta Clipper and Southern Lights pipelines—built recently in Canada and into the U.S.—and we are continually adding to our system as market demands request that and as our customers would request that," she said. The Northern Gateway pipelines are both under review by a joint review panel, according to Jordan. "Typically, a pipeline project would be under review by the National Energy Board, but this is also under review by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, and they have formed a joint review panel, which is currently reviewing an application that we filed this spring," she said. Jordan claimed that, between 2005 and 2009, Enbridge safely transported four billion barrels of product, and spilled 40,000 barrels. She said she did not have a personal message to relay via the Straight to the panellists, saying "that would be irresponsible". For her part, Wallace said she is not opposed to pipelines, given that, based on the reality of North American infrastructure, "they can't just be done away with". "I believe that we should be transitioning out of them," Wallace added. "Building new [pipelines] is not necessarily the right way to go. I think we should be focusing our time and money on things of the future, not things of the past."

<http://www.straight.com/article-368544/vancouver/michigan-environmentalist-calls-enbridge-northern-gateway-pipelines-nearly-impossible>

### USA, MI, MARSHALL, NOVEMBER 15 2011. ENBRIDGE CLEANUP OF OIL SPILL CONTINUES IN FRIGID MONTHS

sarah lambert



*Work goes on: Even in the dead of winter, Enbridge continues the clean up alongside the Kalamazoo River near 15 Mile Road in Marshall, as well as other sites in the area. "We are taking out a solid portion rather than muck," Chris Haux, operations manager for Enbridge, said.*

Boom. A mechanical arm dumps a load of frozen earth into a truck. The clods of icy soil are contaminated with crude oil, and crews have until the end of wintry weather to dig them out. The weather means this Marshall marsh, contaminated in the July 25 spill of 843,000 gallons of oil, could finally be cleaned. The Kalamazoo River bank area, near 15 Mile Road in Marshall, is one of a few dozen sites where crews have had a renewed opportunity to remove oil, said Chris Haux, operations manager for Enbridge Co., which was responsible for the spill. "We are taking out a solid portion rather than muck," Haux said. "This whole area that's being excavated is normally water-filled." Now the ground is uniformly frozen and snow-covered, but Enbridge had staked out the contaminated sections of river bank. These areas were identified through visual confirmation and soil samples, said Jim Snider, Enbridge environment specialist. During the summer, bringing trucks and heavy equipment into swampy areas would destroy plant and animal habitat, Haux said. But the winter cold has allowed cleanup crews to plow icy avenues over the frost layer that give trucks access to the sites. Backhoes can more easily remove hardened soil than remove the soupy stuff of summer. The frozen earth is taken to an Enbridge site, cleaned and then dumped in a local landfill. But it's a limited-time opportunity, Haux said. In February, the winter is expected make its turn toward spring

and the winter work will have to stop, Haux said.

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20110115/NEWS02/101150315/1001/NEWS>

### BANGLADESH, SAVAR, GENDA, JANUARY 16 2011. 2 INJURED IN CNG STATION FIRE

Two people were injured in a fire at a CNG refuelling station on Dhaka-Aricha highway at Genda, Savar yesterday. Fire officials suspect that the flames might have started from a leak gas pipe in the engine room around 8:15am. Two fire fighting

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units from Savar rushed to the spot and doused the blaze in an hour. The fire has gutted the engine room and an array of the station's infrastructure, said fire fighters. Employees Shakhawat Hossain, 25, and Mokbul Hossain, 28, of the filling station received minor burn injuries in the incident. They received first aid at a local hospital. Firoz Alam, shifting in-charge of the filling station, said the pump was operating when the fire broke. They immediately switched off the engine and moved the vehicles waiting for gas.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=170274>

### **USA, WI, ROWLEYS BAY, JANUARY 16 2011. FISHING BOAT CATCHES FIRE AT ROWLEYS BAY**

*ramelle bintz*



*One person was injured and significant fire damage sustained to a commercial fishing boat Tuesday owned by Weborg Fisheries docked at the Rowleys Bay Resort (formerly Wagon Trail) in northern Door County on Lake Michigan.*

A fishing captain received minor burns, but the commercial fishing boat he was fueling sustained significant damage when it caught fire just before 2 p.m. Tuesday in the town of Liberty Grove. The steel-hulled gill net fishing boat owned by Weborg Fisheries was docked near the Rowleys Bay Resort (formerly known as the Wagon Trail Resort). White smoke was coming from inside the boat, and the Sister Bay/Liberty Grove fire department was already putting out the fire, when the Door County Sheriff Department arrived on the scene. Captain James F. Rice, 38, Ellison Bay, told a sheriff's deputy he was fueling up with diesel fuel and left the nozzle on automatic, then went up on the front of the boat to chip off the ice. The fuel tank

overflowed when the nozzle did not automatically stop, he said. The fuel ran down to a wood stove that was burning and ignited. Rice received minor burns in his attempt to put out the fire. The U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Detachment in Sturgeon Bay, also responded. Lt. Commander Chris Tantillo said the vessel was stabilized and there were no pollutants to the water. The incident is still under investigation. The state Department of Natural Resources also was called to the scene. Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Fire Chief Chris Hecht said the fire appeared to be accidental. The scene was cleared by 4 p.m.

<http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/article/20110115/ADV01/101150565/Fishing-boat-catches-fire-at-Rowleys-Bay>

### **USA, OH, LICKING CO, MONROE TWP, JANUARY 16 2011. JOHNSTOWN WOMAN AND GRANDSON KILLED AFTER COLLISION ON OHIO 37**



*Margaret Pertee was killed and her 5-year-old grandson was critically injured Friday afternoon when her car struck a fuel truck on Ohio 37 just west of Clover Valley Golf Club. The grandson later died from his injuries.*

**Update | Johnstown** -- A Sunbury 5-year-old died late Friday night after a car crash on Ohio 37 that also killed his grandmother. Nicholas Pertee, was critically injured when his grandmother, Margaret K. Pertee, 61, went left of center and struck a fuel truck, just west of Clover Valley Golf Club, according to a news release from the Ohio Highway Patrol. Margaret was driving a Kia Rondo southeast on Ohio 37 at about 2:50 p.m., when her car collided

with the truck. The Kia went off the right side of the road into a ditch, and the truck went off the left side of the road and overturned. Margaret was killed instantly and Nicholas was taken to St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville and transferred to Children's Hospital in Columbus where he later died, according to the patrol. The patrol was notified of his death at 1:43 a.m. Saturday. The driver of the truck, James L. Doran Jr., 62, of New Albany, was taken to St. Ann's Hospital, where he was treated and released, a hospital spokeswoman said. Margaret's husband, Daniel Pertee, was driving behind her when the crash happened and called 911, 10TV reported. It is unknown whether seat belts were in use at the time of the crash, according to the release. Ohio 37 was closed for several hours while the patrol investigated the crash. The tanker was loaded with 500 gallons of diesel fuel, which did not leak from the vehicle, according to the release.

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### USA, MA, BERKLEY, JANUARY 15 2011. BERKLEY GAS STATION GETS HEFTY FINE FOR FAILING TO CLEAN UP SITE

A local gas station will pay a \$10,000 fine for ignoring a state order to clean up gasoline contamination from an underground storage tank on its property, state officials said Friday. Under the settlement, filed in Suffolk Superior Court, Elizabeth and John Jackson and the corporation and real estate trust they control must pay the civil penalty for ignoring a Department of Environmental Protection clean-up order and for violating the state Oil and Hazardous Material Release Prevention and Response Act. The gas station is Common Crossing Inc., 11 North Main St., Berkley. In addition, they must complete cleanup of the gas station property by May 10, 2015, in accordance with timelines and requirements of the DEP. The case is the first of "multiple cases in a pilot program" where the DEP and attorney general's office combined action against violators who ignored the law and failed to clean up their sites, said MassDEP Commissioner Kenneth L. Kimmell in a press release. "As part of this initiative, these defendants – along with others who similarly violated the law – will face cleanup costs and hefty penalties for ignoring their environmental responsibilities," he said.

<http://www.patriotledger.com/business/consumer/x1487290873/Berkley-gas-station-gets-hefty-fine-for-failing-to-clean-up-site>

### USA, TX, EL PASO, HORIZON CITY, JANUARY 16 2011. CHEMICAL SPILL IN HORIZON CITY

*anthony garci*

**Watch the Video** <http://www.ktsm.com/news/chemical-spill-in-horizon-city>

The hazmat team is working to clean up a chemical spill in Horizon city. El Paso County Sheriff's Deputies say a corrosive liquid leaked out of a tractor trailer. There's no word on serious injuries, but we have learned some people are being decontaminated. Initial reports suggests this chemical could be toxic. Deputies are asking for people to avoid the area, however they say it is mainly for traffic concerns.

<http://www.ktsm.com/news/chemical-spill-in-horizon-city>

### NETHERLANDS, ZWIJNDRECHT, KIJKHOEK, JANUARY 16 2011. EXPLOSIONS AVERTED AS ETHANOL FIRE IS PUT OUT

The fire brigade has successfully put out a fire in train wagons containing ethanol in the Netherlands' largest shunting yard in the town of Kijkhoek near Zwijndrecht. The fire broke out late on Friday evening and continued throughout the night. Fire fighters spent the whole night cooling train wagons to stop the fire spreading. Local residents had to be evacuated and a nearby motorway closed because there was a danger of explosion. Trains between Rotterdam and Dordrecht were replaced by busses. In the early hours of the morning, a number of train wagons carrying LPG gas were driven away from the area, removing the danger of explosion. As a result the motorway was reopened and residents have been allowed to return to their homes. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

<http://www.mw.nl/africa/bulletin/explosions-averted-ethanol-fire-put-out>

### USA, CO, SILVERTHORNE, JULY 16 2011. SILVERTHORNE SAV-O-MAT CONTAMINATION CONFINED >. BENZENE FOUND IN SILVERTHORNE WATER TABLE HAS NOT REACHED THE BLUE RIVER, MONITORING WELLS SHOW

*janice kurbjun*

Benzene contamination from potential tank seepage at the Sav-o-Mat gas station in Silverthorne has not reached the Blue River, nor has it contaminated nearby town wells, Silverthorne officials have determined. At the Silverthorne Town Council meeting Wednesday, staff informed council members monitoring wells recently installed on the east side of the Blue River

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Parkway showed no contamination. Remediation is required by the state for the site's contamination, which has proven difficult because the property owner has not submitted a site plan for town approval. The remediation equipment includes an above-ground shelter, which requires a building permit and subsequently, a site plan. Because the property does not currently align with town code, the site plan must address ways it will be brought into compliance. Despite the on-site delay, remediation has been underway on town property adjacent to Sav-o-Mat. Council members granted access to the remediation engineers in November so they could proceed. Sav-o-Mat owner Buzz Calkins was present at Wednesday's meeting, where he outlined three items to be discussed with town council members: maintaining a sign that varies from town code, continued use of town property for access to his gas station and maintaining another entrance drive despite its non-conformance with town code. However, Calkins has not submitted a formal site plan for proposed upgrades to bring the property into compliance with town code. "The general sentiment from council was that while some of the items the property owner is requesting comments on might possibly be open for discussion, in the absence of a complete site plan, that discussion simply can't move forward," Silverthorne spokesman Ryan Hyland said. In the meeting, council members said the site plan should particularly address specific drainage intentions, as all new development in Silverthorne is required to do. Council members noted the importance of a quality design for the remodel as well, "given the property's prominent location in the town core design district," Hyland said. "The town hopes to see a site plan from them soon so the site can be brought up to code to avoid future contamination," Hyland added. No council decisions were made at the meeting, as the discussion was held in a work session.

<http://www.summitdaily.com/article/20110116/NEWS/110119861/1078&ParentProfile=1055>

### **USA, IN, LAFAYETTE, JANUARY 16 2011. OILY WATER SPILLS INTO ELLIOTT DITCH**



*Crews from Environmental Remediation Services Inc. and Heritage Environmental Services work Saturday at Elliott Ditch.*

It may take several days for the all-clear to be sounded after a spill caused by a malfunction Friday evening at Alcoa Lafayette Operations. According to a preliminary estimate, 1,600 gallons of oily water made their way from the aluminum plant into a storm sewer that discharges into Elliott Ditch. Meanwhile, some homeowners near the ditch will have their wells sampled and be provided bottled water as a precaution until no more contaminants are detected. An incident report filed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said the problem started when a transfer hose pulled, or was pushed, out of the sewer opening while oily water was being pumped into a sanitary sewer. "The material discharged from the hose onto

the ground and ultimately entered a stormwater system," the EPA report said. "The waste processed water contains approximately 2 percent by volume of water soluble oil," EPA spokesman Craig Thomas said during a press conference Saturday evening at Lafayette City Hall. "We became aware at about 12:30 on Friday afternoon, as a part of our regular sampling process, that we had some soluble oil in our samples," Alcoa spokeswoman Kim Whitton said. "While we're still investigating the actual source, we believe that it came from the southeast corner of our unit 2 building, which is more toward our employee parking lot as you pull into the plant." According to Whitton, the hose appeared to have broken. Cleanup crews from Environmental Remediation Services Inc. and Heritage Environmental Services were dispatched to work on removing the oily water from the ditch that stretches across the south side of Lafayette. The cleanup, involving vacuum machines, has apparently prevented the contaminated water from traveling downstream to Wea Creek, which empties in the Wabash River. Crews are working near the ditch at 18th Street, which should see lane restrictions in that area for possibly a couple of days, Thomas said. "It was contained in Elliott Ditch, and we have not observed a fish kill," said Amy Hartsock, public information officer with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. "We are sampling approximately 20 homes in the immediate vicinity of Elliott Ditch which have private water supply wells," Thomas said. The homes are concentrated near the ditch between Concord Road and 18th Street. Alcoa is providing bottled water to affected residents while the samplings continue, Thomas said. People affected should expect a technicians to knock on their door requesting to take water samples. Though experts don't believe there would be any serious health issues, affected residents were advised to use the bottled water as a precaution, Thomas said. After the testing, residents should receive written and phoned results within 72 hours, Whitton said in a prepared statement. Friday's spill is not the first time Alcoa has caused a problem with Elliott Ditch.

- In 2002 the company agreed to pay \$550,000 to settle a federal lawsuit alleging the plant violated water pollution limits after wastewater discharged from the Lafayette location contaminated Elliott Ditch. According to the 1999 complaint filed by the EPA, wastewater discharged from the plant violated regulatory limits on polychlorinated

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biphenyls and other pollutants released into the nearby waterway. PCB's were once used as insulation and a coolant and were banned because of links to cancer in laboratory animals.

- After a 1998 discharge of hydraulic fluid killed more than 4,000 fish in Elliott Ditch, Alcoa paid a \$17,600 penalty to IDEM. According to Hartsock, the company is working well with the several agencies involved in the incident that started about 6 p.m. Friday. "Alcoa was extremely proactive and responsive," she said.

<http://www.jconline.com/article/20110116/NEWS/101160344>

### USA, ORE, COOS BAY, JANUARY 16 2011. FUEL SPILL UNDER INVESTIGATION IN COOS BAY

The Coast Guard is investigating a fuel spill that happened in Coos Bay early Friday morning.

An unknown amount of diesel fuel entered Coos Bay from Carson-Davis Oil Company during an on-shore fuel transfer between a truck and Carson-Davis' facility. The spill created a light sheen approximately 2 miles long. Carson-Davis Oil has hired crews to lay boom in an effort to protect local oyster farms from the spilled product. Inspectors from the Coast Guard are looking into whether the oil company followed proper procedure in the events leading up to the spill. The sheen is dissipating due to wave and wind motion, and there have been no reports of environmental impact, according to the Coast Guard.

<http://www.kptv.com/news/26508348/detail.html>

### USA, ORE, SALEM, JANUARY 16 2011. SELF-SERVE GAS? NOT HERE

Oregon banned self-service gasoline in 1951, seven years before the nation's first pump-your-own gas station opened in Omaha, Neb. The prohibition is included in statutes dealing with explosives, suggesting that safety was lawmakers' concern. When Oregonians debated a 1982 initiative to lift the ban, opponents argued that the measure would cost jobs and inconvenience the elderly and the disabled. The initiative failed, 58 percent to 42 percent. The same arguments are likely to be marshaled against a bill sponsored by state Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, that would lift the ban. The (Portland) Oregonian's Jeff Mapes reports that Burdick opposes her own proposal, saying she introduced it at the behest of a constituent. Her bill actually goes only halfway — gas stations would still have to provide an attendant to pump fuel on request. With the advent of credit-card-reading pumps and spill-prevention mechanisms, another look at self-service gas might be in order. But there's no evidence of widespread support for changing Oregon's law. It's one of those quirks that Oregonians find endearing — and provides one of the few points in common with New Jersey, the only other state that prohibits self-service gas.

<http://www.registerguard.com/csp/cms/sites/web/opinion/25775769-47/gas-self-service-ban-bill.csp>

### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE, JANUARY 16 2011. THREE HURT AS FUEL TANKER EXPLODES

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*An explosion on a fuel tanker four miles offshore from the Port of Brisbane has further stretched emergency services.*

3 crewmen were injured in an explosion on a fuel tanker moored off Brisbane yesterday. The situation stretched emergency services already taxed to the limit by the flood crisis. Fire and ambulance crews had to be rushed by helicopter to the Qian Chi, which carries refined fuel, about 3.45pm yesterday after an explosion was reported in a boiler in an engine room. Three crew members had to be airlifted from the boat to the Royal Brisbane Hospital, where one was reported to be in a critical condition and the other two were stable. It was unknown whether the explosion, deep

in the bowels of the ship, had any connection to the tonnes of debris that had been washed into the harbour from the flooded Brisbane River. Brisbane Port authorities said the tanker was moored and not blocking or causing problems in the bay. Harbour master Captain Richard Johnson said the ship had a secondary boiler for power if needed, but it had not been due to dock until tomorrow and had been anchored in Moreton Bay. "It will be able to move. There will be experts who will have to look at it. If the damage is really bad, then obviously they will need to fix it," he said. Mr Johnson said other tankers had docked earlier in the day without incident and the Qian Chi was not posing any pollution hazard. Tonnes of potentially deadly flood debris, including huge chunks of Brisbane's former floating boardwalk, have been dumped into the bay by the torrent flowing out of the Brisbane River. Earlier in the week, a piece of the boardwalk narrowly missed smashing the giant Gateway Bridge and had to be nudged away by a tug. Water Police ferried emergency service personnel to the scene. The port opened only yesterday, but warnings were out to shipping about the debris from the flood. Port operations manager Peter Keyte said on Saturday that the waters near the mouth of the Brisbane River and Moreton Island were dangerous for small craft.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/three-hurt-as-fuel-tanker-explodes/story-e6frq6nf-1225989074342>

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### UK, SOUTH YORKSHIRE, JANUARY 17 2011. MAN KILLED IN EXPLOSION >> WASTE INCINERATOR EXPLODED

One man has died and another has been seriously injured in an explosion at a recycling plant in Rotherham. South Yorkshire Police said the men were injured when a waste incinerator exploded at Sterecycle at 2.40pm on Tuesday. A 42-year-old Rotherham man was airlifted to Leeds General Hospital but died later, police said. A 50-year-old Barnsley man was taken to Sheffield's Northern General Hospital with serious, "potentially life-changing", head and body injuries. He is said to be in a stable condition. A police spokesman said: "Emergency services were called to Sterecycle - a business close to Magna Science Adventure Centre - at 2.40pm today after a waste incinerator exploded creating a hole in the side of the factory and causing damage to parked cars across the road." The site on Sheffield Road is just off the M1 and officers closed the route from its junction with Bessemer Way to the motorway for about four hours. The spokesman added: "Investigators from South Yorkshire Police and the Health and Safety Executive are currently at the scene with inquiries ongoing into the cause of the explosion." A spokesman for South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue said four crews were sent and at least one of the injured men was brought out by firefighters. He said the crews had been stood down. According to the Sterecycle website, the plant is the world's first commercial autoclave waste treatment facility. The firm said autoclaving is a process which involves the steam processing of "black bag waste" to recover recyclable material and organic residue which can be used to make a biofuel. Sterecycle CEO Tom Shields said last month: "The Rotherham community has been very supportive of our facility and understand the advantages of using our technology to treat their waste. It's safe, increases recycling performance and reduces the amount of waste going to landfill by up to 70%."

[http://www.lythamstannesexpress.co.uk/news/man\\_killed\\_in\\_explosion\\_1\\_2920153](http://www.lythamstannesexpress.co.uk/news/man_killed_in_explosion_1_2920153)

### USA, UT, MILLCREEK, JANUARY 17 2011. CREWS BATTLE LIQUID NITROGEN LEAK AT SALT LAKE CITY LAB

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A chemical leak Sunday at a bio-tech company near St. Mark's Hospital, created an unusual challenge for fire and haz-mat crews who were called out to respond. When they arrived, crews found liquid nitrogen seeping out of a tank, freezing everything it touched. The call to Tandem Labs -- located at 1121 E. 3900 South in Salt Lake City -- came in as natural gas leak, but after one look at the partially-frozen door with vapor pouring out underneath, crews knew it was something else. "We determined that this is liquid nitrogen," said Unified Fire Capt. Cliff Burningham. "They told us it's a bulk tank of some size that they refill several times a week. They go through quite a volume of this liquid nitrogen." Liquid nitrogen is an asphyxiate,

meaning it displaces oxygen, which is extremely dangerous in a confined space. Firefighters weren't sure what type of room they were about to enter. "You'll notice the firefighters are in their full turnout gear and also their self-contained breathing apparatuses that protect their respiratory drive so they can be in that environment with low oxygen," said Burningham. When they opened the door, more of the gas poured out. A firefighter taking a step back slid on the frozen ground. Inside, they found the leaking 6,000-gallon tank. "We do have quite a bit of frost on the equipment and all of the piping," said Burningham. "It looks like it's been leaking for awhile." As it turns out, the room was sufficiently ventilated and posed no risk to neighboring businesses. However, firefighters used special thermal gear to deal with the leak and closed off a small area around the tank. On its website, Tandem Labs says it provides bioanalytical services to the pharmaceutical industry. Calls to the company Sunday were not returned. The building was unoccupied at the time of the leak.

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### INDIA, KARNATAKA, BANGALORE, JANUARY 17 2011. 'EVAPORATED' PETROL COMES CHEAP IN BANGALORE

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You cannot get petrol in the city at lower than Rs65.38 per litre, after the second hike in a month was effected on Saturday. But on the outskirts of the city, there's a fine chance you might be able to tank up at less than half that price. At Devanagondi village near Hoskote, home to South India's biggest LPG bottling and petroleum units, you might get your tank full at less than half the price you pay at a regular petrol pump. Now, before you ride off to Devanagondi, here's how it happens: More than three thousand petrol tankers arrive at Devanagondi oil terminals, on a daily basis. On their way back after filling up, these tankers allow a little oil to spill. More technically, the process might be termed 'pilferage'. The driver and cleaner of the tanker stop at a junction. This could be a dhaba or a vulcanising shop, somewhere near Devanagondi village. A few litres of the

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precious fuel is drained out of the tanker, and this is left hidden in containers at store rooms from where it might be sold in the black market. While the pilferage usually occurs in the day, the stock is sold at night, in bulk. DNA visited the spot consecutively for three days, with reporters posing as buyers. No one appeared keen to talk of the business the first day. On the second day, it was possible to strike a deal at a military hotel. Overhearing a conversation about the possible purchase of petrol in bulk, the man made an offer. Identifying himself as Venu, the man said that he could not strike a deal for any less than 500 litres. If we were willing to buy that much of petrol, he would allow us to take the entire stock at Rs34 per litre. He added that the money could be handed to him after the delivery of the stock, when we had satisfied ourselves of the genuineness of the fuel. Venu said we could give him our cell phone numbers, and inform him of the number of the vehicle in which we would arrive. He would call us at an appointed hour. On the third day, we received a call from Venu. He said that he would call again after reaching the military hotel, at around 1.45 am. We reached the spot ahead of Venu, who asked that we wait for about half an hour. He led us to a store room, containing 40 containers of petrol. We pretended to check the stock, and though not possessing any expertise in the matter, told him that we were not quite satisfied with the quality of the fuel. We said we would only purchase about 200 litres. Venu began to hurl abuses at us, saying that we had wasted his time. He said he was not interested in a deal for any less than 500 litres. Officials at the delivery plants said that they receive complaints regularly of pilferage. "When the stock is delivered, we are told that the quantity is less. We keep assuring those to whom stock is delivered that the right amount would be supplied the next time. When we question the drivers, they claim that any shortfall is likely on account of evaporation!" said one official. It may be noted that police nabbed seven people in connected with pilferage in November 2007. To avoid pilferage along the Chennai-Bangalore route, the Indian Oil Corporation Limited laid a 290-km pipeline, at a cost of Rs250 crore, to do away with transporting the precious fuel in tankers by train. The pipeline was completed in 2008. However, trucks are still used to transport the fuel from the oil terminals at Devanagondi into the city.

[http://www.dnaindia.com/bangalore/report\\_evaporated-petrol-comes-cheap-in-bangalore\\_1495477](http://www.dnaindia.com/bangalore/report_evaporated-petrol-comes-cheap-in-bangalore_1495477)

#### **USA, WASHINGTON DC, JANUARY 17 2011. CSB COMMENDS WEST VIRGINIA ACTION ON CSB RECOMMENDATION THAT PROPANE TECHNICIANS BE TRAINED AND LICENSED; ACTION FOLLOWS TRAGIC EXPLOSION AT CONVENIENCE STORE.**



CSB Chairperson Rafael Moure-Eraso today commended West Virginia for its effective response to a CSB recommendation that propane technicians in the state be trained, certified, and licensed. The Board issued the recommendation to the governor and legislature following the CSB investigation of a propane explosion at the Little General Store in Ghent, West Virginia on January 30, 2007. The explosion killed four people and injured five others seriously. The CSB found that a junior propane service technician was preparing to transfer propane, unsupervised, from an old to a new tank located next to an outside wall of the store. The technician removed a safety plug from a malfunctioning liquid withdrawal valve, causing an uncontrollable release of propane. Propane entered the store through the rest room ventilation system. The technician had only 45 days of limited on-the-job training with his supervisor. Dr. Moure-Eraso said, "The Board has voted to designate West Virginia's response as

'Closed-Acceptable Action,' meaning that the state's action fully meets the intent of our recommendation. By taking this action, the state assures that anyone working with liquefied petroleum gas systems in the state – from installation to maintenance – will be fully qualified, and that means lives will be saved and we will greatly reduce the risk of a recurrence of the Ghent tragedy." The CSB recommendation urged the state to "Require training and qualification of individuals who operate bulk propane plants, dispense and deliver propane, install and service propane systems, and install propane appliances." The CSB recommended this training be equivalent to the Certified Employee Training program (CETP) developed by the propane industry. The CSB investigation found many employers in the industry use CETP to train and certify employees on a number of topics including safe work practices during delivery and installation of propane tanks for homes, businesses, and bulk shipping. The bill approved by the West Virginia legislature requires completion of CETP for anyone working with liquefied petroleum gas systems in the state. The requirements of the bill went into effect on July 1, 2009, and the State Fire Marshal's office reported to the CSB that the code was updated in June 2010 to implement the legislative mandate requiring certification and licensing. Dr. Moure said, "Propane is highly flammable and potentially hazardous. To ensure public safety, propane must be handled only by qualified and experienced technicians. I compliment all those in West Virginia who worked to accomplish passage of the legislation."

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### USA, MD, MOUNT AIRY, JANUARY 17 2011. OVERTURNED TANKER SNARLS TRAFFIC IN MOUNT AIRY

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Two people were transported to area hospitals when a tanker carrying propane overturned on the Eastbound side of I-70 Sunday morning, shutting down all three travel lanes and two of the three Westbound lanes for more than three hours. The tanker was hoisted by two cranes as emergency personnel and members of the Maryland Department of Environment emergency response team determined if the tanker could be driven from the scene. A second tanker was brought to the scene in the event that the overturned tanker had sustained too much damage to be driven away.

An overturned tanker truck on Interstate 70 this morning sent two people to hospitals and snarled traffic in [Mount Airy](#) for hours. The two people were in the cab of a truck hauling 8,600 gallons of propane gas when it flipped onto its side about 8:45 a.m. when traveling eastbound on Interstate 70 just east of exit 68. No gas leaked from the propane tank. The eastbound lanes of I-70 were shut down from shortly after the crash until about 2:30 p.m. Only one lane on the westbound side was open to traffic. Doug Alexander, spokesman for the [Mount Airy](#) Volunteer Fire Company, said the truck was upright and moved to the shoulder by 2:15 p.m., in preparation for being towed away for repairs. One of the two people in the cab of the truck was taken to a trauma center with non-life threatening injuries, Alexander said. The other was taken to a nearby hospital with minor injuries. He did not know which hospitals those in the truck were taken to. Although the tanker did not leak any gas, Alexander said it did take some scuffing. Traffic in [Mount Airy](#) was a mess, he said. "I've lived here 59 years and I've never seen traffic as gridlocked as it was for a couple of hours today," Alexander said Sunday afternoon. "From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., it was an absolute nightmare." Drivers were diverted off of I-70 and were trying to find their way along unfamiliar local roads, he said. One tractor-trailer truck got stuck on Twin Arch Road when the driver had to make a U-turn. It wasn't until 3 o'clock that traffic began moving smoothly through town, and even then it was much heavier than normal, he said. Drivers were making their way around the crash site on Md. 27 and Md. 144, and they spilled over onto local roads. The crash site was between Md. 94 and Md. 27.

<http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/news/displayBreaking.htm?StoryID=115351>

### USA, WA, EAST BREMERTON, JANUARY 17 2011. GASOLINE-FUELED FIRE HEAVILY DAMAGES EAST BREMERTON HOME



Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue firefighters wait for water at a Saturday afternoon house fire at Wyoming Street and Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The fire started in the attached garage. The hoses had to be stretched down a long hill, from the nearest hydrant across Perry Avenue.

A fire that started in a garage did extensive damage Saturday afternoon to an East Bremerton home. Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue crews received a call at about 1:45 p.m. of a fire spreading from the garage to a house on Wyoming Street near Perry Avenue. Fire officials said that a man was working on his Kawasaki motorcycle in the garage before the fire started. He had drained the fuel tank and was transferring the fuel into another container when some spilled onto the ground. He went into the house to wash his hands and returned to find a fire starting near the ground. His efforts to put out the fire with an extinguisher failed and he called 911. Fire crews arrived to find the garage burning through the roof. The fire spread through the home's heating duct system and damaged much of the house. It also spread to two cars parked near the garage. Both cars were destroyed. The man was not injured in the fire, and his wife was not at home at the time. The house is uninhabitable and the couple were aided by Red Cross officials on Saturday. A firefighter was taken to Harrison Medical Center in Bremerton to be treated for possible heat stroke. A fire official estimated the damage at \$150,000 and that the fire was ignited either by a frayed extension cord or by a halogen lamp that was about a foot off the ground.

<http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2011/jan/15/gasoline-fire-heavily-damages-east-bremerton/>

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#### FINLAND, UUSIMAA WEST, JANUARY 18 2011. FIREWORKS COMPANY UNDER INVESTIGATION >> POSSIBLE BREACHING EXPLOSIVES SAFETY REGULATIONS.



Police have launched an investigation into suspected illegal activity at the pyrotechnics company Suomen Ilotulitus. According to a news item on the Nelonen television network on Sunday, the West Uusimaa police are investigating the company for alleged violations of explosives regulations. The Finnish Safety and Chemicals Agency TUKES had asked the police to investigate suspected violations in connection with New Year's fireworks. TUKES wants to ascertain if there were shortcomings in the company's quality control protocols and in the testing of their fireworks. More than 100 products marketed by Suomen Ilotulitus were taken off the market by TUKES, which found that many had been insufficiently tested. The bans on sales were lifted shortly before the beginning of the year after the company conducted a number of tests.

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#### ECUADOR, QUITO, JANUARY 18 2011. EXPLOSION AND FIRE SHUT PART OF ECUADOR'S SHUSHUFINDI REFINERY

The 20,000 b/d Shushufindi refining complex operated by Ecuador state energy company Petroecuador is partially offline after an explosion, the company said Monday in a prepared statement. The exploding and subsequent fire happened late Sunday at approximately 9 pm Eastern time when the refinery one plant was restarted following a power outage. Residual gas ignited, causing the explosion, the company added. The extent of the damage is as yet unclear, and the company can't yet say when the facility might be restarted. It's the second time in less than six weeks that a significant refining incident occurred in the country. On Dec. 10, an explosion at the 100,000-b/d Esmeraldas refinery, Ecuador's biggest, left three workers injured. Shushufindi's refinery two is operating normally and there were no casualties in Sunday's blast, Petroecuador said. It is working to make sure fuel stocks don't run out in Ecuador's oil-producing Amazon region, which Shushufindi supplies with low-octane gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel.

<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/Oil/6753629>

#### CANADA, QUEBEC, JANUARY 18 2011. INSPECTORS FOUND LEAKS AT SHALE WELLS, GOVERNMENT REPORT SAYS

*monique beaudin*

Government inspectors found natural gas leaks at nearly a dozen Quebec shale-gas wells in November and December that could potentially have caused water contamination or explosions, says a new document filed with the public consultation into shale-gas development. Inspectors from the Natural Resources Department visited Quebec's 31 shale-gas wells during that period, and found they were all in an "acceptable" state, and were well secured. But the inspectors found two kinds of naturalgas leaks during their visits: 19 cases of leaks inside the casing of the well, which is designed to control gas from leaking, and 11 others where gas had migrated outside the well. Of those 11, the gas was found close to the well in all except one case, where it was detected 10 metres from the well, the report said. The report said department officials met with the companies that own the wells within days of discovering the leaked gas, which could have come from pockets of gas either close to the surface or from deeper underground. The companies were required to give the ministry a report detailing the number of leaks, a description of the leaks and the risk they posed. It also requested a report from the companies explaining what steps they had taken to remedy the situation. The main consequences of the gas leaks are the release of greenhouse gas emissions and the loss of the naturalgas resource, the department says in the document. The migrated gas posed two risks: contamination of nearby aquifers, or the possibility of explosions. An explosion could only occur if the gas collected in a closed area, if there were methane concentrations of five to 15 per cent, and if there was a source of ignition, such as a spark, the document says. Last month, the ministry told the BAPE that leaks had been discovered at 19 wells. It played down the risk of the leaks, saying it was normal for natural gas to escape during drilling, and that the wells were isolated and far from residences.

<http://communities.canada.com/montrealgazette/blogs/greenlife/archive/2011/01/18/inspectors-found-leaks-at-shale-wells-government-report-says.aspx>

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