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### NEW ZEALAND, QUEENSTOWN, FEBRUARY 24 2011. SMOKING AT PETROL PUMPS PROMPTS AGGRO

Cops are hunting a man who allegedly headbutted a petrol station worker after he'd warned the offender's partner for smoking at the pumps. The aggro happened at the Shell garage on Frankton Road at 5pm last Sunday. "A female got out of a car in the forecourt while puffing on a cigarette and was told by an employee to put it out," acting sergeant Jason Reid says. "This led to words being exchanged. The woman's partner is then alleged to have confronted and assaulted the worker before driving off without paying for \$7 worth of gas. "An investigation is ongoing but things should become clearer when we examine CCTV footage from the petrol station," Reid adds.

<http://www.scene.co.nz/smoking-at-petrol-pumps-prompts-aggro/285584a1.page>

### CANADA, S.K, SWIFT CURRENT, FEBRUARY 24 2011. DIESEL SPILL AT HUSKY TRUCK STOP

The Swift Current Fire Department is reminding people to never leave their vehicle unattended while filling up at a gas station after they responded to a diesel spill at the Husky truck stop Feb. 18 at 12:40 a.m. Crews were called to the scene on South Service Road East after a semi truck was allegedly left unattended while filling up at the station, spilling approximately 10 gallons of diesel on the ground. The four firefighters shut down the pumps and spread sorbent material to soak up the diesel and they bagged the contaminated material. The pumps were shut down for a total of two hours, although the fire department doesn't believe it caused much of an inconvenience due to the time of night when the spill occurred. Acting Captain Earl Braun said these calls are common, but spills like this could have been avoided had the truck driver stood by his vehicle while refueling.

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### USA, PA, AVELLA, FEBRUARY 25 2011. 'VOLATILE VAPOR' LED TO DRILLING SITE BLAST, 3 WORKERS INJURED, 1 CRITICAL >> INJURED WORKERS WERE WEARING FLAME-RESISTANT CLOTHING AT TIME OF FIRE

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A "volatile vapor" led to an explosion at a natural gas drilling site Wednesday that left three people injured, according to state environmental officials. Pennsylvania DEP spokeswoman Katy Gresh said the blast occurred when workers were flow testing the wells at the site to separate natural gas liquids from the methane. "A volatile vapor from the condensate ignited. This then caused the tanks to catch fire," she said. Gresh said it is too early to say if Chesapeake Energy would receive a citation for the accident, but said there are no violations on record for this particular drilling site. "Our inspectors have been to that site 13 times," she added.

During a press conference Thursday, Chesapeake Energy officials said they had not determined the cause of the fire. The fire occurred near natural gas wells drilled by the company on the Joseph Powers property off First Street and Meadowcroft Road in Avella. Matt Sheppard, Chesapeake senior director of corporate development and government affairs, said Russell Schoolcraft, 48, of Clover, W.Va.; Richard Lancaster, 50, of Sardis, Ohio; and Frank Lancaster, 36, of New Martinsville; were transported to Pittsburgh hospitals for injuries sustained during the incident. Sheppard said Schoolcraft, a roustabout for H&H Oil Field Services, and Richard Lancaster, a truck driver for BBU Services, were taken to Mercy Hospital, while Frank Lancaster, also a driver for BBU Services Inc., was taken to West Penn Hospital. He didn't know the men's conditions, and hospital spokesmen couldn't be reached late Thursday for comment. Sheppard said, "According to safety procedures, all the men were wearing flame-resistant clothing at the time of the accident. Our thoughts and prayers are with these men, their family and friends, and we wish them a speedy and full recovery." Sheppard said the three men were performing routine maintenance at the site while other crews were conducting a temporary well-testing operation before the fire occurred. He said a flash fire occurred to five 500-gallon tanks containing natural gas liquids and quickly spread to four others. Sheppard refuted reports the fire was caused by hydraulic fracturing, noting that operation had been completed at the time of the blaze. During hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking, water mixed with

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sand and chemicals, some of them toxic, is forced into the wells at high pressure, shattering the underground shale and releasing natural gas in pockets hundreds of feet underground. Scott Rotruck, Chesapeake vice president of corporate development and state government relations, said as soon as the incident occurred, the three wells were closed using valves. Stacey Brodak, Chesapeake spokeswoman, said the company is working with officials from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and federal Office, federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Pennsylvania State Police Fire Investigation Unit to determine the cause of the blaze. Many fire departments from Washington County and several from Brooke County were called to the fire at 6:15 p.m. and extinguished at about 9:30 p.m. Brodak expressed thanks to all emergency responders who responded, especially the Avella Volunteer Fire Department, "for their professionalism and rapid response." Brodak was asked if Boots and Coots International Well Control, a private firefighting company specializing in response to gas well fires and under contract to Chesapeake, was involved in fighting the fire. She said a representative of the company was on the scene and a foam suppressant used to extinguish the fire at his suggestion. She said because the fire was contained quickly, it didn't merit calling more personnel from the group. Earlier Thursday, Franklin Community Fire Chief Larry Palmer said many members of the department were called because it has a mutual aid agreement with the Avella Fire Department. Palmer said a few members from each of eight other Brooke County fire departments joined many Washington County fire departments and the county's hazardous materials team in extinguishing the blaze. Because the fire occurred in a rural area, many water tankers, including several from Brooke County, were called, he said. Palmer said firefighters on the scene included ones trained in rapid intervention, or assisting firefighters who become at risk while fighting fires, but he wasn't aware of any firefighters being harmed during the blaze. He said once the fire was extinguished, firefighters watered the tanks to keep them cool and prevent them from reigniting and used thermal imaging cameras to detect any hot spots.

<http://www.news-register.net/page/content.detail/id/552331/Officials---Volatile-Vapor--Led-to-Drilling-Site-Blast.html?nav=515>

### **USA, WA, HERMISTON, FEBRUARY 25 2011. CEREMONY: UMATILLA DEPOT TO HONOR 6 KILLED IN '44 BLAST**

*annette cary*

The Umatilla Chemical Depot will honor the six workers who died in a 1944 storage igloo explosion on March 21, the 67th anniversary of the event. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. in Building 54 and end outdoors at the site of the explosion. Family members of those who died and the public are invited. The 1944 accident was the only fatal munitions-handling accident in the depot's 70-year history. The depot received its first conventional munitions in October 1941, on the eve of World War II, and stored conventional ammunition throughout World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam and the Gulf War. The depot was used for chemical weapons storage starting in the early 1960s. In the 1944 accident, a depot storage igloo containing 264 500-pound conventional bombs was destroyed. Killed were Kenneth Le Roy Fraser, foreman; Lance Stultz, lift truck operator; William Sanders, munitions handler; Harry Dwight Sever, munitions handler; Hiram Cook, truck driver, and Alice Wolgamott, junior laborer. Two foremen working on a nearby railroad pier survived. An extensive Army investigation was unable to determine the specific cause of the accident. Those interested in attending the ceremony need to make arrangements in advance by calling 541-564-5360.

<http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2011/02/24/1882983/depot-depot-to-honor-6-workers.html>

### **ECUADOR, RUMIPAMBA, (FEBRUARY 25 2011. INDIGENOUS ECUADORAN WOMAN HUMBLER US OIL GIANT**

*valeria pacheco*



*Ecuadorian indigenous villager Maria Aguinda, seen here at her house at the Rumipamba commune.*

She has no legal training, and doesn't speak the Spanish that dominates government in Quito but indigenous villager Maria Aguinda helped bring a landmark judgment against US oil giant [Chevron](#) for polluting the rain forest she calls home. The diminutive grandmother whose modest home sits near marshes clogged for decades in sticky oil has been at the heart of the David-and-Goliath case, and spoke out after Chevron was slapped last week with a \$9.5-billion fine, among the heaviest ever handed down for environmental damage. "Before I die they have to pay me for the dead animals, and for what they did to the river, and the water and the earth," the 61-year-old Aguinda told AFP at her home in Rumipamba, a town in

remote Orellana province where pollution caused by 30 years of [oil drilling](#) and petroleum accidents had become a sad fact of life. Texaco operated in the area between 1964 and 1990, and was bought in 2001 by Chevron, which inherited Texaco's legal nightmare. "The demand (for compensation) is going on track," said the ethnic Quechua woman, pointing to a nearby spot

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marked by spillage from an [oil well](#) run by Texaco in the 1970s. "Mary Aguinda et al" are the opening words of the suit launched in 1993 on behalf of 30,000 residents of Orellana and Sucumbios provinces, in which they charge Texaco dumped billions of gallons of toxic crude during its operations, fouling rivers, lakes and soil and causing cancer deaths in indigenous communities. Aguinda said she believes her husband and two of his 10 children died from effects of the pollution, which rights group Amazon Watch says has affected an area the size of the US state of Rhode Island. Several of her family members "have skin problems, like fungus," Aguinda said as she lifted her granddaughter's foot off the dirt floor to show an outbreak on her leg. Chevron blames state-run [Petroecuador](#), with which Texaco formed a consortium from 1972 until the US firm departed in 1992, of not doing its part in the clean-up agreed with the state. "When Texaco came we never thought they would leave behind such damage, never. Then it began to drill a well and set up burn pits," she said, helped in translation by her son William Grefa. "It changed our life: hunting, fishing, and other food, it's all finished." She skeptically eyes the ongoing cleanup of a marsh just meters from her house, where workers dressed in oil-stained yellow overalls dredge thick black ooze into suction pipes. Aguinda said the spill is leftover from a Texaco storage pool which overflowed into the marshes during 1987-1990 operations of the Auca South 1 well about 200 meters (656 feet) from Rumipamba. Texaco performed operational repairs in the area in the 1990s, and [oil extraction](#) continues in the region, according to Grefa. Six months ago, a dozen workers from Petroecuador, which has managed the concession since 1990, began cleaning up the marshes, reviving bitter memories within the community of the [slow-motion disaster](#). The company "made arrangements, but they covered everything with sticks and earth and nothing more," said Grefa, a member of the Assembly of People Affected by Texaco, which represents the 30,000 indigenous people in the suit. The operation has done little to improve conditions, Aguinda said. "With the cleanup that Texaco left, the air is just unbearable. I can't live above the oil," groaned Aguinda, who grew visibly irritated talking about the disaster. "If someone comes here from Texaco" he'll get "pepper in his eyes," she winced. A strong petroleum smell permeates Rumipamba, home to nine families, some of whom complain of headaches. Several areas of Sucumbios are also contaminated, according to the plaintiffs, who argue that merely sinking a shovel into the ground yields a thick layer of crude. Chevron, which has called the judgment "illegitimate and unenforceable," has asked a judge in Ecuador for clarification of the ruling as it seeks to appeal. The court last week announced a penalty against Chevron of \$8.6 billion with an additional 10 percent for environment management costs. The plaintiffs, too, plan to appeal, saying the ruling fails to adequately compensate for certain damages and illness. They were seeking more than \$27 billion in their suit.

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### USA, TN, LA VERGNE, FEBRUARY 26 2011. EMERGENCY CREWS CALLED TO LA VERGNE CHEMICAL SPILL >> POLICE INVESTIGATING IF CLOSED BUSINESS USED AS DUMPING GROUND

*larry flowers*

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Hazmat crews in Rutherford County were at the scene of a chemical spill Friday at the site of a closed business. Authorities are now looking into whether someone was using the site as a dumping ground for chemicals. On Friday morning, a La Vergne police officer saw a person -- who said he's the brother of the owner -- loading 55-gallon barrels into the back of a pickup truck at 162 Jefferson Pike, the former location of Pipe Dreams Inc. Police were in the area because of some recent thefts. The officer noticed a strong smell and called the city's fire department. Hazmat crews were immediately sent out to the area, where they discovered the chemicals, possibly including acetone, were flammable and were poured onto the ground behind the business and extended about 40 yards to the side of the railroad tracks. CSX Railroad has been notified of the spill. "We came out and was able to define a specific area that may be contaminated by an unknown product," said Tim Hooker of the Rutherford

County Emergency Management Agency. "Some may be acetone, which is indicated on the 55-gallon drums." There were about a dozen drums. Officials said at least half of them contained acetone or traces of the chemical commonly used as paint thinner or paint stripper. But it doesn't appear the dumping was a one-time event, they said. "We may have some dumping going on for quite some time. Looks like the product spread quite some distance through the soil down near the railroad tracks," Hooker said. With the high winds, there was a sweet, acidic smell coming from the area. Officials tested the air quality. "We were using a PID monitor, which reads volatile organic compounds as well, and for a 42-degree day, we were getting

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ratings of 496, which is extremely high," said Rick McCormick, emergency services coordinator. According to a city news release, an environmental service company and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's solid waste division are sampling the soil to determine the type of contaminate and scope of the potential impact. "The testing is going to have to be extensive in the area to determine the exact scope and size of the contaminated area," said Hooker. Officials said they don't believe the spill poses a hazard to the community. If the area is found to be contaminated, the owner of the building will be responsible for the cleanup and could possibly be fined. Hazmat crews said the good news was that there was no nearby water supply for the possible acetone to run off in.

<http://www.wsmv.com/news/26998354/detail.html>

### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, FEBRUARY 26 2011. MAJORITY OF SMALL BUSINESSES HAVE NO FIRE TRAINING

According to a recent survey conducted by Wormald, nearly two thirds of small business managers and employees in regional and suburban areas of Australia have never been trained in how to use the fire equipment in their workplace. In addition, more than half of the 210 small business respondents admitted that they were not fully confident about the correct way to handle the installed fire protection equipment. "This is an alarmingly high percentage of people who would not know what to do in the event of a serious fire emergency," said John Lynch, General Manager of the Business Support Services at Wormald. "The highest priority when a fire breaks out is to get the occupants of a building out of harm's way. Trained staff can help this happen efficiently. "Additionally, fires can impact businesses with significant costs in damages and lengthy downtime, and in some cases this can be minimised if staff knows how to confidently handle the situation." "A fire can have a devastating affect on a business, particularly a small operation," Lynch said. "We recommend that business owners not only carry out a thorough assessment to identify the fire protection equipment and systems required but invest in training for their staff so that the measures in place will help if there's a fire." According to the survey results, only 19 per cent of employers rated the offer of training as a key factor when deciding their fire protection needs, with the highest consideration going to cost, and service and maintenance second. "A confident member of staff, able to respond appropriately in the event of a fire is an invaluable investment for a business," Lynch said.

[http://www.safetyculture.com.au/news/index.php/02/cth-majority-of-small-businesses-have-no-fire-training/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed:+safetyculture+\(Safety+Culture+OHS+News\)](http://www.safetyculture.com.au/news/index.php/02/cth-majority-of-small-businesses-have-no-fire-training/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed:+safetyculture+(Safety+Culture+OHS+News))

### USA, WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 25 2011. OIL GROUP STARTS POLITICAL GIVING AS CONGRESS WEIGHS REPEAL OF TAX BREAKS

*jim snyder*



Exxon Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp. will make political donations separately from industry executives and employees, who gave \$27.6 million mostly to Republican candidates for Congress last year, according to the Center for Responsive Politics in Washington.

The [American Petroleum Institute](#), the largest oil and gas industry trade group, will start backing political candidates this year as the U.S. considers repealing \$46 billion in subsidies and imposing pollution rules. The group, whose members include [Exxon Mobil Corp.](#) and [Chevron Corp.](#), would make donations separately from industry executives and employees, who gave \$27.6 million mostly to Republican candidates for Congress last year, according to the Center for Responsive Politics in Washington. API has paid for advertising on policy issues and to lobby on legislation. "This is adding one more tool to our toolkit," said Martin Durbin, API's executive vice president for government affairs, in an interview. "At the end of the day, our mission is trying to influence the policy debate." The Obama administration is proposing to end tax breaks for energy companies and to limit greenhouse-gas emissions, actions the API says

will cost jobs and cut domestic production as fuel costs rise. Durbin declined to say how much the Washington-based group hoped to donate. API spent \$7.3 million to lobby Congress and the White House last year, ranking seventh behind six oil-and-gas companies, according to the [Center for Responsive Politics](#). Former Republican and Democratic aides in Congress and from the White House lobby for the group. They include David Castagnetti, an ex-chief of staff to Senate Finance Committee Chairman [Max Baucus](#), a Montana Democrat, and Bruce Mehlman, a Commerce Department official under [George W. Bush](#).

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#### Balancing Donations

The oil group, which filed to set up the committee with the [Federal Election Commission](#) in May, will start distributing donations in the second quarter of this year, Durbin said. API has more than 460 members. "Do we really need another oil-industry PAC in this city?" said Michael Gravitz, a lobbyist for Environment America who has opposed [energy-industry](#) efforts to open more areas offshore for drilling. "Their level of influence is pretty obvious, and large." The energy industry succeeded in blocking efforts by Congress to raise the liability oil companies would face for spills and to repeal subsidies the industry receives, he said. Meredith McGehee, policy director for the [Campaign Legal Center](#), a campaign-finance watchdog in [Washington](#), said API may see opportunities to advance its agenda with Republicans in control of the U.S. House. "This is the way the game is played," she said.

#### Republican Donations

Oil and gas companies and groups with political committees, such as the Washington-based Independent Petroleum Association of America, gave about 77 percent, or \$19.6 million, of their total contributions for 2009-2010 to the Republican party, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. Oil and gas companies were the 15th largest source of political contributions leading up to the 2010 election. Koch Industries Inc. was the industry's largest contributor, giving \$1.79 million to candidates, more than 90 percent of whom were Republicans. Exxon, which gave \$1.33 million to congressional campaigns, was the second largest. More than 80 percent of Exxon's money went to Republicans. President [Barack Obama](#)'s proposed budget calls on Congress to repeal subsidies that would be valued at \$3.6 billion for oil and gas companies in 2012. In a decade, the administration estimates the repeal would yield about \$46 billion. Obama said in his State of the Union address that the industry can afford to pay higher taxes.

#### Tax Breaks Repealed

Congress has twice rejected requests to repeal the breaks. The proposal would "lower revenue to the government by many billions of dollars as a result of foregone revenues from projects the tax hikes would prevent going forward," [Jack Gerard](#), the group's chief executive officer, said in a statement. API has said greenhouse-gas regulations issued by the Environmental Protection Agency are burdensome and a threat to the economic recovery. The agency says the rules support cleaner technologies and will lead to more "green" jobs.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-24/oil-group-starts-political-giving-as-congress-eyes-subsidies.html>

#### USA, TX, TEXAS CITY, FEBRUARY 26 2011. HIGHWAY 146 REOPENS AFTER 6,000 BARRELS [250,000 GALLONS] OF GASOLINE SPILLS INTO NEIGHBORHOOD

*t.j. aulds & chris paschenko*

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*A crew from Garner Environmental Services works to clean up gasoline from Bayou Pierre in Texas City after a pipeline rupture that spilled as much as 250,000 gallons into the waterway Thursday afternoon.*

12 hours after a pipeline carrying gasoline ruptured, officials reopened state Highway 146 and allowed evacuated residents to return home. As much as 225,000 gallons of fuel may have spilled into Texas City's Bayou Pierre, officials said. A pipeline carrying gasoline ruptured at about 3 a.m. Thursday forcing the evacuation of about 30 homes and the closure of state Highway 146. As much as 250,000 gallons of gasoline may have leaked from a ruptured pipeline into Bayou Pierre before it was shut down, the line's owner said at a news conference this morning. The highway is closed between FM 517 and FM 1764. Houses on Clara Lane nearest the point where the pipeline ruptured were evacuated as a

precaution, Bruce Clawson, the city's homeland security coordinator, said. About a dozen of the evacuated residents were at the Doyle Convention Center. No injuries were reported when the pipeline ruptured and there was no fire or explosion. The 25th Avenue Extension between state Highway 3 and Highway 146 is also closed. The spill also forced the closure of the city's municipal golf course. The evacuations and road closures are all precautionary. "We could have 6,000 (barrels) of fuel on the

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ground and we want to be extra careful," Clawson said. Magellan Midstream Partners LP, the owners of the line said the company received a leak detection alarm on the line at about 1 a.m. After shutting the line down crews confirmed the leak at about 3 a.m. Magellan spokesman Bruce Heine said the underground line is an 18-inch supply line from Texas City to its Pasadena Products Pipeline. The line is a multi-carrier product line and transports refined products to multiple shippers along the company's Texas City to Houston pipeline, he said. "We don't know what caused the release in the pipeline," Heine said. The company was removing the failed section of the line to help in the investigation of how the rupture happened. Heine said the line was in "compliance with all laws and regulations," but would not confirm when it was last inspected. Regulations require that pipelines be inspected every five years. Since it ships refined products, the line falls under the jurisdiction of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which was coordinating the state's response to the cleanup. Commission spokesman Terry Clawson could not confirm when the line was last inspected. The pipeline is near two overpasses that cross the bayou at Highway 146 near Atwater Avenue. There are currently no readers of high concentrations of fumes, but the concern is that fumes could gather under those bridges. The morning's brisk winds are helping, Clawson said. Cleanup crews from Garner Environmental were called in to boom off areas along the bayou and prevent any of the fuel from making its way into nearby Moses Lake. The spill was contained.

<http://galvestondailynews.com/story/213674>

### USA, WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 26 2011. DEADLY CHEMICAL AND DISMAL SAFETY RECORDS PUT MILLIONS LIVING NEAR REFINERIES AT RISK >> TOXIC BREW: U.S. SENATOR CALLS OIL REFINERIES AMERICA'S 'TICKING TIME BOMB'

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Oil industry documents filed with the federal government reveal that an accidental release of a lethal chemical used in 50 aging refineries across the country could prove devastating, with 16 million Americans living within range of toxic plumes that could spread for miles. Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, New Orleans, and the stretch of Texas coastline known as "Refinery Row" are among the at-risk areas cited in the documents. Citing homeland security concerns, the government keeps the industry filings under close guard in Washington, D.C. They were reviewed as part of a joint investigation by ABC News and the [Center for Public Integrity](#) that airs tonight on World News with Diane Sawyer and Nightline. There are safer alternatives for the chemical hydrofluoric acid, which is used to make high-grade gasoline, but the industry has resisted calls to stop using it. An industry spokesman told ABC News it would not be feasible to retrofit the refineries to use the safer approach. Federal officials tell ABC News, however, that the real impediment may be money-- estimating it would cost about \$50 million for the companies to upgrade each plant. According to the industry's worst-case scenario documents, a release of the chemical could endanger entire communities. "Hydrofluoric acid is extremely toxic," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Washington. "It can be deadly immediately to workers around them, it can affect an entire community." Murray called the plants "a ticking time bomb." Even though one-third of the oil refineries in the United States are using the chemical, Murray told ABC News that the industry has long avoided demands from safety advocates and from the union that represents refinery workers that it explore safer options. "For three hours of revenue an oil company can change the use of hydrofluoric acid to make it safer for the workers and the community," Murray said. "Certainly that kind of investment assures people are safe when they go to work and the communities, the people who live around those refineries, are protected. It's worth it."

#### Accident at Philadelphia Sunoco Refinery

Industry officials downplayed the risk of a large-scale chemical release as remote. Charles Drevna, president of the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, told ABC News that over the 70 years the chemical has been in use, "there hasn't been any [hydrofluoric acid] released that has impacted the communities. We've controlled them." Drevna spoke at length with

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ABC News, and repeatedly emphasized the industry's commitment to safety. "I think our safety record could be improved," Drevna said. "But it's not a bad safety record." Officials at the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, however, have warned that while the refinery industry has been painting a rosy picture of the conditions at their facilities, it has compiled a disconcerting track record. As the nation's 150 refineries have aged, there have been an increasing number of fatal, or near-fatal, incidents. In the last two years alone, there have been 29 fires and explosions at refineries that use the deadly chemical, including at least three potentially dangerous releases of hydrofluoric acid. And 32 refineries that use hydrofluoric acid have amassed more than 1,000 willful, serious or repeat safety violations in the last five years. In 2009, an accident at the Sunoco refinery in Philadelphia caused a hydrofluoric acid release. James Jamison, an ironworker who was working on the acid unit at the time, described to ABC News how he became engulfed in a cloud of the noxious chemical. "It seemed like a rain cloud, and the smell was so intense I could feel it through my eyes, my nose, it was like a heat wave came over me." Sunoco disputes Jamison's claim that he suffered permanent lung and heart damage in the accident, and the two parties are now in court. Federal investigators found that the company had failed to address leaks in the acid storage unit that had been a recurring problem for decades. In a statement to ABC News, Sunoco said it has since invested \$200 million in improving the safety and reliability of the equipment involved in the use and storage of hydrofluoric acid, "state-of-the-art technology" that it says will help avoid another accident.

### Corpus Christi Citgo Oil Refinery Explosion

In most places where refineries are running, the surrounding communities are unaware of the risks associated with hydrofluoric acid. But in Corpus Christi, Texas, the fears are as palpable as the warning sirens that come at all times of the day and night. Citgo says it tests alarms daily, and encourages employees to sound the alarm if they think something has gone awry. "While this approach can result in false alarms, CITGO would rather sound the alarm and not need it, than not sound it if we need to," the company said in a statement. Few have forgotten what happened the last time, less than two years ago, when something significant did go awry. An explosion at the Citgo refinery released a cloud of hydrofluoric acid that just missed the neighborhood. Citgo said in a statement that the fire and gas leak were contained, and never reached the surrounding community. But a subsequent investigation by the U.S. Chemical Safety Board found that water systems meant to contain a leak didn't entirely succeed. Residents of Corpus Christi have tried to learn to live with the risk – some packing bags of clothes by their beds so they can make a quick escape if the plant erupts. Janie Mumphord, who lives just a few blocks from the refinery, said she fears the worst. "You never know when you go to bed if you're gonna live through the night, or if you have to run through the night," she said.

The [Center for Public Integrity](http://www.centerforpublicintegrity.org) is a nonprofit, investigative reporting outlet in Washington, D.C.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/hydrofluoric-acid-risk-oil-refineries/story?id=12985686>

### USA, ARK, SALINE CO, BENTON, FEBRUARY 26 2011. I-30 LANES OPEN BACK UP AFTER FUEL TANKER ACCIDENT >> DRIVER KILLED IN EARLY MORNING ACCIDENT

*gavin lesnick*

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A tanker overturned on Interstate 30 at the 106 mile marker, Friday, east of the Old Military Road exit.

#### 3:30 Update

Both lanes of Interstate 30 near mile marker 106 are open again and traffic was moving as of 2:45 p.m. Authorities had closed all lanes after a fuel tanker tipped over, killing the driver. Morning traffic came to a halt and drivers were diverted to other routes. The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality is overseeing cleanup of the spilled oil.

#### Update:

A fatal tanker truck accident Friday morning may close Interstate 30 in Saline County into the evening rush hour, authorities said. The 4:22 a.m. accident killed the truck driver and sent the tanker onto its side in the median, where it spilled some of its

fuel. It happened near the 106 mile marker. [Arkansas State Police](http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2011/feb/25/i-30-shut-both-directions-overturned-tanker/) spokesman Bill Sadler said the cleanup might go as late as 5 p.m., possibly keeping the interstate shut until then. I-30 traffic is being diverted onto Highway 67, where it is reportedly moving slowly.

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### Earlier:

Interstate 30 was expected to remain shut down in both directions for several hours after a tanker carrying thousands of gallons of fuel overturned in Saline County, killing the driver. The westbound truck ran off the road near mile marker 106, just east of the Old Military Road exit, ending up on its side in the grassy median between the two sides of the highway. Arkansas State Police identified the driver as 40-year-old Joseph Stephens, of [Hot Springs](#). Traffic in both directions was diverting to Highways 67 and 229, but was still very slow going. Eastbound traffic was still backed up to the last Malvern exit shortly before noon. A strong smell as gasoline hung in the air as crews worked around 7:30 a.m. to clear fuel that leaked out after the wreck. Dispatchers said the truck was carrying more than 3,000 gallons, though it's not known how much actually leaked out. Motorists are advised to avoid the area as delays could last until noon.

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### USA, ORE, WARRENTON, FEBRUARY 26 2011. EPA FINDS CONTAMINATION AT MARINE YARD >> COUNTY COMMISSION TO FILE LAW SUIT AGAINST ASTORIA FOR DISPUTED LAND IN WARRENTON

*katie wilson*

The Environmental Protection Agency wants to clean up Astoria Marine Construction Company in Astoria, but fishermen and boat owners who frequently use the marine shipyard's services are worried this will shut the business down.

At a work session Wednesday night, Brandon Perkins, with the EPA, told the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners that the agency has found four sources of contamination: a burn area where excess solvents, oil-stained soil and waste petroleum have been burned; a historic grit pile and a current grit pile where the EPA found paint chip residue, some of it copper-based paints containing toxic tributyl tin (TBT); and petroleum stained soils where oil has leaked from aboveground oil storage tanks and a hoist engine.

[http://www.dailyastorian.com/news/local/epa-finds-contamination-at-marine-yard/article\\_94d8e5be-4049-11e0-b60d-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.dailyastorian.com/news/local/epa-finds-contamination-at-marine-yard/article_94d8e5be-4049-11e0-b60d-001cc4c03286.html)

### USA, CA, CONTRA COSTA, FEBRUARY 26 2011. VALERO SAID TO BE IN TALKS TO BUY CHEVRON'S U.K. REFINERY

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*Daybreak over the Chevron oil refinery in Pembroke near Rhoscrowther, U.K.*

[Valero Energy Corp.](#), the largest U.S. oil refiner, is in talks to buy [Chevron Corp.](#)'s U.K. refinery for \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion, according to two people with knowledge of the matter. An agreement may be reached as soon as next month, said one of the people, who declined to be identified because the matter is private. Chevron has been seeking a buyer for the Pembroke refinery in Wales, its only remaining European plant, for almost a year. It's unclear whether there are other bidders for the asset besides San Antonio-based Valero, and talks could still break down. Chevron is among [oil companies](#) selling refineries to cut debt and redeploy spending to oil exploration and development in higher growth regions. Valero has not bought a refinery since its 2005 acquisition of Premcor Inc., and has sold four refineries in that

time, two on the U.S. East Coast. "I think they're looking to Pembroke as an upgrade over what they sold," said Chi Chow, an analyst with Macquarie Capital USA Inc. in Denver. The plant is a low-cost refinery that has export capabilities to the U.S. and other parts of the U.K., and has flexibility to run discounted grades of crude oil, he said.

### Refining Deals

The largest U.S. refining deal since Valero's acquisition of Premcor was announced yesterday when [Holly Corp.](#) agreed to acquire Frontier Oil Corp. of Houston for \$2.9 billion. India's Essar Group last week offered to buy Royal Dutch Shell Plc's Stanlow refinery in the U.K. for \$350 million in cash. Refining deals are picking up as companies seeking exposure to the sector are able to acquire plants at less than 20 percent of the cost of plants five years ago. Sean Comey, a spokesman for Chevron, said the sale process is ongoing and the company has no further information to add at this time. [Bill Day](#), a Valero spokesman, declined to comment on the Pembroke refinery. "We are looking specifically at refineries in [Europe](#) because there are many that are available," Day said in a phone interview. Earlier this month, Valero Chief Executive Officer Bill Klesse said at a conference that a properly structured deal for a refinery would add "a lot of [shareholder value](#)." Valero is being advised by Barclays Plc, while Chevron is working with Deutsche Bank AG, said the people. Valero shares fell 42 cents, or 1.5 percent, to \$27.75 at 4:02 p.m. in composite trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

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#### Europe Refineries

Valero had agreed in May 2009 to buy Dow Chemical Co.'s 45 percent stake in a refining venture that Dow operated with France's Total SA to gain a foothold in Europe. The venture owned the Vlissingen refinery in the Netherlands. Total instead agreed the following month to buy the part of the venture it didn't own and sell it to Russia's OAO Lukoil, thwarting Valero's attempt. [San Ramon](#), California-based Chevron, the second-largest U.S. oil company, said in March 2010 that it planned to sell Pembroke, which can process 210,000 barrels of crude a day, or about one in every eight in the U.K.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-23/valero-said-in-talks-to-buy-chevron-s-u-k-refinery-for-up-to-1-5-billion.html>

#### USA, MI, ALLEGAN CO, DORR TOWNSHIP, FEBRUARY 26 2011. FIREWORKS FUEL HOUSE FIRE

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*Fire fighters from Leighton, Salem Township, and Dorr Township work to put out flames after an explosion at 1743 143rd Avenue Wednesday morning in Dorr Township. Nobody was hurt by the explosion, although the owner did lose his Golden Retriever in the fire.*

A Michigan house fire fueled by fireworks that may have been stored illegally killed the owner's golden retriever, officials say. Michael Winger of Dorr Township was not harmed by Wednesday's blaze, WHTC-AM news reported. He told investigators he may have inadvertently started the fire while using a blowtorch to thaw a frozen pipe. Neither Winger nor any firefighters were injured. But investigators said the dog was found dead. Therese Berkenpas told The Grand Rapids Press she was across the street in her car leaving her child's day care when the fire started. Berkenpas

was on the phone with her husband Don, a Dorr fire lieutenant, when the explosions began. "It was kind of crazy ... . Fireworks started shooting out of the house," she said. "I didn't even know what to do. My car shook. I got down. I wasn't sure if there was something that was going to shoot out and hit me." Officials say the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was involved in the investigation with local police.

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2011/02/24/Fireworks-fuel-house-fire/UPI-31621298600580/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/02/24/Fireworks-fuel-house-fire/UPI-31621298600580/)

#### CANADA, QUE, SHANNON, FEBRUARY 26 2011. TAINTED WELL WATER AT CENTRE OF DISPUTE >> CLASS-ACTION LAWSUIT; DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF CANCER CASES

*marianne white,*

The family doctor who spearheaded a multimillion-dollar class-action lawsuit over tainted water in Shannon, Que., lashed out yesterday at the Defence Department and public health authorities for keeping residents in the dark about contamination. "What they did is simply appalling," testified Dr. Claude Juneau, who for 37 years worked as a family physician in the town of Shannon, north of Quebec City. The 78 year-old physician told Quebec Superior Court Justice Bernard Godbout that it was made public in 2000 that trichloroethylene, or TCE, a known carcinogen, was found in Shannon wells. The TCE was used as a solvent to clean artillery and other ordnance at nearby Canadian Forces Base Valcartier. However, in access to information documents Juneau obtained in 2006, the Defence Department admitted to being aware of groundwater contamination in Shannon and at Valcartier as of 1985. "For 15 years, they knew the water was contaminated and they didn't do anything about it," Juneau said. "That turned me upside down." The class-action lawsuit, representing about 3,500 past-and-present residents of Shannon, contends the Defence Department and two ammunition companies were negligent in handling and disposing of TCE and that they failed to inform the public of the dangers once they were known. The suit seeks damages that could be worth "hundreds of millions" of dollars. The federal government contends only 40 wells in Shannon were contaminated and the TCE concentration was not strong enough to pose any health risk. Juneau told the court Thursday he started to go back through his patient files in 2001 to discover Shannon had a disproportionate amount of cancer cases for such a small town. He said he has documented more than 500 cases of cancer linked to TCE. Juneau said during his cross-examination by Jean Saint-Onge, a lawyer for the ammunition companies, that he is not able to prove a causal relationship between the cancers he has documented and exposure to TCE. "I can't prove it and it's very difficult in medicine to prove exactly what caused the cancer," said the former attending physician to the 4,000 Shannon residents. "But I am absolutely convinced that TCE is responsible for the abnormally high number of cancers in Shannon and I'm never going to change my mind on this," added

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Juneau, who testified as a simple witness, not an expert. He gave the example of a family of five who were all suffering from gastric problems. He said their condition improved almost instantly when they stopped drinking from their well. He noted that he spent the past 10 years working with residents of Shannon to put together their case against the federal government and the ammunition companies. "They deserve justice. I'm not doing this out of vengeance. I just want the truth to come out," said Juneau, who was very emotional at times. He testified that in the dozen of times he met with officials at the military base, the Defence Department and with Quebec public health authorities, he was turned down. Juneau said they all declined to answer questions and provide him with answers about the water contamination. The trial got under way in January and is expected to last six months.

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/health/Tainted+well+water+centre+dispute/4344114/story.html>

### **USA, S.C, MYRTLE BACH, FEBRUARY 26 2011. REPORT: AVX POLLUTION IN MYRTLE BEACH FIRST CAME TO LIGHT IN 1981**

*David Wren*

Consultants first warned AVX Corp. in June 1981 that cancer-causing chemicals it had dumped into groundwater at its 17th Avenue South facility in Myrtle Beach were migrating to adjacent property, city and private wells, and the Pee Dee aquifer, but the company chose to keep that information secret, according to evidence and testimony presented during a civil trial. When AVX finally did tell state regulators in 1995 about contamination at its property, the company downplayed the extent of the problem and told regulators the pollution was confined to its own site, despite evidence to the contrary. Reports showing AVX's knowledge of the migrating contamination were included in about 1,500 documents the company had tried to keep secret. A federal judge, however, ruled last year that AVX had to turn over the documents to Horry Land Co., an adjacent Myrtle Beach property owner that is suing the manufacturer over the pollution. Horry Land discovered high levels of trichloroethylene, or TCE, in the groundwater at its site across the street from AVX. Although Horry Land discovered the contamination in 2006, the previously secret reports show AVX knew the pollution was migrating toward the land 25 years earlier. Dennis Oldland - the environment and safety manager for AVX - said the company did nothing to determine how much pollution was migrating to other properties, including the Horry Land site. "When AVX received the information [in 1981], they believed they could clean it up themselves," Oldland said during testimony this week.

#### **AVX Keeps Quiet**

Horry Land is suing AVX, claiming the pollution has ruined its property's value. Horry Land wants AVX to pay \$5 million in actual damages and unspecified punitive damages. Oldland said that in hindsight, AVX regrets its decision to keep the contamination secret for more than a decade before reporting it to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. "If we had the knowledge we had today and knew the issues, we would have contacted DHEC as soon as we had the knowledge to get a better remediation program going and just to be a better neighbor," Oldland said. Oldland, who has been with the AVX facility in Myrtle Beach since 1984, said he had not seen the documents showing AVX's long-term knowledge of the migrating pollution until about a month ago. That is when company executives asked him to review the paperwork in preparation for the Horry Land trial. In addition to showing AVX knew about the pollution threat to other properties, the documents detail the company's attempts to keep that information from others, including state regulators and city officials. For example, when a consultant investigated possible contamination of private wells on land near AVX, it was done "in a way to avoid arousing suspicions," according to a 1981 report. The consultant also said that when talking with public officials about possible groundwater contamination, "care will be taken to camouflage AVX's identity."

#### **Consultants' Work Ignored**

AVX has admitted it contributed to pollution on the Horry Land site, but said some of the contamination came from the former Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, which operated until 1993 and was located adjacent to the manufacturer's land. The military denies it caused any pollution on the Horry Land site. The reports AVX kept hidden for nearly 30 years do not cite the Air Force base as a cause of the pollution, according to evidence presented Thursday. A 1981 report from consultant Virginia Clark of Post, Buckley, Schuh and Jernigan states that "shallow groundwater is contaminated with carcinogens because of AVX activities." In that report, Clark said a city water well near AVX property could be threatened, and the company needs to determine whether carcinogens are migrating toward the well because "immediate cleanup may be necessary." No action was taken as a result of that report, Oldland said. Concerns about increasing levels of pollution migrating from AVX to other properties were repeatedly made by consultants over the following years. In late 1982, consultants said the contaminants appeared to be moving toward the ocean as well as adjacent properties, and "there is some risk of using the contaminated water by residents." Oldland said AVX considered that risk to be low. The pollution never threatened the city's water supply, experts have said, but possibly made its way into water wells used for irrigation, a backup water supply for firefighting and

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other purposes. City spokesman Mark Kruea said Myrtle Beach got its drinking water from deep-water wells until 1997, but those wells drew from the Black Creek aquifer and not the Pee Dee aquifer.

### **City Unaware Of Pollution**

In 1983, Clark told AVX that it should consider reporting the pollution because the city was planning to install a shallow groundwater well near the company's site. "Did AVX call the city and say, 'Before you put any wells there, you might want to know that we've contaminated the shallow aquifer?'" Horry Land lawyer Saunders Bridges Jr. asked Oldland. Oldland said AVX did not notify the city at that time. The cost of cleanup and possible regulatory fines appeared to play a role in AVX's decision to keep the pollution secret, according to the reports. In an October 1982 letter from a consultant to AVX, the consultant states: "We realize the cost of cleanup appears high," then adds that "this cost must be weighed against potential regulatory action and civil liabilities." In June 1995, John Gilbertson - now the company's president and chief executive - asked Oldland to meet with DHEC to disclose the contamination. Oldland said Gilbertson wanted to get DHEC's involvement because the company's own 14-year cleanup process wasn't working, and the company would need state permits to install a more effective process. Oldland presented DHEC with a copy of a report by Geraghty & Miller - a new consultant that AVX hired - which stated the pollution was confined to the AVX site. DHEC has since supervised cleanup at the AVX site and, later, a roughly 10-block neighborhood where pollution has spread. Oldland said the company did take steps throughout the 1980s to improve environmental issues at the Myrtle Beach site, even though it did not report the pollution to local or state officials. The company started limiting its use of TCE and eliminated it entirely by 1986, instituted stricter standards for handling of chemicals and created a task force to study environmental issues.

### **Cleanup Time Uncertain**

TCE is a degreaser that was commonly used in the 1970s by the military and businesses to clean equipment. Federal regulators say the chemical has been shown to cause cancer, but the pollution on Horry Land's site is not considered a health hazard because it is not used for drinking water. Environmental tests have shown TCE levels as high as 18,200 parts per billion in groundwater on the Horry Land site. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has set a maximum safe limit of five parts per billion for drinking water. Although the groundwater is not used for drinking water, it must be cleaned to that standard to meet state and federal regulations. A part per billion is a scientific measurement equal to 3 seconds out of a century or one pinch of salt in 10 tons of potato chips. Experts disagree over how long it will take to clean up the groundwater near AVX. The company's consultants say it can be cleaned within five years, while Horry Land's consultants say a cleanup could take decades. AVX - which makes electronic components used in a range of consumer products, including cell phones and televisions - has been paying for studies to determine the best way to clean up the pollution and expects to use a process called enhanced reductive chlorination, in which a substance similar to molasses is injected into the groundwater. The molasseslike mixture creates bacteria that eat the TCE, breaking it down into harmless matter. AVX used to have its worldwide headquarters in Myrtle Beach but moved the headquarters to Greenville in 2009. The trial that started Wednesday is expected to take several weeks, with both sides planning to call dozens of witnesses and present hundreds of documents. An eight-person jury of three women and five men ultimately will decide whether AVX owes Horry Land anything for the contamination.

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<http://www.thesunnews.com/2011/02/25/2002542/report-avx-stayed-mum.html>

### **CANDA, VANCOUVER, FEBRUARY 26 2011. CHEVRON FINDS A SOURCE IN ONGOING OIL LEAK AT BURNABY REFINERY**

*jennifer moreau*

Chevron has pinpointed a source in the ongoing oil seep at the North Burnaby refinery, and it looks like the underground sewer system is part of the problem. "We've definitely identified an area inside the refinery that needs to be dealt with. To do that, we need to take the sewer out of service," said company spokesperson Ray Lord. The refinery has been leaking since last April, and for months, the company was unable to find a source although they were focusing on the north area of the sewer system. "It appears as if that section of the sewer appears to be compromised," Lord said. "The section of the sewer is showing evidence of leaking." All the refinery's water that is used in processing oil products, along with any rainwater, gets

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collected in the sewer, which runs into a treatment system. The sewer has to be bypassed first, then Chevron can take a look at it and figure out the best way to fix it, while removing any contaminated soil they find. The sewer is key to the refinery and taking it out of service requires planning, Lord said. Lord also stressed that the sewer was simply one source. "We found a source," Lord said. "We can't say this is the source, the definitive source, but this is a source. ... It's an accumulation of material under the refinery." Lord said the sewer was a concrete pipe with joints that's been in place for several decades. Chevron figured out it was leaking because test wells were showing higher levels of contamination around the sewer. When asked if there was evidence of other sources contributing to the leak, Lord couldn't say, nor could he comment on whether this discovery would alleviate some of the oil turning up downhill from the refinery. Meanwhile, down on the beach, Chevron is installing absorption mats to catch oily material migrating offsite through the groundwater. There are two oil seeps on the beach, and the smaller seep about 50 metres to the west of the main seep, already has an absorption mat in place. The second mat, for the main seep, will be in position in March. The mats are installed underground and are specially designed to absorb oil products. They can stay in place for up to two years before being disposed of. "They'll be in as long as required, and we'll be monitoring and checking them regularly," Lord said. "This will replace the soaker pads and the need to be going down there every day to replace those." Once the mats are covered, they'll be virtually invisible, Lord said. "It's an approach that has not been used, to our knowledge, in B.C. before, however it has been used very effectively in other applications similar to this, where you have land coming into contact with water," he said. Judi Marshall is a member of BRACE - Burnaby Residents Against Chevron Expansion, a neighbourhood watchdog group. "It's unfortunate it took them so long to isolate it because they've been using that sewer ever since it started leaking," she said. "If they curtailed their operations back in April, when they found the leak, look at how much that would have saved the environment."

<http://www.vancouversun.com/Chevron+finds+source+ongoing+leak+Burnaby+refinery/4348561/story.html>

### **SRI LANKA, HORANA DIVISION, ILINA, FEBRUARY 26 2011. SIX INJURED IN FIREWORKS INFERNO**

At least six persons suffered serious burn injuries after a fireworks factory went up in flames at Ilina in the Horana Division earlier today, police said. They said the injured persons included three females and an equal number of males described as factory hands. The victims were rushed to the local Horana Hospital and later transferred to the National Hospital in Colombo after their conditions worsened, police added. The cause of the fire was not known with the Horana police conducting further investigations.

<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/index.php/latest/5066-six-injured-in-fireworks-inferno>

### **UK, LANCASHIRE, FEBRUARY 26 2011. FIRM FINED £8,000 FOR BLACKBURN DIESEL SPILL**

Water giant United Utilities has been fined £8,000 for polluting a brook in Blackburn. The firm was prosecuted after a 2,700-litres diesel spill last year at the Fishmoor water treatment works. The Environment Agency said officers visited the site in January last year and found pollution to a 1km stretch of Higher Croft Brook near the River Darwen. Diesel was found to be entering the brook as a result of an incident at the site when the fuel from a generator had overfilled a tank when a valve failed to close. A plug was missing from the generator enclosure and if the plug had been in place the leaked diesel would have been contained. The Environment Agency said: "Approximately 2,700 litres of diesel was lost and this had seeped into the ground and diesel had then also reached the brook. "The spill resulted in significant pollution affecting about one kilometre of watercourse." The water company pleaded guilty at Hyndburn Magistrates Court and was also ordered to pay costs of £3,048.

[http://www.thisislancashire.co.uk/news/8878067.Firm\\_fined\\_8\\_000\\_for\\_Blackburn\\_diesel\\_spill/](http://www.thisislancashire.co.uk/news/8878067.Firm_fined_8_000_for_Blackburn_diesel_spill/)

### **USA, AL, HUNTSVILLE, FEBRUARY 27 2011. REDSTONE ARSENAL RELEASES RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION INTO LAST YEAR'S DEADLY EXPLOSION**



*James Hawke and Jerry Grimes were killed in the May 5 explosion on Redstone Arsenal.*

Redstone Announces Investigation Results Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers, Commanding General of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, announced today the results of the investigation into the May 5, 2010 explosion at Building 7352, Test Area 10 on Redstone Arsenal, which resulted in the death of Amtec employees Jim Hawke and Jerry Grimes. "What happened here on May 5th was tragic. Our thoughts and prayers are still with the family and friends of Jim Hawke and Jerry Grimes," said Rogers. "They lost loved ones that day, we lost two valued team members. This has been a healing process for all of

us. "Our investigating officer, an experienced expert in the field of weapons research and development, worked with leading

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scientific and engineering experts from throughout the Army, [NASA](#), and academia. The investigative team conducted detailed interviews and reviewed thousands of pieces of evidence and related materials. They commissioned and performed numerous experiments, models and simulations," said Rogers. "They also developed a fault tree analysis to evaluate, segregate and eliminate hundreds of potential contributing factors. Our goal was to find a definite answer for why this happened." The investigation determined that the cause of the explosion was Amtec's operation of a particular type of decanter centrifuge to process potentially explosive materials. The investigation found that the deaths were the result of Amtec personnel conducting decanter centrifuge tests involving potentially explosive materials as an attended operation instead of running the tests remotely. Amtec was responsible for safety within Building 7352 pertaining to its operations. Amtec personnel selected, purchased, installed, and independently operated the decanter centrifuge. The investigation concluded that this type of centrifuge was unsuitable and unsafe for processing explosives. Responsible Amtec personnel did not develop safety procedures specific to the use of the centrifuge and exercised poor safety discipline. Amtec employees were working on demilitarization operations that involved Ammonium Perchlorate, an oxidizer used in solid rocket propellant. The goal was to develop the optimal process for achieving reclaimed dry AP at maximum volume. To separate the AP, Amtec was using n-Butanol, a solvent and type of alcohol, to dissolve away impurities from the AP. AP and n-Butanol were mixed together to form a slurry. Amtec personnel were using a decanter centrifuge, which spins at high speed to remove the n-Butanol from the AP and to dry the AP. AP wet with n-Butanol has high chemical energy and can be explosive. During the process on May 5, friction from rotating parts inside the decanter centrifuge generated enough heat to cause a mixture of AP and n-Butanol to ignite. The flame led to an explosion within the decanter centrifuge causing fragmentation and ultimately producing an intense fireball that engulfed personnel present in the building. The investigation also found that there was inadequate verification of Amtec's compliance with safety and technical requirements by responsible Army personnel. As a result of this tragedy and investigation, Army organizations on Redstone Arsenal are taking actions that will improve their ability to verify contractor compliance with safety requirements. These actions include: . Evaluating current contract requirements and safety methods . Taking steps to ensure that contractors operating on Army property do not begin explosives operations with new equipment in Army facilities without active government knowledge . Enhancing our capability to monitor explosives operations performed on Redstone Arsenal . Incorporating lessons learned from this accident in future safety training modules. "Our workforce consistently takes on the hard jobs to ensure the best equipment for our sons and daughters in harm's way," Rogers said. "Daily, the Soldiers, Civilians and Contractors at Redstone work toward the goal of serving those who serve our nation. Although we strive to impose the highest safety standards and constantly improve the safety of our workplace, the work that we perform is inherently dangerous work. "In memory of Jim and Jerry, their families and for all of Team Redstone, I promise that we will do everything we can to improve our overall safety. We will take steps to ensure that accidents like this one, that took the lives of two great Americans, will never happen again," said Rogers.

### Updates:

[Amtec attorney says Army statement about investigation of deadly Redstone Arsenal explosion paints 'inaccurate picture'](#)

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## USA, MA, PALMER, FEBRUARY 27 2011. EXPLODING FIRECRACKER HURTS BOY

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**Watch the Video** <http://www.cbs3springfield.com/news/local/Palmer-Boy-Hurt-in-Firework-Explosion-116963766.html>



*This is 105 Shearer St., Palmer, scene of a explosion on Friday.*

A 13-year-old boy is in fair condition at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield after he hurt his hands in what police said was an explosion - caused by a firecracker - inside his Shearer Street home on Friday afternoon. "He seriously damaged both hands," said Detective Sgt. Scott E. Haley. The 911 call came in just before 3 p.m. by a neighbor, and police and Palmer firefighters went to the scene. The boy's father, identified by police as Gary Tallman, arrived at the home after the boy had already been taken away by ambulance. Police said the boy was in surgery Friday night. Haley said the father told police there was an old firecracker in the house, around 25 years old. Haley described it

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as a "high-end firework." "It had been there for many years. The son found it and was playing around with it," Haley said. The boy was with a 14-year-old friend when the accident happened. They are Converse Middle School students. The 14-year-old boy was taken to Wing Memorial Hospital for treatment of minor injuries, police said. Haley said the incident remains under investigation by his department and the state fire marshal's office. The firework was set off in the kitchen; it blew out a window, scattered objects and filled the house with smoke. Susan M. Mandell, who lives across the street at 164 Shearer St., said she made the 911 call. Mandell said she heard a bang and thought there was a car accident, then heard her doorbell ringing and banging on her door. She said by the time she got to the door she saw her young neighbor and his friend running away from her home in their continuing search for help. "I could hear them screaming for help. I ran and got the phone and called 911," Mandell said. Mandell said she initially thought there was a fire because she saw smoke coming out of 105 Shearer St. Then she saw that some people had stopped their cars and were helping the boy by wrapping his hands up, she said. Palmer Fire Capt. David Pranaitis said they did not immediately enter the home at 105 Shearer St. because they were waiting for a state trooper from the state fire marshal's office to arrive and determine what caused the explosion. That is the protocol for dealing with unknown explosive devices, he said. A Baystate Medical Center spokesman reported that the boy was in fair condition on Friday night. Public safety officials could not provide a damage estimate on the home, and also were unsure if the family could stay there due to the smoke damage.

<http://www.masslive.com/chicopeeholyoke/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-32/1298710320262140.xml&coll=1>

#### **USA, FLA, WASHINGTON COUNTY, FEBRUARY 27 2011. GASOLINE CAUSES BONFIRE TO EXPLODES, CRITICALLY INJURES 4**

Four Youngstown people are in critical condition after being severely burned during a bonfire. The Washington County Sheriff's Office issued a release saying emergency services responded around 8:45 Friday evening to a residence on Red Wing Road. The report indicates an early investigation revealed that several family members were gathering at the home near a bonfire when someone tried to pour gasoline on the blaze. That caused the gas can to explode and left four victims, 47-year-old Clarence Feldman III, 44-year-old Scott Henry Feldman, 65-year-old Sonya Johnson and 33-year-old Dorsey McClelland severely burned. All four victims were transported to Bay Medical and were expected to be transferred to the Augusta Burn Center in Georgia. They are currently listed in critical condition.

[http://www.panhandleparade.com/index.php/mbb/article/bonfire\\_explodes\\_critically\\_injures\\_four/mbb7728586/](http://www.panhandleparade.com/index.php/mbb/article/bonfire_explodes_critically_injures_four/mbb7728586/)

#### **USA, OH, DOVER, FEBRUARY 27 2011. HAZMAT VIOLATION CARRIES \$227,500 PENALTY FOR DOVER CHEMICAL**

FAA alleges that the company offered sulfur monochloride, a hazardous material, to United Parcel Service for transportation by air from Hammond, Ind to Dover, Oh. The Federal Aviation Administration is proposing a \$227,500 civil penalty against Dover Chemical Corporation of Dover, Ohio, for alleged violations of federal hazardous materials regulations. FAA alleges that Dover Chemical offered sulfur monochloride, a hazardous material, to United Parcel Service for transportation by air from Hammond, Ind., to Dover on June 15, 2010. The hazardous materials regulations prohibit carriage of sulfur monochloride aboard any type of aircraft. The chemical's vapors are poisonous if they are inhaled. Dover Chemical allegedly offered the material when it was not packaged, marked, classed, described, labeled or in condition for shipment as required by regulations. UPS workers at the carrier's sorting hub in Louisville discovered the shipment because it had leaked. According to its website, Dover Chemical is a producer of chlorinated paraffins, polymer additives, liquid and solid antioxidants (including organophosphites), flame retardants, and additives for water-based and oil-based metalworking fluids. Dover Chemical has 30 days from receipt of FAA's enforcement letter to respond to the agency.

<http://ohsonline.com/articles/2011/02/26/hazmat-violation-carries-227500-penalty-for-dover-chemical.aspx?admgarea=news>

#### **AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, PORT MACQUARIE, FEBRUARY 27 2011. BOY FIGHTS FOR LIFE AFTER CAMPING TRAGEDY**

**MAP:** [Port Macquarie 2444](#)

A six-year-old boy is fighting for his life after a horrific camping accident on the New South Wales mid-north coast, which left seven people badly burned. Authorities say a gas bottle exploded after being ignited by a campfire at Point Plomer, in Limeburners Creek Nature Reserve, just north of Port Macquarie, late on Saturday night. The ignited gas bottle sent out a fireball which engulfed nearby tents. The six-year-old boy from nearby Crescent Head suffered third-degree burns to 80 per cent of his body, including to his face, head, arms, chest and legs, when his tent and sleeping bag erupted in flames. This afternoon he remained at the Children's Hospital at Westmead, where he was airlifted to on Saturday night in a critical condition. A 42-year-old man from Port Macquarie was also seriously injured, receiving burns to a large part of his body. He

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was flown to Royal North Shore Hospital, where he remained in a serious condition on Sunday afternoon. A 40-year-old woman from Crescent Head and a 15-year-old girl were also seriously burned in the blaze. They were taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a serious but stable condition. Three other people - a 15-year-old girl from Crescent Head, and two 20-year-old men both from Port Macquarie - were being treated in Sydney and Port Macquarie hospitals. They were said to be in serious conditions, with the girl being placed on a ventilator. An investigation into the incident is now underway. Police said many other campers came to the aid of the injured and rendered first aid after the fire began about 11:00pm AEDT, until help arrived. A crime scene has been established and has been examined by specialist officers.

[http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/02/27/3150081.htm?WT.mc\\_id=newsmai](http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/02/27/3150081.htm?WT.mc_id=newsmai)

### USA, TX, DEER PARK, FEBRUARY 27 2011. SHELL HAS BENZENE RELEASE AT DEER PARK REFINERY COMPLEX IN TEXAS

theo mullen



[Royal Dutch Shell](#) had a release of an unknown amount of benzene after an equipment failure on a distilling unit at its Deer Park refinery and chemical plant in Texas, according to a company [filing](#).

Shell's filing also showed the equipment was repaired. The Deer Park refinery, a venture between The Hague-based Shell and Mexico's state-owned [Petroleos Mexicanos](#), can process 340,000 barrels of oil a day, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The complex is 21 miles (34 kilometers) southeast of Houston on the [Houston Ship Channel](#). U.S. refineries must notify the National Response 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.

 **Related Stories** [John Donovan - Shell Reports Release of Deadly Benzene Chemical at Deer Park Refinery](#)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-26/shell-has-benzene-release-at-deer-park-refinery-complex-in-texas.html>

### INDIA, NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 27 2011. BRIBE FOR ENTRY INTO REFINERY: HC DISMISSES PLEA OF CISF MAN

The Delhi High Court has dismissed the plea of a CISF head constable, who was sacked after being caught on camera receiving bribe from an undercover scribe for allowing entry into a refinery at Panipat in 2006. Upholding the departmental proceedings which resulted in sacking of Surendra Kumar Rai, a bench headed by Justice Pradeep Nandrajog said, "Surely, the security of the refinery has to be maintained with pristine integrity and any dilution thereof has to be viewed seriously." Rai, a CISF head constable who was manning the main gate of the refinery, had received Rs 150 as bribe from Kulawnt Singh, a journalist of a vernacular daily, for allowing him entry into the facility on May 5, 2006. The incident, which was video-graphed, was later telecast on a leading Hindi news channel. Following this, an inquiry was ordered and thereafter Rai was sacked. Rai took the plea that the inquiry officer was "biased evidenced by the fact that he, without any justification, turned down his request for supplying relevant documents". The bench said, "We find that while urging grounds in the petition, no ground has been urged that the inquiry stands vitiated on said count (non-supply of documents)." "Indeed, the sting had shown a dirty underbelly of the security at the refinery in question and was rightly viewed with the seriousness it deserved by the senior officers of CISF who immediately contacted the news channel and obtained a copy thereof for viewing to identify the jawan ..." it said. "Securities being breached and the nation suffering are events which we read with periodic intervals. We need not lament on the plague of corruption eating into the vitals of the economy of this country. The refinery has been set up through public funds and we are informed would need more than Rs 3,000 crores if required to be set up today," the court said. The court relied on the testimonies of other CISF personnel who identified Rai as the culprit. Hailing the sting, the bench said, "It was sought to be highlighted that security of public installations in which millions of rupees were invested were under threat from terrorists and how easy was it to breach the security." During the inquiry, the head constable was served with a copy of the charge saying "he has not only did a condemnable deed but being a member of an armed force, did a severe misconduct and had tarnished the image of the force in the eyes of the common people". "After watching the entire clip it can be inferred that the head constable, while in uniform, had taken bribe from a civilian," the bench concluded.

<http://news.in.msn.com/national/article.aspx?cp-documentid=4971726>

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