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USA, OK, TULSA, MY 22 2011. TANKER TRUCK DRIVER ARRESTED AFTER LEADING POLICE ON CHASE FORM OWASSO TO DOWNTOWN TULSA

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A tanker truck was stopped outside Tulsa City Hall following a police chase than began in Owasso at about 12:45 Saturday afternoon. Sergeant Mike Barnes of the Owasso Police Department said the suspect, Rocky Nail, 47, of Broken Arrow, ran a red light in Owasso and refused to pull over for police. The chase went down U.S. Highway 169 and then onto the Broken Arrow Expressway westbound. Police say Nail made it all the way to downtown Tulsa where troopers managed to shoot out the tires, slowing the tanker. Tulsa resident Matt Moore followed the tanker after spotting the police chase at 86th Street North on southbound Highway 169. "We saw the truck go by with an Owasso police car following it then five more joined in,"

he said. Moore followed the truck to 46th Street North where he saw the driver pull off the highway, drive through a ditch and onto the access road. The driver ran a roadblock at 36th Street North, went back through the ditch and got back on the Highway 169, Moore said. "We were in front of him trying to slow him down, but he ended up going around us," Moore said. The truck sideswiped several cars before coming to a rest near Mayfest and the Blue Dome Art festival in Tulsa. "I heard fire, they were shooting at his tires, trying to shoot the tires out," said William Hurt, who witnessed the last leg of the chase. With hundreds of people around for downtown festivals, officers feared the worst. "He ran into two cars, that's the only way he stopped coming down a one-way street," Hurt said. "That man has got to be a maniac." Cars parked along Cincinnati took a beating from the tanker truck. "Just a lot of sadness. I hadn't had that car but six months or so," said Ben McCracken, Car Owner. McCracken's car was crumpled from the back end when the tanker slammed into it. "Immediately thought, 'man that's where I was at, right at the corner, that's probably me.' So I flew out the door, looked out the window and saw the disastrous mess with my car crunched underneath the truck," McCracken said. Authorities say during the pursuit, Nail swerved at several police officers and troopers who were attempting to deploy stop sticks. Nail was transported to a local hospital. No other person was injured during the chase. News On 6 tried to contact Eagle Fuels, L.L.C. of Sapulpa but so far has gotten no answer.

<http://www.newson6.com/story/14690575/police-chase-runaway-tanker-to-tulsa-mayfest>

USA, N.C, AIKEN CO, GRANITEVILLE, MAY 22 2011. GRANITEVILLE CHLORINE SPILL COULD HAVE LONG-TERM IMPACT ON LUNGS

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http://www.wrdw.com/homeandfamily/headlines/Graniteville_chlorine_spill_could_have_long-term_impact_on_lungs_122401054.html



A new study could determine if the Graniteville chlorine spill had long-term impact on locals' lung health. News 12 met with researchers today. With a clip of the scissors, the GRACE Study Center was officially open for business. A mob of locals swarmed in for free blood pressure tests and lung screenings. One was Ansel Gunter. The test has special meaning to him. "We had to put the towels on all the doors, but you could smell it," he told News 12. He's talking about the 60 tons of chlorine gas that spewed from the wreckage of a Norfolk-Southern train six years ago. He lived in Graniteville at that time, only a few blocks away from Ground Zero. "Four deputy sheriffs come by knocking on the door. They say, 'You either gotta go now, or leave your name and number so when you die they can come in and claim the body and know who you are,'" he said. He left and suffered no immediate injuries, but to this day, he's still concerned about his health. "What's

going to be the effect nine, ten, fifteen, or twenty years from now," he said. And that's precisely what doctor Andrew Mazzoli wants to find out too. "We want to find out what the extent of lung disability, if any, has occurred in relationship to where they were at the time of the spill," he said. Doctors say people who inhale large amounts of chlorine gas could lose large amounts

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of lung function. "How is it affecting inflammation? How is it affecting the lung's ability to move air in and out? How much air it can move in and out," he said. As for Gunter, his lung screening turned out good today. Despite the accident that devastated a small American town, Gunter hasn't given up on the city of Graniteville. "I'm not originally from Graniteville, I'm from Batesburg-Leesville area. That's my hometown up there, but this is my home now," he said.

http://www.wrdw.com/homeandfamily/headlines/Graniteville_chlorine_spill_could_have_long-term_impact_on_lungs_122401054.html

USA, MI, EMMETT TWP, MAY 22 2011. ENBRIDGE SPILL SITE HIT WITH STRONG OIL SMELL AGAIN

todd a. heywood



Emmett Township Public Safety officials confirm that firefighters from the department have investigated 9-1-1 reports that there was a heavy odor of oil near the Ceresco dam. Firefighters were on the scene shortly after midnight, and found nothing. With heavy rains combined with high temperatures, it is possible oil contamination still in the river system was released, causing the odor. Ceresco dam is only a few miles away from the [ground zero location](#) of last summer's pipeline rupture which spewed an

estimated one million gallons of heavy Cold Lake [crude oil](#) into the Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River. The spill contaminated over two dozen miles of water way, created a recommended evacuation zone and resulted in a complete upheaval of the life of thousands of residents of Calhoun county. The rupture also resulted in heavy political pressure and strict oversight of the Lakehead Pipeline 6B. The pipeline is owned by [Enbridge Energy Partners](#)
<http://michiganmessenger.com/49203/enbridge-spill-site-hit-with-strong-oil-smell-again>

UK, SUSSEX, MAY 23 2011. RYE CHEMICAL SPILL COMPANY FINED £150,000



The steel tank which collapsed had been damaged by internal corrosion, the HSE said.

An East Sussex chemical company has been fined £150,000 after 340 tonnes of flammable chemicals were spilt when a corroded tank collapsed. A 328 yard (300m) exclusion zone was in place for two days around Solvent Resource Management Ltd following the spill in Rye on 11 March 2009. The company pleaded guilty at Brighton Crown Court to breaching health and safety regulations. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) said the tank was not properly managed. No-one was injured in the incident, which happened at in the early hours of that morning, but roads in the area

were closed and residents were told to stay indoors and to keep their windows and doors shut. The HSE said solvent and contaminated waste water released into the area were potentially hazardous and highly flammable. An inspector found the company had failed to properly manage the examination and inspection of the tanks on the site. "The consequences of not operating a plant in accordance with accepted international standards can be catastrophic both to people and the environment," said HSE Insp Trevor Collis. "It was only timing that prevented this incident being more than a significant disruption to local residents and businesses." The company was also ordered to pay costs of £20,000.

Related Links

- [Roads open after chemical spill](#) 12 March 2009, Sussex
- [Chemical spill shuts harbour road](#) 11 March 2009, Sussex

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-13475096>

USA, WYO, CASPER, MAY 23 2011. DEQ NOTIFIES AMIDEE OF STORAGE TANK VIOLATIONS

tom morton

The former co-owner of the Parkway Plaza received a notice from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality in January that a closed convenience store it bought with the hotel violated Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality rules about underground storage tanks. Amidee Capital Group of Houston hasn't responded to DEQ's demand to pay the annual tank fees, said Oma Gilbreth, tank program compliance supervisor of the agency's solid and hazardous waste division. The 8,400-square-foot lot with its 1,200-square-foot building — formerly a Cenex convenience store — at 560 N. Center St. has four tanks: two installed in 1962, one installed in 1975, and one in 1979, Gilbreth said. Owners of properties with underground storage tanks are responsible for their maintenance and ultimate removal. The \$200 per tank fee goes to DEQ for a program

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to hire contractors to remove contamination from sites, he said. They may be buried there for a while longer, he said. "Everything I've sent lately is undelivered." Amidee Capital Group's phone number has been disconnected, and its bankruptcy filings haven't helped, either, he said. Gilbreth has referred the case to the Wyoming attorney general's office, which advised him to wait until the specific bankruptcy case of Amidee Wyoming has been settled, he said. The agency would rather work with property owners with underground storage tanks than take them to court, Gilbreth said. "We've got a number of sites; there's nobody to go after," Gilbreth said. "They flat out up and leave, and what can you do?" His office has referred similar delinquent cases, such as the former Trailside Travel Plaza west of Casper on Wyoming Highway 220, to the attorney general's office, he said. The owner can sell a property like Amidee's with the DEQ violations, Gilbreth said. "However, the new owner is responsible to comply." But does anyone want to buy it? "We've had people buy stuff like that," Gilbreth said. The Corpus Christi, Texas, division of U.S. Bankruptcy Court hired Randy Hall of BrokerOne Real Estate to dispose of the property. Bankruptcy documents pegged the property's value at \$275,000, and Hall had it briefly on the market last year for \$196,800, he said Monday. "It's going to be listed substantially less than that." Hall said Thursday he did not know about the notice to Amidee Wyoming and wondered if the bankruptcy trustee even knew about it. He declined to comment further until he signs the agreement with the bankruptcy court. Amidee Wyoming, a subsidiary of the Amidee Capital Group, bought the former gas station when it bought the Parkway Plaza Hotel & Convention Centre from longtime owner Pat Sweeney and his Hospitality Development Corp. on a contract-for-deed arrangement in December 2008. A contract for deed allows the seller to regain ownership if the buyer doesn't meet certain obligations. Amidee didn't. So Hospitality Development Inc. regained control of the hotel in July 2010 after Amidee Wyoming racked up a list of bounced checks, liens from unpaid contractors and other legal actions in Wyoming and Colorado. Amidee Capital Group and related companies filed for bankruptcy in January 2010. Amidee Resorts and Hotels and Amidee Wyoming filed for Chapter 7 — liquidation — bankruptcy in late November.

http://trib.com/news/local/casper/article_27853b4d-b7b7-5bcb-96bc-06b454aa0f3f.html

USA, KS, OVERLAND PARK, MAY 23 2011. OP GAS PUMP WRECK, FIRE INJURES 1 >> FIREFIGHTERS CREDIT QT PUMP SHUTOFFS WITH LIMITING DAMAGE

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.kmbc.com/news/27977532/detail.html>



Overland Park firefighters put out a vehicle fire at a QuikTrip store on Saturday, leaving one person seriously injured. Crews said they were called to the store at 7701 Metcalf Ave. just after 1:30 p.m. Witnesses said an SUV backed into a gas pump, starting a fire and hitting a woman and a car on the other side of the pump.

<http://www.kmbc.com/news/27977532/detail.html>

USA, LA, PLAQUEMINE, MAY 23 2011. 2 WORKERS DIE AT CHEMICAL PLANT

alyssa schneider

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.wafb.com/story/14694428/2-workers-chemical-plant-in-plaquemine-killed>

Two people have died inside a chemical plant vessel south of Plaquemine. Louisiana State Police said that around 1p.m. Sunday their Hazmat hotline got a call about two people unconscious at the Shintech Plant. Lt. Doug Cain said a contractor went inside the vessel to get his tools he forgot and was overcome by an unknown chemical. When another Shintech employee went in behind him, they were also overcome by the chemical and died. "We believe it was an oxygen-deficit environment. They were overcome by some sort of chemical. There wasn't enough oxygen and both of them went unconscious and ultimately died." said Lt. Doug Cain. The victims' names have not been released yet. Autopsies are scheduled for Monday. Shintech has been under construction since 2005 and will make chlorine, caustic soda and other chemicals.

<http://www.wafb.com/story/14694428/2-workers-chemical-plant-in-plaquemine-killed>

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USA, LA, NEW ORLEANS, MAY 23 2011. SECRET LOUISIANA FLOOD CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION DELAYED, MANDATORY EVACS

deborah dupre



Louisiana residents are warned to prepare for intensive chemical contamination from 1000's of oil wells soon to be under water, despite the flooding in the battered Cajun country moving down river slower than predicted, the crest now expected at [Butte LaRose](#), the midpoint of the river basin, on May 27 at 24.5 feet, and at [Morgan City](#) near the Gulf of Mexico on May 29 at 11 feet. Mandatory evacuations are in effect for some communities. Parish officials welcomed news that the Army Corps of Engineers will likely open only 25 percent of the Morganza Spillway's capacity rather than the formerly predicted 50 percent, a decision that could lower flood levels. Though the river and surrounding bayous are topping banks, floodwaters expected to have already inundated some Atchafalaya Basin communities are moving slower than forecast [according](#) to Christian Monitor. "A combination of factors, including a longstanding drought in the area, and the Corps slowing releasing water into the Morganza, to give wildlife a chance to escape, has slowed the water down," said

[Scott Lincoln](#), a hydrologist and forecaster for the [National Weather Service](#). The delay gives wildlife and residents longer to evacuate. Butte LaRose residents face "mandatory evacuation ordered Saturday morning, leaving the hamlet a ghost town," according to CM. "In the nearby town of [Henderson](#), zydeco dance halls that would be packed on normal weekends stand empty." Although the National Guard is on the scene, earlier this week, Louisiana Bucket Brigade expressed frustration that their [call to officials for information about emergency preparations have been denied](#). "People living in the flood zone need to be prepared for serious chemical contamination and clean up," [warned](#) Louisiana Bucket Brigade manager, Anna Hrybyk. The Atchafalaya Basin holds approximately 4,000 oil and gas waste pits. As much oil spilled into south Louisiana as the Exxon Valdez as documented in Josh Tickell's film, FUEL. The corporations, some of the wealthiest in the world, never paid for the Hurricane Katrina oil disaster, instead expecting tax-payers to do so. LABB reports:

"The million-gallon oil spill at Murphy Oil during Hurricane Katrina is an example of the burden born by residents who not only face loss of property during disasters, but also chemical contamination. Murphy Oil failed to follow its hurricane preparedness guidelines, causing one of its tanks to be lifted from its foundation and spill oil throughout a neighborhood. Returning neighbors were aware of the oil because of its obvious presence, but never received any guidance from the refinery, state or federal government."

"Oil was everywhere – in the house, in the slab. It was unreal and we decided to move away," said Johnny Lewis, a resident of Chalmette at the time. (LABB) "I got zero information from the refinery, zero from government who is supposed to be looking out for us."

<http://www.examiner.com/human-rights-in-national/secret-louisiana-flood-chemical-contamination-delayed-mandatory-evacs>

INDIA, MUMBAI, MAY 23 2011. MUMBAI POLICE ARREST OIL SMUGGLERS, SEIZE SHIP

The local police today claimed to have busted a racket involving the oil mafia after they arrested two persons and seized a ship, anchored off the Mumbai coast, and used as a floating petrol pump for smuggling diesel in the city. The two accused, identified as Abdul Kadar, 35, and Akbar Pingar, 45, were arrested from Dongri area in south Mumbai recently and based on the information provided by them, a ship, Sagar Sevak, anchored eight nautical miles from the city coast and used as a floating petrol bunk, was raided and seized yesterday, said the officials of special detection squad formed by Mumbai police commissioner Arup Patnaik. The seized vessel belongs to one Raj, who is still absconding, police said adding that no oil was stored on the ship at the time of the raid. Explaining their modus operandi of the oil mafia, police said the diesel is illegally pumped into the containers from other ships arriving at the Mumbai coast in connivance with their captains and are kept aboard Sagar Sevak. In the night, the accused duo would go to the ship and shift the containers containing diesel to their boats and bring them to the shores, police said. The duo would then sell the oil at a throwaway price in the open market, particularly to fishermen, they said. Sagar Sevak has been given the permission by the Bombay Port Trust to be stationed near the Mumbai coast. The Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) had in the past used the vessel to store logistics for its men, however, for the last eight months no such activity was carried out by the ONGC on the ship, the officials said. Last week, police had seized 50,000 litres of diesel and petrol, collectively worth Rs 25 lakh stored on a vessel anchored in the sea and arrested six smugglers.

http://www.dnaindia.com/mumbai/report_mumbai-police-arrest-oil-smugglers-seize-ship_1546355

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SCOTLAND, SCOTTISH BORDERS, NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS, MAY 23 2011. DIESEL LEAK SOURCED TO SBC DEPOT

An investigation is ongoing after diesel from a Scottish Borders Council depot was found to have leaked into a burn for six weeks, writes Kenny Paterson. Oil from the authority's roads depot at Newtown St Boswells poured into Bowden Burn – a River Tweed tributary – and has resulted in "significant" damage to wildlife. The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) said the fuel spill has caused an "intermittent but persistent" problem in the water system since mid-March. A SEPA spokesperson said: "After extensive investigations into the possible causes, including sampling of the discharge which determined the pollution was diesel/gas oil, the source was traced back to the Scottish Borders Council roads depot. "It was caused by a leaking pipe leading from a diesel oil storage tank to a fuel delivery pump. The pipe was located under the concrete surface of the depot, and therefore the leak was not easy to find." A tanker was arranged to remove the oil and the leak was stopped two weeks ago by excavating around the faulty pipe and placing a bung over the nearest manhole. The spokesman added: "Excavations are continuing to further isolate the oil and to remove contaminated soil. "Due to the prolonged nature of this discharge the impact on the Bowden Burn invertebrate life has been significant, but it is now recovering. "We have requested that SBC submit a proposal to address the issues on site together with timescales for completion of the work identified." A spokesperson for Scottish Borders Council said: "We have been working closely with SEPA on this matter. "We took immediate action to source the problem, which was eradicated within a few days. "The council treats any environmental issue like this very seriously and longer-term solutions are being proposed to eliminate any future problems." The diesel spill at Bowden Burn follows a similar incident at Sprouston Burn in December last year, when 700 litres of the fuel leaked into the River Tweed tributary. Newtown Community Council vice-chairman Roger French took up the case with SEPA back then, and said this week: "The village is dismayed by yet another diesel/gas oil leakage into one of Newtown's burns."

http://www.thesouthernreporter.co.uk/news/local-headlines/diesel_leak_sourced_to_sbc_depot_1_1632569

USA, CA, BLUE LAKE, MAY 24 2011. ILLEGAL SPILL CLOSES BLUE LAKE ROAD >> PCB'S

An illegal roadside dumping incident led to the closure of parts of Blue Lake Boulevard near the town of Blue Lake Monday. The area of the boulevard closed for cleanup Monday was between Maple Creek Road and Highway 299. The exact contents of the transformer and the quantity spilled was unknown by Monday afternoon, but may include polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which are known to be hazardous to human health and the environment. Samples were taken on Monday and results are expected today. The affected area includes Blue Lake Boulevard, both south and north of Highway 299, and may include small portions of the highway adjacent to Blue Lake Boulevard near the weigh station. In addition to Department of Environmental Health staff, Humboldt County Department of Public Works, Humboldt County Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol responded to the incident location. California Redwood Co. also responded as some of the spilled oil leaked onto their property. California Redwood Co. reported the spill promptly and retained the services of a licensed contractor to initiate cleanup of the spill. DEH and the Sheriff's Office are investigating the circumstances of the spill. Anyone with questions about environmental issues associated with this event, or information that may be useful to the investigation, may contact the Humboldt County Division of Environmental Health at 445-6215.

http://www.times-standard.com/localnews/ci_18126944

USA, OK, SEMINOLE, MAY 24 2011. OIL LEAK REPORTED ON ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS PIPELINE, NRC SAYS

rachel graham

An oil leak was reported on a crude pipeline operated by Enterprise Products Partners LP, in a [filing](#) with the National Response Center. The incident location was given as Seminole, [Oklahoma](#). "A seal failure on a pump resulted in a leak of oil," according to the filing. "It is unknown when the leak began." Bloomberg News couldn't immediately verify whether the information in the NRC filing was accurate. U.S. companies must notify the response center if they release hazardous substances in excess of reportable quantities, under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly known as Superfund.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-05-23/oil-leak-reported-on-enterprise-products-pipeline-nrc-says.html>

USA, MA, ASHBURNHAM, MAY 24 2011. TOXIC THREATS EBBING, BUT SMALL SPILLS ARE COSTLY

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Michael and Charlene Testa had been living in their Ashburnham home for less than a year when they noticed their water smelled odd. The harsh, kerosene-tinged odor led them to believe the gas station and auto-repair garage across the street

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from their Fitchburg Road home was somehow tainting their well water. A series of tests confirmed their fears: High levels of benzene, a cancer-causing agent, were found in the water and traced by the state Department of Environmental Protection to the now-closed garage. The spill may have been small in comparison to the 30 active Superfund sites in Massachusetts, but it was enough to leave the Testa family wondering whether their health would be impacted from drinking, and showering in, the water. While landfills and areas where large chemical spills have occurred are the biggest and most potentially hazardous pollution spots in Massachusetts, something as small as spilling a few gallons of gasoline can trigger state oversight. Are these sites, collectively, as much or more of a hazard than Superfund sites? The answer often depends on where the spill occurs and how long it takes to clean it up. Since 1984, more than 40,000 spills have been reported to the Department of Environmental Protection. There have been 458 incidents in Lowell reported to the state and 82 in Westford. Half of the spills are discovered two hours after they occur, usually from a tanker overturning on a rotary or a tank rupturing. The remaining amount is almost evenly split between 72-hour and 120-day notifications, generally associated with leaking oil tanks and historic contamination. The Testas discovered their water was tainted in 1997, but had to wait until 2006 to get a pipeline built to provide clean drinking water to their home. While they waited for the line to be built, the Testas and other residents relied on carbon-filtration systems to treat the water. The state required the garage to pay for the water treatment. It wasn't until Toxics Action Center, a nonprofit organization that works with residents throughout New England to clean up pollution, got involved in the Testas' cause that the town of Ashburnham appropriated money to build a pipe. "You can't stop fighting," Charlene Testa said. "You start with your town's Board of Health, and you don't stop there." Meredith Small, executive director of Toxics Action Center, said it is important for the public to know about potential toxic threats in their neighborhoods. She recommends that residents regularly test their water if it comes from a well. "The small-scale nature of these incidences makes it hard to know when a potential threat becomes a real threat," she said. The number of spills may seem daunting, but they are decreasing each year and being cleaned up quicker and more frequently than ever before. "New England has a long history of toxic pollution, largely because it's the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, which produced a legacy of old, toxic sites," Small said. "We think that we live in this beautiful place, but as soon as you look beneath the surface, there are a scary number of them of different levels, including a bunch of these little gas leaks." With the exception of 1999, when new federal rules governing underground storage tanks went into effect, there has been a steady decline in spills. This trend is consistent with upgrades in underground storage tanks, better environmental management practices and a diminishing universe of undiscovered "historic" contamination, according to DEP documents. Since fiscal 2002, the number of sites closed each year has surpassed the number of new notifications. More than 28,161 sites have been closed since 1993, averaging about 1,650 per year. Of those, 31 percent were cleaned up to their original conditions, with 90 percent being cleaned enough for unrestricted use, according to the DEP. Paul Locke, director of the DEP's Division of Response and Remediation, said that before the 1970s, people were cavalier about what they did with toxic waste. Government restrictions have put an end to blatant dumping of toxic chemicals, and most of the problem areas have been identified, Locke said. "Hopefully, there are not a lot of ticking time bombs, because there are not a lot of large sites we do not know about," he said. "Small problems can be dealt with. The system is pretty good about identifying sites that have contamination."

How Dangerous Are These Spills?

"It really depends on what has been released and, essentially, where it has been released," Locke said. "We are concerned about exposure, how much of it is getting to them, and how long it is going on for. The things that are a problem are chemicals that stay around for a long time, or move quickly, so people become exposed to them." There is concern about ensuring that spills continue to be cleaned properly. The Senate budget released Wednesday cut funding for a program that conducts audits to ensure that independent contractors hired by the state are thoroughly cleaning toxic sites, Locke said. Although the budget has not been finalized, Locke said the potential funding cut is worrisome. "At this time of year, we do have to bring up the point that we are under budget stress," Locke said. "Success depends on this auditing function making sure everyone is doing their job. That takes cash. That takes money."

http://www.waterworld.com/index/display/news_display/1422991497.html

USA, ILL, MORRIS, MAY 24 2011. ONE TREATED FOLLOWING ACID LEAK AT THORNTON INDUSTRIES

Morris firefighters had a busy start to the week, taking six calls on Monday, including a hydrochloric acid leak at Thornton Industries on Ashley Road. "Yesterday was not a good Monday," Morris Fire Chief Bob Coleman noted today. "We were all over." Approximately 100 gallons of hydrochloric acid seeped out within the Thornton Industries facility at 2000 Ashley Road. Emergency crews were on site for more than three hours until the facility was deemed safe. The Thornton Industries incident was discovered by plant personnel, who entered the building at 8 a.m. Monday, and found a tote — a thick, hard plastic container filled with 330 gallons of hydrochloric acid — had sprung a leak. The facility was filled with vapors from the leak. At

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8:43 a.m., the Morris Fire Protection and Ambulance District was dispatched to the plant. The leak covered a 30-foot concrete area within the plant. Coleman said five employees were inside the building trying to mitigate the leak. An evacuation order was issued so that the building could be checked. "They knew they had a problem, so they sent the employees home, of course, then covered the leaked acid with potash to neutralize it," Coleman said. "It happens in industry. It's not uncommon for accidents to happen." One female employee made skin contact with the acid, but Coleman did not know how it happened. She was transported to Morris Hospital for treatment, then released. Coleman said her lungs were clear. The name of the employee was not released. Thornton Industries is a processing plant that works with substances like baby powder and alcohol, and packages different items for shipment. "A very clean operation," Coleman pointed out. Hydrochloric acid has many uses, including the production of chlorides, fertilizers and dyes, electroplating, and photographic, textile and rubber industries. The acid is corrosive to the eyes, skin, and mucous membranes, and can cause severe burns, ulceration and scarring in humans. The Grundy HazMat Team and the MABAS 15 HazMat Team were summoned to the scene. Their job was to investigate and mitigate the cause of the leak. They were also to make sure the public was safe and the sewer system was not affected. The Grundy County Emergency Management Agency also responded to the scene. At 11:10 a.m., the HazMat teams issued a report that stated no drains or sewers were affected. After metering the building, it was confirmed there were no vapors present. The building was closed and no one was allowed to enter the building until an environmental clean-up company took care of the spill. The EPA was through with the building about 8 p.m. Monday. Coleman said the building is safe, and employees are returning to work. Monday's incident was the first of its kind for the facility, which has been in the area for a long time, he noted. "They did have a fire many years ago in which the plant, then located on East U.S. 6, burned down," he said. "Glue had spilled on the floor and an electric wire across the floor was kind of the source of ignition. It was an accident." Mutual aid for Monday's incident was received from Braidwood, Channahon, Coal City, Dwight, Elwood, Lisbon, Minooka, Plainfield, Troy and the Morris Police Department.

<http://www.morrisdailyherald.com/articles/2011/05/23/76672065/index.xml>

UWA, OH, HILLIARD, MAY 24 2011. I-270 REOPEN; TANKER LEAK FOUND

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The leak of five gallons of a highly flammable chemical from a crashed 6,000-gal. tanker is stalling one final lane of Interstate-270 reopening on Columbus west side, ABC6/FOX28 News' A.J. Ross reports. Columbus Division of Fire chief Mike Fowler says crews are digging along the edge of the road where the crash and spill happened to gauge any threat posed by alpha-methylstyrene -- a fast-burning, highly flammable chemical. Meanwhile, lanes of I-270 closed in both directions since 8:30 a.m. reopened by 5 p.m. They reached from Roberts Road to Cemetery Road and over to Tuttle Crossing Boulevard. Northbound lanes reopened first, followed by all but one southbound lane. All ramps to I-270 S from US 33 to Roberts are also open. Exactly what caused the crash had yet to be disclosed by Monday evening. The driver of the crashed rig told authorities that he simply lost control of the vehicle, ABC6/FOX28 News' Carol Luper reports. He says the rig started sliding along the road. Initial word of the tank leaking alpha-methylstyrene -- a fast-burning, highly flammable chemical -- brought Hazmat from the Columbus Division of Fire to the scene Monday morning. While there weren't any evacuations, authorities did the nearby farmlands closed until about 3 p.m. as a safety precaution. Authorities say alpha-methylstyrene, used for making plastic and synthetic substances, can be as combustible as propane. Authorities say Monday morning's rainy downpour could be a factor in causing the wreck. No injuries were reported and no other vehicles were involved.

http://www.abc6onyourside.com/shared/newsroom/top_stories/videos/wsux_vid_11146.shtml

USA, LA, EUGENE ISLAND, MAY 24 2011. APACHE PLATFORM IN U.S. HAS 'PINHOLE LEAK,' NRC FILING SHOWS

rachel graham

A leak was reported at a platform in the [Gulf of Mexico](#) operated by Apache Corp., according to a [filing](#) with the National Response Center. The incident in the Eugene Island area off the Louisiana coast occurred yesterday at 1:15 p.m. local time, the filing showed. "A pinhole leak beneath a riser clamp on the platform's departing pipeline released an unknown amount of hydrocarbons and produced water," it said. U.S. companies must notify the 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. Bloomberg News couldn't immediately verify whether the information in the NRC filing was accurate.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-05-23/apache-platform-in-u-s-has-pinhole-leak-nrc-filing-shows.html>

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USA, GA, CUMMING, MAY 24 2011. SAWNEE DRIVE REOPENS AFTER GAS SPILL

julie arrington



Sawnee Drive at Hwy. 9 in Cumming was closed for a couple hours Monday afternoon following a spill at a gas station.

Sawnee Drive was closed to traffic for a couple hours Monday afternoon following a spill at a gas station. Forsyth County Fire Capt. Jason Shivers said about 30 gallons of gasoline spilled from one of the fuel pumps at the Citgo on Hwy. 9 and Sawnee Drive. Some of the liquid evaporated quickly, but the rest flowed into a state stormwater runoff line, Shivers said. Shivers said firefighters alerted the state Department of Transportation, as well as the Environmental Protection Division, to the spill. A DOT official and a private hazardous materials mitigation crew handled the cleanup. Shivers said officials don't think the gas made it into any state waters. The spill occurred about 12:30 p.m. when a store employee forgot to shut off a fuel pump before attempting to change the filter, Shivers said. As a result of the incident, motorists could not access Sawnee Drive from Hwy. 9 by the Forsyth County Public Library's main branch. EPD spokesman Kevin Chambers said the matter is under investigation. The agency is awaiting a report on the cleanup.

<http://www.forsythnews.com/section/1/article/8773/>

USA, CA, SOLEDAD, MAY 24 2011. FUEL TANKER SPILLS 280 GALLONS NEAR SOLEDAD

kiki jones

Watch the Video <http://www.kionrightnow.com/story/14700945/chp-website-tanker-spills-250>

A fuel tanker has spilled fuel on Northbound Highway 101 near the Arroyo Seca exit, reports the California Highway Patrol website. CHP says that the big rig ran over some sheet metal that was in the middle of the Highway. Apparently the sheet metal fell off of a pick-up truck that was in front of the big rig. The CHP website reports that as much as 280 gallons could have spilled. According to the CHP website, the number 2 lane of Northbound Highway 101 will be shutdown.

<http://www.kionrightnow.com/story/14700945/chp-website-tanker-spills-250>

NORWAY, OSLO, MAY 27 2011. SHELL RAPPED OVER NORTH SEA DRAUGEN FIELD ACCIDENT

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Shell has a 26pc interest in the 46,000 barrels a day Draugen field, BP 18pc, Chevron 8pc and state-owned Petoro with 48pc.

Shell has been strongly criticised by Norway's oil safety watchdog for an oil incident in the North Sea Draugen field that could have turned into a major accident. The Anglo-Dutch group, the field operator, has been ordered to overhaul well procedures on the production platform after breaching a series of regulations. Norway's Petroleum Safety Authority listed a catalogue of shortcomings which contributed to the incident from inadequate management to risk assessment, well barriers and controls and daily reporting of drilling and well activities. The accident happened in December when a piece of equipment became wedged in a well as

engineers attempted to replacing a gas valve, leaving only one barrier to prevent an oil spill. The incident "involved major accident potential," said the authority. Shell has a 26pc interest in the 46,000 barrels a day Draugen field, BP 18pc, Chevron 8pc and state-owned Petoro with 48pc. Shell said it would comply with the orders and use any lessons to avoid similar incidents in the future. The details emerged as it was disclosed that Shell is suffering more headaches in one of its key developments. It is running down operations in the huge £30bn (\$50bn) Kashagan oilfield development following further differences with the Kazakhstan Government over costs and the construction timetable. Shell, the lead partner among five

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western oil companies with interests in one of the world's biggest oil programmes, is closing its Caspian office and its main Kashagan centre in Holland and redeploying staff because development is at a standstill. The company declined to comment. Kashagan with reserves estimated between 8bn-13bn barrels of oil represents Kazakhstan's entry ticket into the world oil market and doubling the country's current production of 1.6m barrels a day

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/newsbysector/energy/oilandgas/8531661/Shell-rapped-over-North-Sea-Draugen-field-accident.html>

UK, SOUTHAMPTON WATERS, FAWLEY, MAY 24 2011. FAWLEY REFINERY PAYS FOR SOOT CLEAN



Fawley Refinery.

Fawley Refinery has paid for cars to be professionally cleaned after they were contaminated by soot. People living near the huge petro-chemical works complained to the Environment Agency after noticing black deposits on their vehicles. An Environment Agency spokesman said soot at the top of the refinery chimneys could have broken loose in cleaning. He added: "The refinery has arranged for cars to be professionally cleaned, which we feel is a proportionate response." ExxonMobil, which runs the 1,250-acre refinery, said only two residents had complained. A spokesman said: "We apologised and offered to pay for their vehicles to be cleaned. "One of the residents also claimed there were marks on his house but samples taken from window ledges showed the deposits were the result of a normal build-up of dust. "We have spoken to the Environment Agency about how we are following up the complaints and they are satisfied with our actions."

http://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/9042476.Refinery_pays_for_soot_clean/

USA, OH, COLUMBUS, MAY 24 2011. I-270 IN WESTERN FRANKLIN COUNTY NOW OPEN >> TANK LEAKING EITHERALPHA-METHYLSTYRENEOR DIESEL FUEL,



A rig crashed shortly after 8 a.m., closing I-270.

Officials finally reopened I-270 on the West Side after rush hour tonight. All three lanes on I-270 northbound are open, as are the three lanes heading south, according to the Ohio Department of Transportation. No spill was reported after a tractor-trailer carrying a highly flammable liquid used to make plastics jackknifed on I-270 between Roberts and Cemetery roads shortly after 8 this morning, said Columbus fire Battalion Chief Michael Fowler. There was no threat to area residences or businesses, Fowler said. The tanker jackknifed near a field along the freeway. The driver was headed to a location in Ohio from Canada, although local officials hadn't determined the exact destination. The tank was placed on a flat-bed truck by this

afternoon to be transported to Orient, Ohio.

http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2011/05/23/I-270-remains-closed.html?sid=101

USA, MS, FOREST CO, MAY 24 2011. UNSECURED OIL TANKS WORRY ONE FORREST COUNTY RESIDENT

colleen donovan

Watch the Video <http://www.wdam.com/story/14700401/unsecured-oil-tanks-worry-one-forrest-county-resident>



Jennifer Higgins and her four year old son live in South Forrest County on Phillip White Road. Behind her home is an unprotected oil tank with signs alerting the public about present dangers, but no fence is located around the tank. According to Higgins, "We are all tired of being looked over. We are still out here on Phillip White Road, we are still in danger." On October 31st of 2009, good friends Devon Byrd and Wade White were killed when a separate oil tank facility also on Phillip White Road exploded. That tragedy prompted family members and friends of the teenagers, like Higgins, to push for increased safety measures. "We've lost a lot already and I have child that plays here within close proximity to that area and quite frankly I think it's ridiculous that there still has not been anything done," said

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Higgins. At the scene of the October 2009 accident that claimed the lives of the teenagers, there remains an oil tank that doesn't have perimeter fencing around it. However, there is a danger sign present. A September 2010 Ordinance passed by the Forrest County Board of Supervisors calls for state oil and gas board license holders in Forrest County to install perimeter fencing around the danger zone of a facility. The deadline to do so is mid June. Delphi Oil Incorporated, based in Baton Rouge Louisiana, owns both the facility where the deadly accident took place and the one behind Higgins's home. Company officials had no comment when asked if they planned to comply with the county ordinance. According to David Miller, the attorney for the Forrest County Board of Supervisors, the penalty for not complying with the county's ordinance is a one thousand dollar a day fine. Absolute refusal to comply would likely wind up before a Justice Court Judge.

<http://www.wdam.com/story/14700401/unsecured-oil-tanks-worry-one-forrest-county-resident>

USA, WI, LEXINGTON, MAY 24 2011. MAN PUSHES BURNING TRUCK AWAY FROM GAS STATION

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=14700723>

A fire at a Lexington County gas station on Monday was caught on video. The fire happened at the BP station on Highway 378 near I-20. The Lexington Fire Service said an older-model pickup truck caught fire at the gas pump. The driver of a dump truck pushed the burning pickup away from the gas pumps. The pickup rolled across Highway 378, coming to rest in the trees across the road. Somehow, the burning truck didn't hit any other cars. No one was hurt.

<http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=14700723>

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, SHARJAH, MAY 24 2011. EPPCO SHUTS THREE FILLING STATIONS IN SHARJAH



Manpower and resources at these sites are being deployed at other stations

Company's profit margins under pressure due to high global oil price and regulated retail price. The number of petrol stations in the city are coming down as the leading oil marketing companies are undertaking a rationalisation of their assets and resources. Emirates Petroleum Products Company (Eppco) has permanently closed three of its major outlets in Sharjah. Eppco/Enoc outlet in Al Qasimiya near Mega Mall, a busy residential pocket has been permanently closed and motorists who frequented the site are now trying to alternative locations in the adjacent areas. The closure of three outlets is seen as a reflection of the pressure on the company's profit margins due to high international oil price and the regulated retail

price at its outlets. An Enoc spokesman told 'Emirates24|7': "As part of upgrading its older service stations and in line with the environment management policy, Emirates National Oil Company (Enoc) has decided to suspend the operations of three sites in Sharjah, all of which are more than 20 years old. The resources at these sites, including manpower, are being deployed to newer service stations." Enoc/Eppco currently operates a large network of 41 sites in convenient locations throughout Sharjah, thus minimising any inconvenience to the customers. "Enoc is committed to adding value to all our stakeholders, and the decision is in line with our concerted efforts to strengthen resource use efficiency." Enoc said earlier it will have to spend 80 per cent more this year on providing fuel subsidies compared with what it did in 2010 to bridge the difference between the internationally increasing price of oil and the subsidised rates in the local market estimated by the company at Dh2.7b for 2011 through internal resources. This subsidy is 80 per cent more than the Dh1.5bn it spent in subsidising fuel last year. "Due to the rise in price of fuel in the international markets, the company had to internally meet the cost of providing fuel at subsidised rates in the local market, valued at Dh1.5bn during 2010, Enoc said in the statement earlier. Based on the financial review of Q1 2011, during full year 2011, Enoc will have to meet an additional Dh2.7bn internally to cover the fuel subsidies offered locally. This arises from the difference in the increasing price of petrol sourced from international markets and Enoc's fixed sale price at its stations. As per the Annual Report, during 2010 and the first quarter of 2011, Enoc recorded positive results. "I have been a regular customer in this site, because it is very conveniently located and there was a nostalgia associated with the nearest petrol station. Now I am filling from another petrol station," said Mohammed Hashim, a Sharjah resident. The other two closed sites are also located in Sharjah industrial area close to Geco Roundabout. Some of the employees have been relocated to other sites, while some have lost job. There are about 167 Enoc and Eppco petrol stations in the UAE in total and how many will be affected by the rationalisation is unknown, and it is likely that new sites are under way. Emarat has about 39 petrol stations in different parts of Sharjah, some of them located close to the Enoc/Eppco stations. Petrol stations located close to the closed outlets are getting more business. "When there was a fuel supply problem in Emarat petrol stations, we did not get time to take rest. Our daily business volume had gone up from Dh45,000 per day to Dh50,000 per day," said a petrol

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station supervisor. "Most of the petrol stations located in convenient locations are doing well," he added. "Whenever there is a road development or other construction work hindering access to a petrol pump and its associated businesses like convenient stores or car wash services, the number of customers come down drastically. As the property is normally on long term lease, the income from reduced business will not be enough to profitably maintain the site," said an EPPCO source. While three sites are permanently closed, some sites the operation has been scaled down. In one of the Tasjeel locations in Sharjah, petrol selling has been suspended. The petrol stations too have many other public conveniences like bank ATMs, tyre express and cafeterias that attract more customers. Eppco is a joint venture between Enoc and Caltex operates across a variety of sectors including petroleum retailing, aviation refuelling, lubricants marketing and terminal ling. According to its official website, Eppco has a network of more than 120 service stations across Dubai and the Northern Emirates. Its petrol marketing business is supplemented by a wide network of 24-hour Star Mart convenience stores, Mini Marts, car washes and Quick Lube outlets. Eppco also runs the Enoc network of 30 service stations, Tasjeel car registration joint venture and the FixPlus vehicle servicing centres. The Enoc/Eppco sites also houses a number of fast food chains such as the KFC, Texas Chicken, McDonalds, Subway and other international brands. Plans to introduce self service in petrol stations also did not make much progress as most customers did not prefer to so.

<http://www.emirates247.com/news/emirates/eppco-shuts-three-filling-stations-in-sharjah-2011-05-24-1.396716>

USA, CA, SUN VALEY, MAY 24 2011. TANKER CRASH CLOSES I-5 IN SUN VALLEY

 **Watch the Video** <http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=resources/traffic&id=8153570>

 **Photo Gallery** http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_18145305?nclink_check=1



Tanker truck carrying fuel crashes on northbound Interstate 5 in Sun Valley
All lanes of the Golden State (5) Freeway were closed between Sunland Boulevard and Hollywood Way early today after a fuel tanker carrying about 1,900 gallons of gasoline was involved in a collision and leaked fuel. The collision involving two vehicles and the fuel tanker occurred about 10:35 p.m. Wednesday on the northbound freeway just south of Glenoaks Boulevard, California Highway Patrol Officer Patrick Kimball said. The drivers were not hurt. All lanes were closed until about 4 a.m., when the southbound lanes were reopened. The northbound lanes were reopened about two hours later. The trucker told authorities that the tanker was carrying about 1,900 gallons of gas, and all of it spilled, CHP Officer Ed Jacobs said. There was no fire or evacuation involved in the fuel spill, Humphrey

said. The CHP reported that gasoline did not seep into any drains.

http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_18145305?nclink_check=1

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, GLADSTONE, MAY 25 2011. CYANIDE CONTAMINATION

kieran moran



Concern are surfacing after traces of cyanide were found in water samples from a stormwater drain outside of Orica's plant in Gladstone more than 12 months ago. The Observer received unconfirmed reports of the chemical contamination and when it investigated a spokeswoman for Orica admitted the environmental breach. "As you would appreciate, this is a current investigation and we are not able to discuss it or any of the details relating to it," the spokeswoman said. "I can however say that we are cooperating fully with DERM." A Department of Environment and Resource Management representative said the case was discovered not through Orica reporting the incident but through a proactive compliance check by the department. "The alleged incident is still being investigated," the spokeswoman said. "Initial investigations by DERM officers indicted there was no risk to the environment or public. "The department take incidents like this very seriously and if the investigation finds an offence has occurred, the department will take appropriate enforcement action." The stormwater drain leads to mangroves that contain a

variety of natural flora and fauna. Capricorn Conservation Council's (CCC) co-ordinator Michael McCabe said the community's trust with industry was starting to wear thin. "We have all these great regulations and rules governing these projects but the

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difficulty is we often rely on companies to self manage, comply and to self assess how they are going," Mr McCabe said. "We are not convinced the process works enough to protect the environment. You can have all the conditions for cyanide spills but the resources available to actually properly measure, monitor and follow through on compliance is often lacking. "The resources available to DERM need to be reviewed because the CCC are not convinced that things are being looked after well."

<http://www.gladstoneobserver.com.au/story/2011/05/25/cyanide-contamination-orica-plant-stormwater-leak/>

USA, CT, CHESHIRE, MAY 25 2011. GASOLINE SPILL AT SHELL STATION CAUGHT BY CONTAINMENT SYSTEM

About 10 gallons of gasoline spilled at a Shell gas station on South Main Street on Monday. Fire Chief Jack Casner said a woman filled her car at the Shell at 986 S. Main St. and was talking to a friend when someone honked for her to move around 10:30 a.m. Forgetting the pump hose was still attached to her car, she moved the car, yanking the hose out and causing some 10 gallons of gasoline to spill, Casner said. He said the state Department of Environmental Protection was called, and a contractor cleaned up the mess. Most of the gasoline was contained in a catchment system and did not contaminate the surrounding area.

<http://www.rep-am.com/news/local/doc4ddb090a9332683044673.txt>

USA, CO, COMMERCE CITY, MAY 25 2011. REFINERY MALFUNCTION IN COMMERCE CITY SENDS PLUME OF YELLOW SMOKE




A brief operational malfunction Monday afternoon caused yellowish smoke to vent from the Suncor Refinery, officials said. According to Suncor Refinery's Lisha Burnett, a clay-like catalyst used in the processing was tainted with gasoil and caused the discolored smoke. She said an alarm did sound as a precaution for employees and the community. Air monitoring determined air quality was safe within minutes. The cause of the malfunction is still under investigation.

<http://www.kwgn.com/news/kdvr-refinery-malfunction-in-commerce-city-send-plumes-of-yellow-smoke-0110524.0.7597871.story>

USA, OH, COLUMBUS, MAY 25 2011. I-270 REOPENS ON WEST SIDE AFTER TANKER CRASH

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Interstate 270 is now reopened after being closed due to a tanker crash Monday morning. Officers and fire crews closed lanes on the city's West Side after a tractor and tanker flipped on its side near Roberts Road, near Hilliard. All lanes of I-270 north on the west side between Cemetery and Roberts Road opened at about 4 p.m. and [the southbound](#) lanes were opened at about 5:15 p.m. [Columbus Division of Fire Battalion Chief Michael Fowler](#) said the tanker was carrying 6,000 gallons of alpha-methylstyrene, a colorless and flammable liquid. Alpha-methylstyrene (AMS) is used in the manufacture of plasticizers, resins and [polymerization](#) production processes. It does have an obvious odor, and contact can cause the following symptoms: eye, nose and throat irritation; drowsiness and skin irritation. [The driver](#) told crash investigators he "just lost it." He said he wasn't sure how the crash happened. He was not injured. Shortly before 2:15 p.m., [Fowler](#) said, the tanker was righted. It was then loaded onto a tow truck and transported to a location in Orient. The lane closings began at about 8:20 a.m. Monday. The tanker is not owned by a trucking company; it is owned by an individual. Authorities are not sure right now where the tanker started its trip or where it was going. [Fowler](#) old NBC4 there will lots of semis and trucks transporting hazardous materials through the area in the next few months because it's farmers' and manufacturers' busy season. "With it being spring, you are going to see a lot of stuff, [chemicals](#) hauling for farmland, going through here. They have to take 270 or stay on the outskirts of the city, [Fowler](#) said.

<http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2011/may/23/28/i-270-sb-closes-north-roberts-rd-after-semi-flips-ar-500670/>

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USA, CA, BAKERSFIELD, MAY 25 2011. LEAK PROMPTS BIG WEST REFINERY EVACUATION

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http://www.kget.com/news/local/story/Rotten-egg-smell-from-refinery-sickens-teachers/s2_Er0DDj0-gbj_iYK71KQ.csp



A leak prompted an employee evacuation Tuesday morning at the Alon USA Energy plant on Rosedale Highway. Environmental health workers, along with both county and city fire crews, were able to pin down the hydrogen sulfide leak, which produced a rotten-egg smell. Residents in neighborhoods near the plant, best known as the Big West Oil Refinery, also reported smelling the hydrogen sulfide, which is a flammable poisonous gas that is found especially in many mineral waters and in putrefying matter, according to the Merriam-Webster definition. Capt. Brandon Smith of the Kern County Fire Department said nearby residents weren't in any danger. He said the odor was only a nuisance that could be avoided by closing windows and shutting off air-conditioning units.

<http://www.bakersfieldnow.com/news/local/122523919.html>

USA, AZ, MARICOPA, MAY 25 2011. ACCIDENT CAUSES FUEL SPILL NEAR RANCHO ENTRANCE



A section of Arizona 347 between Casa Blanca Road and the entrance to Maricopa was closed down for a few hours on Saturday after an accident caused a truck to spill diesel fuel on the road. Department of Public Safety officials said five people were transported to hospitals with minor injuries.

A three-vehicle, non-fatal collision on that occurred in front of the Rancho El Dorado subdivision temporarily hampered access to Maricopa due to a fuel spill on Saturday afternoon. According to a press release sent from the Department of Public Safety, the incident occurred at 1:41 p.m. and involved three vehicles, including a semi-tanker filled with diesel fuel. The accident caused the tanker to rupture and leak a large amount of fuel on the road that led to the closing of Arizona 347 between Casa Blanca Road and Maricopa for several hours on

Saturday evening. The department said five people were taken to area hospitals for non-fatal injuries, and witnesses said one of the vehicles caused the accident when it tried to make a U-turn.

http://www.trivalleycentral.com/articles/2011/05/24/maricopa_monitor/top_stories/doc4ddbedc2baa19987577475.txt

NIGERIA, DELTA STATE, SAPELE, MAY 26 2011. 20 KILLED IN SAPELE NNPC PIPELINE FIRE EXPLOSION >> •NNPC BLAMES VANDALS



An early morning pipeline inferno on Tuesday reminiscence of the Atigwo-Jesse pipeline fire conflagration of October 17, 1998 that left thousands of persons dead has reoccurred in the neighboring Okpe community of Eko, Owore-Amukpe community near Jesse by the River Ethiope bank. Over 20 people that were fishing and doing some other menial jobs were killed. According to an eye witness, the fire started in a circumstances yet to be ascertained at press time, with a loud noise and heavy fog, together with heavy flame while killing all those working on their farm lands, fishermen, sand dredgers, sand divers. They were said to be scooping fuel from the burst pipes as well as burning the new bridge across the river Ethiope. In its reaction, the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) on Tuesday said

the explosion was caused by pipeline vandals. NPC Group General Manager, Group Public Affairs Division, Dr. Levi Ajuonuma, who stated this in a telephone chat with Daily Independent, maintained that the incident would not however cause fuel scarcity in the region. "The incident is not an explosion but vandalism. It is basically an act by these vandals and as we have said for several times that these people are saboteurs," he said. According to him, the NNPC has not shut down any of its installations due to the explosion. "There is product sufficiency and there will continue to be supply of petroleum products in the axis as well as in the whole of Nigeria," he emphasised. NNPC and PPMC officials, he said, have found their way to the

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area with firemen to put off the fire. It would be recalled that a similar explosion had occurred on NNPC facility in Sapele on September 1, 2010. Spokesperson for the Delta state police spokesman, Charles Muka, who also confirmed the explosion, said the police were not aware of any death as 5.p.m. Evangelist Flourish Agoda, the Secretary General of Iderhe Development Union (ICDU), who spoke to journalists in Jesse over the incident, said the fire was not from the Jesse Kingdom. He said it was from the other side of River Ethiopie, opposite Atigwo village, the direct site of the Jesse October 17, 1998 pipeline inferno. He stressed that the people of Jesse only saw the lame and discovered that it was not from their community, warning that no one should link them with the fire as it is not from their community but in their neighbouring community of Ovwore. He said that considering the magnitude of the incidence, there could be casualties, but he could not ascertain the number as it was still raging. Besides, the river prevented the people of Jesse from visiting the site to establish the degree of loss of lives and properties. He maintained that since the fire incidence of 1998, the community had put in place effective mechanism to check the youths from visiting pipelines and other antisocial-vices in the area. An indigene of Ovwore-Amukpe community, one Sunny who spoke to our correspondents on phone, said staff of NNPC are already at the site to put off the fire and effect immediate repairs to the broken pipeline, which caused the spillage that resulted to the fire outbreak. He appealed to the government at all levels to immediately expedite action by sending relief materials to its Ovwore community because they no longer have drinking water and as their farm lands had been devastated by spilled oil and refine fuel, saying that properties worth millions of naira were destroyed by the explosion.

Related Links [Nigerian Kerosene Pipeline on Fire After Its Ruptured by Thieves in Sapele](http://www.independentngonline.com/DailyIndependent/Article.aspx?id=34385)

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CANADA, MONTREAL, MAY 26 2011. GAS STATION ORDERED TO CLEAN UP SOIL AFTER LEAK

Crevier station in Beaconsfield given six months to decontaminate soil following underground spill. A Beaconsfield service station has been ordered to pay for soil decontamination following a gasoline leak late last month from its underground system of lines and holding tanks. While the full extent of the area of ground affected by the leak still remains unknown, a provincial government official said the Crevier service station at the corner of Beaconsfield Blvd. and Fieldfare Ave. in Beaurepaire Village is responsible for the cleanup. Hélène Proteau, a regional director with the Centre du contrôle environnemental du Québec, said under environ-mental protection laws the station has six months to do the work but is "being strongly encouraged" to have it completed sooner. Emergency measures, including a pump that collects any water that leaches from the gasoline-saturated soil when it rains as well as the installation of chimney-like vents over manholes in the area, seem to have been successful at preventing more gasoline from getting into the sewer system and at keeping gas odours at a minimum, Proteau said. "The Beaconsfield fire department is no longer receiving complaints (about the gas odours)," said Proteau. "Our mandate now is to make sure the soil is decontaminated." About 50 residents on Fieldfare Ave. and Lakeshore Blvd. have been affected by the April 28 leak. They received letters from the city of Beaconsfield instructing them to put wet towels over their drains and to open their windows to keep gas smells from infiltrating their homes. As to whether the station will be held responsible for some of the costs incurred by the municipality as a result of the leak, Proteau said, that matter is in the hands of the municipality.

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/news/station+ordered+clean+soil+after+leak/4841379/story.html>

USA, MI, WHITE OAKS TWP, MAY 26 2011. NO DANGER TO WATER WELLS FROM PIPELINE LEAK, EXPERTS SAY >> RED CEDAR WATERSHED ALSO LIKELY TO BE SAFE FROM CONTAMINATION

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A worker puts on a breathing mask during a cleanup operation in early May at the site of the Marathon gasoline leak near Stockbridge.

Meeting Tonight

A community meeting will be held for residents of White Oak Township at 6:30 p.m. today to hear from Marathon Pipe Line LLC officials about revised estimates that show more gasoline than initially thought leaked from one of the company's pipelines. Marathon now says between 294,000 and 462,000 gallons were released. The meeting will be held at the White Oak Township Hall, 1002 S. M-52. Environmental experts say gasoline leaking from a Marathon Pipe Line LLC pipe here shouldn't harm residents' drinking water. They also say it's unlikely contamination from the leak will affect the Red Cedar River watershed and neighboring communities. At this point, a

plume of gasoline that has flowed into a field near a local farmer's property has been contained, said Kim Sakowski, a project

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manager with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality working on the case. A farmer discovered gasoline April 13 in a drainage ditch near his property near gasoline storage tanks. Marathon now estimates between 294,000 and 462,000 gallons have leaked, much more than the company's original estimate of 126,000 gallons. Sakowski said there is no evidence residential wells are contaminated, despite the higher volume. In general, contamination health risks exist more often in places where gasoline has leaked for a long time without detection, said Thomas Voice, an environmental engineering professor at Michigan State University. He is not involved in the White Oak Township cleanup. "I can't imagine this thing has been leaking for years and years and nobody's noticed it," Voice said. "My guess is it's probably fairly easy to see what's there and what's been contaminated, and that it probably hasn't spread that far." The plume of the leak measures 5 to 10 feet deep in some spots, though much of the gasoline is estimated to be 1 to 5 feet underground, according to a map dated Monday obtained from the DEQ. Voice said petroleum contamination often works like this: When gasoline leaks, gravity pulls it downward, leaving behind droplets of fuel in the soil. If the leak continues and the soil is saturated, gasoline will pool on top of the water table - the spot where dirt is moist when you dig. "The gasoline will follow the path of least resistance," Voice said. Marathon is removing fuel collected in the plume before treating affected soil, Sakowski said. Patrick Lindemann, Ing-ham County's drain commissioner, said he is satisfied with Marathon's efforts to stop gasoline from spreading, including work to block the fuel from reaching county drains and extract it from the earth.

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20110526/NEWS01/105260336/No-danger-to-water-wells-from-pipeline-leak-experts-say?odyssey=tab|mostpopular|text|FRONTPAGE>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, CAMBERWELL, MAY 26 2011. CAMBERWELL OIL SPILL CAUSES TRAFFIC CHAOS

Watch the Video:

http://stonnington-leader.whereilive.com.au/news/story/camberwell-oil-spill-causes-traffic-chaos/?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter



All lanes of Burke Rd, Camberwell, are now open after an oil spill. The diesel spill happened near the corner of Burke Rd and Prospect Hill Rd about 6.45am. Burke Rd was closed in both directions from Riversdale Rd to Barkers Rd for the morning, but the north-bound lanes were opened around 1pm, then all lanes re-opened about 2pm. Harold St remains closed in both directions between Monteath Ave and Burke Rd. Trams are still getting through. The spill is believed to have come from a 20,000L oil tanker, but it is not known how much is on the road. Three MFB crews were on scene spreading sand and dirt to clean up the spill. Police, VicRoads, Boroondara Council and the EPA were also involved.

http://stonnington-leader.whereilive.com.au/news/story/camberwell-oil-spill-causes-traffic-chaos/?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, HUNTER VALLEY, MAY 26 2011. WELDERS DID NOT ASK ABOUT FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS BEFORE FATAL WINERY BLAST >> WELDERS DID NOT HAVE GAS DETECTION EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO TEST FOR ETHANOL VAPOUR, 1 CONTRACTOR STICKING HIS HEAD INSIDE A WINE VAT AND TAKING A SNIFF

map: Pokolbin 2320

A man who organised welding work that was being done when a Hunter Valley winery exploded has told an inquest he did not ask about flammable materials posing a risk. East Maitland Coroners court has been told the Drayton's winery shed exploded when a spark ignited liquid ethanol in a wine vat in January 2008. The blast killed winemaker Trevor Drayton and welder Eddie Orgo and left assistant winemaker William Rikard-Bell with severe burns. Glen Flanagan has told the inquest he organised the welding work and asked both Trevor and Greg Drayton for assurances that the wine vats would be emptied before the job started. But he said he did not ask about the risk posed by flammable liquids because he understood that they would be isolated and stored in a caged area with adequate signs. Mr Orgo's supervisor Lee Harkness told the inquest he had no idea ethanol was on site. The inquest was told the welders did not have gas detection equipment needed to test for ethanol vapours, with one contractor sticking his head inside a wine vat and taking a sniff. The inquest continues.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/05/19/3221650.htm>

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