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CHINA, HONG KONG, ABERDEEN, MARCH 2 2012. FUEL MIX-UP SPARKS PROBE OF CHEVRON

candy chan

Customs officers are investigating Chevron Hong Kong for violations after a second incident of a gas mix-up at a Caltex petrol station in Aberdeen. At least 14 motorists were affected when their cars received the wrong fuel at the Caltex station on Wong Chuk Hang Road in Aberdeen on Monday. Chevron markets the Caltex brand. It was later found that at about 12.15pm that day, some 6,400 liters of diesel was pumped into the underground petrol tank while 6,400 liters of petrol went into the underground diesel tank at the station. The error was discovered at 2pm when a car crashed into some railings just after leaving the station. Caltex said all but two of the customers had been contacted. The company has so far failed to locate the two because they paid in cash and urged them to contact the company. "Chevron is deeply concerned with the incident and has already deployed a team to investigate and assess its petrol-loading procedures," a company statement said. A spokesman for the Customs and Excise Department said it is "extremely concerned" about the mistakes after a similar incident in January last year. The department has asked Caltex to submit reports. "If there is sufficient evidence to show that the oil company or a person contravenes the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, the department will take appropriate enforcement action," the spokesman added. President of Hong Kong Automobile Association Ringo Lee Yiu-pui said vehicles filled with the wrong fuel would stall. "The engine abruptly ceases operating and stops. So turning on the highway is dangerous and may trigger accidents," Lee said.

http://www.thestandard.com.hk/news_detail.asp?pp_cat=30&art_id=120235&sid=35583835&con_type=1

USA, N.J, WASHINGTON, MARCH 2 2012. HAZMAT TEAM AND DEP STILL SEARCHING FOR SOURCE OF OIL IN SHABACONG CREEK

todd petty

The source of an oil spill in the waters of the Shabacong Creek in the borough remains unknown, but the head of the Warren County hazardous materials team Tom Nigro said that he expects to meet with the Department of Environmental Protection tomorrow, Friday, March 2, to decide what to do next. Efforts to determine the source of an oil leak in the waters of the Shabacong Creek in the borough with a camera earlier this week did not reveal the source of the oil, which may be heating oil, Nigro said. Spokesman for the DEP Larry Hajna said that the camera did find a PVC pipe with oil in it and that the DEP will request the assistance of the borough to find where the pipe is coming from. There remains a "minor oil discharge" into the storm drainage system, Hajna said. In addition to the camera, the DEP, the organization in charge of the cleanup effort, worked with a cleanup contractor who went about 100 feet into the pipes and saw the remnants of something, possibly from an abandoned tank, Nigro said. Nigro said there is very little oil still leaking, but the absorbent booms and pads put in place are being changed regularly. "It's diminished a lot, but we don't want to just wipe our hands of it and that's it — we want to find the source," he said. "We're still investigating. We don't really have that many answers at this point." The spill was reported last week and the Hazmat team confirmed on Thursday, Feb. 23, that there was a spill. To read the original story, click [here](http://www.nj.com/warrenreporter/index.ssf/2012/03/hazmat_team_and_dep_still_sear.html).

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AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, GLADSTONE, MARCH 2 2012. AUTHORITIES PROBE CYANIDE DISCHARGE INTO GLADSTONE HARBOUR

paul robinson & emma pollard



DERM says there has been no reported fish kill near the discharge point in Gladstone harbour to date.

Premier Anna Bligh has warned the State Government will "throw the book" at chemical company Orica if a release of cyanide in Gladstone harbour in central Queensland has breached guidelines. The Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) is investigating the release of wastewater from the company's Yarwun plant in Gladstone. DERM says Orica discharged waste water from the plant in January and February and cyanide levels are double allowable limits. Ms Bligh says the Environmental Protection Agency has issued a protection order against the company. "If they have been found in breach of their requirements, we will throw the book at them," she said. "They are likely - as a result of this protection order - to



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have to cease operations and that cease of operations may last anywhere from three to seven days while this matter is investigated. "If there has been any breach of their environmental conditions, then there is a potential for up to \$2 million fine and up to five years' jail for directors." DERM associate director-general Terry Wall says it could have serious impacts on the marine environment. "High levels can result in large fish kills, however though there has been no reported fish kill in the vicinity of the discharge point to date," he said. "This tends to indicate that the discharge has been diluted sufficiently to be within environmental limits but investigations are at an early stage. "Definitive conclusions will not be able to be drawn until the laboratory results are returned. "When it is in the environment in quantities that exceed environmental authorities, there is always the risk the the environment. "Certainly it is very serious when a company doesn't observe the requirements under its environmental authority and report these incidences immediately to the regulator."

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-03-02/authorities-probe-cyanide-discharge-into-gladstone-harbour/3863986?section=qld>

USA, OK, MEDFORD, MARCH 2 2012. EVACUATION: CONCERNS OVER FLAMMABILITY OF PROPANE VAPORS SPUR MEDFORD OFFICIALS TO ISSUE VOLUNTARY ADVISORY

james neal

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- [Gas Leak Prompts Evacuations](#)
- [Crews Pay Close Attention to Medford Propane Leak](#)
- [Medford Officials Advise Residents to Evacuate](#)
- [Town of Medford Evacuated Due to Gas Leak](#)



Grant County and Medford officials issued a voluntary evacuation advisory for the town Thursday afternoon, due to a continuing leak of saltwater brine and propane vapors at the ONEOK Hydrocarbon plant south of Medford. ONEOK and emergency management officials had declared propane vapor levels in the air to be safe earlier in the day, but by early afternoon town officials, citing concerns over the flammability of the propane vapors, urged residents to evacuate a five-mile radius. Megan Washbourne, ONEOK manager of corporate communications, said two hours after the evacuation advisory the company still felt propane vapors were at safe levels. "We still don't believe an evacuation is necessary from a safety perspective,"

Washbourne said. "Propane vapor levels are still at a very low level in the air, and we don't feel it is a risk to the residents." She said any threat from the propane vapors would be due to their flammability, adding "the concentration level of propane vapors is not even close to the threshold where they would be an issue." Grant County Emergency Management Director Max Hess concurred with Washbourne's assessment of propane vapor concentrations Thursday, but said the voluntary evacuation advisory was put in place because "with the winds shifting we knew things could change pretty fast." "The gases weren't bad, and we were getting zero readings south of town, so that was really good," Hess said. "But, we went ahead and issued the evacuation advisory just in case a pocket of propane would have built and up and found an ignition source — it could blow up, and to be cautious we went ahead and issued the advisory." Hess said there still were people on Medford's streets Thursday evening, more than five hours after the advisory was issued. "A lot of the people I've seen leaving were headed to relatives' places out of town, but there's still activity in town and people driving around," he said. Hess said plans were in place in case a mandatory evacuation becomes necessary, but there were no indications Thursday night that would be the case. Hess said winds were expected to shift out of the northwest overnight, which would blow the vapors away from Medford. Nonetheless, at least a few Medford residents opted to heed the recommended evacuation advisory. Rusty Surette, Red Cross of Central and Western Oklahoma spokesman, said two Medford residents had evacuated to a Red Cross shelter at the old Wakita school building Thursday evening. Surette urged anyone seeking shelter with Red Cross in Wakita to bring clothing, medicine and personal hygiene items, sufficient to last for at least two days "just in case that's necessary." He advised the Red Cross shelter is not accepting pets, and urged evacuating residents to place their animals with friends or relatives elsewhere. Garfield County Health Department Director Pat Fowler said 28 nursing home residents had been evacuated from Servant Living Center in Medford. He said 13 were relocated to Community Health Center in Wakita, and 15 went to Hillcrest Manor in Blackwell. Fowler said he and his staff were standing by to assist Grant County Health Department if needed. Grant County



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Sheriff's Office said inmates in the Grant County Jail had been transferred to Kay County. It was unclear exactly how many of Medford's approximately 1,000 residents had voluntarily evacuated Thursday, or how long the evacuation advisory might remain in place. Medford Public Schools Superintendent Mickey Geurkink said classes will be canceled today, given the situation. Washbourne said the affected wellhead at the ONEOK Hydrocarbon facility still was leaking Thursday evening. The ONEOK Hydrocarbon facility stores propane and other natural gas liquids after they have been separated from natural gas at ONEOK's nearby fractionation facility. Washbourne said ONEOK Hydrocarbon can store up to 200,000 barrels of natural gas liquids. Of that total capacity, 20,000 barrels are stored in underground wells like the one that ruptured Tuesday. She said crews from Boots and Coots Well Pressure Control, a division of Halliburton, and PB Energy Storage Services, of Houston, had been called in to help cap the ruptured well. But, she said, no timetable yet was available for when the leak might be brought under control. "We're working to secure the well, and we believe we have all the resources we need here to take care of the situation," Washbourne said. While the wellhead still is spewing propane vapors into the air, health officials advise propane doesn't pose a likely direct health risk to nearby residents. "Propane, in and of itself, actually is pretty low on the scale as far as toxicity is concerned," said Scott Schaeffer, managing director of Oklahoma Poison Control Center. He said propane will displace oxygen, but it will not cross from the lungs into the blood stream. "It's not a gas that gets into the blood stream, but in an area with an extremely high concentration of propane it is possible a person could asphyxiate," Schaeffer said. He said that's not a likely threat, given the distance from the ONEOK well to residents in Medford. "I don't in any way mean to minimize the fact there's an evacuation advisory," Schaeffer said, "but in an open area where propane is not being contained, I wouldn't anticipate a significant problem with inhaling it because it wouldn't reach a high enough concentration to displace the oxygen in your lungs." Erin Hatfield, Department of Environmental Quality public information officer, offered a similar outlook on possible health risks associated with propane vapors coming from ONEOK Hydrocarbon. "It's pretty flat in the Medford area and there's a decent amount of wind, so the propane is dissipating into the air," Hatfield said. "The only problem from an air quality standpoint would come if you were in a confined space where that propane could build up ... but that doesn't seem to be the case here." From an environmental standpoint, Hatfield said the saltwater brine that still is leaking may be the bigger long-term issue. She said if runoff from the saltwater brine reaches nearby creeks, it could cause a fish-kill. As for water quality impact, Hatfield said there are no public water intakes from nearby creeks, but the saltwater brine's potential impact on groundwater still is being evaluated. U.S. 81 remains closed to through traffic between Medford and Pond Creek, and is closed to all traffic for one quarter mile adjacent to the ONEOK Hydrocarbon facility. The highway was closed at 9 p.m. Tuesday after the leak was detected. Washbourne said ONEOK intends to keep the highway closed "as a precaution" until the wellhead is capped. No timetable was available on when that might take place.

Related Links

- [3/1/2012: US 81 At Medford Remains Closed Due To Gas Leak](#)
- [2/29/2012: Propane Leak Forces Evacuation Of ONEOK Plant Near Medford](#)
- [2/29/2012: Gas Leak Threatens Northern Oklahoma Town](#)

<http://enidnews.com/localnews/x579800231/Evacuation-Concerns-over-flammability-of-propane-vapors-spur-Medford-officials-to-issue-voluntary-advisory>

USA, CA, MENLO PARK, MARCH 2 2012. STATE FINES MENLO PARK LAB AFTER FATAL EXPLOSION >> MEMBRANE TECHNOLOGY & RESEARCH FACES SEVEN CITATIONS, PENALTIES

sandy brundage

Membrane Technology & Research in Menlo Park faces seven citations and \$55,850 in penalties as a result of a state investigation into the Sept. 2 laboratory explosion that killed a 56-year-old scientist. Adrian Martin reportedly was adding methane to a tank containing methane, nitrogen, helium and butane when the pressurized cylinder exploded, blowing the scientist 15 feet into an adjoining laboratory and killing him. A woman standing near the door of the lab was thrown clear and survived with a damaged eardrum. The California Occupational Health and Safety Association (Cal-OSHA) inquiry found that pressure in the cylinder, which was rated for 300 psi, reached nearly triple that level. The attached pressure relief valve was set to vent only after pressure reached 3,360 psi, about 10 times as high as the cylinder could safely contain. The seven citations include six labeled as "serious." One cites the lab for failing or neglecting to do everything reasonably necessary to protect the life and safety of its employees, in this case, not noting that the tank was only rated for 300 psi. Other citations penalize the lab for not identifying hazards, lack of training, setting a pressure relief valve to the wrong level, storing other



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gases in tanks labeled for propane, and failing to check that all equipment was operated within safe parameters. All seven fines add up to \$55,850. According to Cal-OSHA spokesperson Erika Monterroza, the lab has 15 business days from Feb. 24, the date the citations were issued, to appeal. Representatives from Membrane Technology, located at 1360 Willow Road, were not immediately available for comment. The lab had no previous record of safety violations. Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics showed that none of the 28 scientists killed at work in 2010 died due to explosions or chemicals. Mr. Martin left behind a wife, Livia, and a 17-year-old daughter.

http://www.almanacnews.com/news/show_story.php?id=10744

CHINA, BEIJING, MARCH 2 2012. CHINA HAS EMERGENCY OIL TANKS AT SHANSHAN, JINTAN, OGP SAYS

China is setting up emergency oil- storage facilities at Shanshan in western China, Jintan and Zhoushan in the east and Huizhou in the south, according to China Oil, Gas & Petrochemicals. The four centers are part of the second phase of the country's strategic petroleum reserves program, which is expected to bring national crude-storage capacity to 270 million barrels when construction of all tanks is completed at the end of the year, according to the e-mailed newsletter by the official Xinhua News Agency. China, which [relies on imports](#) for more than half its crude demand, plans to bolster [energy security](#) and reduce the impact of global oil-price fluctuations by accumulating emergency supplies in a three-phase program. The four bases are part of a list of eight that OGP wrote will make up the second-phase development. The other four have been reported by the government and state oil companies. Shanshan in the western Xinjiang province is being built by China National Petroleum Corp. and will have a capacity of 8 million cubic meters, or 50.4 million barrels, OGP reported. The facility, which was started up at end-2008, may be filled with oil from [Kazakhstan](#), according to the newsletter. Jintan in the eastern Jiangsu province is an underground facility that can hold 3 million cubic meters of oil, OGP reported. CNPC is building and will operate the site, according to the newsletter.

High-Sulfur Crude

The Zhoushan project in the eastern Zhejiang province is a 2.5 million cubic-meter expansion of an existing 5 million cubic-meter facility in the first-phase program built by [Sinochem Group](#), according to the report. The Huizhou facility is able to store 5 million cubic meters of crude, possibly from the [Middle East](#) and [Africa](#), in natural underground caves, OGP published. China National Offshore Oil Corp. is the builder and operator of the base, the newsletter reported. China started buying higher-sulfur crude to bolster its emergency oil reserves, China Business Journal reported on Feb. 25, citing people involved in the purchase that it didn't name. All the tanks in the second phase are able to store higher- sulfur crude, according to the newspaper. The other bases in the second phase are at Dushanzi in Xinjiang, Lanzhou in Gansu, Jinzhou in Liaoning and Tianjin municipality, according to government and oil-company reports. China's third-phase crude-reserves program may be completed by 2020 and will raise total capacity for state inventories to 500 million barrels, OGP reported. The nation finished filling the four bases in the initial phase in 2009 with about 103 million barrels of oil.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-03-01/china-has-emergency-oil-tanks-at-shanshan-jintan-ogp-says-1-.html>

PHILIPPINES, ZAMBOANGA CITY, BARANGAY AYALA, MARCH 2 2012. ZAMBO GAS LEAK FROM ICE PLANT DOWNS OVER 90 PEOPLE

A leak of ammonium nitrate from one of the pipes in an ice plant and storage facility at barangay Ayala some 20 kilometers west of the city proper downed more than 90 residents including women and children early Wednesday night. The leak of ammonium nitrate gas occurred at 9:50 to 10:30 p.m. and by 11 p.m., there was an exodus from the community to other uncontaminated areas in the village. City Councilor Cesar Jimenez Jr. who lives in the vicinity said the gas leak victims complained of difficulty in breathing, nausea, vomiting, skin rashes and eye irritations. Most of them were rushed to a nearby community hospital, but since these hospital lacked equipment they were rushed to hospitals in the city proper. Jimenez said it was hard to keep track of the victims considering their number, although the not so serious ones opted to spend the night at the Ayala Gymnasium as authorities barred them from returning to their homes. Some other officials could not be reached for comment regarding the leakage of ammonium nitrate from the ice plant. Most of those affected are workers in a factory and residents of nearby vicinities particularly those staying at at Zone 8-Calye Fatima. This community is one of the most populated areas in Barangay Ayala and near the plant. According to Jimenez, the management of the plant started to operate the facility with a general cleaning of the machines and the pipes. In the process, something hit one of the pipes, causing it to explode, thus the gas leak that spread within the plant and to nearby areas especially Zone 8-Calye Fatima. Firemen under City Fire Marshal Fire Superintendent Dominador Zabala supervised the spraying of water at the ice plant and cold storage



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facility to help dilute the gas and cause it to dissipate into thin air. City officials headed by Mayor Celso L. Lobregat and other concerned government agencies rushed to the area and provided assistance to the victims. Ayala Barangay Chairman Dide Librero also provided water and foodstuff to those who sought shelter at the gymnasium. Jimenez said that the victims have started returning to their homes Thursday morning as the smell and gas had already dissipated.

Related Links

- [Ammonia leak from ice plant downs 100 in Zamboanga City](#)
- [Zambo mayor orders probe of ice plant mishap \(update\)](#)

<http://www.zambotimes.com/archives/44233-Zambo-gas-leak-from-ice-plant-downs-over-90-people.html>

AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, NORTHAM, MARCH 2 2012. TRUCK DRIVER TRANSPORTING AMMONIUM NITRATE. CAUGHT 48KM/H OVER SPEED LIMIT

phoebe wearne

A 55-year-old truck driver had his semitrailer seized yesterday after he was clocked travelling 48km/h over the speed limit near Northam. Police will allege the man was carrying a load of ammonium nitrate to Kalgoorlie about 5.05pm when police measured his speed to be 88km/h in a 40km/h zone. The man, who owned the vehicle, was about 5km out of Northam on Great Eastern Highway when he was pulled over. The trailers containing ammonium nitrate were handed over to the relevant haulage company.

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/breaking/13072882/truck-driver-caught-48km-h-over-speed-limit/>

USA, CA, CARMICHAEL, MARCH 3 2012. DEPUTIES SAY SUSPECT USED ELABORATE SYSTEM TO SIPHON GAS FROM UNDERGROUND TANK

Watch the Video [Pump inside the Van Siphoning Gasoline into a Large Plastic Tan](#)



A green hose can be seen leading from a plastic tank inside a van into an underground gas tank at a Carmichael gas station.

Sacramento County Sheriff's deputies have arrested a man they say was using an elaborate system to steal gas directly from an underground tank at a Carmichael gas station. Deputies were responding to another call at an apartment complex in the area of Winding Way and Hackberry Lane overnight when they noticed a white van parked at the gas station with its lights off. When deputies approached, a man ran from the van which was parked directly over an underground tank at the station. A green hose had been lowered into the tank. A pump inside the van was siphoning gasoline into a large plastic tank inside the van. Deputies were able to track down the suspect and arrest him. With gas prices skyrocketing, deputies say we will

most likely see more of this type of crime. "These type of vehicles go around and doing this at different gas stations. They park over the top of it so it looks like nothing is going on but they add a tube that would come directly out of the vehicles," explained a Sacramento County Sheriff's deputy at the scene. It's unclear exactly how much gas was taken, but it's estimated the tank in the van could hold 200 or 300 gallons of gas. The suspect could face grand theft charges.

<http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2012/03/02/deputies-say-suspect-used-elaborate-system-to-syphon-gas-from-underground-tank/>

USA, AKA, PRUDHOE BAY, MARCH 3 2012. FIRE HITS BP ALASKA FACILITY

BP has started restoring output at a 77,000 barrel per day oil gathering centre at a key Prudhoe Bay oilfield, after shutting it in on Wednesday due to a fire. The supermajor confirmed reports of the fire at Gathering Centre 2, saying employees at the facility saw a flame and heard a noise at one of two low-pressure gas-handling buildings at about 10.30 a.m. local time on Wednesday. A spokesman for BP Exploration Alaska told Reuters in an email that no one was in the building at the time and there were no injuries incurred from the fire, which had since extinguished itself. There was no spillage of oil and little to no damage, BP said, but a full inspection of the incident was underway with the plant being shut down as a precaution. While the company said the affect on production was as yet undetermined, Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission member



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Cathy Foester told Reuters the shutdown appeared to have caused the state's output to decline by 55,000 barrels per day to 564,699 bpd. Normal flow through the gathering centre – one of about a dozen plants across the North Slope that process oil for shipment down the Trans Alaska Pipeline – is 77,000 bpd. A spokeswoman for Trans Alaska pipeline operator Alyeska Pipeline Service told Reuters throughput appeared to be returning to normal. But this was disputed by Kyle Smith, a policy and legislative adviser at the Alaska Division of Oil and Gas, who said production was not yet back to normal. "They're bringing the equipment and the plant and the wells back on slowly," he said. Smith said BP had told state officials it hopes to be back up to normal levels at GC-2 by Friday or Saturday.

<http://www.upstreamonline.com/live/article306238.ece>

USA, OH, FAIRFIELD CO, MARCH 3 2012. TRAIN DERAILS, SPILLING UP TO 1,500 GALLONS OF FUEL IN LANCASTER

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Fire officials say hundreds of gallons of diesel fuel spilled into a railroad bed when a train engine hit a derailer and went off a track in Fairfield County. The officials said a fuel tank was gashed in the accident yesterday morning in Lancaster. They estimated that between 900 and 1,500 gallons of fuel spilled. Fire Chief Dave Ward said derailleurs were installed to protect crews doing work on a nearby bridge, but the train engineer didn't see warning flags because the sun was in his eyes. Cleanup teams were working to contain the fuel and keep it from spreading to the nearby Hocking River and a retention pond. No injuries were reported.

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2012/03/02/train-derails-spilling-up-to-1500-gallons-of-fuel.html>

USA, MN, DULUTH, MARCH 3 2012. 106-YEAR-OLD BARGE SINKS IN DULUTH HARBOR >> WORKERS ARE TRYING TO SALVAGE A 1,000-GALLON PROPANE TANK FROM A 120-FOOT-LONG BARGE THAT SANK IN A DULUTH HARBOR SLIP EARLY THURSDAY.

steve kuchera



A barge owned by Duluth Timber Co. is partially submerged in its slip south of Railroad Street on Thursday morning. Only the top superstructure remains above water.

Workers are trying to salvage a 1,000-gallon propane tank from a 120-foot-long barge that sank in a Duluth harbor slip early Thursday. The tank is nearly full, said Petty Officer First Class Lauren Jorgensen, U.S. Coast Guard 9th District spokeswoman. "Right now, the Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit is working with the owner and salvage companies to get the propane tank off the barge," she said. "That is what they are focusing on now." The 106-year-old barge will have to be removed if it is a hazard to navigation, negatively affects the harbor in some way or if it will cause pollution, Jorgensen said. "At

first look it doesn't appear that the barge will meet any of those criteria," she said. "The Marine Safety Office did mention that the owner told them that they plan to remove it." The barge is owned by Duluth Timber Co., according to the Coast Guard. Company owner Max Taubert did not immediately return calls seeking comment. The Coast Guard doesn't know why the barge sank. The Duluth Fire Department was called to the barge, located in the slip south of Railroad Street, shortly before 3 a.m. "We got called down there to see if we could help him," Duluth Assistant Fire Chief Erik Simonson said. "We just have small pumps for that type of thing and it couldn't keep up with the water, so the barge sank." "Now there is a tug and a barge at the bottom of the slip," he said, referring to the tugboat Essayons. The 85-foot-long Essayons sank nearby in about 20 feet of water on March 23, 2009, with only its smokestack and part of its cabin protruding from the harbor. A business partner of owner Hobart Finn theorized at the time that a strong northeaster and ice may have sunk the tug. Finn declined to talk about the Essayons on Thursday. The Essayons was built in Muskegon, Mich., in 1906 for the Army Corps of Engineers. Finn bought the boat from Zenith Dredge in 1994 and planned to convert it into a bed and breakfast. But his plans were set back by



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vandals. In 1997, the tug sustained \$10,000 to \$15,000 in damage at the hands of three 11- to 12-year-old vandals who lit several fires aboard the boat, spray-painted the interior and broke windows. In 2004, a second vandal attack caused about \$10,000 in damage. In 2007, the vessel survived a fire at Finn's neighboring business — True North Cedar, a manufacturer of cedar shakes and other building materials.

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USA, N.D, BISMARCK, MARCH 3 2012. SPILLS IN OIL PATCH >> STATE INSPECTORS KEEP TABS ON SPILLS

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A truck carrying chemical for fracking went out of control on an icy road in the Mandaree area Jan. 2, spilling about 50 gallons of the fluid. As of Feb. 15, there's been 147 spills in the western North Dakota oil patch.

The oil patch in North Dakota has had 147 spills so far this year. State officials inspect the spills. Mark Bohrer, UIC manager/ spill and statistical coordinator for the North Dakota Oil and Gas Division, said, as of Feb. 15, those 147 spills have ranged from pipeline, pump, tank and treater leaks to truck overflows. He said most of the spills fall into those categories. The N.D. Oil and Gas Division is a division of the N.D. Department of Mineral Resources. The division regulates the drilling and production of oil and gas in the state. Bohrer said the vast majority of spills are cleaned up right away, although some may take a little longer depending on if the spill stays on location. If they're off location, he said that can be trickier, but all are cleaned up. The operator is responsible for the cleanup, whether they hire someone for the work or do it themselves, he said. Last year there were roughly 1,100 spills in the oil field, Bohrer said. "We look at all the spills," Bohrer said. He said those include spills on the Fort Berthold Reservation. Within about 10 days in January, two spills occurred on the reservation. Cliff Whitman, New Town, director of Homeland Security and emergency services for the Three Affiliated Tribes, said about 1,000 gallons of crude oil spilled on the east side of New Town when the crude was being transferred from a truck to a rail car. The spill happened Jan. 11. On Jan. 2, a truck carrying a chemical used for fracking went out of control on an icy stretch of Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 14 in the Mandaree area. Whitman said 50 gallons of the fluid spilled. Whitman said both spills have been cleaned up. Inspecting spills is a cooperative effort between the N.D. Oil and Gas Division and the N.D. Health Department. Currently, there are six field inspectors each in Minot and Williston offices, and seven in the Dickinson field office, said Alison Ritter, Bismarck, public information officer for the N.D. Department of Mineral Resources. There's also a reclamation specialist who is a former field inspector in the Bismarck office. During the 2011-2013 biennium, 17 new positions, including a number of field inspectors, were allocated for the N.D. Department of Mineral Resources, Ritter said. During the 2009-2011 biennium, 56 new positions were allocated for that department, she said.

<http://www.minotdailynews.com/page/content.detail/id/563575/Spills-in-oil-patch.html?nav=5010>

SCOTLAND, FIFE, MARCH 3 2012. EXXONMOBIL FINED 'RECORD' £2.8M OVER CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS

[Thanks to[Stephen Asbury](#)]



ExxonMobil said it regretted the errors which were reported as soon as they were identified.

Energy giant ExxonMobil was fined £2.8m for failing to report carbon dioxide emissions from its Mossmorran chemical plant in Fife, it has emerged. The Scottish Environment Protection Agency said there had been no direct environmental impact. The fine, believed to be the biggest ever in the UK, dates to 2010 but the details have only just been published. ExxonMobil said it regretted the errors, which were reported as soon as they were identified. In its 2008 report to Sepa the company failed to account for 33,000 tonnes



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of carbon dioxide from its ethylene plant in Mosmorran and Sepa issued the fine in 2010. Details only came to light in a [report published by Sepa last week](#). The agency said the penalty was a mandatory consequence of breaching the EU emissions trading scheme. A spokesman for ExxonMobil, which describes itself as the world's largest publicly traded international oil and gas company, said the inaccuracies were identified by the company's internal systems and were immediately reported to the regulator. He said: "In the past two years ExxonMobil Chemical Limited has made significant investments at Fife to reduce NOx and CO2 emissions. "ExxonMobil regrets the errors relating to the reporting of greenhouse gas emissions under the European Union Emissions Trading System. "ExxonMobil believes that the risks posed by rising greenhouse gas emissions to society are serious enough to warrant action - by individuals, by businesses and society."

'Big Message'

Firms found to have misreported their greenhouse gas emissions can be fined 100 euros or £83 for every tonne they miss. The money has been passed to the Scottish government to fund a series of environmental projects. A Scottish government spokesman said: "Ministers accept that there was no intention to mislead and it was a genuine error. There are mandatory penalties in such cases and Sepa has done its job in applying them." Sepa said the fine was a civil penalty and it was not required to carry out an investigation or report the matter to the procurator fiscal. WWF Scotland's director Richard Dixon said: "You would assume that Exxon are now very careful to report the right data but this massive fine is a big message to others to get it right."

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USA, MT, HELENA, MARCH 4 2012. CUSTOMERS RARELY SHORTED AT THE GAS PUMP

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Don Reimer, weights and measures inspector, tests the accuracy of a gas pump at Bob's Valley Market Thursday afternoon.

As fuel prices go up, motorists want to make sure they're getting every drop of gasoline or diesel that they pay for. But inspectors with the Montana Weights and Measures Bureau say they're getting at least that. "In general, the consumers are actually getting more fuel than getting shorted," said Tim Lloyd, chief of the Weights and Measures Bureau. That's because as a gas pump's measuring equipment wears, it usually doesn't measure quite all of the fuel and gives consumers a bit more. And that's why station owners want the testing, with some testing their pumps more often than the state requires. "They don't want to give fuel away, either," Lloyd said Thursday afternoon as Don Reimer, weights and measures inspector for the state, tested pumps at Bob's Valley Market on Lincoln Road in Helena. The stations are allowed a variance of six cubic inches in the five-gallon sample inspectors measure.

That's about half of 1 percent. If the pumps are off by more than that -- and about 2 to 3 percent of those tested will be -- the station has to get the pump serviced. That usually takes care of the problem, Lloyd said. A bag placed on top of a pump could mean that it's closed until the correction is made. At Bob's, Reimer pulled a trailer containing measuring tanks alongside the pumps and filled them up, with dials showing any variations. After measuring about a dozen pumps, his data showed all of them in compliance, with most a few notches in favor of the consumer. Lloyd said the state received about 50 complaints last year related to fuel measurements. The bureau checks them out, but has yet to find a case of deliberate manipulation by a station owner. But that's happened in other states, he said. A small plastic seal, attached inside the pump, lets inspectors know no adjustments have been made since they last measured. This year, the pace of complaints has picked up, probably thanks to rising fuel prices, Lloyd said. The most common complaint comes from people filling plastic five-gallon gas



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containers. But Lloyd said those containers are often not accurately marked. The same applies to people who say they're able to put more gasoline into their tanks than their owner's manuals say should fit; automobile gas tanks also are not carefully calibrated, he said.

Precise Devices

But the state's measuring devices are measured against laboratory-standard devices held by the bureau, which in turn are calibrated against devices that conform to a still higher standard. The bureau measured about 85 percent of the state's pumps in the past year and also measures scales at supermarket checkout counters, delis and hardware store as well as in oil refineries, along pipelines, on ranches (more than 1,200 stock scales statewide) and at truck stops. That's more than 23,000 scales in all. Trustworthy scales are an important part of commerce, say state officials. The first weights and measures law in the nation dates from the administration of John Quincy Adams, who served as president beginning in 1824. Montana gas prices not that high yet AAA MountainWest Thursday reported the average price of a gallon of regular, unleaded gasoline in the state was \$3.28, up 11 cents from last week. Still, that's the third-lowest fuel cost in the nation, AAA said. It's 50 cents below the 2011 high of \$3.78 and nearly a dollar below the all-time high of \$4.20 in July 2008. A year ago, the average price was \$3.07. "I wouldn't get too worried about \$5 gas prices yet," said spokeswoman Tara Hanley. Montana drivers, she said, typically do not make major changes in driving habits until the fuel price nears \$4 per gallon, because most people have few alternatives to driving. She said Montana refineries have access to inland, landlocked crude oil that is not as influenced by global fuel markets, keeping prices relatively low.

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/customers-rarely-shorter-at-the-gas-pump/article_3849a455-6151-515e-ae6a-2d65351736b4.html

USA, FLA, DAYTONA BEACH, MARCH 3 2012. NASCAR JET DRYER OPERATORS TO WEAR FIRESUITS, HELMETS AT PIR >> SLIDES OUT OF CONTROL INTO A TRUCK, HOLDING 200 GALLONS OF JET KEROSENE.

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Juan Pablo Montoya's fiery crash in the Daytona 500 has prompted jet dryer operators to wear firesuits and helmets this weekend at Phoenix... Jet dryer operators will wear firesuits and helmets this weekend at Phoenix International Raceway as part of a safety move following Juan Pablo Montoya's fiery crash in the Daytona 500. Montoya's car spun and he crashed into a jet dryer during a caution period in Monday night's season-opening NASCAR Sprint Cup race. Neither Montoya nor Duane Barnes, the jet dryer operator, were injured, but the impact caused a huge fireball as approximately 200 gallons of jet fuel spilled onto the track. The jet dryer belonged to Michigan International Speedway, and Barnes was not wearing a firesuit or a helmet. PIR spokesman David Lockett confirmed that its jet dryer operators would be outfitted with the safety gear this weekend. Texas Motor Speedway President Eddie Gossage said his track will take action as well. Jet

dryer operators, whose job entails blowing debris from the track following wrecks as well as drying the racing surface, do not wear firesuits because they typically are not around fires. "My guys will [wear them] because, if nothing else, I like them and they're good guys," Gossage said. "I want firesuits and helmets for those guys. I want at least four-point [seat-belt] harnesses. I want to look at roll bars. I want to look at the right kind of fire extinguishers in the truck. "To me the amazing miracle is the guy didn't die from the collision alone." Barnes was transported to a Daytona Beach hospital for observation after the accident, but because of the 2-hour delay to fix the track, was back in time to watch the end of the race. Barnes has been unavailable for interviews but released a statement through MIS this week: "I appreciate everyone for taking the time to write, call and ask how I am. I am OK and I am amazed at how many people have wished me well. I am also glad Juan Pablo Montoya is OK, and thank him for his concern."

<http://nascar.speedtv.com/article/cup-nascar-jet-dryer-operators-to-wear-firesuits-helmets-at-pir/>



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SINGAPORE, MARCH 3 2012. NNSA TRAINS EMERGENCY RESPONDERS IN SINGAPORE ON RADIOLOGICAL CONTAMINATION RESPONSE

mark rockwell



Singapore.

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) recently trained emergency responders in Singapore on radiological contamination and accident casualties. The agency, which is tasked with securing the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile, also works internationally to reduce the dangers of weapons of mass destruction. The training program in Singapore, it said on March 1, was aimed at further developing that southeast Asian city-state's strategic crisis response capabilities. "The training in Singapore is another example of NNSA's commitment to work with foreign governments in improving emergency preparedness and response programs," said NNSA's Associate Administrator for Emergency Operations Joseph Krol. The workshop in Singapore trained 111 physicians, nurses, hospital administrators and emergency personnel to respond to and treat radiation casualties, said NNSA. Since radioactive materials or radiation generating devices are used in construction, medicine and industry in ever-increasing

applications, NNSA said it is imperative that the medical community is able to appropriately respond to potential accidents involving ionizing radiation. The training also prepares the medical response community to effectively respond to radiological terrorism, it added. NNSA conducts training courses around the world through its Office of Emergency Operation's Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/Training Site (REAC/TS). REAC/TS is tasked with medical management of radiation incidents and accidents. Since its inception, REAC/TS has responded to more than 2,450 calls for assistance and many more calls for information related to the medical management of radiation events, said the agency. NNSA's Office of Emergency Operations currently collaborates with more than 80 foreign governments and 10 international organizations with projects ranging from providing assistance to foreign governments in improving their emergency preparedness and response programs, to joint collaborative activities to improve emergency management infrastructure worldwide.

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USA, MI, TAYLOR, MARCH 3 2012. 20-YEAR-OLD TAYLOR MAN DEAD AFTER GASOLINE EXPLOSION INSIDE GARAGE >> BROTHER, 17, AND FEMALE FRIEND, 19, INJURED >>

bill gallagher

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An explosion and fire destroyed a garage, taking the life of 20-year-old Dustin McCloud, Junior, a car enthusiast. Injured were his 17-year-old brother, Frank, and a 19-year-old female friend. "He worked on cars ... and had a wood burning stove," said the victim's father. "From what I [saw], the fumes gathered on the floor and it blew up." "The smoke overhead erupted and I couldn't see anybody, but my two kids [came] out of the garage and they were on fire. So, all I could think of was putting them out, but I couldn't tell who they were at the time." It happened Wednesday night and the gasoline and its vapors caused the explosion and fire. "My son told me that the fire went out and he poured a little on it and he set the can down and he was going to light it and apparently, I guess, the fumes from the can, they just flash ignited because I heard a loud explosion," the father explained. Gasoline should never be used or near open fires. "Gasoline's a very volatile chemical. It's very dangerous to deal with," said Taylor Fire Chief Robert Tompos. "There's one purpose for gasoline and it's to use in an internal combustion engine because it's in the engine and it's contained that way. It's not to be used as an accelerant for any other use other than to run an engine." The explosion rocked the neighborhood and caused considerable damage to the garage next door. The victim's father said he had problems getting 911 with his cell phone and he wondered about the closing of a nearby fire hall and other cuts in the fire department. "Why do we have these services if it really isn't going to do any good and it's just only going protect further damage to property, but who cares about property when somebody could be trapped," he said. Taylor has cut fire responders from 54 to 24 in one year. The fire chief said the response time to the fire was eight minutes. "At one time, that would've been three minutes because there was a station a mile and a half from that location, and that extra five minutes meant that could double ten times," he remarked.

<http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/dpp/news/local/explosion-in-taylor-home-garage-kills-1,-injures-2-20120229>



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USA, LA, NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 4 2012. GULF OIL SPILL SETTLEMENT REACHED; BP EXPECTED TO PAY OUT \$7.8 BILLION

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Plaquemines Parish Coastal Zone Management Director P.J. Hahn grabs a heavily oiled bird that resembled a heron but was difficult to identify because of the coloring of the oil from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill near Cat Island, Barataria Bay, Louisiana Saturday June 26, 2010

BP and the private plaintiffs in the massive [Gulf oil spill litigation](#) have reached a settlement that BP estimates will cost \$7.8 billion. But that is an uncapped amount, and the court still must supervise the payment of damages. U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier also issued an order delaying the trial for a second time in light of the settlement. In a statement released late Friday, BP said its settlement with private individual and business claimants includes \$2.3 billion specifically for Gulf seafood industry claimants. An uncapped settlement means a new claims administrator, similar to Kenneth Feinberg who handled claims out of court for the last year and a half, will have to determine payments. But BP put out a statement that emphasized the certainty of the payment amount and that it would not exceed what BP has long reported it had set aside to pay such claims. Stephen Herman and

James Roy, leads for the plaintiffs steering committee, said the process would be transparent and will address economic loss claims, loss of subsistence claims and, in a separate agreement that breaks significant new ground, compensation for medical claims and payment for periodic medical care over the next 21 years. "This settlement will provide a full measure of compensation to hundreds of thousands -- in a transparent and expeditious manner under rigorous judicial oversight," Herman and Roy said in a statement. "It does the greatest amount of good for the greatest number of people." But there are hundreds of private claimants whose lawyers were not part of the steering committee and may decide to opt out of the settlement. Herman and Roy contended that the court-monitored payment of claims would generally be more generous than Feinberg has been in paying 221,000 individuals and businesses a total of about \$6 billion out of court. The plaintiffs said their negotiated payment process would employ a risk multiplier and would let claimants choose the time frames for measuring their losses. The plaintiffs attorneys said there would be a transition period in which Feinberg's Gulf Coast Claims Facility would finish some pending claims and transfer others to New Orleans, with court claimants having the right to take a portion of what Feinberg has offered them while still being able to collect under the new settlement terms. The plaintiffs also touted the settlement for claimants who say that the oil and chemical dispersants caused major health issues. Government agents have not been able to confirm the connection between reported skin and respiratory illnesses and the spill, and, therefore, Feinberg declined to accept those claims. The plaintiffs' statement Friday suggested the burden of proof for those who worked on boats cleaning up the oil for BP would be particularly low under the terms of the settlement. "At one end of the spectrum, cleanup workers can submit a claim with a declaration under penalty of perjury describing the conditions or symptoms after exposure even if they did not seek medical treatment at the time of exposure," the plaintiffs said. "At the other end, residents and workers who suffer chronic symptoms or conditions from exposure will be required to submit medical records from the time of exposure and for ongoing medical care." Magistrate Judge Sally Shushan reported the agreement after moderating talks this week, although specific terms have not been released. Barbier had already delayed the start of the trial from Monday until this coming Monday, March 5, but now says another delay will be necessary. Claims by government plaintiffs and others remain against BP, and there are also thousands of claims for damages against BP's contractors on the Deepwater Horizon rig, which exploded April 20, 2010, killing 11 men and setting off the [worst accidental offshore oil spill in history](#). Wyn Hornbuckle, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Justice, said government negotiators remain open to a settlement, too, but are also prepared for trial. "We are hopeful that the resolution of the private plaintiffs' lawsuit will provide swift and sure compensation to those harmed by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill," he said. "With regard to the United States' outstanding claims, and as Attorney General Holder recently testified before Congress, the United States is prepared to hold the responsible parties accountable for the damage suffered in the Gulf region. The United States will continue to work closely with all five Gulf states



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to ensure that any resolution of the federal law enforcement and damage claims, including natural resources damages, arising out of this unprecedented environmental disaster is just, fair and restores the Gulf for the benefit of the people of the Gulf states." Garret Graves, the state of Louisiana's trustee for the its environmental damage claims, welcomed the settlement between BP and private plaintiffs, but also made it clear that the government claims are still ready for trial. "It is pretty clear that BP feels that they are above the law and the Coast Guard is still looking for it," Graves said. "We are looking forward to an expedited trial plan to fast track justice and recovery. "We have been preparing for trial for over 18 months and are very anxious to get into court as soon as possible on the remaining matters before the court," Graves added. "This would include confirming the obvious gross negligence determination, any criminal issues resulting from the investigation, and tens of billions of dollars in natural resources and Clean Water Act fines reinvested in our coast and the Gulf -- it is the only way we will have a long term recovery from one of the nation's worst environmental disasters." Barbier's order said terms of the proposed settlement will be submitted to the court for approval. No new date was immediately set. The judge said the settlement will require substantial changes to the current trial plan but he didn't elaborate. The rig owner, Transocean Ltd., said it remains prepared for trial. "Delays or deals made by other players do not change the facts of this case and we are fully prepared to argue the merits of our case based on those facts," company spokesman Lou Colasuonno said. The Deepwater Horizon rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico about 50 miles off Venice, causing about 4.9 million barrels of oil to spew from an undersea well owned by BP. The rig, owned by Transocean Ltd., sank two days later. The leak a mile below the water's surface couldn't be plugged for 87 days, in spite of several attempts by BP and its contractors. The spill soiled sensitive tidal estuaries and beaches, killing wildlife and shutting vast areas of the Gulf to commercial fishing. Barbier was assigned to oversee nearly all of the federal claims spawned by the Deepwater Horizon rig explosion. The main targets of litigation resulting from the explosion and spill were BP, Transocean, cement contractor Halliburton Co. and Cameron International, maker of the well's failed blowout preventer. BP, the majority owner of the well that blew out, was leasing the rig from Transocean. The Justice Department sued some of the companies involved, seeking to recover billions of dollars for economic and environmental damage. The department opened a separate criminal investigation, but that probe hasn't resulted in any charges so far. Attorney General Eric Holder recently promised news on that front within a few months. The companies also sued each other, although some of those cases were settled last year. In one of the pending lawsuits, BP has sued Transocean for at least \$40 billion in damages. Trial preparations have produced a staggering 72 million pages of documents and included depositions of more than 300 witnesses. The trial also is designed to determine whether Transocean can limit what it pays those making claims under maritime law. A series of government investigations have spread blame for the disaster. In January 2011, a presidential commission found that the spill was caused by time-saving and money-saving decisions by BP, Halliburton and Transocean that created unacceptable risk. But the panel also concluded that the mistakes were the result of systemic problems, not necessarily the fault of any one individual. In September 2011, however, a team of Coast Guard officials and federal regulators issued a report that concluded BP bears ultimate responsibility for the spill. The report found BP violated federal regulations, ignored crucial warnings and made bad decisions during the cementing of the well a mile beneath the Gulf of Mexico. BP has repeatedly said it accepts some responsibility for the spill and will pay what it owes, while urging other companies to pay their share. BP established a \$20 billion claims fund to resolve claims, and BP says the current settlement will be paid out of that account. As of Thursday, Feinberg's Gulf Coast Claims Facility, a group run by administrator Kenneth Feinberg after he was selected by President Obama and BP, has paid out more than \$6 billion from the fund to more than 221,000 individuals and businesses. In addition, BP paid about \$1 billion to claimants before Feinberg took over the process in August 2010.

http://www.nola.com/news/gulf-oil-spill/index.ssf/2012/03/bp_plaintiffs_reach_settlement.html

CANADA, B.C, HARTLEY BAY, MARCH 4 2012. ENBRIDGE PIPELINE: FIRST NATION SAYS AN OIL SPILL IS INEVITABLE AND WOULD WIPE-OUT THEIR FOOD SUPPLY AND WAY OF LIFE

Gitga'at Nation tells National Energy Board it's not a question of if there will be an oil spill, but when. The Gitga'at Nation of Hartley Bay says an oil spill is inevitable if the Enbridge Northern Gateway oil tankers and pipeline project is ever approved, and would wipe out their food supply and way of life, which depends heavily on traditional foods from the ocean. Hartley Bay is ground zero for the threat of an oil spill in BC's coastal waters. Located at the mouth of the Douglas Channel and the crossroads of the proposed North and South tanker routes, the community was the first on the scene when the Queen of the North ferry sank in 2006. Diesel from the wreckage continues to pollute shellfish beds in the area, and many residents see it as a warning about tankers. For their efforts saving passengers from the ferry, the Gitga'at received the Governor General's



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Commendation for Outstanding Service for "initiative, selflessness and an extraordinary commitment to the well-being of others." 40% of the Gitga'at diet is sourced directly from the ocean, and harvesting and sharing traditional food is at the core of who they are. NEB hearings begin this morning at 10am PST, but interviews with Gitga'at Chiefs are available throughout the day.

Powerful Visuals: High resolution b-roll and photos are available upon request.

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/enbridge-pipeline-first-nation-says-an-oil-spill-is-inevitable-and-would-wipe-out-their-food-supply-and-way-of-life-2012-03-02>

USA, TX, ARLINGTON, MARCH 4 2012. NO HAZMAT SPILL IN TRAIN DERAILMENT IN DOWNTOWN ARLINGTON

matt peterson

 **Photos [11]** [Train Derails in Downtown Arlington](#)

 **Watch the Video** [No Hazmat Spill](#)



Hazmat has been called to the scene of a train derailment near Arlington City Hall.

Update, 2:30 p.m:

A city spokeswoman says no hazardous materials leaked in this afternoon's derailment. Rebecca Rodriguez said hazmat crews were called out as a precaution after six freight cars derailed near City Hall about 12:45 p.m. "No injuries have been reported and no evacuations necessary," she said. Video from the scene showed a crumpled tanker car and a freight car perpendicular to the tracks that run between Main and Front streets.

Original Entry:

Hazardous materials crews are at the scene of a train derailment this afternoon in downtown Arlington. The derailment happened about 12:45 p.m. in the 100 block of South Mesquite Street, between Main and Front

streets, near City Hall. No injuries were reported, and it was unclear what caused the derailment. Up to 15 cars were off the tracks, and emergency personnel were trying to determine what was on board the train and whether there were any leaks, city spokeswoman Rebecca Rodriguez told WFAA-TV (Channel 8). Despite early reports of evacuations, Rodriguez said everyone was safe and no one had to leave City Hall or surrounding buildings. Two cars were off the tracks, and several others were jarred in the derailment.

<http://thescoopblog.dallasnews.com/archives/2012/02/hazmat-cleanup-follows-train-d.html>

USA, MT, HELENA, MARCH 4 2012. FINAL BILL PAID FOR YELLOWSTONE RIVER OIL SPILL

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The final bill is in for the cleanup of the Yellowstone River. ExxonMobil paid \$1,060,390 to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality after its oil pipeline burst and oil spilled into the river. "This document (Administrative Order on Consent or AOC) legally binds ExxonMobil Pipeline to conduct pollution monitoring, continued remediation and reclamation, and payment of penalties and costs to the state," said DEQ Director Richard Oppen. The total includes past state cleanup costs of \$760,390 and a cash penalty of \$300,000. There is an additional penalty of \$1.3 million worth of DEQ-approved supplemental environmental projects to be completed by ExxonMobil. The AOC also requires ExxonMobil to pay future state costs. An estimated 63,300 gallons of crude oil spilled into the Yellowstone River on July 1, 2011, when the company's Silvertip Pipeline broke near Laurel. The U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is still trying to determine exactly what caused the 12-inch pipeline to rupture.

<http://www.kaj18.com/news/final-bill-paid-for-yellowstone-river-oil-spill/>



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USA, ILL, NEW LENOX TWP, MARCH 5 2012. 'IT'S HORRIBLE, HORRIBLE, HORRIBLE': 2 DEAD IN OIL PIPELINE CRASH



Two people were killed and three others were critically injured when their vehicles struck an oil pipeline in New Lenox Township

Two cars crashed through a fence and into an oil pipeline in the southwest suburbs early Saturday — killing two men, critically injuring three others and setting off a fiery explosion and oil fire that burned for hours, officials said. The fire that erupted in New Lenox Township could be seen from at least a half-mile away and wasn't put out until 5 a.m., three hours after the explosion, and the pipeline wasn't capped for six hours. The situation was so hazardous that even by Saturday afternoon, coroner's officials had not been able to recover the bodies. "This is horrible, horrible, horrible," said New Lenox Police Chief Bob Sterba. The five men involved in the crash were all in their 20s and reside in New Lenox, Sterba said. One of those killed was identified as Zachary Orel, a Posen firefighter. He also has worked for Trace Ambulance in Tinley Park, the company confirmed Saturday. His relatives

declined to comment Saturday. It was not clear what led to the crash at 2:05 a.m. at an Enbridge Energy pipeline in an industrial park east of Schoolhouse Road and south of Old Plank Road Trail, officials said. A Ford Mustang with two people inside and an SUV with three occupants were apparently driving side by side when they went through a chain-link fence at the end of a dead-end road and traveled about 125 feet before striking the pipeline. The crash ignited the crude oil inside the pipeline. A worker said the impact with the pipe appeared to have "sheared off" the top of the Mustang. New Lenox Police Officer Eric Etchison was a half-mile from the scene when he saw the flames and rushed to the scene, Sterba said. Etchison helped three men get out of the fenced-in area, Sterba said. However, he was unable to reach the two men in the other car because of "significant flames," Sterba said. "He certainly was quite frustrated because the other car, the flames and heat were so intense, he couldn't get near it," Sterba said. The pipeline was reportedly burning until 5 a.m. The crude oil leak was capped at 8 a.m., said Rich Adams, vice president of U.S. operations for Enbridge Energy Company. Firefighters rushed three men to Silver Cross Hospital for treatment, Mead said. Two men were soon transferred to the burn unit at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood, Sterba said. One man was so badly injured he was airlifted via helicopter, he said. Officials did not identify the victims Saturday. "The hazardous conditions have prevented us from confirming and recovering the bodies," Will County Coroner Patrick K. O'Neil said Saturday afternoon. New Lenox Mayor Tim Baldermann said he knew two of the victims through his son, and played basketball with the men last summer. He declined to name the victims because he was not sure if their families had been notified. "What a terrible accident. We feel badly for the families and the victims," Baldermann said. Said Posen Mayor Donald Schupek: "I'm sorry that it's such a waste of young life." Baldermann said later Saturday that there was "no danger at this time to the public, the situation has been contained."

<http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/11042598-418/its-horrible-horrible-horrible-2-dead-in-oil-pipeline-crash.html>

USA, PA, UNION TWP, MARCH 5 2012. OIL TRUCK OVERTURNS, CLOSES ROUTE 724 IN UNION

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- [Oil Truck Overturns](#)
- [Road Reopens after Oil Tanker Truck Crash](#)



A Leffler energy oil delivery truck was involved in a two-vehicle collision on Rt. 724 possibly injuring both drivers. The oil truck overturned into a ditch along the road causing oil to leak from the tank. Birdsboro, Monarch and Exeter fire companies responded to the crash which occurred around noon Saturday.

An oil truck traveling east on Route 724 shortly before noon collided with a westbound vehicle and overturned into a ditch, spilling oil into a runoff on the side of the road. According to state police at Reading, a witness aid a 2005 Ford 500 sedan driven by Robert Watson, 61, of Pottstown was traveling west on Route 724 when it drifted across the broken yellow line into the oncoming path of a 1995



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Freightliner Oil Tanker truck driven by James Showalter, 61, of Kenhorst. The witness reported seeing the oil truck swerve in an attempt to avoid the Ford and rolled over three times after striking the other vehicle and came to rest in a drainage ditch. The oil truck was reported to be carrying approximately 1,300 gallons of home heating oil. The truck sustained a leak to the oil tank and lost oil. Birdsboro, Union and Monarch fire companies assisted at the scene with clean up and fire police. Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts and were transported to Reading Hospital for minor injuries by Southern Berks EMS. Route 724 between Shed and River Bridge road was closed for more than four hours while the crash scene was cleared.

<http://www.wfmz.com/news/news-regional-berks/Road-reopens-after-oil-tanker-truck-crash/-/121418/9213464/-/ormbb/-/index.html>

REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, BRAZZAVILLE, MARCH 5 2012. CORPSES LITTER SCENE OF BRAZZAVILLE BLAST

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A man gestures in front of houses damaged after a series of explosions at a munitions depot in the Congolese capital of Brazzaville Sunday.

Around 200 people were killed on Sunday when an arms dump exploded in Brazzaville, ripping apart a nearby neighbourhood in the Congo capital, medical and local authorities said. Around 200 more were injured by the blasts which rocked the riverside capital at around 8am, flattening houses near the scene and sending a plume of smoke high above the city. "I saw someone being carried to hospital with their intestines hanging out. They had been hit by a shell," one witness told Reuters as he was leaving the blast zone. A nearby church, packed with worshippers, collapsed, said one witness. Corpses, many burned or missing body parts, were carried into the main city hospital morgue, said a Reuters reporter outside the building. Officials there said they had already counted 136 bodies by mid-afternoon. Many more corpses littered the scene, said one soldier. Weeping relatives of the dead gathered outside the hospital to mourn while others came to

look for family members who had scattered in the chaos. An adviser in the president's office, Betu Bangana, told Reuters: "According to sources at the central hospital we're talking of around 200 dead and many injured." "Some people are still (trapped) in their houses... They're saying the entire neighbourhood of Mpila has been destroyed." Panic spread to Kinshasa, 4km across the Congo River, which separates the former French colony of Congo from the larger Democratic Republic of Congo. The blast was so strong it shattered windows in the neighbouring city. Both governments called for calm. Congo Republic Defence Minister Charles Zacharie Bowao quickly dismissed any talk of a coup attempt or mutiny, and told state radio the explosions were the result of a fire in the arms depot at the Regiment Blinde base near the city centre. Residents immediately fled Mpila, normally a densely-packed neighbourhood, as a series of smaller explosions rang out, said a Reuters witness. A plume of grey smoke still hung over the city hours later as a military helicopter circled the blast zone. The reporter said the base and surrounding neighbourhood looked like a war zone. Many buildings were levelled, burned or badly damaged and the occasional flame still flickered in the debris. "I heard at least five or six good sized explosions, which blew out the windows and brought down half the ceiling in our hotel," Patrick Mair, an analyst with Control Risks there, told Reuters. China's Xinhua news agency cited Chinese officials as saying three Chinese construction workers were killed and dozens injured, some in a serious condition. They were part of a group of about 140 Chinese workers from the Beijing Construction Engineering Group. Congolese television earlier showed pictures of panic-stricken residents on nearby streets as the injured were rushed to hospital or received first aid on the spot. At least 225 people were being treated at the main university hospital, a source there said. Local television interviewed doctors saying they had to select should receive surgery first. It also relayed an appeal by for all medical personnel in the city to report for duty. Mass in Brazzaville's cathedral about 4km away was abandoned as the building shook. Oil-producing Congo Republic has suffered coups and a civil war since independence from France in 1960. However it has remained largely peaceful since President Denis Sassou-Nguesso took power in a coup in 1997. Presidential adviser Bangana said Sassou-Nguesso had not been injured by the explosions.

<http://www.iol.co.za/news/africa/corpses-litter-scene-of-brazzaville-blast-1.1248261>



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