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#### USA, WASHINGTON DC, APRIL 25 2012. U.S. SUPREME COURT CLEARS CHEVRON IN NIGERIA DEATHS

*bob egelko*

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday rejected a final appeal of a San Francisco jury's verdict that cleared Chevron Corp. of wrongdoing for the shootings of Nigerian villagers who occupied an offshore barge in 1998 to protest the company's hiring and environmental policies. The villagers had already lost appeals of their claims that Chevron was responsible for the deaths of two men and the wounding of two others by government security forces summoned by the oil company. They asked the Supreme Court to review the federal trial judge's refusal to let the jury consider an additional allegation that the security forces had tortured some of their captives. But the high court ruled last week that a 1991 federal law allowing victims of torture abroad to sue their abusers in U.S. courts authorizes suits only against individuals and not against multinational corporations or other organizations. After that ruling, Monday's dismissal of the Nigerians' appeal was inevitable, said Cindy Cohn, a lawyer for the villagers. She noted that the court had ruled in 2010 that corporations have the same constitutional rights as individuals to spend money on elections, and said Congress should amend the 1991 law to make companies equally responsible when they authorize acts of foreign torture. "We need to decide one way or the other," Cohn said. "Corporations either have the rights and responsibilities of ordinary people or they don't." The San Ramon company saluted the court's action as "the final step in a long legal process" that vindicated its actions. Nigerian security forces opened fire on the protesters on a barge tethered to a company platform 9 miles off the coast of the oil-rich Niger Delta after three days of negotiations with leaders of about 150 tribesmen. Villagers said drilling and dredging were polluting their wells and killing trees and fish. They testified at the San Francisco trial in 2008 that the protest was unarmed and peaceful, but Chevron's witnesses said the protesters threatened violence, held crew members captive and demanded ransom. The federal court jury rejected the villagers' claims that Chevron was responsible for assault, inhumane treatment and wrongful death. U.S. District Judge Susan Illston refused to let jurors consider allegations of torture, ruling that the law applied only to suits against individuals. A federal appeals court upheld the verdict in 2010. The case is *Bowoto vs. Chevron*, 10-1536.

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2012/04/24/u-s-supreme-court-clears-chevron-in-nigeria-deaths/>

#### USA, TX, WEATHERFORD, APRIL 25 2012. INJECTION WELL TANK EXPLODES

*judy sheridan*

A storage tank for an oil field waste injection well near the intersection of Bearcat Road and the I-20 service road exploded in flames at 5:20 p.m. Friday, April 13, releasing potentially harmful gases that were dissipated by high winds, according to Parker County Fire Marshal Shawn Scott. A second tank also had an explosion, Scott said, but did not rupture. "A vapor management system malfunctioned and caused explosive vapors to back up into the storage tank," Scott said. "There was a spark of some sort. It could have been static electricity, or it might have been from a cigarette five yards away. We don't know." Injection wells are commonly used to dispose of the salty, chemical-laden water that comes to the surface along with natural gas after wells are fractured. Scott said crude oil by-products produce gases that can be dangerous to inhale in high concentrations, but no such levels were detected. "We monitored both upwind and downwind and found no concentrations that were hazardous," he said. A dike around the tanks functioned as designed, Scott said, catching the liquid runoff and limiting environmental issues. Shale Tank Truck L.P., an oil field service company owned by Complete Production Services — which recently merged with Superior Energy Services is the operator of the injection well. The company used their trucks to pump by-products out of the containment dike, Scott said. "The truck tanks were more than sufficient to handle the fluid that was lost," he said. Aledo VFD and fire departments from Willow Park and Hudson Oaks were called to respond because of the severity of the situation, Scott said, which could have been much worse. "The top was blown out; it was on fire on top," he said. "The fire departments had it out in a few minutes, but it could have been a long time." Because there were no hydrants nearby, water had to be trucked in from Willow Park, Scott said. A hazardous materials team was brought in to clean up the dike, he said. No one was injured in the incident, Scott said, but an employee working in the guard shack by the well heard the explosion. So did the owners and customers of PetsWest, across Bearcat Road. Business owner Laura Edwards said she was inside the building, at the register, when she heard a hissing noise, followed by a huge explosion that rocked the 10,000-square-foot building. "I thought it was an accident, and I ran outside," she said. "There was black smoke everywhere, and flames were shooting 20 feet into the air — it was above the trees. "There were two Shale trucks there. One guy had gotten out and was running. The other guy was getting out. It's a good thing, because his truck was parked right next to the well." Edwards said she called 911, and an operator told her to move cars parked in the parking lot to the west side of the building, in case of another explosion. She said she counted four fire trucks, the fire marshal and two police cars at the scene. "I left there



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at 7 p.m., and they were still there," she said. "They closed down for two days and then they opened for business." About two weeks before the accident, Edwards said, she began hearing "banging" sounds. Greg Karbo, whose business, Karbo Bros. Pools, is adjacent to the site, behind a concrete retaining wall, said he found debris from the explosion: a 30 pound cut-off valve, along with fiberglass and steel pipes. "I got bombed," he said. "When the tank blew, it blew the plumbing off the top, and it landed on my property. It blew a bunch of rusty stuff from the pipes into my demo pool, but I had to clean it up right away." Scott said the vapor management system that malfunctioned is supposed to transport gases up to a flare about 100 yards behind the injection well. "They had that flare serviced the day before the vapor management system failed," he said. The Railroad Commission, which regulates oil and gas wells, will investigate the incident, Scott said. "They will find out who did the servicing and what part failed," he said, "and assess fines if need be."

<http://weatherforddemocrat.com/top-news/x1344829359/injection-well-tank-explodes>

#### NIGERIA, OGBIA, YENAGOA, APRIL 25 2012. BAYELSA COMMUNITY RAISES ALARM OVER OIL SPILL

*Samuel Oyadongha*

Indigenes of Otuasega community in Ogbia Local Government Area of Bayelsa State, have raised alarm over an oil spill from a Shell Petroleum Development Company, SPDC, facility. The community warned that unless urgent remedial steps were taken to contain the spill, it could spread and impact on the community's farmlands and creek. Though the cause of the spill could not be immediately ascertained, some community folks said it was noticed last week. According to them, a vacuum truck was also noticed being used to remove some of the spilled crude from the impacted site. Vice-Chairman of the Otuasega Community Development Committee, Mr Williams Isiki, blamed the spill on operational failure, stressing that the company should not hesitate to take concrete steps to checkmating environmental degradation and other related problems in the area. He said: "We don't really know when this oil spill happened; it seems to have occurred over a week now. Although Shell is claiming it was as a result of sabotage but we know that this is not true. What we know is that Shell was working on its pipeline within our environment and it was as a result of that work that this spill occurred. "They were flushing the pipeline from Well 3 and that was the cause. If you go to Well 3 even now, you will notice that there are signs of what I am telling you; some local security men engaged by Shell are still there." Corroborating the community's claim, the Environmental Rights Action, ERA, in a report said: "Information about a recent oil spill on the environment reached the Environmental Rights Action/Friend of the Earth (ERA/FoEN) yesterday, our field monitors visited the community and impacted site early this morning (yesterday) for confirmation of the incident." ERA, through its Field Coordinator in Bayelsa, Mr. Alagoa Morris, urged Shell to take all necessary steps to effect proper clean up, taking into consideration that rain could flood the area and cause the crude oil slick to spread and impact farmlands, ponds and other bodies of water. Contacted, Shell's spokesman, Mr. Precious Okolobo, said: "A few days ago, we were informed of a suspected oil spill on a flow line in the Koko Creek area. Since then, a Joint Investigation Team, comprising regulators such as the Department of Petroleum Resources, DPR and Ministry of Environment, community and Shell had made two unsuccessful attempts to assess the site. This is because the location is flooded."

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2012/04/bayelsa-community-raises-alarm-over-oil-spill/>

#### USA-DOL, APRIL 25 2012. HCS / GHS FINAL RULE & APPENDICES RELEASED

Thanks to Jeff Simpson, Moderator of: [Chem-Haz-Classification- Chemical Hazard Classification](#) For this "Heads-Up" The USA OSHA have released their GHS Version to start from 19 May 2012.

- Hazard Communication GHS Final Rule [\[PDF 2.33 MB\]](#)
- [Hazard Communication/GHS Regulatory Text](#)
- Appendix A [\[PDF 422 KB\]](#)
- [Appendix B \[PDF 170 KB\]](#)
- [Appendix C \[PDF 570 KB\]](#)
- [Appendix D \[PDF 91 KB\]](#)
- [Appendix F \[PDF 150 KB\]](#)
- Comparison of Existing and Revised HCS [Side-by-side](#)
- [Redline Strikeout of the Regulatory Text](#)

<http://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/ghs-final-rule.html>



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#### CANADA, B.C, VANCOUVER, APRIL 26 2012. PINE BEETLE BLAMED IN PART FOR FATAL MILL EXPLOSIONS

andrew johnson

 [Watch the Video Sawmill Blast](#)

 [Watch the Video Sawmill Fire Kills 1, Injures 23](#)

 [Photo's \[10\] Large Fire Burns at the Lakeland Mills Sawmill](#)

 [Photo's \[4\] Explosion at a Distance](#)



*A large fire burns at the Lakeland Mills sawmill in Prince George, B.C.. An explosion rocked the sawmill just before 10 p.m. local time setting off a fire that engulfed the facility.*

A tiny insect that's devouring British Columbia's forestry industry is now being fingered by industry and union officials as a key suspect in the deadly explosions of two sawmills over the past three months. Workplace safety officials have been cautious about saying the explosions in Prince George and Burns Lake could have been caused because the process of milling beetle-ravaged wood might be somehow more combustible. But on Wednesday, industry, government and union leaders agreed the first step towards preventing another occurrence involves scrutinizing the role the dry timber may play in the sawdust build-up that appears to be a common denominator in both catastrophes.



*Mountain pine beetle (MPB), Dendroctonus ponderosae. Mountain pine beetle.*

"It's basically the challenge of responding to the mountain pine beetle," said John Allen, president of the Council of Forest Industries, which represents more than 50 B.C. sawmills. Timber is older, dryer and more brittle than ever before, he said. "Up until earlier this year, the issue in front of us was how to saw lumber from dead trees. Now we've experienced these two sawmill explosions and fires ... we now have this safety issue on our hands." The industry has been sawing dead wood for three decades, but the occurrence of two massive explosions inside mills in such a short time frame means something is different and that must be investigated, said union official Steve Hunt. "What we do know is in common with both explosions is they were sawing wood in a different method. It's dryer wood," said Hunt, Western Canada director for the United

Steelworkers. "We don't know if that's the cause, but as a precautionary measure that's a good place to start." Two people died as a result of the blast and fire that ripped through the Lakeland sawmill on Monday night. The Coroners' Service confirmed Wednesday that Glenn Francis Roche, 46, died in Edmonton after being transferred there for treatment of critical burns. Alan Little, a 43-year-old shift supervisor, died Tuesday morning in Prince George. The men were among 11 severely injured in the disaster at the Sinclair Group Forest Products operation. In mid-January, two workers were killed when a fireball slammed through the mill in Burns Lake and it burned to the ground. Three victims were also airlifted to hospitals in Vancouver and Victoria, while six people remain in Prince George hospitals and 13 others have been treated and released. Labour Minister Margaret MacDiarmid said sawmills across the province will be handed orders Thursday with directions around cleaning up and managing accumulating dust, as well as addressing potential ignition sources. "We need plain language. If we're going to deal with dust, what are the best ways we can do that? If we're looking at ignition sources, what kinds of things can we look for?" MacDiarmid said. She said a working group is also being formed with representation from the union, industry and WorkSafe BC to look at best practices for dealing with potential factors in the explosions. According to a Feb. 6 inspection report by WorkSafe BC, dust has been an issue at the Lakeland mill, although concentrations were below the exposure limit and the agency issued no orders. "There are accumulations of piles of wood dust in various areas of the mill," wrote Kim Hess, an occupational hygiene officer, in the report. "We reviewed the requirement to prevent the accumulation of hazardous



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amounts of wood dust." Allen said he's surveyed all the council's members since then and found they've all taken extra safety measures, including monitoring hotspots where there's a possibility a spark might meet dust. "These are preventative actions. I can tell you all the companies I've talked to are taking this very, very seriously," he said. "I would expect those efforts will ramp up even more so." Efforts will begin in sawmills, but likely expand to other processing facilities where dust might be an issue, he added. But the industry will not stop using the wood, he said. Instead, industry is calling on the government to establish an economic recovery plan as timber supplies are depleted. He said the pace of investigations, which could take months to determine the exact cause of the explosions, was moving as it should. "I don't think there's much more WorkSafe could have done," he said about getting preliminary findings out that may have prevented the latest explosion. Hunt said the working group will attempt to gather research that might spell out what's changed in timber that's been successfully processed without major incidents for years. "What's new is the method. They're trying to increase the cut, maximize the cut, so the sawdust is finer," he said. "Is there a different property in the sawdust that we haven't seen before?" The union will also direct its membership to take extra precautions towards proper dust evacuation and ventilation. "Even if we have to over-regulate right now, so be it."

<http://www.thespec.com/news/canada/article/712537--pine-beetle-blamed-in-part-for-fatal-mill-explosions>

### USA, WYO, GLENROCK, APRIL 26 2012. CHESAPEAKE WELL LEAKS IN WYOMING, RESIDENTS EVACUATE

*selam gebrekidan & joshua schneyer*

 **Photo's [5]** [Chesapeake Gas Well Failure Prompts Evacuation near Douglas](#)

#### **Key Points:**

- Well leaks natural gas, drilling mud -Chesapeake
- Sixty-seven residents asked to evacuate
- No injuries or explosions reported



Dozens of residents were evacuated from their homes after a Chesapeake Energy-operated well leaked natural gas and drilling mud in Wyoming, the company said on Wednesday. Chesapeake lost control of a shale well late on Tuesday while installing a casing, triggering the leak, the company said in a statement. It wasn't clear how much gas or fluid escaped the well. A "cloud" of gas could be seen a mile away from the blown-out well, said Russ Dalgarn, coordinator for the Converse County Emergency Management agency in Wyoming. No injuries, explosion or fires have been reported, and air quality readings near the well were "normal" on Wednesday, with the leaked gas "dissipating into the atmosphere," Chesapeake coordinator Kelsey Campbell said in a statement. The company has plans to "bring the well under control" as soon as safety conditions permit. The cause of the incident was under investigation.

Sixty-seven residents within a 2.5 mile radius of the stricken well were asked to evacuate, Chesapeake said. The evacuation was voluntary, and several residents chose to remain in their homes. "A blowout in a well builds uncertainty and distrust. We need more careful monitoring and regulation of drilling activities in the state," said Bruce Pendery, program director at Wyoming Outdoor Council, an environmental group that has pressed for heightened scrutiny of drilling in the state. The boom in on-shore production in shale oil and gas often near homes and populated areas has heightened concern about these accidents. The Rockies and Northern Plains region has stepped up drilling of promising oil and gas reserves in the Niobrara Shale, which straddles Colorado and Wyoming. The regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is sending an inspector to the site of the accident. EPA received reports of an oil sheen on an irrigation channel and a pond near the well, said agency spokesman Martin McComb. Neither is a source of drinking water for nearby communities, he said. Chesapeake may have encountered a pocket of high-pressure natural gas while drilling the well, McComb said. Chesapeake said the oil-laden drilling mud that leaked from the well is mostly being contained on site. Oklahoma City-based Chesapeake is the No. 2 U.S. natural gas driller. Last year, it signed a joint-venture agreement with Chinese national oil firm CNOOC for a third of its Niobrara interests. Around a year ago, Chesapeake had a blowout on a well in the natural gas-rich Marcellus shale of Pennsylvania. It took six days to bring under control and prompted a fierce backlash among area residents opposed to the drilling method known as hydraulic fracturing, in which water, sand and chemicals are pumped deep



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underground to fracture hydrocarbons-bearing shale rock. In Wyoming, Governor Matt Mead said the state will investigate this week's incident, to get a "better sense of what can or should be done in the future."

<http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFL2E8FPQH20120425>

#### CANADA, B.C, APRIL 26 **WORKSAFE BC** 2012. OHS REGULATION MOBILE APP VERSION 2.0



A new version is now available for Android and Apple mobile devices. WorkSafeBC recommends that users uninstall previous versions of the app from their device before installing this version.

##### Features of the App:

- Search and browse the OHS Regulation, Policies, Guidelines, and WCB Standards on your mobile device.
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##### What's New in Version 2.0

Thanks to everyone for all your valuable feedback and suggestions. In this update, we've improved the navigation, and added new features such as:

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- Quick links to regulation related web sites
- Feedback feature
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#### CANADA, B.C, VICTORIA, APRIL 26 2012. ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE CHARGES LAID IN GOLDSTREAM RIVER FUEL SPILL

kyle wells



*The driver of the Columbia Fuels truck that crashed outside of Goldstream park now faces three charges related to causing environmental damage from the fuel spill.*

James Allan Smith, the Columbia Fuel truck driver who crashed and spilled 42,700 litres of fuel into Goldstream River last year, is now being charged with three new counts for environmental damage. Smith has been charged with two counts under the Environmental Management Act and one under the Fisheries Act. The first count is a charge of unlawfully allowing gasoline and diesel fuel into the environment by way of a motor vehicle accident while on the job. The second count alleges Smith introduced gasoline and diesel into the environment "in such a manner as to cause pollution." Both counts fall under the Environmental Management Act. Under the

Fisheries Act, Smith is being charged with depositing gasoline and diesel into an environment where it may enter water frequented by fish. The allegations stem from when a Victoria-bound Columbia Fuels truck flipped in the s-turns of the Malahat Drive on April 16, 2011, and plowed into the rock face. The b-train truck spilled 42,000 litres of gasoline and 700 litres of diesel into a culvert that emptied into the popular fish-bearing stream in Goldstream park. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans out of Nanaimo led the investigation and forwarded the regulatory infraction charges to the Crown. Crown spokesperson Neil MacKenzie said the charges took nearly a year to develop because the investigation into the environmental impacts was separate from the RCMP investigation. "This was an investigation that was conducted by environmental authorities," MacKenzie said. "These investigations customarily take somewhat longer to complete." Charges under the Environmental Management Act allow maximum penalties of a \$1 million or six months in jail. The charge under the Fisheries Act comes with a maximum \$300,000 fine or jail time. MacKenzie said there are many factors that could come into play and he wouldn't want to speculate on what specific sentences Smith would face if found guilty. Some small pockets of fuel remain near the crash



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site, but overall Goldstream River is returning to health. Columbia Fuels is funding a restoration effort in concert with area First Nations, the Goldstream hatchery and the Ministry of Environment. Smith is also facing charges of impaired driving and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle in relation to the crash. He is expected to plead guilty to one of these charges this Thursday at the Western Communities Courthouse.

#### Related Links

- [Driver linked to Goldstream fuel spill to plead guilty to one count](#)
- [Fuel spill drunk driving case inches forward](#)
- [Update: Fish dying after tanker truck spills gasoline into Goldstream River](#)
- [Fuel traces remain a stubborn problem in Goldstream River](#)
- [Goldstream River cleanup process to last for years](#)
- [Diesel spill on Sooke Lake Road](#)

<http://www.goldstreamgazette.com/news/148593925.html>

#### CANADA, QC, MONTREAL, APRIL 26 2012. CP DERAILMENT SPILLS 6,000 LITRES >> DIESEL FUEL BEING PUMPED OUT OF SEAWAY

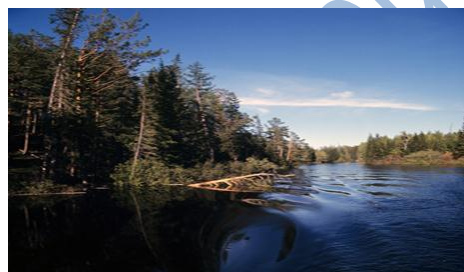
*michelle lalonde*

A Canadian Pacific locomotive derailed Tuesday evening in the South Shore municipality of Ste. Catherine, spilling about 6,000 litres of diesel fuel into the St. Lawrence Seaway, officials with Urgence-Environnement Québec reported Wednesday. The locomotive was pulling about 10 cars when two of its wheels came off the track for unknown reasons. The engine of the locomotive was damaged in the derailment and its fuel tank was punctured, causing fuel to pour into a nearby municipal sewer, which drains into the seaway, said Yvan Tremblay, coordinator of emergency services for the environment department's Environmental Control Centre, Eastern Townships and Montérégie regions. Workers have been at the site, which is just across the seaway from the Ste. Catherine Recréo-Parc, trying to contain the spill since shortly after the derailment occurred around 5 p.m., Tuesday. They have installed floating booms with skirts that hang below the water to keep the oil from spreading, and are pumping out the contaminated water. Tremblay said there is no anticipated danger to drinking water, and he expects the cleanup should take about one week. A spokesperson for CP said the train is what's known as a "switcher train" that picks up or delivers cars to and from CP customers as needed. There were no injuries in the accident. "Early indications are that there is no environmental damage," said CP spokesperson Kevin Hrysak. "We immediately had the pumper trucks on the scene pumping out the sewers and skimming the contained oil at the site." He said CP is investigating the cause of the derailment.

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/news/derailment+spills+litres/6520103/story.html>

#### RUSSIA, SIBERIA, IRKUSTK, APRIL 26 2012. OIL SPILL ON THE ANGERA RIVER, TOWNS WITHOUT WATER AS A RESULT OF DIESEL THEFT FROM A PIPELINE

*elena belova*



##### Angara River

The diesel spilled at 7.20 pm local time on April 25. At 8pm, the drinking water intake from the river was halted. An hour later the officials, including the mayor of Svirsk have found the reason for diesel spill: an illegal tap in Usolye-Sibirskoye. The oil spill will be eliminated by 7 pm 26 April. Approximately two tons of diesel fuel spilled in the Angara river in the town of Usolye-Sibirskoye in Irkutsk oblast as a result of an illegal tap into the pipeline. The oil spill is 13 kilometers long. The towns of Svirsk and Cheremkhovo are now without of drinking water, and a state of emergency has been declared. The Investigation Committee has opened two criminal cases – one over water pollution, the other for theft from a pipeline.

39 officers of the Angara regional oil pipeline department and the Irkutsk Oblast accident rescue service are currently fighting the spill. They have three river vessels, 1200 kilograms of absorbent, 1220 meters of oil-spill booms, and three oil skimmers. During an accident control staff meeting, the Deputy Minister of Ecology and Nature Resources of Irkutsk oblast, Nina Abarinoba, said that there's no smell of oil on the Svirsk coastline, and no traces of diesel in the towns water purification



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centers. Water was sent to be analysed. Late in the evening on April 25, the maximum permissible concentration of oil products in the water was 9 times above limits. By the morning of April 26 it was down to 6.5 times. The Cheremkhovo town administration reports maximum concentration exceeding the maximum by 2.5 times. All water intake was stopped in the Cheremkhovo district, and taps aren't running in Cheremkhovo, Svirska and Mikhailovka. All schools and kindergartens in the area are closed, and hospitals are being provided with drinking water. In Cheremkhovo, authorities have organized regular water deliveries. In Svirska, there are three water-wells, in Mikhailovka there's a water reservoir. The head of the Emergency Ministry's Irkutsk Oblast department, Vyacheslav Eglit, said that the spill and its consequences would be under control by the evening of April 26.

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#### USA, PA, EXETER, APRIL 27 2012. COMPANY NEAR HICK'S CREEK CITED BY DEP

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The state Department of Environmental Protection has cited a second company in the vicinity of Hick's Creek for allegedly violating a state environmental law. But the reason the agency even stumbled upon the violations – a mid-March oil spill that was spotted in the creek – remains under investigation. DEP has issued a notice of violation of the state's Clean Stream Law this week to Bridon American and gave the company 15 days to inform the state agency of the steps it has taken to eliminate the industrial waste being disposed of into its storm water sewer. That waste -- cooling water used in the company's metal rope making process -- is finding its way into the creek. DEP spokeswoman Colleen Connolly said "We're still conducting the Hick's Creek investigation, but along the way we found two companies doing things they were not allowed to do, things they knew they were not allowed to do." In March, a week after the oil spill was spotted, DEP found violations on the property of Bosco Inc. Leaking equipment and machinery was noticed by a DEP investigator leading to a compliance order being issued. DEP cited Bosco under the state's Solid Waste Management Act and gave the company a plan of action to address the issues and clean it up. Connolly said there is no proof the leaking fluids on the Bosco property is the same lubricating fluid that found its way into the creek. The investigation began in mid-March when a report of an oily substance that created a quarter-mile slick in the creek. DEP officials spanned out to investigate local businesses and properties to try to determine where the leak might be coming from. The two companies cited for non-related violations are both within a mile of the creek. A Bridon American spokesman issued a statement Friday making it clear that the company's issues cited by DEP are not in any way related to the oil issue that plagued the creek. "The DEP has confirmed to us that Bridon American has no proven connection to the creek contamination. No materials on our property have been found to match those in the spill. This is following



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extensive investigation and testing and full cooperation on Bridon's part. We have not been cited by the DEP on this matter," the statement read. "We have today received a letter from the DEP informing us that we need to connect our cooling water unit, the output of which is clean, city water, to the main sewage system and not the storm drain system. We are working closely with the DEP to make this happen."

<http://theabingtonjournal.com/stories/Company-near-Hicks-Creek-cited-by-DEP,143965>

#### COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS, NASSAU, APRIL 27 2012. OIL WASHED ASHORE AFTER THUNDERSTORM



*Sand and undergrowth left blackened by the oil that washed ashore.*

Following a brisk weekend storm, South Ocean residents were horrified to find their local beach hemmed in by a thick coat of black oil. The homeowners say they can't be sure where the oil might have come from, but noted that BEC's Clifton Pier Power Plant, implicated in a number of past spills, is not far away. They said slicks have washed ashore before, but never one this substantial. "We first noticed the oil slick when we took the dogs out for their morning walk, at around 8.30am," one homeowner said. "My understanding is that the oil must have come in with the stormy weather as the marks are very high up the walls, which would only happen in very stormy weather and also at high tide. "The amount of oil appears to be much more than it was last time and it will need Environmental Services to come and clean the contaminated beach now. "It

really is disgusting and looks like something from a horror movie. "I just hope we can find out who is responsible and make sure that this does not happen again. Our seas and land need to be protected as they are the country's most important asset." In 2007, Minister of Labour and Maritime Affairs Dion Foulkes admitted that New Providence's main power plant is anything but environmentally friendly. He said: "The problem of oil spills at Clifton Pier is ongoing, as there is an old storage site which seeps. "There is a need to have sufficient equipment and trained persons to respond to the problem of oil pollution. We are planning conferences and workshops to train persons throughout the islands to deal with spills once they arise." BEC officials could not be reached for comment before The Tribune went to press last night.

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#### USA, CO, DENVER, APRIL 27 2012. EPA SAYS OIL SPILLS IN COLORADO'S NORTH PARK HURTING CREEK

bruce finley

EPA responders have found that oil spills in Colorado's wildlife-rich North Park area are hurting a creek — and they have launched an effort to assess damage. Oil stains extend from Lone Pine Gas facilities for about 1.25 miles along shorelines of Spring Gulch Creek. Besides oil, Englewood-based Lone Pine — with state permission — has been releasing 200,000 to 400,000 gallons a day of treated drilling wastewater directly into creek waters, raising landowner concerns. The Environmental Protection Agency has begun to assess the damage along the creek, which flows into Hell Creek and then into the North Fork of the North Platte River. A Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission inspector will join an EPA coordinator today. "We got a call from concerned landowners on April 3. We were up there by April 5," EPA spokesman Matthew Allen said. "(The EPA) is categorizing the types of damage along the shoreline to determine the best cleanup actions for the responsible party to take." This is the latest of crude-oil spills dating to 2006 at Lone Pine's gas and oil field about 14 miles west of Walden — near protected state wildlife areas. A COGCC inspector in December found the spill, and agency officials met with Lone Pine managers in January. Lone Pine's operations are somewhat uncommon because the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has allowed the company, through a discharge permit, to release up to 420,000 gallons of drilling wastewater per day into the creek from settling ponds. A couple of years ago, CDPHE learned that Lone Pine's drilling wastewater did not meet state water-quality standards and, in September 2010, ordered the company to stop polluting the creek. The CDPHE "cease-and-desist" order, however, "does not require that Lone Pine cease its operations while they return to compliance," agency spokesman Mark Salley said. CDPHE's water-quality division "is primarily concerned with the wastewater treatment facility's ongoing inability to reliably and consistently comply with the terms and conditions of its discharge permit." [One of Lone Pine's owners and a wastewater treatment plant operator were killed in a small plane crash near Rock Springs, Wyo., in May.](#) Salley said their deaths have "impaired the facility's progress." State officials say they are working with Lone Pine to correct deficiencies. The COGCC, which is part of the state Department of Natural Resources, is charged with both promoting



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and regulating the oil and gas industry. "Here, you had a spill that not only impacted the surface but also appears to have impacted surface water. We take that extremely seriously. We will deal with that, with the operator, going forward," agency spokesman Todd Hartman said. "Landowners have asked the EPA to look at the issue. We welcome their participation." Lone Pine operators "are running about half the wells now," owner Stephen Shute said. "We shut down our plant March 20 and did a complete cleanup and a pretty major process change. We enlisted the help of an engineer and a processing expert — and pretty much did everything (state regulators) wanted us to do." Shute said he did not know how much oil was spilled in December but that, walking the creek, he has seen a 20-yard stretch and a 50-yard stretch of oil-stained shoreline. The spill "was the only time ever that our process resulted in oil in that creek," he said. EPA will focus on "impacts to the shoreline and what actions need to be taken," Allen said. "They won't be looking into permits or water discharges." Landowners say they are frustrated by the state's handling of environmental problems in one of the most pristine parts of the Rocky Mountain West. "The wastewaters they dump should not be allowed. The water they are dumping is not even close in composition to the water in the creek. It changes it. You get algae blooms. It kills the quality of the creek," said Bill Dumler, 49, whose family owns a 1,000-acre ranch about a mile downstream from the oil field. "This company is profiting off of damage to people's property, and they are not required to stop," he said. "These agencies that are supposed to be protecting the public don't seem to be doing the job."

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### USA, TX, COLLEYVILLE, APRIL 27 2012. RESIDENTS' TESTS DETECT BENZENE AT WELL SITE, BUT COLLEYVILLE DISAGREES

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Rather than take the city's word about air quality at a fracking site, three homeowners who live near it shelled out their own money to monitor emissions. What they found has caused debate on whether Titan Operating violated Colleyville's drilling ordinance and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's limits for short- and long-term exposure to chemicals called volatile organic compounds. The city has only one approved drilling site, and Titan conducted hydraulic fracturing operations on seven gas wells there Jan. 31 through Feb. 16. No pipeline has connected to the site, so the wells were capped. The residents' testing detected benzene, a known carcinogen, at 12.8 parts per billion over 12 hours Feb. 2 at a home 1,700 feet north of the drill site. The tests used air canisters bought from GD Air Testing for more than \$300 each. Gordon Aalund, a Southlake resident and physician with a background in toxicology, said the industry put residents at "unneeded risk" by not taking proper precautions at the drill site, like using vapor recovery units. "When your government fails to protect you and the company cannot be trusted, private citizens are forced to act," said Aalund, who was part of a group that sued Southlake last year to stop a drill site there. But Colleyville officials maintain that the city's ordinance wasn't violated, citing air quality tests the city paid for, spokeswoman Mona Gandy said. The ordinance prohibits the venting or release of gas into the atmosphere. "We feel comfortable that the report provided by the independent inspector was an accurate reflection of activity on the site during Titan's fracking operations," Gandy said. "Our role is to protect the public's safety, and we took every precaution to do that. We believe that the scientific processes used by the independent inspector and his findings are valid, fall within state and federal standards, and complied with our city ordinance." In a statement, Titan Operating President Mark Schumacher said the company is in full compliance with the ordinance. Colleyville officials did not say whether they plan to act on the data from the residents, referring only to their statement of confidence in the report by the consultant hired by the city. The city would not immediately release information on what it paid the consultant. That consultant, Kenneth Tramm of Modern Geosciences, said he understands that the residents want to know what's in the air and whether it's safe. But he said there are flaws in their tests, which were done at three homes within 1,100 to 1,700 feet of the Titan Operating pad site at 7504 Pleasant Run Road, near the border with Southlake. He questioned a lack of documentation showing how the tests were conducted, who handled the canisters and why they were stored for 20 days before being analyzed. The wind direction is also important, he said. "You've got to understand the source, where it's going, to understand the data," he said. "It just looks like the data they have doesn't mean what they think it does." Tramm tested the air at the drill site and found very different results. During the initial hydraulic fracturing phase, Tramm found high levels of nitric oxide, a byproduct of the diesel exhaust from the trucks and water pumps on the site. He likened it to what you'd find at a truck stop. No benzene was detected in that phase of the operation, which doesn't match the homeowners' tests, which show a benzene spike Feb. 2. Tramm did start detecting hydrocarbons such as benzene, xylene and ethylbenzene during flowback Feb. 5-16 but said they didn't exceed the state commission's exposure levels. Wilma Subra, an environmental activist in Louisiana who wrote a report accompanying the residents' data, stood by



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their results, saying they prove that the fracking process emitted volatile organic compounds. "They were told that there were going to be no emissions," she said. In January, Colleyville officials had serious concerns about Titan's ability to comply with the ordinance, and staff members told the City Council that fracking wouldn't take place unless the gas company asked for waivers. In particular, the city was concerned about gas venting into the atmosphere during flowback, when contaminated fracking fluids are pumped out of the drill hole and natural gas is first detected. A week later, Titan officials assured the city that the gas could be contained with almost no emissions, and the work started on schedule. Sharon Wilson, an organizer with Earthworks' Oil & Gas Accountability Project, which directed the homeowners on where to buy air testers, said the state commission and the city failed to protect people. "It's state and local failures like these that make plain the need to close fracking loopholes in federal environmental laws," Wilson said.

<http://www.star-telegram.com/2012/04/25/3912931/residents-tests-detect-benzene.html>

### ENGLAND, BIRMINGHAM, APRIL 27 2012. BADGP SECURITY OF DANGEROUS GOODS SEMINAR

The British Association of Dangerous Goods Professionals ([www.badgp.org](http://www.badgp.org)) is running a "Transport Security Seminar, featuring 'High Consequence Dangerous Goods'" on Thursday 24th May 2012 Registration 09:30, Start 10:00, Close 15:30. Venue: IET Birmingham Austin Court, 80 Cambridge Street, Birmingham. B1 2NP United Kingdom. The hotel has been chosen for its central location nationally, and because it is in the city centre with excellent travel connections The seminar is FREE to BADGP members; £60 to non-members (BADGP membership, £60, will be available at start of conference)

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### USA, W.V, BECKLEY, APRIL 27 2012. MSHA ORDERS END TO THE USE OF DEFECTIVE AIR PACKS

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Mine operators must immediately begin phasing out use of an emergency breathing device that has proven unreliable in tests and must take the questionable model out of every U.S. mine by Dec. 31, 2013, the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration said Thursday. MSHA estimates that about 66,000 of the potentially defective air packs called self-contained self-rescuers are currently in use. The model of concern is the SR-100, once manufactured by CSE Corp. of Monroeville, Pa. The company no longer makes or sells it. Miners who are on the front lines — conducting safety inspections, pumping out water and doing other tasks that allow crews to start work — must get new gear within 30 days, MSHA chief Joe Main told The Associated Press in a phone interview. Operators can either replace the SR-100 or give those miners a second backup model to carry. All other miners must have either new or backup equipment by April 26, 2013, Main said. That should remove about 38,000 SR-100s within a year. Operators then have until year's end to remove the SR-100s that are in the emergency caches required under a federal law passed after the Sago Mine explosion killed 12 West Virginia coal miners in January 2006. MSHA issued the order with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, which said the SR-100 failed too many tests and is therefore critically flawed. The belt-worn SR-100, about the size of two cake-mix boxes, contains chemicals that help recycle exhaled breath, scrubbing the carbon dioxide and generating about an hour's worth of breathable air. Hypothetically, that gives miners time to seek refuge or escape from a fire or explosion. CSE voluntarily stopped production of that model when its own quality-control teams identified problems. President Scott Shearer told The Associated Press last week that it has since redesigned the oxygen-starter system and replaced the device with the SRLD model. The new model holds more chemicals, he said, and provides more oxygen more quickly. Shearer said Thursday he's confident his company will be able to meet demand for the newer devices. "CSE is now, and has always been, dedicated to miner safety," the company said later in a prepared statement, "and we want to ensure that every miner has the proper safety equipment." Out of 500 old units that NIOSH randomly sampled starting in October 2010, five had oxygen starters that failed, according to its recently released report. Under federal rules, no more than three in 500 can fail for NIOSH to remain confident. Because CSE couldn't determine the precise cause for the failure and confine it to specific production lots, NIOSH said it had to assume "the failure could exist among all field-deployed units." Main said the phase-out strategy is aimed at providing maximum protection for miners while also giving operators time to purchase and deploy new devices. If MSHA were to require immediate removal of all SR-100s, suppliers might not be able to meet industry's demand. The phase-out, Main said, gives manufacturers time to ramp up production. "Though we would like to see these units out of the mines even sooner," said United Mine Workers of America spokesman Phil Smith, "there really is no feasible way to replace all the SR-100s with other approved units much faster than MSHA is calling for." They're simply not available yet, Smith said. But the union is pleased that MSHA agreed to



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order inspectors to brief miners on every shift directly, rather than post a note on a bulletin board. And, Smith added, "there is nothing keeping mine operators from implementing this change ahead of the timeline MSHA has set as they acquire new units." Main said MSHA held a conference call with industry leaders before the official announcement. "Everyone that has been close to this understood there had to be some action," he said. "This should not have been a surprise to the mining industry." In fact, industry officials have long known there were problems with the SR-100. Sago survivor Randal McCloy told investigators that several SR-100s his crew was carrying failed after the blast that trapped 13 men. Only McCloy survived the 40-hour wait for rescuers in poisoned air. In October 2006, the West Virginia Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training issued a report on the air packs, concluding that exposure to extreme temperatures for long periods could render them inoperable when most needed. That report said the most notable problem identified through testing was "failure of the compressed oxygen cylinder starter to provide sufficient gas to inflate the breathing bag." Of 16 devices tested, only one fully inflated when the oxygen actuator tag was pulled, the report said. One partially inflated, while three did not visibly inflate but did show at least some oxygen increase. The report looked only at the SR-100 but said other models are likely carried by their users in the same way, either stored underground for long periods or carried in vehicles and subjected to either extreme heat or cold. Such handling, the report warned, "could result in degraded performance in any SCSR."

<http://www.register-herald.com/todaysfrontpage/x1720492099/MSHA-orders-end-to-the-use-of-defective-air-packs>

#### CHINA, BEIJING, APRIL 28 2012. CONOCOPHILLIPS TO PAY \$191 MILLION MORE TO CHINA OVER OIL SPILL

greg botelho

##### Key Points:

- ConocoPhillips says it will pay \$191 million to China over June oil spills
- Another \$160 settlement between China and the company announced in January
- ConocoPhillips says 700 barrels spilled; state media say 2,400 square miles were polluted



*A Chinese official inspects a beach in northern China's Hebei province, on July 26, 2011, after an oil sludge washed ashore.*

Months after agreeing to a \$160 million settlement, ConocoPhillips and China announced that the energy giant will pay an additional \$191 million in the wake of oil spills last year in north China's Bohai Bay. Money from the latest agreement goes to the State Oceanic Administration, which oversees waters off China. It follows a separate deal, announced in January, in which ConocoPhillips agreed to give about \$160 million to China's agricultural ministry, funds that are intended for fishermen and others affected by the incident. The total payouts of \$351 million stem from multiple incidents in June at a site about 80 kilometers (50 miles) off the coast of North China. Both involved "kickbacks

from the (oil) reservoir from pressurizing it" -- the act of pumping water in, in order to force oil out -- according to ConocoPhillips spokesman John McLemore. That led to the expulsion of about 700 barrels of oil into nearby waters, according to McLemore. By comparison, the Exxon Valdez leaked about 250,000 barrels into Alaska's Prince William Sound in 1989, and nearly 5 million barrels of crude spewed into the Gulf of Mexico after the 2010 blowout of a well there. A report in China's state-run Xinhua news agency said the pollution extended over roughly 2,400 square miles "of water since June, an area about nine times the size of Singapore, and caused huge losses in the tourism and aquatic farming industries of Liaoning and Hebei provinces." Friday's settlement includes \$173 million (1.09 billion yuan) "to resolve claims related to the possible impacts of the incidents on the Bohai Bay marine environment," ConocoPhillips said in a statement. The energy company said it will also give about \$18 million to "support environmental initiatives in Bohai Bay." The China National Offshore Oil Corporation will give another approximately \$76 million to this same fund, reported Xinhua. "The money will be spent, according to China's laws and rules, on the ecological construction in, and environmental protection of, the Bohai Sea, cleaning up petroleum pollutants in the sea, fixing damage to the marine ecological environment as well as monitoring and research on the impacts of oil spills to the ecosystem," the State Oceanic Administration said, according to Xinhua. According to McLemore, "there's nothing left pending" as far as claims or potential settlements on the horizon related to the spill. He added that there are no leaks or known problems now at what is called the Peng Lai 19-3 field. The China National Offshore Oil Corporation owns a 51% stake and ConocoPhillips the remaining 49% in this field, which produces about 160,000 barrels



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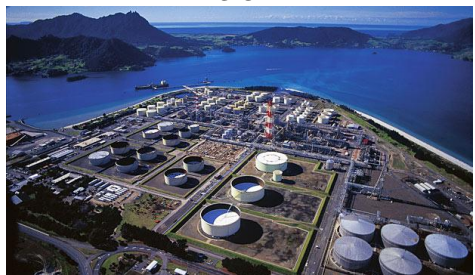
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of oil daily, according to Xinhua. "It's running at a reduced rate while we're waiting for the (State Oceanic Administration) to say you can go back to full production," McLemore said

<http://edition.cnn.com/2012/04/27/world/asia/china-oil-spill/>

#### NEW ZEALAND, WELLINGTON, APRIL 28 2012. NEW ZEALAND REFINERY TO GO AHEAD WITH NZ\$365 MILLION REFINERY EXPANSION



*An upgrade of the Marsden Point oil refinery will go ahead.*

New Zealand Refining Co. (NZR.NZ) will go ahead with plans for a NZ\$365 million (US\$296 million) expansion of its refinery on the east coast of New Zealand's North Island after gaining majority shareholder support at a general meeting Friday, despite misgivings among some of the oil majors that own company stock. BP PLC (BP), the largest New Zealand Refining shareholder, supported the move, as did Z Energy Ltd., which in 2010 bought Royal Dutch Shell PLC's (RDSB.LN) downstream assets in New Zealand. Exxon Mobil Corp.(XOM) and Chevron (CVX) also own stakes in New Zealand Refining but declined to reveal how they voted at the shareholder meeting. New Zealand Refining said 44% of the voting shares of oil majors didn't support the move. "We believed the case for the CCR [Continuous Catalytic Regeneration] project was compelling for our shareholders and so it has proved to be," New Zealand Refining Chief Executive Ken Rivers said in a statement. The 115,000-barrel-a-day Marsden Pt. oil refinery is the country's only oil refiner. It provides around 40% of New Zealand's total energy needs, typically processing between 37 million and 42 million barrels of crude oil and feedstock per year. Around half of the oil comes from the Middle East, with the rest being shipped in from around the Asia Pacific. Under the expansion plan, the company expects to increase capacity by 8%, or an additional 8,200 barrels a day, and will increase its market share in the New Zealand fuel supply chain --excluding fuel oil and bitumen-- to 80% from 72%. New Zealand Refining said in a shareholder presentation the project would see earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization top NZ\$60 million annually once it is completed. BP Managing Director Mike McGuinness said that the company, which owns 23.66% of New Zealand Refining, had taken a long-term view to support the development, as it added value and was of national interest. Exxon Mobil has a 19.2% stake in New Zealand Refinery, while Chevron holds 12.7%. Z Energy, which is a joint venture between Infratil Ltd. (IFT.NZ) and New Zealand government's Super Fund, owns a 14.1% stake.

<http://www.foxbusiness.com/news/2012/04/27/new-zealand-refinery-to-go-ahead-with-nz365-million-refinery-expansion/>

#### USA, VA, NORFOLK, APRIL 28 2012. U.S. NAVY SETTLES UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK VIOLATIONS AT HAMPTON ROADS FACILITY



The U.S. Navy has agreed to pay a \$5,855 penalty to settle alleged [underground storage tank \(UST\)](#) violations at its Building NH94, located at 7918 Blandy St., Norfolk, Va., the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced today. There are three 25,000-gallon underground [storage tanks](#) at this facility containing diesel fuel. Each UST is required to be tested every three years to make sure the tank is not corroded and that the [corrosion protection](#) system is operating properly. During a March 2011 inspection, the inspectors found that these tanks had not been tested since 2004. The \$5,855 settlement penalty reflects cooperation of the U.S. Navy with EPA in the investigation and resolution of this matter. The Navy has certified its compliance with applicable UST requirements and the tanks were tested for corrosion on April 4, 2011. Underground [storage tanks](#) must be tested to prevent leaks, because the greatest potential threat from a leaking UST is contamination of groundwater, the source of [drinking water](#) for nearly half of all Americans. These leaks can threaten public safety and health as well as the environment because UST systems contain hazardous and [toxic chemicals](#). Cleaning up petroleum leaks is difficult and usually expensive. [Federal regulations](#) ensure that USTs are structurally sound because it is easier and less costly to prevent leaks before they happen. For more information on underground [storage tanks](#), go to: <http://www.epa.gov/oust/index.htm>.

<http://www.environmental-expert.com/news/us-navy-settles-underground-storage-tank-violations-at-hampton-roads-facility-291578>



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#### USA, TX, ALVARADO, APRIL 28 2012. TANKER TRUCK FIRE STOPS TRAFFIC IN ALVARADO

melissa newton

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*A tanker truck fire shut down Interstate-35W in Alvarado early on April 27, 2012. A jackknifed tanker truck caught on fire along Interstate-35W in Alvarado early Friday morning, shutting down the highway in both directions shortly before the morning rush hour. The incident happened around 4:30 a.m. near County Road 604, not far from the intersection with Highway 67. According to officials on the scene, the tanker truck and another 18-wheeler were traveling along the interstate when the tanker truck hit a guardrail and was disabled. The other 18-wheeler then crashed into the tanker truck and there was a burst of flames. The tanker truck was hauling methanol, a gasoline additive that is highly flammable. Emergency crews from Burleson, Cleburne and Johnson County arrived on the scene to battle the blaze. Initial reports from the Texas Department of Transportation indicated that crews will let the fire burn out before attempting to remove the wreckage. The drivers of both trucks were injured and transported to*

Texas Health Harris Hospital in Fort Worth. Their injuries are not known, but both were reportedly able to walk away from the scene on their own. Southbound traffic along the interstate — between Alvarado and Burleson — was diverted to the service road. Those lanes have since been opened, though backups are still expected. The northbound side of the highway, and the northbound service road, are still closed. Northbound travelers are being told to take Cummings Drive past the fiery scene. Officials are still not sure how long the delays will last. "It very well may be a couple of hours," said Val Lopez with TxDOT. "Obviously, there's going to be a tremendous backup during this time

<http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2012/04/27/tanker-truck-fire-shuts-down-highway-in-alvarado/>

#### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, NEWCASTLE, APRIL 29 2012. ORICA USES SHIP TO STORE CHEMICALS OFF NEWCASTLE

**Map:** [Newcastle 2300](#)

Chemical company Orica says its use of a ship to store potentially dangerous chemicals off Newcastle, north of Sydney, is not an unusual operation. The State Opposition says the government has failed the people of Newcastle by not informing them that the ship was being used to store ammonium nitrate near the city. The Maritime Union of Australia says the ship, M-C-P Copenhagen, is "dangerously sub-standard". Orica spokeswoman Nicole Ekert says the company is using the ship to maintain supply of the chemical to clients in the region while a plant is upgraded. She says the operation doesn't pose a risk to the community. "Orica imports and exports these products all the time and we do this under the auspices of the Australian Maritime and Safety Authority. "So, everything we do in terms of the transport of ammonium nitrate is under the auspices of a government authority and they obviously check everything we do," she said. The Australian Maritime Safety Authority says it asked the ship's operators to fix several deficiencies found during a recent routine inspection, but the ship was not detained.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-04-29/orica-uses-ship-to-store-chemicals-off-newcastle/3978844?section=nsw>

#### INDIA, MADURAI, APRIL 29 2012. ONE DEAD, THREE INJURED IN BLAST AT FIREWORKS UNIT

One woman died on the spot while three others sustained injuries in a blast at a fireworks unit near Tirumangalam on Saturday morning. Around 10 workers were employed at the fireworks unit at Devankurichi in T [Kallupatti police](#) limits, owned by one R Damodharan from Kallupatti. Around 10.30 am, there was a sudden blast in one of the rooms and [Lakshmi](#) (45) wife of [Valavandhan](#) from Devankurichi was killed on the spot while Amudhavalli (50), Selvi (32) and Mariammal (50) from Devankurichi sustained injuries. Fire and rescue personnel rushed to the spot and the injured were rushed to the [Government Rajaji Hospital](#) and treated for burn injuries. [Kallikudi police](#) have registered a case and arrested R Damodharan (60) and his brother Kannan (49). Police sources said that the fireworks unit was notorious for frequent accidents and was locked down



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after a blast in 2010. No casualties were reported in that incident as the blast occurred at midnight. In 2009, a thief who tried to break open the factory was killed in a blast as he accidentally meddled with the chemicals. After repeated accidents, the factory was closed down but the owners got a clearance after a series of inquiries and the unit was opened a week ago.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/One-dead-three-injured-in-blast-at-fireworks-unit/articleshow/12918443.cms>

### INDONESIA, JAKARTA, APRIL 29 2012. POLICE PROBE GAS STATION FATALITY

*lenny tristia tambun & zaky pawas*



Police investigating an explosion at a gas station in South Jakarta on Thursday that killed one person and left another badly injured say substandard work practices were to blame. Sr. Comr. Rikwanto, a Jakarta Police spokesman, said testimony from eyewitnesses and station employees indicated that the explosion at the Pertamina station on Jalan Palmerah Barat began with a leaking reservoir tank. He said the station owner had ordered the tank to be emptied and the leak to be patched over and welded. "But what happened was that the tank wasn't emptied out completely and there was still some fuel residue inside," he said. "So when the welder lit his welding torch, it sparked an explosion of the fuel vapor contained inside the tank." The explosion threw the welder, Saimin, 42, into a 10-meter-high tree where his body was caught, while Deden Hermawan, 40, his assistant, was thrown several meters away. Saimin died from the severity of the impact and his burns, while Deden is being treated at Mintoahardjo Navy Hospital in Central Jakarta for extensive burns. There were no customers at the time because the station was closed for renovation. "Looking at this case, there was certainly an element of poor work practices in that the station owner delegated this very dangerous job to a regular welder and not to a specialist with the competency to weld fuel tanks," Rikwanto said. The officer added that for this kind of job, the station owner should also have notified Pertamina headquarters to obtain a handbook or list of standard operating procedures for fixing a leaking tank. "That's why we're now focusing our investigation on the station owner," he said, adding that the probe thus far had centered on the workers. "Whether he gets charged with criminal negligence, that depends on the evidence that we get." Rikwanto said the police would also question officials from Pertamina as expert witnesses in the case, particularly on whether standard operating procedures had been followed in the way the fix was attempted. "We'll see whether the expert testimony matches up with how the incident in question played out, and from there we'll be able to determine whether there was any negligence on the station owner's part," he said. Andi Baso, the head of Jakarta's energy and industry agency, said he could not sanction the station owner until the investigations by the police and the Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry were complete. "If negligence is proven, the heaviest punishment we can give is to revoke the station's operating license," he said.

#### Related Links

- [Police Probe Gas Station Fatality](#)  
Rikwanto, a Jakarta Police spokesman, said testimony from eyewitnesses and station employees indicated that the explosion at the Pertamina station on Jalan
- [Pertamina wants cops to investigate gas station blast](#)  
State oil and gas firm PT Pertamina has asked police to investigate an explosion at a gas station in Palmerah, West Jakarta, in which one person was killed.
- [A Man Died in Gas Station Blast](#)  
(42) who is citizen of RT 15/08, Palmerah Utara III dead after explosion at a gas station in Palmerah on Jl Kemandoran I, Kebayoranlana, South Jakarta.

<http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/lawandorder/police-probe-gas-station-fatality/514599>

### USA, MO, KANSAS CITY, APRIL 29 2012. DEAL CALLS FOR PUMPS THAT FIX 'HOT FUEL' PROBLEM

*steve everly*

A fix for "hot fuel" is finally on the way. In a precedent-setting decision, a federal judge has approved Costco Wholesale's plans to keep customers from being shortchanged because gasoline and diesel fuel lose energy value as their temperature goes up.



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In 14 states, not including Kansas and Missouri, Costco is set to be the first retailer to install pumps that automatically adjust fuel volume to account for temperature. Costco was among several defendants in class-action lawsuits alleging that oil companies and retailers were costing consumers billions of dollars a year by selling them fuel without adjusting for temperature. Last year, Costco was the first to offer to settle the suits, which had landed in U.S. District Court in Kansas City, Kan. In accepting Costco's terms this week, Chief Judge Kathryn Vratil said consumers would "receive a material benefit — price transparency and fairness at the pump in knowing that they can get accuracy and consistency of fuel measurement for their fuel dollar, regardless of fuel temperature at the time of pumping." A half-dozen other defendants including Wal-Mart have followed Costco in proposing settlements, but the steps they plan to take are still awaiting Vratil's approval and haven't been made public. Gasoline and diesel expand in warmer months, so a gallon of fuel contains less energy than what consumers pay for at the pump. Fuel volume is based on the fuel being 60 degrees. At that temperature the 231-cubic-inch American gallon puts out a certain amount of energy. But if the temperature of that gasoline rises to 90 degrees, it expands to more than 235 cubic inches. And a consumer buying an unadjusted gallon still gets 231 cubic inches, which at the higher temperature contains less energy. The practice can add a few cents to the price of each gallon of fuel, which eventually adds up to big money. In a series of stories in 2006, The Kansas City Star estimated that such hot fuel cost consumers \$2.3 billion a year, a price tag that is now roughly \$3.5 billion at current gasoline and diesel prices. In its settlement, Costco agreed to install pumps that adjust the volume of a gallon of gasoline or diesel for temperature in 14 states across the South and Southwest, from Florida to California. In those states, Costco buys fuel wholesale that has been adjusted to account for its temperature, so that Costco knows it isn't being shorted if it buys fuel that's above 60 degrees. But its customers in those states now are often buying fuel that's hotter than 60 degrees, and thus has less energy value per gallon. That makes it possible, for example, for Costco and other retailers to buy 975 gallons of temperature-adjusted wholesale fuel that, at higher temperatures, could become 1,000 gallons at the retail pump since the gallon's size isn't adjusted to account for temperature. In the other states it serves, including Kansas and Missouri, the fuel that Costco buys wholesale is not temperature adjusted, and Costco won't have to put in pumps that adjust. In those states, Vratil said, Costco's decision to buy unadjusted wholesale fuel made the company less culpable, since it was both buying and selling unadjusted fuel. But if Costco ever starts buying wholesale fuel with the adjustment in those states, the judge said, then it will have to sell it at retail the same way. In the lawsuits, consultants for the plaintiffs said Costco customers would save \$100 million over 10 years under the settlement. Industry consultants countered that sellers would just raise the price of a temperature-adjusted gallon, erasing any economic benefit. Vratil, in her order, sidestepped that argument, saying it was impossible for the court or anyone else to determine what Costco or any other retailer would charge for motor fuel in the future. But she noted that the price of conversion would be modest, and there would be value to consumers in transparent prices and in knowing they were getting the energy value they were paying for. The states getting the pumps had fuel that was more often than not above 60 degrees. Costco will have five years to convert to temperature adjusted fuel in the 14 states, and the extra cost stretched over that period, using Costco's figures, would amount to 1.3 cents for an average fuel purchase. Per gallon, that would be a small fraction of a cent. Vratil, who has been reviewing documents in the case for about five years, said in her order that the temperature of fuel on the same day at the same station could vary throughout the day, while the price of a gallon of fuel remained the same. "The bottom line is without temperature-adjusted fuel (consumers) have no idea whether they come out ahead or behind," she wrote. Despite the Costco settlement and the other settlement offers that have been made, the petroleum industry says it will continue to oppose temperature adjustment at retail. In Canada, however, where unadjusted fuel under the 60-degree standard would cost the industry, it has long embraced the idea and now adjusts most Canadian fuel at retail pumps. To put the Costco settlement into effect, some steps still have to be taken, such as getting fuel pumps or retrofit kits certified for the temperature adjustments. The petroleum industry still could fight that certification process. But the California Department of Measurement Standards, in a letter in the Kansas City, Kan., court files, has said that once a settlement is approved, it will proceed with the rule making and testing needed for certification. And most states don't have rules prohibiting temperature-adjusting fuel at retail. Joe Gomez, the head of the New Mexico's weights and measures office, said temperature-adjusted retail pumps are allowed in his state, one of the ones in the Costco settlement. And he said a California certification was likely to be sufficient to get the pumps going in his state.

<http://www.kansascity.com/2012/04/27/3580933/deal-calls-for-pumps-that-fix.html>



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### INDONESIA, JAKARTA, APRIL 29 2012. EXPIRED PERMIT, FIVE SHELL GAS STATIONS SEALED



Due to expired business permit and have not been extended, five Shell gas stations (SPBU) had to be sealed by Jakarta Provincial Government. They located on Jl. Mampang Prapatan, Jl. Gatot Subroto, Jl. Kiai Tapa, Jl. S Parman, and Jl. Suprpto. These five Shell gas stations are not allowed to operate until their business permit extended. "The sealing was done last Tuesday (4/24) because their business permit has expired since about a month ago," said Head of Jakarta Industry and Energy Department, Andi Baso, Friday (4/27). Before conducted the sealing, Andi told his department has sent three warning letters. Unfortunately, the gas station owners ignored them. "We have sent three warning letters but ignored. That's why we sealed those gas stations," stated Andi. Moreover he informed that business permit must be extended every five years. For gas stations, there will be installation test first before they get the permit extension. "It's okay to do business, but do it ethically and obey the regulation. If the permit expired, extend it," stressed Andi. Meanwhile, Head of Jakarta

Building Supervision and Controlling (P2B) Department I Putu Ngurah Indiana said these sealed five Shell gas stations have the building permit (IMB). In fact, based on the record, the permit of gas stations is considered neat. "There must be building permit because it's a big business investment and its investors definitely don't want to lose," he expressed. According to him, Pertamina will not supply fuel if the gas station's permit not complete.

<http://www.beritajakarta.com/2008/en/newsview.aspx?idwil=0&id=23312>

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#### **The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954**

The Relatives and Friends of the late Mrs PHOEBE JANE BYERS of 70 Hannon's Road Narwee are Invited to attend her funeral; to leave our Chapel, South Terrace, Bankstown, this Thursday after Service commencing at 1.30m p.m., for Church of England Cemetery Rookwood (Section 12)

Wood Coffill Limited, UY 1406

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Service was conducted at Fawkner Memorial Park for **Matilda Elizabeth BYRNE** Age : 98 on the 23-August-1984

Service: Cremation Location: Cremated Remains were collected Funeral Director: MULQUEEN FUNERALS (COBURG)

<http://www.heavenaddress.com/funeral-notice/Matilda-Elizabeth-BYRNE/306448/obituary.aspx>

#### **DECEASED INFORMATION**

Fawkner Memorial Park wishes to advise that the location of the cremated remains of the late Matilda Elizabeth Byrne who passed away on Monday, August 20, 1984, aged 98 were removed from the cemetery. The Funeral Service was conducted by Mulqueen Funerals (Coburg).

[http://www.fcnp.com.au/deceaseddetail.asp?ServiceID=278133&location=COLLTD\\*1984\\*\\*\\*12&Cemetery=Fawkner](http://www.fcnp.com.au/deceaseddetail.asp?ServiceID=278133&location=COLLTD*1984***12&Cemetery=Fawkner)

KING The Friends of Mr. William KING are respectfully invited to follow his remains to the place of interment in the Coburg Cemetery. The funeral is appointed to move from his residence, 220 Dudley street, West Melbourne, THIS DAY (Saturday, 6th inst.), at half-past 2 o'clock. [March 6 1915]

Alfred ALLISON, Funeral Director, Head office, 221 Victoria street, West Melbourne (near illiam street). Phone Central 980.



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POLICE – FITZROY **Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 1875**

**Mercury (Fitzroy, Vic: 1875 - 1877)**

Before Messrs. Marsden (Chairman), Kneen (Mayor), and T. Kidney. Bridget King was charged with insulting language, on Saturday night. She will be seventeen years of age on August 11th, and her mother said she was incorrigible. The bench sentenced her to imprisonment for three months. Margaret Nolan was charged with being a companion of the last prisoner and with inciting a mob to resist the police, the Mayor said he remembered having seen the girls at the corner of Moor and Smith streets, where there is a room he believed used as a billiard room. His Worship now made it a rule to parade Brunswick street occasionally, and it was thoroughly disgraceful to see such a number of young men and girls walking about with so much levity of conduct. Half-a-dozen such girls were quite sufficient to incite a disturbance. He regretted to state that it was almost unsafe for any respectable person to be out or after nightfall in any part of Fitzroy, in consequence of the gangs of larrikins and immoral girls who infested the neighbourhood. Sergeant Ronnie described Bridget King as the foulest-mouthed larrikiness in the town. Margaret Nolan had been previously convicted - twice for insulting behaviour and once for obscene language. She was now sentenced to imprisonment with hard labor, for three months.

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POLICE – FITZROY **Saturday September 11 1875**

**Mercury (Fitzroy, Vic: 1875 - 1877)**

Bridget King was fined 10s, or ordered to be locked up for forty-eight hours for offensive and disorderly conduct in Johnston Street.

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POLICE – FITZROY **Tuesday 19 October 1875**

**The Argus (Melbourne, Vic: 1848 - 1956)**

At the Fitzroy Court on Monday, a larrikin named Wm. Cleary, and three larrikinesses named Alice Lacy, Bridget King, and Eliza King, were charged with disorderly conduct in Smith-street, Collingwood, on Saturday night. The prisoners, who behaved in an insulting manner to passers by, and to all of whom the police gave very bad characters, were sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

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POLICE – FITZROY **Monday, January 31 1876**

Before Messrs. Marsden (Chairman), Bennetts, and Woodhead.

Bridget King, a girl about 18 years of age and only a short time out of jail was charged with making use of obscene language in the public streets. She was fined £5 with the alternative of a month in Jail. The same prisoner and her two younger sisters. Elizabeth and Louisa, a young man named Dixon, with no less than fifteen previous convictions recorded against him, and another young lad named Brooks were charged with resisting the police while in the exercise of their duty and also with assaulting constable Callender. After hearing the evidence, which was very conclusive, the bench awarded 6 months to Bridget King, 6 months Elizabeth King, 4 months to Louisa King, and 3 months to George Dixon, who said he would much prefer a fine. Brooks was let off with a fine of 10s and 10s 6d costs, as it was his first appearance before the court.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au>

POLICE – FITZROY **Saturday, February 5 1876**

**Mercury (Fitzroy, Vic: 1875 - 1877)**

Before Messrs. Marsden (chairman), Bennetts, and Woodhead. Bridget King, a girl about 18 years of age, and only a short time out of gaol, was charged with making use of Obscene language in the 'public streets. She was fined £5 with the alternative of a month in gaol. The same prisoner and her two younger sisters, Elizabeth and Louisa, a young man named



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POLICE – FITZROY **Thursday September 7 1876**

**Mercury (Fitzroy, Vic: 1875 - 1877)**

Before Messrs. Templeton P.M, Delbridge, McLean, Marsdon, and Kidney.

Louisa King was brought up for having no lawful visible means of support. She was sent to gaol for 6 months with hard labour.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au>

POLICE FITZROY **Monday, Oct. 30th 1876**

**Mercury (Fitzroy, Vic: 1875 - 1877)**

Before Messrs. Lyons, Marsden, Bennets and Kidney. Bridget, Margaret, and Eliza King were charged with vagrancy. A Miss Walton stated that she had let a cottage, to the parents of the prisoners. She said she had had occasion to turn them out, but ever since she had been annoyed by the three prisoners, who continually returned to thehouse and broke the windows, she could not get rid of them. A number of persons, among whom was one, Burnell, were called to give evidence of the character of the prisoners. Each of the prisoners was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment.

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nce PARK ROYAL (ex Crowne Plaza) Sydney September 23 2011

Hazmat 20011 May 9 & 10 Melbourne AIDGC will be there!!!

Folio 2: Bridg. McInerhevy [McInerheny?], aged 22, convict; sick or hurt, catarrhus; put on sick list 6 March 1850, discharged 10 March 1850.

Brid. McInerheny, aged 22, convict; sick or hurt, dysentery; put on sick list 12 April 1850, discharged 22 April 1850.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/catalogue/displaycataloguedetails.asp?CATLN=7&CATID=6040641&SearchInit=4&SearchType=6&CATREF=adm+101%2F21%2F5%2F3>

**The Age, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 1875, Page 10**

**POLICE.**

At the Fitzroy Court on Monday, a larrikin named Wm. Cleary, and three larrikinesses named Alice Lacy, Bridget King, and Eliza King, were charged with disorderly conduct in Smith-street, Collingwood, on Saturday night. The prisoners, who behaved in an insulting manner to passers by, and to all of whom the police gave very bad characters, were sentenced to three months imprisonment.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/7422703?searchTerm=Bridget%20KING&searchLimits=l-availability=y||l-australian=y||l-title=The+Argus+%28Melbourne%2C...|titleid%3A13#blob>



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My Haplogroup is: R1b1a2a1a1b4, With these tests: L21+ P66- P314.2- M37- M222- L96- L226- L195- L193- L192.1- L159.2- L144- L130-

I've also chosen to upgrade to the [FtDna] Y-DNA111 level. I'm now awaiting [July 4 2011] their laboratory results which will identify the deep ancestral origins of my paternal line. It includes a panel of 111 Y



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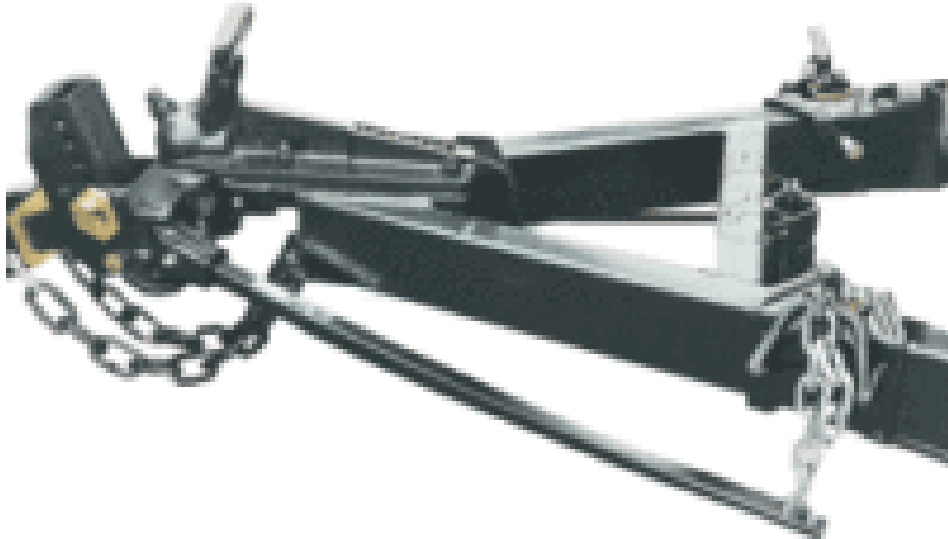
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[http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~austashs/convicts/con\\_main.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~austashs/convicts/con_main.htm)



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#### Convict Institutions

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CLEARY, Margaret	Earl Grey (4)	1049	24 or 30 2 July 1849 at Clare, Ireland
CONOLLY, Catherine	Earl Grey (4)	1050	22 4 July 1849 at Clare, Ireland
CRONIN, Julia	Earl Grey (4)	1054	26 10 July 1849 at Cork Co., Ireland
DOOGAN, Margaret	Earl Grey (4)	700	40 4 July 1849 at County Clare, Ireland
HEHIR, Ann	Earl Grey (4)	825	60 27 February 1849 at Clare, Ireland
HEHIR, Bridget	Earl Grey (4)	824	
HEHIR, Honora	Earl Grey (4)		4 July 1849 at County Clare, Ireland
HEHIR, Margaret	Earl Grey (4)	823	19 27 December 1849 at Clare, Ireland
KEARNEY, Catherine	Earl Grey (4)	396	30 20 January 1849 at Clare, Ireland
MCGRATH, Mary	Earl Grey (4)	1113	22 16 June 1849 at County Clare, Ireland
MCINERNEY, Bridget	Earl Grey (4)	1109	23 16 June 1849 at Clare, Ireland
MCMAHON, Bridget	Earl Grey (4)	1104	40 20 January 1849 at Clare, Ireland
MCMAHON, Judith	Earl Grey (4)	1108	18 2 July 1849 at Clare, Ireland
MCNAMARA, Bridget	Earl Grey (4)	1110	16 27 March 1849 at Clare, Ireland
MCNAMARA, Hannah	Earl Grey (4)	1111	30 21 June 1849 at Clare, Ireland
QUINLIVAN, Nancy	Earl Grey (4)	33	18 2 July 1849 at Co. Clare, Ireland
REARDON, Hannah	Earl Grey (4)	523	20 20 January 1849 at Clare, Ireland
RYAN, Honora	Earl Grey (4)	531	30 4 July 1849 at County Clare, Ireland

<http://www.femaleconvicts.org.au/images/pdfs/ConvictsInDatabase.pdf>

Vessel Earl Grey (4)  
 Arrived 09 05 1850  
 Port VDL  
 Sailed 17 12 1849  
 From Dublin  
 Days 143  
 Females 240  
 Master H.E Landsdowne  
 Surgeon Jn Ferrier



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<http://members.iinet.net.au/~perthdps/convicts/shipsTAS.html>

Ship	Arrival Date	TAHO Records Tasmanian Archive & Heritage Office	ML Records Mitchell Library, Sydney	AJCP Records Australian Joint Copying Project
Earl Grey	9 May 1850	CON 41/26; CON 15/6; CON 19/8; MM 71/1	CY 1204 (D12); CY 2356 (536) pp.199–217	ADM 101/21 Reel 3193

Convict	Ship to VDL	Police No.	Age	Trial Date & Place
MCINERNEY, Bridget	Earl Grey (4)	1109	23	16 June 1849, Co Clare, Ireland

<http://www.femaleconvicts.org.au/images/pdfs/ConvictsInDatabase.pdf>

**You'll cut the size of your clade down a bit if you go for deep clade SNP testing.???**

25 April 2011

Greetings Johnson FTDNA participants,

Since our last update, we are very happy to announce that Mark Valsame has agreed to post pedigrees at JJJ. Mark has research background, knows how to upload files, and thinks pedigrees are an important part of our ability to link research and DNA. From Mark: "Mark is an archivist for the North Carolina Archives in Raleigh, NC, where he has been employed for 21 years. He has been a genealogical researcher for 33 years. He has numerous Johnson ancestral lines." Welcomed relief for Lee especially and a bonus for us! Thanks Mark!

This from Lee re Barbara:

Barbara takes the pedigrees submitted to the Project, forms them into the descending charts such as what Mark has uploaded to the "Group[tree] Pedigrees". She sends them in "Word" format. All Mark will have to do is to copy/paste them into the Group's pages. Well, that's all that he will have to do now that he has built the groundwork. Barbara is the Genealogist for Clan Johnstone of America.

Tony adds this:

I do my own thing with the help of 80 people sending me e-mails on everything they find that is documented. I place these documentation's into the following:

State and County the document belongs To (example charles\_city)

The Waterway, it is connected to by Creek, and (example wards Creek then into appottomax river)

then by the Riverway it connects to. (appottomax river)

The Mountain the document belongs to (example nc\_bushy mt)

The Known Family grouping it belongs to if a DNA is done on the Johnson, (Color coding)

.. and there's a whole LOT more from Tony... SPECIAL THANKS to ALL who contribute to the JJJ library effort, and to Tony for pulling it all together!

\*\*\*So we all work together, Lee is hugely busy, in response to what we need to include in bulk Lee says: We need emphasize that we are currently only posting pedigrees within our FORMED Family Groups. Keep in mind that this will be to the "general population" of our membership and not Group Leaders, so one needs to be rather specific.

Lee is incredibly busy in TN with many duties so we are doing the best we can to spread responsibilities and make ends meet within our project.



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My job is group formation within our project. We have had some challenges lately with FT, kits posted at incorrect surname & c.. so.. I deal with that and acknowledge there may be some errors.

We have FT results directly linked to the JJJ website, and you can access either site for results. If you have a match within JJJ surname beyond 12 level and it is not noted, please let me know.

On behalf of JJJ,

Lee, Tony, Mark, Barbara, &c,

Female Convicts in Van Diemen's Land  
at Cascades Female Factory (an incomplete list)

Trial Date & Place

Police

No. Age

MCINERHENRY, HONORA Australasia 1045 15 27 February 1849 at Clare, Ireland

MCINERHENRY, HONORA Australasia 1045 15 27 February 1849 at Clare, Ireland

MCINERNEY, BRIDGET Duke of Cornwall (1) 1194

**MCINERNEY, BRIDGET Earl Grey (4) 1109 23 16 June 1849 at Clare, Ireland**

**I Am Australian ~ Song "I AM AUSTRALIAN"**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jD3SkTyXzcE&feature=related>

**We are Australia**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INIZCOHUh9o&feature=related>

**THE TIN TICKET** The Heroic Journey of Australia's Convict Women

**AUTHOR** Deborah J. Swiss

**PUBLISHER** Berkeley Publishing

**PUB DATE** October 2010

This month's Book of the Month is **THE TIN TICKET: The Heroic Journey of Australia's Convict Women**. Since March is Women's History Month, and the theme this year is Survivors, I thought it more than appropriate. The only convict's story that I was familiar with before reading this book was Mary Bryant's, a young Cornish woman, who managed to escape the penal colony and make her way back to the UK. These are the untold stories of the women who were not able to do that. You can find out more at the author's website at <http://www.deborahswiss.com/>

**Synopsis:** Historian Deborah J. Swiss tells the heartbreaking, horrifying, and ultimately triumphant story of the women exiled from the British Isles and forced into slavery and savagery-who created the most liberated society of their time.

Agnes McMillan and Janet Houston were convicted for shoplifting. Bridget Mulligan stole a bucket of milk; Widow Ludlow Tedder, eleven spoons. For their crimes, they would be sent not to jail, but to ships teeming with other female convicts. Tin tickets, stamped with numbers, were hung around the women's necks, and the ships set out to carry them to their new home: Van Diemen's Land, later known as Tasmania, part of the British Empire's crown jewel, Australia. Men outnumbered women nine to one there, and few "proper" citizens were interested in emigrating. The deportation of thousands of petty criminals-the vast majority nonviolent first offenders-provided a convenient solution for the government.

Crossing Shark-infested waters, some died in shipwrecks during the four-month journey, or succumbed to infections and were sent to a watery grave. Others were impregnated against their will by their captors. They arrived as nothing more than



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property. But incredibly, as the years passed, they managed not only to endure their privation and pain but to thrive on their own terms, breaking the chains of bondage, and forging a society that treated women as equals and led the world in women's rights.

The Tin Ticket takes us to the dawn of the nineteenth century and into the lives of Agnes McMillan, whose defiance and resilience carried her to a far more dramatic rebellion; Agnes's best friend Janet Houston, who rescued her from the Glasgow wynds and was also transported to Van Diemen's Land; Ludlow Tedder, forced to choose just one of her four children to accompany her to the other side of the world; Bridget Mulligan, who gave birth to a line of powerful women stretching to the present day. It also tells the tale of Elizabeth Gurney Fry, a Quaker reformer who touched all their lives. Ultimately, it is the story of women discarded by their homeland and forgotten by history—who, by sheer force of will, become the heart and soul of a new nation.

<http://scandalouswoman.blogspot.com/2011/03/book-of-month-tin-ticket.html>

Follow the heartbreaking, horrifying and ultimately triumphant journey of four convict women who reveal the resiliency of the human spirit.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpVP6wIKgGc>

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Tasmania's Memory at the State Library of Tasmania

<http://portal.archives.tas.gov.au/menu.aspx?search=11>

You can now look at digital images of the volumes from the Archives Office of Tasmania and search for your convict.

Do a name search and follow the instructions.

We hope to be able to attach the specific images to each convict's records in the near future.

If we confirm your convicts as Founders & Survivors, we can attach a 'Founder Medallion' to their entry, indicating that they have descendants.

If you wish to contribute a story about your convict, we can publish it on this website to build a living archive of Founders & Survivors. Because of privacy concerns, only people who give you express permission can be mentioned on the website.

National Archives of Australia War Service Records

<http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/recordsearch/index.aspx>

Australian Anzacs in the Great War, 1914-1918

<http://www.aif.adfa.edu.au:8080/index.html>

Tasmanian Family History Society

<http://www.tasfhs.org/>

The Genealogical Society of Victoria

<http://www.gsv.org.au/>

Family History South Australia

<http://www.familyhistorysa.info/>

Descendants of Convicts Group

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~dcginc/>

and for guides to archives, libraries and other resources in Australia,

<http://www.nla.gov.au/oz/genelist.html>

<http://www.vicnet.net.au/family/genealogy/>

<http://www.tas.gov.au/tasmaniaonline/>

The Proceedings of the Old Bailey 1674-1913

<http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>

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Convicts to Australia

<http://members.iinet.net.au/~perthdps/convicts/list.html>

Also see on Kindred Connections:

<http://www.kindredkonnections.com/ancestry/Australia/Died-1991/Sn/Snedden-family/Christopher-Snedden-st000904-17.html>

See also on Ancery.com.au:

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#### Tickets of Leave

A Ticket of Leave (TOL) was a document given to convicts when granting them freedom to work and live within a given district of the colony before their sentence expired or they were pardoned. TOL convicts could hire themselves out or be self-employed. They could also acquire property. Church attendance was compulsory, as was appearing before a Magistrate when required. Permission was needed before moving to another district and 'passports' were issued to those convicts whose work required regular travel between districts. Convicts applied through their masters to the Bench Magistrates for a TOL and needed to have served a stipulated portion of their sentence:

- 7 year terms needed 4 years service with 1, or 5 years with 2 masters
- 14 years needed 6 years with 1, 8 years with 2 or 12 years with 3 masters
- Lifers needed 8 years with 1, 10 years with 2 or 12 years with 3 masters

TOL documents record the convict's number, name, ship, year of arrival, the master of the ship, native place, trade or calling, offence, place and date of trial, sentence, year of birth, physical description, the district the prisoner was allocated to, the granting Bench, the date of issue, and further remarks about Conditional Pardons and district changes. Registers of Tickets of Leave 1824 to 1827 (with index) are included in the SAONSW Genealogical Research Kit. Records of applications for replacement tickets and records of passport tickets for convicts moving between districts from 1835 to 1869 were also kept and are held by the SAONSW.

#### Conditional Pardons



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Conditional Pardons (CP) freed convicts and were granted on the condition that convicts did not return to England or Ireland. Original copies of the pardons were sent to England and duplicates remained in Australia. Copies were also given to convicts as a proof of pardon. Conditional Pardon records give date, name, where and when tried, sentence, ship and date of arrival. Later records may also give master, native place, trade or calling, offence, sentence, year of birth and a physical description. Copies of butts of Conditional Pardons (1824-1827) and Conditional Pardons registered by the Colonial Secretary (1826-1870) are available. An alphabetical register of pardons (1828-1862) is on microfilm as well as a register of Colonial Pardons from 1788 to 1867.

#### Absolute Pardons

Absolute Pardons (AP) allowed convicts to return to England as their sentences were totally cleared. These pardons were often earned but the Governor could grant the pardons for several reasons. From 1791 to 1810, Absolute Pardons recorded name, date of pardon and number but later registers contained more details. The SAONSW holds copies of Registers of Absolute Pardons.

#### Certificate of Freedom

Certificates of Freedom (CF) were introduced in 1810 and issued to convicts at the completion of their sentence. Records usually note date, name, ship, year of arrival, when tried and sentence. Certificate of Freedom Butts from 1827 to 1867 also give native place, calling, year of birth, physical description and sometimes TOL information. Once again, the SAONSW holds copies and indexes of these records.

Tasmanian and Western Australian convicts also qualified for the various forms of pardons and records are available in Tasmania and Western Australia.

#### Leaving the Colony

Convicts could leave the colonies after their sentences were completed or after being granted an Absolute Pardon. Departures were announced in the Sydney Gazette's 'Notice of Intent' column. Some went to work on trading, whaling and fishing vessels

#### The Argus - Thursday, June 20 1889

THE Friends of Mr. WILLIAM KING, bootmaker, are most respectfully invited to follow the remains of his late beloved only son, **Herbert Wilsher**, to the place of interment, the Melbourne General Cemetery. The funeral is appointed to move from his father's, Albert-street, Brunswick (near Thomas-street), on Friday, the 21st, at 2 o'clock punctually. WILLIAM GEORGE APPS, undertaker. Fitzroy and Moor street, Fitzroy; High and Robe street, St. Kilda; and 180 St. George's road, North Fitzroy. Telephone No. 1045.

<http://newspapers.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/6256230?searchTerm=william%2Cking>

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields.  
And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

May those who love us, love us; and those who don't love us, may God turn their hearts; and if He doesn't turn their hearts, may He turn their ankles so we'll know them by their limping.

Australia Marriages, 1810-1980



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William King

Birth 1825  
Marriage 18 Aug 1851, Avoca Tasmania, Australia  
Spouse Bridget Mcmerney  
groom's name William King  
groom's birth date 1825  
groom's age 26  
bride's name Bridget Mcmerney  
bride's birth date 1830  
bride's age 21  
marriage date 18 Aug 1851  
marriage place Avoca Tasmania, Australia  
system origin Australia  
source film number 1368289  
indexing project M31046-5  
batch number 1368289

[https://www.familysearch.org/search/records#count=20&query=%2Bgivenname%3Awilliam%20%2Bsurname%3Aking%20%2Bany\\_place%3Atasmania&collection\\_id=1770858](https://www.familysearch.org/search/records#count=20&query=%2Bgivenname%3Awilliam%20%2Bsurname%3Aking%20%2Bany_place%3Atasmania&collection_id=1770858)



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