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USA, CA, NEWARKE, JULY 7 2012. EVERGREEN REFINERY OIL LEAK SECURED, OFFICIALS SAY >> ABOUT 70 PEOPLE WERE EVACUATED FROM THE PLANT AND ONE MEDICAL COMPLAINT WAS RECEIVED.



Evergreen Oil Refinery was evacuated Friday morning after a report of a "superheated oil leaking," according Alameda County Fire officials. About 70 people were evacuated from a building as a safety precaution while a HazMat team investigated the leak, which was a potential fire hazard, at the oil refinery plant located at 6880 Smith Street, according to tweets made from the Alameda County Fire Department. Alameda County Fire Spokesperson Aisha Knowles said a pipe containing a superheated oil had leaked. Evergreen Oil handles hazardous waste materials, including used motor oil, antifreeze and other toxic waste, according to the company's website. A county hazardous materials team responded and determined there was no health hazard posed by the leak,

according to Knowles. One medical complaint was received. The oil leak was secured around 10:30 a.m. and one engine remained on scene for standby, according to Alameda County Fire. Employees have been sent home. Newark police was called to assist fire officials with the situation around 8:50 a.m., according to a press release. The press release also stated that "Evergreen Oil personnel advised that there will be a strong chemical smell near and around the location, but it is not considered hazardous." Smith Avenue was closed off to traffic for approximately two hours but was reopened by 10:45 a.m. Last year, one employee was [hospitalized after a fire](#) occurred at the refinery around 5:30 a.m. on March 29. It prompted the closure of the plant's re-refinery area. That portion of the plant had been under repair since the March 2011 fire and one of those trains reopened in late October 2011. This March, firefighters responded to the refinery plant after [a smoking barrel caused a scare](#). No injuries were reported in that incident.

<http://newark.patch.com/articles/hazmat-team-investigates-oil-leak-at-evergreen-oil-refinery>

USA, MINNESOTA, JULY 7 2012. STATE PATROL: FRONT SEAT GAS TANK FUELED 'UNSAFE' CAR

mike maybay



Photo's [17] <http://kaaltv.com/article/stories/S2680624.shtml?cat=10151>



It runs on alternative fuel source and the driver can see the road in ways most cars don't offer. But you won't be seeing this classic Ford Pinto back on a Minnesota road any time soon. A Minnesota State Trooper stopped the car Sunday on U.S. Highway 52 in Koochiching County. A State Patrol spokesperson posted photographs of what the Trooper found on the agency's Facebook page. "Much of the vehicle was rusted out," said the spokesperson. Photos show a clear view through what remains of the floor to the road below. But that wasn't all. A tire was wedged behind the driver's seat, a placement the spokesperson said was holding the seat in place. The Trooper spotted a gas can on the front seat. A hose ran from the gas can, out the passenger window, around the front and under the hood, "rigged up to the engine," according to the spokesperson. "The car was impounded and the driver was cited for a number of violations," said the spokesperson. Those violations included unsafe equipment and not having a

Minnesota license.

<http://kaaltv.com/article/stories/S2680624.shtml?cat=10151>

CANADA, ONT, BRACEBRIDGE, JULY 8 2012. DIESEL SPILL AT ANNIE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL PARK

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A fuel spill at the popular Annie Williams Memorial Park has caused a roughly 20-foot area of the park to be cordoned off. The spill was reported Thursday evening and originated from a fuel storage tank at the one of the park's old brick sheds. John Sisson, the Chief Administrative Officer with the Town of Bracebridge, said an environmental services company has visited the



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site and is developing a remediation plan. "They have contained the spill, and we'll get a remediation plan from them and get it cleaned up as quick as we can," said Sisson. Comco Canada Inc. is assisting the town in responding to the spill. They provide site assessments, area containments and emergency spill responses. The fuel sunk into the ground and Comco has conducted some on-site landscaping to prevent it from spreading further. "They've dug some controlled trenches around the area and they are approximately 20 feet out from the building itself. That's really the extent of the area they're working in at the present time," Sisson said. "It's not an exceptionally large area, but they are working to keep any dogs or animals from getting near it." The Ministry of the Environment has been notified of the spill and the town plans to work with ministry officials throughout the cleanup process. Due to the limited size of the spill, Annie Williams Park remains open to the public. There is no reason to believe that the spill was intentional. "I don't have a specific answer as to how it happened, but for some reason a valve on the tank was opened obviously, accidentally. The fuel spilt from the tank and was not noticed when it happened," Sisson said.

<http://www.cottagecountrynow.ca/news/article/1389088--diesel-spill-at-annie-williams-memorial-park>

USA, TX, CORPUS CHRISTI, JULY 8 2012. SOUTH TEXAS OIL WASTE HAULERS FIND BREAKING THE LAW NOT SO SLICK

mark collette



This trucker, wiping a spill from the back of his trailer in March, was cited for disposal of oil field waste in a public road. New enforcement efforts are reducing waste hauling violations in Jim Wells County, officials there say.

A law enforcement focus that didn't exist a year ago is now bringing illegal oil field waste haulers to justice in Jim Wells County. It's also helping reduce oily slicks that can cause wrecks and pose environmental hazards, said Hector Zertuche, the county's environmental crimes officer. Twenty-one people pleaded guilty in court June 27, eight requested a trial, and nine accused illegal dumpers failed to show, prompting County Judge Arnoldo Saenz to issue warrants for their arrest, Zertuche reported. Zertuche, whose traditional workload involved busting trash dumpers, has devoted part of his time in the last 12 months to increased oil field traffic. The misdemeanor convictions, for charges including disposal of oil field waste on a public road and hauling without a permit, carried fines and court costs ranging from \$400 to \$800. Perhaps a larger impact is seen on the roads and highways around the county, where reports of dangerous oily slicks once came at least weekly. "We've had one in probably the last two months, over by Premont," Zertuche said. "So the frequency has totally slowed." The slicks and leaky trucks appeared just as quickly as the Eagle Ford Shale drilling boom emerged in South Texas, with companies rushing to tap the vast formation across two dozen counties since the first well was drilled in 2008. [Jim Wells County seemed to be an epicenter for spills](#), as it's home to Eco Mud Disposal, one of few sites in the Eagle Ford region permitted to dispose of oil-based drilling mud. It's a diesel-based fluid used to lubricate wells and carry away rock cuttings and debris from the borrrucks may travel more than 100 miles from the far reaches of the shale formation to reach [Eco Mud](#), a second site in Premont, or one in Starr County. Though the material contains diesel oil and heavy metals, federal law doesn't classify it as hazardous waste, and Texas has no rules mandating its transport in closed containers. Sharp curves, bumps and stops easily lead to spills. But now word is catching on among truckers that even small leaks won't be tolerated in Jim Wells County, Zertuche said. Haulers also are being more careful to carry the proper permits and mark their trucks with permit numbers. "I've got five trucks sitting ahead in the road," Zertuche said while on patrol Tuesday near Eco Mud. "Everything's perfect on these trucks." This is the same area where, as recently as March, nearly all the trucks moving in and out of the facility had some kind of violation. Zertuche is headed to Frio County this month to tell commissioners there how his partnership with a Texas Railroad Commission inspector has helped Jim Wells County take control of a problem rural counties may not know how to tackle. "I think this is one of those things that is going to spread slowly and is going to be citizen-driven," said John Ockels, director of the nonprofit Texas Illegal Dumping Resource Center. "When someone requests illegal dumping enforcement or that sort of thing, the immediate response is, 'We don't know how to do that.' We're penetrating that." Ockels offers classes to local agencies to teach them how to enforce provisions of the Texas Water Code that deal specifically with oil waste haulers. He said the primary violators are not established truck companies but independent haulers who hear about the money to be had in the oil fields but may not know the rules or care. Zertuche said some of the defendants told the judge they quit or were



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fired because they told their employers they refused to keep hauling leaky trailers. "I can't help but think with the success being publicized with what Jim Wells is experiencing, it can't help but do some good," Ockels said.

By the Numbers

- 38 Defendants with waste hauling cases in Jim Wells County court June 27
- 21 Pleaded guilty, face fines and court costs of \$400 to \$800
- 8 Requested a trial
- 9 Failed to appear and have warrants for their arrest

<http://www.caller.com/news/2012/jul/08/south-texas-oil-waste-haulers-find-breaking-the/>

ENGLAND, CROYDON, JULY 8 2012. FIRM RESPONSIBLE FOR RIVER WANDLE RED DIESEL SPILL COULD FACE £50K FINE



The polluted stretch of the River Wandle.

The business responsible for this week's potentially disastrous red diesel leak into the River Wandle could face a fine of up to £50,000. The Environment Agency told the Advertiser it believed it had identified the source of Monday's fuel spill and was now looking to take legal action. However, a spokesman would not give further details, saying investigations were under way to find out exactly how the incident happened. He said: "It now becomes a possible legal matter; we will look to prosecute if we can." The spillage of several hundred litres was discovered by J Breheny Contractors, hired by Croydon Council, when its workmen arrived on site in Wandle Park, Waddon, at about 7.30am. And their quick actions to deal with the spillage and stop it spreading downstream have been praised by the council and the Environment Agency. The contractors are working on bringing the river

above ground through the park as part of an overall £1.4 million improvement scheme. William Dalton, the site manager for J Breheny, said: "When we got to the site on Monday we noticed that part of the river had turned red and that it was polluted with red diesel." While emergency calls were put out to the Environment Agency and Thames Water, workmen from the company got down to the job of stopping the spread. Mr Dalton said: "As part of our environment policy we have a lot of equipment on site and we were immediately able to put a couple of booms across the river to stop the flow downstream and threw absorbent pads into the water to soak up the diesel." Then, working with Thames Water, the contractors used sucking machines they also had on site, to remove the oil from the water's surface before placing it into tankers for removal. Mr Dalton said: "We were very lucky and I think the action we took meant that very little, if any, of the diesel spread down the river." "It could have been very nasty if the more of the river had been polluted." Mark Higginson, from the Environment Agency, said the swift action by everyone involved had stopped the situation getting worse. He said: "This incident had the potential to seriously pollute the river and cause a great deal of environmental damage." A spokesman for Croydon Council added: "It appears that the spillage originated from Croydon." "It was really lucky we have the contractors on site who spotted the spill and acted quickly." In October last year, a Nottinghamshire company was fined £20,000 and ordered to pay £10,106 in [costs](#) after pleading guilty to polluting a lake with red diesel. The Environment Agency is still seeking information about the incident and anyone who can help is asked to call its 24-hour hotline on 0800 807060.

<http://www.thisiscroydontoday.co.uk/Firm-responsible-River-Wandle-red-diesel-spill/story-16493171-detail/story.html>

NIGERIA, YENAGOA, JULY 8 2012. ENI BLAMES SABOTAGE FOR NIGERIA OIL SPILLAGE

Italian oil major Eni said on Sunday there has been an oil spill on its Nembe-Obama pipeline in Nigeria's onshore Niger Delta due to sabotage. "Repair work has started. The wells of Nembe South have been closed with minimal impact on production," a spokesman for the company said. In 2009, Eni said its net output in Africa's biggest oil producer was 128,000 barrels per day (bpd). Sabotage of foreign oil company's infrastructure in the Niger Delta has reduced since an amnesty for militants in 2009, but there has been a surge in oil theft in the region this year. Oil companies and the Nigerian government have accused communities of causing spills to claim compensation for the environmental damage caused. Locals often say oil companies are slow to react to spills and do not clean them up properly. "It is indeed sad and most unfortunate that in spite of the huge consequences occasioned by the oil spill, Eni has failed to discuss development," Nengi James, chairman of an oil community committee in the Nembe region, said. "They (oil firms) allow oil spills to spread to rivers and mangrove forests before coming



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for inspection and clean-up." The environmental damage caused by oil spills in the Niger Delta has destroyed fishing livelihoods and means some communities drink water containing deadly levels of toxins, the United Nations said in a report last year. Foreign oil majors, the Nigerian government and Niger Deltans blame each other for the damage done. Shell, the largest producer in Nigeria, estimates 150,000 bpd of crude oil is being stolen.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-rt-us-eni-nigeria-outagebre86704f-20120708,0,4748422.story>

USA, W.VA, MARSHALL CO, JULY 8 2012. PROPANE TANKER OVERTURNS, CREWS ON SCENE

 [Photo Gallery](#) [Tractor Trailer Roll Over](#)



Authorities in Marshall County are responding to tractor trailer carrying propane that has rolled over on U.S. 250 crashing into a barn. The accident is at the intersection of Middle Grave Creek and Irish Ridge Road on U.S. 250 toward Cameron. The cause of the roll over is unknown. According to responders on scene diesel fuel spilling onto the roadway has been contained. Crews are cautiously working to move the tractor trailer however the extreme heat is causing problems. Authorities advise the road will be closed for several hours between Fork Ridge near Rt. 88 and Irish Ridge Road. One person has been injured and transported to a nearby hospital.

<http://www.wtrf.com/story/18970902/propane-tanker-overturms-crews-on-scene>

USA, CA, SANTA BARBARA, JULY 9 2012. CARNIVAL CARAVAN HITS THE PUMP

 [Photo's \[5\]](#) [Driver Takes Out One Of The Gas Pumps.](#)



The carnival passed through town early Saturday evening and caused quite a stir. Have you ever wondered what the consequences are when a vehicle fails to properly negotiate at the gas station and rams the pump? That's exactly what happened Saturday evening around when a massive Modenaire traveling carnival "unit" pulled into the Conserv gas station on South La Cumbre, just across from the Habit. Unfortunately the driver of the rig miscalculated and took out one of the gas pumps. Within minutes, SBPD and SBFD firefighters from Stations 4 and 1 arrived to secure the area and assess the situation, respectively. Given the high possibility of a serious risk of danger due to flammable liquid spewing from the sheared off pump, precautions were taken to cordon off the immediate area, locate the problem and work to reduce a possible risk to people and property in that busy part of town. The firefighters were quickly able to verify that a seismic valve - used primarily for protection during major earthquakes - had functioned properly and shut the pump down. When the 50 ft. Modenaire trailer, which is essentially a dorm on wheels, rammed the pump, it damaged it severely, causing the seismic valve to shut the pump down immediately. This safety feature prevented the spillage of gasoline and minimized the risk of fire. The photos show not only the offending Modenaire, but our heroic first responders, a functional pump assemblage and the damaged gas pump with its sheared off pipe just above the valve that worked just as it was designed to. We're comforted to know that sometimes Murphy's Law takes a hiatus, and things happen just as they are planned.

<http://www.edhat.com/site/tidbit.cfm?nid=95220>



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USA, W.VA, MARSHALL CO, JULY 9 2012. PROPANE TANKER CRASH INJURES 1

 [Watch the Video Propane Tanker Crashes](#)

U.S. 250 in [Marshall County](#) is back open after a truck carrying propane flipped on its side. The crash happened on U.S. 250 near Cameron about 11 a.m. at the intersection of Irish Ridge Road and Middle Grave Creek Road. According to [Marshall County](#) Sheriff's deputies who responded, the driver lost control on a curb and crashed into a shed. The driver suffered some lacerations and was taken to a local hospital for injuries, said a Limestone EMS crew member at the scene. Some diesel fuel spilled on the ground. Crews worked to removed as much of the tanker contents as possible Saturday afternoon, before re-opening the road. Seven homes had to be evacuated for safety reasons. [Marshall County](#) authorities are still at the scene of an overturned propane tanker Saturday. The crash happened on U.S. 250 near Cameron about 11 a.m. at the intersection of Irish Ridge Road and Middle Grave Creek, dispatchers said. According to [Marshall County](#) Sheriff's deputies who responded, the driver lost control on a curb and crashed into a shed. The driver suffered some lacerations and was taken to a local hospital for injuries, said a Limestone EMS crew member at the scene. Some diesel fuel spilled on the ground, and crews worked to removed as much of the tanker contents as possible Saturday afternoon, authorities said. The road between Irish Ridge Road and Fork Ridge Road is closed to traffic for the clean up.

<http://www.wtov9.com/news/news/propane-tanker-crash-injures-1/nPn6Y/>

CHINA, BEIJING, JULY 9 2012. 8 CHINESE MINERS RESCUED, 7 DIE IN EXPLOSION AT ANOTHER MINE

Eight Chinese miners have been rescued after being trapped underground for more than three days in a flooded coal mine. Three other miners are believed to still be alive underground. The flood trapped 16 workers on Wednesday. Meanwhile, seven workers in another mine have been killed in a gas explosion this morning. Nearly 40 others managed to escape. A report on the official news agency says an investigation into the cause of that accident is under way. Floods, gas explosions and cave-ins have made China's coal mines the deadliest in the world, although the death rate has fallen. Safety improvements have cut annual fatalities by about one-third from a high of nearly 7,000 ten years ago.

http://ktvl.com/template/inews_wire/wires.international/3346b2d3-www.ktvl.com.shtml

INDIA, MAHARASHTRA, NASHIK, JULY 9 2012. PETROL RESIDUES STILL PRESENT IN OUR WATER'

sumita sarkar

More than eight days after residents of Dharma Bhakti Society along Dindori Road were promised by a petrol pump's management that the leakage polluting their borewell water would be dealt with, the residents are still waiting for potable water. The management said they have checked for leakages but could not find any. Residents of Dharma Bhakti Society said the petrol pump (Bharat Petroleum Corporation's outlet) close to the society had been leaking petrol for a long while and the substance mixed with the borewell water in their compound. They got in touch with the manager of the pump, Milind Kulkarni, and local corporator Shalini Pawar. The manager promised to fix the problem immediately. A week later, residents are once again complaining about the quality of the water. Residents said that when the pump was closed for 4-5 days, they did not face any problems. But since the pump was re-opened, their water has begun smelling of petrol again. This time, however, the smell is not as strong as it was earlier, but the water is contaminated, say the residents. The manager of the pump said that the technical staff of Bharat Petroleum had arrived with their machinery this week to detect leakages but could not find any. "We have not found any leakages in our pipes and that is why we started the petrol pump again. We don't know what the problem is but we will see what we can do at our end," said manager of the petrol pump, Milind Kulkarni.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/nashik/Petrol-residues-still-present-in-our-water/articleshow/14740632.cms>

ZIMBABWE, MUTARE, JULY 9 2012. POLICE BUST FUEL SYNDICATES

Intelligence police units operating at the Forbes Border Post and in certain hot spots in Mutare have managed to track down and arrest several people involved in the siphoning of thousands litres of fuel from tankers coming from Beira. Areas proxy to the border with Mozambique have in recent months been turned into hide-outs used by truck drivers and owners of backyard service stations to steal fuel from tankers in transit. The bulk of the thefts were usually executed at night. The Officer Commanding Mutare Urban District police, Chief Superintendent Winston Muzah, confirmed the arrests on Wednesday, but said he did not have the actual figures of those arrested. He revealed that the police had instituted an "intelligence network" that had managed to fish out several culprits. The senior police officer said the siphoning of fuel from the tankers had become



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so widespread and it was costing fuel companies thousands of dollars daily as a result of the thefts. He reiterated that the hideouts and the backyard service stations where the stolen fuel was being sold from were high fire risk areas. "We have a fruitful intelligence network on the ground. Our guys have arrested quite a bit, but the war is far from over. What we know is that we will soon catch up with all those involved in these shoddy deals," he said. The 'lucky' fuel thieves and dealers who escaped the ongoing police blitz were this week said to be quacking in their shoes as those arrested were said to have fingered them as their accomplices. Those conversant with the unfolding crackdown revealed that the police were moving in hard to flush out those involved in the clandestine operations. They said the honeymoon was over and the quick bucks that they were making daily were now a thing of the past. Upon the publication of the scandal three weeks ago, most fuel companies have since put their trucks on satellite tracking to monitor the movements of their drivers. Some have seconded loss control personnel who make follow ups to ensure that the tankers are not being siphoned. "We used to make money, but it is now difficult. The police are everywhere and fuel companies have since installed tracking devices to monitor the movement of their trucks. "Those who are still stealing the fuel are now doing it in Mozambique because police in Mutare are blowing hot," said the source. Unscrupulous customs officials and clearing agents stationed at the Forbes Border Post were also said to be benefiting from the thefts. The underhand dealings in which the culprits were siphoning at least 800 litres from each tanker daily were bleeding fuel companies. A check by this paper showed low activity at well-known service stations in the eastern border city that used to sell the stolen fuel at giveaway prices. Observers said some police officers were part and parcel of the stealing rackets and this explains why the vice continued for years without any concrete measures taken to bring offenders to book. Chief Supt Muzah said the police intelligence network was not confined to the border area only, but was spreading to selling spots in the high-density suburbs. "We know where the stolen fuel is going and we will soon knock at their doors," he said.

http://www.manicapost.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=25577:police-bust-fuel-syndicates-&catid=37:top-stories&Itemid=130

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, HELENSVALE, JULY 9 2012. TRUCK LOSES 2,000 LITRES OF BITUMEN DOWN THE DRAIN

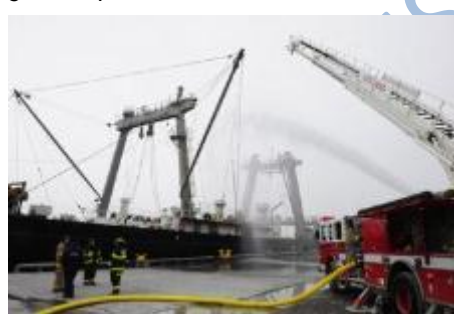
Map [Helensvale 4212](#)

A truck has overturned on the Gold Coast spilling 2,000 litres of bitumen into a drain. The crash happened at Helensvale just before 12:00pm (AEST). Crews from the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) are at the scene.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-07-09/truck-loses-bitumen-down-the-drain/4118760?section=qld>

USA, AKA, DUTCH HARBOR, JULY 9 2012. M/V EXCELLENCE SPRINGS AMMONIA LEAK, TOWED TO WIDE BAY, THREE TREATED FOR AMMONIA INHALATION

gw rastopsoff



Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Dutch Harbor and Unalaska Fire Department personnel work to contain an ammonia leak on the fish processor vessel Excellence.

An ammonia leak from a yet unidentified cause aboard the 367-foot M/V Excellence caused three to be treated for ammonia inhalation, two of which were transported to Anchorage for further treatment. The Excellence was at the Dutch Harbor dock when the leak occurred at shortly after 1 pm in the afternoon on Friday. It is suspected that the leak is in a tank that is holding about 5,000 pounds of the pungent substance the vessel uses for its refrigeration/freezer systems. The vessel has over 20,000 pounds of the gas aboard. All 129 crew was evacuated from the vessel. According to the Unalaska Fire Department, it is unknown how much of the ammonia leaked out of the tank. The leak continues hampering

efforts to close it down. In response to the incident, a unified command was set up, comprised of Coast Guard personnel, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Unalaska Fire Rescue, the Dutch Harbor port director, the acting Unalaska city manager, a vessel representative and a facility representative. That command is responsible for putting together the response plan for the leak. After spraying the vessel down with water in an attempt to limit the fumes emanating from the vessel, a decision was made to tow the 353-foot factory trawler a safe distance from the community. The tug Double Eagle



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towed the Excellence to Wide Bay, six miles north of Dutch Harbor, where it was secured to a mooring ball there. With the vessel away from Dutch Harbor, the Unified Command representative announced that there is no danger to the public. An ammonia expert and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration hazardous material specialist continues to providing technical expertise to the unified command and the UNISEA HAZMAT team is providing on-scene response capability.

<http://alaska-native-news.com/alaska-native-news-at-sea/6041-m-v-excellence-springs-ammonia-leak-towed-to-wide-bay-three-treated-for-ammonia-inhalation.html>

USA, KS, LANSING, JULY 9 2012. VOLUNTEER DIES AFTER HELPING PICK UP FIREWORKS AFTER SHOW

chris oberholtz, laura mccallister & alan shope,

 **Watch the Video** [Volunteer Dies Helping Pick Up Fireworks](#)

An accident after a fireworks display in eastern Kansas Wednesday night killed a volunteer who was helping dispose of fireworks. Police said the 44-year-old Lansing resident was volunteering for Wednesday night's fireworks show and a firework exploded near him after the show in Lansing, KS. "A volunteer that assists with the set up and disposal of our annual fireworks display last night was killed at Kenneth Bernard Park," said Ken Miller with the Lansing Police Department. Kenneth W. Bernard Community Park in Lansing was closed Thursday while police continue to investigate the tragedy. Thursday night, about 3,500 people attended the annual fireworks show. Miller noted that none of the guests were in danger because the accident happened well after the show was over and attendees had already left the park when the man was killed. "Crews were disposing of fireworks that had not discharged yet and one apparently exploded near the individual," Miller said. Miller said this is the first time a tragic incident of this nature has ever happened in Lansing and it's too early to tell how it will affect next year's show. "We're still obviously investigating what happened at this past show. We have not made any decisions at this time as to how it's going to impact future shows," he said. "The folks that put on this show for us year in and year out are mainly volunteers - they are a very close knit [family](#). This has got everybody grieving today deeply." The Lansing man's death was an accident, according to an initial investigation conducted by the Lansing Police Department. Miller adds the volunteer who was killed had worked fireworks shows for years in Lansing. The man's name has not yet been released pending notification of his family.

<http://www.kctv5.com/story/18956140/man-dies>

USA, MT, LAUREL, JULY 10 2012. YELLOWSTONE RIVER CLEANUP COST TOPS \$135 MILLION



Cleanup crews raked up acres of oil soaked grassland on the Yellowstone River near Laurel, Montana last year. The crews would cut the grass just below the water level and another would rake it up and put it small plastic swimming pools.

The cleanup of the Yellowstone River after last year's oil spill, and the effort to rebury the broken pipeline, cost the ExxonMobil Pipeline Co. \$135 million. The Silvertip pipeline split in half last July, dumping at least 1,509 barrels of oil, roughly 63,000 gallons, into a flooding Yellowstone River. Dozens of miles of shoreline were fouled, and many properties along the river required extensive cleaning. Looking back a year later, Tom Livers, deputy director of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, said the spill has changed the way his department operates and forced the state to better examine the pipelines running below Montana bodies of water. The Silvertip pipeline was buried below the Yellowstone

riverbed. In December 2010 — seven months before the spill — ExxonMobil performed a depth-of-cover study on the Silvertip and found it to be more than five feet below the riverbed. State and Exxon officials believe the Yellowstone, which had been running near flood stage in May and again at the end of June, scoured the bottom of the river and exposed the pipe, which was then ruptured by passing debris. The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is investigating the pipeline break to officially determine the cause. In the weeks following the break, Gov. Brian Schweitzer formed the Governor's Pipeline Safety Council to study the 9,000 pipeline crossings on Montana's waterways and look at possible safety or regulatory gaps. The council discovered "it wasn't regulatory gaps so much but the ability to keep up with the workload," Livers said. The roughly 9,000 crossings are a lot to keep up with, he said. The hope now, with the rules and regulations on the books, is that the state has the tools to properly monitor them all. Likewise, the spill sent Exxon officials



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into study mode as they examined what happened and what they could do prevent such events. ExxonMobil Pipeline Co. "integrates safety, health and environment into every aspect of our business and seeks to continuously improve our performance," said spokesman Patrick Henretty. "EMPCo sincerely regrets that this incident occurred and is committed to learning from these events." After the spill, Exxon went back and reburied the Silvertip crossings at Clark's Fork and Rock Creek to depths of about 40 feet. The company spent much of last fall repairing and reburying the Silvertip under the Yellowstone, which in some spots is now as deep as 70 feet below the riverbed. Montana DEQ, which has managed small-scale environmental problems for years, had never dealt with anything as large as the oil spill last summer. "We were kind of learning as we went on some of this," Livers said. Because of the department's performance, it will now act as the lead state agency in future environmental catastrophes and the department has spent the last year putting together policies and procedures to help them handle that. Looking back, Livers said the spill could have been much worse. "As bad as this one was, there were a lot of things that worked in our favor," he said. The fact that the pipe broke near a major city made it much easier to stage the hundreds of workers, officials and regulatory crews that descended on the area, he said. Because the spill happened on a river, it invoked the Clean Water Act, which brought in the Environmental Protection Agency, a big source of help for the state. Lastly, Livers said, Exxon played the part of responsible party and did everything it told the state it would do. Forty-five sites along the river are still under the DEQ's watch as officials look to make sure more oil isn't uncovered. Last spring, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks' fisheries staffers netted fish from the river for tissue samples to see if their organs contained abnormally high amounts of chemicals related to the oil spill. Depending on the findings, FWP will decide if a full-scale study of river wildlife is warranted. Part of Exxon's \$1.6 million settlement with the state included a number of supplemental environmental projects designed to benefit the local environment and first responders. Livers said his department is reviewing those project proposals. "ExxonMobil Pipeline Co. remains committed to the restoration of impacted areas along the Yellowstone River," Henretty said. "We would like to thank the people of Montana for their understanding and cooperation throughout this incident."

http://billingsgazette.com/news/local/yellowstone-river-cleanup-cost-tops-million/article_cff9bd91-3673-5097-8a0b-183ece496817.html

ENGLAND, BLACKPOOL, JULY 10 2012. ROAD STAYS SHUT AFTER TANKER CRASH

A major route through Wyre will be closed for "several days" after a tanker overturned on the road. Lancashire County Council says the A588 Head Dyke Lane, Pilling, will be closed to through-traffic until temporary highway repair works have been carried out. The road is completely closed between Preesall and Pilling, just west of Lamb's Lane, with a signed diversion in place via the A585, A586 and the A6. Traffic for Pilling is advised to go via Garstang or Lancaster, and traffic for Preesall and Knott End is advised to go via Shard Bridge and Hambleton. The closure is needed after the HGV overturned, causing major damage to the road. Highways bosses said major earthworks will be needed to restore the structure of the road before it can be resurfaced.

<http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/news/traffic-travel/road-stays-shut-after-tanker-crash-1-4721461>

USA, MO, KIRKSVILLE, JULY 10 2012. ONE PERSON LIFE-FLIGHTED AFTER FIRE SPARKS AT KIRKSVILLE GAS STATION



The scene of a fire at the Sinclair station in Kirksville.

One person was life-flighted to University Hospital in Columbia after sustaining burns when a fire sparked at the Sinclair fuel station on Normal Street. Roger Treasure sustained burns and was transported by Air Evac shortly after 11 a.m. this morning after Kirksville firefighters responded to the incident. His condition was not immediately available. Battalion Chief Marc Jefferson said Sinclair workers were performing maintenance and removing old fuel lines when the fire started. Fuel was supposed to be shut off to the line being cut, but instead was shut off on a different line by mistake. The cutter ignited the fuel. Charles Morris, station owner, also sustained minor injuries, but was treated and released. The Kirksville Fire Department arrived on scene with seven firefighters at 10:43 a.m. and within 10



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minutes Jefferson said "everything was contained and under control." The firefighters used a specially designed foam to cover the fuel and contain the vapors. They cleared the scene at 11:50 a.m. Jefferson said the estimated damage was minimal, as it was largely contained to fuel lines no longer in use that are in the process of being removed.

<http://www.kirksvilledailyexpress.com/news/x581017170/One-person-life-flighted-after-fire-sparks-at-Kirksville-gas-station>

USA, LA, MANDEVILLE, JULY 10 2012. TANKER'S GAS LEAK TEMPORARILY SHUTS DOWN CAUSEWAY

An empty gasoline tanker developed a leak that caused the Causeway Bridge to temporarily shut down on Monday morning. The drive shaft broke off, severing a small line on the pump that released what was left in the tank, which was less than five gallons, according to fire officials. An engine from fire district 4, a rescue truck and an ambulance were all present on the scene. The southbound bridge was closed from about 8:40 a.m. to 9:05 a.m. By 9:15 a.m., the leak had been contained.

<http://www.wwtv.com/news/local/northshore/Tankers-gas-leak-temporarily-shuts-down-Causeway-161784765.html>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, TUMUT, JULY 10 2012. TUMUT CONCRETE FACTORY FACES \$80,000 FINE

A Tumut concrete manufacturer has been fined \$80,000 after one of its employees almost died from inhaling toxic fumes. A 29-year-old man was working under concrete premix silos at a Tegra plant on November 12, 2009 when a large amount of cement powder was accidentally released. The man, who wasn't wearing a mask or breathing equipment, was almost killed when he inhaled the cement powder and his lung capacity has been permanently reduced to 35 per cent as a result of the accident. He has developed further serious health complications, including suffering a heart attack, and is still unable to return to work. Tegra was charged with breaching the Occupational Health and Safety Act and pleaded guilty. The company was fined \$80,000 and ordered to pay the WorkCover's legal costs by the Industrial Court of NSW. WorkCover found the accidental release was foreseeable and should have been planned for, and that all employees should be required to wear face masks while on site. The investigation also found Tegra failed to provide appropriate supervision, skills and training on what to do in such an emergency. WorkCover NSW general manager John Watson said the watchdog would work with Tegra to ensure the same mistakes are not made in the future. "Companies must maintain a high level of safety in everyday activities," he said. "Working with heavy machinery in manufacturing plants like these can be dangerous. Mandating, and supervising the wearing of facemasks is a well-known and practical way to improving safety. "People need to also be trained in how to properly respond to an emergency. "There was a clear lack of instruction and training in this instance. Had there been better instruction and training the consequences might not have been so severe.

<http://www.dailyadvertiser.com.au/news/local/news/general/tumut-concrete-factory-faces-80000-fine/2618011.aspx>

USA, PA, EMMAUS, JULY 10 2012. BUCKEYE GASOLINE SPILL PROMPTS VIOLATION NOTICE, COMPLAINTS OVER RESPONSE >> OFFICIALS IN UPPER MILFORD AND LOWER MACUNGIE SAID THEY FOUND OUT MORE THAN A WEEK AFTER GAS SEEPED OUT OF A TANK.

patrick lester

More than 4,000 gallons of gasoline spilled out of a storage tank at Buckeye Partners in Upper Milford Township last month, prompting a violation notice from the state and complaints from government officials over Buckeye's lack of communication with them. Buckeye reported the gasoline release to the state Department of Environmental Protection on June 18, hours after a tank was overfilled, according to Colleen Connolly, a DEP spokeswoman. Connolly said Buckeye initially reported a release of 300 gallons and later revealed it was 4,200 gallons. She said the DEP would have responded more promptly had it known the true severity. She said the DEP "did not appreciate" being notified of the spill hours after it occurred. Officials in Upper Milford were similarly puzzled that they weren't made aware of the incident until more than a week after the incident when it received a copy of the DEP's violation notice. Township supervisor Robert Sentner was particularly irked that the local fire companies weren't contacted. "It blows my mind that, with something of that magnitude, you don't have the decency [to contact fire officials]," Sentner said. "I think it's unacceptable not to accept responsibility and put residents in danger like that." Upper Milford officials plan to ask Buckeye to contact the township if and when emergencies such as the June 18 spill occur. Ben Galiardo, the emergency management coordinator in nearby Lower Macungie, said he was equally concerned. He said that while the incident occurred in Upper Milford, a bulk of Buckeye's tank farm is in Lower Macungie. "Certainly, Buckeye is not mandated to let Lower Macungie know, but just a professional courtesy would have been nice," Galiardo said. "To them, it was nothing because their tanks are like a million gallons. But I certainly have some concerns." Attempts to reach a Buckeye spokesperson were unsuccessful. Messages sent to the company's corporate headquarters were not returned. A DEP



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contamination notification report noted that tank No. 228 caused a release of about 4,200 gallons of gasoline into an emergency containment area. "Excavation activities within the containment area indicate a sub-surface impact to soils," the one-page form says. Connolly said that while Buckeye is required to contact DEP when spills occur, she said her agency cannot force the company to notify the local governments and fire companies. "We would like them to," she said. "This is something they should work out with the township and [emergency management officials]." The DEP on June 25 issued Buckeye a notice that it violated the state's Clean Streams Law. Connolly said the company will now investigate the incident, determine the extent of contamination by studying soil and groundwater, and come up with a cleanup plan. She said the company has temporarily taken out of service the tank from which the gasoline spilled. Buckeye routinely monitors about 90 groundwater wells on or near its property and reports the results of testing to the DEP on a quarterly basis. The violation notice does not impose any fines or penalties, which could be levied at a later date. In 2005, Buckeye reported a release of 58,000 gallons from a tank that the company said had a weld break. The company in 2009 said it had actually recovered 78,000 gallons. At the time, Buckeye officials at a public meeting called the cleanup a "remarkable" success. Buckeye said residents living near the tank farm were unaffected.

<http://www.mcall.com/news/local/eastpenn/mc-upper-milford-buckeye-gas-leak-20120709.0.4305774.story>

USA, CA, FRESNO, JULY 12 2012. FRESNO AIRPORT FUEL SPILL KEEPS CLEANUP CREWS BUSY

mariana jacob

 [Watch the Video Fresno Airport Fuel Spill](#)

A fuel spill at Fresno Yosemite International Airport kept crews busy Sunday. Airport officials say a fuel truck overturned around 7:30 Sunday morning spilling fuel onto the tarmac. Airport officials say no flights were affected from that spill, but cleanup crews I talked to say there were some tense moments on the tarmac as they dealt with a fuel truck that leaked about 200 gallons. Airport officials say a fuel truck overturned and left behind a oily mess. John DeCicco with Action Towing arrived on scene after Fresno fire. "We had an overturned fuel tanker leaking fuel and the first thing we did with Fresno fire was secure the leaks and come up with a plan," DeCicco said. That plan, he says, involved cleaning up about 200 gallons of jet-A fuel used to power airplanes off the tarmac. "It is dangerous but jet-A is not that flammable outside the tank so Fresno Fire said we are going to go with plan a which was to roll it over full," DeCicco said. Rolling over a truck with 5 thousand gallons of jet fuel DeCicco says was the bigger challenge. Fresno fire stood by while two tow trucks split up the job. One was used to pull up the fuel truck while another steadied its weight on another side. "It was a little nerve racking at first because it was a fuel jet tanker but once we got it about three quarters of the way up I knew it was going to come over not a problem," DeCicco said. There are still unanswered questions including how that fuel truck overturned and whether any airport or FAA violations occurred. The City of Fresno says an investigation is underway and we will bring you that information as it becomes available.

<http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=news/local&id=8728638>

PHILIPPINES, MANILA, JULY 10 2012. EXTREME MAKEOVER: PHILIPPINE 7-ELEVEN STORES V>> PHILIPPINE SEVEN CORP. IS PLANNING TO ADD NEW STORES AND REFURBISH OLDER SITES TO PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON FOODSERVICE

Philippine Seven Corp., operator of 7-Eleven convenience stores in the country, announced plans to open 180 more stores within the year. The Manila Standard Today writes that Jose Victor Paterno, Philippine Seven president, said that the additional stores would bring the total to 900 7-Eleven stores nationwide. Philippine Seven accounts for 50% of the country's convenience store market. The company also renewed its partnership with Chevron Philippines Inc. last Friday, a partnership that brings 7-Eleven stores to Caltex stations. Since the partnership was formed in 2009, 25 7-Eleven stores were brought to Caltex stations across Manila, with plans to add 20 more. "The 7-Eleven's proven track record in convenience store operations coupled with the popularity of the Caltex brand of fuels and petroleum products is a compelling value proposition for our consumers," Jim Meynink, Chevron country chairman, told the newspaper. In late June, Philippine Seven announced that is planning to spend more than P1 billion this year to expand and refurbish its network of convenience stores. So far five 7-Eleven stores feature the new format. "[The upgrade] will put more emphasis on our foodservice category, not on the packaged foods or the general merchandise [categories] because we see this category as our point of differentiation among our competitors," Lawrence M. De Leon, Philippine Seven finance division manager, said in an interview with BusinessWorld. Philippine Seven was incorporated in 1982, acquiring the operating license for 7-Eleven stores in the Philippines from Texas-



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based 7-Eleven Inc. After opening its first 7-Eleven store in Quezon City in 1984, the firm now operates 714 stores, of which more than 60% are franchisees.

<http://www.nacsonline.com/NACS/News/Daily/Pages/ND0709125.aspx>

AUSTRALIA – NATIONAL TRANSPORT COMMISSION, JULY 10 2012. STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK REVIEW OF THE REGULATION OF LAND TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS: OPTIONS PAPER



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The National Transport Commission (NTC) is conducting a review to determine the most effective framework for regulating the transport of dangerous goods by road and rail. In July 2012, the NTC released the Strategic framework review of the regulation of land transport of dangerous goods: options paper for public consultation. The paper identifies a number of recommendations to further strengthen the regulatory framework that is currently in place. Some of the proposed recommendations include:

- Aligning amendments to the Australian Dangerous Goods Code with the two-yearly international cycle of updates to the United Nation's (UN) Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods- Model Regulations. This will ensure Australia keeps pace with international best practice.
- Ensuring states and territories implement the same definition of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code in their laws. This will eliminate the inconsistencies in state and territory laws that occur when updates are made to the Code and implementation does not occur on a common date.
- Introducing a timeframe for regulators to make decisions about applications, to ensure businesses receive a timely outcome.

The proposed changes are expected to make the system safer, more efficient and provide greater transparency. The review follows an implementation review completed by the NTC in 2011 on the Model Act on the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road or Rail 2007.

Submissions

Submissions on the options paper can be made until 31 August 2012 through the [NTC website](http://www.ntc.gov.au) or by post to the Chief Executive, National Transport Commission, Level 15/628 Bourke Street, Melbourne Vic 3000. A final recommendation will be submitted to the Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure (SCOTI) by the end of 2012.

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NIGERIA, LAGOS, JULY 10 2012. DIESEL FUMES: 'A GRADUAL DEATH SENTENCE'

segun balogun

After one-week analysis, medical experts concluded that diesel fumes are injurious to health. Those who inhale the fumes, they say, risk lung cancer. In a country like Nigeria where companies and the rich use diesel powered generators, many may end up with the deadly disease. Segun Balogun examines the implication of the study in public health. When the late activist Chief Gani Fawehinmi (SAN) was diagnosed of lung cancer in 2007, the public was shocked. Reason: Fawehinmi was not a



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smoker, so the diagnosis, many thought, beggars belief. Smoking is the major cause of lung cancer. The debate on how he contracted lung cancer, which kills faster than most other forms of cancer, raged for long. None of the guesses made sense than the perception that cancer is a disease of the rich. However, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), an affiliate of the World Health Organisation (WHO), last June 12 released a report which indicated that lung cancer, will no longer be "a disease of the rich," but may become even more prevalent, especially in the urban centres. It was the leading cause of cancer death in 2008, causing 1.37million deaths, according to WHO. For one week, 24 IARC experts from seven countries gathered in Lyon, France, to "assess the carcinogenicity of diesel and gasoline engine exhausts and some Nitroarenes." After the meeting, the IARC confirmed that the fumes from diesel engines cause lung cancer in those exposed to them. Dr Christopher Portier, Chairman of the IARC Working Group, said: "The scientific evidence was compelling and the Working Group's conclusion was unanimous: diesel engine exhaust causes lung cancer in humans." His recommendation: "Given the additional health impacts from diesel particulates, exposure to this mixture of chemicals should be reduced worldwide."

Those at Risk

To Abideen Adejo, who spends about 14 hours of day on the busy highways of Lagos as a bus assistant on a mass transit bus, the news of IARC's conclusion is a "gradual death sentence." The agency identified Abideen's job as among those mostly at risk. Other occupations at risk are truck drivers, dockworkers, and everybody that is regularly exposed to fumes from a diesel engine. There is a wide spectrum of people exposed daily to diesel exhaust as diesel is used both in on-road and non-road transport (trucks, mass transit buses, trains, ships), heavy equipment in various industrial sectors, and in electricity generators. According to IARC's report, "a large cohort study in the US trucking industry reported a 15 to 40 per cent increased lung cancer risk in drivers and dockworkers with regular exposure to diesel exhaust. This study provides some of the strongest evidence of an association between exposure to diesel engine exhaust and lung cancer. "The findings of these cohort studies were supported by those in other occupational groups and by case control studies including various occupations involving exposure to diesel-engine exhaust." The Working Group concluded that there is "strong evidence" for the ability of whole diesel-engine exhaust to induce cancer in humans through genotoxicity - the degree to which something causes damage to or mutation of DNA. The most damning part of IARC's report was the fact that there is no threshold quantity of exposure that may help guide any preventive measure. The IARC said: "Positive trends were observed for cumulative but not average exposure." There are chemicals and particles in diesel exhaust that are known to induce cancer. The gas phase consists of carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and volatile organic compounds such as benzene and formaldehyde. The particle phase consists of elemental and organic carbon, ash, sulphate, and metals, while polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and nitroarenes are distributed over the gas and the particle phase.

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The Head of Radiation and Oncology Department of Eko Hospitals, Prof Kofi Duncan, said people "must get away from the fumes (from diesel exhaust) as far as possible," because a little exposure here and there will all add up to increase the risk of having lung cancer". According to him, people will have to learn to protect themselves and take preventive measures rather than wait for the government. "We cannot reduce people's entrepreneurship drive and government will always be government," he said. However, the Executive Director of Environmental Law Research Institute, Prof Lanre Fagbohun, said the government has a lot to do to protect the environment, by ensuring there are enforced emission standards, which will ensure that carcinogens in diesel fumes are reduced to barest minimum. He also said civil society organisations and the media "should serve as the catalyst for the kind of law and regulations needed to protect the environment through persistent advocacy that will encourage governments at all levels to be proactive."

<http://www.thenationonline.net/2011/index.php/health/53259-diesel-fumes.html>

USA, IA, ANKEY, JULY 11 2012. SITUATION AT MONSANTO PLANT SETTLES DOWN; WORKER RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL

timothy meinch

 [Watch the Video Situation at Monsanto Plant Settles Down; Worker Released from Hospital](#)

A bottle under pressure exploded at the Monsanto plant in Ankeny on Tuesday around 12:30 p.m., according to Ankeny Fire Chief Rex Mundt. The bottle was under high pressure during a chemical process under a hood when the incident occurred. "The bottle did rupture from being over pressurized," Mundt said. One employee thought she was exposed to the vapors and



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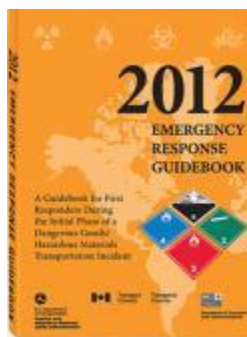
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was taken to the hospital for treatment. All other employees were safely evacuated without exposure, Mundt said. Employees in the building followed proper safety protocol for the situation, which included immediately shutting down the ventilation system so the vapors would not escape the building, the chief said. Mundt said he believed the bottle was less than one gallon in size; he could not immediately say what chemicals it contained. The worker who was taken to an area hospital for observation has been released and sustained no injuries, said Kelly Clauss, the company's director of public affairs. A crew cleaning up the lab where the explosion took place is expected to finish cleaning up today, she said. The plant will reopen for operations tomorrow. Clauss said the procedure that was being performed when the bottle ruptured was a normal one for employees at the plant. The chemicals that were being used are also regularly used, she said. Such an event is "rare" for Monsanto's plants, she said. A Des Moines hazmat crew responded to the incident along with fire and emergency crews from Des Moines and Ankeny. Mundt said this is the first incident of this type at the Ankeny Monsanto facility, where there are about 75 full-time employees. Monsanto officials and employees on scene declined to comment on the incident. According to the company's website, the facility is a global hub for breeding research.

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USA, OH, COLUMBUS, JULY 11 2012. TRAIN DERAILMENT LEADS TO EXPLOSION IN OFF-CAMPUS AREA

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People watch the flames shoot up from a freight train that derailed and some cars burst into flames, early Wednesday morning July 11, 2012 in Columbus Ohio. Lt. Terry Bush says the accident happened at about 2 a.m. Wednesday in a mixed-use part of the city, and people living in one-mile radius of the blast have been evacuated.

A train was derailed between 11th and 5th avenues, leading to an explosion and fire early Wednesday morning. Reports indicated that multiple cars derailed about 2 a.m. The cause of the derailment is unknown. Onlookers described the explosion as a light so bright it looked like sunshine. Officers from the Columbus Division of Police were advising people to evacuate the area as they blocked off roads, but the evacuation was not mandatory. As of 5 a.m. Columbus Division of

Fire Battalion Chief Michael Fowler said that about 100 people had been evacuated. Ohio State students received an alert



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about the fire at 3:45 a.m. No injuries related to the incident have been reported. HAZMAT officials were called to the scene. The train was carrying chemicals including denatured alcohol and styrene, a chemical used to make plastic. Fowler said that Columbus fire "was not sure what was burning" and had not been able to approach the fire closely. He however said that the chemicals posed no health risk to anyone in the area, and that they were "burning off clean." It is unclear at this time how long it will take for the fire to settle, but Fowler said that it may take up to two days to completely clear up.

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USA, MA, WORCESTER, JULY 11 2012. FIRE MARSHAL YANKS PERMIT, ORDERS NEW SEARCH AFTER UNEXPLODED FIREWORKS FOUND IN WORCESTER, WARE

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Ware Fire Chief Thomas Coulombe shows inert fireworks. The unexploded fireworks are half this size.



A Pennsylvania-based fireworks company has been ordered by the state fire marshal to come back to Worcester — and to every other community where it set off pyrotechnics — to conduct a thorough search for any unspent ordnance after eight were found in Ware and two others exploded in Eastern Massachusetts. "I have also ordered them to surrender their user certificate," state Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan said today after visiting Grenville Park in Ware, where two fireworks were struck by mowers and exploded recently. Pyrotecnico, which has several offices around the country, including one in Jaffrey, N.H., set off displays in Worcester, where an unexploded fireworks shell was found a few days ago. That was reported to the fire marshal on Monday after officials in Ware began a second search of Grenville Park, where on Friday and again on Monday a park worker struck ordnance, causing explosions that lifted the mower. He was not injured. And those weren't the only unexploded fireworks found in Massachusetts cities and towns. In similar incident in Stoughton, a mower struck an unspent shell and it exploded, according to a Stoughton fire official. Fire officials in Waltham confirmed that they, too, were investigating the explosion of what appears to be fireworks when it was hit by a mower July 5. Pyrotecnico also set off the displays there. Ware Fire Chief Thomas Coulombe said there is no way to know how many of the unexploded shells may have landed in areas close to a Little League field and basketball court after the June 30 display, but by Monday night, eight had been found, including the two that were hit and one the fireworks company located on July 1. "There's no guarantee that we're going to find them all," he said, adding this evening that the park had reopened after a thorough search by state police

from the Special Emergency Response Team and local firefighters failed to turn up any more fireworks. "Unless someone finds another one, there's no reason for us to continue," he said. Investigators know there was problem with some of the fireworks used by Pyrotecnico, Mr. Coan said. The Connecticut state fire marshal's office notified Massachusetts of the potential problem and the company told the marshal it would swap out the questionable shells for others. "There is a very tight inventory control over individual pyrotechnics, and we would have to be notified if they were switching the shells," Mr. Coan said, adding that most of the fireworks come from China. The fire marshal said because he is not comfortable that the so-called "first light search," which requires the company to scour the area the morning after a display, was done properly, he is ordering Pyrotecnico to work with local fire departments to conduct another search in every community it served. He said the investigation into what went wrong will be extensive and could result in administrative hearings that would determine if and how any discipline might be handled. He is also requesting records from Pyrotecnico that detail "all products used in each show in Massachusetts over the last 45 days." The company must also produce documents showing how many unspent shells it recovered during the first-light and other searches. Pyrotecnico apparently came back to Worcester to retrieve the shell found there. A phone call was made to Pyrotecnico yesterday but a reporter's voice mail message was not returned. Mr. Coan said it is not unheard of to find unspent shells after a fireworks display but the number found in Ware coupled with the other incidents that have been reported in Massachusetts is unusual. He said he has notified every community that used the company, and residents are warned not to touch any of the fireworks they may find. "You do not need to light a fuse for



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fireworks to explode," he said. The problem appears to be with the fireworks themselves and not so much with the "shooters," people who are separately licensed and can work for more than one company. There were different shooters in the towns involved, he said. Chief Coulombe said the fireworks have two parts, one that launches them from the tube and a second section that explodes in the air, creating the "salute" or bang. The second part seems to be what has fallen to the ground in several cases. Officials said under some circumstances the explosion caused by the ordnance could be deadly and that it's fortunate no one has been hurt. Still, the fire marshal worried there could be more fireworks near sites where displays were held. He urged anyone who believes they have found one to leave it and call 911. The fireworks collected in Ware will be taken to a remote area and detonated by the state police fire and explosion section. Some were destroyed Saturday.

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- [Search for unexploded fireworks continues at Ware park](#)
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USA, MA, OAKS BLUFF, JULY 11 2012. OAK BLUFFS FIRE CHIEF ORDERS HARBOR GAS PUMPS SHUT

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Oak Bluffs firefighters used a boom to contain a gasoline spill on July 4.

In the wake of a gasoline spill last week, Oak Bluffs fire chief Pete Forend Monday ordered the marine fuel facility located at Church's Pier on Oak Bluffs harbor to shut down. The order to close the fuel facility leaves Oak Bluffs Harbor with no gasoline available during the busiest part of the boating season. Oak Bluffs firefighters, police and members of the harbor master's department responded to Church's Pier for a report of a gasoline spill in the harbor about 5 pm on July 4th. No alarms sounded, but people in the area smelled gasoline, and then saw fuel pouring into the harbor. Cleanup crews used chemical dispersants, a floating boom, and absorbent mats to contain the spill. The spill left a strong

odor of gasoline hanging over the area. Police cordoned off the sidewalk in front of Nancy's snack bar but did not ask people to leave the area. Police did ask boaters not to start their engines while the cleanup took place. "The line that failed on the tanks was an older style line," Oak Bluffs fire Chief Pete Forend said. "They're not compatible with new fuels, with ethanol." Mr. Forend said before the facility can reopen, those fuel lines must be replaced, alarms installed to warn of any future spills, and the facility must be reinspected. In reports to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), local officials said about 15 gallons of fuel spilled into the harbor after a pipe that supplies a gas pump at the end of Church's Pier ruptured. DEP issued a "notice of responsibility," to Marmik LLC, the corporation operated by businessmen Mark and Mike Wallace, who run the marine fuel facility. That notice starts the clock on the clean-up effort, which must be completed within one year. Oak Bluffs officials said the clean-up is already complete. Mark Wallace could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Fuel Factor

The order to close the fuel facility leaves Oak Bluffs Harbor with no gasoline available to boaters as it enters the busiest part of the summer season. "We could make it through the season," harbor master Todd Alexander said. "It really hurts the local guys, that just want to go fishing. The bigger boats (from off-island) can fuel up before they leave, they know the prices are high here anyway. It doesn't really stop people from coming here." Mr. Alexander said the lack of gasoline may be a concern for competitors in the Monster Shark Tournament, scheduled for July 19 - 21, who sometimes need to refuel after each day's fishing. Diesel fuel is available from a truck that dispenses fuel for fishing vessels and other boats. Because of dissatisfaction over the availability of fuel from commercial vendors, Oak Bluffs is in the process of establishing a town-owned fuel facility. The town received approval from the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) to build a temporary facility in 2009. After putting the project on hold, town officials moved forward with the project again this year. The town received two bids in response to a request for proposals last month. Mr. Alexander does not expect the town-owned facility to be ready for operation this summer, but he is hopeful it will be ready for the beginning of next year's boating season.

<http://www.mvtimes.com/2012/07/10/oak-bluffs-fire-chief-orders-harbor-gas-pumps-shut-11432/>



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