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#### AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, OCTOBER 3 2012. WATER AT CFA'S NOTORIOUS FISKVILLE BASE STILL FAILS TO MEET SAFETY STANDARDS

*stephen drill*



*Water used at Fiskville has failed to meet safety standards, despite the authority switching to mains water to extinguish training fires.*

Water used at the CFA's notorious Fiskville base has still failed to meet safety standards, despite the authority switching to mains water to extinguish training fires. A report from water contamination expert Cardno Lane Piper reveals that water in the dams at the base had unacceptable levels of suspended solids when tested last month. The pollutants can be the carriers of toxic chemicals, which attach to the solids, making it more difficult to filter water to make it safe for human use. Cardno Lane Piper environmental chemist Giorgio De Nola warned the CFA of the problem in the pit dam at Fiskville, according to a letter

dated September 27. "A water sample collected on 11 September 2012 exceeded the criterion for suspended solids," Mr De Nola wrote. "The control actions, as outlined in the Water Management Plan for Fiskville, should be implemented." Mr De Nola recommended that the pit be cleaned out and replaced with fresh mains water, and urged the CFA to put in place a containment wall to stop run-off entering the dam. But, while the suspended solids breached acceptable standards, it was deemed safe to use because it did not directly impact on human health, according to the letter. United Firefighters Union secretary Peter Marshall said he was shocked the CFA was still using Fiskville for recruit courses. He said the CFA needed to spend at least \$1 million cleaning up toxic sludge at the bottom of one of the dams to fix the problem. "Are they hoping that if they test it enough, that someone will finally give them the right answer?" he said. "This vindicates what we have been saying since day one: they need to remediate the site or shut it down." The CFA hired Cardno Lane Piper after the Herald Sun revealed in July that water used at Fiskville had breached safety standards at least 50 times since 2000. Gerard Scholten, a CFA spokesman, said water testing was continuing. "Cardno Lane Piper is continuing its review of the fire water training system at Fiskville. CFA is awaiting options to improve the system. Mains water continues to be used for live firefighter training and full training capacity has been restored," he said. The pit dam had been cleaned and water replaced based on CLP's advice.

#### Related Link

- [Brian Potter: Time for laws to protect firefighters](#)
- [CFA to expand 'toxic' Fiskville site](#)
- [More firefighters sound Fiskville alarm](#)
- [CFA's dirty secret at Fiskville](#)

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/water-at-cfas-notorious-fiskville-base-still-fails-to-meet-safety-standards/story-e6frf7kx-1226486140281>

#### USA, UT, TOOELE CO, OCTOBER 3 2012. TWO BURNED IN GASOLINE FUMES BLAST ON SHRIMP BOAT >> GREAT SALT LAKE » SPARK IN ENGINE COMPARTMENT IGNITED FLASH FIRE.

*bob mims*

Two fishermen were burned in a flash fire Monday morning as they prepared to go out on the Great Salt Lake in search of brine shrimp. Tooele County sheriff's Deputy Keith Borders said the two men were working inside the boat's engine compartment making unspecified repairs when the fire occurred about 6:45 a.m. They were afloat on the lake offshore from Stansbury Island at the time. "Gas fumes had built up and one of them made a spark with a wire and it literally blew up in their faces, a big fire ball," Borders said. A 47-year-old Tooele man suffered second- and third-degree burns to his face, hands, chest, back and legs. He was flown to University of Utah Burn Unit in Salt Lake City in serious condition. A 29-year-old man was treated at the scene for minor burns to his neck and scalp and released. Borders said the boat itself sustained only minor damage.

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/55002628-78/lake-salt-boat-fire.html.csp>



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#### **NIGERIA, ABIA, UMUEKE, OCTOBER 3 2012. DEATH TOLL IN ABIA PIPELINE FIRE RISES TO 15**

emmanuel ugwu



##### *Fire in Abia.*

About 15 persons have been confirmed dead and about 20 others sustaining various degrees of injuries in a pipeline fire said to have occurred in a remote village in Abia State. The victims were alleged to have met their untimely death while scooping petrol from a broken pipeline at Umueke village in Umueze autonomous community of Osisioma Local Government Area. The state Commissioner for Petroleum and Solid Minerals Development, Chief Don Ubani, who confirmed the incident, said the incident happened at about 6.30pm on September 23, 2012 but the report was received after some days. Ubani, who expressed sadness that people could still break pipelines despite several warnings against such acts, said hospitals treating the injured vandals should

report them to law enforcement agencies. He also warned that traditional rulers whose domain incidents of vandalism occurred "should be prepared to identify such hoodlums for appropriate actions by the government or face the consequences of nonchalance." Thisday learnt that the state governor, Chief Theodore Orji, had on receiving the information about the fire incident, sent his deputy, Mr. Emeka Ananaba, to the area to assess the level of damage. He expressed regrets over the loss of lives, saying pipeline vandalism was a very costly venture, which people should desist from in order to save their lives. The deputy governor said it was high time people stopped having the notion that they could live on criminal activities such as pipeline vandalism, adding that those with criminal tendencies should have a rethink and engage in legitimate means of livelihood. According to him, incidents of pipeline vandalism have become a source of worry to the state government with its attendant loss of human lives and revenue accruing to the Federal Government, adding that the state government had been supporting security agencies with logistics to fight the menace. Ananaba wondered why people should still engage in pipeline vandalism even with stories of dire consequences others had faced, while scooping fuel from broken pipeline in several places across the country. He advised parents to restrain their children and wards from criminal activities. The commissioner told THISDAY that the area where the vandalism occurred was not connected to the supply line connecting the Osisioma depot, adding that the line between Imo River and Osisioma depot was heavily guarded. He vowed that the state government would not relent in its commitment to ensure that the pipelines were protected from vandals round the clock.

##### **Related Links**

- [Pipeline fire in southeast Nigeria kills 20](#)

A government spokesman says 20 people in southeast Nigeria died when a broken gasoline pipeline caught fire, burning alive those gathering the fuel. [Nigerians warned against deadly oil thefts](#)

At least 15 people were killed and more than 25 injured in southern Nigeria after a vandalized oil pipeline caught fire, government officials said. The incident prompted authorities to warn hospitals to report anyone...

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201210010088.html>

#### **ENGLAND, EAST SUSSEX, BRIGHTON, OCTOBER 3 2012. NEW FIREWORK CAUSES SEVERE EYE INJURIES, WARN DOCTORS**

A new type of firework caused severe eye injuries and blindness in children and adults at last year's bonfire night celebrations, warn doctors in a letter to this week's BMJ. Edward Pringle and colleagues describe how on the evening of 5 November 2011, eight patients attended the Sussex Eye Hospital, five with serious eye injuries - two were blinded and the other three have a lifelong glaucoma risk. Police inquiries suggest the new explosive was derived from "rope banger deer scarers," which have a slow burning rope fuse that ignites several explosives along the rope. When cut down, the fuse and explosive can be lit and thrown. All serious injuries were consistent with a blunt injury to the eyeball, caused by material within the explosive charge, explain the doctors. They also say that this rate of serious eye injury was greater than expected for a bonfire night, based on British Ophthalmic Surveillance Unit data. "Numbers of blinding injuries have fallen in countries with legislation that controls the use and distribution of fireworks," say the authors. "The UK has legislation to limit distribution, but deer scarers are exempt because they are not actual fireworks." In the UK in 2005, 52% of firework injuries occurred at public events. Yet the authors point out that there is no legislation to impose safety restrictions at firework displays as serious accidental injury is not included



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in the Public Order Act. They call on organisers to "actively engage their audience in safer use of fireworks and encourage eye protection" and conclude: "If we cannot create effective legislation we must create a culture that does not tolerate the throwing of banger-type explosives into crowds. Extraordinarily, this remains a challenge."

[http://www.google.com/webhp?sa=N&hl=en&tab=nw#hl=en&output=search&scient=psy-ab&q=where+is+Sussex+Eye+Hospital&oq=where+is+Sussex+Eye+Hospital&gs\\_l=hp.12...1242.5638.0.6576.10.10.0.0.0.271.2093.0j4j6.10.0.les%3B..0.0...1c.1j2.ny4RJ5jZdbM&pbx=1&bav=on.2.or.r\\_gc.r\\_pw.r\\_qf.&fp=b387874911bb5427&biw=1280&bih=598](http://www.google.com/webhp?sa=N&hl=en&tab=nw#hl=en&output=search&scient=psy-ab&q=where+is+Sussex+Eye+Hospital&oq=where+is+Sussex+Eye+Hospital&gs_l=hp.12...1242.5638.0.6576.10.10.0.0.0.271.2093.0j4j6.10.0.les%3B..0.0...1c.1j2.ny4RJ5jZdbM&pbx=1&bav=on.2.or.r_gc.r_pw.r_qf.&fp=b387874911bb5427&biw=1280&bih=598)

### USA, FLA, LAKE CITY, OCTOBER 3 2012. PERRY POLLARD FATALLY INJURED BY EXPLOSION AT ANDERSON COLUMBIA

 **Watch the Video** [Man Killed while Checking Fuel Levels when something Sparked Explosion](#)



*Anderson Columbia asphalt plant.*

On Monday, October 01, 2012, an industrial accident claimed the life of Perry Pollard, 30, of Lake City, at the Anderson Columbia plant at 871 N.W. Guerdon Street, Lake City. At approximately 5:15 a.m., Pollard was checking a diesel fuel tank when an explosion occurred. Pollard was fatally injured as a result of the explosion. No other injuries were reported to other workers. Columbia County Fire Department responded with multiple units and personnel. CCFD was assisted with containment by the Lake City Fire Department. Fire officials verified the contents of the fuel tank as #5 diesel. There was no contaminant threat to the surrounding neighborhood. No other injuries were reported to other workers. The State Fire Marshall was on scene this morning and is working closely with the Columbia County Fire Department, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and Anderson Columbia to determine the cause of the accident. Representatives from OSHA were also on scene this morning. The Office of the Medical Examiner in Jacksonville, will determine the exact cause of death. The current investigation by the State Fire Marshal and OSHA may take several weeks to be completed and additional details will be released upon completion of the investigation.

<http://www.lakecityjournal.com/main.asp?SectionID=14&SubSectionID=74&ArticleID=9235>

### USA, N.J, NEWARK, OCTOBER 3 2012. BULKHEAD NEAR FORMER NEWARK BIODIESEL SITE COLLAPSES INTO PASSAIC RIVER

*eunice lee*



*Part of a bulkhead near the former Innovation Fuels collapsed into the Passaic River.*

A wooden pier and parts of a seawall near a defunct biodiesel manufacturing site in Newark collapsed into the Passaic River, officials said today. The location is the former Innovation Fuels site at 126 Passaic St. No one was injured in the collapse, said Tom MacIntyre, terminal manager of 126 Passaic LLC, which owns the property. Several federal and state agencies were alerted of the collapse, including the U.S. Coast Guard, the state Department of Environmental Protection and the federal Environmental Protection Agency. The Coast Guard responded to the collapse last Friday, spokeswoman Lt. Fannie Wilkes said. DEP spokesman Bob Considine said that oil was spilled. The pier was more than 80 years old and

brought down with it parts of the bulkhead and several pipes, Wilkes said. The property owners brought in an oil spill response team as a precaution but there's been no indication of pollution, she said. "They believed all of the pipes were cleared," she said. Wilkes believes some oil on the pier may have ended up in the water. The pier had not been used in two years, she said. It's not clear yet what caused the collapse, but MacIntyre said the company is addressing the issue. Innovation Fuels filed



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Chapter 7 bankruptcy in February 2011 after about four or five years in business, he said. It sold biodiesel to overseas markets. Now only a skeleton crew remains on site to manage the property.

[http://www.nj.com/esssex/index.ssf/2012/10/bulkhead\\_near\\_former\\_newark\\_bi.html](http://www.nj.com/esssex/index.ssf/2012/10/bulkhead_near_former_newark_bi.html)

### **NIGERIA, YENAGOA, OCTOBER 3 2012. ILLEGAL REFINERIES - FEAR RULES BAYELSA COMMUNITY OVER JTF INVASION**

*samuel oyadongha*



*Illegal refineries destroyed in Nigeria.*

"We thought we were under military siege and some of our people fled their homes when they saw the armada of boats and armed soldiers heading towards our community," said John Oweikorogha (not real name) an indigene of the oil-rich Igbomatoru community in the Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa State. This was the stark reality in the troubled enclave when heavily armed operatives of the Joint Task Force in the Niger Delta codenamed Operation Pulo Shield were deployed to the area. The massive movement of the troops, it was learnt, caused serious panic among indigenes of the area who thought their community was under military siege given the quantity of war arsenal being deployed in the area. The battle-ready troops were on a mission

to open a new outpost at Igbomatoru enclave which is noted for its notoriety in illegal bunkering. Most sea going vessels have been discovered to use the area as hide out where they carry out trans-shipment of illegally siphoned crude oil. Also, its mangrove swamp is littered with illegal refinery camps. Vanguard Metro, VM, investigation revealed that the area, though rich in oil, is badly polluted and deeply impoverished with offensive stench being the hallmark of its waterway, with thick poisonous smoke taking over the air, making visibility in the snaky creek difficult for maritime operators. But in a renewed effort to stem the tide, the authorities established a military outpost in the creek which necessitated the massive deployment of troops to the area. The mandate of the soldiers, VM learnt, was to rid the area of crude oil thieves and illegal refinery operators. It was learnt that the troops led by one Major Augustine Obochi on establishing their presence in the area launched a dawn raid on the identified illegal refinery depots last Saturday, destroying about 30 camps and 29 Cotonou boats used in conveying stolen crude oil and their illegally refined petroleum products to waiting sea going vessels. The decision to establish permanent military presence in the blighted enclave, it was learnt, was the outcome of a recent security meeting involving the services chiefs held at the instance of President Goodluck Jonathan. The President, sources told VM, was unhappy with the state affairs in the creek of the Delta and directed the military to dismantle the camps. Sources from the Igbomatoru creek told VM that they were jolted from their sleep by the booming sound of explosion in the early hours of Saturday. According to him: "We thought we were under military invasion given the sound of explosions coming from the forest". Continuing he said: "Some of our fishermen who saw the armada of boats in the waterway heading towards our community were forced to beat a quick retreat for fear that the soldiers were out to attack the community." He, however, declared that their fear was misplaced as the soldiers went about their mandate without harassing anybody. The troops backed by gunboats, he said, used the smaller watercrafts to access the narrow inlets to reach the camps being used by crude oil thieves and illegal refinery operators to ship their illegally acquired consignment. When contacted, the Media Coordinator of the Joint Task Force, Lt. Col Oyeama Nawachuckwu, said the renewed onslaught was part of the on going effort to cripple the activities of crude oil thieves and illegal refinery operators in the region. He also confirmed the establishment of a military base in the area to effectively secure the creek to prevent the dislodged illegal refinery operators and crude oil thieves from returning to the sacked camps. His words: "Following the deployment of troops in the area, aggressive raid was conducted and several illegal refinery camps were destroyed. "Igbomatoru enclave is noted for its notoriety in illegal bunkering because most sea- going vessels have been discovered to use it as hide out where they do their trans-shipment of illegally siphoned crude oil. The operation continues until we rid Igbomatoru of oil thieves. We will not be stopped by false hue and cry". Nigeria is one of the world's largest oil producers, but the Niger Delta region remains badly polluted and deeply impoverished. Oil firms blame theft and sabotage for the majority of oil spills in Nigeria, a claim strongly disputed by environmental activists. A recent trip to the creek of Southern Ijaw was an exposure to the glaring despoliation of the environment by the natives driven by self-interest and profit maximization. Ironically, the very river most of these communities depend on for drinking is daily being polluted by the illegal refinery operators, some of whom carry out their illicit trade brazenly pumping the excess of their illegally acquired



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consignment into the river in broad day. Sadly, only about 30 per cent of the refined oil is recuperated according to report, while the remaining 70 per cent is discarded into the environment. The country, according to an oil industry source, is losing about N15.8billion daily to oil thieves operating in the mangrove creeks of the Niger Delta who are not only bleeding the economy but also compounding the woes of the already fragile environment.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201210020835.html>

#### USA, MN, ST PAUL, OCTOBER 3 2012. INSPECT FUEL OIL TANKS BEFORE WINTER

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is reminding Minnesotans who heat their homes with fuel oil to inspect tanks and piping now, before the winter heating season begins. According to the M-P-C-A, more than 40 residential fuel oil spills and leaks occur each year, damaging homes and costing homeowners thousands of dollars in cleanup cost and lost fuel. The agency says that a simple annual inspection would prevent many of these leaks from occurring. Fuel oil tanks require regular maintenance to prevent leaks from corrosion, improper installation, faulty piping, failing valves, and from weather conditions, such as falling ice, snow packs, or flooding.

<http://www.kduz.com/2012/10/02/inspect-fuel-oil-tanks-before-winter/>

#### USA, CA, FRESNO, OCTOBER 3 2012. EXPLOSION AT GAS STATION; GAS THEFT SCHEME GOES UP IN FLAMES

*nicole garcia*

 **Watch the Video** [Explosion at Gas Station](#)

Surveillance video from a Fresno gas station shows a driver trying to take off after an explosion, and investigators believe two would-be thieves could have been burned in the blast. It happened at the Valero gas station on Cedar and Gettysburg in central Fresno early Sunday morning. The crooks drove to the main tank and started helping themselves to free gas. But something went terribly wrong. The thieves brought their own equipment – a pump and a trailer. About 320 gallons of regular unleaded was pumped out of the main tank at the station when the fire sparked. A man tried to drive off with the trailer on fire, but the truck stopped. He jumped out, looked back, and walked away from the scene. Another camera caught this woman walking away from the fire around the same time. The scene made the manager of the gas station laugh. "I don't know what to say, it's kind of funny. They should know anything can happen wrong," said Anjeet Kaur. She calls it karma. The manager says she's glad the vapors didn't reach the service pumps - or things could've been much worse. Fire investigators are still looking into what caused the explosion. One possibility is static electricity. Investigators say, as the gas was being pumped out of the tank and into a container, static electricity could've ignited the vapors. Investigators think the people involved could even be burned. The same gas station was hit last year in the same way -- back then thieves got away with about 4,000 gallons of gas. So far, Fresno Police haven't figured out who's behind this weekend's gas theft-gone wrong.

<http://www.kmph.com/story/19701331/explosion-at-gas-station-gas-theft-scheme-goes-up-in-flames>

#### GUYANA, KINGSTON, OCTOBER 4 2012. GPL SPILLS FUEL INTO DEMERARA RIVER

*denis scott chabrol*



Fire fighters and Guyana Power and Light (GPL) workers were Wednesday afternoon continuing mopping operations following a fuel spill at the Kingston Power Station, a large amount of which gushed into the Demerara River. Power company officials said the incident occurred while transferring fuel from one of the bulk tanks to a tanker for the Wartsila generator at Kingston. The incident occurred around 10 AM. Fire officials said they were told that a pipe burst during the transfer, resulting in the spillage of more than 100 gallons of Heavy Fuel Oil. Oil booms have been deployed at GPL's Kingston wharf to clean up the oil and restrict its movement as far as possible along the Demerara River. Eyewitnesses had around 11 AM seen the spill moving downstream towards the river's mouth but as the tide rose, the oil began moving further inland. The power company said in keeping with the company's safety, health and environmental policies and procedures, GPL's personnel on site took swift action that led to containment of the fuel and avoided it from spreading.



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"Fortunately, it was low tide and booms were to hand, which were promptly put in place to prevent the fuel from dispersing deep into the river. A prominent waste collection and disposal service entity, Countrywide Disposal Services, and the Coast Guard responded immediately. At the time of this release, almost all of the fuel was recovered. Special bio-degradable fuel dispersants are being used to clean up the small amounts remaining," GPL said. Officials of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said that agency had not been informed and only knew of the spill when Demerara Waves Online News contacted the entity. EPA officials were around 2:50 PM about to visit the scene.

<http://www.demerarawaves.com/index.php/201210034700/Latest/gpl-spills-fuel-into-demerara-river.html>

### USA, OK, ENID, OCTOBER 4 2012. TANKER, TRUCK WRECK CLOSSES PORTION OF U.S. 412 EAST OF ENID cass rains



Emergency officials work a two-vehicle accident that occurred around 11:30 a.m. at 54th and U.S. 412. Eastbound traffic was being rerouted as police and fire officials cleared the scene of the accident involving a pickup and tanker truck.

Emergency officials were called to the scene of an injury accident late Wednesday morning at 54th and U.S. 412. A tanker truck collided with a truck around 11:30 a.m., and ambulance officials were caring for someone on the scene. The condition of the person injured and what caused the wreck was not immediately known. Eastbound traffic was being rerouted, but westbound traffic was not affected. Enid News & Eagle staff writers will followup on this story in

print and online.

<http://enidnews.com/localnews/x325759696/Tanker-truck-wreck-closes-portion-of-U-S-412-east-of-Enid>

### CANADA, B.C, VANCOUVER, OCTOBER 4 2012. EXPLOSION AND FIRE ON SURREY-LANGLEY BORDER FORCES EVACUATIONS, BRIDGE CLOSURE

cassidy olivier

 **Watch the Video** [Explosion& fire on Surrey-Langley border forces evacuations](#)

 **Photo's [9]** [An Explosion & Fire in Langley Injured at Least 1 Person](#)



A man was airlifted to hospital with serious burns and traffic ground to a standstill Tuesday after a massive explosion at a trucking firm near the Surrey-Langley border. Police said the explosion at the North Langley business, identified as Ken Johnson Trucking Ltd., was first reported before 2:30 p.m. The initial explosion of "unknown chemicals" triggered a chain of smaller explosions, which sent a large plume of black smoke and flames into the sky. A spokesperson for the B.C. Ambulance Service confirmed one individual was airlifted to Vancouver General Hospital. The patient's injuries were described as non-life-threatening. Mounties evacuated the area as fire crews from the Township of Langley, the City of Langley and Surrey worked to knock down the flames. As of Tuesday evening, the flames had been extinguished. A man working in the area described thick

black smoke and flames shooting high into the air. The man said he heard that a truck caught fire while refuelling and then exploded. He said several other trucks were burning, along with a building at the company located at 96A Avenue and Telegraph Trail. Rail traffic in the area and vehicle traffic on the Golden Ears Bridge were shut down for several hours due to the fire. Power was also knocked out, affecting about 32 customers, after several hydro transformers were blown. Power had been fully restored by Tuesday evening except for the site of the fire, according to a B.C. Hydro spokesperson. Ken Johnson Trucking provides bulk fluid transportation of chemicals, lubricating oils, asphalt, dust palliatives and special waste, according to the company's website. Fire Chief Bruce Ferguson said investigators will set to work trying to determine the cause of the fire. Due to the severity of the explosion, this could take days or possibly weeks, he said.

<http://www.theprovince.com/news/Explosion+fire+near+Golden+Ears+Bridge+disrupts+traffic/7333770/story.html>



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### USA, KS, SALINA, OCTOBER 4 2012. SOURCE OF GAS LEAK IS 55-GALLON DRUM CONTAINING UNKNOWN SUBSTANCE

A 55-gallon drum containing an unknown substance is thought to be responsible for a chemical odor in north Salina that sent Salina Fire Department crews twice in two days to the area. At about 7 p.m. Tuesday, fire crews responded to a call of a strange odor in the vicinity of 1227 N. Seventh, according to a report issued by Salina Fire Marshal Roger Williams. Crews monitored the area but were unable to find the source of the odor Tuesday, Williams said. Several residents were evacuated as a precautionary measure, Williams said, and crews from Kansas Gas Services worked throughout the night but were unable to find the source of the odor. Crews again went to the area about 9:30 a.m. Wednesday because of reports from residents in the area complaining of headaches. The fire department hazardous materials team conducted a house search, resulting in the discovery of a 55-gallon drum of unknown substance in a shed at 1226 N. Seventh, Williams said. The hazardous materials team was packaging the drum in a separate container Wednesday afternoon, and a Kansas Department of Health and Environment response team has been requested to retrieve the container for further analysis. Several homes and buildings in the area, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Child Care Center, were evacuated Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. There were no reports of injuries or anyone being taken to the hospital, Williams said.

<http://www.sajournal.com/news/story/gas-leak-100312>

### VENEZUELA, CARACAS, OCTOBER 4 2012. OPPOSITION-LINKED REPORT SAYS VENEZUELA AMUAY GAS LEAKED FOR HRS

A gas leak at Venezuela's biggest oil refinery was left unattended for at least several hours before a blast in August that killed more than 40 people, according to an opposition-linked report on Wednesday about safety at the facility. The pre-dawn explosion left the 645,000-barrel-per-day Amuay facility burning for four days and cast a spotlight on conditions at the OPEC country's refineries, where there have been frequent accidents and outages in recent years. "There's evidence that insufficient attention was paid to the gas leak," said Javier Larranaga, a former manager of Centro Refinador Paraguana, which includes the Amuay and neighboring Cardon refineries. "The shape of the cloud shows that it had been forming for a long time." Larranaga said the fact that workers from the Puramin lubricants plant nearby had been evacuated the evening before was evidence that the gas had been seeping for some time. Government officials declined to comment on the report. Investigators are looking into several theories about the cause of the accident, including mechanical failure or corrosion of valves or pipes. Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez, who is conducting an official investigation, has denied that maintenance failures caused the blast. The Amuay explosion was one of the deadliest refinery accidents in the world in the past 15 years. In 1997 fire at India's Visakhapatnam refinery killed 56 people and in 2005 a blast at BP Plc's Texas City refinery left 15 people dead.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/10/03/venezuela-refinery-idUSL1E8L3DDW20121003>

### USA, TX, BAYTOWN, OCTOBER 4 2012. FIRE BREAKS OUT AT EXXON PLANT IN BAYTOWN

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Firefighters extinguished a blaze that broke out Wednesday afternoon at the ExxonMobil plant in Baytown. Baytown police say officials at the plant at 4500 Bayway Drive called to inform them of the blaze and asked the city to put ambulances on standby, which is standard protocol. SkyEye 13 HD captured flames coming out of a column at the plant. Baytown police say what caught fire appears to be a diesel product that does not pose any environmental hazard and no shelters in place will be imposed. Officials with ExxonMobil say no one was injured, but an investigation into how the blaze started is ongoing. In a prepared statement, ExxonMobil Spokeswoman Rachael Moore said the company's emergency response teams were brought in to get the incident under control. "As a precaution, our Industrial Hygiene staff is doing air quality monitoring around the complex and in the community," Moore said. "We

apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to the community and will update you when we have additional information."

<http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8834608>



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#### USA, CA, SAN MATEO, OCTOBER 4 2012. COMPANY DINGED WITH \$77K HAZMAT JUDGMENT

*bill silverfarb*

A Redwood City construction company was hit with a \$77,878 stipulated judgment for violating environmental law related to a toxic explosion in January that sent three trash collectors to the hospital. The San Mateo County District Attorney's Consumer and Environmental Unit filed the civil complaint in July alleging that Pellarin Construction Group and its Chief Executive Officer Arron John Pellarin unlawfully disposed of hazardous waste and engaged in other unlawful business practices at its Main Street building. The stipulated judgment, however, was entered without findings or admissions of wrongdoing, according to a District Attorney's statement. The incident started when five plastic containers being kept outside the construction company's building at 1520 Main St. in Redwood City were thrown in a dumpster by a supervisor of the company back in December, according to the District Attorney's Office. The containers contained poly carboy; lithiochrome that contains hydrochloric acid; chrome chloride; cupric chloride; ferrus chloride and ferric chloride; Baume hydrochloric acid; El Diablo Drain Cleaner that contains sulfuric acid; ammonia; and Marine Resin, according to the District Attorney's Office. The containers had been kept on the property for prolonged periods of time, some for at least 10 years, according to the civil complaint. In early January, two Recology employees unknowingly moved the five containers of hazardous waste from the dumpster to their garbage truck, according to the District Attorney's Office. Just as the garbage truck's actuator blade began moving the items to the rear of the truck, an audible explosion occurred. Turning from the noise, the two workers just missed being sprayed by toxic liquid, according to the District Attorney's Office. However, the two workers inhaled smoke emanating from the chemical brew that caused them both breathing difficulties, eye pain and prolonged and sustained coughing to the point that one of them vomited, according to the District Attorney's Office. A Recology supervisor also unknowingly walked through a visible gas cloud that was still present near the rear of the truck, according to the District Attorney's Office. The incident sent all three to the hospital. Police, fire and a hazardous materials crew were called to the scene and spent hours going through the contents of the garbage to locate and identify the toxic substances. Recology does not handle hazardous materials but the county's Environmental Health Department does. "Volatile chemicals cannot be mixed in trucks," according to a Recology statement. The District Attorney's Office sought reimbursement for the cost of cleaning the site and a permanent injunction against Pellarin to force it to comply with environmental law. The civil complaint alleged that the defendant violated environmental protection and workplace safety laws and regulations, including the disposal of hazardous or extremely hazardous waste at an unauthorized point; not maintaining a safe work environment; and not properly training employees. "We are pleased to have been able to cooperatively resolve this matter with San Mateo County. As long-standing citizens of Redwood City and the county of San Mateo, we take these matters very seriously. It was especially important to us to reimburse the county and all the first responders for their costs," the company responded to the Daily Journal in an email yesterday. The judgment against Pellarin included \$45,000 in penalties and about \$30,000 in cost reimbursement to the county and responding agencies.

[http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article\\_preview.php?id=1755782&title=Company%20dinged%20with%20\\$77K%20hazmat%20judgment](http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article_preview.php?id=1755782&title=Company%20dinged%20with%20$77K%20hazmat%20judgment)

#### USA, MI, LANSING, OCTOBER 4 2012. SNYDER ORDERS STORAGE TANK REGULATION DUTIES MOVED

Gov. Rick Snyder says he's issued an order transferring responsibility for overseeing the safety of above- and below-ground storage tanks to the Bureau of Fire Services. Until now, the Aboveground Storage Tank Program and the Underground Storage Tank Program have been under the Department of Environmental Quality. Snyder's order Wednesday brings them under a branch of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. The governor says the move streamlines and improves the efficiency of Michigan's regulatory system. He says it brings Michigan in line with most other states in the Great Lakes region.

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#### USA, CA, RICHMOND, OCTOBER 5 2012. BACKLASH BROADENS AGAINST CHEVRON IN RICHMOND, FOCUSES ON REFORM AND REBUILDING

*robert rogers*

As federal, state and regional agencies continue to investigate a massive August fire that sent thousands to the hospital, Chevron's refinery here is encountering a growing backlash and demands for action by local leaders and activists. Less than 24 hours after a unanimous City Council authorized city staff to "ensure that Chevron uses the highest standards and best technology in the repair of their crude unit," protesters gathered downtown and marched to the refinery, demanding reforms



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and financial compensation for the city and its residents. "The heat is on," said Henry Clark, director of the West County Toxics Coalition and a longtime Chevron critic. "The community has the momentum." About 30 people staged near the Richmond BART station at 3 p.m., toting signs and haranguing Chevron through loudspeakers as commuters walked by. They marched west through the transit village toward Point Richmond with police escorts, carrying a 20-foot-long "Occupy Chevron" banner, gaining in numbers to about 100 as they made stops en route to the sidewalk outside the refinery's front gates. Clark said Chevron critics must achieve strict regulations and oversight over the planned repair of the downed crude unit and a larger refinery renewal project that still awaits court approval. "We must ensure that any new project has zero net increase in emissions," Clark said. "Any project that is not emission-neutral is not something we're going to let happen." Wednesday's protest, touted as "Occupy Chevron," was organized by a half-dozen community organizations and planned in combination with the council resolution passed the night before. The resolution calls on the global energy giant's local refinery to improve safety, pay its "fair share" of taxes, hire more local residents, aid the city in education and economic development initiatives, and expedite installation of air quality monitors in the city, which it previously agreed to as part of a 2010 tax settlement. Calls for more investment in renewables like solar energy are growing louder as well. The Aug. 6 fire, caused by a deteriorated pipe in the No. 4 crude unit, caused more than 15,000 residents to seek treatment at area hospitals. Chevron could face criminal charges if found negligent. "It's our duty as a governing body to express expectations of our corporate neighbor," said Councilwoman Jovanka Beckles, who co-sponsored the resolution with Mayor Gayle McLaughlin. The resolution and the protest follow days of fresh criticism of the refinery. In the past week, Chevron has declined to enter into long-term leases for commercial and office space in the city's Marina Bay community and filed a new court challenge to a Contra Costa County property tax appeals board decision last spring that found the Richmond refinery was under-assessed by as much as \$27 million. State legislators have also called for consideration of new regulations on aging refineries. Chevron officials have said the 8-inch steel pipe whose failure caused the fire may have deteriorated because of low silicon content, which allowed the oil's heat and sulfur to corrode it more quickly. No Chevron representatives spoke publicly at Tuesday's meeting, but several residents criticized the resolution as symbolic and vague. "This is a bold resolution," said resident Don Gosney. "But how do you accomplish this. ... What are consequences if they fail? This resolution is so poorly worded it's embarrassing." In a statement released earlier in the week, Chevron announced that it has "long been committed to building a stronger community in Richmond, and we continue to actively work on several fronts to do that. "Obviously, though, our long-term future in Richmond is uncertain until our refinery modernization project is successfully permitted," the statement read. City Manager Bill Lindsay said Wednesday the council resolution lacked specific requirements, but that language emphasizing "best available technology" was significant to the repair work that will be done on the crude unit. "Our staff will work in closer coordination with the air district in terms of our permit review for the repair work," Lindsay said, adding that exactly how new standards are applied will be determined by inspecting officials from both agencies. The Richmond refinery, Chevron's oldest, pays more than \$30 million annually to the city in total taxes, Lindsay said, nearly a third of the city's total general fund budget. It employs about 1,200 people, but fewer than 10 percent are Richmond residents, according to Chevron. Chevron's news release said the company is "working diligently with local, state and federal officials to understand the causes of the Aug. 6 fire so we can begin rebuilding the refinery and moving back to full production and the broad economic benefits that the refinery provides to the local economy."

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#### USA, GA, MARIETTA, OCTOBER 5 2012. COBB MAN'S DEATH BELIEVED 'SUICIDE BY HAZMAT'



*A Cobb County Fire Department hazardous materials crew in protective suits approach the apartment building where potentially toxic chemicals were found.*

Cobb County police, firefighters and a hazardous materials team were at an apartment complex near Marietta on Thursday afternoon after a man's body and potentially hazardous chemicals were found in one of the units. A call came in shortly after 1 p.m. about a body discovered at the Jefferson Lakeside Apartments, Lt. Dan Dupree, spokesman for the Cobb County Fire Department, told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The complex is in the 2000 block of Roswell Road. "Maintenance from the apartment complex found a deceased person inside an apartment in Building 13," Dupree said. "We responded along



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with the Cobb Police Department. When we entered the apartment, we discovered a potential hazardous materials situation." Next to the deceased was a strange chemical cocktail. Dupree described the scene as a "suicide by hazmat," in which the victim apparently mixed various chemicals together to create a toxic gas that killed him. Maintenance workers who entered the apartment were quarantined while the hazmat team tried to identify the chemicals, Dupree said. A positive identification was expected Thursday evening. In the meantime, the workers and initial responders who also were exposed to the chemical were being taken to a local hospital as a precaution. "They are not hurt per se, but as a precaution in these situations, it's better to be safe than sorry," Dupree said. "They could feel the skin on their face had a slight sting, a burning sensation. That's it." Firefighters also were going door to door to check on neighbors, and at least one who lives in an adjacent unit was asked to evacuate, [Channel 2 Action News](#) reported. Cobb police Officer Mike Bowman told the AJC in an email, "It is a suicide with an unknown chemical. We are waiting on Fire Hazmat to clear scene so we can clear the body."

<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/crime-law/body-found-at-cobb-hazmat-scene/nSTXT/>

#### USA, TX, GRIMES CO, OCTOBER 5 2012. OIL WELL EXPLOSION UNDER INVESTIGATION

The Texas Railroad Commission and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration are investigating an oil well explosion that injured four workers Tuesday in Grimes County. Police and firefighters responded just before 2 p.m. to the Ferguson Prison property in Midway near Madisonville after reports that an oil and gas well had caught fire. Four Universal Oilfield Services personnel were painting the tank batteries of the well, which belongs to Navidad Resources Management, when the well ignited suddenly. Three of the four workers were air-lifted in separate helicopters to Galveston for treatment. Sheriff Travis Neely said the three employees sustained third-degree burns over 50 percent of their bodies. One man jumped from the approximately 25-foot well after he caught on fire and sustained serious damage to his ankles, Neely said. The fourth man was treated on location. A statement from Navidad Resources Management regarding the incident said there was no spill of fluids outside of the tank containment area. Because the injured workers are employees of Universal Oilfield Services, Navidad Resources Management could not release information on their conditions. Universal Oilfield Services could not be reached for comment.

<http://www.theeagle.com/article/20121003/BC0101/121009845/1003/BC01>

#### SCOTLAND, GLASGOW, LANARKSHIRE, OCTOBER 5 2012. ROGUE FIREWORKS WARNING

Police have warned that 1000 rogue fireworks could be in circulation after a 15-year-old boy was left seriously injured by a banger that went off in his hand. Officers recovered several hundred of the fireworks from a shed following the incident, but believe others may have been taken by children in the run up to Bonfire Night on November 5. The search is focused on the North Lanarkshire area after the 15-year-old was rushed to hospital after one of the devices exploded in his hand at about 5.20pm yesterday. He is being treated in a specialist burns unit at Glasgow Royal Infirmary following the incident in Motherwell. His condition was last night described as stable. About two hours earlier, a 12-year-old boy suffered superficial burns to his hand after being scorched by a banger in a street in nearby Carfin. He was taken to Wishaw General Hospital, where he received treatment, but was later released. Inspector Gavin Russell, of Wishaw Police Office, said he feared hundreds of the faulty fireworks could be in circulation locally. He also appealed for youngsters to take great care when handling fireworks. He said: "From what we can establish at the moment the banger fireworks were stored in a shed behind houses in Blackmoore Place, New Stevenson. So far, we have recovered several hundred but believe there could have been up to 1000 hidden there. "At this time we do not know who the fireworks belong to or indeed who owns the shed they were in. It is very possible that they have been stolen from another premises and stored there, with or without the owner's knowledge. However, this is still to be established. What concerns us at the moment is that they now appear to have got into the hands of local youngsters in the Newarthill, Holytown, Carfin and New Stevenson areas. "It is too early to say whether the injuries the boys sustained are due to the way they have been handled or if the batch is defective. However, my main point here is to make sure that anyone else who comes across them is not injured. "I would urge people who are either offered them to play with or to buy, to not use them but to hand them in to police. "I would also appeal to anyone who has information about the fireworks, where they came from or who they have been circulated to, to contact officers." Information can be passed to Bellshill Police Office on 01698 202 400.

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### INDONESIA, JAKARTA, OCTOBER 5 2012. TANKER OWNER DEFENDS SHIP'S CAPTAIN IN 'HIT AND RUN' FERRY ACCIDENT



*The Norgas Cathinka is escorted by an Indonesian police vessel in the Sunda Strait, after it collided with an Indonesian ferry and failed to stop in the early-morning hours on Sept. 26.*

The head of I.M. Skaugen SE, the Norwegian company that owns the tanker ship Norgas Cathinka, has defended the decision of the ship's captain to leave the scene after he was involved in a deadly collision in Indonesian waters on Sept. 26. "From what we have learned so far, we believe our captain has exercised sound judgment and made the right decision when attempting to minimize the risk of a further collision and a possible explosion due to the hazardous cargo on board our vessel. He followed company regulations and international law in this process," Morits Skaugen, the CEO of I.M. Skaugen SE, said in a press release received by Antara news agency on Wednesday.

Captain Ernesto Lat, a Filipino, and Chief Officer Su Jibing, a Chinese national, have been named suspects by Indonesia's National Police after the chemical tanker Norgas Cathinka collided with the Indonesian ferry Bahuga Jaya in the Sunda Strait. The accident caused at least eight deaths, with dozens still missing. Indonesian authorities have labeled the incident a hit and run, as the ship left the scene immediately after the collision. "We have secured the ship," Banten Police's head of sea patrol, Adj. Sr. Comr. Tohir, said after the accident. "We worry that the ship will try to run away again." But Skaugen said the captain thought it was impossible to stop and drop anchor in the busy and narrow shipping lane. "He had to consider the safety of his vessel and the safety of other vessels in close vicinity. After navigating to avoid both shallow waters and an island to prevent grounding, he returned to the scene of the collision," Skaugen said.

<http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/home/tanker-owner-defends-ships-captain-in-hit-and-run-ferry-accident/547980>

### USA, ME, WATERBORO, OCTOBER 5 2012. FIREFIGHTING ROBOT CAN DOUSE YOUR FLAMES FOR \$96K >> THIS TRACKED MONSTER CAN SPIT OUT 600 GALLONS OF WATER PER MINUTE AND TAKE ON TRAIN WRECKS. JUST DON'T STEP ON THE HOSE.

 [Watch the Video Firefighting Robot can Douse Your Flames for \\$96k](#)

 [Photo's \[6\] Thermite Firefighting Robot Rolls Out Like a Mini Fire Truck](#)



In 2011, more than 80 firefighters in the U.S. died while on duty, and more than 60 have lost their lives so far this year. Engineering companies have been trying to reduce the harm they face and Maine-based [Howe and Howe Technologies](#) is offering this robot firefighter as a solution. The firm is known for building high-speed tracked vehicles that can tear through rugged terrain. Thermite, billed as the world's first production firebot, also rolls on treads so it can get over obstacles lying between it and a dangerous fire. Thermite stands about 4.5 feet tall, weighs 1,640 pounds, and can pump out up to 600 gallons per minute. It's attached to a long hose and douses blazes with a nozzle that swivels vertically and horizontally. Thermite is designed to tackle everything from train derailments to nuclear and chemical fires. It's built of aluminum and steel and can be remote-operated from up to one-quarter mile away. A camera by the nozzle lets

operators get a close-up view of the situation, as seen in the video. Like the much smaller [Hoya firefighting robot](#) from South Korea, Thermite can be used for reconnaissance. Howe and Howe is pricing the robot at \$96,000. It's not nearly as cool as [DARPA's flame-killing stereo](#), but Howe and Howe says Thermite can help reduce the cost of firefighting insurance. That's more than worthwhile if it can help save lives.

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#### USA, TN, CHATTANOOGA, OCTOBER 5 2012. CHATTANOOGA FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO FUEL SPILL



The Chattanooga Fire Department responded to a reported fuel leak Wednesday afternoon in an industrial area off of Pineville Road. Some people in the area noticed the smell of petroleum around 3:30 p.m. and called 911. The Chattanooga Fire Department responded with several fire companies and the haz-mat team. Tactical Services Chief Danny Hague said the leak was traced to an underground pipe owned by Colonial Pipeline. However, no injuries were reported and no evacuations were necessary. Officials with Colonial told firefighters that they estimated approximately 500 gallons of fuel leaked out of the pipeline before being discovered. Once the leak was discovered, Colonial officials said they shut the pipeline down. Colonial officials said their estimate of how much fuel leaked will be revised as workers excavate the site to repair the leaking pipe. Environmental cleanup companies are on the scene to assist Colonial Pipeline. They have placed absorbent booms and other barriers around the spill site in an

effort to keep the fuel from getting into the Tennessee River, which is located approximately 1,000 feet away. Those companies will also be working to clean up the soil that was contaminated by the fuel. That operation could take days or even weeks to complete, depending on how much fuel leaked. The cause of the leak is under investigation.

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<http://www.wrcbtv.com/story/19738381/chattanooga-firefighters-respond-to-fuel-spill>

#### RUSSIA, SARATOV, OCTOBER 5 2012. TNK-BP HALTS RUSSIA'S SARATOV OIL REFINERY AFTER FIRE

*vladimir soldatkin*

- Five people injured, one seriously
- Visbreaker caught fire, cause unknown
- Refinery normally produces 130,000 bpd of refined products

Oil processing at Russia's Saratov oil refinery, owned by Anglo-Russian company TNK-BP, was suspended on Thursday after it caught fire, TNK-BP said. It's not clear when the refinery, which normally produces 130,000 barrels per day of refined products, will resume production after the fire which struck at about 1100 GMT. Five workers were injured, and one of them is in a serious condition, the local office of the Emergencies Ministry said. It added that the fire had been localised. "Oil processing has been temporarily suspended. The cause of fire and damage are being investigated," TNK-BP press service said, citing the plant's director general Konstantin Gusarov. Saratov refinery, 850 km (600 miles) southeast of Moscow and built in 1934, is the third-largest refinery owned by TNK-BP and is of strategic importance for exports. A local news agency posted a video showing fire and black smoke rising from a refinery unit. It said that the fire hit a visbreaker, part of a crude distillation unit, with a capacity of 800,000 tonnes of tar a year. Saratov refinery produced 4.6 million tonnes of oil products in January-August including 1.3 million tonnes of fuel oil, 942,300 tonnes of diesel and 668,800 tonnes of gasoline, according to Energy Ministry data. About 1.721 million tonnes were exported, mainly by sea but also overland to Ukraine, Belarus and Lithuania. Exporting items included fuel oil, heating oil and gasoil. Russian refineries, build mostly between the 1940s and 1970s, have been undergoing large-scale modernisation amid government's efforts to improve quality of the domestic fuel.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/10/04/tnk-bp-fire-idUSL6E8L4H6A20121004>

#### INDIA, VIRUDHUNAGAR, OCTOBER 5 2012. 4 INJURED IN ACCIDENT AT FIREWORKS UNIT IN VELLORE

Four persons, including two women were injured in an accident at a fireworks unit in Vellore village near Sivakasi on Thursday afternoon. Sri Ganesh Colour Matches Company is into producing colour matchsticks for Diwali and the workers were involved in dipping the matchsticks into chemicals after lunch. At around 3pm, a sudden fire broke out due to friction in the process, causing an explosion. Four workers, involved in dipping of chemicals suffered injuries in the incident. The injured were identified as A Dharmalingaraj, A Koodalingam, M Chellammal and K Karupayi from the same village. Fire and rescue services department personnel from Virudhunagar and Sivakasi rushed to the spot and put out the fire. The injured were rescued and were rushed to the Sivakasi Government Hospital for first aid. Three of the injured were later moved to the Government Rajaji



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Hospital in Madurai for further treatment. The condition of Dharmalingaraj and Koodalingam is said to be critical as they suffered severe burn injuries, police said. Police are yet to secure any persons in this incident.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/4-injured-in-accident-at-fireworks-unit-in-Vellore/articleshow/16678372.cms>

#### AUSTRALIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY, DARWIN, OCTOBER 5 2012. INDON VESSELS SEIZED FOR BLAST FISHING

Two Indonesian fishing vessels suspected of engaging in illegal "blast fishing" - using explosives to stun and catch fish - have been apprehended off Broome and the Tiwi Islands. Found aboard the vessels were quantities of detonator cord and explosives, and a significant haul of fresh and dried fish, sea cucumbers, sea snails and shark flesh and fins. Darwin Border Protection Command (BPC) manager David Ollerton said illegal foreign fishing was a serious international maritime issue and BPC and the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) were committed to stamping it out in Australian waters, safeguarding the environment and natural resources. "We are successfully deterring this threat. Apprehensions in Australia's waters have fallen from 367 vessels and 2961 illegal foreign fishers in 2005-06 to just 12 vessels and 68 fishers in 2011-2012," he said in a statement. AFMA general manager of operations Peter Venslovas said these latest apprehensions showed that cooperation between Australian and Indonesia were yielding results in combating illegal fishing. "Blast fishing is highly destructive to the marine environment and any suspected blast fishing will be dealt with seriously," he said in a statement. In the first bust, Australian Customs Vessel (ACV) Roebuck Bay, operating under the control of BPC, apprehended the vessel and 10 Indonesian fishers at Scott Reef off Broome on Thursday. Explosives and more than 320 kilograms of fish were found aboard the vessel. Other suspected blasting devices were found in the water directly beneath the vessel. In the second bust also on Thursday, ACV Botany Bay, operating as part of a joint border patrol with Indonesian authorities, apprehended a second foreign fishing vessel near Evans Shoal, north of the Tiwi Islands. Aboard were 10 Indonesian fishermen, explosive detonators and 200 kilograms of fish, mainly Red Snapper. The vessel apprehended at Scott Reef will be escorted to Broome while the vessel apprehended near Tiwi Islands will be taken to Darwin. AFMA will further investigate the activities of these vessels.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/breaking-news/indon-vessels-seized-for-blast-fishing/story-fn3dxiwe-1226489090391>

#### USA, CA, LOS ANGELES, OCTOBER 5 2012. GAS PRICES, SUPPLY SHORTAGE FORCING PUMP CLOSURES IN CALIFORNIA >> STATIONS BEGIN TO SHUT OFF DISPENSERS OVER RECORD HIGH COSTS

Gasoline retailers in the Los Angeles area are beginning to shut down their pumps because of supply shortages that have driven wholesale fuel prices to record highs, reported Bloomberg. A Chevron pipeline shut down last month, an October 1 power failure at ExxonMobil's Torrance refinery and units down at other plants have cut supplies in the market. Chevron's pipeline, which carries crude from Kern County to Northern California refineries operated by Shell, Tesoro and Valero, remained shut after elevated levels of organic chloride were detected in the oil. Phillips 66 is also scheduled to perform maintenance on process units at its Rodeo and Los Angeles refineries this month, people familiar with the schedules said. Chevron's Richmond plant, the largest refinery in Northern California, has been running at reduced capacity since a fire August 6. Costco Wholesale Corp.'s outlet in Simi Valley ran out of regular gasoline on Tuesday and was selling premium fuel at the price of regular, Jeff Cole, Costco's vice president of gasoline, told the news agency. The company has not been added..The gasoline shortage "feels like a hurricane to me, but it's the West Coast," Cole said. "We're obviously extremely disheartened that we are unable to do this, and we're pulling fuel from all corners of California to fix this." Wholesale (spot) gasoline in Los Angeles has surged 70 cents this week to a premium of \$1.15 a gallon versus gasoline futures traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The fuel jumped to \$3.9495 a gallon. Gasoline at the pump gained 8.3 cents to \$4.315 a gallon in California yesterday, according to AAA.com, 53.1 cents more than the national average of \$3.784. In Los Angeles the price was \$4.347. Gasoline futures for November delivery on the NYMEX rose 7.45 cents to \$2.874 a gallon after falling to a 10-week low. Spot California-blend gasoline, or Carbob, in San Francisco surged 26 cents to \$1.10 a gallon over futures, the highest level since at least 2007. Low-P, a station in Calabasas, stopped selling unleaded gasoline Tuesday and ran out of high-octane and medium-octane fuel Wednesday, John Ravi, the station's owner, told Bloomberg. He said he posted an "Out of Gasoline" sign on each pump and took down the prices outside his shop. "I can get gas, but it's going to cost me \$4.90 a gallon, and I can't sell it here for \$5," Ravi said. "If you come here right now, I've got some diesel left. That's all. My market is open, but no gas." "We're going to start shutting pumps Friday," Sam Krikorian, owner of Quality Auto Repair in North Hollywood, told the news agency. "Gas is costing me almost \$4.75 a gallon with taxes. There's no sense in staying open. The profit margins are so low it's not worth it." "The squeeze is on, and people are doing desperate



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things," Bob van der Valk, an independent petroleum industry analyst in Terry, Montana, told Bloomberg. "The mom-and-pop gas stations are having to close down from either not being able to obtain gasoline from their regular distributor or cannot afford the breakeven price of almost \$5 per gallon." Costco is working on a plan to alert its members as gasoline runs out at the company's stores "so customers don't have to guess where to go," Cole said. The company will sell whatever premium gasoline it has stored for regular gasoline prices wherever supplies run out, he said. "Costco is a membership warehouse club with a relationship based on trust," he said. "We're not delivering what the members asked us to deliver, and that's not acceptable to us. So we're doing whatever we can to fix it." Van der Valk called the price surge a "a short-term problem." Wholesale costs should start falling as Exxon's refinery returns to normal operations and other plants finish maintenance. The California Independent Oil Marketers Association has asked the state to expedite a waiver that would allow refiners to produce and sell winter-grade fuel, Jay McKeeman, a spokesperson for the group, told the news agency. "Everybody is concerned about what might happen," he said. "The real question is: How long is this going to last and what can the state do?" California's summer-blend fuel requirements are in effect in Southern California until October 31. The Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) limits are lifted in other areas of the state as early as September 30. The independent station owners are typically the first to run out of fuel and shut their pumps when spot prices surge because they often lack long-term contracts to buy from fuel suppliers at set prices, McKeeman said. Jim Li said that he may stop selling gasoline at his independent station, Best Auto Care, in San Francisco. He's charging \$4.59 a gallon for the fuel, "and I'm still losing money," he said. Wholesale prices are "going up so quick that there's not even any margin to make any money at all," he told Bloomberg.

<http://tinyurl.com/9zmytuo>

#### USA, WA, SEATTLE, OCTOBER 5 2012. SUPREME COURT SAYS POLLUTION TAX ON GASOLINE IS CONSTITUTIONAL

The state Supreme Court unanimously ruled Thursday that a tax on gasoline to pay for toxic cleanup is constitutional. The decision came in a case testing the state's 18th Amendment, which restricts gas taxes to "highway purposes" such as road maintenance and construction. At stake was tens of millions of dollars that go each year to removing toxic pollutants from places like Seattle's lower Duwamish Waterway. The Automotive Trade Unions Organization and California-based Tower Energy Group challenged the tax as unconstitutional because money raised by the tax wasn't going to roads. AUTO filed the lawsuit after a few years in which the state Legislature diverted millions from the tax to backfill the state's general fund. The lawsuit had to do with the "Hazardous Substances Tax," which voters approved in 1988 to deal with the environmental impacts of toxic chemicals. The tax falls mostly on petroleum products like fuel and oil, which are the biggest culprits, and currently adds about 3 cents per gallon to the price of gasoline. The state Attorney General's office, however, pointed to a proviso in the amendment that says it was not intended to apply to taxes "not levied primarily for highway purposes." Writing for the court, Justice Jim Johnson said the proviso was "unambiguous." "Here, the HST statute was enacted to tax toxic substances, including motor vehicle fuel, for the purpose of cleaning up spills of hazardous substances," Johnson wrote. "As a result, funds from this HST levied against motor vehicle fuel do not have to be used for highway purposes because they were never restricted to be used only for highway purposes." The tax now generates about \$165 million annually, with the Ecology Department getting about 30 percent of its operating budget from the tax. About 85 percent of the money comes from petroleum products. The Hazardous Substances Tax is calculated at 0.7 percent of the substance's wholesale value (currently averaging \$4.05 per gallon). "The Hazardous Substance Tax is the key to the success of the voter-approved Model Toxics Control Act," Ecology Department Director Ted Sturdevant said in a [statement](#). "For more than 20 years, this tax has been doing exactly what the voters of our state intended – cleaned up old toxic messes and prevented many new ones in our air and water and land. This is good for families, communities and businesses." AUTO sued after the state Legislature proposed the "Clean Water Act of 2010," which would have nearly tripled the tax. The increase would have generated another \$225 million per year, eventually for prevention and cleanup of stormwater runoff into Puget Sound and other waterways. But not all of the money immediately would have gone to environmental cleanup. Lawmakers had a \$2 billion budget hole and needed money from the tax increase to help plug it. About 70 percent of the increase would have gone to the state's general fund until 2015. Between 2007 and 2011, about \$230 million already has been diverted from the two Toxics Control Accounts to the state's general fund, according to Ecology Department figures. AUTO's concern is that state lawmakers will levy additional taxes on gas and use the money for whatever they want as long as they say it was not intended for highway purposes, said Sidney Tribe, one of the attorneys representing AUTO. "We're obviously disappointed with the ruling," she said.

<http://blog.seattlepi.com/seattlepolitics/2012/10/04/supreme-court-oks-pollution-tax-on-gasoline/>



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#### PUERTO RICO, SAN JUAN, OCTOBER 5 2012. U.S. RATTLES PUERTO RICO WITH BOMB SITE CLEANUP PLAN



*An unexploded 500-pound bomb sits upended where it originally fell, in an area littered with unexploded ordinance on Vieques Island, off Puerto Rico.*

The U.S. government has a new fight in Vieques, the Puerto Rican island that was used as a Navy bombing range for decades. An extensive cleanup of the eastern portion of Vieques is years from being finished, but the government says it is ready to declare work completed on a nearly 400-acre site on the western side that was used to store and detonate expired munitions. The former storage site was turned over to the U.S. Interior Department and declared a nature reserve. Under a proposal favored by the Navy, the cleanup of the area would be deemed complete even though about 200 acres has not been cleared of munitions debris, some potentially still live. That has sparked outrage among activists and officials in Vieques and the main island of Puerto Rico who favor a complete removal of all debris. And it has brought back some of the angry rhetoric that helped force an end to Vieques' use as a bombing range in 2003. "It's not a

cleanup. It is an affront to Puerto Ricans that those responsible for the explosives would refuse to remove them," Maria de Lourdes Santiago, a vice president of the Puerto Rico Independence Party and a candidate for the U.S. territory's Senate, said Thursday. Navy officials say it would hurt the nature reserve by tearing up the dense vegetation to clear the remainder of the debris. Opponents suspect the plan may have more to do with the cost of cleaning up all the debris, estimated at \$50 million. Jorge Fernandez Porto, director of the territorial Senate's natural resources commission and a member of a citizen advisory board that monitors the Navy cleanup of Vieques, said he fears a partial removal of debris will set a precedent for other parts of the island. "You found this clean, you can't just give it back full of bombs," Fernandez said. "I'm sorry if it's costly. You should have thought about that before. Now you want to do the cheap version and leave the bombs there." A public comment period on the proposal ends Friday, at which point it will be under review by the Environmental Protection Agency. Before the area became a nature reserve, the military would dig open pits and burn expired 20-millimeter rounds, and occasionally unexploded rounds were scattered in the surrounding brush. Under the plan favored by the Navy, the area that has not been cleared of munitions debris would be enclosed by a barbed-wire fence to prevent people from scavenging for potentially explosive scrap metal and souvenirs, said Kevin Cloe, a manager of the cleanup project. Other parts of the reserve would be open to the public, but the entire area has long been designated as a natural reserve and the government never intended for the public to have full access, Cloe said. Trying to clear the entire area would do extensive damage to site, he said. "It's a balancing act. There are no silver bullets. It would be great if we could turn over the island, shake out all the bad things ... but this is a labor intensive, very destructive operation," he said. Vieques, which is ringed by clear blue waters and pristine beaches that have made it a popular tourist destination in recent years, was used as a bombing range from the 1940s until the government agreed to give it up in 2003 after years of angry protests. The U.S. has removed more than 16.5 million pounds of munitions, but the cleanup of the old bombing range on the island's eastern portion is expected to run through at least 2025. The full cleanup of Vieques, one of the most extensive rehabilitation efforts ever undertaken by the Navy, is budgeted at around \$350 million.

<http://www.freep.com/usatoday/article/1614149?odyssey=mod%7Cnewswell%7Ctext%7CFRONTPAGE%7Cs>

#### USA, LA, NEW ORLEANS, OCTOBER 5 2012. SPILL REPORTED FROM OIL PLATFORM IN GULF

The Coast Guard says an estimated 76 gallons of crude oil spilled from an oil platform operated by Apache Corp. off the coast of southeast Louisiana. Petty Officer 2nd Class Bill Colclough said the spill was reported to authorities on Tuesday. Colclough said a sheen created by the spill has dispersed and none of the spilled oil was recoverable. The site, designed as Grand Isle Block 43, is west of BP's Macondo well, which spewed more than 200 million gallons of oil after an explosion aboard the BP-leased rig Deepwater Horizon in April 2010.

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-10-04/spill-reported-from-oil-platform-in-gulf>



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