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#### **MALAYSIA, KUALA LUMPUR, NOVEMBER 11 2012. MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE TO COOPERATE IN OIL SPILL CONTROL**

Malaysia and Singapore today agreed to further enhance collaboration in the prevention and control of oil spill in the Straits of Johor, and continue to organise a joint emergency response exercise to counter chemical spill at the second crossing. These are among of the cooperation discussed and agreed upon between Malaysian Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Douglas Unggah Embas and his counterpart Singapore Environment and Water Resources Minister Dr Vivian Balakrishnan at the two-day 25th Malaysia-Singapore Annual Exchange of Visits held here today, said a joint statement by both ministers. It said Malaysia agreed to organise the 9th Joint Emergency Response Exercise under the Emergency Response Plan for Chemical Spill at the Malaysia-Singapore Second Crossing, tentatively in the third quarter of next year. It will provide a good opportunity for both countries to test and improve further their existing response plan, said the statement. Under the Emergency Response Plan (ERP) for Chemical Spill In the East Johor Straits, Singapore will organise the first field exercise tentatively next year, said the statement. On collaboration between Malaysia and Singapore in the area of oil spill prevention and control in the Straits of Johor, both countries have been working together to exchange information to prevent and control oil pollution in the strait. Both countries have operationalised existing procedures for control of tanker desludging activities and disposal of tanker sludge in Malaysia and Singapore, it said. Both countries also have agreed to continue to monitor the seawater quality in the Straits of Johor, while researchers and scientists from Singapore and Malaysia have agreed to continue the exchange of information on the monitoring of ecology and morphology in and around the strait in order to conserve the biodiversity resources of both countries. Meanwhile, the Environment Institute of Malaysia (EiMAS) and Singapore Environment Institute (SEI) will continue their collaboration in conducting several training exchange programmes. On control of vehicular emissions, both countries had made marked improvement in tackling vehicular pollution and would continue to share experiences on controlling vehicular emissions, such as the tightening of vehicular emission standards and promoting the use of "green vehicles," it said. Tomorrow both ministers and their delegations will be participating in friendly games with some 200 staff and officials taking part. It said the next Annual Exchange of Visits will be held in Singapore next year.

<http://www.mysinchew.com/node/79686>

#### **AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, PERTH, NOVEMBER 11 2012. DIESEL CANCER RISK IN WA MINES 'WORSE THAN ASBESTOS'**

trevor paddenburg



*Retired Department of Mines inspector Peter Green says diesel fumes could be harming the health of underground miners.*

The state's 10,000 underground miners are being put at risk by breathing in a cancer-causing chemical, with a former safety inspector claiming the toxin's impact could "eclipse asbestos" as an industrial killer. Diesel particulate tiny carbon particles in diesel exhaust that penetrate deep into the lungs is now listed as carcinogenic by the World Health Organisation's cancer research branch. Underground mine workers are at high risk because the machines they use are diesel-powered, exhaust fumes cannot escape mine shafts naturally, and many companies stand accused of poor ventilation. While a "top priority" working group chaired by the WA Chamber of Minerals and Energy and including the Department of Mines and Petroleum was set up in June 2011, it is not due to finalise guidelines until next year. This is despite the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists as far back as 2004 warning that regulatory bodies

were not treating the issue seriously. Retired mines safety inspector Peter Green, 64, said the diesel particulate threat was "worse than asbestos", while dust and blast fumes were also poisoning miners. "Every worker who is underground with diesel machinery is a candidate for cancer from diesel particulate," he said. Mr Green said vehicle exhaust filters should be mandatory, better ventilation was a must and air testing should not be left in the hands of mining companies. Former miner-turned-safety campaigner Shaun Maddock, who still coughs up "black stuff and blood" years after working underground, said: "There is a long history of documented evidence showing that the mines department and environment department do not enforce the law. "That leaves us underground miners with a potential death sentence." Greens spokesman Robin Chapple



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said the latest revelations in The Sunday Times' investigation into the dark side of the mining boom reinforced his calls for a royal commission into the resources sector. The Opposition is also demanding an inquiry and Australian Medical Association WA spokesman David Mountain called for a probe if data showed miners' health was suffering. The Cancer Council said almost 1000 WA sufferers are diagnosed with lung cancer annually, while a study of 12,000 miners in the US linked diesel fumes to the disease. Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia president Robert Vojakovic said: "The mines department should clean up its act... because an industry that is making huge profits is killing its workers." The department says diesel particulate must not top 0.1 milligrams per cubic metre of submicron elemental carbon, all mines must submit their air quality results, and any that exceed the levels are shut down. So far this year, inspectors shut down two mines in the Goldfields for air quality or ventilation breaches. "The department recognises that exposure to diesel engine emissions should be minimised, which is why the working group is currently developing a new guideline and why we inspect and audit sites," safety executive director Simon Ridge said. Barrick Gold now requires underground workers to wear respirators where diesel levels are high.

<http://www.perthnow.com.au/news/diesel-cancer-risk-in-wa-mines-worse-than-asbestos/story-e6frg12c-1226514363248>

### INDIA, CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 11 2012. 'TUG' OF WAR OVER GROUNDED SHIP FAILS



The Directorate-General of Shipping and a Singapore-based shipping firm Smit International only managed to face their worst drubbing on Thursday as shoddy planning marred their first joint attempt to salvage grounded oil tanker Prathiba Cauvery. The polypropylene rope connecting the tanker and the tugboat Malaviya-21 brought from Kakinada Port snapped as the tugboat attempted to steam off into the Bay of Bengal around 3.30pm. Officials involved in the salvage mission said the rope was first tied to the tanker's bow and taken to the tugboat floating over 350 meters away from the former in the sea where it was deep enough to operate the tugboat. The rope snapped as the tugboat steamed off. Shipping consultant R N Joe De Cruz faulted experts for their misjudgment and said they should have had another tugboat pushing from behind or more power other than Malaviya-21 to tug the tanker stuck in sand half nautical miles off Marina at Foreshore Estate. A senior official attached to DG, shipping, predicted high tide early tomorrow and told DC they would attempt salvaging the tanker again around 3.30am on Friday with Malaviya-21 and INS Ratna tugging the vessel simultaneously. "While pulling the rope parted. We will re-fix it and started afresh tomorrow morning with the second tug board," the official said adding that there was no drain plug in the vessel. Meanwhile, the generator aboard the tanker was started to pump out water from inside the vessel and make it light enough to pull it into the sea. Officials also said they would drain out 10,000 tonnes of ballast water to make light the vessel.

<http://www.asianage.com/chennai/tug-war-over-grounded-ship-fails-574>

### USA, N.Y, NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 11 2012. E. SIDE SUSHI BLAZE

kenneth garger



*Hazard: A fireman holds gas buckets that sparked last night's fire.*

A fire erupted at an East Side sushi restaurant last night after a worker haphazardly carried gasoline in soy sauce containers, sources said. "I was pouring a round of Jack Daniel's," said ENO restaurant bartender Adele Mackenzie. "The next thing I know the bus boy was on fire." Mackenzie said 10 upstate tree trimmers in town for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts tackled the busboy to put out the flames. The chef and a server also were burned in the 10 p.m. blaze. The workers were taken to Cornell Burn Center for first- and second-degree burns, according to witnesses and fire officials.

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[3 Injured in Gasoline Fire at Midtown Restaurant](#)

[Gasoline Spill Blamed for Fire That injured 3 in Midtown East Restaurant](#)

[Hurricane Sandy Recovery Workers Save Restaurant Employees from Burning Fire](#)

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### USA, N.Y, NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 11 2012. GREENPEACE PHOTO UPDATE: 336,000-GALLON DIESEL SPILL POLLUTES WATERWAYS AFTER HURRICANE SANDY

 **Photo's [4]** [Greenpeace Photo Update](#)

A 336,000 gallon diesel spill from the Motiva Enterprises Terminal at Sewaren, N.J., polluted steams and flowed into the Arthur Kill waterway between Staten Island, N.Y., and New Jersey. At least two tanks at the facility, a joint venture of Royal Dutch Shell and Saudi Aramco, were damaged in Hurricane Sandy and leaked into Woodbridge Creek. The facility has a capacity of 5 million gallons of refined petroleum products. The United States Coast Guard assisted with clean up and recovery.

<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/greenpeace-update>

### USA, N.J, WEST ORANGE, NOVEMBER 11 2012. N.J. GAS SHORTAGE BECOMES A MASSIVE MILITARY OPERATION

unice lee

 **Watch the Video** [Video: 1st responders receive free fuel from Armory in West Orange](#)



*Members of the New Jersey National Guard man a makeshift gas station Friday in Freehold to fuel up first responders and other essential workers, such as those in the medical field.*

Maureen Allex works at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, but her real job as a hospice nurse is on the road, visiting patients at their homes. So when she heard about the state-mandated gas rationing and saw gas lines stretching for blocks, Allex got nervous. "I make so many trips to homes that if I don't get gas, I can't get to them," she said Thursday, moments after National Guard soldiers had waved her into the West Orange armory to gas up. To aid a state recovering from widespread power outages from Hurricane Sandy and thousands of displaced residents relying on emergency personnel, the New Jersey National Guard is heading up a massive fuel distribution operation with convoys of

tankers crisscrossing the state and running military-guarded makeshift gas stations. Officials say the effort is unprecedented in scope and involves agencies from the federal to local level. Friday, the operation got a major boost with about 20 reinforcement military trucks and active-duty soldiers arriving from Fort Drum, N.Y. Their arrival more than doubles the operation's efforts that used 17 military trucks from New Jersey and Pennsylvania, said Sgt. Wayne Woolley, spokesman for the New Jersey National Guard. The statewide operation is under way at the same time the Federal Emergency Management Agency is heading its own emergency operation to get gas stations back online. "This is an unprecedented storm and this is an unprecedented response effort," FEMA spokesman Scott Sanders said. Two major refineries in New Jersey — the Hess refinery in the Port Reading section of Woodbridge and Phillips 66 in Linden — supply a combined 300,000 barrels a day but have been shut down since Sandy hit, said Jim Benton, executive director of the New Jersey Petroleum Council, an affiliate of the American Petroleum Institute. Since then, the state has leaned on other regional suppliers so supply is not the issue — distribution is, he said. Working with FEMA and the State Police, the National Guard's operation is twofold. First is pumping fuel from three sites — the West Orange and Freehold armories, and the Atlantic County's Office of Emergency Preparedness in Egg Harbor Township. Gas is reserved for essential personnel, such as first responders and health care workers. Motorists like Chris Diaz, 40, of Union, show their identification and fill out a logbook. They then can pull up alongside a tanker to gas up, with no exchange of money. "I take whatever they give me," Diaz said. Checkpoints are manned around the clock. Though gas is limited to 15 gallons in West Orange, there's no limit in Freehold. For a brief period, the Freehold site offered free gas to the public, but it restricted it after 12 hours because of an overwhelming response. West Orange allowed gas containers, then banned them. The second effort, which takes the majority of manpower, is delivering fuel to police departments, schools and senior buildings still relying on generator power. At the Freehold armory, National Guard soldiers delivered gas to the Island Heights Fire Department, Middlesex Fire Academy and schools in Newark, among other drops. Sgt. 1st Class Eric Riester said soldiers at the Freehold armory have been logging miles delivering. The Ocean Grove police got a crucial delivery of 500 gallons of diesel earlier this week, Sgt. Kristopher Ganley said. Without it, he said, the generator-operated police headquarters would be reduced to working by candlelight. Sandy's destruction left nearly 3 million New Jersey homes and businesses without power, rendering hundreds of gas pumps inoperable. [Long gas lines](#) mainly impacted northern New Jersey. As of Friday, 60 percent to 75 percent of gas stations across the state are pumping gas, said Steve Rajczyk, a spokesman for AAA



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North Jersey, up from 25 percent of stations open immediately after Sandy hit, he said. Getting more fuel flowing through the National Guard and FEMA is also an important psychological boost to residents, Rajczyk noted. "It helped out because the first responders did get the fuel they needed," he said. "It was a reassurance that the government is doing something here." Even as gas lines shrunk this week, Rosemary Allen-Jenkins, a 53-year-old registered nurse at Saint Barnabas, is more than grateful to breeze through gas lines at the armories, but says it comes with a twinge of "survivor's guilt." "I've heard people say that they've waited for two, 2½ hours," she said. "I don't think we should abuse our privilege."

[http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/11/nj\\_gas\\_shortage\\_becomes\\_a\\_mili.html](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/11/nj_gas_shortage_becomes_a_mili.html)

#### USA, N.C, FRANKLINTON, NOVEMBER 11 2012. OVERTURNED TANKER SHUTS DOWN US 1

 **Watch the Video** [Overturned Tanker Shuts Down US 1](#)

A tanker truck overturned Saturday morning, pouring fuel onto a Franklin County Highway and blocking residents from their homes nearby. The accident happened around 6:15 a.m. on US 1 near Franklinton. Troopers said the truck was traveling from Selma to Henderson when it ran off the road and overturned. The driver was airlifted to WakeMed, but was treated and released. As a result of the crash, 3,000 gallons of gas spilled into a creek nearby, causing crews to clean up the mess for hours. Residents in the community were forced to leave their homes while environmental crews worked on the clean up. "We were called and told we needed to evacuate," neighbor Sharon Fleming said. "We walked out to the driveway and could see all the commotion." No other vehicles were involved in the accident and no other injuries were reported. The Highway Patrol said charges are pending against the driver of the truck driver.

<http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/story?section=news/local&id=8881218>

#### USA, PA, LANCASTER CO, NEW HOLLAND, NOVEMBER 11 2012. NO ONE INJURED IN CHEMICAL SPILL AT NEW HOLLAND PLANT

*brett hambright*



Emergency responders clean a 55-gallon chemical spill Friday.

A New Holland manufacturing plant was evacuated Friday night when 55 gallons of a flammable liquid spilled onto a loading dock. About 35 firefighters and haz-mat technicians responded to Case New Holland at 100 S. Hoover Ave. when a worker reported the spill about 9:40 p.m. First-responders found that a 55-gallon drum of urethane, a hardening agent for paint, had leaked onto a trailer and the ground, officials reported. A fork lift punctured the bottom of the drum as it was being lifted off the 53-foot trailer, according to officials. The plant was evacuated and crews spent about three hours cleaning the spill before a private contractor took over the job, Stefan Kuenzli, a lieutenant with New Holland Fire Company said. No one was hurt, according to Kuenzli. "The biggest danger was the liquid was flammable," he said. "It was kind of a mess

when we got there." Luckily, no neighboring homes were in the immediate area, Kuenzli said. Workers cleaned the spill with oil dry and other absorbing products. Kuenzli said responders kept readings of the air quality to make sure it wasn't toxic or harmful to anyone on the scene. Assisting New Holland firefighters were: Lancaster County Haz-Mat, Manheim Township firefighters, New Holland police, and New Holland EMS. Case New Holland manufactures agriculture machinery and other farm-related tools. The workers were believed to have been sent home.

[http://lancasteronline.com/article/local/774473\\_No-one-injured-in-chemical-spill-at-New-Holland-plant.html](http://lancasteronline.com/article/local/774473_No-one-injured-in-chemical-spill-at-New-Holland-plant.html)

#### NIGERIA, LAGOS, NOVEMBER 11 2012. MOBIL SHUTS PIPELINE DUE TO OIL SPILLS

*tunde dodondawa*

MOBIL Producing Nigeria Unlimited (MPN), operator of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC/MPN) Joint Venture, has confirmed that on 9 November, an oil release occurred around its operation offshore Akwa Ibom State. In a statement by the company, signed by its spokesman, Mr. Nigel Cookey-Gam, and made available to Sunday Tribune on Saturday, the source of the leak was identified and the pipeline was isolated and shutdown. "Emergency response personnel and equipment have been deployed. Regulatory and community representatives have been notified," it stated. It said



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arrangement had been made for representatives of Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR), National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), Akwa Ibom State Ministry of Environment and local community to overfly the area. "We regret this incident has occurred and we are committed to maintaining high safety, health and environmental standards in our operations. An investigation into the cause of the release is ongoing," it concluded. There was an oil spill in August near MPN facility that residents said left a slick running for miles along the coastline of Akwa Ibom. Italian oil firm, Eni, said on Friday it had declared force majeure on Brass River oil loadings from Nigeria, due to floods, which have submerged part of the southern oil-producing Niger Delta in recent weeks. Flooding, combined with oil theft, prompted Shell to declare force majeure on two other large oil streams, Bonny Light and Forcados, late October. Oil spills are common in onshore Niger Delta due to widespread theft by oil gangs tapping into pipelines and the poor maintenance of some ageing infrastructure. But offshore spills are less common. Last December, an accident at Shell's offshore Bonga facility spilled an estimated 40,000 barrels, one of the largest in Nigeria's history.

<http://www.tribune.com.ng/sun/news/9137-mobil-shuts-pipeline-due-to-oil-spills>

### USA, VA, RADFORD, NOVEMBER 11 2012. RADFORD ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT MAY BE FINED FOR ACID LEAK INTO RIVER >> A DEQ REPORT OUTLINES A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT SCENARIO THAN PLANT OFFICIALS REPORTED.

*jeff sturgeon*

The U.S. Army and contractor BAE Systems at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant in Montgomery County could be fined for releasing a small amount of leaked acid into the New River during an equipment breakdown at the plant this past summer, according to recently released information from Virginia regulators. The report by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality reveals for the first time that the leak reached the river. Although the acid did no harm, plant officials previously said the incident was mopped up quickly and completely. BAE, a defense contractor based in Northern Virginia, took control of the propellant factory outside Radford from an outgoing contractor at 12:01 a.m. July 1, a Sunday. Its first day would not be without challenges. At 7:30p.m., a group of tanks for the storage of acid inexplicably reached unsafe heat levels. While sprayed water cooled most of them, one containing oleum, a form of sulfuric acid, stayed hot and at 11:30 p.m. sprang leaks and began releasing its contents, according to information released by the plant. A short time later, plant personnel notified national, state and county authorities of a spill. Initially, the spill response crew in the tank area of the plant's nitrocellulose production facility, which was shut down at the time, was driven back by fumes, according to the plant's account. A short time later, a storm bringing 70-mph wind and driving rain further hampered relief efforts. The incident occurred two days after the derecho windstorm in the region. At 1:20 a.m., the leaking stopped on its own, the plant's account said. The next day, BAE and the Army said that plant personnel contained the acid quickly, safely and with proper procedures. Although one employee was exposed, he was not injured, and the incident posed no public risk, the official statement said. There was no specific mention of uncontrolled acid or a release into the adjacent river. According to a DEQ report released Friday, plant personnel did not attain complete control and could not prevent some of the acid from reaching the river. During the incident, a containment berm around the group of tanks caught the vast majority of the leaked acid, which was then routed to on-site wastewater treatment, said Jeff Hurst, the DEQ's Roanoke-based regional enforcement manager. Army spokesman Charlie Saks said the total release came to 8,800 gallons. However, some of the acid damaged the containment wall and flowed out, a DEQ inspection report found. In addition, the oleum tank, which was under pressure, sprayed fluid over the containment wall and onto the ground. The acid on the ground, assisted by rainfall, poured into a storm drain that discharged its contents to the river, the DEQ report said. The DEQ alleged in a "notice of violation" Sept. 21 that the release to the river violated the plant's discharge permit for pH level. The DEQ has begun a process that could lead to a fine being imposed by the state Water Control Board, Hurst said. Hurst saw no evidence of a negative impact on the river. He said the river is capable of receiving the likely small quantity of acid involved without damage because of the river's substantial flow. Richard Roth, a faculty member in the geospatial studies program at Radford University who is president of Friends of the New River, echoed a similar position. He said the incident probably had only a small, short-lived impact in the immediate area. The river seems to also tolerate the plant's permitted releases of millions of pounds of nitrate compounds a year, according to Roth. Plant staff members tried several measures to contain the escaped acid. "The spill response team tried to contain as much of the acid as possible within earthen berms constructed along the railroad, but ultimately the volume was too great to contain and the response was hampered by power outages and dangerous weather," the report said. Investigators later found a water pipe connected in error to the group of tanks, the report said. A valve left open allowed water to enter several tanks, which triggered



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a heat-producing reaction and led to leaks, the report said. Five of 15 tanks in the group were replaced, the report said, and officials later announced that the nitrocellulose production line was being restarted. Officials said there was no connection between the incident and the turnover of operational control by Alliant Techsystems to BAE the night before the leak. Overall, Hurst said, plant personnel responded acceptably. "It was a difficult situation during a difficult period of time under difficult circumstances. They managed it they best that it they could," Hurst said.

<http://www.roanoke.com/news/roanoke/wb/316537>

#### USA, AKA, ANCHORAGE, NOVEMBER 12 2012. BP ORDERED TO PAY ALASKA \$255 MILLION FOR 2006 PIPELINE SPILL

*mark chediak*

BP's exploration unit was ordered to pay Alaska \$255 million in damages for a 2006 oil pipeline spill at its Prudhoe Bay field, according to the state attorney general's office. The state won an arbitration award against BP Exploration Inc. for damages for oil production shortfalls caused by leaks and pipeline replacements, the office said in an e-mailed statement. BP admitted liability for the purposes of the arbitration and said the state had suffered no losses and asked the arbitration panel to award no damages, the statement said. After reimbursements from the other owners of BP Exploration, BP Plc's share of the judgment will be about \$66 million, Dawn Patience, a spokeswoman, said in an e-mailed statement. ConocoPhillips owns 36 percent of BP Exploration, Exxon Mobil Corp. owns 36 percent and Chevron Corp has a 1 percent stake, Patience said. "We are pleased to finally resolve the last remaining claim" from the spill, the London-based company said in an e-mailed statement. BP pleaded guilty in 2007 to violating the Clean Water Act by spilling 200,000 gallons of oil from its Prudhoe Bay field into water on Alaska's North Slope in 2006. Prudhoe Bay, the largest field in the U.S., came online in 1977 and can produce about 400,000 barrels a day.

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-11-08/bp-ordered-to-pay-alaska-255-million-for-2006-pipeline-spill>

#### USA, CA, SEGUIN TWP, NOVEMBER 12 2012. FUEL TANKER TRUCK >> LARGE AMOUNT OF FUEL SPILLED ON HWY. 400

A fuel tanker truck rollover has spilled a large amount of fuel on the northbound lanes of Hwy. 400 south of Parry Sound early Sunday morning. At 3:33 a.m. West Parry Sound OPP responded to a single transport tractor truck and trailer rollover. Upon police arrival at the scene it was determined that a 66 year-old male transport driver was operating in a 2003 Kenworth Tractor with two loaded fuel tankers carrying 52,000 litres of diesel and stove oil. The transport left the highway losing control then rolled over causing the tanker trailers to start spilling fuel. The male driver was rescued from the cab of the transport and turned over to Parry Sound EMS. He was transported to hospital where he sustained non-life threatening injuries. Due to the spill, Highway 400 was completely closed for safety reasons until the initial investigation and the amount of the spill was determined in nearby train tracks and creeks. OPP and the ministries of transportation and environment are conducting the investigation into the collision and spill. Southbound lanes were re-opened at 8:00 a.m. this morning. The northbound lanes of Hwy 400 remain closed. A detour routing traffic around the collision at MacTier on Old Highway 69 has been established for the northbound lanes. The investigation is continuing on scene.

<http://www.midlandfreepress.com/2012/11/11/large-amount-of-fuel-spilled-on-hwy-400>

#### USA, N.Y, NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 12 2012. CHEF CHARGED IN FIRE AT RESTAURANT

 **Watch the Video** [Restaurant Worker Arrested Following Manhattan Gasoline Fire](#)



A sushi chef has been arrested after a soy sauce container he had filled with gasoline ignited at a restaurant close to Sutton Place in Manhattan, starting a blaze that severely injured three people. The fire, which occurred about 10 p.m. Friday, raced through the kitchen of [Eno Asian Bistro and Lounge](#) on 1066 First Avenue at East 58th Street, the Fire Department said. Authorities said the sushi chef, identified as Fei Teng, 42, of Queens, had asked a dishwasher to carry a five-gallon soy sauce container filled with gasoline through the kitchen to his car. Mr. Teng, fire officials said, acquired the gasoline a day earlier from an acquaintance and had stored it in the restaurant's basement. Somehow, as the dishwasher was carrying the gasoline through the kitchen, it spilled and ignited. Another chef was immediately engulfed in fire, receiving first- and second-degree burns to his face, neck, arms and legs before bystanders



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extinguished the flames, the Fire Department said. A busboy and another woman also sustained second- and third-degree burns to their legs. As of Saturday, the victims were still recovering at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Fire marshals arrested Mr. Teng at the scene. He was charged with reckless endangerment. It is unclear why Mr. Teng was storing gasoline at the restaurant. Fire officials said he had purchased 10 gallons of gasoline on Thursday and transferred it into two five-gallon soy sauce containers. He used one container to fill up his car and stored the other in the restaurant's basement until the fire, fire officials said. Lenny Pan, a cashier at Eno Asian Bistro and Lounge, said by telephone that most of the damage from the fire had been repaired. The restaurant, she said, would be closed for at least two weeks pending an inspection by the Fire Department. She said that she was unaware of the circumstances of the fire and said a supervisor would only be available for comment on Monday.

<http://cityroom.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/11/10/chef-charged-in-fire-at-restaurant/>

### CANADA, QUE, SHERBROOKE, NOVEMBER 12 2012. FATHER OF 3 DIES FOLLOWING SHERBROOKE EXPLOSION >> BLAST ALSO LEFT 18 PEOPLE INJURED



*An emergency worker rolls up a hose outside Neptune Technologies and Bio Resources in Sherbrooke, Que., Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012 where a large explosion at the plant sent a number of people to hospital with serious injuries.*

A third person has died from injuries related to an explosion that took place Thursday at Neptune Technologies et Bioressources Inc., in Sherbrooke, Que. Marc Couture, 42, sustained burns to 90 per cent of his body and was kept in a medically-induced coma since Thursday. According to authorities, his family made the decision to take him off life-support after consulting with doctors. Couture had three children aged 13, 16 and 18. José Duguay, a friend of the victim, told CBC's French service, Radio-Canada, that Couture had been

working at Neptune Technologies for about two weeks before the explosion. Couture worked as a mechanic for the plant and was responsible for repairing leaks and breaks in the pipe system. Duguay, who is a former employee at the plant, said Neptune was a great work environment but told Radio-Canada he will push to find a reason for the explosion. He said he thought the construction at the plant may have led to a lack of work safety at the plant, but insisted to say those were his doubts. To date, [the explosion caused three deaths and injured 18 people](#) according to authorities, many of the people injured suffer from burns of varying severity and many showed symptoms of shock.

#### Massive Fire Followed Explosion

The blast happened at about 1:30 p.m. ET on Pépin Street. The company makes health products from krill oil, which contains omega-3 fatty acids. The explosion sparked a massive fire that took emergency crews hours to get under control and triggered fears of toxic exposure due to the acetone at the site. Environment Quebec later said the fumes from the fire were not toxic and local residents should not be worried.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/story/2012/11/11/sherbrooke-explosion-third-dead.html?cmp=rss>

### THAILAND, SAMUT SAKHON, MUANG DISTRICT, NOVEMBER 12 2012. TWO DIE IN TANKER-MOTORCYCLE CRASH

Two people died in a collision involving a tanker truck carrying sulfuric acid and a motorcycle in Muang district of Samut Sakhon Sunday afternoon. The accident occurred between kilometre markers 30 and 31 on the inbound Rama II road in tambon Tachine at 3pm. Police found the truck had crashed and overturned on the Tachine River bridge approach, leaking the hazardous acid that prompted authorities to cordon off an 800-metre area around the site that caused a 12-km traffic jam. Police said the truck driver was thrown through the windshield and run over by his own truck. His body was found under it. The body of the motorcycle rider, believed to be a Myanmar national, was found near the truck. Leaking acid caused a grisly scene with the bodies and damaged the road surface. Police have not released the victims' names. Investigators have been unable to explain the cause of the accident but are operating on the theories that the truck driver may have fallen asleep or that the motorcycle rider may have cut in front of him, causing the truck to ram into the side of the bridge approach, overturn and then run over the top of the motorcyclist, killing him. Rescue officials sprinkled calcium hydroxide on the crash site and waited until the acid was converted into an alkaline state before cleaning the road with water. They used a crane truck to move the tanker off the road. Authorities took about three hours to clear the scene.

<http://www.bangkokpost.com/breakingnews/320701/two-die-in-tanker-crash-with-motorcycle>



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#### USA, ME, AUGUSTA, NOVEMBER 12 2012. TWO INJURED IN AUGUSTA FIRE ON SATURDAY, DOG DIES

*susan m. cover*

 [Watch the Video Augusta Fire Sends 2 People to Hospital](#)



The scene of a Saturday morning fire that damaged a home at 816 Civic Center Drive in Augusta. Two people were injured and a dog was killed in the blaze, according to Augusta Fire Department Battalion Chief Dave Groder.

Two people were injured and their dog was killed on Saturday in a house fire at 816 Civic Center Drive. A man was burned while attempting to start a wood stove around 9 a.m. and a woman was also injured, said Augusta Fire Department Battalion Chief Dave Groder. He said he could not yet provide the names of those involved in the incident. The man was flown by medical helicopter to Maine Medical Center in Portland, reportedly suffering from burns, and the woman was taken to MaineGeneral Medical Center in Augusta. Groder said a dog died in the fire, and that the state Fire Marshal's Office is investigating. He said the ranch-style home sustained smoke and heat damage and will require repair work before it can be inhabited again. Fire crews from Belgrade, Sidney, Gardiner, Togus and

Winthrop responded to the scene. Traffic was diverted for more than an hour while firefighters, police and rescue personnel worked the fire.

<http://www.onlinesentinel.com/news/Man-injured-in-Augusta-fire.html>

#### USA, N.J, MONMOUTH CO, NOVEMBER 12 2012. BOATOWNERS TO GET NOTICES FOR LEAKY TANKS

*U. S. Coastguard*

The Hurricane Sandy Pollution Response Unified Command continues to focus on environmental threats and hazardous substance mitigation efforts within marinas, bays and harbors throughout New York and New Jersey caused by Hurricane Sandy. The interagency pollution response consists of federal, state and local agencies that have a strong working relationship, and have been coordinating pollution response operations for Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts. Responders with the unified command are assessing affected areas and environmentally sensitive areas for pollution and hazardous substances. The assessments will be used to appropriately respond to the identified areas of pollution. The unified command has created branches, divisions and task forces to safely and efficiently respond to impacted areas. Below is the current response information as of Nov. 11, 2012:

There are a total of 137 personnel responding with the Hurricane Sandy Pollution Response Unified Command, which includes members from:

- U.S. Coast Guard
- Environmental Protection Agency
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- New York Department of Environmental Conservation
- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- Oil Spill Removal Organizations

This week pollution response teams will begin leaving notices to owners of vehicles, vessels or tanks that are potential pollution threats to the marine environment in New York and New Jersey. Response teams are working with local marinas and municipalities to search for damaged or displaced vehicles, vessels or tanks that could contain oil or hazardous substances. Upon the discovery of such hazards, the teams will attach red warning stickers with contact information prompting owners to take urgent action. Owners who find a sticker on their vehicle, vessel or tank should contact the Coast Guard Incident Command Post immediately at (347) 515-6418.

Responders are working with contractors to locate, identify and remove containers that have been displaced by the storm. Containers identified as potential hazardous material will be removed by the pollution response.

Responders continue to work with marina and vessel owners to remove pollution threats. To date more than 380 vessels have been identified as potential pollution sources, and 43 of those have been removed through coordinated efforts.



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Responders have identified numerous containers, cylinders and barrels across New York and New Jersey that pose a potential pollution threat. The EPA and Coast Guard teams are working with contractors to safely remove these threats. Response crews supporting the State of New York have completed operations at P.S. 105 The Bay School, P.S. 207 Rockwood Park School and P.S. 288 The Shirley Tanyhill School. Heating oil tanks were dislodged at the three schools by the storm and spilled their contents. The heating oil has been cleaned up and the sites are awaiting final approval from the on scene New York State Spill Engineer.

The Hurricane Sandy Pollution Response is requesting any person who sees pollution to contact the National Response Center at (800) 424-8802. These reports will help responders identify, reduce and remove these environmental threats. Any oiled wildlife should be reported to the Tri-State Bird Research and Rescue at (302) 737-9543. Oiled wildlife should only be <http://www.ahherald.com/newsbrief-mainmenu-2/monmouth-county-news/14117-boatowners-to-get-notice-for-leaky-tanks->

#### USA, PA, MILFORD TWP, NOVEMBER 12 2012. MACUNGIE MAN KILLED WHEN CAR, TANKER COLLIDE ON BUCKEYE ROAD CAUSING FUEL SPILL; WITNESSES SOUGHT

tad miller

**Watch the Video's:**

[Tanker Truck, Car Collide in Upper Milford; 1 Dead; Fuel Spilled](#)

[Man Killed When Car, Tanker Collide on Buckeye Road Causing Fuel Spill](#)

[Man Killed in Crash with Tanker Truck](#)



State police seek witnesses to a fatal crash on Buckeye Road in Upper Milford that killed a Macungie man and resulted in a huge spill of diesel fuel. A car collided with a diesel fuel truck at 9:52 p.m. Sunday in Upper Milford Township, killing a Macungie man and spilling thousands of gallons of diesel fuel, according to state police and emergency scanner transmissions. The crash killed James F. Heller, 61, of Macungie, according to the Lehigh County Coroner's office. Heller was driving a Chevrolet Cavalier west on Buckeye Road and a tractor trailer driven by Matthew Phillip Wise, 26, of Fort Bragg, N.C., was attempting to turn east on Buckeye Road from Tank Farm Road, state police at Fogelsville said. The car reportedly hit the tractor trailer. Buckeye Road was

closed between Tank Farm Road and Chestnut Street and might remain closed most of today (Monday) for the fuel spill cleanup, according to a [Morning Call story](#). Anyone who witnessed the accident is asked to call state police at 610-395-1438. Emergency scanner reports Sunday night said the car reportedly was wedged under the tanker on Buckeye Road near Tank Farm Road at the Buckeye Pipeline tank complex near 4993 Buckeye Road. At 2:05 a.m., a transmission from Vera Cruz Fire Chief Joseph Sherman said the extrication of a patient was complete. The Lehigh County Coroner's Office already had been called to the scene. Earlier, a Macungie ambulance was summoned to transport Wise to a nearby hospital to be checked out for injuries. Initially, responding fire units from Vera Cruz and Emmaus fire and ambulance found gushing diesel fuel, reportedly at 100 gallons per minute, when they arrived. Although the tanker reportedly was full at 7,600 gallons, it was later reported that perhaps only one 2,500-gallon section of the tank was ruptured and spewing fuel. Additional fire units were called to block roads. A sand truck and decontamination unit were called to the scene, according to transmissions. The state Department of Environmental Protection was called to the scene as potential migration of diesel fuel from the site to a nearby stream became a concern. The Hazardous Materials Unit from Lehigh County also was called to the scene. Sherman, as command officer, notified dispatchers that nearby roads would be closed for several hours. The East Penn School District was notified that bus routes would have to be notified as a result. State police said Heller was not wearing a seat belt but his airbag deployed. The tractor trailer driver was wearing his seat belt.

<http://lowermacungie.patch.com/articles/scanner-vehicle-tanker-collide-for-serious-crash-spewing-diesel-fuel>

#### NIGERIA, AKWA IBOM, QUA IBOE, NOVEMBER 12 2012. MOBIL DEPLOYS WORKERS TO CONTAIN OIL SPILL.

The oil firm Mobil Producing Nigeria has deployed hundreds of workers and equipment to tackle an oil spill in its operations in southern Nigeria's Akwa Ibom State. The spill, which reportedly started on Friday, has hit the Atlantic shoreline. Oil sediments had been traced along the shoreline in Ibeno, Esit Eket, Eastern Obollo and other settlements on the coast. Truck loads of



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heavy equipment, chemicals, hoses and oil spill containment equipment were moved from the jetty to the fields located some 20 kilometres from the coastline. Youths from the host communities on Sunday were encouraged to be hired to assist in the clean up at the Ibeno jetty. The National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) confirmed that Mobil reported the incident on Nov 9. It reported that some 100 barrels of crude discharged into the Atlantic Ocean at the Qua Iboe fields. The joint inspection visit to the spill site by community representatives, regulatory authority and Mobil has been scheduled for Monday. However, Idris Musa, the Director of Oil Spill Response at NOSDRA, said on Sunday that the agency had dispatched its men to the site to take samples for tests. The oil firm had on Sunday confirmed the spill and pledged to mitigate the impact on the environment. According to the statement signed by Paul Arinze, the Manager of Communications and Government Relations, the oil firm regrets the spill and is collaborating with community representatives and regulators to contain it. The firm said it had contacted representatives of the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR), NOSDRA, Akwa Ibom State Ministry of Environment and local community to overfly the area. Two spills earlier occurred at the Qua Iboe oil fields on August 13 and August 24.

[http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2012-11/12/content\\_15918979.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2012-11/12/content_15918979.htm)

### USA, N.J, EAST RUTHERFORD, DUST COLLECTOR SUSPECTED IN FIERY BLAST AT EAST RUTHERFORD INK PLANT

*michael copley*



Federal investigators are focusing on a newly installed dust collector as the probable fuel source for an explosion and fire inside the US Ink plant that injured seven workers in October, an agency official said. The workers were burned when a carbon compound used to make black newspaper ink ignited in ductwork at the Central Avenue plant, local fire officers said. Evidence, including witness interviews, points to a fiery chain reaction set off by a dust collector installed on the roof about a week before the Oct. 9 explosion, said Daniel Horowitz, director of congressional, public and board affairs for the federal Chemical Safety Board, a non-regulatory agency. The dust collector is the "only probable fuel source" for the accident, said Horowitz. Investigators "will be looking for anything that could have caused an undue amount of dust to accumulate," he said, including whether the system was equipped to handle the dust and oil mixture produced in

ink manufacturing. The inquiry was hampered by superstorm Sandy, but Horowitz said investigators will gather more dust samples from the collection system to test for combustibility. After the sooty blast, three of the worst injured, with facial and hand burns, were taken to the burn unit at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston. Sun Chemical, which owns US Ink, didn't release the identities of the injured workers, citing federal insurance regulations. Borough police, however, identified six: Bill Wright, 49; Ed Caddell, 49; Greg Gualdarra, 56; Stan Prenenski, 54; Chris Jaje, 34; and John Castro, 59. No hometowns were given. A hospital spokesman confirmed that Caddell, Jaje and Castro were the three at St. Barnabas. "I'm happy to report that the last hospitalized employee was released" at the start of November, Sun Chemical spokeswoman Lynn Campbell said in an email. Campbell has said most of the plant is reopened, but the explosion area will remain closed until the inquiry is complete. The Chemical Safety Board launched its probe last month after Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., called for reviews ensuring chemical makers practice "the highest safety standards." The Occupational Safety and Health Administration also is investigating and has six months to report findings, a spokesman said. The flash fire occurred in the plant's pre-mix room, where carbon black, a dry pigment, is mixed with a liquid dispersing agent, some kind oil or water, to make black newspaper ink, according to public statements and company documents from Sun Chemical. Horowitz said it's too early to know if carbon black dust fueled the explosion, adding investigators also are looking at a resin binder — a filmy adhesive — present in the area. The blast could have resulted from spontaneous combustion, said Horowitz, though investigators haven't ruled out that something else, like an electrical spark, ignited the dust, he said. "There's no definite indication of what the source of ignition was," said Horowitz. At a Titan Tire Corp. manufacturing plant in Mississippi in 1999, workers were burned when carbon black dust from a rubber-mixing machine ignited. Fluorescent lights above the machine didn't have a working dust collector, and "dust accumulations ... may be ignitable by abnormal operation or failure of electrical equipment," a lawsuit against the firm argued. The fire at US Ink apparently flashed around the dust collector on the roof and traveled down through ductwork to the pre-mix room, said Horowitz. There are conflicting industry accounts of carbon black's combustibility and



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safety hazards. The International Carbon Black Association, a trade group, reported in 2004 that concentrations of carbon black dust don't pose an "explosion hazard," although "Under certain circumstances ... it may be possible for smoldering carbon black to produce a sufficient concentration of combustible gases (carbon monoxide) to reach an explosive mixture in air." A safety sheet from a carbon black manufacturer, Orion Engineered Carbons, states carbon black dust "at sufficient concentrations," can form an "explosive mixture with air." The Orion safety sheet notes OSHA has not established a flammability classification for carbon black nor a temperature threshold for "auto-ignition." And OSHA doesn't include printing ink manufacturers on a list that flags industries that have the "potential" for combustible dust explosions.

[http://www.northjersey.com/news/178782731\\_Dust\\_collector\\_suspected\\_in\\_fiery\\_blast\\_at\\_East\\_Rutherford\\_ink\\_plant.html?age=all](http://www.northjersey.com/news/178782731_Dust_collector_suspected_in_fiery_blast_at_East_Rutherford_ink_plant.html?age=all)

### USA, ORE, PORTLAND, NOVEMBER 13 2012. OVERTURNED TANKER ON I-205 DELAYS HUNDREDS DURING DRIVE TIME

jolie wolfe

 **Watch the Video** [Fuel Tanker Crash on I-205 Snarls Soggy Morning Commute](#)

 **Photo's [5]** [Fuel Tanker Crash on I-205 Snarls Soggy Morning Commute](#)



The southbound lanes of I-205 at Airport Way were closed for hours this morning after a fuel tanker truck carrying more than 1500 gallons of gasoline rolled over. The crash occurred around 2:30 a.m. A Portland Fire and Rescue spokesman says a small amount of fuel leaked from the trucks 'saddle' tanks. An Oregon Department of Transportation spokesman said hazmat crews were very cautious as they used large tow trucks to upright the tanker, to try and keep more fuel from spilling. No other vehicles were involved in the crash. By 4:15 a.m. the truck was resting on its side blocking all southbound lanes of I-205 and the situation continued to cause delays throughout the morning. The driver of the truck was not hurt. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

<http://www.kptv.com/story/20070248/overtuned-tanker-on-i-205-delays-hundreds-at-drive-time>

### NIGERIA, LAGOS, NOVEMBER 13 2012. NIGERIAN REFINERIES RATED WORST AMONGST 42 AFRICAN REFINERIES

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*Minister of Petroleum, Dizeani Allison Madueke.*

The National Refineries Special Task Force (NRSTF) set up by the Federal Government to take a diagnostic study of operations of Nigeria's four traditional refineries with a view to proffer sustainable measures has disclosed that the country's refineries are the worst managed of 42 existing African refineries. Comparing Nigerian refineries with other refineries in Africa, the taskforce, which recently submitted its report to the government explained in its findings that the country's four refineries with combined production capacity of 445,000 barrels per day (bpd) had an average capacity utilisation of 18 percent as against what obtains in utilisation capacities of other African countries. "There are 42

refineries in Africa, Nigeria has three and the third largest combined capacity of 445,000 bpd. The countries with higher number and capacity are South Africa and Egypt, with two and refineries respectively, and corresponding capacities of 545,000bpd and 774,900bpd respectively. Nigerian refineries have the worst performance record among the 42 refineries, with an average capacity utilisation of only 18 percent compared to 81 percent and 85 percent respectively for Egypt and South Africa in 2006-2009," parts of report which was submitted by the taskforce led by one-time Minister of Finance, Dr. Kalu Idika Kalu read. The committee, which recommended far-reaching measures that would be adopted in tackling the country's challenges of under utilisation of its refineries, noted that a robustly managed refinery system with minimal government participation will suffice in putting the country's refining industry back on track. According to the report, "The NRSTF is of the



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opinion that only drastic and far-reaching measures will successfully turn around the refineries. To this end, it recommends that majority shareholding, a minimum of 51 percent in the three NNPC refineries should be divested to the private sector, in accordance with subsisting legislation, as in the Public (Privatisation and Commercialisation) Enterprises Act 1999." Giving conditions for a robust privatisation process of the refineries, the task force stated that the private investors must include a core investor with background and experience in managing and operating refineries, good technical and financial capability as well as acceptable vision and commitment. "The core investor must assume full operatorship of the privatised refinery and other conditions that must be put in place include specific requirement for a program to promote technology transfer, local content utilization in services and skills acquisition by Nigerians, plans for all employee related matters such as retirees and staff pensions, severance and disengagement issues and contractual commitment to acceptable performance levels. Appropriate fiscal incentives as may be applicable at the time, to attract the right calibre of investors, a proper valuation of the assets of the refineries will need to be carried out prior to privatisation, only limited repairs of the refineries which can be funded and completed on time should be instituted. This will enable production operations to be sustained in the refineries while they are prepared for privatisation. It asked the government to consider the implementation of these measures as top priority and particularly prime the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) to set up the structures for timely and transparent privatisation of the refineries within 18 months, with the assistance of reputable consultants.

<http://www.thisdaylive.com/articles/nigerian-refineries-rated-worst-amongst-42-african-refineries/130439/>

#### **NIGERIA, LAGOS, NOVEMBER 13 2012. SHELL CUTS NIGERIA PRODUCTION**

Oil giant Shell said Sunday it had shut down a pipeline in southern Nigeria due to damage from oil thieves, causing a 25 000 barrel-per-day cut in crude production. Shell's Nigerian arm "has shut down the Imo River Trunkline in its eastern operations after it found several crude theft points on the facility. Production of some 25 000 barrels of oil per day is deferred," a statement said. The line was originally isolated on October 31 when the first set of leaking points was discovered, it said, adding that unknown persons installed more crude theft connections days later, bringing the total to six. The Anglo-Dutch company said that there had been 26 spills in the Imo River area of southern Nigeria this year, 25 of which have been due to sabotage, causing the spill of about 3 000 barrels into the environment. "Ground visits showed that the oil had impacted rivers and other water bodies even as we have managed to deploy containment booms and are now starting to recover spilled crude," Shell vice president Tony Attah said. Nigeria is Africa's largest oil producer, pumping between 2.0 and 2.4 million barrels per day in recent months. Shell has been the biggest operator in the country. Pipeline damage and associated spills are common in the Niger Delta region as a result of oil theft to feed the lucrative black market. Activists however say firms such as Shell do not do enough to prevent such spills and clean them up when they occur. Militants claiming to be fighting for a fairer distribution of oil revenue have also regularly blown up pipelines in the past, though such attacks have greatly decreased since a 2009 amnesty deal.

<http://business.iafrica.com/worldnews/826966.html>

#### **USA, ILL, ST CLAIR CO, NOVEMBER 13 2012. PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE REACHED OVER CONTAMINATION AT CAHOKIA SITE**

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The federal government last week sued and reached a proposed settlement with the owner of a pipeline terminal in St. Clair County. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) filed a complaint on Nov. 6 against Phillips 66 Pipeline LLC, seeking to recover some of the money it spent on cleaning up the Rogers Cartage Site in Cahokia. In 2011, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an enforcement action memorandum that noted the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at the site and directed Phillips 66 to excavate and remove about 16,575 tons of soil. The DOJ said in its complaint that it and the EPA has spent nearly \$94,000 on costs related to the five-acre site and had not yet been reimbursed by the defendant. The agency filed a "consent decree for removal action and recovery of response costs" on the same day the DOJ brought its complaint, which sought recovery under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980. The 60-plus page proposed decree states that Phillips 66 will continue the clean-up and pay the EPA about \$65,200 for past costs. The proposed decree also notes that if it gets approved, Phillips 66 will amend its 2011 complaint against Rogers Cartage Co. Rogers Cartage Co. and its corporate parent, Tankstar Inc., were listed as potentially responsible parties to the contamination in a 2009 EPA liability notice. Phillips 66 received the notice as the current owner of the site. Court documents show that Rogers Cartage Co. leased the five-acre site sometime in the 1950s through 1970. The company's trucks, which hauled



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hazardous substances, including PCBs, were washed at the Cahokia site. Both Rogers Cartage and Tankstar "declined to substantively participate in these negotiations," the proposed decree states. In 2011, Phillips 66 sued Rogers Cartage for cost recovery and injunctive relief. Phillips 66 will amend its complaint to pursue a claim for contribution if the proposed decree is approved. Last week's filing of the proposed consent decree opened a 30-day public notice and comment period. To view the proposed consent decree or to learn more about the public comment period, go to <http://1.usa.gov/Tw0d9D>. U.S. District Chief Judge David Herndon was reassigned to the case on Nov. 7. He is presiding over the suit between Phillips 66 and Rogers Cartage Co. Court records show that Iva Ziza, an attorney in the DOJ's Environmental Enforcement Section in Washington D.C., represents the federal government and James F. Thompson of Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City represents Phillips 66.

<http://madisonrecord.com/news-1492/249108-proposed-consent-decree-reached-over-contamination-at-cahokia-site>

### AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, WILLIAMSTOWN, NOVEMBER 13 2012. MOBIL AND A SHIPPING COMPANY HAVE BEEN CONVICTED AND FINED FOR OIL SPILL.

Last week, the Environment Protection Agency issued a statement which said Mobil Refining Australia and Teekay Navion Offshore Loading have been found guilty after a 2009 oil spill at the Gellibrand Terminal. The Melbourne Magistrates' Court has ordered Mobil to pay \$150,000 to the Port Phillip EcoCentre for the Bay Care Action and Awareness Project – plus EPA court costs of \$135,000. Magistrate Angela Bolger found Mobil guilty of causing an environmental hazard on 21 August 2009. The oil spill occurred after high winds caused a ship's loading arm to fracture and spill oil into the ocean, causing a six-day clean-up operation. In a separate hearing on 30 April this year, the ship's owner Teekay Navion Offshore Loading was ordered to pay \$100,000 towards an environmental project and \$100,000 in costs to EPA. After the oil spill, around 180kg of liquid crude oil was recovered from the sea near Gellibrand Pier and more oil washed ashore near the St Kilda penguin colony. The EPA CEO John Merritt said large penalties could be enforced when companies failed to take their environmental responsibilities seriously. "EPA takes all circumstances involving the discharge of oil very seriously," Mr Merritt said. "Oil pollution can have severe repercussions to Victoria's coastline and waterways. It is fortunate the spill was relatively small."

<http://www.starnewsgroup.com.au/star/williamstown-altona-layerton/372/story/155468.html>

### INDIA, UTTAR PRADESH, AURAIYA, YAQOOPUR TOWN, NOVEMBER 14 2012. EIGHT KILLED IN UP FIRECRACKER BLAST



*The explosion took place in a house in Yaqoobpur town in the Bela police station area, where fire-crackers were being manufactured illegally for Diwali.*

At least eight persons, including seven of a family, were killed and 11 injured in a major blast in a stockpile of firecrackers in Yaqoobnagar locality of UP's Auraiya district, 170 km from Lucknow, late on Monday night. Unconfirmed sources put the death toll at 10. Authorities have suspended the in-charge of the local Yaqoobnagar police outpost sub-inspector Udal Singh and three constables for their failure to detect the illegal hoarding of explosives. This is the ninth incident of blast at a firecracker unit in the state this year. In eight earlier blasts, at least 30 persons, mostly women and children, have been killed. More than 35 persons were injured in these incidents. Those injured in

the Monday night incident were undergoing treatment at the district hospital in Kanpur city and private nursing homes in Auraiya. The blast was so strong that not only the house where the firecrackers were stocked was completely razed to the ground but at least four adjoining houses were also badly damaged. The incident took place at the house of Mauji Lal in Yaqoobnagar locality in Bela police circle around 11 pm on Monday. The incident triggered panic in the area and fire tenders had to be summoned from the nearby NTPC and GAIL units after the local fire workers failed to douse the flames or clear the debris. The rescue work continued till Tuesday morning. The deceased included Mauji Lal's daughter Guddan, his son Akhilesh's wife Nanheen Devi (35) and their four daughters Ujala (10), Anamika (8), Mansi (6) and Neha (3). Others killed in the incident were Khushboo, daughter of Mauki Lal's cousin Ram Awtaar and Shivam (11), son of Maiku Lal's neighbor Virendra. Most of the male members of the family had a narrow escape as they were present at their cracker manufacturing unit situated a short distance away from their house where the mishap took place. Auraiya police chief Sanjay Kakkar said Mauji Lal and his brothers Ram Narayan and Ram Sewak were into their ancestral business of manufacturing firecrackers. However the licence was issued only for the manufacturing unit which was situated some 250 yards away from the site of



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mishap. "It is possible that they had shifted the stock of manufactured crackers to the house in order to avoid losing all the stock in case a fire broke out at the manufacturing unit. But they did not have the licence for storage of crackers at their residential premises hence a case is being registered at the Bela police station under the provisions of Prevention of Misuse of Explosives Act," he said. Police said most of the victims died after being buried alive under the debris of the concrete structures that collapsed as a result of the explosion. Some of the injured had suffered burns as well. Allegations are that the local residents had raised objections to storing of firecrackers inside Mauji Lal's. The last that the locals informed the police about the stockpiled fire crackers at the house of Mauji Lal was about a month ago. The Yaqoobnagar police outpost in charge Dual Singh initially directed Mauji Lal to remove the stock elsewhere. However, barely a fortnight later, Mauji Lal and his brothers started hoarding the finished items at their residences. While Mauji Lal's house was virtually razed to the ground, those of his brothers Ram Asrey and Ram Sewak and their cousin Ram Avatar were badly damaged in the incident.

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/lucknow/Eight-killed-in-UP-firecracker-blast/articleshow/17210128.cms>

#### LIBYA, NOVEMBER 14 2012. LIBYAN MILITARY ENGINEERS FACE TOXIC CHEMICAL CLOUDS AS THEY CLEAR UP ARMAMENTS FROM GADDAFI REGIME

 **Photo's [7]** [Military Engineers face Toxic Chemical Clouds](#)



*Trail of destruction: The Libyan authorities started emptying the unexploded rockets of gas during the major clean up of weapons sites*

The lethal missiles were destroyed in a NATO strike on the launch site on the outskirts of Tripoli last year, but they still contained an extremely toxic fuel mixture which appears a bright crimson when released into the air. The clean-up operation is made all the more difficult by the fear that some sites may contain as yet undiscovered chemical weapons. Last year, Libya's interim prime minister confirmed that undeclared chemical weapons have been found in the country. Prime Minister Mahmoud Jibril said that weapons were found, but added that Libya has 'no interest in keeping such weapons'. Libya's new authorities found mustard gas missiles in Jufra, according to Col. Ahmed Bani, a military spokesperson for Libya's National Transitional Council. Libya's new

leaders have been keen to try leading figures from the Gaddafi era inside Libya as a matter of national pride and to show state institutions are up to the job. But human rights groups have questioned whether former officials can get a fair trial in a country where bitterness over Gaddafi's rule runs deep and the militia groups that helped unseat him have influence. Under heavy security, Mahmoudi appeared in the caged dock looking healthy and dressed in traditional Libyan clothing. His lawyer was present. The judge postponed the hearing to December 10 to give the prosecution and defence more time to review documents. Tunisia extradited Mahmoudi in June, making him the first senior Gaddafi official to be returned for trial under Libya's transitional leadership. Mahmoudi's lawyer, Mabrouk Khorchid, said in September he had not been allowed to see his client for long periods. He added he had heard the former premier had been held in solitary confinement and had suffered a nervous breakdown after Tunisia's justice minister told him an extradition was imminent. In September, former spy chief Abdullah al-Senussi became the second former Gaddafi official to be extradited to Libya after being captured in Mauritania holding a false passport. A Libyan judge suspended the trial of senior Gaddafi-era intelligence official Buzaid Dorda in September after his defence lawyer said the proceedings were unconstitutional. Dorda was arrested in Tripoli and faced charges of killing civilians, providing weapons to kill civilians and conspiring to provoke civil war.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2231902/Libyan-military-engineers-face-toxic-chemical-clouds-clear-armaments-Gaddafi-regime.html>



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#### USA, IN, DAYTON, NOVEMBER 14 2012. FUEL SPILL CLOSES GAS STATION >> MALFUNCTIONING SENSOR CAUSED TANKER TO OVERFLOW



A malfunctioning sensor led to a fuel spill in Tippecanoe County. It happened around 7 p.m. Monday at the Phillips 66 in Dayton. Firefighters said a diesel tanker was supplying the gas station with fuel when an automatic shut-off system malfunctioned. 130 gallons of fuel spilled into the parking lot. Officials said two people were pumping gas when the spill happened, but no one was injured and the fuel didn't pose a health threat. The gas station was shut down while crews cleared the scene.

<http://www.wlfi.com/dpp/news/local/fuel-spill-closes-gas-station>

#### SCOTLAND, INVERNESS, NOVEMBER 14 2012. FIRE CREWS ATTEND INVERNESS FILLING STATION FUEL LEAK



Crews used foam to clear the petrol spillage at the Tesco petrol station in Holm. Firefighters have dealt with fuel leaking from a supermarket's filling station in Inverness. The incident was reported at about 12:15 and led to the closure of the road to the Tesco on the city's Dores Road. Highlands and Islands Fire and Rescue Service (HIFRS) said two fire appliances and a unit that sprays foam were at the scene. Police were also called to the incident. The access road to Tesco store has since reopened. The filling station remains closed and Northern Constabulary said it was not expected to open until at least lunchtime on Wednesday.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-20314168>

#### USA, WV, BERKELEY SPRINGS, NOVEMBER 14 2012. 350 GALLONS OF GAS SPILLS AT BERKELEY SPRINGS GAS STATION >> BULK OF SPILL WAS CLEANED UP BY 2 A.M. TUESDAY

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The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection is monitoring the cleanup of a gasoline spill that occurred Monday night at the Sheetz at 245 S. Washington St. in Berkeley Springs. Approximately 350 gallons of gasoline spilled onto the pavement when an overflow occurred while a truck was filling an underground storage tank on the property, according to a news release from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The cause of the overflow and subsequent spill is still being investigated, the release states. Local fire departments responded to the scene, as well as a Sheetz environmental clean-up crew. Sheetz also hired an outside environmental consulting company, GEC Contractor, to assist in the cleanup, according to the release. The bulk of the spill was cleaned up by 2 a.m. Tuesday, the release states. The spill also impacted a nearby stream, Warm Springs Run. Environmental crews are working to remove any residual materials from the stream and have placed booms in the stream to prevent further downstream flow of contaminants, the DEP said in the release. The DEP has issued a Confirmed Release-Notice to Comply requirement to Sheetz to continue its cleanup procedures. Sheetz must analyze on- and off-site conditions to determine if additional investigation and cleanup will be needed once emergency response efforts are complete, according to the release.

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[http://www.herald-mail.com/news/tristate/hm-350-gallons-of-gas-spills-at-berkeley-springs-gas-station-20121113\\_0,4873925.story](http://www.herald-mail.com/news/tristate/hm-350-gallons-of-gas-spills-at-berkeley-springs-gas-station-20121113_0,4873925.story)



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