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USA, MD, BALTIMORE, NOVEMBER 4 2012. CHEMICAL SPILL AT MARYLAND HAUNTED HOUSE SENDS 6 TO HOSPITAL

Baltimore County police say six employees at a haunted house in Essex were taken to a hospital after a jar of formaldehyde spilled and they became sick. Police say the chemical was used in a display at Kim's Krypt Haunted Attraction. Firefighters were called to the scene about 9:15 p.m. Friday night. The fire department declared the situation a hazmat spill and worked to clean it up. Police say those exposed to the chemical included several juveniles. Their injuries were not serious. The haunted house was closed for the night. It was scheduled to run through Saturday.

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/11/03/chemical-spill-at-maryland-haunted-house-sends-6-to-hospital/>

USA, CA, ESCONDIDO, NOVEMBER 5 2012. 4 INJURED IN FIERY TANKER TRUCK CRASH >> A TANKER TRUCK AND SEDAN CRASHED ON I-15 IN ESCONDIDO

monica garske



A tanker truck collided with multiple vehicles on southbound Interstate 15 in Escondido Saturday, causing several injuries and snarling traffic on the highway for hours, officials confirmed. According to California Highway Patrol officials, the crash happened around 1 p.m. on southbound I-15 near the Via Rancho Parkway exit. Officials said a 47-year-old Escondido resident was driving a freightliner tanker truck when he saw traffic coming to a stop due to sudden back-up on the Via Rancho Parkway off-ramp. Mose applied his brakes but wasn't able to stop the tanker before crashing into the rear of a Chevrolet Malibu sedan. Officials said this caused a chain reaction between the tanker, sedan and then two other cars, a Pontiac G6 and Toyota Solara. The Malibu sedan became wedged

underneath the tanker, which caught on fire. The driver of the sedan was trapped inside. The Escondido Fire Department had to extinguish the flames before extracting the seriously injured driver from the sedan. He was transported via air ambulance to the UCSD Medical Center with major injuries, CHP officials said. No further information has been released about this victim or his current condition. Meanwhile, the Pontiac was occupied by a 21-year-old driver and two passengers – a 21-year-old male and 1-year-old baby. They all sustained moderate to minor injuries and were transported to Palomar Hospital. The Toyota Solara was driven by a man from San Diego who was not injured, officials said. Traffic in the area was snarled for several hours as crews investigated the collision. At 1:45 p.m., a SigAlert was issued and CHP officials shut down a said a large portion of the southbound I-15. By 2:20 p.m., lane two had re-opened but lanes three and four remained closed for the next several hours. CHP officials said alcohol or drugs are not suspected factors in this crash.

<http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Tanker-Truck-Collides-with-Sedan-177108451.html>

USA, KS, WICHITA, NOVEMBER 5 2012. TWO KILLED IN TANKER EXPLOSION ON KANSAS TURNPIKE NEAR BELLE PLAINE

tim potter & amy renee leiker



Law enforcement and fire crews investigate the scene of a tanker truck accident. The tanker slid down an embankment near the Kansas Turnpike, north of the Belle Plaine service area Saturday.

A semi pulling a tank trailer hit a guardrail on the Kansas Turnpike south of Wichita on Saturday afternoon, shot down an embankment, caught fire and exploded minutes later, killing a man and woman from Oklahoma, authorities with the Kansas Highway Patrol said. At least one motorist started toward the truck to help, but it was too late. The truck was engulfed in flames about a mile north of the Belle Plaine service area, said Kansas Highway Patrol Master Trooper Joel Powers, the first emergency responder to arrive. The crash occurred around 3:30 p.m. The man was driving, and the female passenger was a co-driver, Powers said. Their identities were not released. The truck caught fire about 75 yards east

of the northbound lanes. Realizing that the truck and tanker could explode, another trooper held back northbound traffic for a time. The truck exploded about 10 minutes after he arrived, Powers said at the scene. "When it blew, it was a pretty good



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shock wave," he said. The force sent large sheets of metal back toward the highway. Powers said a woman in a vehicle behind the truck saw it strike the bridge guardrail, then lose control. Why the truck hit the guardrail is unknown. At first officials on scene were unable to confirm a passenger was in the truck because of the severe fire damage. But Kansas Highway Patrol Capt. Joe Bott said by phone Saturday evening that authorities who opened the cab around 6 p.m. found two dead. Just north of the guardrail, skid marks led across the shoulder and down the embankment. In a flat spot beyond the bottom of the embankment, the truck smashed through a fence and tree line and ended up in a corn field. The trailer was upright. The cab was on its top or side. Powers said he knew something was wrong when he saw smoke when he was at the Belle Plaine service area. He immediately headed to the crash, but the truck was already in flames. He grabbed a fire extinguisher but quickly realized it was no use. He was at the scene about two minutes after the crash. When he arrived, Powers said, lots of people had stopped. The fire kept them all well back. Both northbound lanes were open by around 5:30 p.m.

<http://www.kansas.com/2012/11/03/2555790/one-killed-in-tanker-explosion.html>

USA, N.M, GRANTS, NOVEMBER 5 2012. N.M. GASOLINE SEMI CRASHES AND BURNS, DRIVER HURT

patrick lohmann

A semitrailer carrying 8,000 gallons became engulfed in flames Saturday morning after investigators said the driver may have fallen asleep at the wheel on Interstate 40 east of Grants. The driver, 33-year-old Dennis Pritchard of Rio Rancho, was airlifted to University of New Mexico Hospital with non-life threatening injuries as his semitrailer sat overturned on the highway and burning for more than two hours, according to State Police. The interstate was closed in both directions as the fire burned up the gasoline. Damage was done to both sides of the roadway, so the state Department of Transportation has reduced the speed limit there to 65 mph as crews work to repair the damage.

<http://www.officer.com/news/10824381/nm-gasoline-semi-crashes-and-burns-driver-hurt>

USA, FLA, NORTH BAY VILLAGE, NOVEMBER 5 2012. COAST GUARD WATCHING BISCAYNE BAY FUEL SPILL

About 225 gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel spilled in Biscayne Bay on Sunday morning after a dock collapsed and cut two fuel lines, according to the [U.S. Coast Guard's](#) Sector [Miami](#). The spill, reported at 7:30 a.m. by the [North Bay Village](#) Police Department in Miami-Dade County, took place at a dock belonging to Greenvue Fuel Lines, the Coast Guard said. A Coast Guard helicopter aircrew flew over the area and reported the spill was approximately 500 yards in length, located at the east end of North Bay Village. The spill contains an estimated 220 gallons of gasoline and five gallons of diesel fuel. A commercial salvager was hired to set out booms around the fuel, the Coast Guard said. No waterway closures were announced. Boaters in the area were advised to monitor VHF marine channel 16 for updates and use caution in the area.

<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/fl-fuel-spill-20121104.0.7296458.story>

NEW ZEALAND, DUNEDIN, NOVEMBER 5 2012. WATER-CONTAMINATED PETROL AFFECTS ABOUT 30 CARS

vaughan elder



About 30 motorists in Dunedin and Oamaru had engine problems after filling their vehicles with contaminated petrol. The fuel was contaminated with water during routine pipeline testing at a terminal in Dunedin on Friday. The contaminated 91-octane petrol was delivered to three BP sites in Dunedin and Oamaru. The 91-octane fuel tanks at these stations were closed after the problem was discovered but all have since reopened. BP communications and external affairs manager Jonty Mills said about 15 Oamaru customers and three in Dunedin had reported problems. Mobil Northgate owner Beven O'Callaghan said 12 customers had experienced problems. Mr Mills said BP had provided five rental cars to Oamaru customers, and four mechanics were brought in to repair affected vehicles. Mr O'Callaghan said it became

apparent the fuel was contaminated when vehicles that had been filled up couldn't leave the forecourt. "[The vehicles] that we organised to have repaired are all on the road now, with new filters and fresh fuel." A couple of customers had taken their vehicles to other workshops, which were closed for the weekend, and so were yet to get their cars back on the road. It was very rare for petrol be contaminated, he said. Any other customers who believed they had been affected could contact any Dunedin Mobil outlet, he said. Mr Mills said the petrol was believed to have been contaminated on Friday afternoon during routine testing of a pipeline at the industry terminal in Dunedin, which is owned by BP and operated by New Zealand Oil



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Services Ltd. The terminal services both Mobil and BP stations in Dunedin and the surrounding area. A couple of trucks loaded 91 octane fuel from the terminal and delivered it to the affected sites. The terminal tank was closed at 6.30pm on Friday, the problem rectified and it was operating again about noon on Saturday. How the water entered the pipe was subject to a full investigation, Mr Mills said.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10845183

USA, FLA, PALM BEACH, NOVEMBER 5 2012. ILLEGAL MINIVAN GAS TANKER STOPPED IN BOCA >> POLICE SEEKING MIAMI SUSPECT IN SEPTEMBER THEFT OF 500-PLUS GALLONS

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Maps:

[690 W. Glades Road, Boca Raton](#)

The green 1997 Dodge Caravan with Florida tag 546YQB wasn't just an old gas guzzler — it was a secret gas stealing machine. When [Boca Raton](#) Fire Rescue reached the crashed vehicle about 7 p.m. Sept. 14, the crew looked inside and made an unlikely discovery: A 500-gallon plastic tank and 55-gallon drum loaded with fuel, along with a battery-powered pump, rubber hoses and an open hole in the floorboard between the driver and passenger seats. Onelio Castro Arroyo, the minivan's driver, had recently made an illegal fill-up from unlocked, underground storage tanks at the Chevron station, 690 W. Glades Road, according to court records. Police are still searching for Arroyo, 45, of [Miami](#), who abandoned the vehicle and ran off shortly after he jumped a curb and ran into a median. It may be lucky the minivan didn't blow up that night, said police spokesman Mark Economou, noting that a witness observed Arroyo stumble out with a beer in his hand. "It's a rolling bomb on four wheels," Economou said, declining to release pictures of the Caravan and the contraband because the police investigation continues. "Arroyo could have put a lot of people in danger. Obviously gas tanker drivers are trained." Police traced the minivan back to its owner, Leidy Garcia, 33, of Miami, who was identified as Arroyo's sister. She was not with Arroyo during the alleged heist from the Chevron, authorities said. A cell phone left in the vehicle also was linked to Arroyo. An arrest warrant has been issued to charge Arroyo with grand theft and unlawful conveyance of fuel/obtaining fuel fraudulently, both third-degree felonies punishable up to five years in prison. Police have impounded the van and filed court papers last week to take ownership of it through state forfeiture laws. Because of the weak economy and volatile gas prices fluctuating near \$4 a gallon, law enforcement officials across Florida and the nation in recent years have reported a rise of similar makeshift gas trucks that have ripped off service stations. Police said Arroyo had been caught in the act once before, with the same minivan and similar gas siphoning contraptions. Records show the [Medley](#) Police Department in [Miami-Dade County](#) arrested Arroyo in June 2010 for possession of an illegal gasoline storage tank and loitering. It wasn't immediately clear Friday whether Arroyo was prosecuted. The minivan was later returned without the hoses, pump and 500-gallon wine vat that held the stolen fuel, said Sgt. James Thurston. Medley Police Chief Jeanette Said Jinete recalled a rash of such incidents in the 7-square mile mostly commercial town of 1,100 residents and around the county, crimes attributed to high fuel prices. Arroyo is thought to have stolen the gas with the intention of putting it on the black market, Economou said. "It's not an isolated incident," he said, noting it appeared to have been a first for the city. "It's going on throughout South Florida." Chevron estimated the stolen premium fuel was valued at \$2,500. Manager Jose Juarez told the Sun Sentinel he declined to take the gas back from police because the station would have had to pay the costs of retrieving it from Arroyo's illegal tanks. Previous thefts at the Chevron involved crooks breaking the gas pumps, said Juarez, who has worked there a dozen years. "There are a lot of people around trying to find a way to make an easy living," he said.

http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/palm-beach/fl-boca-gas-van-thief-20121104_0,2883583.story

MALAYSIA, KELANTAN, KOTA BAHARU, NOVEMBER 5 2012. 10 FIREMEN INJURED AFTER DIESEL TANK EXPLODES WHILE BATTLING FIRE

Ten firemen were injured when a cylinder oil tank exploded while they fighting a fire at a tyre factory that is no longer in operation at the Pengkalan Chepa industrial estate here this morning. Kelantan Fire and Rescue director Azmi Osman said the explosion at the back of the factory caused flames to shoot out in the path of the firemen. "There were four cylinder oil tanks there and two were leaking. One suddenly exploded causing the 10 firemen to be injured, four seriously," he told reporters after visiting three of the injured men at the Raja Perempuan Zainab II Hospital here. Azmi said the seven others were admitted to Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia (HUSM) Kubang Kerian and that all the men suffered burns in the face, hands and legs. The four injured seriously are reported to be in stable condition. They are Wan Asri Wan Yaakob, Zulkifli Mahmud,



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Razak Abdullah and Abdullah Din Mohamad (Rpt Abdullah Din Mohamad). Azmi said the department was alerted on the fire at 8.30am and 29 firemen from the Pengkalan Chepa and Tunjung fire stations were rushed to the scene. "Everything was going smoothly, we had brought the fire fully under control when suddenly the explosion happened. I was at the scene at the time," said Azmi, who escaped injury. He said the cause of the fire was being investigated.

<http://www.mysinchew.com/node/79448>

CANADA, ON, OTTAWA, NOVEMBER 5 2012. FEDERAL TESTING BACKS STUDY THAT FOUND CONTAMINANTS IN OILSANDS REGION SNOW



University of Alberta scientist David Schindler holding a white fish with a tumour growth in the center.

Environment Canada scientists have confirmed results published by researchers from the University of Alberta showing contaminants accumulating in the snow near oilsands operations, an internal federal [document](#) has revealed. They also discovered contaminants in precipitation from testing in the region. But the researchers were discouraged from speaking to reporters about their [findings](#), first presented at a November [2011 conference](#) in Boston of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, says the document, released to Postmedia News through access to information. "EC's research conducted during winter 2010-11 confirms results already published by the University of Alberta that show contaminants in snow in the oilsands area," said a background document about Environment Canada's latest findings. "If scientists are approached for interviews at the conference, the EC communications policy will be followed by referring the journalist to the media relations... phone number. An appropriate spokesperson will then be identified depending on journalist questions." The original study, led by University of Alberta scientists Erin Kelly and David Schindler, analyzed winter snow and found that contamination levels were "highest near oilsands development compared to further away," said the document released by the government. The document, which was attached to an email indicating the information was also in the hands of the office of Environment Minister Peter Kent, provided a scripted list of answers that explained researchers had tested the toxicity of the Athabasca River water in the spring of 2010 with negative results, and also that no link was established between levels of contaminants found and any effect on fish. The scripted answers also recommended that the federal scientists decline answering questions about the cost of a monitoring system or about Environment Canada's role and actions in the region. If asked questions of this nature, the scientists were told in the script to say: "I am a scientist. I'm not in a position to answer that question but I'd be happy to refer you to an appropriate spokesperson." The document also said that Environment Canada scientist Derek Muir, who was slated to attend the conference in Boston, and another senior department official, Dan Wicklum, would be allowed to answer questions from reporters "if approved by media relations." Asked to comment on the Environment Canada document, Schindler welcomed the preliminary results, noting that some critics were "still trying to cast our study as being biased." But Schindler praised the federal scientists, Muir and Jane Kirk. "It is a good study, and Jane is a very fine young scientist, who should be trusted to comment on her own results," said Schindler in an email. "Similarly, Derek Muir, her supervisor and a co-author, is one of the world's top contaminant experts, and Canadians should be ashamed that he cannot discuss results directly with the public, but must go through an official spokesperson." An Environment Canada spokesman, Mark Johnson, said the scientists were not immediately available for interviews, noting that answers to questions about the research were included in the document. He declined a request to release a copy of the presentation, delivered in Boston, explaining that it would be inappropriate to distribute it since it contained data being prepared for a peer-reviewed publication. He also said that Environment Canada scientists, like other public servants, could not comment on policy matters. Wicklum, who is also a scientist, took a leave of absence from his senior government position last January to accept a new job as chief executive of a new oil and gas company partnership set up to accelerate environmental performance of oilsands companies. The Environment Canada document also said that substances found in the study were typical of development of all kinds and can even be found in the snow in cities with no heavy industry, but they were continuing their work. "We are comparing the levels of contamination we found in our work to other studies and find that other studies report both higher and lower levels," said the scripted answers. "These efforts will allow us to better understand deposition patterns and levels of oil sands related contaminants with a view to better identify their sources and ecological risks."

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/technology/environment/Federal+testing+backs+study+that+found/7496386/story.html>



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NEW ZEALAND, CHRISTCHURCH, NOVEMBER 5 2012. MINISTER RESIGNS AFTER DAMNING PIKE RIVER FINDINGS

dominique schwartz

 **Photo's** [Family of victims say the findings will be crucial in tightening health and safety laws and practices](#)

 **Maps:** [New Zealand](#)

 **Document** [Read the report here](#)



New Zealand's labour minister has resigned in the wake of damning findings by the Pike River Royal Commission. The commission's final report into the 2010 mine tragedy which claimed 29 lives - including Australians Joshua Ufer and Willie Joynton - found it was preventable and caused by the company using the mine before it was ready. It also found the company had ignored warnings of explosive methane levels. The commission said the New Zealand government's labour department should have prohibited the mine from operating until adequate systems were in place. It says in the two days before the deadly explosion, there were 21 reports of methane levels reaching explosive volumes and 27 reports of lesser levels but still potentially dangerous volumes and these were ignored by the company. "There were numerous warnings of a potential catastrophe at Pike River," the report said. "There was a culture of production

before safety at Pike River and, as a result, signs of the risk of an explosion were either not noticed or responded to." Drainage and ventilation systems could not cope, the report said, and the company's expectations of what it could produce out of the mine - more than a million tonnes of coal a year - were unrealistic. It had only shipped a total of 42,000 tonnes. The commission says the drive for production before the mine was ready created the circumstances within which this tragedy occurred. Prime minister John Key apologised to the relatives of the victims and says the government has accepted all 16 recommendations of the commission relating to improving health and safety and corporate governance. "On behalf of the Government I apologise to the families for the role this lack of regulatory effectiveness played in the tragedy," Mr Key said. A police investigation into the disaster is still ongoing. Peter Whittall, the former chief executive of Pike River Coal, is defending health and safety charges. He will return to court in March. Mining stopped at Pike River following the explosion and the company went into receivership soon afterwards.

Related Links

- [Pike River royal commission findings due today](#)
- [Pike River inquiry winds up public hearings](#)
- [Commission hears of likely Pike River blast cause](#)

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-11-05/pike-river-disaster-royal-commission-released/4353640?WT.mc_id=newsmail

MALTA, GHARB, NOVEMBER 5 2012. 3 CONFIRMED DEAD AND 1 POTENTIALLY FOUND AS SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS AFTER MULTIPLE EXPLOSIONS ROCK GHARB FIREWORKS FACTORY SUSPENDED FOR THE NIGHT.

 **Watch the Video** [3 Dead In Fireworks Factory Blast](#)

 **Photo's** [7] [3 Dead In Fireworks Factory Blast](#)



The factory was rocked by three explosions in total: the first two in rapid succession at about 2.45 pm while the third some 30 minutes later as rescuers were starting their search.

Rescuers from the Civil Protection Department and army bomb disposal experts, assisted by the Police their search for a fourth man missing after yesterday's powerful explosions at Qalb ta' Gesu fireworks factory in Gharb. On Monday morning, rescuers recommences the search operation as rescue dogs and a mechanical shovel was brought in to move concrete slabs and debris. The bodies of the three men found dead on the site Sunday afternoon are in the process of being identified, however the search for a fourth man is still underway. The rescuers believe that they know where the fourth missing man is. Sunday's



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explosion took place a few metres from the site of an explosion in September 2010 which killed six enthusiasts at a separate fireworks factory. The explosion had claimed the lives of six persons, including five members of the same family. The factory was destroyed on the eve of the Xaghra feast, claiming the lives of owner Nenu Farrugia, 67, his two sons Noel, 31, and Raymond, 32, daughter-in-law Antinette, son-in-law Peter Paul Micallef, 35, and 27-year-old family friend Jean Pierre Azzopardi. The factory was never rebuilt following popular opposition. The explosion also led to an inquiry to investigate possible causes and 60% of Għarb residents voted against rebuilding the factory in a referendum.

Sunday

9:15 pm The search for the fourth man was suspended at 8:00 pm, and will resume early tomorrow. The other three men were found dead earlier, however they are still to be concretely identified. Reports suggest that the fourth man could have already been found, but this is as yet unconfirmed. Remains were reportedly found near the bodies of the three other men, but it cannot be verified whether these belong to the fourth victim.

7:07 pm In an official statement, Police confirmed that the bodies of the three men who were in the fireworks factory when it blew up earlier today were found. CMRU added that the search for the fourth man is still ongoing. Magistrate Josette Demicoli was informed of the incident, who appointed several experts to assist her in her investigation. It has also been reported that sniffer dogs have also been deployed on the blast site in a bid to locate the fourth man, whom police believe they are close to finding. Distraught relatives of the victims of the explosion are also on the scene, and are being assisted by police and medical personnel.

6:15 pm It is being reported that artificial flood lights have been set up on site so that the rescue efforts for the fourth and last as-yet missing person, as well as the police investigation, can carry on despite the onset of darkness. A crane has also been brought in site to assist in the exploration of the blast site, as it is suspected that the fourth individual might have been covered by debris. Online reports suggest that one of the persons found might have been identified, while the other two are not in a condition to be similarly identified. The other two men who were at the scene, aside from factory owner Gorg Gatt and Peppi Cini, are believed to be Mario Gauch and Brian Portelli.

5:22 pm Three reportedly confirmed dead so far, but the names of the deceased are so far unknown. Some news outlets are reporting that deceased persons found cannot yet be indentified. Rescuers are searching for the fourth man, while another man who was also on the scene when the blasts hit managed to escape unharmed. The deaths however were not confirmed by the CMRU, who said that the latest official update from the site was at 5:00 pm. According to the update, the Civil Protection Department rescue forces were still forming up, and the Explosive Ordinance Unit was heading into the blast site to confirm that it was free from further explosive material for rescue forces to begin work. Asked how would rescue forces operate once in darkness, the CMRU spokesperson said that the search would go on with the help of artificial lighting. Earlier: Three large explosions have rocked the fireworks factor known as Tal-Qalb ta' Gesu near Għarb in Gozo. Police have announced that they received the call informing them of the explosions at 2:45 pm. Civil Protection Department and medical teams from the Gozo General Hospital are on the scene, as well as members from the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit, arrived on the scene at around 2:30 pm. The Police added that the fireworks factor is still being rocked by several smaller explosions, and fires are still ongoing. The conditions were so hazardous as to interfere with rescue efforts. By 4:30 pm, the rescue forces were able to approach the blast site and commence rescue operations. It is being reported that there is a search underway for four individuals who might have been inside the fireworks factor at the time. The missing individuals are understood to be factory owner George Gatt and Peppi Cini and three other fireworks enthusiasts. The other two are reportedly a man from Munxar and another from Nadur. There were four cars parked in the vicinity of the fireworks factory, which are reported to belong to these four individuals. The factory was reportedly rocked by three explosions in total: the first two in succession at roughly 2.45 pm while the third some 30 minutes later as rescuers were starting their search. Some rescue forces were reportedly hurt by stones hurled by the blast as they were approaching the blast site. The second blast produced a mushroom cloud, which is doing the rounds on social media sites such as Facebook. Gozo Minister Giovanna Debono and Justice Mlnister Chris Said have reportedly visited the site. A video has been uploaded of the blast scene just 10 minutes after the blasts tore the fireworks factory apart. [Click here to watch](#). Below is another video uploaded by a youtube user on the scene, as rescue efforts converge on the blast scene.

Related Links

- [3 dead and 1 missing in Għarb Firework Factory Tragedy](#) At least two powerful explosions were reported in Gozo this afternoon, just before 2.45pm.



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[Gharb firework factory explosion, 4 dead, 2 critically injured](#) At 6.10pm on Sunday evening, tremors were felt across the island when devastating explosions ripped through a fireworks factory.

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- [The Gharb fireworks factory explosion claims it's 5th victim](#) Police have said that Raymond Farrugia, aged 38, passed away at 3.30am this morning at Mater Dei Hospital.
- [Gharb council to hold referendum on new fireworks factory application](#) The Gharb Local Council has expressed it's sympathy and solidarity with the families of the victims of the tragedy which occurred yesterday at the Gharb...

<http://www.maltatoday.com.mt/en/newsdetails/news/national/Multiple-explosions-rock-Gharb-fireworks-factory-20121104>

PHILIPPINES, ROMBLON, NOVEMBER 5 2012. ROMBLON FISHING VILLAGERS RAISE ALARM OVER OIL SLICK

Residents of a fishing village in San Agustin, Romblon, raised an alarm over an oil slick that has affected their catch in the water close to where a tugboat ran aground on Oct. 24 at the height of Tropical Storm "Ofel." The tugboat PSC Matibay ran aground 20 meters from the shoreline of Barangay (village) Sugod on Tablas Island. It was towing a large barge that carried beverage bottles from Manila to Cebu. After the boat got stuck, fish caught from the vicinity smelled of fuel, said San Agustin Mayor Emmanuel Madrona by phone on Sunday. The coastline of Sugod and Carmen is a fish sanctuary. Julius Maño, 35, adviser of the fisherfolk group Samahan ng mga Maliliit na Mangingisda, on Sunday said they observed a film of oil on the water's surface during the first four days after the boat ran aground. "The other day, I gave anchovies to our dog because we could not eat them. The dog vomited," Maño said. Romblon coast guard commander Lt. Geoffrey Espaldon said they placed an oil containment boom around the vessel since Nov. 1 to prevent the diesel from spreading.

<http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/301508/romblon-fishing-villagers-raise-alarm-over-oil-slick>

USA, N.Y, NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 5 2012. SANDY UPDATE: "DEVASTATING" DAMAGE TO PORT OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

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Ocean freight risks being hit much harder because the New York's maritime terminals remain inoperable.

The Port of New York and New Jersey is still without electrical power in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy with the Port Authority underlining that there is "no time frame for repair." Facilities have been closed since midnight on 28 October. A Port Authority source said channels were closed, roads covered with debris, traffic signals out of service, rail track compromised and fencing damaged. "Port Authority staff are working to clear roads and communicating with the container terminal operators and major tenants to co-ordinate the

clean-up and re-instatement of service." In an advisory to customers, the Port's largest container terminal operator, Maher Terminals, said: "The entire Port has sustained devastating damage and flooding." A video taken during a Coast Guard helicopter flight over part of the Port earlier this week showed some containers overturned at the New York Container Terminal in the Howland Hook section of Staten Island. But precise information about the scale of the damage at the port is difficult to come by because many telephone lines are not working and, in some cases, terminal personnel are unable to get to their offices. Maersk Line said that there had been no change in the situation since Thursday, but added that it did not expect the Port Elizabeth terminal in Newark to open before Monday at the earliest. The picture seems to be more positive on the air cargo side. BA World Cargo and Iberia Cargo entity, IAG Cargo, said it had resumed its operations to New York on Wednesday and yesterday operated close to a full schedule. "We have seen minimal impact with regards to a backlog of traffic. To protect our service quality across the network we held traffic to New York-JFK and Newark at their origins i.e. Middle East, Africa and Asia Pacific. We also offered our customers the option to re-route cargo to other airports for delivery by our trucking network," said Warren Tempest, SVP Global Key Accounts at IAG Cargo. "From a cargo perspective, we are almost back up to speed. With regards to infrastructure around New York-JFK and Newark, the situation is relatively fragile. Damage to power grids and roads has meant some forwarders are unable to make deliveries but, as the recovery continues, we hope to help our partners out where possible," he added. Speaking to Lloyd's Loading List.com on Thursday afternoon, Bertrand Ducasse, New York Branch Manager of French forwarder SDV, said the company's JFK airport facility re-opened on



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Wednesday. Services at JFK and New York Newark airport had been near-normal yesterday. However, SDV's cargo facility at New York La Guardia remains closed as telephone/internet lines are down. The company's New Jersey office remains shut too, the ground floor being under water and road access very difficult. He said local power companies estimate that a complete return to normal on electricity supplies could take between seven and 14 days. He also underlined growing petrol shortages in New York. Quizzed on whether back logs of air and ocean freight had built up in warehouses, Ducasse said: "Yes and no. Unfortunately, there has been a marked decline in air freight activity at JFK these past three months, with aircraft being almost empty of cargo. So there's no capacity problem, the exception being on routes from China where space is tight as a result of I-phone 5 shipments." "Ocean freight risks being hit much harder because the New York's maritime terminals remain inoperable. The good news is that Philadelphia and Baltimore are open and carriers will be able to re-route vessels to these ports. We are waiting to hear from carriers on what they have decided on services already en route (prior to the storm)," he added. Meanwhile, both FedEx and UPS continue to warn customers of "unavoidable service delays" in states in the north-east of the US as a result of Sandy.

<http://tinyurl.com/byckdmu>

ZIMBABWE, CHISUMBANJE, NOVEMBER 5 2012. ETHANOL PLANT WORKERS FEEL THE PINCH

tendai mugabe

More than 2 000 employees, who were forced to go on leave after the Green Fuel ethanol plant closed in February this year, risk losing their properties for failing to service their personal loans. The workers, who are now on half salaries, urged Government to expeditiously implement its commitment to mandatory blending. Government is pushing for five percent mandatory blending of petrol. However, fuel companies are still to regularise processes to blend petrol with ethanol. Petrol blending is expected to save Zimbabwe \$200 000 worth of fuel imports a day. Zimbabwe could save at least \$72 million annually. The workers could lose personal belongings that could be attached by financial institutions for failing to settle personal loans secured before the February salary review. The workers argued that the half salaries were not enough to sustain their families. Most of them have resorted to river sand poaching from Save River. A 15-truck load is sold for a mere \$5. Mr Andrew Dzaramba, one of the affected workers at Green Fuel, said the half salary is not enough to cover the loans. "For most of us the half salaries are not even enough to look after our families, let alone service our bank loans." Mr Dzaramba said the affected could not live decent lives and have been forced to poach and sell river sand to supplement their meagre salaries. Arda chairman Mr Basil Nyabadza has appealed to Government to expedite its resolution on mandatory blending. "Our employees are facing a bleak Christmas as a result of failure to implement this resolution. "Zimbabwe cannot afford to lose economic projects such as the Chisumbanje Ethanol Plant," he said. Mr Nyabadza said Arda and its partners -- Macdom and Rating -- have since lost confidence in the leadership of Deputy Prime Minister Arthur Mutambara and the Cabinet committee set up to look at issues affect the ethanol project. Mr Clayton Grottis, an employee, said continued closure of the ethanol plant was not good for the employees and the economy. "We toiled day and night putting this structure up. We commissioned it and it worked well but now it is closed. Its closure has seriously affected not only us, but the country's economy," said Mr Grottis. When The Herald visited the area, several pregnant women and children could be seen loading trucks with river sand from Save River for sale. Mr Zebediah Chauke, who works in the milling section at Green Fuel, said they could not extend their payment plans. "We have made agreements with banks and they have refused to extend the payment period for our loans." Mrs Susan Myambo of Konjana Village in Chisumbanje said villagers have resorted to selling river sand to make ends meet. "As you can see this place is now a hive of activity as women and children carry bucket loads of sand for sell. We sell a 15-truck load of sand for US\$5 and it is very painful. "We do not have an option because our half salaries can't sustain our families," she said. Government in September announced that it would introduce mandatory blending starting with E5 in two months. Deputy Prime Minister Arthur Mutambara leads a Cabinet committee working on the resuscitation of the Chisumbanje ethanol plant. He said he would present a progress report on the implementation of the Cabinet resolution this week. "We are implementing the Cabinet resolution and we cannot do that through the Press. "We are going to give a progress report on that this week," he said. The US\$600 million investment by Green Fuel has been viewed by the community as a major development to Chisumbanje through the creation of jobs and small-scale irrigation. Green Fuel, which is a joint venture between Macdom and Rating, and Arda, has since produced 10 million litres of ethanol that have filled the company's capacity. Ethanol from Green Fuel has had a low uptake due to lack of a supporting legislation that allows compels petrol that comes in the country to be blended by ethanol.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201211050219.html?viewall=1>



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AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, NEWPORT, NOVEMBER 5 2012. FIRE DESTROYS CAR AT NEWPORT SERVICE STATION

 **Photo's [4]** [Car Catches Fire at Petrol Station](#)



A firefighter puts out a blaze which gutted a car at a service station in Newport, in Sydney's north, on the morning of November 3, 2012. Mackenzie Price arrived at the scene not long after the first fire truck and managed to capture this photo. He said the front half of the car was destroyed but it seems the driver got out unharmed.

A mother and her young son were lucky to escape injury after their car caught fire next to a petrol bowser at a service station at Newport on Saturday morning. The Bilgola Plateau woman had just filled her silver 2004 Volvo four-wheel-drive at the service station at the corner of Barrenjoey Rd and Seaview Ave at 10am and had gone into the station to pay for the petrol when she saw smoke coming from under the front of her vehicle. The woman rushed out and pulled her young son

from the vehicle, while the service station attendant called emergency services. A man tried to douse the fire with an extinguisher but the fire was not contained until firefighters arrived. No one was injured and there was minimal damage to the service station but the vehicle was destroyed. Northern Beaches duty officer Insp Alan Le Surf said firefighters believed the fire was sparked by an electrical fault behind the vehicle's dashboard.

<http://origin.manly-daily.wherelive.com.au/news/story/fire-destroys-car-at-newport-service-station/>

USA, WA, FEDERAL WAY, NOVEMBER 6 2012. FATAL TANKER FIRE BLOCKS I-5 IN FEDERAL WAY

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- [Fire from Fatal Tanker-Truck Crash Continues to Burn](#)
- [Gas Tanker Truck Wrecks, Explodes](#)

 **Photo's [8]** [Driver Killed in Tanker Truck Crash](#)

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 **Photo's [5]** [Fuel Tanker Truck Crash Kills Driver in Fiery Federal Way Accident](#)



A double tanker truck crashed on Interstate 5 in Federal Way on Sunday morning, killing the driver and blocking all southbound lanes, according to the Washington Department of Transportation. All lanes reopened by 10 a.m. The truck, which was fully loaded with gasoline, crashed, caught fire and punctured a freeway sound wall at 2 a.m. Sunday south of South 320th Street. The blaze ignited a storage tanker on the other side of the wall. Aside from the driver, no one was injured. The Washington State Patrol is investigating the cause. Crews plan to close the two right lanes of southbound I-5 at the scene at 6 p.m. to remove the truck. That's expected to take one to two hours. All lanes of southbound I-5 were closed until 7:50 a.m., when the HOV lane opened. As many as nine sound wall panels were damaged. Progress was hampered by small pools of fuel that ignited after the collision and small crashing in the northbound lanes, as drivers looked at the accident scene. Sunday morning traffic has been light but it is building. Drivers are advised to avoid the area or plan for short delays.

<http://blog.seattlepi.com/seattle911/2012/11/04/fatal-accident-blocks-i-5-in-federal-way/#8261-4>



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USA, N.Y, NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 6 2012. SANDY AFTERMATH: HUGE OIL SPILL THREATENS STATEN ISLAND

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- [Huge Oil Spill Threatens Staten Island](#)
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On Sunday, a large oil spill continued to threaten the shores of New York and New Jersey.

On Sunday, a large [oil spill](#) continued to threaten the shores of New York and New Jersey after cleanup crews were unable to contain thousands of gallons of fuel that spilled from diesel terminals due to [Hurricane Sandy](#). You can watch this developing story on this [YouTube video](#) and on [ABC News](#). So far, as much as 300,000 gallons of oil may have escaped Motiva's oil terminals and poured into the Arthur Kill Motorway. The bridge separates New Jersey from New York's Staten Island. Initially, over 50,000 gallons of diesel fuel spilled hours after Sandy. Last week, Motiva made the following announcement on the [company's website](#): "Motiva's terminals in New Jersey and New York have experienced flooding due to the storm surge as well as loss of power and wind impacts. The

safety of the community and responders is Motiva's primary concern in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. Safety assessments and plans have been conducted and developed and are being implemented. The company is coordinating with local agencies in order to conduct a thorough inspection and damage assessment of its petroleum terminals in Sewaren, New Jersey. Four diesel oil storage tanks were damaged at the Sewaren terminal. Motiva's early estimate of the diesel released offsite is 6,600 barrels. The company's press release added: Initial response actions were successful to stop the flow of diesel from the secondary containment area into Woodbridge Creek. Product and water is being recovered by vacuum trucks from the secondary containment area and pumped into a separate onsite storage tank" About 130 responders are taking part in the cleanup effort. The company is coordinating their response activities with the United States Coast Guard, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and Middlesex County Officials.

<http://www.examiner.com/article/sandy-aftermath-huge-oil-spill-threatens-staten-island-video>

USA, IA, LESTER, NOVEMBER 6 2012. TRAIN DERAILMENT CAUSES HOME EVACUATIONS IN LYON COUNTY

jacob peklo

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- [Train Derailment Causes Home Evacuations in Lyon County](#)
- [Train Carrying Hazardous Chemicals Derails](#)
- [Possible Hazardous Material Spill after Train Derailment in Lester, Iowa](#)

Around 4:15 a.m. Sunday, a freight train headed from Sioux City to Wilmer, Minn., derailed in Lester, Iowa, taking 25 of its 100 cars off the track. Nobody was hurt, but the work began in earnest for local law enforcement officials. "We have the HAZMAT team down there. They're checking for any leaks or contaminations," said Mark Dorhout, deputy for the Lyon County Sheriff's Department. Emergency personnel kept people—including the media—at bay Sunday, as they assessed a potentially dangerous situation on and around these tracks. "The car that's been compromised is LPG, and so that's why we're working so closely with first responders," said Amy McBeth, spokesperson for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railways. LPG stands for liquefied petroleum gas, which is incredibly flammable. HAZMAT officials say an initial assessment showed no hazardous leaks, but there was still a danger of a fire, when putting the cars back on the tracks. Some of the other cars were carrying things like cement and propane. "Local fire officials and sheriff's department evacuated residents within a one mile radius of the crash. That was before HAZMAT officials could even come on the scene to assess the situation. "They make that determination out of precaution certainly," said McBeth. "We'll be taking every precaution and working closely with them as we move forward." That meant 12 families around Lester, Iowa, would be leaving their homes indefinitely, as crews assessed the accident. "Best case scenario is there are no leaks, and they're able to get it cleaned off," said Dorhout. The cause of the crash is still being investigated. Officials say the clean up could take all night, as they try to figure out a safe way to get the rail cars back onto the track. The evacuees are staying with other family until further notice.

<http://www.ktiv.com/story/19999323/train-derailment-causes-home-evacuations-in-lyon-county>



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USA, CT, ORANGE, NOVEMBER 6 2012. COPS: NEW YORK MAN FILLED 30 BUCKETS WITH GAS IN CONN



A New York man illegally filled 30 non-approved five-gallon plastic buckets with gas at a Boston Post Road Valero station on Saturday, police said. [Yunus Latif](#), 47, of Richmond Hill, Queens, came to the station at 347 Boston Post Road to buy gas for himself and his neighbors, who had given him money, according to Orange police Asst. Chief [Anthony Cuozzo](#). Latif said gas was "sold out," in New York, as a result of Superstorm Sandy, which knocked out power to several stations and hindered the delivery of gas to those with power. Since the end of last week, gas stations in Fairfield County have seen long lines as New York and New Jersey residents come to Connecticut seeking gas. Cuozzo said an anonymous concerned citizen came to police headquarters around 8:45

p.m. and said someone in a van with New York plates was at the Valero station filling up the [Home Depot](#) buckets with gas and loading them into the van. Police were sent to the station and found Latif, who was in the process of putting gas in one of the buckets, Cuozzo said. Latif then told police he had about 30 of the buckets, filled with four gallons of gas, inside his van. "Officers observed that the buckets of gas were covered with lids and stacked on top of each other inside the van and trunk," Cuozzo said. "...The buckets were not secured in the vehicle and the lids were beginning to expand." State law requires that gas only be transported in [Department of Transportation](#)-approved containers. The approved containers are built to withstand the increased pressure that occurs when gas heats up and expands, and are made to decrease the buildup of static electricity, which can cause an explosion or fire. The gas station owner, Muniruzzaman Gomosta, 41, of West Haven, said he was busy and didn't realize what the man was doing. He told police that Latif had come inside the store several times to pay for gas, but didn't realize what he was doing. Gomosta and Latif were both issued a misdemeanor summons for violation of regulation concerning flammable or combustible liquids. "Officers felt Gomosta should have realized what Latif was doing as he entered the store several times to pay for buckets of gasoline," Cuozzo said. Orange [Fire Marshal Timothy Smith](#) and state [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#) officials responded to the scene and decided to return the gasoline to the station's underground storage tanks. Gomosta and Latif are due in Derby Superior Court on Nov. 19.



<http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/Cops-New-York-man-filled-30-buckets-with-gas-in-4008927.php>

USA, N.J, LINDEN, NOVEMBER 6 2012. FUEL SPILL REPORTED AT NJ REFINERY AFTER SANDY

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Some 7,700 gallons of fuel spilled from Phillips 66's Bayway refinery in Linden, New Jersey, after Hurricane Sandy, the U.S. Coast Guard said on Monday, reporting an apparent second leak at the New York harbor oil trading hub. The spill was reported after residents in nearby Bayonne, New Jersey, complained about diesel fumes. New Jersey environmental protection officials said they were not aware of a major spill at the Bayway plant, however. It was not clear what type of fuel leaked from the refinery or what measures were taken to contain it. A Phillips 66 spokesperson did not immediately reply to a message seeking comment. A similar-sized spill was reported last week at Motiva Enterprise's Sewaren, New Jersey, terminal,



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which was one of the hardest hit among the oil docks, tank farms and truck depots that dot the harbor and supply fuel to the New York City metropolis. By Monday, authorities had skimmed and boomed about 322,000 of the total 378,000 gallons of diesel fuel that had leaked, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection spokesman Larry Ragonese. Spills of refined fuels are typically easier to clean up as they dissipate more quickly than heavy crude oil. "There has been a real good response by the company and by the Coast Guard. They have been great," he said. "The contractors the company hired have virtually cleaned up most of that escaped fuel and the bit that's left will be floating to sea... And that was the one major spill we had." The Coast Guard said about 14,800 feet of boom had been deployed, and 457,519 gallons of oily-water mixture had been recovered at Motiva, which is co-owned by Royal Dutch Shell and state-owned Saudi Aramco. The Coast Guard also reported that it had recovered 780,000 gallons of an oil-water mixture from Kinder Morgan's Perth Amboy, New Jersey, fuel storage terminal, although Kinder Morgan said that the liquid referred to a clean-up operation at a separate terminal up the river, not its own tanks. The Coast Guard said contractors were also examining a sheen coming from a nearby Buckeye facility. It was unclear whether the spill at Phillips 66's 238,000 Bayway refinery would have any impact on operations at the refinery, a major gasoline producer in the region. The earlier Motiva spill prompted the Coast Guard to restrict traffic through the key Arthur Kill waterway, although those limits were lifted by Monday so long as vessels move slowly. The Linden refinery was shut ahead of Sandy and remained idle even though electrical power was restored to the plant earlier last week.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/05/us-storm-sandy-energy-spill-idUSBRE8A41E620121105>

USA, KY, LOUISVILLE, NOVEMBER 6 2012. EVACUATION LIFTED FOR TRAIN DERAILMENT AREA; WEST POINT RESIDENTS BEGIN RETURNING

mark boxley & jason riley

 **Watch the Video** [Evacuation Lifted for Train Derailment Area, Residents Begin Returning](#)

 **Watch the Video** [Another Shelter-In-Place Order may be Issued in Derailment Cleanup](#)

 **Photo's [11]** [Train Derailment Explosion](#)

 **Photo's [29]** [Derailment And Evacuation - Thursday](#)



People began trickling back to their homes in West Point on Sunday night — four days after they were ordered to leave after a chemical explosion and fire at a train derailment in nearby southwest Louisville. "Everybody's happy, saying they get to sleep in their own beds," West Point Mayor William C. Ash said. Louisville Metro Emergency Management officials lifted the evacuation about 6 p.m., shortly after workers moved and secured two derailed tank cars filled with highly corrosive hydrogen fluoride. However, Dixie Highway will remain closed until further notice from Ky. 44 to the Salt River bridge in Louisville and for about one mile into Hardin County, which provides the main access to West Point. The road remains closed to provide room for workers and equipment still being used in the cleanup, said Jody Duncan, a spokeswoman for Louisville Metro

Emergency Management. About 7 p.m., West Point residents Fred and Debra Roberts checked out of the Gold Vault Inn in Radcliff, where they had been since Wednesday's explosion. "Can't wait to get home," Fred Roberts said. "It has been really stressful on me and my wife." He said he didn't want to leave his home last week, feeling his family was in no danger, but said he understood the decision and the public-safety concerns. "Just glad to be going back," he said. Wednesday's explosion was sparked by workers using a torch on a derailed train car. It seriously burned three of the workers, sending them to the hospital, and injured two others. One of the three has since been released and the other two remain at the hospital, Duncan said. Their conditions were not available Sunday. After the explosion, officials evacuated people within 1.2 miles of the site where 13 cars of a Paducah & Louisville Railway train carrying toxic chemicals derailed early Monday between Dixie Highway and the Ohio River near the Hardin County line. The evacuation area included 130 homes in Louisville and all of West Point, which has about 900 residents. At the time, officials feared more explosions could follow and spew deadly gases in the area. Sunday night, police, firefighters and other officials were at a roadblock on Dixie Highway just south of West Point, allowing only residents into the community. West Point itself was still mostly empty, with about three dozen or so vehicles having gone through the checkpoint as of 8:30 p.m. Ash said he expected most people to return this morning, because many already had



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booked hotel rooms or found other accommodations for the night. Some officials kept warm around a fire in a barrel outside the roadblock, waiting for residents to return. Leeann and Dennis Wren pulled up to the road block a little after 8 p.m., saying they "packed up and came home" as soon as they learned the evacuation had been lifted. They didn't realize they would be out of a home for so long and didn't take enough things with them, Dennis said. "So we had to go to Walmart twice," Leeann Wren said. When the evacuation was first announced, they stayed with their daughter in Valley Station before heading to Indiana to stay with family there. Leeann Wren said she talked about calling authorities earlier in the day to see about going home and was told, "No, you can't go home." "We're going home to go to bed," she said later at the checkpoint. "In our own bed." In addition to the evacuation, residents living within five miles of the site had been told to remain indoors Sunday, and there also were limitations on air and river traffic. All of the restrictions were later lifted, except for the closing of Dixie Highway. Ash said he had been in constant contact with public-safety officials, and he's not questioning their decision to lift the evacuation. "I feel safe if they feel safe." He said fewer than 50 people in West Point had decided to stay in their homes during the evacuation and, while people were upset about leaving, they understood "the threat of what could happen." Duncan, the emergency management spokeswoman, said crews will continue cleaning the site. She said the rails still need to be repaired and all of the chemicals still in the cars need to be off-loaded from the tanks. The cause of the derailment is still under investigation, she said.

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USA, MD, BALTIMORE, NOVEMBER 6 2012. TOP MARYLAND COURT HEARS EXXON GASOLINE SPILL APPEALS >> MORE THAN \$1.5 BILLION IN JURY AWARDS AT ISSUE FOR JACKSONVILLE RESIDENTS

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The [Exxon Mobil Corp](#) asked Maryland's highest court Monday to erase most of the more than \$1.5 billion awarded in two lawsuits over a large gasoline spill that Jacksonville residents claimed polluted their well water, left them fearful of getting cancer and made their property worthless. The oil giant's attorneys asked that new trials be held only on property value issues. That would leave the corporation and homeowners to argue over which homeowners to compensate for losses in property value. Exxon lawyers maintain that some homeowners would receive millions of dollars more than their property was worth if the awards remain standing. At stake is the \$1 billion in punitive damages as well the amounts for residents' health monitoring and emotional distress over their fear of developing cancer from



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contaminated drinking water. Lawyers for hundreds of residents in the [Baltimore County](#) community countered that Exxon's attorneys were asking the Court of Appeals to "act as a super-jury" because jurors made decisions based on lengthy testimony and evidence in lengthy trials. While Exxon lawyers referred to the 2006 spill as an "accident," attorneys for the residents contended the company deceived Baltimore County officials about safety when building the station in the 1980s, and in 2006 misrepresented why the station was closed, saying it was for upgrades, not a leak. The cases grew out of a 2006 fuel-line leak at a Jacksonville Exxon station that spilled more than 26,000 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline and wasn't discovered for more than a month. In one trial, jurors ordered \$1.53 billion in damages paid to the families. In the other, it was \$147 million, though a Court of Special Appeals decision put that in question. Among the numerous legal issues argued during nearly three hours of arguments was how strict a standard judges should apply when looking at the basis for a fear of developing a disease. So far, Exxon has spent \$52 million on a state-ordered cleanup. There is no deadline for the Court of Appeals to rule.

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INDIA, CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 7 2012. ABANDONED OIL TANKER BECOMES CHENNAI'S NEWEST TOURIST ATTRACTION



Stranded by Nilam, the cyclone that rattled the city, the oil tanker which ran aground has turned out to be a tourist attraction with thousands thronging the Elliotts beach to have a glimpse of the abandoned ship. This is the second time that a marine vessel has stuck the coast in the last quarter century. Eateries and fast-food joints have opened shops to cater to the visiting crowd. But controversies surround the development resulting in the crew forsaking it on October 31 and the death of five persons on board who tried to escape by jumping into the rough sea hoping to swim the 200 meters. A probe has been launched by the Director General of Shipping into the incident and the report would be available in a month. "The Voyage Data Recorder, equivalent to the black box of an aircraft, and other documents and log records have been recovered. This would be of great help to the investigation," Capt Sinha of the Chennai Port Trust (CPT) said. Even as questions are being raised over the

ship's sea worthiness, efforts are being made to tow it into the deep sea. With the powerful tug to tow it having arrived from Kakinada, CPT officials are hopeful of commencing the salvage operation on Tuesday morning. Quite interestingly, the tanker, owned by the Mumbai-based Pratibha Shipping Company, was ill-maintained and was on a single voyage permit to deliver oil from Haldia. After unloading the cargo on September 25, it was kept at the outer anchorage as the licence for trade operations got expired. With no supplies from the owner, conditions on board turned worse and the crew was waiting in vain for directions. Not only the 37-member crew ran out of food and water, generators were gradually shut down. "There was no drinking water and we collected rain water from the deck for drinking," recalled a sailor, recuperating at the hospital. Even as the storm was nearing the coast, Captain Carl Fernandes could not sail the vessel into deep sea as he was running short of fuel. The local agent, sulking over non-payment of dues, was not forthcoming with any assistance and had stopped the supplies. When the storm Nilam gained momentum, the ship got drifted. But citing inclement weather, the Coast Guard too remained a mute spectator and the tanker finally ran aground at the Elliotts beach. According to crew members, the captain decided to abandon the ship and asked the panic-stricken crew to board the two life boats. When both the boats capsized, it was the local fishermen who saved six of them while 10 others with life-jackets reached the beach with great difficulty. The remaining six were washed away. But the crew was asked by the Coast Guard to stay on board as that was the best option in such a situation. Even the owner of the ship, Sunil Pawar, said the same thing. "Despite by request to the captain and the crew to remain on board, they had panicked and took the decision," Pawar said. Only the next day the Coast Guard air-lifted the



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remaining crew from the ship. The stranded vessel has very little diesel and 357 tonnes of furnace oil. The question that still need an answer are whether the captain was justified in abandoning the vessel and why did no help reached them in time. If the fishermen could save precious lives why the Coast Guard turned the other way is also being debated. Shipping Minister G K Vasan has assured a 'thorough investigation' and it is only hoped that it would unravel the knots.

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NIGERIA, ABIA, OBINGWA, NOVEMBER 7 2012. 20 DIE SCOOPING FUEL FROM FALLEN TANKER AS SCORES SUFFER VARIOUS DEGREE OF BURNS



Umuokpo in Amairinabuo Community of Obingwa Local Government Area of Abia State was thrown into a state of mourning weekend, when a fuel tanker exploded, killing several people and injuring others. Unconfirmed report put the death toll at 20 persons who were burnt to death when they rushed to scoop fuel from the fallen tanker, while others, including 10 persons, said to be in a precarious condition in a mission hospital in the area, sustained various degrees of burns. However, another source said only three persons had been confirmed

dead. The incident, which happened at Kilometre 10 on the Aba/Ikot Ekpene Highway last Friday, was said to have occurred when a Mack fuel tanker with the registration number ABIA: XA 976 KKE, heading towards Aba, got stuck in mud as a result of bad road condition. The driver, in an attempt to move the tanker, hit a towing van and in the process of pulling it out, the tanker fell on its side and spilled its content. Immediately the incident occurred, some villagers were said to have rushed to the scene to scoop fuel. The incident happened right in front of Chief Friday Erengwa, a community leader; he narrates what happened: "Immediately the incident occurred, villagers rushed to scoop fuel and despite the fact that I came out from my house to warn them against the dangers inherent, they did not listen. "Even the driver of the tanker made every effort to dissuade the villagers from scooping fuel from the tanker, but they turned a deaf ear." Like a scene from a horror movie, a commuter bus going to Aba from Ikot Ekpene, attempted to pass through the scene of the fallen tanker even as the villagers were too busy scooping the spilled petroleum product. It was in the process that the bus fell into a crater on the road, its exhaust pipe cracked a surface on the road which ignited a fire that immediately spread to the nearby fallen tanker and burnt everything within its range.

<http://www.informationnigeria.org/2012/11/20-die-scooping-fuel-from-fallen-tanker-as-scores-suffer-various-degree-of-burns.html>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, NOVEMBER 7 2012. ANOTHER 17 SERVICE STATION LISTINGS FROM 7-ELEVEN

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Another tranche of 7-Eleven service stations will go to auction in December this year, with 10 going to Jones Lang LaSalle auction in NSW and seven in Queensland. The convenience store company has been selling off service stations since buying 295 company-owned or leased stations from Mobil in 2010. The 10 new properties represent the sixth tranche of this sale program in New South Wales. Recently 10 auctioned 7-Eleven service stations sold at a September 25 auction, the third successive 7-Eleven auction with a 100% clearance rate. The stations were in urban areas such as [Rozelle](#), in Sydney's inner west, along with regional areas such as [Glendale](#) in [Lake Macquarie](#). They had an average initial yield of 6.27%, with prices ranging from \$2 million in Glendale to \$4 million in [Croydon Park](#). They came with newly signed 15-year leases with three five-year options and annual rent increases of 4%. This tranche will be the last 7-Eleven auction, according to Jones Lang LaSalle's John Macree. The 10 New South Wales listings are in [Carlton](#), [Berkeley](#), [Blacktown North](#), [Haberfield](#), [Kirrawee](#), [McGraths Hill](#), [Northmead](#), [Revesby](#), [Riverwood](#) and [Rooty Hill](#). The seven Queensland properties are in [Brisbane](#). "To date, we have sold over \$170 million worth of 7-Eleven stores as part of a sale program by 7-Eleven Australia," says Macree. The recent sales came with redevelopment potential as all tanks, pumps and line work come under the responsibility of 7-Eleven. The sales come with site remediation guarantee should 7-Eleven collapse.

<http://www.propertyobserver.com.au/retail/another-17-service-station-listings-from-7-eleven/2012110457449>



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