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FINLAND, HELSINKI, JANUARY 11 2013. ECHA PUBLISHES INFORMATION REQUIREMENT UPDATE IN EU LANGUAGES

ECHA has published updated guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment (IR & CSA) under REACH in 22 EU languages. The sections, which were updated in October 2012, are on exposure scenario format (in part F) and exposure scenario building (in part D). Changes to part D include a section on implementing minor recommendations on nanomaterials from the third REACH Implementation Project on Nanomaterials (RIP-oN3) report.

Further Information

<http://echa.europa.eu/guidance-documents/guidance-on-information-requirements-and-chemical-safety-assessment>

CANADA, ONT, TORONTO, JANUARY 11 2013. ORIGIN OF DON RIVER FUEL SPILL UNKNOWN

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Toronto Water staff is investigating the origin of the fuel spill floating on the Don River's surface near the Gerrard St. overpass. The spill was first brought to City's attention when a construction worker walking along Dundas St. E. overlooking the river spotted an oily sheen on the water. He immediately reported it to emergency services Thursday morning, a Toronto Fire spokesperson said. According to Toronto Water business operations director Richard Noehammer, his staff found the 5-10 foot wide spill seeping from a storm outfall – a drainage that discharges storm water onto the river. The outfall is in the Bloor St. E.-Bayview area. The substance has yet to be determined but it appears to be a type of petroleum-based fuel. Crews on scene waded into the waters to collect samples, which were brought to shore for testing in an on-site mobile lab. Large Styrofoam pads called "booms" were also deployed to soak up the slick and prevent it from spreading. They will continually be replaced as required. Toronto Water is investigating the source of the spill. Toronto Fire, the Ministry of Environment, Toronto Police and Toronto Water District staff was notified and were also on scene.

<http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/article/1313131--unknown-chemical-floating-in-don-river>

USA , JANUARY 11 2013. LEADED FUEL IS A THING OF THE PAST—UNLESS YOU FLY A PRIVATE PLANE

sarah zhang



A Cessna 172, which flies with leaded gasoline.

If you read our magazine cover story on the long, awful legacy of lead in gasoline, you were probably relieved that toxic metal is now banned from all gasoline. The thing is, it's not. Some 167,000 piston engine aircraft—about three-quarters of private planes in the United States—are still spewing lead into our air. That's because their fuel, known as avgas, uses the same tetraethyl lead additive since banned in automobile gas, making it the No. 1 source of lead emissions in America. (The jet fuel used in big passenger planes does not contain lead.) Lead-free alternatives are available for most piston engine aircraft, but the phase-out of leaded fuel has been slow. Last June, the FAA finally created the Fuels Program Office to replace leaded avgas by 2018—24 years after it was banned in automobiles. Leaded avgas emits only a small fraction of the lead once coughed out by cars, but it disproportionately affects people living

near the 20,000 airports where it's used. The EPA estimates (PDF) there are 16 million people living within one kilometer of those airports, and 3 million children attend schools in the same radius. According to a 2011 study by Duke University researchers, kids who live near airports have elevated levels of lead in their blood. And as Kevin Drum wrote in his Mother Jones piece, even low blood lead levels have bad health and social consequences. What's even more maddening is that a lead-free alternative called mogas—which can be used in 80 percent of existing piston engine aircraft—has been available since 1982. The remaining 20 percent of planes can run on mogas with a modification called impulse, says Kent Misegades, director of the Aviation Fuel Club. So why the hold up? Leaded avgas may have flown under the radar for so long precisely because it is a niche market. Without regulatory pressure, there just isn't enough incentive to change. Flyunleaded.com publishes a list of airports that supply mogas—a list that includes only 3 percent of all airports in the United States, according to Misegades. Further complicating matters is yet another molecule: ethanol. Neither mogas nor avgas contain ethanol because it can be nasty for plane engines. Ethanol absorbs water from the air, and an ethanol-water mixture corrodes fuel lines, gaskets, and other parts. (Kate Sheppard has also written about the hazards of ethanol for car engines.) However, the



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EPA's Renewable Fuel Standard requires more and more ethanol be blended into gasoline until 2022, threatening the supply of ethanol-free mogas. Pilots who want to avoid leaded avgas can buy mogas (available at some gas stations) and bring it to the airport, but ethanol-free mogas is often not available due to the EPA's fuel standards—leading pilots to rely on avgas. A couple of environmental groups have taken legal action to speed up avgas' phaseout. In 2011, the Center for Environmental Health sued several avgas suppliers under California's Proposition 65, which requires businesses to disclose chemicals that can cause cancer or other health problems. "[The aviation industry] realizes the writing is on the wall," says CEH spokesperson Charles Margulis. "It's a matter of time." After petitioning the EPA to study and regulate aircraft lead emissions in 2006, Friends of the Earth also sued the EPA in 2012 for failing to adequately respond to that petition. A few months later, the FAA announced it would work with the EPA to take concrete steps toward implementing unleaded alternatives. When leaded avgas is eventually replaced, it will be another small step in the long slog against lead. The health effects of lead in automobile gas were known as early as the 1920s, but it took half a century before the EPA moved to eliminate it. Unfortunately, the tetraethyl lead in avgas has been just as stubborn.

<http://www.motherjones.com/blue-marble/2012/12/private-planes-still-use-leaded-gasoline>

USA, ILL, PEORIA, JANUARY 11 2013. EXPLOSION FORCES SHUTDOWN AT ADM PLANT IN ILLINOIS



Peoria firefighters attack a fire with an aerial truck at the Archer Daniels Midland plant in Peoria, Ill., early Wednesday morning, Jan. 9, 2013. The fire started after a boiler explosion about 3:40 a.m. No injuries were reported.

Archer Daniels Midland shut down operations Wednesday at its corn processing plant in central Illinois after an early morning explosion damaged the facility. A fire broke out after the explosion in the maintenance area of the Peoria plant at about 3 a.m. Wednesday, ADM spokeswoman [Jackie Anderson](#) said. Nobody was hurt, but fire officials say one person was taken to the hospital as a precaution. "We have temporarily halted operations at the Peoria plant while we investigate the cause of the incident and the extent of the damage," Anderson said in a statement. "Following an initial investigation, we will determine how soon we can resume normal production at the plant. In the

meantime, we will meet all customer deliveries from ADM's other corn processing facilities." Firefighters called to ADM's ethanol distillery found an open gas line feeding the fire, Peoria Fire Department Battalion Chief [Mike Morgan](#) said. He estimated the damage at more than \$1 million. Morgan said the facility appeared to be lightly staffed because of the time of day, one possible reason that no one was injured.

<http://www.seattlepi.com/news/us/article/Explosion-forces-shutdown-at-ADM-plant-in-Illinois-4179890.php>

USA, PA, HARBORCREEK TWP, JANUARY 11 2013. HYDRAULIC OIL SPILL SOAKS HOMES IN HARBORCREEK



Ray Nowosielski examines his Harbocreek Township property on Jan 10, the day after he noticed that a significant amount of an unknown substance, visible on the siding at left, had coated his property and an adjacent property. In addition to leaving the residue, it also left a green coloration on parts of snow around his property. Nowosielski and members of his family noticed the substance during the morning of Jan 9. The origin of the substance has not been confirmed but it is believed to be hydraulic fluid.

A hydraulic oil leak on a tree company boom truck is responsible for soaking two Harbocreek Township homes on Wednesday, the state Department of Environmental Protection said this afternoon. Two houses on Lowry Road were doused in a yellowish liquid sometime Wednesday. Ray Nowosielski, owner of

one of the homes, said he discovered the dousing late Wednesday morning. Nowosielski and others first thought it was airplane fuel. Fairfield Hose Co. Assistant Fire Chief Ron Hawryliw said he soon learned that a tree company trimming trees on the street had a hydraulic oil leak on Wednesday, so he guessed that was the culprit. An investigation by representatives of the DEP confirmed it this morning. A Cleanup is under way.

<http://www.goerie.com/article/20130110/NEWS02/301109892/2-homes-in-Harbocreek-coated-with-mysterious-substance>



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USA, WASHINGTON, DC, JANUARY 11 2013. CSB ANNOUNCES PUBLIC MEETING IN WASHINGTON, DC, TO RELEASE FINAL REPORT INTO FATAL 2011 EXPLOSION AND FIRE THAT FATALITY INJURED FIVE WORKERS NEAR HONOLULU, HAWAII

The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) announces that it will hold a public meeting on January 17, 2013, to present the findings from its investigation into the April 8, 2011, explosion and fire that killed five workers at a storage facility used by Donaldson Enterprises (DEI) near Honolulu, Hawaii. The explosion took place during the disposal of professional grade fireworks that had been illegally labeled for consumer use by a manufacturer in China and then seized by federal customs agents when they were brought into the U.S. The meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. EST in the Horizon Room of the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center located at 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004. CSB Chairperson Rafael Moure-Eraso said, "The CSB's public hearing will provide an opportunity for the public to hear the findings and formal safety recommendations resulting from the board's investigation into the tragic 2011 accident that killed five workers." At the meeting CSB staff will present to the Board the results of their investigation into this incident. Key issues involved in the investigation include the methods used to dispose of the fireworks, training of company personnel, and the absence of a national standard or acceptable industry good practice for fireworks disposal. At the conclusion of the public comment period, the Board will consider whether to approve the final case study and recommendations. All staff presentations are preliminary and are intended solely to allow the Board to consider in a public forum the issues and factors involved in this case. No factual analyses, conclusions or findings presented by staff should be considered final. Only after the Board has considered the final staff presentation, listened to the public comments and approved the staff case study will there be an approved final record of this incident. The hearing is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required; to register for the event, please send email to publicmeeting@csb.gov. Members of the audience will have an opportunity to comment on the draft report, as presented by the investigative staff.

www.csb.gov.

USA, N.H. CONCORD, JANUARY 11 2013. OIL GIANTS HEADING TO TRIAL IN WATER POLLUTION LAWSUIT

Nearly a decade after it was first brought, a lawsuit accusing two oil giants of widespread groundwater contamination in New Hampshire is expected to present jurors with the most complex and time-consuming trial in the state's history. The products liability case against the oil companies, Exxon Mobil and Citgo, is to go to trial in mid-January. In 2003, New Hampshire sued 26 oil companies and subsidiaries, claiming the gasoline additive M.T.B.E., or methyl tertiary butyl ether, caused groundwater contamination in a state where 60 percent of the population relies on private wells for drinking water. New Hampshire is seeking more than \$700 million in damages to test and monitor every private well and public drinking water system in the state and to cover cleanup costs where needed, according to court documents. It is the only state to have reached the trial stage in a suit over M.T.B.E. Other lawsuits have been brought by municipalities, water districts or individual well owners, and most filed in the past decade have ended in settlements. New York City won a \$105 million federal jury [verdict against Exxon Mobil](#) in 2009 for M.T.B.E. contamination of city wells; that verdict has been appealed. M.T.B.E. had been used in gasoline since the 1970s to increase octane and to reduce smog-causing emissions. While it was credited with cutting air pollution, it was found in the late 1990s to contaminate drinking water when gasoline is spilled or leaks into surface water or groundwater. The federal Environmental Protection Agency had classified it as a "possible human carcinogen." New Hampshire banned its use in 2007. All the sued oil companies except Exxon Mobil, based in Irving, Tex., and Citgo, based in Houston and owned by Venezuela, have reached settlement agreements with the state. Just last month, Shell Oil and Sunoco agreed to pay the state a total of \$35 million. When the suit was filed, the state attorney general at the time, Peter W. Heed, said M.T.B.E. contamination had caused an "unprecedented environmental problem." He said M.T.B.E. "has been associated with adverse health consequences and can render water unpalatable." The case was tied up for years on jurisdiction issues in federal courts before being sent back to state court. Lawyers for the defendants say that they were not liable and that M.T.B.E. functioned as it should. They also stress that the companies have cleaned up their own sites and that contamination elsewhere was caused by third parties that have not been sued. "They haven't suffered the injury they claim they did," James Quinn, a lawyer for ExxonMobil, said during a pretrial hearing in November. He said pre-existing contaminants — including iron, radon and E. coli — could unfairly drive up damages. Jessica Grant, a lawyer representing the state at the same pretrial hearing, said the case is about whether the oil companies designed a defective product, failed to warn consumers of the dangers of M.T.B.E. "and ignored their own experts who said don't use M.T.B.E." Court officials in October sent a 22-page questionnaire to 500 potential jurors. It asked them whether they believed that oil companies value profits over safety and



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whether the companies do not fully disclose the dangers associated with their products. After eliminating those who got their drinking water from a well and those with hardships or deep biases, lawyers this month chose 12 jurors and four alternates who were told to report to Federal District Court here in Concord on Jan. 14. They have been told to expect a four-month trial. "Everybody who sits on this case is going to be inconvenienced," Judge Peter Fauver told prospective jurors during jury selection. "We will do everything we can to minimize the impact." More than 50,000 exhibits have been marked for identification, and there are upward of 100 lawyers on record in the case. The witness list numbers 230. Court officials had to improvise a special docketing system because of the number of participants and documents involved. It is one of only a handful of state court cases that have gone fully electronic, with all motions and orders being e-mailed. Bill McGraw, the chief clerk, noted that the only other case that comes close to it in complexity is a school financing challenge of the 1990s, "and that pales in comparison to this." "It's been a unique experience," Mr. McGraw said.

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/12/30/us/2-oil-giants-face-trial-in-new-hampshire-water-pollution-suit.html?_r=0

USA, IA, BETTENDORF, JANUARY 11 2013. MORE PUMP PROBLEMS AT BETTENDORF GAS STATION

bailey deitz

More answers behind a possible tainted gas issue at a BP station in Bettendorf. A KWQC investigation has uncovered that the gas was tainted, meaning there was a large amount of water in the tanks. The fuel was from the Big Ten BP gas station on Devils Glen and Middle roads. As far as moisture levels, they were several times what they should be but investigators were not able to pin point a cause. The station did remove that fuel and the state will do scheduled follow-up investigations on that issue. Something else they discovered when they were here a week ago has to do with the octane levels at the pump and what drivers were paying for fuel. A report obtained from the Iowa Department of Agriculture's Weights and Measures Bureau shows that the same fuel of BP 89 octane was put in both 89 and 87 octane tanks and the station was charging drivers two different prices for the same octane of fuel. For example, if you wanted to fuel up with 89 octane at \$3.09 a gallon, you could actually be getting the same fuel out of the 87 pump at, for example, \$2.99 a gallon. Inspectors say though that this setup does meet Federal Trade Commission regulations, as far as the posting the minimum octane ratings of what's going in the tank. But it is a gray area, where state code isn't clearly defined. The station faces no penalties at this point, but it's a practice state inspectors say is questionable. "They meet that minimum posting standard, but then you get into some other legal metrology in engine fuel quality questions and that's something we are trying to work out and decide at the state level," said Mike Manahl, Director of the Weights and Measures Bureau. Molo Oil is the parent company of Big Ten Marts. KWQC reached out to the company for comment and our calls have not been returned. This would be a very different situation if the station had, for example, 87 octane in both the 87 and 89 tanks and charged different prices. Then it would be a clear violation of FTC regulations. Violators can get sued with penalties up to \$10,000 for each violation, which could be each day the practice continues. State inspectors say if there's going to be action in this case it's going to be between state rules and regulations and station management. In situations they've encountered like this before the stations have simply been told to stop similar practices.

<http://www.kwqc.com/story/20559714/more-pump-problems-at-bettendorf-gas-station>

GHANA, ASSIN ATOBIASE, JANUARY 12 2013. GAS TANKER POSES DANGER TO ASSIN ATOBIASE COMMUNITY



Residents of Assin Atobiase are living in perpetual fear as a gas tanker which was involved in an accident has been left in the bush near the community for over three months now. The tanker, with the inscription "THOMHCOF," is said to have been involved in an accident about three months ago. Owners of the tanker have, however, failed to evacuate the tanker since then. Officials of the National Road Safety Commission (NRSC) say the tanker poses a great danger to the community, especially with the onset of the harmattan season. The Central Regional Manager of the NRSC, Mr Stephen Anokye, said the

commission was not sure of the quantity of gas in the tanker. He noted that considering the fact that fires were rampant in the harmattan season, it was necessary for the owners of the tanker to evacuate it as a matter of urgency. He indicated that any explosion could be catastrophic. Officials of the NRSC and the District Chief Executive for the area, Ms Sabina Appiah-Kubi, have visited the site and met with the chiefs of Assin Atobiase. Mr Anokye urged the people to be cautious in their activities to prevent any disaster. Ms Appiah-Kubi pledged that the assembly would collaborate with the appropriate agencies and ensure



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that the owners removed the tanker as soon as possible. The Chief of Atobiase, Nana Afram Nenemeh II, expressed concern that the tanker had been left there and prayed that it would be removed as soon as possible.

<http://graphic.com.gh/General-News/gas-tanker-poses-danger-to-assin-atobiase-community.html>

GHANA, NYINAMSO, JANUARY 12 2013. TRAGIC LPG TANKER ACCIDENT - 2 BURNT TO DEATH, HOUSES DESTROYED

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Two people were burnt to death beyond recognition and a number of houses set ablaze at Nyinamso Number One on the Nkawie – Nyinahin road Thursday afternoon when a truck carrying liquefied petroleum gas exploded into flames in an accident at the village. The dead are yet to be identified but they are believed to be the driver and the mate of the gas tanker, which was heading in the Nyinahin direction. The District Chief Executive (DCE) for Atwima Mponua, Madam Theresa Adomako Tawiah, speaking to graphic.com.gh from the accident scene, described it as terrible. "It's a tragic spectacle. I am devastated by what I'm seeing, and indeed it's a sad day for our district," she said. According to the DCE, she saw two human beings burnt beyond recognition. "The remains of one of them who I suspect was the driver had the hands crossed. I could not withstand the sight, Oh My God," Madam Tawiah

said on the phone. According to her, the accident happened at about 3.30 pm. Residents stated that the gas tanker hit a speed bump on the outskirts of the village, the result of which was that the driver lost control of the truck. The truck then ran into a stationary articulated truck before it overturned and exploded into flames. The fire spread to nearby houses and stores, burning them in the process. Fortunately, no one in the community lost his or her life as people took cover in safe places. Two vehicles were also burnt. Traffic built up at each end of the trunk road as the tanker burning in the middle of the road made it impossible for other vehicles to pass. Madam Tawiah said personnel of the Ghana National Fire Service from Nyinahin and Nkawie were called in to battle the blaze.

<http://graphic.com.gh/General-News/tragic-accident-two-burnt-to-death-houses-destroyed.html>

USA, N.Y, FORT EDWARD, JANUARY 12 2013. WASHINGTON COUNTY DA NEARS DECISION ON GASOLINE LEAK CHARGES

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Washington County District Attorney Kevin Kortright said Thursday he is nearing a decision on whether Cumberland Farms should face criminal charges in the 2011 gasoline leak that caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage to Fort Edward infrastructure. An engineering report on the state of the water and sewer system in the area of the village of Fort Edward that was most affected was recently completed and is being reviewed by both Cumberland Farms and the village of Fort Edward. Officials hope that report will end a debate over how much work is needed to repair 18 or so underground water and sewer line hookups in the village that village officials believe were damaged by the explosions that resulted when an estimated 1,200 gallons of gasoline poured from a gas pump into storm drains and ran downhill into Fort Edward. Numerous underground explosions occurred in an area off Broadway near Satterlee Lane, damaging manhole covers, pipes, homes and pavement. Matt Fuller, lawyer for the village of Fort Edward and Washington County Sewer District, said the village and Cumberland Farms have disagreed about the extent of the repairs needed. The village believes complete replacement of the hookups in question is needed, work that could cost up to \$2 million. Concerns are that a big rain event or heavy runoff from melting snow could lead to more problems with the damaged infrastructure if the work isn't done soon. "If we get a big deep freeze this winter we have concerns," Fuller said. "We can't wait forever." Fort Edward Mayor Matt Traver said he "certainly hoped things would have progressed better by this point" in terms of the village being compensated for the damage. He said seeking a criminal prosecution was not the priority of village leaders, but there are infrastructure issues that need to be addressed. "We have sat down and talked with the district attorney about our options," Traver said. "We don't want it to come to that but it's certainly one of our options." Cumberland Farms had earlier paid more than \$330,000 to the village and Washington County for repairs that had been completed up until last spring. But Traver said the company hired new counsel and its insurance company became involved and efforts to get compensation for more work was unsuccessful. Fuller said the



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company and municipal officials met in November and agreed to have an engineering analysis done of hours of video inspections of the water and sewer infrastructure in hopes of agreeing on an amount of restitution. A call to Cumberland Farms' public relations office was not returned Friday. The state Department of Environmental Conservation referred comment to Kortright. Kortright said the company's cooperation will be weighed when deciding if the company's alleged negligence rose to the level of criminality. The company's actions are in question because the store was not equipped with an emergency shut-off system as required by state law, officials said. Employees were directed by a company handbook to use a red-colored emergency shut-off button to shut down the tanks, but the store did not have any such red button when the employees on duty that night consulted a company instruction manual, authorities said. Gas ran from the pump for at least 10 minutes before power was shut off to the store to stop the flow. The gas leak occurred the night of Dec. 27 when a customer at the Main Street, Hudson Falls, store backed into a gas pump and damaged it. The vehicle was identified and the owner initially arrested for leaving the scene of the accident, but the evidence called into question whether he was responsible and the charges were dropped. No subsequent arrest has been made.

http://poststar.com/news/local/washington-county-da-nears-decision-on-gasoline-leak-charges/article_ecc8b7da-5c3b-11e2-81b7-0019bb2963f4.html

CANADA, ALBA, EDMONTON, JANUARY 12 2013. HIGHWAY 40 CLOSED BY SOUR GAS LEAK

jodie sinnema

A sour gas leak in northern Alberta has closed a highway south of Grande Prairie and put RCMP and industry on alert. "It might be an overreaction, but we're still trying to get more information," said Cpl. Roy Kennedy with the Grande Prairie RCMP. "The RCMP are treating it seriously because it can be very dangerous." Highway 40 south of Grande Prairie will be closed south of the Canfor Cut Across about 50 kilometres north of Grande Cache until further notice. Sour gas is natural gas that contains a significant amount of hydrogen sulphide. The highway closure is meant to keep motorists in the area safe. Kennedy said there are many companies operating in the area south of Grande Prairie to Grande Cache, but because the area is very rural, there are few or no residents within 50 to 100 kilometres of the leak, he said. RCMP and industry are working together to determine if the leak is coming from a drilling site or one of the industrial plants. "There's no people directly affected," Kennedy said. "There is no report of injuries." Kennedy doesn't know if staff at the various companies operating in the area have been evacuated, but he's sure all have launched their emergency response plans as necessary. Emergency crews are responding to the scene, but haven't yet gone close to the area where the leak is believed to be coming from because of safety issues. RCMP have no timeline as to when the highway will reopen. Traffic on the Weyerhaeuser Log Hauling Road could also be affected. The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers says sour gas is a colourless, flammable gas that smells like rotten eggs and is poisonous to humans and animals. About 30 per cent of the natural gas in Western Canada is sour, the association says on its website. Sour gas production has been a concern in many Alberta communities for years. RCMP will update the public about Friday's leak as soon as more information becomes available.

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/news/edmonton/Highway+closed+sour+leak/7809163/story.html>

CANADA, ONT. ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP, JANUARY 12 2013. CANADIAN GAS LEAK CAUSING ODORS NOT A THREAT TO ST. CLAIR COUNTY



Hear [All Clear at Shell](#)



Shell Canada experienced a crude oil tank leak at their facility in Chemical Valley Thursday afternoon.

An incident across the St. Clair River in Canada is producing odors on the American side of the water. St. Clair County fire and hazmat personnel are monitoring the area and emergency management officials are in contact with the incident commander, according to the St. Clair County Emergency Management. The possibility of an odor may be present over the next day or two. Shell Canada experienced a crude oil tank leak at their facility in Chemical

Valley Thursday afternoon. Shell is allowing crude to flow to an oily water separator, which is considered best practice. They are estimating the pump-out time to be up to four days. At 2:16 p.m. Sarnia Police notified St. Clair County a "shelter-in-place" was issued for St. Clair Township, Ontario only. The crude oil is contained within the fence line of Shell Canada. The shelter in



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place was issued for anyone within approximately one-half mile north of the Shell Canada facility. The winds today are coming out of the south at 10 mph. There is no immediate threat to the citizens of St. Clair County at this time, according to authorities here. At 3:45 p.m. the office of emergency management was notified the shelter in place was cleared. There is continuous monitoring of the situation by the Canadian and U.S. authorities and St. Clair County Emergency Management remains in close contact with the Canadian partners. Additionally, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has indicated that there is no threat to the St. Clair River. City of Port Huron and City of Marysville Fire Department are monitoring the air quality, as a precautionary measure, according to the Office of Emergency Management.

<http://www.voicenews.com/articles/2013/01/11/news/doc50f07d454a4ee386881680.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, KL BENDIGO, JANUARY 12 2013. PETROL SPILL PROMPTS WARNING ABOUT OVERFILLING

maddie wines



Fire Risk: CFA members lift the car while chocks are placed underneath to level the vehicle and stop the petrol leaking.

The Country Fire Authority has warned car owners about overfilling fuel tanks in hot weather. The warning came after fire crews physically lifted a car to stop a petrol spill in the car park at the corner of Hargreaves and Edward streets about 5pm yesterday. CFA members stopped the fuel leak by levelling the car parked on a slope using step chocks underneath. Senior station officer Craig Houlahan said motorists should be cautious when filling fuel tanks in hot weather. "Don't fill a tank up all the way, only to the level specified," he said. "A significant amount of fuel leaked from the vehicle and if another car that had

been running for an extended period parked next to it, it may have caused a fire." Car owner Chloe Whittle said she filled her car with fuel yesterday morning and had parked with the fuel opening facing downhill. "Two of my friends came running down the road telling me firemen were surrounding my car," she said. "I was freaking out." She said CFA members told her the hot weather had caused petrol in the tank to expand and leak. CFA crews took Ms Whittle to Autobarn to buy a new fuel cap for the car.

<http://www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au/story/1230532/petrol-spill-prompts-warning-about-overfilling/?cs=80>

NIGERIA, ABUJA, JANUARY 13 2013. FG ORDERS RETURN OF TOXIC SHIP TO UK

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The e-waste-laden ship at the Tin-Can Port Lagos, yesterday.

The Federal Government, yesterday, vowed to place heavy sanctions on the e-waste ship that was arrested on Wednesday. It also ordered that the toxic wastes laden containers on board the ship, MV Marivia Monrovia, be shipped back to the port of origin in the U.K. This came after security operatives at the Tin-Can Island Port concluded examination on the two offensive containers bearing the e-wastes. Director-General of the National Environmental Standard and Regulatory Agency, NESRA, Dr. Ngeri Benebo, said sending the consignment back to the port of origin was in conformity with the provisions of Harmful Wastes Act, promulgated after the Koko waste saga. "We are sending the e-wastes back to the port of origin," the director general said, adding that the agency was going to

work according to Nigerian laws on the matter and do exactly what the laws said. Benebo promised that the vessel owners would be heavily sanctioned in line with the laws of the land.

How Captain Tried to Deceive Security Agencies

"The captain wanted to deceive Nigerians. When he realised that there was a red alert on the containers, he lied that the containers were not destined for Nigeria and that they were meant for another country, which was completely false. "I conferred with the Comptroller General of Customs, who said that once it is manifested as Nigeria, the containers must be dropped and inspected in Nigeria." She said the inspection of the containers, as directed by the comptroller-general, was carried out by officials of the NPA, NIMASA, the Customs Service and other security agencies. Benebo said it was discovered



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that the containers were meant to be disposed of in Nigeria. According to her, Nigeria will never be used as a dumping ground and "we will resist any attempt by any country to make Nigeria dumping ground." Benebo said her agency acted on a tip off to track down the toxic contents in the ship. The names of the importers are Messrs Moronuk David and Bonik Investment.

Ship Discharges Other Containers

When Vanguard got to Berth Four of the port where the ship was anchored, M.V. Marevia was seen discharging its cargo while the two deadly containers were isolated from other containers. On the outcome of their examination, the officials of the NESREA, who conducted the test on the items in the container kept sealed lips. Contrary to claims that all the relevant security operatives were on ground for the examination, Vanguard only saw representatives of Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Terminal Operator and those of NESREA. An NPA official said they did not know the outcome as they were only there to observe what the NESREA team was doing. The NPA official said NESREA team used their equipment to test the items and refused to disclose their findings.

Items in the Containers

In the two 40-footer containers were used fridges, used television sets, used micro-wave ovens, etc considered hazardous. Public Relations Officer of Tin-Can Island Command of the Nigeria Customs Service, Chris Osunkwo, said, yesterday, that they were unable to do the examination because all the agencies were not on ground. Osunkwo said there was so much confusion as to the actual content of the containers but stressed that true details could only be got after the examination. Several calls to the head of NESREA team at press time did not yield results, as she seemed to be ending a call each time her phone rang. She also did not respond to text messages. Assistant General Manager (AGM) in charge of Public Affairs of the NPA, Ileya Musa, said after the examination, what was discovered were used electronics and directed Vanguard to NESREA for details.

ANLCA Reacts

Reacting to the development, National President of the Association of Nigeria Licensed Customs Agents (ANLCA), Prince Olayiwola Shittu, said the danger of the incident was the likely agitation for the return of security agencies sent out of the ports by the Federal Government to reduce delay in cargo clearance. Shittu explained that these agencies including NESREA should relate with their international counterparts on intelligence gathering to ensure that such goods do not leave their ports of origin in the first place. He advised that should any vessel flouts the directive, the crew should be arrested and prosecuted, adding that any shipping company that aids the importation of such cargoes should be charged also.

Past Waste Dumping Incidents

This is not the first attempt to dump toxic wastes in Nigeria. The first attempt was in 1988 when a shipment of over 3,500 tonnes of toxic wastes from Italy was imported to Koko Port, a coastal community in the old Bendel State, now Delta State. In April 2010, the NCS arrested and detained a Maersk Line vessel, MV Nashville, laden with toxic wastes (lead batteries classified as Basel code A1180 and broken televisions). In June 2010, NCS also arrested and detained a ship, MV Gumel, in Lagos port for bringing eight containers with materials suspected to be toxic wastes. Also, in October 2010, a vessel, MV Vera D, carrying three containers laden with toxic black and white television sets, was detained at the Tin-Can Port, Lagos. The toxic-laden containers were sent back to the port of origin in the US. In December 2012, NESREA impounded four containers of used electronics described as "e-wastes" in Apapa Port.

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2013/01/toxic-waste-fg-to-sanction-ship-owners/>

INDIA, TAMIL NADU, SINDAPALLI, JANUARY 13 2013. THREE KILLED IN CRACKER UNIT EXPLOSION

Three workers were killed on the spot in an explosion at a cracker unit at Sindapalli near here on Friday. Friction while handling chemicals to make 'chakkars' in one of the working sheds triggered the blast that killed the workers, the Superintendent of Police, S. Maheswaran, said. The deceased were identified as S. Ponnusamy (70) of Mettamalai, K. Arivazhagan (50) of East Thayilpatti and K. Sundaram (45) of West Thayilpatti. The bodies were thrown some 50 feet away in the impact of the explosion. The shed was flattened and the bodies were torn apart, the District Collector, T.N. Hariharan, said. An earth mover was employed to remove the debris to find out any worker was trapped underneath, he said. Stating that the explosion had taken place in the mixing room, the Collector added that the victims had returned to the work spot after tea just then. "I was told that the mixed explosives would have undergone chemical reaction with the passage of time and exploded as the workers touched them," he added. There were no reports of any worker getting injured in the accident, Mr. Hariharan added. Around 100 persons were working in the unit when the blast took place at around 4.20 p.m. Fire and Rescue Services personnel from Sattur station rushed to the spot and put out the flames. The workers had, by then, fled the scene, the



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Divisional Fire Officer, C. Manoharan, said. This is the third fire accident reported in cracker units in the district since January 1.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/states/tamil-nadu/three-killed-in-cracker-unit-explosion/article4301650.ece>

USA, WA, BOTHELL, JANUARY 13 2013. CAR STRIKES GAS PUMPS, CATCHES FIRE AFTER CAR ACCIDENT JUST OUTSIDE OF KENMORE

Watch the Video's:

- [Three people injured in Kirkland gas pump crash](#)
- [Eyewitnesses see SUV crash into gas pump](#)



A vehicle crashed into gas pumps at the 76 gas station and ignited into flames after it collided with another vehicle on Kirkland's Finn Hill, just outside of Kenmore Friday afternoon.

Kirkland, Northshore and Bothell firefighters responded to the motor vehicle accident that happened around 3:30 p.m. at 14106 Juanita Drive N.E., near the Kenmore/Kirkland boundary. "They collided with each other just as the light changed," said Tim Carpenter, a corporal with the Kirkland Police Department, noting the BMW was traveling westbound when it collided with a Toyota 4Runner heading northbound. The BMW, which was struck on the left side, continued on and collided with a big rock underneath the 76 sign, said Carpenter. The Toyota then crashed into gas pumps, knocking one set of gas pumps on its side, he said. The vehicle caught fire, which spread to the 76

building. One of the employees at the gas station was able to shut off the pump, which minimized the flames, said Kirkland Firefighter Bill Barnes. "We don't know which vehicle was at fault," said Carpenter, noting police officials are investigating what happened. Two people in the Toyota and a woman driving the BMW suffered non-life-threatening injuries and were all transported to the hospital as a precaution. Dave Overhus, who lives a half-mile from the gas station, said he was driving down the hill when firetrucks passed him. "I looked and saw a huge plume of black smoke, so I turned back around and went back to my house and knew something was wrong," said Overhus. He said he walks by the gas station every day to go to the store. "There's been some bad accidents around here." Megan Hullinger was at the doctor's office across the street at the Inglewood Professional Center when the incident occurred. She had just finished up her appointment and went out to her car to go to Bartell Drugs across the street while the doctor was seeing her father. "I went to go back up and I hear a crash that sounded like a car crash and I wondered if I had hit something," said Hullinger. "Fifteen seconds later I saw the entire front of the car engulfed in flames. It was pretty intense." She ran back into the doctor's office and said, "There's a car at the gas station that might blow up. We heard several loud pops." She said moments later, medics escorted the woman driving the BMW into the doctor's office on a stretcher. Hullinger said the woman was holding her arm. Officials said the fire damage was minimal, thanks to the firefighters' quick response. One ladder truck, four engine trucks and at least one aid truck responded to the scene.

<http://www.bothell-reporter.com/news/186564901.html>

CANADA, ONT, TORONTO, JANUARY 13 2013. GAS TANKER COLLIDES WITH VEHICLE IN NORTH YORK



A vehicle involved in a serious accident near Keele Street and Finch Avenue Saturday morning is shown.

A 35-year-old woman was rushed to hospital with a life-threatening head injury after a gas tanker collided with a vehicle in North York early Saturday morning. The woman was travelling northbound on Tangiers Road when her car was T-boned by a gas tanker that was travelling eastbound on Finch Avenue at around 8 a.m. The woman was briefly trapped inside her vehicle but was extricated and taken to Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre a short time later. Police say there are no leaks or hazards as a result of the crash. Finch Avenue is closed in both directions at Tangiers Road as police investigate.

<http://www.cp24.com/news/gas-tanker-collides-with-vehicle-in-north-york-1.1111400>



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NIGERIA, OGUN, OWODE, AREPO VILLAGE, JANUARY 13 2013. 10 FEARED DEAD AT AREPO PIPELINE EXPLOSION



At least 10 suspected vandals were, Saturday, feared dead in an explosion that rocked the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, NNPC, pipeline at Arepo village, Owode, Ogun State. Vanguard gathered that the explosion came following a fire which was sparked off by some vandals who stormed the creeks by boat to siphon fuel from the NNPC pipeline. Arepo was the scene of the killing of three NNPC officials by vandals last year. One of the survivors of Saturday's incident was said to have participated in the official's murder. There were fears, that damage to the pipeline could worsen petrol scarcity as it supplies the product from Atlas Cove Jetty in Lagos to other South-West states. Eyewitness account stated that the explosion came after an argument erupted between two of the vandals who were struggling to siphon fuel from the pipeline

and it resulted into a heated argument that made one of them who was armed with a rifle to shoot indiscriminately into the air. Vanguard learnt that bullets from the rifle hit the ruptured pipeline and led to an explosion.

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2013/01/10-feared-dead-at-arepo-pipeline-explosion/>

CHINA, HEILONGJIANG PROVINCE, SHUANGYASHAN CITY, JANUARY 13 2013. BUS BLAST CLAIMS 11 LIVES >> MAY HAVE BEEN EXPLOSIVES ON THE IBUS



The death toll following an explosion on a minibus in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province has risen to 11 after four injured people died in hospital, local authorities said yesterday. There were casualties both on the bus belonging to a mining company and another passenger bus, said a statement of the Shuangyashan city government. The Zhongxing Mineral Industry Company minibus exploded at 6:30am Friday in the city's Lingdong district, catching a coach traveling opposite in the blast. Seven of the 52 people on the vehicles died at the scene. Forty were injured. An initial investigation by the Ministry of Public Security indicated that there may have been explosives on the minibus, the city government said.

<http://english.eastday.com/e/130113/u1a7125793.html>

SOUTH KOREA, SANGJU, JANUARY 13 2013. HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS EVACUATED DUE TO HYDROCHLORIC ACID LEAK

Hundreds of residents around a polysilicon plant here were evacuated to safety after hydrochloric acid was found to have been leaked, police said Saturday. The leak occurred at around 11 a.m. from a 200-ton tank of the Woongjin Polysilicon plant located in this city, some 270 kilometers southeast of Seoul, according to police. Police said that when the accident happened, some workers were staying inside the plant, but no injuries have been reported. It is yet to be known how much acid leaked from the tank. Police suspect that a frozen valve was ruptured due to the cold weather, letting out the hazardous material. The exact cause is still under investigation. The accident zone was cordoned off and as a precaution, the regional government evacuated about 760 residents to a school located in a safe area, police said.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2013/01/12/95/0302000000AEN20130112001500320F.HTML>

FIJI, LABASA, JANUARY 13 2013. CHILD DRINKS BENZENE FROM SOFT DRINK BOTTLE

serafina silaitoga

Police have warned parents not to keep harmful chemicals in soft drink bottles as it attracts children. The warning follows an incident in Labasa involving a two-year-old child who drank benzene kept in an empty Sprite bottle. Police spokesman Inspector Atunaisa Sokomuri confirmed the child was admitted at the Labasa Hospital. "The mother of the child was raking the compound outside and the child was playing in the compound," he said. "He saw the Sprite bottle that contained benzene and thought it was juice so he drank the liquid. "His mum noticed something was wrong so she rushed him to the hospital." Insp



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Sokomuri said parents should also keep such substance out of their children's reach. He said the child was in a stable condition and the mother had been questioned by police. "These kind of incidences are avoidable if parents keep close supervision and just keep dangerous and harmful substances out of children's reach," Insp Sokomuri said.

<http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=222343>

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, ABU DHABI, JANUARY 14 2013. FUEL TANK EXPLODES, KILLS TWO IN ABU DHABI

mohammad el sadafy



The empty fuel tank explosion killed two people in Abu Dhabi on Sunday.

Two Asian expatriates died and some shops were damaged when an empty fuel tank exploded and broke into two halves inside an automobile maintenance shop in Musaffah 11 in Abu Dhabi on Sunday. Civil Defence operations room got a phone call around 9.30 in the morning about the explosion. Firefighters and ambulances were immediately rushed to the scene of the accident. Investigations are under way to determine the cause of the accident.

Related Links

[Fuel tank explosion kills two people in Mussafah](#)

Two Asians were killed today in Mussafah 11 district in Abu Dhabi when an empty fuel tank exploded in a maintenance shop, causing huge damages. The operations room of civil defence had received a report about the incident at 09:27 am.

[Gas cistern explosion leaves two dead](#)

Two Asians died after an empty gas cistern exploded near a maintenance workshop in Musaffah's M.11 area on Sunday morning. The gas storage truck was left parked in the area for long time before the explosion occurred. According to an official.

[Two killed after empty fuel tank explodes in Abu Dhabi shop](#)

Two Asian men died today when an empty fuel tank exploded and split in half inside a maintenance shop in the M-11 zone in Mussafah. The civil defence operations centre received a report at 9.27 am about an explosion in an empty fuel tank.

<http://www.emirates247.com/news/emirates/fuel-tank-explodes-kills-two-in-abu-dhabi-2013-01-13-1.490946>

NIGERIA, OGUN, OWODE, AREPO VILLAGE, JANUARY 13 2013. 30 ROASTED AS PIPELINE EXPLODES



No fewer than 30 persons, suspected to be NNPC vandals died in a pipeline fire at Arepo village, in Ogun early on Saturday, the police said. The Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) in charge of the Special Task Force on Anti-Pipeline Vandalism, Mr. Friday Ibadin, confirmed the development to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Lagos. Ibadin said an explosion was heard at about 2 a.m. and shortly after, a team of policemen led by the sector commander, Lagos, DSP Onaghise Osayande, arrived at the scene and cordoned off the area. He said the fire was caused by suspected vandals, who allegedly ferried across to the creeks to siphon petroleum products from a ruptured NNPC pipeline. "Our preliminary investigation reveals that the fire was sparked off by vandals, who were arguing over who was eligible to fetch from the ruptured

pipeline. It was in the heat of the argument that one of them accidentally released a bullet that led to several explosions. "However, operatives of the Inspector General of Police Special Task Force on Anti-Pipeline Vandalism Unit, Force Headquarters Annex, Lagos, who were on patrol rushed to the scene to avert further disaster. It was in the process that they arrested a medical doctor and one of the survivors on their way to the hospital in a jeep. "The doctor was alleged to be smuggling one of the survivors, who happens to be a vandal, to his private clinic for treatment. In the course of interrogation, we discovered that the survivor was one of those, who allegedly participated in the killing of three NNPC officials in 2012 at same area," Ibadin said. The ACP said fire fighters were still trying to contain the fire. He gave an assurance that the police would provide adequate security in the area. He said security agencies were on the trail of other "vandal" survivors, who fled the scene of the incident. He said one of the suspects arrested told the police that many of his mates were killed in the explosion, while others injured might still be alive and "dying in the creeks". Ibadin narrated the suspect's account of the



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incident and how his mother reportedly called in a doctor to treat his wounds. "He claimed he was in his house, when one Suleiman, his friend, called him that there was a job at Arepo creeks. He asked him to look for a canoe and come with as many gallons of jerry-cans. "Shortly after he arrived, he saw argument among the vandals and some began to fight before hearing a gunshot. He claimed the next thing was an explosion. He claimed he was lucky that he wasn't close to the ruptured pipeline. "It was in the heat of the fire that he managed to run to his boat, where his mother was waiting. He said his mother called a doctor, who was about taking him to the hospital before they were arrested by the police," he said. On the number of persons involved in the incident, the suspect claimed that there were more than 50 men and women, the ASP said. The police officer also told NAN that the doctor had tried to exonerate himself from the crime. He claimed he acted "in accordance with his oath to protect life," after receiving a distress call from "a customer" for an emergency, the ACP said. Meanwhile, scarcity of fuel looms in Lagos State and Ogun as NNPC has since stopped the flow of petroleum products through the Arepo pipeline, pending the repair of the ruptured pipeline.

<http://tribune.com.ng/news2013/index.php/en/component/k2/item/2955-30-roasted-at-journalists%E2%80%99-estate-%E2%80%A2as-pipeline-explodes-in-ogun-%E2%80%A2fuel-scarcity-looms>

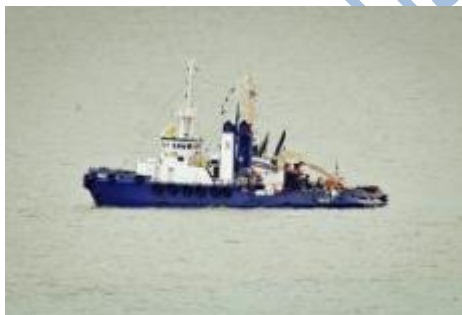
SCOTLAND, GLASGOW, JANUARY 13 2013. LOW-COST CLEAN-UP PLAN FOR SHAWFIELD CHEMICALS SITE

steven vass

Hundreds of thousands of tonnes of toxic waste buried in east Glasgow are to be cleaned up in a regeneration project for a fraction of the original estimated cost. The Shawfield area south of the Clyde was the site of J&J White's Chemical Works (later ACC Chrome and Chemicals) from the 1820s until the late 1960s. It was used as a dumping ground for hexavalent chromium, a carcinogenic substance long blamed by campaigners for the high rates of leukaemia among residents nearby. Now urban regeneration company Clyde Gateway wants to make the site suitable for two million square feet of offices and industrial units – about half the total space it aims to develop in the east side of the city. It is seeking a contractor to clean up the area using a chemical injection process that avoids the need to dig up the chromium. It was originally thought the work would cost hundreds of millions of pounds, but Clyde Gateway now believes it will cost between £2.4 million and £4.8m. It is part of a £19m programme to make the site ready for development and build a bridge over the Clyde to link to the new Dalmarnock railway station. Clyde Gateway spokesman Jim Clarke said of the chemical injection process: "It doesn't mean you can now put houses on [the land], but it's suitable for commercial and industrial requirements." He said Clyde Gateway would probably put up the first building on the site, most likely for offices. But some property specialists questioned whether this was the right strategy, pointing out that the west of Scotland already has a lot of office space that could not be let. Clarke said Clyde Gateway was keeping an open mind on potential use: "If the market tells us the site would be ideal for industrial, that is what we will do."

<http://www.heraldsotland.com/business/company-news/low-cost-clean-up-plan-for-shawfield-chemicals-site.19890291>

ENGLAND, DEVON, JANUARY 14 2013. TUG SALVAGE OPERATION 'GOING WELL' >> CARRYING 200 TONS OF DIESEL



The risk of pollution from the Christos 22 is said to be very low.

A salvage operation to save a tug containing 200 tonnes of diesel from sinking off the coast of Devon is "going well". Engineers and seaman are now onboard the Christos 22 and are pumping water from it. Divers have also been deployed to inspect and repair the hull of the damaged vessel. The tug, which was travelling from Germany to Turkey, was damaged by a vessel it was towing as it tried to anchor a mile off Hope's Nose in Torbay on Sunday night. Christos 22 had pulled into the coastline in order to check a problem with the tow when it was hit and began taking on water rapidly. The Moto Vessel Emsstrom, the decommissioned vessel being towed by the tug, became separated but has now been secured. A total of eight crew members were rescued after the alarm was raised. A Maritime and Coastguard Agency spokeswoman said: "The pumping

out of water continues to go well. The situation is more stable and it was confirmed at first light that there is no report of pollution. "Salvors are onboard the tug Christos XXII, pumping operations continue to go well. Divers now deployed to inspect and repair." A spokeswoman for the Maritime and Coastguard Agency said: "The tug Christos 22, damaged after the vessel it



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was towing collided into its side off Torbay yesterday, is now stable with risk of pollution very low. "Attention has now turned to the towed vessel, an ex-German naval training ship the Emsstrom, which had been listing too heavily for salvors to get onboard. "This vessel has now sunk, approximately 2.5 nautical miles east by north from Hope's Nose, Torquay, in 23 metres (75ft) of water. This ship is empty and is not a pollution risk."

<http://www.thisisguernsey.com/news/uk-news/2013/01/14/crew-rescued-from-stricken-tug-boat/>

USA, OH, FREMONT, JANUARY 14 2013. GAS SPILL PROMPTS CHANGE IN COMPANY >> MERCAPTAN SPILL LEADS TO SCHOOL EVACUATION

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A mercaptan spill at this American Welding & Tank manufacturing plant on Thursday caused the evacuation of Stamm Elementary School.

In the wake of last Thursday's mercaptan gas spill at American Welding & Tank Co., the company announced Monday that several steps have been taken in order to prevent gas spills from occurring in the future. Fremont Fire Chief David Foos met with American Welding & Tank Co. Director of Human Resources and Safety Dave Kubacki and plant manager Ryan Eberly on Friday. Foos said American Welding & Tank will be contacted by its mercaptan supplier to investigate potential upgrades in either equipment or procedures. "We're looking at processes and procedures to make sure everything is where it should be," Kubacki said. Mercaptan is a harmless, foul-smelling agent added to propane gas to notify workers of spills or leaks. The mercaptan spill occurred some time on Thursday and carried across the city, which caused several residents to file complaints with the Fremont Police Department and the evacuation of Stamm Elementary School. Kubacki declined to comment on specifics of the spill. All American Welding & Tank employees will undergo training, which Foos said should conclude Tuesday. The company also agreed to notify the Fremont Fire Department whenever it handles large volumes of mercaptan or in the event of another spill. Last Thursday, Stamm Elementary School evacuated after a custodian noticed a strong gas odor coming from outside the school. Students and staff briefly evacuated to the stadium until the building was declared safe for re-entry. Foos characterized the meeting with American Welding & Tank as "very productive." He said American Welding & Tank representatives reached out to Stamm Elementary and apologized for the inconvenience caused by the spill. Eberly told Foos he believes his company is on the right track, but he acknowledged they still have a ways to go. "Based simply on their employee safety record, I believe that to be a very fair and true statement," Foos said. "American Welding & Tank is a good industrial neighbor in our community that is working hard to resolve this issue."

<http://www.thenews-messenger.com/article/20130114/NEWS01/301140026/Gas-spill-prompts-Change-Company>

USA, TX, FORT WORTH, JANUARY 14 2013. OVERTURNED 18-WHEELER CLOSES MAIN STREET NEAR LOOP 820 IN NORTH FORT WORTH

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[Watch the Video Tanker Crash Closes Main Street](#)



A tanker crashed on North Main Street at Loop 820 in Fort Worth on Monday afternoon, spilling its load of hot asphalt.

An overturned 18-wheeler tanker truck forced the closure of North Main Street near Loop 820 in north Fort Worth. The truck was reported to be on fire but the driver was able to get out, said Fort Worth Fire Department spokesman Tim Hardeman. No reports of injuries were reported. The Fire Department said drivers should avoid North Main Street for the next several hours as firefighters work to clean up the mess. "The biggest problem we've got is cleaning up the hot asphalt and getting the overturned 18-wheeler upright," Hardeman said. The city of Fort Worth issued a statement at 4:15 p.m. saying both north and southbound lanes of Main Street remained closed, and that commuters should consider alternate routes. The accident occurred about 1:30 p.m. when the truck was exiting eastbound Loop 820 to northbound North Main Street. As the truck was



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turning in the cloverleaf exit, it turned over, Hardeman said. Shortly after the accident, MedStar spokesman Matt Zavadsky said there was a strong chemical odor and heavy white smoke thick enough to block out signs.

<http://www.star-telegram.com/2013/01/14/4546233/overturned-18-wheeler-closes-main.html>

USA, UT, SCIPIO, JANUARY 14 2013. I-15 IN JUAB COUNTY REOPEN AFTER FIERY SEMI CRASH

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 **Watch the Video** [Tanker Hauling Gasoline Bursts into Flames](#)

A Juab County stretch of Interstate 15 was closed for about six hours after a semi-tanker hauling gasoline rolled, and one of its trailers exploded into flames. Utah Highway Patrol spokesman Joe Dougherty said that by 1 a.m. Monday, all lanes had been restored to normal travel at the site of the 7:30 p.m. Sunday crash between Scipio and Nephi. The crash closed travel on both north- and southbound lanes. The accident brought hazardous materials crews and firefighters from Utah, Juab, Millard and Sanpete counties rushing to the scene. The semi's driver was not hurt, but it took two hours alone to douse the fire and several more hours to clean up the scene. Dougherty said no other vehicles were involved in the accident, and the main, larger tanker of gasoline did not catch fire. Rather, it was a smaller, second "pup" trailer that was fully engulfed by flames when crews arrived. The trailers are owned by Edwards Petroleum Transport, out of Las Vegas, UHP said. The cause of the crash remained under investigation.

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/55625684-78/crash-hours-juab-semi.html.csp>

USA, KY, HOPKINS CO, JANUARY 14 2013. PENNYRILE PARKWAY PARTIALLY OPEN AFTER TANKER TRUCK ACCIDENT

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Officials say the Pennyrile Parkway is now partially open following a hazardous tanker truck fire Monday morning. Authorities say after consulting with participating agencies, they determined that the hazard from vapors of the material leaked from the tanker have been sufficiently contained to allow the northbound lanes of the Pennyrile Parkway to resume normal traffic flow. Officials say the southbound traffic is now able to move through this area. However, southbound traffic will remain restricted to one lane at the site due to ongoing environmental remediation work. All southbound traffic will be moved to the left-hand or passing lane. The parkway closed Monday morning from Slaughters to the Hanson exit while crews worked an accident involving a tanker truck that caught fire. It happened near the 54 mile marker. Authorities tell us some sort of problem with the brakes caused the wheels to burn and catch fire. Crews were able to put out the fire, but officials say the tanker was carrying

hydrochloric acid and some leaked onto the roadway. Fire department officials and a HazMat team responded to the scene. The Pennyrile was shut down for several hours in both directions from Slaughters to the Hanson exit while crews cleaned up the road. No one was injured.

<http://www.14news.com/story/20578924/crews-on-scene-of-tanker-truck-accident>

USA, TX, SAN ANTONIO, JANUARY 14 2013. TWO FUEL TRUCKS CATCH ABLAZE OFF I-10

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- [Two Fuel Trucks Catch Ablaze](#)
- [Refueling trucks catch fire](#)

Firefighters frantically doused two fuel trucks that caught on fire late Sunday night. The blaze started in the cab of one of the small tanker trucks at the Sun Coast Resources, a private company delivers gas and fuel, off I-10. San Antonio firefighters said the driver of another truck that parked nearby saw the flames spread to his truck. He quickly jumped out and called firefighters around 11:30 p.m. Both trucks were hauling diesel fuel. Firefighters arrived and immediately sprayed the trucks down with foam to put out the fires. The fires were contained to the cabs of both trucks, firefighters said, although one of the



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tanks was damage. A hazardous materials crew was called to see if any of the fuel had spilled, but it had not. The cause of the fire was not immediately known. No injuries were reported.

<http://www.kens5.com/news/Two-fuel-trucks-catch-ablaze-off-I-10-186787491.html>

USA, S.C, FLORENCE CO, JANUARY 14 2013. CREWS INVESTIGATING TANKER FIRE THAT SHUT DOWN INTERSTATE 95

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West Florence fire crews spent Monday morning investigating a truck fire in Florence County. The fire started around 4:00 a.m. on Interstate 95 northbound at mile marker 160. An 18-wheeler tanker truck carrying 6,500 gallons of used oil was on fire, according to Captain Fox with the West Florence Fire Department. A tire blew out while the driver was on the road. When he pulled over, the tire was already on fire. The fire spread to the rear of the trailer. The fire was quickly contained and there were no injuries. No oil leaked from the tanker. I-95 was closed briefly, however, all lanes are now open. South Carolina Highway Patrol, Florence Police Department, and Florence County Sheriff's Office also responded to the call.

<http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=847415#.UPaCNCdOSM4>

CHINA, JIANGXI PROVINCE, JANUARY 14 2013. DRUMS WHICH STORED CHEMICALS USED TO MAKE WOKS

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Thousands of woks, the most common cooking tool in China, are made from illegally recycled iron drums that once held toxic chemicals, in small workshops in Jiangxi Province, China Central Television reported. The woks are sold across the country, the report said. The iron drums, labeled as containers of toxic or corrosive chemicals, are "cleaned" by being burned with fire and then bathed in pools of sulfuric and hydrochloric acid for hours at workshops in Yongte Village of Shangrao County. The drums are cut into the shape of woks and polished, CCTV reported. Samples of the woks were found to contain excessive levels of heavy metals, including lead, in tests at Jiangxi Province Inspection Center, the program said. People exposed to high levels of lead may suffer damage to their digestive, nervous and reproductive systems. Workers told CCTV reporters that the business has been producing the woks for years and one workshop can produce 400 to 500 woks in a single day. They are all sold in markets across the country at 10 yuan (US\$1.61) to 20 yuan each. Legal, brand-name woks are commonly sold at prices ranging from 100 yuan to over 1,000 yuan. According to data from the local industrial and commercial bureau, there are nine registered iron wok companies in the village and they can produce over 490,000 woks each year. Most of the buyers are restaurants who favor the cheap price and good thermal conductivity, the workers said. The workers said they didn't use the products themselves as they feared they could still contain some chemicals which may damage their health. A workshop owner said he purchase the iron drums from chemical factories. "We bought the drums because woks are produced in such processes from all across the country. We just learned from others to do the business," he said. Drums that held chemical waste could be seen piled up next to a highway near the village. One of them had a label reading that it contained 250 kilogram of methylene chloride, which is toxic and flammable. Another one said it contained corrosive chemicals that can damage the skin. Although regulations require that iron drums for chemicals to be properly stored and disposed of after they are used, the workshops illegally bought them from chemical companies to recycle the iron, CCTV said. A worker told the reporters that a drum costing just a few dozen yuan could be used to make more than 10 woks.

<http://www.shanghaidaily.com/nsp/National/2013/01/14/Drums%2Bwhich%2Bstored%2Bchemicals%2Bused%2Bto%2Bmake%2Bwoks/>



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