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#### CHINA, GUIZHOU PROVINCE, LIUPANSHUI, JANUARY 23 2013. GUIZHOU COAL MINE DEATH TOLL HITS 10

The death toll from a coal mine accident in southwest China's Guizhou province has risen to 10, after five more miners' bodies were found on Tuesday afternoon. Three more miners remained missing. Thirteen people became trapped underground Friday afternoon at the Jinjia Coal Mine in Panxian County of Liupanshui City. Rescue work is still ongoing, according to information from the headquarters of the mine's rescue operations. Rescue workers returning from the shaft said the rescue attempts were becoming more difficult as the excavation progressed. According to the workers, the position to which they had advanced was around 10 meters from a seal wall used to prevent gas explosions, and the high gas level in the area could delay the search and rescue work.

<http://english.cri.cn/6909/2013/01/23/2982s744816.htm>

#### AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MILDURA, JANUARY 23 2013. GAS THREAT: PETROL STATION CLOSED OVER LEAK

lauren roden



*Closed off: The scene of the leak in Fifteenth Street yesterday.*

Mildura's emergency services went into action yesterday fearing a potential major hazard when a gas leak was detected at a Mildura service station. BP Mildura was closed to the public yesterday afternoon after a leak was discovered in one of the gas tanks. CFA crews isolated the Fifteenth Street and Etiwanda Avenue service station from 3.30pm to ensure there was no risk to local residents. Mildura police sergeant Tevis Wright said the CFA was still on the scene late yesterday afternoon to help disperse the gas if that was needed. "There is no risk for the public and no need for evacuation as the gas is dispersing quite safely with the natural wind," he said. Sgt Wright said the leak

was found during a routine inspection by BP staff.

<http://www.sunraysiadaily.com.au/story/1249317/gas-threat-petrol-station-closed-over-leak/?cs=1511>

#### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE, JANUARY 23 2013. VITAL IMPORT TERMINAL SWEETENS PETROLEUM DEAL >> PUMA ENERGY & TRAFIGUEuA

sophie foster



*Puma Energy Australia general manager Ray Taylor and Neumann Petroleum executive general manager Charles Wright at the Matilda service station at Loganlea.*

One of Queensland's wealthiest families, the Gold Coast-based Neumanns, has sealed a multimillion-dollar deal to sell off its fuel distribution division. The deal, which is believed to be worth more than \$250 million, will see Neumann Petroleum sold to Swiss-based Puma Energy. The family, which ranked 56 on The Sunday Mail Queensland Rich List last year with a \$191 million fortune, sealed the deal on Friday to sell its 125 Matilda and Neumann-branded service stations and Eagle Farm fuel terminal. Neither Puma, which originated in

Argentina, nor the Neumann Group would provide a sale figure for the privately struck deal, however the acquisition makes up a substantial chunk of the family's fortune - which also includes real estate developments, civil construction, steel, cement and quarries. At last count, Australia's independent fuel retailers - including Neumanns, Matilda, 7-Eleven, and On The Run - made up 17 per cent of the \$38 billion Australian market. Staff in Queensland were told of the deal yesterday morning, which Neumann Associate Companies' chief Mick Carroll said would facilitate rapid expansion. "Puma Energy has aggressive expansion plans in Australia and access to the capital that will allow Neumann Petroleum to grow and reach the business' full potential," Mr Carroll said. Puma already has a network of more than 1300 service stations around the world, backed by parent company Trafigura - a global commodity trading firm centred on product supply, shipping and logistics. Analyst Kevin Hughes, managing director of HEH Australian Petroleum Consultancy, said a big trump card in the deal was Neumann's import terminal, bought for \$18 million in 2001. "It's vital for any new player coming into the market," Mr Hughes said. "Trafigura are international world traders and they do have the marketing brand Puma, and they would have needed that import terminal to be successful with any expansion." He said a lot of attention was being placed on Australian fuel industry acquisitions after



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threats of the closure of refineries in Sydney, Geelong and Brisbane. "This has caused quite a deal of international interest." Puma Energy's Australian general manager, Ray Taylor, said there were already plans for a \$65 million terminal facility in Mackay to expand operations in north Queensland. "It's our first entree into Australia and it's a position from which to grow," he said. "It's a good integrated position to have and we'll be looking with our investment in Mackay to essentially stretch this business further north and then look at further opportunities beyond that." He said the Australian market had a large growth element to it, particularly in the mining and resource sectors. "We deal with a lot of the large mining companies in a lot of other geographies, particularly in places like Africa, Central America, so we see Australia as being a complement to that so this acquisition is the start of that growth platform," Mr Taylor said. He said the company would now look at other greenfield opportunities and acquisitions which could complement Neumann in the next 12 to 24 months.

**Related Link** [Matilda buyer stalks fuel giants](http://www.couriermail.com.au/business/vital-import-terminal-sweetens-petroleum-deal/story-fnefl294-1226559592763)

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### USA, N.C, KINGS MOUNTAIN, JANUARY 23 2013. OFFICIALS: 69-YEAR-OLD KILLED WHEN DIESEL FUEL TANK EXPLODES

**Watch the Video:** [Deputies: 1 dead in explosion at welding business in Kings Mountain](http://www.wsocv.com/news/news/local/deputies-1-dead-explosion-welding-business-kings-m/nT3f4/)



*69-year-old killed in diesel fuel tank explosion.*

A plant owner was killed in an explosion inside a Kings Mountain Business. Fire officials said the 69-year-old man was working on a diesel fuel tank when it exploded. Neighbors and family said he owned the shop for more than 30 years. Eyewitness News was told that there is another employee who works at the business, but he wasn't there when the explosion happened. There were a few other people around the shop, but they were not injured. Gerald Sheppard, 69, had been in business since the '70s. Sheppard has worked at his shop for more than 35 years and is well-known in the community. "He was

fine, outstanding fella. You couldn't ask for a better guy than what he was," said neighbor and friend Buddy Collins. The fire marshal said that Sheppard was grinding a diesel tank when it exploded, killing him and causing flames and smoke to fill his welding shop. His daughters are shocked by the accident and said that he was always very careful with his work. "I never thought that would happen. He was always an avid fisherman, so we worried about him when he went out on the lake fishing, but this totally shocked me," said Sandy Surber. Surber lives just behind the shop but was at work when the explosion happened. Her neighbor witnessed the terrible flames. "I heard the big bang, and I come to the door and looked out, and the smoke was boiling out of the welding shop," said Collins. Sheppard's daughters rushed to the shop as soon as they heard about the accident. "I found out when I got here," said White. White described her father as a great man. "Dad, he was a great father. A great grandfather. We knew he was there if we needed anything. He was just a phone call away," said White. White's sister said she had just talked to him right before leaving for work. They said "I love you" to each other. Investigators have ruled the explosion accidental.

<http://www.wsocv.com/news/news/local/deputies-1-dead-explosion-welding-business-kings-m/nT3f4/>

### ENGLAND, KENT, JANUARY 23 2013. DIESEL SPILLAGE AT SANDWICH AFTER OIL TANKER CRASH



*The Environment Agency said the red diesel had to be pumped out before the tanker could be removed.*

A fuel tanker carrying 13,000 litres of red diesel has overturned on an icy road and ended up in a ditch in Kent. Police, fire teams and the Environment Agency were called to the incident in Richborough Road, Sandwich, at about 11:50 GMT. Sandbags have been used to block off a stream that runs through the ditch and to contain the oil if it all spills, an Environment Agency spokeswoman said. She said the oil would be pumped out before the tanker was removed. "We are waiting for the necessary equipment to pump out the fuel and after that we will remove the tanker from the ditch," she added. The tanker driver was unhurt in the crash, she said. Environment Agency officer

Jon Griffin tweeted that the tank had not spilt but the pressure of the oil in the valves had caused it to leak into the watercourse. He said the agency was hoping to recover the tanker on Monday evening. A Kent Fire and Rescue Service



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spokeswoman said firefighters were called to the scene but handed it over to the Environment Agency. She said a team remained at the scene for public safety and to clear diesel that spilled from the tanker engine.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-21128591>

#### USA, OK, SEQUOYAH COUNTY, JANUARY 23 2013. I-40 BACK OPEN AFTER TANKER FIRE

*leah randazzo,*

**Watch the Video:** [I-40 Back Open after Tanker Fire](#)

A tanker truck on fire closed a portion of I-40 Eastbound Monday morning for 15 minutes. Oklahoma Highway Patrol said fire crews were there, and had the fire under control at the rest stop between Muldrow and Sallisaw in Sequoyah County. The truck has not been identified by police, however, iPix we received from 5NEWS viewers show the name on the truck as "Continental Carbonics." An online search shows the company headquarters is in Ohio, and is one of the largest manufacturers of dry ice and suppliers of dry ice blasting machines.

<http://5newsline.com/2013/01/21/tanker-fire-closes-i-40-in-sequoyah-county/>

#### USA, GA, BULLOCH CO., JANUARY 23 2013. OVERTURNED FUEL TANKER ACCIDENT CLOSES HWY 301 S.

*jessica kiss*

A stretch of Hwy 301 S. near Hwy 46 in Bulloch Co. closed Sunday night and remained closed early Monday due to a fuel spill from an overturned tanker accident. Georgia State Patrol officials told WJCL-abc that the contents of the fuel tanker spilled over all four lanes of Highway 301 S. just outside of the Statesboro city limits. There were two other vehicles involved in the accident with the tanker and three people, including a pregnant woman, received minor injuries during the collision. The victims were taken to the hospital, according to GSP. Motorists heading into Statesboro on Hwy 301 were detoured to Hwy 46. Southbound traffic on Hwy 301 was detoured to A.J. Riggs Road (to Cypress Lake Road and back to Hwy 46 past the accident area). No word yet on the environmental impact the spill might have on the area, however crews were involved with the clean-up for about a half day.

<http://www.thecoastalsource.com/news/local/story/Overturned-fuel-tanker-accident-closes-Hwy-301-S/> F50BU1NxEaij0ULOrCsA.csp

#### USA, AR, JONESBORO, JANUARY 23 2013. WOMAN TAKEN TO ST. BERNARDS AFTER COLLIDING WITH GAS TANKER

**Watch the Video:** [Woman Collides with Gas Tanker](#)



A car/semi collision Monday night sent a woman to the hospital and shut down Johnson Avenue for hours. Witnesses told Jonesboro Police that the driver of the car, identified as 62-year-old Ernestine Stotts, ran the stop light at the intersection of Johnson and Bridge Streets. "[She] went underneath the trailer of the truck and the vehicle was dragged several hundred feet down the road before the truck got stopped," Lt. Rick Elliott with JPD told Region 8 News. According to a police report from JPD, Stotts car was dragged approximately 215 feet before both vehicles came to a stop. Lt. Elliott said the tanker, which was carrying gasoline, caused concern for law enforcement. Even after they were able to remove the gas from the tanker. "There's still a residual amount of fuel left in there, plus the vapors so there is always a fire risk at this point...but fire department has everything under control," Lt. Elliott said. However, law

enforcement officials didn't believe the gas posed a big enough threat to evacuate people living nearby. Stotts was removed from her car by the Jonesboro Fire Department and then transported to St. Bernards Medical Center around 5:45pm. "We got her out of the vehicle and transported...officers are still investigating the accident site itself," Lt. Elliott told Region 8 News. A spokesperson with St. Bernards told Region 8 News that Stotts was in 'satisfactory condition.' A tow truck was able to separate the car and the tanker shortly before 7pm. The driver of the semi was not injured in the incident. No word yet if Stotts will face any charges in the accident.

<http://www.kait8.com/story/20642507/woman-taken-to-st-bernards-after-colliding-with-gas-tanker>



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#### USA, OH, TWINSBURG, JANUARY 23 2013. GASOLINE FIRE CAUSES \$60,000 DAMAGE TO TWINSBURG HOME

chris mazzolini



**Photo's [8]** [Twinsburg Couple, Pet Bird Escape Sherwin Drive Garage Fire](#)

*Damage from a house fire on Sherwin Drive in Twinsburg on Jan. 19.*



A Twinsburg couple and their pet bird was able to escape unscathed, reports the Twinsburg Bulletin. No one was hurt in a gasoline fire started in the garage of a Sherwin Drive home on Saturday, according to the Twinsburg Fire Department. The fire caused roughly \$60,000 damage, [reports the Twinsburg Bulletin](#). No one was injured in the blaze and no other homes were damaged in the fire, which occurred on Saturday. The fire began as the husband was putting gasoline in his jeep in the garage. A man and a woman and a pet bird escaped the fire. The fire was extinguished and the couple are living elsewhere while damage to their garage and home are repaired, reports the newspaper.

<http://twinsburg.patch.com/articles/gasoline-fire-causes-60-000-damage-to-twinsburg-home#photo-13085110>

#### SCOTLAND, Ayrshire, JANUARY 23 2013. HOMES AND SHOPS EVACUATED AFTER FUEL SPILL IN Ayrshire TOWN

jim smith



*Fire crews are flushing the town's drainage system to eradicate the petrol leak.*

Several homes and shops in a North Ayrshire town were evacuated on Tuesday morning after fuel leaked into the sewage system. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue were alerted to the fuel spill in Beith's Main Street at 9am and immediately cordoned off the road after reports of a strong smell of petrol from local premises. Residents of nearby properties were taken to the local community hall while shopkeepers on the mainly commercial street were asked to close for the day. A spokesman for the fire service said: "Strathclyde Fire and Rescue's technical support team found the atmosphere was not explosive or flammable, but levels of petroleum vapour were high enough to cause headaches and nausea. "The fire service evacuated homes and businesses as a precautionary measure, with residents bussed to a community hall in nearby Kilbirnie." Police officers set up cordons around the town centre and public health officials from NHS Ayrshire and Arran were briefed on the situation. After a joint meeting of the emergency services, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency authorised the fire service to begin flushing the drainage system. Operations to remove the spillage from the system began shortly after 3pm, with a dye added to the water. Fire crews will flush out the entire drainage system in the area and clean off any fuel found using an "environmental pod". The spokesman said that air samples would be taken before the cordon could be removed and that it was hoped home-owners would be able to return to their properties by late evening.

<http://news.stv.tv/scotland/210957-homes-and-shops-evacuated-after-fuel-spill-in-ayrshire-town-of-beith/>

#### VIRUDHUNAGAR, JANUARY 23 2013. ONE KILLED IN ACCIDENT AT FIREWORKS UNIT

Even as the state government has begun the second round of inspections in the fireworks units in Sivakasi, one person was [killed](#) in an explosion at a medium-scale unit on Tuesday. District administration officials said the [accident](#) was due to negligence on the part of the unit and lack of alertness on the part of deceased worker who was identified as N Selvaraj, 38, of Alamarathupatti village. Police have launched a hunt for the owner and foreman of Vinotham Fireworks, at Chellappanaickenpatti near Thiruthangal where the accident occurred. Police said that Selvaraj had opened the door of one of the rooms in the [fireworks unit](#) when a friction of the leftover chemicals created a spark. The spark led to the explosion and the room caved in trapping Selvaraj. By the time, fire and rescue services personnel rushed there, Selvaraj was dead. "Selvaraj was the first to come to the unit on Tuesday morning. If there were more workers around, they could have suffered injuries too," said a revenue official. A senior revenue official said the fireworks unit should not have kept the leftover chemicals in the room in such careless manner. It should have either been disposed or safely packed. He said that Selvaraj should have



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moved away from the place after spotting the leftover chemicals there. The officials have just heightened vigil on the [cracker industry](#) and have begun the second round of inspections of the firework units. "Two teams have been formed comprising officials from the revenue and inspectorate of factories. All the 689 units would be thoroughly inspected to weed out violations," said [Sivakasi](#) revenue divisional officer, S Rangan. Soon after the Mudhalipatti fire accident that claimed the lives of 40 people on September 5 last year, 11 special teams were formed that raided all the cracker units. Licences of as many as 63 units were suspended for violations. However, most of the units have resumed operations after fulfilling the safety criteria, Rangan said. "The units have woken up to the seriousness of the situation. They are adhering to safety norms. But much needs to create awareness for labourers. These inspections would keep the firework units on their toes while also creating awareness," Rangan said.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/One-killed-in-accident-at-fireworks-unit/articleshow/18139864.cms>

### FRANCE, NORMANDY, ROUEN, JANUARY 23 2013. FRENCH LUBRIZOL FACTORY STRUGGLES TO STOP FOUL GAS LEAK



*Emergency workers are working around the clock to stop the foul-smelling gas leak.*

Staff at a chemicals factory in north-western France are working to stop a gas leak that has spread a foul smell to Paris and south-east England. French Ecology Minister Delphine Batho said there was no health risk after she visited the factory in the northern city of Rouen in Normandy. Thousands of people, from as far away as Paris and London, have complained of nausea and headaches. The gas is mercaptan, an additive to natural gas said to be harmless. It leaked on Monday from a plant run by a French subsidiary of the US chemicals manufacturer Lubrizol near Rouen, 75 miles (120km) north-west of Paris. Winds blew the cloud over

northern France on Monday night and then into England on Tuesday. Ms Batho cut short an official trip to Berlin to supervise emergency operations to stop the leak. Paris resident: 'It kept me up all night.' 'I'm reassured,' she told reporters after visiting the factory on Tuesday. Ms Batho added that operations could last several days: "I prefer that we take our time rather than take risks." Authorities will investigate what caused the leak and whether the company should be held responsible, the ecology minister said. Tuesday evening's French Cup football match between Rouen and Marseille has been postponed because of the stink. "We did not want to find ourselves with 10,000 fans 2km (1.5 miles) from the factory and with no means of confining them or evacuating them if necessary," local government official Florence Gouache told AFP news agency.

#### Rotten Eggs

A Rouen resident told Reuters news agency the stench pervaded his home; "You can't ventilate. There is nothing to do, it's constantly in the room and it's unbearable." Another resident told AFP news agency: "This is horrible. I thought I was in a gas cylinder." Another said the air smelled of "rotten eggs". There is no word on the cause of the leak. The factory has been closed. It is a "Seveso" site - [a classification](#) named after an industrial leak in Italy in 1976 and entailing a high degree of supervision. A senior executive at the factory, Pierre-Jean Payrouse, said stopping the leak could take until the evening. In Britain, the Health Protection Agency said: "The smell drifting over Southern England today poses no risk to public health. "The odour, which is similar to rotten eggs, has been noticed by people mainly in Kent, East and West Sussex and some parts of Surrey." Emergency officials in southern Kent advised residents "to keep doors and windows closed due to a gas cloud".

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#### USA, PA, TRAINER, JANUARY 23 2013. PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY SETTLES HAZARDOUS WASTE VIOLATIONS AT ITS FORMER REFINERY

Phillips 66 Company has agreed to pay a \$50,000 penalty to settle alleged violations of hazardous waste regulations at its former refinery located in Trainer, Pa., the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced today. Phillips 66 Company is the successor to ConocoPhillips Corporation, which owned the refinery at 4104 Post Rd., Trainer, Pa. The facility was sold to Monroe Energy, a subsidiary of Delta Airlines in 2012. EPA cited the company for violating the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the federal law governing the treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous waste. RCRA is designed to protect public health and the environment, and avoid costly cleanups, by requiring the safe, environmentally sound storage and disposal of hazardous waste. Following two inspections in 2011 and 2012 by EPA and subsequent requests for information, EPA cited Phillips 66 for RCRA violations involving hazardous waste stored at the facility, including oil refinery hydrocarbon waste, chromium waste, heavy metal waste from batteries, and mercury waste from fluorescent bulbs. The alleged violations included operating a hazardous waste treatment, storage or disposal facility without a permit, failure to keep several hazardous waste containers closed except when necessary to add or remove waste, failure to update the company's contingency plan following a change in emergency coordinators, failure to maintain hazardous waste management personnel designations and job descriptions, and failure to properly manage universal waste batteries and waste lamps. The settlement penalty reflects the company's compliance efforts, and its cooperation with EPA in the resolution of this matter. As part of the settlement, Phillips 66 Company has neither admitted nor denied liability for the alleged violations.

<http://www.equities.com/news/headline-story?dt=2013-01-22&val=951853&cat=energy>

#### USA, LA, NEW ORLEANS, JANUARY 23 2013. ST. BERNARD PARISH RESIDENTS WAKE UP TO OILED CARS FROM CHALMETTE REFINERY

*benjamin alexander-bloch*



*The ExxonMobile Chalmette Refinery as seen from the Mississippi River on Tuesday afternoon.*

Dozens of [St. Bernard Parish](#) residents woke up on Sunday morning to crude oil splattered on their vehicles from the [ExxonMobile Chalmette Refinery](#), according to several homeowners who live near the refinery on St. Bernard Highway. The Louisiana [Department of Environmental Quality](#) confirmed Tuesday that the department estimates that the Chalmette Refinery had a 36-barrel spill. "Sunday morning, it was just completely covered, completely in oil," said Steve Stewart, who lives at [2121 Montesquieu Street in Chalmette](#), just a couple blocks from the refinery. "I took it to the car wash, which was packed, more people there than I'd

ever seen. "All of them had oiled cars." The refinery has set up a hotline for cleanup purposes that impacted residents can call – 1.855.276.2409. Patrick Trahan, a spokesperson for the Chalmette refinery, confirmed late Tuesday afternoon that the incident occurred about 6 a.m. Sunday. "We experienced a leak in the crude unit and it resulted in a spray that was picked up by dense fog in the area and that fog carried the oil over to a portion of our community near the facility," Trahan said. "We apologize for any inconvenience this could cause and we have a group that is processing claims and meeting with individuals." Trahan added "the level of crude oil exposure we are talking about, would not be expected to cause any harm." He said the refinery has begun the cleanup process and is "working with vendors in the Chalmette area to assist in that effort." Stewart's neighbor, Chrystina Kidd, also said her vehicle was splattered. "Oh my God! I thought it was my work car garage!" said Kidd, after she was told of the release. She said the garage at her work is under construction so she thought that might have caused the splatter. "Washing the car didn't get it off!" Kidd said. Stewart's wife, Sherry, said that while they are used to bad odors, "We have never had anything like this." Steve Stewart said he will often wake up at 2 a.m. or 3 a.m. and smell "that terrible sulphur odor." "But what can we do?" Stewart questioned. "We have the option of moving, but, you know, this is home." Parish President Dave Peralta said the ExxonMobile Chalmette Refinery has contacted him and "at least 20 people have called us up wondering what happened and what they should do." Councilman Richie Lewis, who represents the district that includes refinery, said that in addition to his own car, his patio, furniture, pool, lawnmower, roof, and several other material possession were covered. "Does it destroy my A.C.? What effect does it really have?" Lewis asked. He said the oil cloud may have traveled quite far down the parish, as he's heard from residents a mile east of the refinery.

[http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2013/01/st\\_bernard\\_parish\\_residents\\_wa.html](http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2013/01/st_bernard_parish_residents_wa.html)



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#### USA, WASHINGTON DC, JANUARY 23 2013. DOT LAUNCHES FREE APP FEATURING EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDEBOOK >> DELIVERS HAZMAT SAFETY INFO INTO THE HANDS OF EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

 **Watch the Video:** [DOT Launches Free App Featuring Emergency Response Guidebook](#)

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) today announced a free, mobile web app of its Emergency Response Guidebook 2012 (ERG). The new safety tool will provide the nation's emergency responders with fast, easily accessible information to help them manage hazardous material incidents. The mobile ERG will make it easier for firefighters, police and other emergency first responders to quickly locate the information they need, thanks to an electronic word search function, and will ensure easy reading even during nighttime emergencies. The 2012 version of the ERG includes new evacuation tables for large toxic gas spills and standard response procedures for gas and liquid pipeline incidents. "The first 30 minutes are the most crucial when it comes to responding to a hazmat situation," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. "The new app is both mobile and flexible, and gives first responders the knowledge they need to protect themselves and their communities in an emergency." PHMSA and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Library of Medicine (NLM) joined forces in producing the two free ERG mobile applications. Links to download this software are available from the Apple iTunes website at [ERG 2012 for iPhone](#) and from the Google Play website at [ERG 2012 for Android](#). In addition, a version of the ERG is available in NLM's Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders (WISER) application. An instructional video for learning how to use the ERG2012 is also available on [PHMSA's website](#). "This invaluable tool improves the speed and accessibility to hazardous materials response information to those on the front line of accidents and incidents," said PHMSA Administrator Cynthia Quarterman. Chief Ernest Mitchell, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Fire Administrator for the U.S. Fire Administration, noted that the release of the 2012 ERG mobile app "will provide essential tools to help first responders safely deal with hazmat incidents. I always found the ERG to be extremely valuable and believe that a copy should be in every emergency response vehicle and in the hand of every first responder in America." The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration develops and enforces regulations for the safe, reliable, and environmentally sound operation of the nation's 2.5 million mile pipeline transportation system and the nearly 1 million daily shipments of hazardous materials by land, sea, and air. Please visit <http://phmsa.dot.gov> for more information.

<http://phmsa.dot.gov/portal/site/PHMSA/menuitem.ebdc7a8a7e39f2e55cf2031050248a0c/?vgnextoid=dbf6ac81d8e4c310VgnVCM1000001ecb7898RCRD&vgnextchannel=d248724dd7d6c010VgnVCM10000080e8a8c0RCRD&vgnextfmt=print>

#### PHILIPPINES, MANILA, JANUARY 24 2013. BOAT-TANKER COLLISION: NAVY RESCUES 21 FISHERMEN

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Twenty-one fishermen on a fishing boat were rescued by the Philippine Navy after it collided with a tanker in Manila early Tuesday, the Philippine Fleet said. The fishing boat "Lala Boom" hit the tanker ship 4.7 nautical miles off South Harbor, Manila. "MPAC BA485 was patrolling along Manila Bay when they spotted M/B Lala Boom B in distress situation with her right outrigger broken after it was rammed by Motorized Tanker Pulilan," said Lt. Sandy Abdulgani in a statement Wednesday. Abdulgani also said that the boat attempted to cross the tanker's bow loaded with jet fuel but in the process led to the collision. Deputy public information officer of the Philippine Fleet Lieutenant Senior Grade Rommel Rodriguez told reporters that it has been a superstition of the fishermen to cross the bow of big ships because it meant good luck and good catch. M/T Pulilan was manned by 14 persons and was headed for the Pasig Entrance to unload its cargo, while M/B Lala Boom B, which was staffed by 20 persons, was headed for the fishing grounds. The vessels were already towed to the Manila International Containers Port for the concerned companies to settle the case. Philippine Fleet's Commander, Rear Admiral Orwen Cortez, commended his men for a quick response and called on fishermen to refrain from such superstition that poses great dangers to lives at sea.

<http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/345639/boat-tanker-collision-navy-rescues-21-fishermen>

#### SCOTLAND, DUNKELD, JANUARY 24 2013. A9 MOTORIST DIES AFTER HEAD-ON TANKER CRASH NEAR DUNKELD

A man thought to be in his 20s has died after his car was involved in a head-on crash with a tanker on the A9. The accident happened north of Jubilee Bridge, Dunkeld, at about 20:30 on Tuesday evening. The man was travelling north in a blue Renault Clio when it was in collision with a blue articulated tanker operated by McPhersons of Aberlour, which was heading in the opposite direction. Tayside Police said the 44-year-old lorry driver was uninjured. The road was closed for several hours, but bad weather meant diversions put in place for small vehicles were unsuitable for lorries and buses, which were held on the



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A9 until the road was re-opened. Officers have appealed for any witnesses to contact them. The dead man has still to be formally identified and his name will not be released until next of kin are informed.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-21161603>

#### USA, ARK, WASHINGTON CO, JANUARY 24 2013. TWO ARRESTED IN DIESEL FUEL SPILL



Washington County deputies arrested Daisy Bohannon and Anthony Stobaugh after catching up with them following a fuel spill early Tuesday. Traffic lanes reopened Tuesday morning on Highway 16 east of Elkins after hazmat crews cleaned diesel fuel off the road from a spill that happened when a truck pulling a stolen trailer with a tank of diesel fuel overturned. Deputies said a trailer carrying the tank was stolen from Terra Renewal Services in nearby Durham. An employee from there saw people driving off with a trailer hooked to a truck. "I take it was coming into work and noticed their utility trailer with a 300 gallon fuel tank on it was being towed away by a vehicle he didn't recognize," said Lt. Scott Young, Washington County Sheriff's Office. Young said a few miles down the road on Highway 16 the trailer came off. "The trailer hitch broke, the deputy that was out there says the ball broke off the trailer hitch." The diesel fuel spill required hours of work from the Elkins Fire Department and the Fayetteville

Hazmat team. Traffic was routed into one lane. "I know they were out there for almost four hours, it took some time to get a contractor there to clean it up and overseeing that operation," said Capt. Trent North, Fayetteville Hazmat Team. Bohannon and Stobaugh face theft of property, criminal mischief and criminal trespassing charges.

<http://5newsonline.com/2013/01/22/stolen-tanker-truck-causes-traffic-delays/>

#### USA, CO, JEFFERSON CO, JANUARY 25 2013. CRASH INVOLVING SEMI-TANKER, OIL SPILL CLOSES CLEAR CREEK CANYON FOR HOURS; BACK OPEN NOW >> 4 PEOPLE RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL, 2 IN CRITICAL

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 **Photo's [9]** [Oil Spill Closes Clear Creek Canyon for Hours](#)



Four people were rushed to St. Anthony hospital early Wednesday morning after a chain reaction crash involving a semi hauling asphalt oil. U.S. 6 through Clear Creek Canyon was closed in both directions between Golden and Highway 119 for several hours, but reopened at 3 p.m. The semi collided with a Jeep just after 2 a.m. between tunnels one and two in Clear Creek Canyon, according to Karlyn Tilley, a spokeswoman with the city of Golden. The semi and Jeep were headed opposite directions when they collided, Tilley said. Two other vehicles then hit the tanker, which had rolled. Two of the vehicles ended up on the frozen ice in the river. Emergency crews pulled five people from the crashes, two were in critical condition and two were serious, according to Tilley. The third had "fairly" minor injuries. The tanker leaked about 6,000 gallons of oil onto the river, but it hardens as it hits the ice, which made it easier to contain. Hazardous material crews were working to clean up the leak.

<http://www.thedenverchannel.com/traffic/traffic-news/crash-involving-semi-tanker-fuel-spill-closes-clear-creek-canyon>

#### USA, MO, HURDLAND, JANUARY 25 2013. TANKER TRUCK CRASH BLAMED ON WHEEL BEARING

john garlock

 **Watch the Video** [Tanker Truck Crash](#)

A one-vehicle rollover crash occurred at 12:45 Tuesday on Hwy 6 one mile west of Hurdland. The highway patrol says a tanker truck carrying anhydrous ammonia lost a wheel bearing, causing the driver to lose control of the big rig. The driver was Larry Mershon, 69, of Macomb, Ill. The patrol says the loss of the wheel bearing caused the tanker to travel off the right side and overturn. Mershon was taken by ambulance to Northeast Regional Medical center for treatment of minor injuries. The



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wreckage, which came to rest in a field, was not hauled away for hours until all the anhydrous could be pumped onto another truck.

<http://www.heartlandconnection.com/news/story.aspx?id=851033#.UQFqU79OSM4>

#### NEW ZEALAND, TAURANGA, JANUARY 25 2013. CONTAMINANT LEAK FROM RENA WRECK CONFIRMED



##### *Heightened contaminant levels in Astrolabe Reef.*

Testing of the area around the sunken stern of the shipwrecked Rena has confirmed fears of elevated level of contaminants around the wreck. But health officials in the Bay of Plenty are assuring the public this does not change the level of risk the wreck poses. Divers for from the Rena recovery monitoring team have recently gained greater access to the Astrolabe Reef following more than a year of salvage operations which have restricted their access. The presence of contaminants around the site had been expected and the samples are now undergoing further testing. "Sediment samples have shown elevated levels of contaminants including copper and PAH's (polyaromatic hydrocarbons) which are known contaminants that were lost to sea from the Rena and its cargo," Professor Chris Battershill from the University of Waikato said. "While we only have limited sampling information at this point, early indications are that the contamination is localised." The two nautical mile exclusion zone around the wreck remains in place and officials say there is no significant risk to seafood from the contaminants found from the Rena. Divers discovered that of the 36 remaining containers in the sunken ship's stern carrying known contaminants, many have broken up and their contents have escaped. Further tests will help determine what action is needed to remedy the contamination. "We are working hard to get more information for the public as soon as we can," Battershill said. "Once all the sampling, testing and analysis has taken place it is likely to be March when we will next be able to provide an update." Of the 1368 containers carried on board at the time of the grounding, 1007 have been recovered. Salvors are now using specialist heavy-lifting equipment to remove the remaining cargo, wreck and container debris from an area of approximately 10,000 square metres around the wreck. More than 256 tonnes of debris has been removed in the last month.

##### **By the Numbers**

- 477 days since the Rena's grounding off Tauranga
- 1007 containers recovered of the 1368 on board at the time of the grounding
- 10,000 square metres of sea floor where debris is being removed
- 22 containers carrying known substances lost at sea
- \$27.6m settlement covering government costs
- \$27m compensation fund set up in London for claims
- \$235m last estimate of the owners' expenses Cleaning up the wreckage from the sea floor will be a long, slow process.

<http://tvnz.co.nz/national-news/contaminant-leak-rena-wreck-confirmed-5325272>

#### USA, MA, BOSTON, JANUARY 25 2013. HEATING OIL CO. FINED FOR HAZMAT DISPOSAL VIOLATION

A Stoughton oil company will pay \$80,000 to settle allegations that it used rickety containers to transport what Attorney General Martha Coakley's office is calling "petroleum-soaked solids" to the Allston rail yard. Those solids, Coakley's office said, leaked hazardous waste onto the ground, and the company, Cyn Oil Corp., failed to transport the containers for out-of-state disposal. Cyn Oil and Coakley's office signed the settlement agreement in Suffolk Superior Court Friday. The company was accused of using a 20-yard "roll-off" containers to bring the polluted materials to Allston, and instead of putting the containers on rail transporters, left them sitting in the rail yard loosely covered by a tarp, in violation of state environmental law and Department of Environmental Protection regulation. The containers leaked about 35 gallons of waste oil onto the ground. State law also requires that records of waste transportation and transfer are kept. Coakley's office claimed Cyn Oil kept no records of the waste-containing containers. Under the terms of the settlement, Cyn will pay \$80,000 in civil penalties to the state. Coakley's office said \$30,000 of that fine will be waived if the company complies with all obligations of the consent judgment, including inspecting all of its containers to ensure their structural integrity.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/boston/news/2013/01/23/heating-oil-hazmat-disposal-fine.html>



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### USA, WA, SEATTLE, JANUARY 25 2013. SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERED TO CLEAN UP CONTAMINATION AROUND DRINKING WATER WELLS

The Lapwai School District in Lapwai, Idaho must clean up an inactive drywell contaminated with solvents (TCE & PCE) to protect nearby public drinking water wells, according to a press release. The cleanup will be conducted under a legal order issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The drywell lies under an asphalt parking lot at the Lapwai School District bus maintenance facility, which is separated from the Lapwai Elementary School by a fence. Two drinking water wells are located about 150 feet northwest of the drywell. The latest sampling results available for the well nearest the drywell (2010) did not show contamination, but the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has recently taken more samples as a precaution. The sample results should be available by the end of the January 2013.

 **Related Stories** [Dry cleaning solvent contaminating drinking water wells in Utah](http://www.watertechonline.com/articles/165979-school-district-ordered-to-clean-up-contamination-around-drinking-water-wells)

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### NIGERIA, AREPO, JANUARY 25 2013. BURNING GASOLINE PIPELINE IN NIGERIA'S SOUTHWEST SHOWS SPREAD OF OIL UNREST IN MAJOR PRODUCER

A gasoline pipeline that runs through southwest Nigeria has been attacked, bursting into flames and starting a fire that continued to burn hours later. The attack happened early Wednesday morning in Arepo, a town just north of Nigeria's megacity of Lagos. Officials with Nigeria's Security and Civil Defense Corps told The Associated Press that they blamed the attack on a group of thieves who have been increasingly targeting pipelines in the region. Such attacks remain all-too common in Nigeria's oil-rich Niger Delta in its southeast. However, there have been several recent attacks on gasoline pipelines in the southwest, suggesting thieves now feel emboldened and can strike with impunity. That doesn't bode well for Nigeria, which already has problems importing enough fuel for the nation of more than 160 million people.

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2013/01/23/burning-gasoline-pipeline-in-nigeria-southwest-shows-spread-oil-unrest-in-major/>

### USA, TX, FORT WORTH, JANUARY 25 2013. BENZENE LEVELS AT FORT WORTH, DISH GAS COMPRESSOR STATIONS QUESTIONED

*jim fuquay*

A private group that has been critical of natural gas operations says recent testing found "elevated" levels of benzene at two area sites, including one in Fort Worth. ShaleTest said Wednesday that its own short-term test near a pipeline compressor station in the Denton County community of Dish found that benzene, a carcinogen, exceeded the state's threshold for long-term exposure. ShaleTest, whose organizers include former Dish Mayor Calvin Tillman, also said the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality found a similar level of benzene at a site near downtown Fort Worth after making an inspection in response to the group's complaint. The state agency, however, said the levels measured at either site would not present health problems unless they persisted for decades, although it plans to conduct follow-up tests at the Fort Worth site. It made two tests at the Fort Worth site, one lasting 30 minutes and one lasting eight seconds, to account for shifting winds. The agency sets thresholds for long-term and short-term exposures to benzene and other substances that carry health risks. The long-term risk threshold for benzene -- defined as the average annual exposure needed to produce one additional cancer case among 100,000 people exposed continuously for their lifetimes -- is 1.4 parts per billion. The short-term threshold, defined as one hour and capable of producing temporary conditions like headaches or dizziness, is 180 ppb. ShaleTest said its short-term test Oct. 28 found a concentration of 3.8 ppb downwind of a Kinder Morgan compressor station in Dish. The state agency's 30-minute test of a Texas Midstream Gas Services compressor station found a benzene concentration of 1.5 ppb, and its eight-second test measured 4.1 ppb. TCEQ visited that site, just west of Interstate 35W and north of East Belknap Street, on Oct. 31. Tillman said Thursday homes are near both sites, and a city park near the Fort Worth site, "so they're being exposed pretty consistently." The agency's inspection found that the site was operating within the emission levels allowed by its permit, but recommended future tests because of the benzene reading. In a response to ShaleTest's report, agency spokesman Terry Clawson said "it is not scientifically appropriate to compare" short-term test results against long-term thresholds. He said the agency has a network of monitors in the area that constantly test for dozens of chemicals. Tillman said his group also noted but did not measure emissions from a number of other natural gas sites in the Barnett Shale. "The public bodies aren't doing what they need to do to protect us," he said.

<http://www.star-telegram.com/2013/01/23/4570536/benzene-levels-at-fort-worth-dish.html>



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### USA, AKA, KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH, JANUARY 25 2013. LEADING LADY SPILL CONTAINED BUT OYSTER SALES SHUT DOWN

naomi klouda



*A dive team raised the F/V Kupreanof and Leading Lady to the surface of Jakolof Bay in separate operations on Saturday and Monday. The process calls for installing lines and float devices so a crane can lift the boats. Some 12 containers of various sizes held fuels that are now removed. A Coast Guard investigation continues.*

Divers were able to raise the sunken fishing vessels, the F/V's Kupreanof on Saturday and the Leading Lady Monday from Jakolof Bay, some four weeks after the boats went down in 48 inches of heavy snowfall. But enough fuel spilled in the sensitive oyster farm waters that the Alaska Department of Natural Resources announced today, Wednesday, that all commercial sales of the oysters from this area are shut down. "These oyster farms have been notified of the spill, and the ADEC Division of Environmental Health has issued a Stop Sale Order for the oysters in that area. The area is used by migratory birds and sea otters," the release said. "Oysters and mussels from the farms in Jakolof Bay will be quality tested by ADEC's Environmental Health division before the spring harvest." Both commercial fishing vessels, each more than 50-feet long, locked together while sinking on Christmas Day. Storms, inclemently low temperatures and delays in equipment meant the U.S. Coast Guard and clean up contractor Global Diving and Salvage, couldn't raise them until early this week. "The weather cooperated, but it wouldn't let us in Thursday or Friday," said Coast Guard PO2 David Simonds. It was nearly dark by the time the Kupreanof refloated in the water on Saturday and later on Monday afternoon when the Leading Lady surfaced through a complex process of crane lifts and air-injected floatation devices. The vessels' owner, Timothy Barclay, said he wanted to repair and maintain the vessels, purchased in recent years, but lacked funding while in the midst of an expensive lawsuit. He is in federal court in the case of Barclay vs (Marcus) Fuller asserting ownership rights on the 38-foot FV Sarah Nicole. Barclay was in Homer during the raising of his boats Monday. He said he has lived here for two years but has a Valdez address because that is where his federal case originated. The U.S. Coast Guard said weather hampered their efforts repeatedly last week as they tried to get to the site in Jakolof Bay where the two wooden-hulled fishing boats went down. Of concern was the amount of fuel leaking into the sensitive oyster farm waters of the bay. "We immediately removed the liquid from the Kupreanof, and found no fuel on board. We pumped out all the water and sent it to the Homer Harbor where it will be until its picked up to be towed away by the boat yard," Simonds said. What residents in the area described as a sizable sheen on sensitive oyster farm waters had diminished by the time the Coast Guard supervised the spreading of a 500-foot boom. Some 12 containers of fuel in various sizes were cleaned from the Leading Lady. The dive team consisted of five people, one to dive below the surface and fix floatation devices beneath the vessel and other crew for support and contact. Once those were in place, air was pumped into the devices and a heavy-lift crane freighted in on a barge lifted the vessels. In the original sinking, there were about 50 gallons of diesel fuel and 35 gallons of hydraulics and lubricants aboard the Leading Lady, Barclay had immediately reported to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, which made out the spill incident report. Once removed from the bay, each of the vessels is under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources. They are considered confiscated in a tow for trespassing on state lands. Simonds described this as being tidal lands beneath the surface of the bay as the location of the 'trespass.' "The state is seizing them as if they are trespassing on state lands," Simonds said. "They are telling them it's the same as if you have a car parked in a (unauthorized) parking lot, your car would be towed. The state will be giving them 20 days to pay for the tow. It's expensive. If he doesn't pay it within a time period, then the state puts it up for auction." Barclay said he got behind the eight ball a year ago when the Sarah Nicole was "stolen" from him and he was deprived of his livelihood. He had planned on using the Leading Lady to fish for cod. He got the Kupreanof in the spring of 2010 and hoped to fix it up. "I couldn't afford insurance or maintenance on either boat – this lawsuit has cost me a \$1 million so far, all because my boat got stolen," Barclay said. "My money has been going to lawyers." Both the Kupreanof and the Leading Lady are moored below the Harbor Master's office in the Homer Harbor. Each shows signs of significant damage from sinking. The Coast Guard will issue an official news release at the end of their investigation. In the meantime, this is the release from the DNR, issued today, Wednesday:



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**Amount of Spill:** The owner of the vessel estimates that approximately 50 gallons of diesel fuel and 35 gallons of hydraulic fluids and lube oils were on board the F/V Leading Lady at the time of sinking. All diesel fuel was released while the vessel was submerged. According to the owner, the F/V Kupreanof had no fuel on board at the time of sinking.

**Cause of Spill:** The exact cause of the sinking is unknown at this time; however, the area received 48 inches of snow in the prior 48 hours, which may have contributed to the sinking of the vessels.

**Source Control:** The vessels were refloated and all recoverable pollutants removed.

**Response Action:** The Coast Guard re-floated the Kupreanof on Sunday, January 20, and the Leading Lady on Tuesday, January 22. The Alaska Department of Natural Resources took possession of the vessels after they were re-floated.

**Resources Affected:** Jakolof Bay is within the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area and contains several oyster farms. These oyster farms have been notified of the spill, and the ADEC Division of Environmental Health has issued a Stop Sale Order for the oysters in that area. The area is used by migratory birds and sea otters. No species listed in the Endangered Species Act have been identified as using this area at this time of year. Jakolof Bay is a high use recreational area.

**Future Plans & Recommendations:** The vessels are currently moored in Homer Harbor. Their condition is being monitored by an ADNR contractor. When tides allow, the vessels will be transported to a boat yard in Homer and be auctioned or disposed of. Oysters and mussels from the farms in Jakolof Bay will be quality tested by ADEC's Environmental Health division before the spring harvest.

<http://homertribune.com/2013/01/leading-lady-spill-contained/>

#### USA, IN, PARKE CO, ROCKVILLE, JANUARY 25 2013. POLICE: DUMP TRUCK LOSES 5 TONS OF OILY SOIL

State Police say a dump truck hauling oil-tainted soil from a cleanup site lost about 5 tons of its oily load along a western Indiana roadway. Police say a witness flagged down the truck's driver Wednesday after noticing that its rear dump gate was open and soil was falling from the truck onto a Parke County road. A hazardous material crew was sent to clean up a two-mile-long section of the road, which State Police temporarily closed. Police cited 48-year-old Timothy Parke of Jamestown for the road spill and issued warnings for other infractions. The truck is owned by MZ Transport of Greenwood, which police said appears to be a contractor for the cleanup. Police said they had no information about the site where the load originated.

<http://www.wlfi.com/dpp/mobile/police-dump-truck-loses-5-tons-of-oily-soil>

#### USA, CA, NICE, JANUARY 25 2013. KEROSENE SPILL PROMPTS CLEANUP EFFORTS OUTSIDE NICE HOME

*jeremy walsh*

A private cleanup company Tuesday worked to address issues with kerosene spilled outside an East Highway 20 home two weeks ago. The incident occurred when a fuel deliverer splashed kerosene on the residence and ground while trying to fill a storage tank for a space heater Jan. 9, Lake County Environmental Health Director Raymond Ruminski said Wednesday. "There is not an acute risk to near neighbors or passersby," he added. The cleanup involves removing soil where the material spilled and replacing parts of the home that were contaminated, according to Ruminski. The spill took place on the 3900 block of East Highway 20. He said it was not unusual for such a project to take several weeks to complete.

[http://www.record-bee.com/ci\\_22432792/kerosene-spill-prompts-cleanup-efforts-outside-nice-home](http://www.record-bee.com/ci_22432792/kerosene-spill-prompts-cleanup-efforts-outside-nice-home)

#### CANADA, LABRADOR, JANUARY 25 2013. SHIPPING COMPANY FINED AFTER DIESEL SPILLED IN LABRADOR HARBOUR

Coastal Shipping Limited and the operator of the vessel Mokami have been fined \$115,000 after spilling 70 litres of diesel fuel into the waters of Williams Harbour in Labrador. Coastal Shipping Limited and operator Bradley Doyle pled guilty to violations under the federal Fisheries Act, according to a January 17, 2013 news release from Environment Canada. The company was fined \$100,000, and Doyle must pay \$15,000. Environment Canada says the spill occurred while fuel was being transferred from the ship to storage tanks in the community. The company and ship's master pleaded guilty to failing to properly clean up the spill or mitigate damage, and failing to report it to authorities. Williams Harbour, known locally as Tabby's Harbour, is located within the environmentally-sensitive Gilbert Bay Marine Protected Area. Gilbert Bay provides important habitat for a variety of fish species, including the unique Gilbert Bay Atlantic Cod population. Half of the total fines will go into the Environmental Damages Fund for priority projects that will benefit the natural environment.

<http://www.hazmatmag.com/news/shipping-company-fined-after-diesel-spilled-in-labrador-harbour/1002011650/>



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#### PAKISTAN, LAHORE, JANUARY 25 2013. **GAS CYLINDER EXPLOSION: DHA BLAST LEAVES 40 INJURED**



*Rescuers, reporters and bystanders gather at the scene of a gas cylinder explosion at the H Block market in DHA.*

At least 40 people were injured on Wednesday when a gas cylinder exploded in the kitchen of a restaurant in H-Block, Defence Housing Authority (DHA). No death had been reported by the time this report was filed. According to the Mayo Hospital DMS (Emergency) 13 people were admitted to the hospital, of which four – Zareef, 30, Ismat, 35, Basharat, 55, and Afzal Abbas, 44 – are in a critical condition. Of these, Zareef and Ismat are thought to have been closest to the kitchen when the blast occurred. Six injured were taken to Lahore General Hospital, where doctors treating them said they were now out of danger. Some of the other injured were identified as Riaz, 30; Sabir, 27; Farooq, 22; Muhammad Israr, 35; Kashif, 16; Sarfraz, 35; Asif, 20; Abdul Jabbar; Qaiser, 13; Inayat, 24; Nazir Masih, 28; Aziz, 15; Mushtaq, 35; and Abdul Latif, 32. "Many received cuts

and abrasions from shards of broken glass," said Jam Sajjad, Rescue 1122 public relations officer. Around 20 people with minor injuries were administered first-aid on the spot by Rescue 1122 and emergency teams. The blast occurred at around 12:15 pm. The windows of some nearby buildings and cars parked in the vicinity were also shattered. Police said the restaurant building had been completely destroyed.

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/498237/gas-cylinder-explosion-dha-blast-leaves-40-injured/>

#### NIGERIA, ABUJA, KARU. JANUARY 25 2013. **JANUARY 25 2013. 3 OFFICERS INJURED AS TANKER RAMS INTO POLICE POST**

catherine agbo



Three female police officers sustained varying degrees of injury when a tanker rammed into a police out-post at Karu Junction, along the Abuja-Keffi highway. The incident occurred Tuesday evening when the driver of the tanker, who was also injured and is currently in police detention, lost control of the vehicle. Recall that the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) in 2011 banned heavy duty vehicles from plying the route, which had become notorious for accidents involving such vehicles at peak periods of the day to avert such incidents. One of the witnesses who spoke with Leadership on the condition of anonymity said the tanker, which was loaded with kerosene was descending the steep slope from Kugbo axis of the road and had tried to apply the brakes but the brakes reportedly failed and it was in a bid to avoid running into other vehicles that he

veered off the road and ran into the police post by the junction. The incident was said to have sparked commotion in the area as commercial motorcycle operators waiting for passengers at the foot of the bridge as well as hawkers and other motorists scampered to safety when the truck fell. The witness said the truck which fell off the road damaged the mast and antenna at the post and spilled its content on the road as well as fruits and vegetables sold by the petty traders, adding that it took the intervention of the police to stop spectators from approaching the vehicle and obstructing traffic on the ever busy road. He said that another tanker was immediately brought in by the police to discharge the remaining product in the vehicle, just as traffic into Karu was diverted through the Nyanya-Jikwoyi route. When contacted, the Divisional Crime Officer (DCO) at the Karu Police Division who headed the operation confirmed the incident stating that the situation was under control and the injured officers have received medical attention. He said the driver of the tanker was with officers of the division assisting them in further investigation into the cause of the incident.

[http://leadership.ng/nga/articles/45892/2013/01/24/3\\_officers\\_injured\\_tanker\\_rams\\_police\\_post.html](http://leadership.ng/nga/articles/45892/2013/01/24/3_officers_injured_tanker_rams_police_post.html)

#### NEW ZEALAND, WELLINGTON, JANUARY 25 2013. **CUSTOMS EYES UP FUEL FIRMS' 'SLOPS'**

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Customs is investigating whether fuel companies are avoiding paying millions in tax by recycling so-called "slops" into petrol, without paying excise. In December the Court of Appeal ruled in favour of Customs in its case against Australian-owned Gull,



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after claiming it is owed up to \$22 million in unpaid excise and penalties. The action dated back to 2010, when Customs discovered Gull was quietly blending butane into petrol, and claimed it was gaining a tax advantage by paying the lower rate of excise on that additional volume. During the course of the investigation Customs' attention was drawn to what the industry refers to as "slops", undefined hydrocarbon mixtures created by fuel companies through the unavoidable mixing of petrol, diesel and jet fuel. The mixture is created in small volumes from the draining of residual liquid in fuel trucks when they return to fuel terminals. Larger volumes are believed to be created in the form of "interface", the mixed grade created when a fuel pipeline switches from carrying one type of fuel to another. Collected in tanks, the slops are later recycled into other forms of fuel, although industry sources say it is virtually all mixed into petrol. This is because jet fuel must remain effectively pure, while adding petrol to diesel makes it too explosive. Jet fuel contains too much sulphur for a diesel mixture to meet fuel specifications. However, there are claims this could avoid tax, because both diesel and jet fuel are excise exempt. Customs has already had contact with Wiri Oil Services, which operates the 167km fuel pipeline between the fuel refinery at Marsden Point and Auckland. Wiri is owned by the four major fuel companies, Z Energy, BP, Chevron (which markets fuel as Caltex) and Mobil. Wiri Oil Services Limited general manager Ian Cummings said Customs had been in contact last year about the slops issue and whether to switch responsibility for excise to the Auckland end of the pipeline. However, since the latest court decision, which effectively reversed a decision of the High Court in Gull's favour, Wiri has had no contact from Customs, Cummings said. While the interface could be "several thousand litres at a time", occurring approximately daily or every other day, Cummings said, the volumes involved were "minimal" in comparison to overall volumes, with Wiri receiving 3 billion litres of fuel a year. A spokeswoman for Customs confirmed the issue was live, but no decision had been made over whether to make a claim against Wiri, or other terminal operators, for unpaid excise. "We're looking into the issue for one oil terminal at the moment, and it may arise for other pipelines, but we haven't finalised our approach and we haven't decided whether we'll be making assessments". At the time of the Court of Appeal ruling Gull general manager Dave Bodger said the decision would have implications for the wider industry, in reference to the slops issue. Gull, which has 3-4 per cent of the retail fuel market, created about 50,000 litres of slops a year, "99.9 per cent of which" came from residual amounts drained from fuel tankers, Bodger said. Its own terminal pipeline in Tauranga uses a rubber "pig" to wipe the line clean, in a way he believed other fuel terminals did not do, meaning more slops would be created elsewhere. Bodger said the process of mixing slops into fuel was "sensible" as it effectively recycled fuel, which he believed would meet fuel specifications.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/industries/8220832/Customs-eyes-up-fuel-firms-slops>

### CANADA, B.C, VANCOUVER, JANUARY 25 2013. CANADIANS FEAR SPILL FROM NEW KINDER MORGAN PIPELINE, TANKERS



*Chevron refinery on Burrard Inlet in Burnaby, British Columbia near the Kinder Morgan pipeline terminal.*

Canadian environmental groups today warned that a new proposal by Kinder Morgan pipeline company would "exponentially" raise the risk of a major oil spill in the Salish Sea's most populous region, including the cities of Vancouver and Victoria. The insurance available to cover response costs and damages of such a spill would fall short, leaving Canadian taxpayers to pay up to 90 percent of these costs, finds a report by the Georgia Strait Alliance, Living Oceans Society, West Coast Environmental Law and the Wilderness Committee. The Salish Sea is the network of coastal waterways between the southwestern tip of the Canadian province of British Columbia, and the northwestern tip of the U.S. state of Washington, including the Strait of Georgia, the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and Puget Sound. The groups' [report](#) follows a January 10 announcement by Kinder Morgan Canada that the company now proposes to enlarge capacity of the Trans Mountain pipeline to 890,000 barrels per day from a previously planned 750,000 bpd. The current Trans Mountain Pipeline runs from Edmonton, Alberta to Burnaby, British Columbia. The company has announced plans to build a C\$5.4 billion new pipeline in parallel to it. The new pipeline would bring total capacity to 890,000 barrels per day, mostly crude oil to be shipped to Asia via oil tankers from Burnaby, a suburb of Vancouver located on Burrard Inlet. "Thirteen customers in the Canadian producing and oil marketing business have now signed binding, long-term



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contracts, which demonstrates the need for this proposed expansion that will serve both existing and new markets," said Ian Anderson, president of Kinder Morgan Canada. Some of the product planned for the new pipeline is heavy bitumen from the Alberta tar sands. "Ever since they took control of the Transmountain Pipeline and Westridge Terminal in 2005 Kinder Morgan has worked to quietly increase tar sands oil exports through their pipeline and onto to tankers in Vancouver Harbour," said Wilderness Committee campaigner Ben West last March. Now, between 70-90 Aframax oil tankers a year travel through the Strait of Juan de Fuca, across the Strait of Georgia, into Vancouver harbor and up Burrard Inlet. Each oil tanker can carry up to 750,000 barrels of oil. If Kinder Morgan's plan to build a new pipeline were to be approved, at least 300 oil tankers a year would be plying these waters. Larger Suezmax tankers are planned, which would require the dredging of Burrard Inlet. "The proposed escalation from 80 tankers per year to 400 or more into Kinder Morgan's Westridge Terminal in Burnaby, combined with other plans to expand shipping on the south coast, equals a phenomenal increase in the risk of a serious oil spill," said Brenda Belak, of West Coast Environmental Law. "The risk of oil spills is one of the main reasons that the majority of British Columbians on the Kinder Morgan tanker and pipeline route oppose the project," said Belak. The groups' report reviews the insurance structure set up by the International Maritime Organization after the Exxon Valdez disaster, which limits the liability of oil shippers and sets up funds that can be drawn on in the event of a major oil spill. Canada is signatory to all of these agreements. "Taken together, all four of the funds that respond to major oil spills would provide only \$1.34 billion, or about one-tenth of the estimated cost of a major spill," explained Karen Wristen of Living Oceans Society. A study by the Washington State Department of Ecology, conducted in 2004, concluded that a major spill would cost 165,000 jobs and US\$10.8 billion in economic impacts in Washington State alone. This does not include individual claims or environmental impacts. A study released last month by the University of British Columbia looked at spills on the Enbridge Northern Gateway tanker route and estimated a major spill would cause C\$9 billion in damage to the North Coast economy. "The Salish Sea is already recognized as one of Canada's most at-risk bodies of water," said Christianne Wilhelmson, with Georgia Strait Alliance. "When we consider how many aspects of our local economy are driven by a clean, productive and aesthetically attractive ocean, a major oil spill represents the potential for widespread and long-term damages." The Salish Sea is inhabited by killer whales, at least 200 species of fish, over 1,500 species of invertebrates, 100 species of marine birds, and about 500 species of marine plants. British Columbia's Fraser River is the largest producer of salmon on the Pacific coast of North America. The region is home to over seven million people who live around the shores of Puget Sound, Georgia Strait and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The memory of the Exxon Valdez oil spill that devastated Alaska's Prince William Sound in 1989 informs the groups' report. "That accident, and an estimated 80 percent of all shipping accidents, occurred as a result of human error," said Gwen Barlee of the Wilderness Committee, based in Vancouver. "You can't design that factor out of the system, and not acknowledging that in risks assessments is foolhardy." The U.S. Coast Guard has estimated that even if the Exxon Valdez been a double-hulled tanker such as the ones that are proposed to serve the Kinder Morgan terminal, it would still have ruptured. The spill might have been reduced by 25 to 40 percent, but it would still have wiped out the herring fishery and devastated the economy of Alaska's Cordova Bay, the groups point out. Presently, Kinder Morgan is conducting outreach and consultation with land owners, First Nations, businesses, local governments, and other stakeholders. The company hopes to file a formal application to the National Energy Board in late 2013, have construction start in 2016, and be shipping oil by 2017.

<http://ens-newswire.com/2013/01/24/canadians-fear-spill-from-new-kinder-morgan-pipeline-tankers/>

#### **LIBYA, TRIPOLI, JANUARY 25 2013. FIREWORKS HURT 150 AS LIBYA MARKS PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY**

Almost 150 people, mostly children, were injured by fireworks in Tripoli set off to celebrate the Prophet Mohammed's birthday, hospital sources said on Thursday. "On Wednesday night we received more than 120 victims, mostly children, who suffered from burns of varying degrees," news agency LANA quoted Bashir al-Shawess of Tripoli's burns hospital as saying. Another hospital, in the Abu Slim area of the Libyan capital, reported that 25 patients were admitted with similar injuries. Libyans celebrate the Prophet's birthday every year with firework displays and firecrackers, but because of lax import regulations after the country's 2011 revolution, more powerful pyrotechnics have been allowed in. Loud explosions were heard late on Wednesday during the celebrations, an Agence France Presse correspondent said. "This reminds us of the night of Tripoli's liberation (from slain strongman Moammar Gadhafi)" in August 2011, a Libyan radio broadcaster said of the rebel forces' move into the capital.

<http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/69643-fireworks-hurt-150-as-libya-marks-prophet-s-birthday>



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