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#### USA, CA, SAN DIEGO, JANUARY 31 2013. 3 TEENAGE BOYS HOSPITALIZED AFTER PLAYING WITH EXPLOSIVES IN ENCINITAS CANYON >> 2 OF THE TEENS SUFFERED 'TRAUMATIC INJURIES'

Sheriff's officials said three teens were hospitalized Wednesday afternoon after suffering injuries while playing with fireworks. According to the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, the three teenage boys -- ages 15, 15, and 17 -- were hurt shortly before 2:45 p.m. in a canyon off Bonita Road. Someone notified authorities of a loud boom, prompting the response. Encinitas Fire Department officials told 10News two of the boys "sustained traumatic injuries" and were taken to Sharp Memorial Hospital. The third teen was taken to Scripps Encinitas Hospital with minor injuries. Sheriff's officials did not disclose the type of explosives the teens had in their possession. Sheriff's officials are investigating the incident.

<http://www.10news.com/news/3-teenage-boys-hospitalized-after-playing-with-explosives-in-encinitas-canyon>

#### MEXICO, MEXICO CITY, FEBRUARY 1 2013. MEXICO CITY BLAST AT STATE OIL FIRM PEMEX KILLS 25



The 54-floor Pemex building is 214m (702 ft) tall.

The number of people killed by a blast in Mexico City at the headquarters of the state oil company, Pemex, has risen to 25, the interior minister has said. At least 100 people were injured and an unknown number are trapped in rubble at the base of the 54-storey tower. The search for survivors continues. The cause of the blast is under investigation, Pemex says. Last September, 30 people died in an explosion at a Pemex gas plant in northern Mexico.

##### Anxious Relatives

Thursday's explosion in the lower floors of the building happened as shifts were changing in the afternoon, making the area particularly crowded. Television pictures showed debris from the blast spread out on to the street in front of the building, and Red Cross ambulances on the scene attending to the injured. Hundreds of rescuers helped by dogs are searching the building for around 30 people thought to be trapped inside. Police have cordoned off the streets around the building, which is located in a busy commercial area of Mexico City. Pemex says its operations will continue to run normally - and commercial and financial obligations will continue to be met - despite the blast. The company's chief executive, Emilio Lozoya Austin, cut short a

business trip to Asia and was on his way back to Mexico, a Pemex statement said. Relatives of employees have gathered outside the building in search of information about their loved ones, local media report. Some are said to have tried to reach employees on their mobile phones but have had no reply. "The place shook, we lost power and suddenly there was debris everywhere. Colleagues were helping us out of the building," eyewitness Cristian Obele said. "We were talking and all of sudden we heard an explosion with white smoke and glass falling from the windows," another witness said. "People started running from the building covered in dust. A lot of pieces were flying."

##### At the Scene

Images of the blast posted on Twitter revealed large clouds of smoke billowing from the building. TV footage showed people being transported from the scene by helicopters. President Enrique Pena Nieto and Mexico City Mayor Miguel Angel Mancera headed to the scene of the blast. Mr Pena said Pemex rescue and security teams were working alongside city authorities to help the injured. "I am deeply sorry for the deaths of our fellow workers at Pemex. My condolences to their relatives," Mr Pena [said on Twitter](#). "At the moment, the priority is to help the injured and protect the physical safety of those who work there." The president said he has ordered an investigation into the causes of the blast. Earlier on Thursday, Pemex had reported problems with the electricity in the building [in a message on Twitter](#). It later confirmed that an explosion had taken place "in the B2 building of the administrative centre". Plaster had fallen from the ceiling of the basement and the situation was "delicate", a spokesman for local emergency services was quoted by the Reuters news agency as saying. Pemex has experienced a number of fatal accidents in recent years. Last September's deadly blast at a gas plant near the northern town of Reynosa is thought to have been caused by a build-up of gas.

##### Will Grant - BBC News, Mexico City

The Pemex building in the north of Mexico City is surrounded by large numbers of federal police and paramedics. Sniffer dogs are being used to look for people trapped under the rubble. Mexico City is used to earthquakes, and the emergency services seem well prepared for this type of disaster. The skyscraper withstood the blast too, with most of the damage confined to the ground and first floors. But night has set in now in the Mexican capital, further complicating the search. Some family members



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of missing workers are gathered outside the Pemex building for news of their loved ones, while others have travelled directly to the hospitals.

The authorities and paramedic teams are releasing information at regular intervals but the exact cause of the blast may still take some time to be confirmed. This is now by far the worst explosion in Mexico City for almost 30 years.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-21288214>

### CHINA, HENAN PROVINCE, SANMENXIA, FEBRUARY 1 2013. 26 KILLED IN BRIDGE COLLAPSE AFTER FIREWORKS TRUCK EXPLODES ON HENAN HIGHWAY

amy lee

 **Photo's [6] 26 Killed in Bridge Collapse**

 **Watch the Video 26 Killed in Bridge Collapse**



At least 26 people were killed when a truck carrying fireworks exploded and destroyed part of an elevated highway in central China's Henan Province, state media reported on Friday. Rescue crews are working frantically to find survivors who may have been trapped under more than a dozen vehicles that crashed off the bridge. The huge blast destroyed an 80-metre stretch of the Lianhuo highway between Luoyang and Sanmenxia in Henan province, and was powerful enough to shatter the windows of a nearby truck stop. Witnesses said more than a dozen vehicles, including heavy freight trucks, plummeted more than 30 metres to the ground. The Lianhuo highway is a major national motor route running east-west across central China. Twenty-six people were killed in the blast, China National radio reported. At least 15 people were injured and

sent to nearby hospitals, the Henan Commercial Daily newspaper reported. There could be survivors trapped in the wrecked trucks that had plummeted off the damaged bridge, according to People's Daily. More than 200 rescue personnel had been dispatched to the site, it said. Photos posted by netizens on the popular social media service Weibo showed a stretch of elevated highway gone, with a truck perched precariously at the broken edge. Other photos showed damaged trucks below the bridge span and blackened chunks of scattered debris, including collapsed sections of the highway and cargo containers.

 **Related Links** [China Fireworks Truck Blast Causes Highway Collapse](http://www.scmp.com/news/china/article/1140972/26-killed-bridge-collapse-after-fireworks-truck-explodes-henan-highway)

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### USA, WASHINGTON DC, FEBRUARY 2, 2013. CSB ANNOUNCES PUBLIC MEETING IN LOUISVILLE, KY TO RELEASE FINAL REPORT INTO THE FATAL 2011 FIRE AND EXPLOSION AT CARBIDE INDUSTRIES.

Today the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) announced that it will hold a public meeting on February 7, 2013, to present the findings from its [investigation](#) into the March 21, 2011, fire and explosion that occurred at the Carbide Industries facility located in Louisville, KY. The accident fatally injured two workers and two others were injured when an electric arc furnace (EAF) over pressured and emitted powdered debris, hot gases, and molten calcium carbide. The hot gases and debris blown from the furnace broke through the double-pane reinforced glass window of the control room, severely burning the two workers inside; they died within 24 hours from burn injuries. CSB Chairperson Rafael Moure-Eraso said, "The CSB's public meeting will present the formal findings and safety recommendations resulting from this tragic accident. I encourage members of the public to attend the CSB's meeting." The meeting will take place at The Seelbach Hilton, 500 Fourth Street, Louisville, KY in the Medallion E&F Salon at 6:30 p.m. EST. The meeting will include a public comment period where members of the audience are encouraged to remark on the board's findings and recommendations. At the conclusion of the public comment period, the Board will consider whether to approve the final report and recommendations. The Board meeting is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required to attend the public meeting in person; to register for the event, please send email to [publicmeeting@csb.gov](mailto:publicmeeting@csb.gov). Members of the audience will have an opportunity to comment on the draft report and new safety recommendations, as presented by the investigative staff. The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating industrial chemical accidents. The agency's board members are appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. CSB investigations look into all aspects of chemical accidents, including physical causes such as equipment failure as well as inadequacies in regulations, industry standards, and safety



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<http://www.csb.gov/>

### USA, PA, YOUNGSTOWN, FEBRUARY 2 2013. TANKER CARRYING COOKING OIL CATCHES FIRE ON I-80

 **Watch the Video** [Tanker Carrying Cooking Oil Catches Fire on I-80](#)



Both westbound lanes of Interstate 80 between the Hubbard and Belmont Avenue exits have reopened, according to police. The lanes were shut down about 8 p.m. after a tanker truck carrying vegetable oil caught fire near the weigh station in Hubbard. One lane reopened just after 9 p.m. and the other reopened about 9:45 p.m., according to the Ohio Department of Transportation. A Trumbull County 911 supervisor said dozens of people called to report the fire. Liberty Fire Capt. Bill Opsitnik said the driver blew a tire and the friction caused a fire that burned the tanker's rear axles. He said the driver unhitched the trailer from his cab and pulled it a safe distance away to avoid an explosion. Crews from Liberty, the Eagle Joint Fire District, the Youngstown Air Reserve Station and Trumbull

County HazMat helped extinguish the blaze. A special foaming agent was used to douse the flames. The driver was not injured.

[http://www.foxyoungstown.com/content/news/local/story/Tanker-Carrying-Cooking-Oil-Catches-Fire-on-I-80/dYT\\_BdH-2Uu\\_WUtyk87osA.csp](http://www.foxyoungstown.com/content/news/local/story/Tanker-Carrying-Cooking-Oil-Catches-Fire-on-I-80/dYT_BdH-2Uu_WUtyk87osA.csp)

### USA, UT, WOODS CROSS, FEBRUARY 2 2013. FUEL SPILL SHUTS DOWN WOODS CROSS I-15 ON-RAMP

*michael mcfall*

Crews were working Thursday night to off load about 3,000 gallons of fuel from a tanker that rolled in Woods Cross. The tanker hit a jersey barrier and flipped on its side on the 2600 South on-ramp to southbound Interstate 15 about 5 p.m., said South Davis Metro Fire Deputy Chief Jeff Bassett. The tanker leaked about 50 gallons of diesel fuel because of the accident, forcing emergency responders to shut down the on-ramp. Hazardous material teams contained the leak and were working with the Utah Department of Health to clean it up. The remaining fuel was being transferred to another tanker, and the fire department expected to reopen the on-ramp by 10 p.m. The tanker driver was not hurt, Bassett said.

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/55744889-78/tanker-fuel-ramp-bassett.html.csp>

### USA, FLA, TAMPA, FEBRUARY 2 2013. TANKER TRUCK FIRE CLOSES US 41 NEAR PORT SUTTON

A tanker truck caught fire near Port Sutton on U.S. 41 (50th St.), closing the major north-south highway for nearly an hour. Hillsborough County Fire Rescue workers were able to contain the fire fairly quickly, and no injuries were reported.

[http://www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/region\\_hillsborough/tanker-catches-fire-near-port-sutton](http://www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/region_hillsborough/tanker-catches-fire-near-port-sutton)

### USA, CO, GATEWAY, FEBRUARY 2 2013. WILDLIFE OFFICIALS SAY RECENT TANKER CRASH KILLED FISH

*meaghan wallace*

 **Watch the Video** [Wildlife Officials Say Recent Tanker Crash Killed Fish](#)

Wildlife officials say a recent tanker rollover that leaked petroleum into a Colorado waterway is now to blame for killing a large amount of fish. Colorado Parks and Wildlife biologists are investigating the fish mortality. On Jan. 25, a tanker carrying 8,000 gallons of gasoline and fuel crashed on Highway 141 near Gateway. The tanker rolled down into the West Creek and caught on fire. Wildlife managers responded quickly to the scene to assess impacts on wildlife and did see and smell some petroleum downstream. Since the accident, wildlife officials have found large amounts of dead fish in the creek including brown and rainbow trout, sculpin and crayfish. Officials say a big concern is that this crash only happened about 10 miles away from the Dolores River. "That is a concern if it does go into the Dolores River, then of course, you start looking into that as well. All of it is part of our investigation. We're looking at how far it went down, how far of a stretch it was affected and will continue to do so in the weeks and months ahead," said Mike Porras, Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Aquatic biologists say a combination of the



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petroleum and the heat from the fire are what caused the severe stress - and ultimately death of the fish. Wildlife officials said once they've fully cleaned up the area, they hope to restock the area with fish.

<http://www.krextv.com/news/around-the-region/Wildlife-Officials-Say-Recent-Tanker-Crash-is-Killing-Fish-189397301.html>

#### USA, PA, PHILADELPHIA, FEBRUARY 2 2013. 1 INJURED AFTER VEHICLE, TANKER TRUCK COLLIDE



Officials are on the scene of a two vehicle crash that occurred on the westbound lanes of 676 near 3rd Street in Philadelphia. According to police, an vehicle collided and became stuck under a tanker truck just before 11 a.m. Friday. Police say the driver of the vehicle was trapped for a short time. After being rescued the driver was taken to an area hospital. More details on the driver's condition were not available.

<http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2013/02/01/1-injured-after-vehicle-tanker-truck-collide/>

#### USA, MISS, ST CHARLES, FEBRUARY 2 2013. ALL LANES OPEN AGAIN AT FUEL SPILL SITE ON EASTBOUND I-70

*mark schlinkmann*

All eastbound lanes are again open on Interstate 70 west of First Capitol Drive (Highway 94) as workers continue to clean up following a diesel fuel spill Friday morning. The Missouri Department of Transportation said two lanes that had been closed were reopened to traffic about 12:30 p.m. Michael Cooper, a supervisor with St. Charles County Dispatch and Alarm, said the incident occurred about 8:10 a.m. More than 50 gallons of fuel escaped from a ruptured tank on a delivery truck. He said the leak was contained in about a half hour and later stopped. No one was injured, he said.

[http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/stcharles/all-lanes-open-again-at-fuel-spill-site-on-eastbound/article\\_020e52d5-3fc5-5bbc-9352-7eea9cf361ea.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/stcharles/all-lanes-open-again-at-fuel-spill-site-on-eastbound/article_020e52d5-3fc5-5bbc-9352-7eea9cf361ea.html)

#### CANADA, B.C, SAANICH, FEBRUARY 2 2013. UNDERGROUND TANK LEAKED OIL INTO SWAN LAKE SANCTUARY

*katherine dedyna*



*Cleanup for an oil spill in swan lake nature sanctuary could continue for two weeks.*

An underground oil tank was the source of a small spill that leaked into Swan Creek and the Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary, a Saanich municipal manager says. The leak, which was reported Jan. 11 by sanctuary staff, was traced back to a tank in a yard on Easter Road at Saanich Road, said Ben Bowker, Saanich's manager of storm and wastewater. The municipality dug up and plugged drains at that property line to prevent further leakage, while the homeowner hired a company to pump out and remove the tank and do remediation work, Bowker said. Less than 30 litres of oil was collected with absorbent booms. Sanctuary grasses and bushes will absorb and "eat up" the remainder, Bowker said. "There's a balancing act between what's reasonable to do as far as remediation," he said, given that more damage can be caused by removal than by letting nature take its course. There have been no reports of

affected wildlife. A factsheet on the Saanich website notes that "one cup of fuel oil can contaminate enough water to fill an Olympic-sized swimming pool." Ministry of Environment staff were onsite Wednesday. When they are satisfied, the equipment will be removed. "Hopefully, we'll see an end to it in the next couple of weeks," Bowker said. No costs have yet been estimated, but they will be the responsibility of the homeowner, he said. The public has become more aware that oil in the water is a bad sign. "People are reporting it right away, and that allows us to track them down and deal with them," Bowker said. Saanich recorded 28 incidents in 2012 that involved contaminants such as diesel and home-heating oil spilling into



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Blenkinsop Creek, Colquitz River and the Gorge Waterway. Only a dozen spills were reported in the municipality from 2004 to 2011. On Dec. 8, a home-heating-oil spill spread a sheen on Blenkinsop Creek, which drains into Swan Lake, after heavy equipment used in a house demolition on Cedar Hill Cross Road apparently punctured a buried oil tank in the yard. Another spill was reported Dec. 6 after oil leaked from Gina Dolinsky's yard into the Gorge Waterway. The Adelaide Avenue homeowner was on the hook for cleanup costs until a contractor using ground penetrating radar discovered that the source of the spill was an abandoned oil tank on a neighbouring property. The owner was using electricity to heat his house and was not even aware of the buried tank.

<http://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/underground-tank-leaked-oil-into-swan-lake-sanctuary-1.64905>

### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, FEBRUARY 2 2013. WASHING MACHINE DESTROYED IN SPIDER HUNT

Along came a spider and a woman with insect spray - the washing machine blew up, the windows blew out and the woman was injured. Police say the 66-year-old woman spotted a spider on the washing machine of her Kirribilli home, on Sydney's north shore, about 1pm (AEDT) on Saturday. She opted for insecticide and sprayed the spider which ran under the machine. The woman pursued the spider, sprayed under the machine and it exploded. The blast blew out the kitchen and bathroom windows and destroyed the washing machine. Fire investigators believe the motor of the washing machine ignited the insect spray, triggering the explosion. She suffered blurred vision and singed hair, and was treated at the scene by paramedics. There was no sign of the spider, police say.

<http://news.ninensn.com.au/national/2013/02/02/18/01/washing-machine-destroyed-in-spider-hunt>

### USA, N.H, PELHAM, FEBRUARY 2 2013. COMMON FIREWORK IGNITED MORTAR SHELLS IN PELHAM EXPLOSION, REPORT FINDS

*patrick meighan*

Edmund Gleason saw firsthand how dangerous fireworks can be when an explosion burned his grandson and injured 11 other people on the eve of Independence Day. Gleason shared that experience with lawmakers Tuesday, when he was among the people who testified at a hearing concerning a bill to ban the type of "consumer fireworks" – which are sold for private use rather than public displays – that caused the explosion at a Pelham home. Three days after the hearing, state and local officials issued a preliminary report that deemed the cause of the explosion an accident, although the Hillsborough County Attorney, Pelham police and the state fire marshal haven't closed their investigation. A common commercial firework that was ignited on an open deck accidentally landed on an open bag of mortar shells, triggering an explosion that injured a family gathered for a pre-July 4 celebration, according to the preliminary report. Gleason said his grandson, who was 18 months at the time, has recovered from his injuries. But other family members still require medical treatment for skin grafts and other injuries, and the psychological effects may last a lifetime, said Rep. Brian Rhodes, D-Nashua, co-sponsor of the proposed legislation to ban the fireworks. "The injuries the people received there were catastrophic," Rhodes said. Rhodes is a deputy fire chief in Nashua, but he stressed his involvement with the bill was only as a state representative and not related to his job. State Fire Marshal J. William Degnan, Pelham Fire Chief James Midgley and Pelham Police Chief Joseph Roark released information Friday from an investigation of the 40 Dodge Road fireworks explosion on July 3. Investigators concluded the incident was an accident. The overall case remains under investigation by the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office, the Pelham Police Department and the State Fire Marshal's Office. According to the information released Friday, the consumer fireworks involved were unpackaged, reloadable mortar shells. About 344 shells were placed on an open deck at the back of the home, the investigation determined. Thirteen people injured in the explosion were either on the 14- by 14-foot deck or on an adjacent three-season porch, according to the report. The explosion occurred after a firework device, identified by witnesses as an aerial spinner, had been ignited on the deck and unintentionally landed in the pile of exposed reloadable mortar shells, the investigation found. The incident taxed the resources of the Pelham Fire and Police departments and surrounding communities, as the injured were transported from the scene by ambulance and medical helicopter to hospitals in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, according to the investigation. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reported in its 2011 Annual Fireworks Report, released in June 2012, that there were 900 injuries nationwide resulting from reloadable mortar aerial shells. The head, face, hands and fingers are the areas of the body most commonly injured. Four people from the Pelham explosion testified at the hearing for the bill, which is before the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, Rhodes said. One family member submitted written testimony, Rhodes said. Also testifying was an Amherst resident whose 11-year-old son was blinded in one eye by an accident in Maine with fireworks purchased in New Hampshire, Rhodes said.



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The bill's primary sponsor is Charlene Takesian, R-Pelham. This bill prohibits the retail sale of helicopters, aerial spinners, reloadable aerial shells and parachute aerial devices. The bill also establishes a violation for permissible fireworks retailers who fail to distribute required safety information to the purchaser. When the Legislature legalized consumer fireworks in 2011, a serious injury occurred within 20 days, Rhodes said. There were also 15 reported injuries within 18 months, Rhodes said. "There may have been more," he said. "We don't have mandatory reporting on burn injuries in New Hampshire." The aerial spinners that ignited the explosion, according to the report, don't move in a predictable pattern, making them dangerous, Rhodes said. "Once they are lit and they do what they're going to do, they're very unpredictable," Rhodes said. Rhodes said safety was his only concern in co-sponsoring the bill. Fireworks are set off for entertainment, and entertainment by definition means people are present, he said. "I'm not looking to curb small business in New Hampshire," Rhodes said. "I'm not looking to take money out of people's pockets. ... I'm not trying to be the 'fun police.'"

#### Related Links

- [Reloadable mortars 'a factor' in Pelham fireworks accident](#)
- ['Long haul' ahead in Pelham after fireworks mishap](#)
- [More reported injuries in Pelham fireworks accident](#)

<http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/news/992353-469/common-firework-ignited-mortar-shells-in-pelham.html>

#### NIGERIA, LAGOS, FEBRUARY 3 2013. SHELL NIGERIA SUMMONED OVER Ogoni CLEAN UP

*amina alhassan*

The Senate Committee on Environment and Ecology yesterday met with Shell Nigeria over the lingering oil spills and environmental degradation of Ogoni. The meeting, which was attended by the Managing Director/Country Chairman of Shell Mutiu O A Sunmonu and a team of Shell officials made a commitment to the committee to take immediate steps to remediate the oil spill in of Ejema Ebubu and Bomu Manifold communities before the end of 2013. At the meeting, which was held at the National Assembly Complex, the Committee expressed its displeasure at the delays to remediate the oil spill sites and the ineffectiveness of many remediation methods so far adopted in the country. The Committee also reiterated its discontent over Shell's handling of Ejema Ebubu, Bomu Manifold, Goi and Bodo spill sites among others and requested Shell to do full cleanup and remediate the sites before the end of this year. In its response, Shell expressed its willingness to remediate the impacted sites within its right of way, but said where the spills are out of its right of way; their biggest challenge has been that of the communities not allowing access to such sites. This it maintained, is the reason why it may not give definite commitment to the Committee on the remediation of Goi and Bodo oil spill sites within the year, but committed to the remediation of the Ejema Ebubu and Bomu Manifold communities as earlier stated.

<http://www.afriquejet.com/201302021098/Shell-Shell-Nigeria-summoned-over-Ogoni-clean-up.html>

#### USA, TX HOUSTON, FEBRUARY 3 2013. 3 SICKENED BY CHEMICAL LEAK

A shelter-in-place was ordered at a southeast Harris County chemical plant because of a chemical leak at a nearby facility on Friday. LyondellBasell officials said employees at the Bayport Polymers Plant in the 12000 Bay Area Boulevard were told to shelter in place as a precaution. According to AkzoNobel plant officials, there was a release of pivaloyl chloride to the chemical sewer at its facility in the 12900 block of Baypark about 6:45 a.m. That resulted in the decomposition of the product and three people were exposed to the chemical. They were all taken to a hospital as a precaution. AkzoNobel ordered a shelter-in-place at its facility, but it was lifted about 8 a.m. The shelter-in-place at LyondellBasell remained active at 11:30 a.m. Officials said there was not a shelter-in-place for any residents or other businesses in the area.

<http://www.click2houston.com/news/3-sickened-by-chemical-leak/-/1735978/18370974/-/3k6yisz/-/index.html>

#### USA, OH, FINDLAY, OHIO, FEBRUARY 3 2013. MARATHON'S PURCHASE OF BP'S TEXAS CITY REFINERY AND RELATED ASSETS CLOSES

Marathon Petroleum Corporation today announced that it has closed the transaction with BP to purchase several assets, including a 451,000 barrel per calendar day refinery located in Texas City, Texas. The refinery will be renamed and referred to in future MPC communications as the Galveston Bay refinery. Additionally, the transaction includes a 1,040 megawatt cogeneration facility, four light product terminals located in the Southeast, retail marketing contract assignments for approximately 1,200 branded sites representing approximately 61,000 barrels per day (bpd) of gasoline sales, three operating intrastate natural gas liquids pipelines originating at the refinery and a 50,000 bpd allocation of BP's Colonial Pipeline



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Company shipper history. The transaction was initially announced on Oct. 8, 2012. The base purchase price is approximately \$598 million, plus inventories valued at approximately \$1.1 billion. The agreement also contains an earnout provision under which MPC could pay up to an additional \$700 million over six years, subject to certain conditions. The transaction is expected to be accretive to earnings in the first year of operation. "This is a unique opportunity to acquire, at an attractive price, a world-scale refinery on the western Gulf Coast that is well positioned to benefit from the growing supply of North American crude oil," said MPC President and Chief Executive Officer Gary R. Heminger. "The refinery and related assets should enhance our current footprint by integrating well with our existing operations. This transaction will provide MPC the opportunity to grow in contiguous markets, expand our export opportunities and further optimize our Gulf Coast operations. We believe this transaction will create long term value for our shareholders." "As our history has shown, our focus will remain on the safe and environmentally responsible operations of all of our facilities. We look forward to providing quality products and services to meet the needs of our new branded jobbers. We welcome all of our new employees at the Galveston Bay refinery and product terminals," said Heminger.

### About Marathon Petroleum Corporation

MPC is the nation's fourth-largest refiner, with a crude oil refining capacity of approximately 1.7 million barrels per calendar day in its seven-refinery system. Marathon brand gasoline is sold through approximately 5,000 independently owned retail outlets across 17 states. In addition, Speedway LLC, an MPC subsidiary, owns and operates the nation's fourth-largest convenience store chain, with approximately 1,460 convenience stores in seven states. MPC also owns, leases or has ownership interests in approximately 8,300 miles of pipeline. Through subsidiaries, MPC owns the general partner of MPLX LP, a midstream master limited partnership. MPC's fully integrated system provides operational flexibility to move crude oil, feedstocks and petroleum-related products efficiently through the company's distribution network in the Midwest, Southeast and Gulf Coast regions. For additional information about the company, please visit our website at <http://www.marathonpetroleum.com>

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/purchase-of-bps-texas-city-refinery-and-related-assets-closes-2013-02-01>

### ENGLAND, SOMERSET, FEBRUARY 3 2013. THOUSANDS OF SEABIRDS DEAD AFTER SUSPECTED OIL DUMP FROM ROGUE TANKER

alice philipson

 **Photo's [10]** [Seabird Rescue on South Coast Continues](#)

 **Watch the Video's [2]** [Seabird 'Pollution' Substance may be Palm Oil](#)



*A rogue tanker dumping oil at sea could be responsible for the death of hundreds of seabirds on the South Coast.*

Almost 200 birds – mostly guillemots – were washed ashore and found covered in a sticky Vaseline-like substance. It is feared thousands more could be floating in the sea, unable to feed because their feathers and wings have become stuck together by the waxy oil. There was earlier speculation the mystery substance may have been palm oil, but scientists working to identify it have since reported that it is a refined mineral oil. Staff at the RSPCA West Hatch centre near Taunton, Somerset, have been treating the birds using margarine and washing up liquid to clean the substance from their feathers. Most of the birds – which have been coming into the RSPCA centre since Tuesday – were found at Chesil

Beach, near Portland in Dorset, but have also been found in West Sussex, Cornwall and the Isle of Wight. RSPCA animal collection officers said they have seen hundreds of dead birds washed up in coves and beaches along the 200 miles of the southern coastline. West Hatch wildlife centre are tonight caring for almost 170 birds and while the exact number of dead birds has not yet been confirmed, one RSPCA officer said that for every live bird that is taken off the beach there can be up to nine others that have died at sea. RSPCA deputy chief inspector John Pollock, who has been leading the rescue mission in Dorset, earlier described the substance covering the birds as "white, odourless and globular". He added: "It is like a silicone sealer. The best way I can think to describe it is 'sticky Vaseline'." Supervisor Paul Oaten has been washing the birds in the centre's dedicated cleaning room using vegetable oil and margarine, followed by washing detergent. "They're coming up very well," he said. "There's a couple of little patches that haven't proofed – where the water beads off the feathers – but we will do these



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birds in two washes, so we do a pre-clean to get the 99% off and then a final clean to get them 100% clean." Environment Agency staff took samples from the affected water in an effort to establish the cause of the pollution. A spokesman for the Environment Agency said: "The results show that it is a refined mineral-based oil mixture, but not from an animal or vegetable-based oil, which rules out palm oil."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/environment/9843849/Thousands-of-seabirds-dead-after-suspected-oil-dump-from-rogue-tanker.html>

#### AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE, FEBRUARY 3 2013. ALERT - PREVENTING BATTERY EXPLOSIONS



**Document** [Preventing battery explosions \(PDF 195kb\)](#)

**Summary:** Guidance about preventing explosions from starter batteries fitted on back-up diesel engine systems (powering emergency generators, fire booster pumps etc) in buildings.

[http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0018/44343/Alert-Battery-explosionsv3.pdf](http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0018/44343/Alert-Battery-explosionsv3.pdf)

#### BRAZIL, OURINHOS, FEBRUARY 4 2013. ALCOHOL IN TANK FIRE AT POWER PLANT IN OURINHOS HAS LASTED 30 HOURS

**Watch the Video** [Alcohol in Tank Fire at Power Plant in Ourinhos](#)

**Photo's [3]** [Alcohol in Tank Fire at Power Plant in Ourinhos](#)



*Other tanks also ran a risk of explosion.*

Firefighters have used 10 million gallons of water to contain the flames. Work should only be closed from early this Tuesday. The major fire that hit a fuel tank in a power plant in [Ourinhos](#) (SP), in the early afternoon on Sunday (6), was still being controlled until the late afternoon of Monday (7), after about 30 hours. According to the Fire Department already had been used more than 10 million gallons of water for cooling and fire containment. According to officials of the power plant, which produces alcohol and sugar, the fire was caused by a spark from electrical discharge of lightning that fell into place. About five million litres of

alcohol were consumed by the fire. With the explosion, the tank was thrown more than 15 m. The flames and smoke could be seen for miles around. No one was injured.

**Related Stories** [Explosion hits alcohol tank plant in Ourinhos, São Paulo](#)

<http://g1.globo.com/sp/bauru-marilia/noticia/2013/01/incendio-em-tanque-de-alcool-em-usina-em-ourinhos-continua-apos-24h.html>

#### PHILIPPINES, MANILA, FEBRUARY 3 2013. OIL SHEEN FOUND NEAR HALF-SUNKEN RO-RO VESSEL OFF MINDORO

A thin film of oil sheen was seen in the waters of Calapan Pier in Mindoro where the stricken roll-on roll-off (ro-ro) vessel MV Baleno 168 was moored, the Philippine Coast Guard said Saturday. But at least for now, the Coast Guard assured the oil sheen, spotted by its Marine Environmental Protection Unit-Southern Tagalog (MEPU-STL), dissolved immediately and does not pose a serious threat to the environment. "Latest reports revealed that MV Baleno 168 was loaded with an estimated 2,450 liters of diesel on its day tanks and 9,125 liters of low sulfur fuel on its port and starboard tanks when it encountered engine trouble last Thursday. Subject vessel also has 227 liters of lubricant oil and 500 liters of sludge apart from the 18 various rolling cargoes during the time of the incident," [the Coast Guard said](#). "It was noted, however, that if the weather condition at the incident area will change to heavy with strong winds and currents, subject vessel may possibly capsize and oil spill may occur," it added. More than 50 passengers from the ship were rescued after the ship encountered engine trouble earlier this week. The Coast Guard also said an underwater survey showed thin oil films and sheen which dissolved immediately. It said the underwater survey was conducted from top forward to seabed at 60 feet, from amidships to seabed at 15 feet and from aft to seabed at 6 feet. Meanwhile, the Coast Guard Calapan station, SARV-3502, Special Operations Unit (SOU) and MEPU-STL established an outpost together with local police and port police to monitor the vessel. The vessel was still listing at 50 degrees to starboard while lying on the sandy portion of the port and is currently stable, the Coast Guard said. The Coast



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Guard Calapan unit is waiting for the master to file a marine protest and for the shipping company to submit its plans for retrieval or salvage operations. For now, the Coast Guard Southern Luzon unit requested additional personnel, oil spill booms and one rubber boat to augment ongoing operations while additional mooring lines were requested from the ship's owner.

#### **Grounded Tanker**

Meanwhile, a motor tanker with 950,000 liters of alcohol ran aground 20 meters from DBI Pier in Negros Occidental Wednesday night after being pounded by big waves, the Coast Guard said Saturday. In an article posted on its website Saturday evening, the Coast Guard said its Pulupandan detachment received a call about the incident at 6 a.m. Thursday. It said the tanker Caitlin Rae ran aground at the vicinity of Distilleria Bago Inc. Pier in Bago City. An initial investigation showed the vessel tried to pull out from DBI Pier at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday to anchor nearby but big waves pounded it back to the pier. "While on undocking maneuvers, the vessel drifted and ran aground on a shallow portion about 20 meters from the pier," it said. The vessel tried to pull out during high tide but failed. Its alcohol cargo is intended for delivery to Tabangao, Batangas City

<http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/293149/news/regions/oil-sheen-found-near-half-sunken-ro-ro-vessel-off-mindoro>

#### **USA, OH, RAVENNA, FEBRUARY 4 2013. TANKER TRUCK OVERTURNED ON OHIO 5 EAST OF RAVENNA THIS MORNING**

*peter krouse*

A tanker truck carrying 7,800 gallons of diesel fuel overturned Sunday morning on Ohio Route 5 just east of [Ravenna](#) and spilled almost its entire load, according to the Ohio State Highway Patrol. The fuel spilled across the road and into several storm sewers, said Capt. Phil Anders of the Ravenna Township Fire Department. But state and local emergency crews were able to contain the fuel before it reached the reservoir in nearby [West Branch State Park](#). The driver of the truck, which is owned by Ainsley Oil Co. of Cortland, was Robert Dyke of Canfield, said State Highway Patrol Trooper Michael Shonk. Dyke was transported to Robinson Memorial Hospital with minor injuries. He was charged with failure to control his vehicle, Shonk said. Anders said it could take several days to completely clean up the spill, which will involve removing soil. The truck was traveling west on Ohio Route 5 when it rolled over on a curve, Shonk said. The road was wet, he said, but that didn't appear to contribute to the crash.

[http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2013/02/tanker\\_truck\\_overturms\\_on\\_stat.html](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2013/02/tanker_truck_overturms_on_stat.html)

#### **USA, ILL, RIVERSIDE, FEBRUARY 4 2013. POLICE: GAS GRAB WENT 'BEYOND THE SIMPLE THEFT'**

*heywood hoffman*



Riverside police say an arrest this week derailed a sophisticated scheme of stealing gasoline by overriding the pump counter and filling 5-gallon jugs. The investigation began Jan. 20 when a Riverside officer pulled into a 7-Eleven at 26th Street and Harlem Avenue, then saw a man hurriedly leave the store with a gasoline nozzle still in his vehicle, tearing off the hose as he drove away. The officer reviewed video surveillance, at first to get a license plate number but discovering what appeared to be an involved ruse to steal fuel, according to a news release from the Riverside police. The video showed one person pulling up to a pump and removing its housing, then disabling the electronic device that measures the amount of gasoline delivered and tally of dollars owed. That

person then drove off, and a second person pulled up to the overridden pump and began to fill the SUV's tank and 11 5-gallon professional grade water fountain bottles in the back, police said. The second person appeared to panic and fled when the officer drove into the lot, tearing off the pump's hose. Suspecting a sophisticated scheme, Riverside police didn't immediately chase after the SUV but were able to track the license plate and discover that the registered owner was already due in court on a previous charge of retail theft of motor vehicle fuel. On Friday, Riverside police attended Bridgeview Court and arrested Darius Williams, 35, of the 400 block of Irvine in Hillside, and according to officials he gave a full confession detailing the scheme. The second suspect, a man known to Williams only as "Mike the gas man," was the brains behind disabling the pump counters, Williams said, and also took part in selling stolen gasoline from the water bottles at \$10 for 5 gallons. Police searched the SUV owned by Williams and found 10 5-gallon water bottles, a hose and pump used for siphoning gasoline, and other materials used for transporting fuel, police said. For the Riverside incident, Williams -- who told police he also stayed on



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the 11700 block of South State Street in Chicago -- was charged with retail theft of motor vehicle fuel and criminal damage to property, police said, both misdemeanors because he had fled the scene after only taking about \$73 worth of gas. "The defendant in this case gave a full statement that he and another individual known as 'Mike the gas man' conceived this plan to steal gasoline and then sell it on the West Side of Chicago," Riverside Police Chief Thomas Weitzel said in the release. "This is an example of excellent work done by the original responding officer as well as the follow-up investigation by detectives," Weitzel said. "They looked beyond the simple theft complaint and were able to build a case." "Mike the gas man" remained at large Saturday night, police said.

[http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2013-02-02/news/chi-police-gas-grab-went-beyond-the-simple-theft-20130202\\_1\\_riverside-officer-retail-theft-gas-man](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2013-02-02/news/chi-police-gas-grab-went-beyond-the-simple-theft-20130202_1_riverside-officer-retail-theft-gas-man)

### USA, WASHINGTON DC, FEBRUARY 4 2013. STATEMENT FROM CSB CHAIRPERSON RAFAEL MOURE-ERASO ON TODAY'S FIRE AND EXPLOSION AT AN OIL AND GAS SITE IN TEXAS

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) today learned of a tragic accident near Van, Texas. Two 24-year-olds – a man and a woman, both members of the public --were socializing in the vicinity of an unattended oil and gas production site located in a rural area of Texas when an explosion critically injured both individuals. I emphasize that the CSB is deeply concerned about accidents at oil and gas production sites across the country. We take seriously any chemical accident that injures members of the public. It is the CSB's view that states should take proper precautions to ensure that oil and gas production sites are secured properly, with fencing, gates and warning signs to prevent access by teenagers and young adults who are attracted to the sites as secluded places at which to socialize. In 2010 a similar accident occurred in New London, TX, when a 25-year-old man and a 24-year-old woman were on top of an oil tank in an unattended, isolated rural tank site, when the tank exploded, killing the woman and seriously injuring the man. This accident followed an incident in Carnes, MS on October 31, 2009, when two teenagers, aged 16 and 18, were killed when a storage tank containing natural gas condensate exploded at a rural gas production site in. Six months later a group of youths were exploring a similar tank site in Weleetka, Oklahoma, when an explosion and fire fatally injured one individual. The CSB sent investigators to all three sites to collect information on the incidents. The CSB's investigation into the safety issues at oil and gas sites found that that children and young adults frequently socialize at oil sites in rural areas, unaware of the explosion hazards from storage tanks that contain flammable hydrocarbons like crude oil and natural gas condensate. The unintentional introduction of an ignition source (such as a match, lighter, cigarette, or static electricity) near tank hatches or vents can trigger an internal tank explosion, often launching the tank into the air and killing or injuring people nearby. The report identified regulatory gaps at the federal and state levels and called on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state regulatory bodies to improve current safety and security measures at exploration and production sites such as warning signs, full fencing, locked gates, locks on tank hatches, and other physical barriers. The report also specifically called on state regulators Texas to require safer, modern tank designs that reduce the likelihood of an internal tank explosion if an ignition source is inadvertently introduced nearby. The CSB called on the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC-TX), to amend state oil and gas regulations to: a) Protect storage tanks at exploration and production sites from public access by requiring sufficient security measures, such as full fencing with a locked gate, hatch locks on tank man ways, and barriers securely attached to tank external ladders and stairways. b) Require hazards signs or placards on or near tanks that identify the fire and explosion hazards using words and symbols recognizable by the general public. c) Require the use of inherently safer tank design features such as flame arrestors, pressure vacuum vents, floating roofs, vapor recovery systems or an equivalent alternative, to prevent the ignition of a flammable atmosphere inside the tank. In April 2012, the RRC-TX formally responded to the CSB recommendation by declining to impose new security and design measures for oil tank storage sites. The commission formally declined to impose new security and design measures for oil tank storage sites arguing that the number of incidents identified by the CSB did not demonstrate a need for new safety measures. The CSB will continue to follow up on this accident but at this time I would like to once again call on the Railroad Commission of Texas to reexamine the CSB's recommendation and take the proper action to prevent future accidents similar sites throughout the state. It is my view that regulatory requirements should be based on potential risks – in this case the risks are quite obvious – from 1983 to 2010 there were 26 similar incidents resulting in 44 fatalities and 25 injuries of members of the public under the age of 25. Alarming, the CSB study found 27% of the 26 incidents occurred in Texas and Oklahoma respectively. It is interesting to note that the CSB's investigation found a few major cities and some states, such as California and Ohio, already require varying levels of security for oil and gas production sites, such as fencing, locked or sealed tank hatches, and warning signs. As a result, California did not appear to have any fatal tank explosions between 1983 and 2011.



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However, many other large oil and gas producing states have no such requirements. The major oil producing states Texas and Oklahoma require fencing and warning signs for certain sites that have toxic gas hazards but not for all sites with flammable storage tanks.

**Related Links/Investigation Details:** [Oil Site Safety](#)

<http://www.csb.gov/newsroom/detail.aspx?nid=449>

### MEXICO, MEXICO CITY, FEBRUARY 4 2013. MEXICO OIL BLAST DEATH TOLL RISES TO 36

michael o'boyle



*An employee culls through debris searching for office documents amid the rubble left from an office building explosion, in Mexico City, Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013. A Thursday blast collapsed the lower floors of the Mexican state-owned oil company Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, headquarters, crushing at least 33 people beneath tons of rubble and injuring 121. A Pemex spokesman said the floors hit by the explosion housed administrative offices.*

Rescue workers in Mexico have found three more bodies over the weekend amid the rubble of a blast that tore through state oil firm Pemex's offices. Mexico's government also said that the search efforts appeared to near a close. The death toll from Thursday's explosion stands at 36, Pemex said via Twitter. Rescue workers had been digging through the last sections of the building's basement and could soon call off their search. One person was reported still

missing. Attorney general Jesús Murillo said on Friday that it was too early to say if the explosion was due to an attack, an accident or negligence but he promised results of an investigation in the coming days. Murillo toured the site on Sunday, but did not publicly comment on the progress of the investigation. Officials have communicated details through social media about the disaster, which struck just before a long holiday weekend. The investigation will test confidence in President Enrique Peña Nieto, whose Institutional Revolutionary Party ruled Mexico for most of the last century but lost power in 2000, when it was accused of fostering widespread corruption.

#### Bodies Found

Local media reported the three people who died were maintenance workers. A woman who worked as a secretary was still missing but she was unlikely to be found so deep in the wreckage. The blast occurred two months into Peña Nieto's presidency, just as congress was preparing to discuss his plans to open up the state-run energy industry to more private investment. Hobbled by heavy state taxation, Pemex saw production slump in the last decade and its safety record has been stained by a series of deadly accidents, including an explosion that killed about 30 at a gas facility last year.

#### Related Links

- [Official blames gas leak for Mexico oil company blast](#)  
A buildup of gas in the basement of the headquarters of the national oil company caused an explosion that killed 37 people and wounded dozens earlier this week, Mexico's attorney general said Monday.
- [Mexico: gas leak caused state oil company blast](#)  
A gas build-up ignited by an electrical spark or other heat source caused the blast that killed 37 people and wounded dozens of others last week at the state oil company's headquarters, Mexico's attorney general said.
- [Mexico official says deadly Pemex blast caused by gas](#)  
The blast that destroyed part of the headquarters of Mexico's state-owned oil giant, killing at least 37 people and injuring dozens, was caused by an accumulation of gas ignited possibly by an electrical spark, the attorney general said Monday.

<http://mg.co.za/article/2013-02-04-mexico-oil-blast-death-toll-rises-to-36>

### USA, N.J, WEST MILFORD, FEBRUARY 4 2013. FUEL OIL SPILLS INTO WEST MILFORD BROOK

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Fuel oil from a homeowner's heating system tank leaked gallons of oil into a nearby brook on Sunday, [Passaic County](#) Sheriff Richard Berdnik said Sunday. The county Hazmat Unit responded to the Germantown Road home at 10:54 a.m. after receiving a report that an underground fuel tank had leaked 100 gallons of fuel oil, the sheriff said. The homeowner's sump



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pump discharged the oil into a nearby brook, according to the sheriff. The leak was deemed accidental and no charges will be filed, the sheriff said. The state Department of Environmental Protection, which responded along with the [Passaic County Health Department](#) and the township police, will likely clean up the spill and seek reimbursement from the homeowner's insurance company, the sheriff said.

[http://www.northjersey.com/news/environment/local\\_environment/Fuel\\_oil\\_spills\\_into\\_West\\_Milford\\_brook.html](http://www.northjersey.com/news/environment/local_environment/Fuel_oil_spills_into_West_Milford_brook.html)

### USA, N.Y, OSWEGO COUNTY, FEBRUARY 4 2013. FIRE OUT AT OSWEGO COUNTY ETHANOL PLANT

*marnie eisenstadt*



The fire at the Sunoco ethanol plant in Volney is out, according to 911 dispatchers. Firefighters are still on the scene, making sure there are no hot spots. The fire broke out in a dryer at the plant just before 10 a.m. It was extinguished just after 11 a.m. The plant processes ethanol, a highly flammable fuel. Dispatchers said the fire was reported at 9:50. Crews on the scene include the Volney Fire Department, the Phoenix Fire Department, the Cody Fire Department and the Fulton Fire Department. The Scriba Fire Department is on stand-by. The plant opened in 2010. It produces 100 million gallons of ethanol a year. That's about 25 percent of Sunoco's total ethanol production.

[http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2013/02/firefighters\\_on\\_scene\\_of\\_fire.html](http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2013/02/firefighters_on_scene_of_fire.html)

### USA, OH, YOUNGSTOWN, FEBRUARY 5 2013. MAN ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING AT D & L SITE

 [Watch the Video State Investigating Spill at D & L Property](#)



Cleanup efforts continued Tuesday after a sizable oil and brine spill behind the offices of a local oil and gas drilling company that has seen its share of controversy in the past. A statement issued Monday claims D & L Energy in Youngstown was not involved in last week's suspected dumping of brine and other materials, but information provided by the U.S. Coast Guard lists D & L as the "suspected responsible party." Although the incident was first reported Thursday evening, hazardous material crews were still working at the D & L site on Tuesday, as well as checking sewer and waste water lines leading toward the nearby Mahoning River. There also was an absorbent boom placed in the river behind V & M Star. Reports indicate oil was discovered in the river as well

as a nearby tributary and officials said as much as 40,000 gallons may have been dumped. "We are still trying to determine how much oil field waste was illegally discharged to the storm drain and we are still investigating that right now," said Chris Abbruzzese, deputy director for communications for the Ohio EPA. State Rep. Bob Hagan, D-Youngstown, who has been an outspoken critic of fracking, showed up at D & L Tuesday afternoon to meet with investigators from the Ohio EPA and Ohio Department of Natural Resources. "Well, I'm pissed. I am very upset about this because it is a flagrant violation. It's thumbing your nose at the environment and the people in this area, not to mention the fact that those of us who have been fighting to make sure that it's done safely, that it's done correctly, we're just being ignored again," Hagan said. Although EPA officials won't say much about the alleged dumping incident other than that a criminal investigation is under way, Hagan's staff provided copies of both an Initial Pollution Incident Report and Notice of Violation from the Ohio EPA. Both documents indicate a company known as Hardrock Excavating, which worked at the D & L property, was involved in the dumping incident and that Ben Lupo, who owns both Hardrock and D & L, directed his employees to discharge the waste materials into the storm sewer. The material was dumped from a tanker, according to the report. The EPA report states the ODNR received an anonymous tip about the dumping and ODNR inspectors witnessed the dumping on Thursday evening. It said Lupo contacted ODNR inspectors and "accepted full responsibilities." At this point, authorities can't say how long the cleanup will take, or where the investigation will ultimately lead. The statement sent out on behalf of D & L Monday night indicates other companies were working on D & L property when the incident occurred and that those other firms are working with state officials. After being



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told of Hagan's accusations on Tuesday, a spokesman for D & L said the company is still standing by its earlier statement that it was not involved in the incident.

<http://www.foxyoungstown.com/mostpopular/story/Report-Man-Accepts-Responsibility-for-Illegal/mSHHr0qNWEunWz5HOD9dpA.csp>

### USA, N.Y, Kiantone, February 5 2013. GAS LEAK >> DIESEL TANKER ROLLOVER SHUTS DOWN TRAFFIC ON ROUTE 62

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*A tanker truck overturned early Monday morning in the town of Kiantone. Fire officials said less than 100 gallons of fuel leaked from the truck.*

A tanker carrying 7,600 gallons of diesel fuel overturned early Monday morning, shutting down traffic on Route 62 for more than 12 hours and sending its driver to the hospital. The Kiantone Independent Fire Department was summoned at 6:26 a.m. after a United Refining tractor trailer lost control on the shoulder of the road and veered into a ravine. The rollover took place between Kiantone Road and Route 60. The driver, William D. Fisher, 46, of Erie, Pa., was transported to WCA Hospital for minor lacerations and neck and back pain. The tanker truck was on its way from Warren, Pa., to Fredonia when the accident occurred, police said. The Chautauqua County HAZMAT team responded, as did firefighters from Frewsburg, Falconer, Ellery Center and Russell, Pa. State Police out of the Jamestown barracks and members of the United Refining spill response team

also responded. Fire officials said less than 100 gallons of diesel fuel leaked from the overturned tanker. "We shut down the road and we got the scene secured as fast as we could," said Steve Reale, Kiantone fire chief. A second tanker was brought to the scene to transfer the diesel fuel. Also at the scene Monday was the county's new Emergency Services Mobile Command truck, which just recently was put into service. According to Dan Imfeld, Chautauqua County deputy fire coordinator for HAZMAT, the new truck was primarily used at the accident for training purposes. "On an incident like this we normally wouldn't use it," Imfeld said. "But it's a brand new vehicle, so we're really kind of using it today for training." Imfeld said the command truck was used to set up incident command and create a center of communication between fire officials, State Police and the state Department of Environmental Conservation. "We had to take a look at the area because we had to do a major detour," Imfeld said. "So we set up the fire police with it and got them on each side (of the accident)." Due to the fuel leak, the DEC responded to the accident. No significant risk, however, was found for the land or community. "Everything was checked out, and there ended up being no danger to the area," Imfeld said. No charges were filed against Fisher, the State Police said in a news release. The investigation is ongoing.

<http://post-journal.com/page/content/detail/id/617333/Gas-Leak.html?nav=5192>

### USA, N.C, Salisbury, February 5 2013. STATE SAYS TOO EARLY TO KNOW IF CENTRAL OFFICE SITE HAS GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION

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While the proposed site for the Rowan-Salisbury Schools central office has extensive soil contamination, it's not yet known if groundwater under the site is contaminated as well and would require clean-up, a state official said. So far, the city has removed seven underground fuel tanks and 3,500 tons of contaminated soil from the site, a "massive amount," said Dan Graham, a hydrogeologist with the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Underground Storage Tank Section. But groundwater contamination and any state-mandated cleanup can be determined only by digging test wells at the site, Graham said. "You could speculate to high heaven, but until you have analytical results, you just don't know for sure," said Graham, who works in Mooresville and serves as the state's project manager for the proposed central office site. The Rowan County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to consider the school central office project today at 3 p.m. Commissioners would have to borrow money to construct the building on behalf of the Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education. The city bought the former service station in the 300 block of South Main Street in 2007. The state had given the site a clean bill of health in 1991, then reaffirmed the letter of no action in 2007 before the city bought the property's But when site preparation began last fall for the school central office construction, soil contamination was discovered, as well as the orphan



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underground tanks. Graham said he has seen sites with similar soil contamination but no groundwater contamination. On the other hand, some sites that appeared cleaner than the Salisbury location have actually had groundwater contamination that required abatement, he said. Graham said he will decide whether the city needs to install test wells after he receives a report about the site next month. Called an initial abatement action report, this document will detail the total amount of soil excavated, amount and type of contaminants and where the contamination was located on the site. If wells are required and the groundwater turns out to be contaminated, Graham said he would then consider whether anyone is in danger of coming into contact with the water. Typically, that includes drinking water wells and other "receptors," such as basements. No one drinks from a private well in downtown Salisbury, Graham said. If groundwater contamination is present at the site but falls below state levels and the risk of someone coming into contact with it is low, the contamination could be allowed to dissipate naturally, Graham said. "There could be groundwater contamination that would not need to be abated," he said. "You can leave certain groundwater contamination at certain levels because there are no receptors that would be impacted." However, if contamination exceeds state standards, Graham would assign a risk level for the site and start a cleanup plan. "At that point, we would determine how to move forward," he said. So far, the city has submitted one report to Graham, prepared by the city's contractor, Griffith Enterprises of Winston-Salem, which is doing the excavation. "The city is doing exactly what they are supposed to be doing, and they are well within compliance," Graham said. "They are trying to get this place cleaned up." Because the city is not responsible for the contamination, the state will pay for most of the cleanup costs. The city is responsible for a \$20,000 deductible. The next report is due March 12, but Graham said he would give the city an extension if needed. "With a site of this magnitude and the fact that they didn't know the tanks were there, and the city is not the responsible party, I would give them more time if they need it," Graham said.

<http://www.salisburypost.com/article/20130204/SP01/130209867/1023/state-says-too-early-to-know-if-central-office-site-has-groundwater-contamination>

### USA, ALA, BIRMINGHAM, FEBRUARY 5 2013. BIRMINGHAM TROLLEY CATCHES ON FIRE

 **Watch the Video** [Birmingham Trolley Catches on Fire](#)

Mechanical problems are being blamed for a trolley fire this morning. Officials say the bus was half-way engulfed in flames when Birmingham Fire and Rescue arrived at the scene. It caught fire next to the Jefferson County Jail. Leaves on the roof of the building began burning, but there was no damage to the building. Authorities say the blaze escalated when compressed natural gas tanks on top of the trolley failed and started blowing product out and began burning. Birmingham Fire and Rescue says there were passengers on the bus, but all were able to get off before the trolley went up in smoke. There were no injuries in the incident.

[http://www.cbs42.com/mostpopular/story/Birmingham-trolley-catches-on-fire/KW-AEiri\\_UiSF658dBrCtA.csp](http://www.cbs42.com/mostpopular/story/Birmingham-trolley-catches-on-fire/KW-AEiri_UiSF658dBrCtA.csp)

### USA, CA, EL SEGUNDO, FEBRUARY 5 2013. CHEVRON SET FOR MASSIVE FUEL DRUM HAUL DOWN PCH

 **Watch the Video** [Chevron Set For Massive Fuel Drum Haul](#)

Another super-sized cargo will soon be rolling through the streets of Southern California. KNX 1070's John Brooks reports Chevron is preparing to roll six massive steel cylinders down Pacific Coast Highway. The 100-foot-long drums used to manufacture petroleum products, such as gasoline, diesel and jet fuel are 28 feet in diameter and each weighs approximately 500,000 pounds. Known as coke drums, the cargo will make its way from King Harbor in Redondo Beach up Pacific Coast Highway through Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach before finally arriving at the Chevron refinery in El Segundo. Similar to transports of the [LACMA boulder](#) and the [Space Shuttle Endeavour](#), the drums will ride on a special transporter and will require trees to be trimmed and street lights and power lines dropped and replaced. Chevron's Jeff Wilson said the customized 32-axle, 128-wheel platform vehicle designed for transporting massive objects that are too big or heavy for trucks will make its way mostly during nighttime hours. "Late at night, when it's the lowest traffic count from Caltrans standards down PCH," Wilson said. The drums – which will replace the old coke drums installed in 1968 to keep the refinery in operation – are scheduled to travel two at a time on Feb. 20, Feb. 27 and Mar. 6. Chevron produces approximately 20 percent of the motor vehicle fuels used in Southern California at the El Segundo facility. The project is expected to bring between 2,000 and 3,000 short-term jobs to the region. For more info, visit the El Segundo refinery's [Coke Drum Project website](#). For traffic detours, [click here](#).

<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2013/02/04/chevron-set-for-massive-fuel-drum-haul-down-pch/>



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#### ENGLAND, LONDON, FEBRUARY 6 2013. TRAFIGURA BETS \$800M ON AUSTRALIA ENERGY

##### Key Points:

- Trafigura to become Australia's largest independent fuel retailer
- Acquires 2 petrol station and oil import terminal companies
- Purchased Neumann Petroleum's 120 service stations and one import terminal in January 2013 for less than A\$200 Million [Neumann Petroleum & Matilda Fuel Brands].
- Purchased Ausfuel's 110 retail sites and 11 depots for A\$650 million [Gull, Choice & Peak Petroleum Brands].
- Says Australia could overtake Indonesia as the biggest importer of refined oil products in the Asia-Pacific region

Trafigura, one of the world's largest commodities trading houses, has bet roughly \$800m on the transformation of the Australian energy market with the acquisition of two petrol station and oil import terminal companies. The purchases signal a growing appetite among the top commodities trading houses for Australia as the oil industry in the island-continent changes significantly. Oil traders and executives believe Australia could soon overtake Indonesia as the biggest importer of refined oil products in the Asia-Pacific region because of the closure of old and high-cost refineries in the country and rising [demand](#). Trafigura, through its subsidiary Puma Energy, acquired over the weekend Ausfuel from local private equity group Archer Capital for about \$650m in cash, according to people familiar with the transaction. Last month, it bought Neumann Petroleum for less than \$200m in cash. The trading house, based in Geneva and Singapore, will become the largest independent fuel retailer in Australia after the completion of both acquisitions. It will also run a large network of storage and import terminals. The shake-up of the Australian oil market comes as Royal Dutch Shell and Caltex last year announced the closure of two ageing refineries near Sydney, reducing at one stroke by almost a third the country's refining capacity. As a result, the Australian government said "domestic refiners will produce just over half the fuel consumed" in the country. "The remainder will be imported." Australia consumes about 1m barrels a day of oil-refined products – on a par with a medium-sized European country such as the Netherlands. If the country imports half of its fuel requirements, as Canberra is now forecasting, it could easily surpass Indonesia's current overseas fuel purchases of about 400,000 b/d – the largest in Asia and one of the biggest worldwide. Analysts believe that by 2015 Australia could be importing about 650,000 b/d of oil products. The imports shift has created a rare opportunity for the independent trading houses to profit from a developed country with relatively low risk. "The closing of refineries and the growing volume of imports into Australia has opened up a great deal of opportunity for Puma Energy to invest into the Australian market," Pierre Eledari, chief executive of Puma, said. However, other trading executives believe the excitement about Australia is overblown and fear that the expected surge in imports would be smaller than anticipated due to slowing economic growth and lower mining investment. The purchase of Ausfuel will add 110 retail sites and 11 depots to Puma Energy's existing Australian portfolio. The acquisition of Neumann added 120 petrol stations and one import terminal. The acquisitions are beefing up the business of Puma ahead of a potential initial public offering next year in London. Trafigura controls 80 per cent of Puma Energy. The trading house sold a 20 per cent stake to Sonangol, the state-owned oil company of Angola, two years ago. Trafigura, which is privately owned, earned [nearly \\$1bn](#) for the second year running in 2012, in part boosted by surging profits at Puma Energy and the sale of several mining assets. The trading house made profits of \$991.9m in the year to September, down 11 per cent from last year's record \$1.11bn.

##### Related Links

- [Trafigura's Puma to buy Australia's Ausfuel](#)
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- [Cote d'Ivoire: Toxic Waste, Failed Accountability](#)
- [Call for Criminal Probe Over Toxic Dumping Scandal](#)
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