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USA, CA, YUBA COUNTY, MARYSVILLE, MARCH 5 2013. HWY 70 REMAINS CLOSED FOLLOWING TANKER CRASH >> 8,000 GALLONS OF ETHANOL

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Highway 70 is shutdown north of Marysville and a tedious clean up effort underway after a tanker truck and pickup truck collided Monday morning. CHP says there State Route 70 was still closed at noon and could be closed for several more hours. The accident happened just before 6:30 near Magnolia Road. "We don't know why, but yeah, for whatever reason, the big rig did not stop, drove into the back of the pickup truck," said CHP Sgt. Michael McCarthy. CHP says the pickup truck was stopped on Highway 70 ready to make a left hand turn when out of nowhere a tanker truck hauling 8,000 gallons of ethanol plowed into the back of pickup truck which burst into flames. The driver of the pickup truck was taken to the hospital with minor injuries, the driver of the tanker truck didn't have a scratch on him. Crews say the clean up process will take a long time. A hazmat crew is standing by while crews work to remove the ethanol from the damaged tanker. "Especially when you are talking about a highly flammable product such as ethanol, time consuming, they got to do it slowly and carefully," said CalFire's Lynn Tolmachoff. "They are going to have to put a hole in the side of tank to drain the 8,000 gallons of ethanol out of that, put it into the other vehicle. At that point we can recover the big rig and roll it back onto its wheels," explained Sgt. McCarthy. CHP says the speed limit on this section of Highway 70 is 55 miles per hours. They're not sure how fast the driver of the big rig was going. Traffic is being diverted northbound 70 at Woodruff Lane and southbound at Ramirez Road.

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A portion of Highway 70 in Yuba County was closed in both directions Monday morning after a tanker carrying 8,000 gallons of ethanol collided with a pickup truck.
- [8000 Gallons of Gas in Crashed Tanker](#)
A pick-up truck caught fire after an accident with a tanker truck along Highway 70. MARYSVILLE-. Nearly 8,000 gallons of ethanol is being syphoned out of one truck and into another tanker.

<http://news.google.com/news/story?ncl=http://blogs.sacbee.com/crime/archives/2013/03/a-pickup-truck-and-a.html&hl=en&geo=us>

USA, N.J, ASBURY PARK, MARCH 5 2013. HESS GETTING OUT OF GAS STATION BUSINESS; FATE OF RETAIL BRAND UNCLEAR >> HESS PLANS TO GET OUT OF RETAIL GAS BUSINESS

michael I. diamond



A Hess station seen Monday in Eatontown.

Hess's decision to exit the retail business and focus on oil exploration and production put the future of its iconic green-and-white logo up for grabs. Industry experts on Monday scrutinized a letter the company sent to shareholders, detailing the business plan and saying it would "fully (exit) our downstream businesses, including retail, energy marketing, and energy trading." It suggested to Ken Shriber, managing director of Petroleum Equity Group, a consulting firm based in Chappaqua, N.Y., that Hess wouldn't require a buyer to stick with the

Hess brand. New York-based Hess has about a dozen gas stations in Monmouth and Ocean counties. Its announcement on Monday came about a month after one of its largest shareholders, a hedge fund called Elliott Management, accused its board of directors of poor oversight and said Hess' management team was responsible for more than a "decade of failures."



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Asbury Park roots

Hess has deep roots at the Shore. The company was founded in Asbury Park in 1933 by Leon Hess and his father, Mores, who sold heating oil for 4 cents a gallon from a delivery truck. The company built a refinery in the Port Reading section of Woodbridge in 1957 and a year later began oil exploration in Mississippi. Its green and white logo is a cultural icon. The company's toy Hess trucks are collectibles that can fetch hundreds of dollars on eBay. The decision doesn't necessarily mean the end of the iconic brand, an industry expert said. The company could follow the lead of competitors including ExxonMobil Corp., whose brand continues in New Jersey even though it completed the sale of its company-owned stations in the state last year, Sal Risalvato, executive director of the New Jersey Gasoline-Convenience-Automotive Association, said. "That (retail) end has very slim profit margins," Risalvato said. "It drags down the huge profits they make on the oil side of the business." Hess did little to clarify the fate of the Hess stations. Asked about what would happen to the Hess brand on gasoline stations, a company spokesman said in an email: "Hess is a strong and valuable brand, and we expect it to live long into the future." The restructuring announced Monday is far-reaching. Hess rejected Elliott's call to seat five members of the company's 14-member board, saying in a letter to shareholders that the hedge fund was trying to disrupt progress it already made. But it said it would nominate a slate of six independent directors to its board, replacing six that already hold seats. Among the company's current board members: Former New Jersey Gov. Thomas H. Kean; former U.S. Sen. Samuel A. Nunn; former U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel W. Bodman; and former U.S. Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady.

Woodbridge Refinery

Hess has already announced the sale of U.S. oil storage terminals and plans to close its Woodbridge refinery as it exits the volatile refining business. Other energy companies are doing much the same, focusing the booming domestic drilling and also high-risk drilling operations at deep-water drill sites. Murphy Oil, ConocoPhillips and Marathon Oil Corp. have all split off their refining businesses in recent years to focus on exploration and production. ExxonMobil in 2008 said it would get out of the retail business; it completed the sale in New Jersey last year after giving its franchise owners the first chance to buy their station, as state law requires. Hess won't have to follow the right-of-first-refusal law since it owns all of its stations. Its options: sell to buyers who would be required to purchase oil from Hess and keep the company's name; or sell to buyers who could purchase oil from whomever they choose, Shriber, of the Petroleum Equity Group said. Shriber said Hess should receive plenty of inquiries, including from distributors he represents. The stations are typically in high traffic areas and well maintained, he said.

<http://www.app.com/article/20130304/NJBIZ/303040056/Hess-getting-out-of-gas-station-business-fate-of-retail-brand-unclear>

USA, ILL, DES PLAINES, MARCH 6 2013. GAS STATION FIRE EXTINGUISHED BY HEROIC CUSTOMER IN DES PLAINES



Des Plaines Police Chief William Kushner presented Kenneth Krozel with the Citizen Award of Valor at a city council meeting on March 4.

A potentially catastrophic gas pump explosion at a gas station in Des Plaines was averted thanks to the quick response of a customer, according to a special presentation honoring the man's actions at a Des Plaines City Council meeting on Monday. Des Plaines Police Chief William Kushner presented Kenneth Krozel with the Citizen Award of Valor. Krozel was pumping gas at a Mobil gas station, 800 W. Oakton St., on Jan. 18, Kushner said, when he saw a fireball coming from the gas pump next to the one he was using. The ground and the vehicle using that pump were on fire, Kushner said. Krozel ran to the entrance of the gas station, grabbed the outdoor fire extinguisher, Kushner said, and extinguished the fire. All of the gas pumps were put on emergency shut-off,

Kushner said, and no injuries were reported. Public safety personnel on the scene and Mobil gas management agreed Krozel's quick thinking and immediate action prevented a potentially catastrophic gas pump explosion and structure fire, Kushner said. "Mr. Krozel's heroic actions potentially saved a vehicle owner's life and the lives of many others who may have been affected had the fire spread not been contained prior to reaching the volatile gasoline tanks," Kushner said. "Mr. Krozel's actions went above and beyond those of a concerned citizen and demonstrated consideration and caring for the well-being of a fellow human."

<http://desplaines.patch.com/articles/gas-station-fire-extinguished-by-heroic-customer-in-des-plaines#photo-13556750>



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USA, TX, JEFFERSON CO, MARCH 5 2013. BENZENE SUIT FAULTS CHEVRON, TEXACO FOR MAN'S CANCER, DEATH

david yates

Orange County local Betty Comeaux, surviving spouse of Francis Comeaux, is suing Chevron USA and Texaco, alleging the defendants exposed her late husband to benzene and caused his cancer. The suit was filed Feb. 28 in Jefferson County District Court. According to the lawsuit, Texaco employed Francis at its Port Arthur facility. During his employment, he was exposed to benzene. The suit alleges that as a result, he developed myelodysplastic syndrome, "from which he died a painful and terrible death on January 30, 2013." The defendants are accused of using benzene products without warning workers of the health risks. The plaintiff alleges the defendants acted with malice, entitling her to exemplary damages. Beaumont attorney Darren Brown of the Provost Umphrey law firm represents her. Judge Bob Wortham, 58th District Court, is assigned to the case.

<http://setexasrecord.com/news/282490-benzene-suit-faults-chevron-texaco-for-mans-cancer-death>

USA, DE, MIDDLETOWN, MARCH 7 2013. DELAWARE CITY REFINERY FORMALLY APOLOGIZES TO MIDDLETOWN FOR DISRUPTIVE ODORS

jennifer hayes

Herman Seedorf, plant manager for PBF Energy's Delaware City refinery, publicly apologized to Middletown's mayor and council and those in attendance at council's monthly meeting Monday evening for the strong odors that wafted from the plant over into the town's borders Feb. 5. The odor that was released into the air was caused by a substance called Mercaptan, which is used in small quantities to odorize natural gas, Seedorf said. "We had some Mercaptan wind up in our storm sewer," he said. "It was only a few gallons, but from the storm sewer, it was then processed into our waste water, and from there it tends to odorize." Seedorf said if an incident like this occurs, refinery officials perform a root-cause analysis in order to fully understand what caused the problem and how the company can make sure it does not happen again. "I want to personally apologize for you and your residents for that event," Seedorf told the town council. "We've operated pretty well up until then, but that one was something we would have preferred not to happen. "I can commit to you that we've done our best to make sure that will not happen again," he added. Vice-Mayor Jim Reynolds asked Seedorf if, in the event a similar incident does happen, whether there is an alert that will go out to the refinery's surrounding communities. "We were flooded with phone calls, the school district was flooded with phone calls, and in turn, they called us," Reynolds explained. "The fire company was out riding all around town trying to locate the smell. Is there going to be an alert put out to the town so that everyone isn't riding around town looking for this thing?" Seedorf and the refinery's community relations manager Lisa Lindsey, said that Lindsey now has a system in place in which she would put in a call to the Town of Middletown's public information officer Kristen Krenzer, who would then disseminate the information to the Middletown community. Seedorf also encouraged Middletown-area residents to call the refinery's 24-hour hotline if they have any questions or concerns. The hotline is accessible at (302) 834-6200. Tours of the refinery are also available, Seedorf said. "Many times, these refineries develop a mystique to them, that there's something beyond those gates that people should be worried about," he said. "If you come to the refinery, we'll give you a tour and show you what's going on inside."

<http://www.middletowntranscript.com/article/20130305/NEWS/130309894/-1/entertainment%20life>

USA, N.J, EAST ORANGE, MARCH 7 2013. EAST ORANGE WATER AGENCY FINED OVER ALLEGEDLY FALSIFYING RECORDS ON ILLEGAL DUMPING INTO PASSAIC RIVER

scott fallon

State officials fined the East Orange Water Commission \$402,000 on Tuesday for allegedly falsifying records less than a month after its two top executives were indicted for illegally dumping polluted water into the [Passaic](#) River. The water was contaminated with perchloroethylene, or PERC, a chemical linked to cancer, but it never posed a threat to the 350,000 Bergen and [Passaic](#) county residents who get their drinking water from the Passaic River, state officials reiterated Tuesday in announcing the penalties. The fines are against the water utility but stem from the alleged dumping by William Mowell, 51, of [Wyckoff](#), its assistant executive director and engineer, and Harry Mansmann, 58, of Lawrenceville, the executive director. The two allegedly ordered that water from a well with as much as 25 times state safety standard for PERC be pumped to a pipe that discharged directly onto the bank of the [Passaic](#) River in Florham Park from March 24, 2011, through April 20, 2011. They wanted to flush the contaminant out of the well, allowing them to record lower levels of contaminants in the drinking water the



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utility supplied to its customers in East Orange and South Orange, the state Attorney General's Office said when the two were indicted in mid-February. The two also allegedly falsified water reports by shutting down contaminated wells before monthly water tests. "It's vital that the data we get from [water companies] is legit," said Larry Ragonese, a spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Protection. "It's the basis for whether you require testing or cleanup steps to be taken." No one at the water commission was available for comment Tuesday evening. The fines could be appealed in an administrative law court. PERC, a dry cleaning solvent and one of the most common groundwater pollutants, became diluted by the time it reached the Passaic Valley Water Commission's intake valve several miles downstream in Little Falls. The Passaic Valley commission draws about 80 million gallons a day from the river for residents in Passaic, Paterson, Clifton, Lodi, Garfield, North Arlington and towns in Morris and Essex counties. Mansmann and Mowell face charges including unlawful release of a toxic pollutant, multiple counts of violating the New Jersey Safe Drinking Water Act and tampering with public records. Their lawyers have maintained their innocence and insist no one was ever put at risk. The East Orange City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday night about the water system at City Hall from 6 to 8 p.m.

http://www.northjersey.com/news/NJ_fines_East_Orange_Water_Commission_for_allegedly_falsifying_records_on_illegal_dumping_into_Passaic_River.html?page=all

USA, PA, CARVERSVILLE, MARCH 7 2013. FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO SPILL IN CARVERSVILLE CREEK

bill devlin

Point Pleasant firefighters placed booms in the Paunacussing Creek behind the Carversville Inn on Tuesday to absorb what is believed to be a petroleum-based substance in the water. Fire Chief Scott Fleischer said that a state Department of Environmental Protection agent said the substance may be home heating oil. The chief said the substance is coming from a culvert beneath Carversville Road. "We haven't identified the source yet," Fleischer said. The fire company was on scene from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The booms will be left in the creek overnight, said Fleischer.

http://www.phillyburbs.com/my_town/new_hope/firefighters-respond-to-spill-in-carversville-creek/article_ec26f0bd-c11b-51fe-baf6-bd180c13ffab.html

ECUADOR, SANI ISLA, MARCH 7 2013. AMAZON FAMILIES SPLIT OVER LURE OF OIL MONEY

jonathan watts



Children swim in the shadow of oil pipelines in a river near Yasuni national park in Ecuador.

In Sani Isla, one of the most biodiverse corners of the world, the arrival of Ecuador's biggest oil firm has pitted sister against sister. While they were growing up in their remote community deep in the Ecuadorean Amazon, Blanca Tapuy and her sister Innes were inseparable. As children, they would play together while their parents hunted monkeys and tapir with blowpipes and spears. After they married, they regularly met to drink chicha and keep up with the latest gossip as western modernity crept ever closer to their indigenous Kichwa community. Today, however, the sisters are at loggerheads, divided by an offer from the country's biggest oil company, Petroamazonas, to start seismic surveys in their

homeland of Sani Isla. Blanca declares she is willing to die to stop its advances. Innes passionately counters at community meetings that petrodollars are vital for the future prosperity of the community. "It makes me very sad," says Blanca. "We never fought before. We used to be so close. But now we barely talk." This is no simple sibling spat, but a difference of views on how to respond to an existential threat. The sisters, like their community and many others in the Amazon, are being driven apart by some of the world's most powerful macroeconomic forces. Their long-ignored corner of the Amazon – one of the most biodiverse places on Earth – is now at the centre of a battle between conservationists and miners, shifting Ecuadorean political priorities, and a planned trade route between Brazil, the world's biggest commodity supplier, and China, the greatest manufacturer. Sani Isla is only just coming to terms with the developmental tsunami heading its way, the first waves of which are already churning up the local political waters. In the last census, there were only 422 residents in this area of 43,000 hectares. Many have to paddle along the Napo river or hike through the forest to attend meetings but, in the past six months, this tiny community has been riven by accusations of bribery, interference by outsiders and even preparations for armed resistance against what they expect to be a vastly bigger and better armed invading force. The tumult has shaken a



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community that as recently as two generations ago numbered just half a dozen families, who had only recently made contact with the outside world – first with missionaries, then the state, then loggers, oil companies and tourists. Despite the increase in river traffic, particularly of boats carrying oil trucks and construction equipment, Sani remains home to some of the most ecologically precious habitats on Earth. Their land – an area of forest, swamps, creeks and lagoons just south of the equator – overlaps with the Yasuni national park. A single hectare in this part of the Amazon contains more plant and insect species than all of Europe. Outsiders now come in many forms. The main source of income and employment is the tourists who visit the [Sani Ec lodge](#), which was built with money from the Occidental oil company during a previous failed attempt to prospect in the area. The community has received satellite dishes, computers and solar [energy](#) from the European Union. International NGOs, such as the Rainforest Partnership, have helped to build a women's centre and foster commerce in artisanal crafts. At least two of Sani's men have foreign wives. One of them is Mari Muench, a British businesswoman, who married the Sani Isla shaman and former president, [Patricio Jipa](#). He says he saw her in a vision when he was 15. The couple run the community's ecolodge and are spearheading [the fight to halt the oil firm](#). "You can't have an ecolodge and oil. It's one or the other," says Jipa. "We need to protect the forest, not just for ourselves but for future generations – for the world." He is opposed by his uncle, Pablo Licuy – another former president – who signed an agreement with Petroamazonas last year to allow seismic studies in return for \$40 (£26.60) a hectare and a verbal promise to build a new school, communal kitchen, better toilets, a new football pitch and houses. Opponents say he signed without the approval of the community. Some speculate that this is because he has a nephew in Petroamazonas, others that he has been bribed (there are rumours that some community members have been offered motorboats if they accept). Pablo denies these accusations and insists he was working in the interests of the community because the oil company can provide more than the ecolodge. "The lodge was supposed to help us, but it only benefits some people. For the rest of us, it means we can't hunt or fish," he said. "Families are divided over this. I don't want to see that. But the opponents are making things very tense." In some ways, the community is a microcosm of the conservation debate taking place across the world. On one side are short-term economic pragmatists. On the other are eco-idealists concerned about long-term sustainability. Advocates of oil, such as Pablo Licuy, say that life is much better now that the community has computers and football. Many opponents, including Blanca and Licuy Vergas, say they would like to go back to a purer era when they were cut off from the outside world. It was not long ago. At 71 years old, Oscar Fernano Licuy Vergas is one of the few who can remember how rapidly the changes unfolded. "When I was young, it was pure nature. Now, there's more pollution, more illness and people don't live in peace any more. Now we have fighting inside the community between those who want oil and those who don't," he says, during a break at a community meeting. "We're under a great deal of pressure now because of all these big projects, but we feel a responsibility to look after nature." Contact has increased with the expansion of the nearest city, Coca, which was a cattle ranch 50 years ago but is now a busy municipality of more than 30,000 traders, plantation workers and oilmen that can be reached within three hours by motor canoe. The interaction has brought mixed benefits, according to Guadalupe Aviles, 55. "When I was a little girl we had almost no contact with outsiders. If I saw them, I would run into the forest," she said. "I learned a lot from the missionaries, but I wish we had never had contact with the oil companies. The big change now is that they offer individual families jobs or engines for their canoes. That is dividing people." Most of the supporters of oil feel they are not getting their fair share of the benefits from the lodge. Their opponents say tourism promises long-term benefits and a clean environment, whereas the oil will only last a few decades, provide a brief economic boost and then leave with the environment ruined. There are precedents. [Ecuador](#) is seeking \$27bn in compensation from Texaco for the damage the US company's Chevron subsidiary did in the Amazon in the 1970s and 80s, yet the government continues to promote exploration by Petroamazonas, Repsol and other oil firms. The Quito-based environmental campaigners Acción Ecológica have taken community members on "toxic tours" to affected areas. After this, in a marathon session last month, the community voted by a large majority to reject the oil company and seek alternative sources of income through the ecolodge, of which Mari Muench is now in charge. But Petroamazonas, which owns exploration rights in Sani, continues to look for an opening. Representatives of the company and the agriculture ministry visited while the Guardian was in Sani. They said they were there to deliver invitations to workshops on sustainable fishing and farming and declined to comment about oil exploration. Although the government and oil company have yet to respond directly to the Guardian about Sani, they say drilling in the Amazon is necessary to raise money for poverty alleviation, improved state infrastructure and better public services. Today's technology, they argue, is much more environmentally friendly than in the days of Chevron. Ecuador has won international kudos in recent years for its seemingly progressive environmental policies, including the world's first constitution that recognises the rights of nature, and the ITT initiative. This promises not to exploit oil in a 180,000-hectare area of the Yasuni national park – just downstream of Sani – if the international community can raise half the estimated \$7.6bn



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value of the fossil fuel. By comparison, the campaign for Sani Isla is a grassroots affair that has only just started to attract the attention of the domestic media. It lacks high-level political support and the finances needed to fight a legal battle. Locals are aware they are fighting an uphill battle. "We don't have money. That's the problem. We're just a small lodge against a multibillion-dollar company," says the president, Leonardo Tapuy. "It's difficult to be president of a divided community. To unite them, we need to be well organised and to explain our reasoning clearly." But Sani has picked up support from environmental and indigenous groups in Ecuador, as well as the global campaign group Avaaz, which collected more than a million [online signatures](#) in a petition to the Ecuadorean president, Rafael Correa, to halt oil drilling in Sani. But Correa too is influenced by outside forces and economic pressures. Since he renegotiated the country's debts in 2008, Ecuador has been unable to access finance on international markets. Instead it has sold more oil and borrowed more from China – both of which add to the impetus to exploit [fossil fuels](#) in the Amazon. Alberto Acosta – Correa's former right-hand man, author of the constitution and a rival in the recent presidential election – estimates the nation's debt to Beijing at \$17bn. "China lends money to the government. The government repays with oil," he said in explaining why the push to exploit resources in the Amazon had accelerated in recent years. That is not the only threat to this small community from global geopolitical shifts. The Napo river, which runs through Sani's territory and marks the border of the Yasuni national park, is being eyed as part of a new trade route from Ecuador's Manta port to Brazil's Manaus, 2,000km to the east. A mix of river and road transport has long been seen as an alternative to the Panama Canal. It would cut the journey times and costs of sending raw materials from Brazil to its biggest customers in Asia: China, South Korea and Japan. Many politicians believe the plan is on hold, but construction work to build ports and roads along the Napo is moving ahead. "Compared to other big projects, it's being done in a low-key fashion," said Santiago del Hierro, an architect who is leading research on the impacts of the Manta-Manaus corridor at the Catholic University in Quito. "It is moving ahead slowly but steadily, catalysing colonisation and [deforestation](#) in a similar way to the impact of oil extraction during recent decades." Already in the midst of one battle to protect their land, the people of Sani are now wondering whether they will be overwhelmed by this second front of development, which is likely to bring dredgers, riverbank erosion and increased traffic not just to them, but to the ITT initiative, the Yasuni national park and its last two uncontacted tribes, the Tagaeri and Taromenane. Unlike the Kichwa, those tribes remain deep in the forest and violently, often murderously, resist any approaches. "I guess the river project could be an even bigger threat than the oil company," says Freddy Aviles, the outgoing manager of Sani Lodge, as he surveys the future challenges facing the community. I ask him if he ever wished his community too had resisted contact with the outside world. His answer suggests the conflict in Sani is within as well as among people. "I think about that a lot," he said. "If we'd never made contact, we would be free but we wouldn't have education or the chance for foreign travel. It depends on the type of contact. The lodge brings foreign visitors and they do affect the forest, but not like oil companies do. "It's more sustainable. Other tribes that have worked closely with the oil companies have been changed. They now have cars and homes with metal roofs. Maybe we move more slowly. But there are some that have not made contact at all. And yes, I'm envious of them. Their lives are pure."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/mar/05/ecuador-amazon-split-oil-money?INTCMP=SRCH>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, WANGARATTA, MARCH 7 2013. BIG BANG AVOIDED: PETROL STATION GAS LEAK

jack baker



Firefighters have responded quickly to a potentially dangerous gas leak at a Wangaratta service station this morning. Police closed off a section of Greta Road soon after 2am when a truck driver reported that he could smell gas. Fire crews used atmospheric monitoring devices and discovered a high amount of LPG in the air. It took crews about 40 minutes to de-ice the valve of an LPG tank, where the leak was. "It wasn't caused by a damaged vessel, the valve wasn't shut correctly," Wangaratta leading firefighter Ian Lilley said. "We had to bust open the padlock to get to the controls. "We had to douse the firefighter who opened the lock in case it sparked, which it did." Mr Lilley said it had been a good result. "If the valve had been damaged the service station would probably have still be closed off (several hours later) and we would have had to decant the tank," he said. "Had the leak been overnight and had no one noticed it, all it needed was an ammunition spark and it would have gone bang. "In the end it was an easy job."

<http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/1345099/big-bang-avoided-petrol-station-gas-leak/?cs=12>



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AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, YASS, MARCH 7 2013. SERVICE STATION CRASH

Two vehicles crashed and ended up wedged between petrol bowser at a Comur Street petrol station on Sunday after a driver's accelerator got stuck. Yass police said a Holden Commodore driven by an 83-year-old had been parked on the left side of the bowser at Caltex Starmart at about 1.40pm. As the driver has gone to leave, the accelerator has stuck and he was forced to make two sharp turns to avoid crashing into the shopfront and then another bowser. The vehicle collided with a red four-wheel-drive ute stationed at a bowser, and both skidded to a stop between the bowser. No one was injured but both vehicles had to be towed from the scene. The bowser weren't damaged. "We're lucky serious injury was avoided because if he'd gone straight into the shop or a bowser, it would have been a much more serious situation," Senior Constable Lindsay Griffith said.

<http://www.yasstribune.com.au/story/1342883/service-station-crash/?cs=12>

ENGLAND, WALES, CONWY, MARCH 7 2013. DRIVER DIES ON A5 AFTER CAR AND TANKER COLLISION

A car driver has died following a collision involving a Ford Fiesta and a tanker on the A5 in Conwy. Police were called to the incident between Pentrefoelas and Glasfryn at 12:16 GMT on Tuesday. The road remained closed for several hours with traffic diverted via the A543 and B4501. Anyone who witnessed the collision is asked to contact Pc Mark Lightfoot of North Wales Police on 101.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-west-wales-21673887>

USA, MO, CLAY COUNTY, MARCH 7 2013. PROPANE LEAKS FROM OVERTURNED TANKER TRUCK IN CLAY COUNTY

chris oberholtz



A leaking, overturned tanker truck has caused some home evacuations in rural Clay County. Sheriff's deputies responded about 10:25 a.m. Tuesday to Highway MM west of Cameron Road near Holt, MO. Authorities said the tanker truck was transporting 2,400 gallons of propane, and 55 gallon of liquid propane have spilled. Deputies have secured an area of about 500 yards around the scene. Ten homes have been evacuated as a precaution, Lt. Will Akin said. Hazmat crews have the leak contained and are waiting on a tow truck to arrive so the tanker can be uprighted. The area will be closed for the next couple of hours. Authorities are still investigating why the tanker truck overturned. The driver suffered minor cuts to his head and was treated at the scene.

<http://www.kctv5.com/story/21534161/propane-leaks-from-overturned-tanker-truck-in-clay-county>

USA, KY, LOUISVILLE, MARCH 7 2013. MORE CONTAMINATION FOUND NEAR BLACK LEAF; AT LEAST 69 HOMES AFFECTED



The Environmental Protection Agency has found more signs of toxic chemicals in properties near the former [Black Leaf Chemical](#) plant in Louisville's Park Hill neighborhood. This brings the total number of contaminated properties to at least 69. The EPA has known that there's contamination at the former Black Leaf chemical plant for two years. But it wasn't until last year that sampling revealed that toxic pesticides had [migrated to fifty-one nearby yards](#). And now, 18 more properties have shown signs of contamination. The EPA [sampled the first group of homes in February 2012](#), and then did some additional homes this past November. The sampling found a chemical called benzo (a)pyrene (BaP), a probable human carcinogen, in levels that exceed state standards. There were also higher-than normal levels of lead, and toxics like arsenic, DDT and dieldrin also showed up on some properties. In [a fact sheet the EPA sent out](#), the agency notes that there's a possibility that some of the BaP and lead could be

due to fossil fuel combustion. Carl Hilton is the director of the West Jefferson County Task Force. He says the site's neighbors are frustrated with the amount of information they've been given, and many have probably been exposed for a long time.



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"Some of that stuff has been there for years, like some of the heavy metals and pesticides," he said. "Pesticides don't go away right away; they have a very long half-life." This is especially a problem for residents who have vegetable gardens, and have been eating food grown in the toxic soil for years. The EPA is currently working to see whether it can force the site's previous owners to pay for the cleanup. An agency spokesman says regulators still aren't sure how the properties will be remediated, but there will be a public meeting in the near future to update residents.

 **Document** [EPA Fact Sheet released.](#)

<http://wfpl.org/post/more-contamination-found-near-black-leaf-least-69-homes-affected>

USA, W.VA, ST. MARYS, MARCH 7 2013. MARIETTA DRIVER CRITICAL AFTER TANKER ROLLOVER

A Pleasants County road was bottled up for close to 12 hours Monday night after a tanker truck rolled over, spilling gasoline and diesel fuel. The W.Va 16 was closed about two miles above St. Marys Monday evening after a tanker truck was involved in a single-vehicle accident, crashing and rolling over. The driver of the truck Michael Wheeler, 61, of Marietta, was trapped inside the cabin. He was freed by emergency crews and transported by helicopter to Charleston Area Medical Center. He was listed in critical condition. Pleasants County emergency officials said all of its manpower was used in response. St. Marys Volunteer Fire Department and Pleasants County sheriff's deputies were on scene. Calls to the sheriff's department were referred to the West Virginia State Police detachment. The road was open as of 9 a.m. Tuesday, but motorists were told to expect delays as clean-up crews continued work.?

<http://www.mariettatimes.com/page/content.detail/id/550289/Marietta-driver-critical-after-tanker-rollover.html?nav=5002>

USA, WA, VANCOUVER, MARCH 7 2013. SMALL OIL LEAK REPORTED AT BONNEVILLE DAM >> ONE TO TWO TABLESPOONS PER DAY GETTING INTO RIVER; WORKERS TRYING TO STOP IT



State and federal officials are working to stop an oil leak at Bonneville Dam that's putting an estimated one to two tablespoons of oil per day into the Columbia River.

State and federal officials are working to stop an oil leak at Bonneville Dam that's putting an estimated one to two tablespoons of oil per day into the Columbia River. While small, the leak has persisted intermittently for more than a month, according to a state incident report. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has identified a source and is working on a fix, said spokesman Matt Rabe. But until that happens, oil continues to seep from the 75-year-old hydroelectric facility into the water. The Army Corps has placed absorbent boom on the water to keep the

oil sheen from spreading, Rabe said. "We do everything we can to prevent oil from getting to the water, and being trained to respond to capture and remove what we can," Rabe said. The leak appears to be coming from an oil-water separator in a powerhouse on the Washington side of the structure, Rabe said. It's not yet clear exactly what's causing it, or when it will be resolved, he said. The leak was reported Feb. 4 to the state Department of Ecology. The oil dissipated before workers could pinpoint a source, but small amounts have continued to seep out at times since then, Rabe said. The Army Corps, which operates Bonneville Dam, has provided regular updates to state and other federal officials. Rabe said the relatively small amount of oil being released into the river isn't enough to be able to recover. But that doesn't mean it's not enough to take notice, said Ecology spokeswoman Linda Kent. "A little bit of oil can cause a really big sheen," Kent said. "It can look pretty spectacular even if it's just a little bit." She added: "Any sheen is a concern." Oil leaks aren't uncommon in the Columbia Basin, which includes dozens of aging federal dams. The complicated, decades-old structures include many components that require oil to keep them running. In 2004, the Army Corps took heat for its handling of an oil spill at The Dalles Dam that released 1,300 gallons of oil into the Columbia River. The agency promptly reported and responded to subsequent smaller spills, and other incidents have followed in more recent years. That's one of the unfortunate realities of having dams on the Columbia River, said Lauren Goldberg, staff attorney with advocacy group Columbia Riverkeeper. But it's an unacceptable outcome for fish and people who use the river, she said. Goldberg said it's also troubling to see only vague estimates of how much oil is spilled when such incidents happen. "They don't have a really good way to measure that," Goldberg said. "That's a real problem." Rabe said the oil sheen produced by the most recent incident at Bonneville Dam is contained within the absorbent boom. The Army Corps will continue to work with other authorities as it develops a solution, he said.

<http://www.columbian.com/news/2013/mar/06/small-oil-leak-reported-bonneville-dam/>



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BRAZIL, SAO PAULO, MARCH 7 2013. SHELL, BASF TO PAY WORKERS 180,000 REALS (\$90,000) TO EACH OF THE 1,068 WORKERS, IN COMPENSATION



Brazil's top labor court says Shell Brasil SA and BASF SA have reached a compensation agreement with former workers allegedly contaminated at a pesticide plant in the state of Sao Paulo. The court says Tuesday on its website the companies agreed to a pay compensation of close to 180,000 reais (\$90,000) to each of the 1,068 workers who were allegedly contaminated. They also agreed to provide workers with lifelong health plans valued at 200 million reais (\$100 million). The chemical plant operated from 1977 until it was closed in 2002. Shell originally owned it, but sold the operation to American Cyanamid in 1995. Germany-based BASF bought American Cyanamid in 2000 and took over the plant in the city of Paulinia. Phone calls to Shell and BASF for comment went unanswered.

Related Links

- [Shell & BASF Offer \\$26 Million to Settle Class Action Suit in Brazil](#)
- [Shell, BASF to Pay Massive Compensation for Poisoning over 1,000 Brazilian Workers](#)

<http://www.manufacturing.net/news/2013/03/shell-basf-to-pay-workers-compensation>

USA, ILL, CARY, MARCH 7 2013. CARY BUILDING EXPLOSION SENDS THREE TO THE HOSPITAL

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Map [640 Industrial Drive, Cary, IL 60013, USA](#)

Watch the Video's:

- [OSHA to Investigate Explosions at Paint Manufacturing Facility](#)
- [3 Injured in Cary Explosions, Fire at Industrial Building](#)
- [Witnesses Report Series of Explosions at Fox Valley Systems](#)
- [Witness Gets Video of Second Cary Explosion](#)

Photo's [7] [3 Hurt in Cary Factory Explosion](#)

Photo's [10] [3 injured In Cary Explosions](#)



Several area fire departments were at the scene of an explosion on Industrial Drive in Cary Wednesday.

Three people were taken to the hospital after two explosions at Fox Valley Systems, Cary's police chief said. Several fire departments have been called to 640 Industrial Drive in Cary for the structure fire. About 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, several fire departments responded to reports of smoke and flames at Fox Valley Systems, a marking and striping company that does traffic and athletic field painting, located at 640 Industrial Drive in Cary. Firefighters called for hazmat units to come to the scene. Police Chief Steven Casstevens said there

was a report of one explosion. When an officer arrived on scene, there was a second explosion. The cause of the explosions are unknown, Casstevens said. The Cary Fire Department, State Fire Marshal Office and Occupational Safety and Health Administration will start their investigation Thursday. About a 60-foot section of brick wall at the front of the building and another "significant" chunk in the back were blown out by the explosions, Casstevens said. Three employees were taken to the Good Shepard Hospital and then taken to another unknown hospital, Casstevens said. Their condition and injuries were unknown Wednesday evening. All of the surrounding buildings, including Cary Gymnastics at 600 Industrial Drive and about 20 to 25 others, were evacuated, but around 7 p.m. the street was reopened and people could return to the area. No residences were affected. Jim Hursh, who works at Whitey's Towing, said he heard two explosions and saw people lying outside the building, with one person holding a chunk of ice to his face. Fire engines lined Industrial Drive and Cary-Algonquin Road as black smoke came out of the building. Firefighters on scene sprayed water from the top of ladders and police directed traffic away from the scene. The fire was near the Metra tracks, and service had been slowed as crews worked at the incident scene. OSHA found seven serious violations when it investigated a 1995 accident in which two Fox Valley Systems employees were hospitalized and a third was exposed to carbon monoxide, according to the OSHA report. The accident occurred when two employees were cleaning a spray paint can and a splashing solvent generated a spark that ignited the



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solvent vapors, the report said. Two other OSHA investigation, one in 2004 and the other in 2009, each found two serious violations, according to the report.

<http://www.nwherald.com/2013/03/06/explosions-injuries-at-cary-industrial-building/akukz6o/>

USA, FLA, WEST PALM BEACH, MARCH 8 2013. BOY, 5, IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER BONFIRE EXPLOSION IN SUBURBAN WEST PALM BEACH

julius whigham ii

 **Watch the Video's:**

- [Child Burned after Bonfire Explosion](#)
- [Boy Burned By Bonfire At Mobile Home Park](#)

A 5-year-old boy is in critical condition tonight after suffering burns from a bonfire accident in suburban West Palm Beach, authorities said. The child, who was not identified, was flown by Trauma Hawk to Delray Medical Center after being injured by an explosion that resulted from a bonfire, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue spokesman Capt. Albert Borroto said. Paramedics were called at about 7 p.m. to the Casa del Monte community in the 1700 block of 64th Terrace South. Deputy Eric Davis, spokesman for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, said initial reports indicate the child threw some type of aerosol can into a controlled, outdoors fire. The child's mother was not present, and it was not immediately clear who was responsible for watching him, Davis said. Neighbors said that the child and two others were playing near an area where someone was burning wood. "There was a fire already lit over there, and one of the kids threw hairspray into the fire and it exploded," Luis Aponte said. "I think some of the liquid in the spray got on the kid. The fire ... burned the kid's arm." The child was taken to the trauma center, Borroto said.

<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/local/child-in-critical-condition-after-bonfire-explosion/Wjfy/>

USA, TX, TYLER, MARCH 8 2013. MAN FALLS FROM TYLER GROUND STORAGE TANK; LUCKY TO BE ALIVE, POLICE SAY

faith harper

A 25-year-old Tyler man remained in the hospital this afternoon after falling from a ground storage tank early this morning. The man and two of his friends climbed to the top of a ground storage tank on the 2900 block of Rockbridge Road in Tyler for the view, said Don Martin, spokesman for the Tyler Police Department. Around 3:45 a.m., as the trio was admiring the view, one man got too close to the edge of the still under-construction ground storage tank and fell about 50 feet, Martin said. Alcohol was involved, he said. The man had a bloody nose but was conscious. He was taken to East Texas Medical Center, where he is listed in good condition. "He was very lucky," Martin said.

<http://www.tylerpaper.com/article/20130307/NEWS08/130309837>

CANADA, EDMONTON, MARCH 8 2013. ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION, POSSIBLE CHARGES AGAINST OILSANDS COMPANIES

marty klinkenberg



The conservation group Ecojustice wants the federal government to investigate oilsands producers Suncor and Syncrude Canada, alleging that the companies have contaminated the Athabasca River.

An environmental organization is asking Ottawa to consider pressing charges against two oilsands giants for contaminating the Athabasca River. The conservation group Ecojustice has submitted a report to Environment Minister Peter Kent that alleges bitumen upgraders used by Suncor and Syncrude Canada are depositing contaminants in the river that is home to more than half of Alberta's fish species. Citing a section of the Fisheries Act that says that no person "shall deposit or permit the deposit of a deleterious substance of any type in water frequented by fish," the organization has requested that the government launch a formal investigation and provide its findings to Canada's

director of public prosecution. Ecojustice has also requested that the results of the investigation, including all of the raw data that is collected, be made available to the public. "The government has a legal obligation to ensure that the Athabasca River is



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being protected, and given that fact, they have an obligation to undertake our request seriously," said Melissa Gorrie, a staff lawyer with Ecojustice. A spokeswoman for the federal environment minister's office said nobody would be available to comment on Ecojustice's report or the status of its request for an investigation until Thursday. Using emissions data provided to government by industry, Ecojustice estimated that in one year more than 1,000 tonnes of particulate matter were emitted by two upgrading stacks — including polycyclic aromatic compounds found to cause cancer in humans and impact the development and survival of fish. Between them, Suncor and Syncrude employ dozens of upgraders to transform the bitumen that is found in the oilsands into synthetic crude oil. "Taking into consideration all sources of emissions along the river, the cumulative impact of oilsands pollution on the Athabasca and its surrounding ecosystem is likely significant," the environmental group said. The report supports earlier research led by University of Alberta scientists David Schindler and Erin Kelly that concluded that airborne contaminants from oilsands operations accumulate in snowpacks that later melt and feed into the Athabasca River. Suncor and Syncrude both said Wednesday that they operate their facilities within provincially approved emission limits and are subject to government approvals and licences. Both groups are founding members of the Wood Buffalo Environmental Association, which has conducted air monitoring in the region since the early 1990s, and both support a joint Canada-Alberta implementation plan. "We'll work with government and industry peers to ensure additional monitoring measures are implemented effectively and efficiently as we pursue the shared goal of minimizing the impact of oilsands development on regional air quality," Sneh Seetal, a spokeswoman for Suncor, said in an email. Jennifer Grant, the oilsands program director for the Pembina Institute, said the federal government should heed the call for an investigation. "Government is working hard to demonstrate that it is being responsible in monitoring the resource," Grant said. "It needs to do something to show that its decisions are well-informed and that it is serious about managing this."

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/business/Environmental+group+calls+investigation+possible+charges/8059877/story.html>

USA, TX, HOUSTON, MARCH 7 2012. PHILLIPS 66 MULLS SALE OF EUROPEAN, ASIAN REFINERIES

alison sider



Phillips 66 would entertain offers for some of its refineries in Europe and Asia as it focuses on growing returns in its US refining system, an executive told analysts Thursday. Larry Ziemba, executive vice president for refining, project development and procurement, said that, for the right price the company would consider selling a 71,000 barrel-per-day refinery in Cork, Ireland, and its joint venture stakes in refineries in Malaysia and Germany. "They're really not strategic," Mr. Ziemba said of the refineries. The company's 47% stake in Malaysia's Maleka refinery is a holdover from Phillips 66's days as the refining arm of ConocoPhillips, which had upstream operations in Malaysia. Now, "it might be worth more to Petronas or someone else than it is to us," Mr. Ziemba said. Mr. Ziemba said the company likes the cash generated by its 18.5% stake in the Mineraloelraffinerie Oberrhein GmbH refinery in southwest Germany, but said the refinery is not key to the company's portfolio. He said the refinery in Ireland is "not sophisticated." Most Phillips 66's refining capacity is located in the US, where the company is looking to take full advantage of booming production of relatively inexpensive oil. Mr. Ziemba said the share of "advantaged" crude-oil that is cheaper than the European Brent benchmark- has grown from 52% of the crude Phillips 66 ran in 2011, to 70% by

the end of 2012. "Ultimately, our objective is to push all the Brent crudes out of our system," Mr. Ziemba said. The challenge has been getting crude from areas such as North Dakota that are not yet hooked in to existing pipelines. Many coastal refineries have turned to rail companies and their existing routes to connect to the new sources of crude. Earlier this year, Phillips 66 announced that it signed a five-year contract for 50,000 bpd of crude oil from North Dakota to be delivered by rail to its Bayway refinery in Linden, N.J. The company is awaiting permits to build a rail rack to supplement that, Mr. Ziemba said. Now Phillips 66 wants to do the same thing at its Ferndale, Wash., refinery, where the company is working with third parties to bring Bakken crude. Mr. Ziemba said the company is considering building a rail rack at Ferndale, which would also allow the refinery take rail delivery of Canadian crude that could then be sent to refineries in California by ship.

<http://www.hydrocarbonprocessing.com/Article/3165815/Latest-News/Phillips-66-mulls-sale-of-European-Asian-refineries.html>



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USA, ME, MATTAWAMKEAG, MARCH 7 2013. TRAIN CARRYING CRUDE OIL DERAILS IN MAINE



This photo provided by WABI-TV5 in Bangor, Maine, shows derailed tank cars Thursday, March 7, 2013 in Mattawamkeag, Maine. Fifteen cars of a 96-car train carrying crude oil went off the tracks at about 5 a.m., approximately 60 miles north of Bangor.

A train carrying crude oil derailed Thursday in eastern Maine, resulting in a minor spill that didn't cause any immediate environmental damage, officials said. Fifteen cars of a 96-car train went off the tracks at about 5 a.m. in Mattawamkeag, a town of fewer than 700 people 60 miles north of Bangor, said Cynthia Scarano, executive vice president of Pan Am Railways. Thirteen of the cars fell onto their sides and two of them remained upright after falling off the tracks, she said. No injuries were reported. Scarano said a couple of gallons, at most, leaked, most likely from residue oil that spilled onto the seals of some of the tank car covers when the cars were filled up with oil. "From what we see now, there's no leaking," she said from Pan Am headquarters in Billerica, Mass. Department of Environmental Protection spokeswoman Samantha Warren said DEP crews who were at the derailment site were reporting very little leaked oil and catching it in pails placed under the tank car covers. The derailment took place about 300 feet from the Penobscot River, she said. "It's being measured in drips and not gallons," she said. Oil from the derailed cars will be transferred to empty tank cars before the cars are and lifted up and put back on the tracks, Scarano said. In November 2011, trains began carrying unrefined crude oil from the North Dakota oil field to the Irving oil refinery in Saint John, New Brunswick, Warren said. The shipments have been increasing monthly, rising from about 1 million gallons in November 2011 to about 48 million gallons in December 2012. For all 2012, more than 220 million gallons of oil was transported across Maine, according to DEP records. The growing volume of oil shipments has been a concern for the DEP, Warren said. "We've been aware something like this morning's spill could be coming," she said. Scarano said people shouldn't have worries about oil crossing the state by train. "It's a safe way to transport it," she said.

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2013/mar/07/train-carrying-crude-oil-derails-in-maine/>

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, AL AIN, MARCH 7 2013. AL AIN FUEL STATION SHUT OVER DIESEL IN PETROL CARS >> ADNOC APOLOGISES TO OWNERS OF DAMAGED VEHICLES AND OFFERS FREE REPAIRS

aghaddir ali

Al Ain: Filling up on the wrong fuel can prove very damaging for vehicles but that's exactly what happened at a petrol station in Al Yahar in Al Ain on Tuesday night when several unsuspecting motorists realised that their petrol cars had received tankfuls of diesel instead. As many as 15 car engines were reportedly ruined and Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (Adnoc) shut down the petrol station for a day following the incident, Gulf News has learnt. The trouble started on Tuesday night, at around 9pm, when an employee at the petrol station opened the cover of the wrong tank, replenishing it with diesel instead of petrol. Unaware of what had gone wrong, the attendants manning the petrol dispenser ended up filling several cars with diesel instead of petrol. The Abu Dhabi National Oil Company for Distribution (Adnoc Distribution), said in a statement on Wednesday: "What happened could be described as a human error that caused the closure of Adnoc petrol station of Al Yahar in Al Ain Tuesday night as a result of filling the fuel tank with diesel instead of petrol. "What happened could be described as a very rare event in the company since its establishment." The company contacted people whose cars were damaged to apologise and told them of procedures that would help them get their vehicles repaired. The company said it took responsibility for the repairs to the damaged cars and would bear the expenses involved and it also offered affected car owners the choice to rent a car at its expense until such time that the repairs on their vehicles were completed. Adnoc said repairs to the damaged cars would take no more than an hour and all the cars would be delivered to their respective owners with guarantees about their safety. The petrol station resumed operations on Wednesday, at around 3:30pm. "The question is how to handle a situation like this and that's very important if you don't want to ruin your car's engine," said Mohammad Shahzad, a mechanic in Al Ain. Wrong fuel can severely damage a car's engine, he said, advising motorists who face such an eventuality not to start their engines and to call for a mechanic's help or tow the car to a workshop. A mechanic can flush out the diesel from the fuel tank and replenish the vehicle's fuel system. Shahzad said the deeper the wrong fuel goes into a car's engine, the repair becomes that much more expensive. "In extreme cases, the affected engine needs to be replaced with new one," he said. In



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less extreme cases, a number of parts such as filters, fuel tank, pressure pumps and injectors need to be changed if the engine is turned on.

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/uae/emergencies/al-ain-fuel-station-shut-over-diesel-in-petrol-cars-1.1155002>

ENGLAND, GUERNSEY, MARCH 7 2013. WARNING AGAINST IMPORTING PETROL



The sale of super-unleaded petrol will be phased out from the end of March.

Islanders looking to import and sell super-unleaded petrol when garage sales are phased out could face a substantial fine, the Health and Safety Executive has warned. The words of caution from chief health and safety officer Richard Brown follow the decision by Rubis, the owner of Fuel Supplies (CI) Ltd, to phase-out sale of the fuel, used for high-performance vehicles, from the end of March. He said the HSE had heard 'anecdotal evidence' of islanders planning to import and sell super-unleaded, and he wanted to address the issue before it became a reality. 'The HSE believes it is important to draw the attention of anyone who is considering importing super-unleaded or any other type of petroleum spirit that it is illegal and an offence under the 1924 law to import and store petroleum products without a licence to do so,' he said.

Related Links [Super unleaded fuel to be withdrawn](http://www.thisisguernsey.com/news/2013/03/07/warning-against-importing-petrol/)

<http://www.thisisguernsey.com/news/2013/03/07/warning-against-importing-petrol/>

USA, ILL, GRANITE CITY, MARCH 8 2013. 2 CRITICAL, 8 INJURED IN EXPLOSION AT GRANITE CITY PLANT



Workers at Amsted Rail Thursday in Granite City after an explosion injured at least nine workers.

Two men remain in critical condition and eight others were injured after an explosion Thursday morning at Amsted Rail. The two men critically injured were airlifted to Mercy Hospital St. Louis in Creve Coeur, Mo. A third person was airlifted from Granite City to Missouri, according to Erin Echelmeyer, spokeswoman for Gateway Regional Medical Center in Granite City. However, Echelmeyer did not know further details about the third airlifted worker's whereabouts. total of 10 injured workers were transported to Gateway on Thursday morning, Echelmeyer said. Of these 10, three were airlifted and seven

were treated and released from Gateway. United Steelworkers of America Local 1063 President Robert Lott, who represents workers at the plant, said he was in the building and standing about 100 yards from the scene of the explosion when it happened. Lott said Reginald Golliday, who has worked at the railroad carriage manufacturing plant for the past 17 years, may have suffered two broken legs, a large gash on his forehead and internal injuries. He also said that Danny Wilson, a 10-year veteran at the plant, suffered a broken leg and internal injuries. Granite City Fire Department Assistant Chief Jim Snelson said the fire department was called at 8:10 a.m. to the plant at 1700 Walnut St. Lott said the explosion caused a blackout at the plant. He said he believed the blast was caused by a gas leak under a wooden platform where workers were standing. "I could see flames, initially, and then the visibility went down to zero from the dust that fell from the rafters," Lott said. Lott said a similar explosion happened at the factory about 20 years ago. In Collinsville, International Brotherhood of Electricians Local 309 Business Manager Scott Hassall said one electrical maintenance worker who was on site at the time of the blast was not injured. Hassall also said the Occupational Safety and Health Administration reported to the scene Thursday morning to investigate. Karl Armstrong, OSHA assistant area director in Fairview Heights, confirmed that an investigation was under way but did not provide any further information. Lott said that after the blast, workers were directed to the cafeteria at the back of the plant. Workers leaving the plant about noon told reporters that they were told not to speak to the media. Representatives from Amsted Rail could not be reached for comment. Federal officers partially inspected the site in 2011 and 2012, but did not cite Amsted for any violations, according to the records of the OSHA within the U.S. Department of Labor. Both inspections were for health-related complaints -- not safety violations. The latest inspection of the site was on July 31 in response to a complaint about workers exposed to high heat.

<http://www.bnd.com/2013/03/07/2523370/update-seven-injured-in-steel.html>



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USA, CA, CARPINTERIA, MARCH 8 2013. UNLICENSED DRIVER COLLIDES WITH FUEL TANKER ON HIGHWAY 101 IN CARPINTERIA

An unlicensed driver collided with a fuel tanker truck on Thursday morning after losing control of her vehicle while entering northbound Highway 101 via the Santa Monica Road on-ramp in Carpinteria. Two other vehicles were also involved in the collision. California Highway Patrol Sgt. Matthew Dawson said the driver, identified as a 45-year-old Carpinteria woman, was believed to have been speeding while proceeding along the on-ramp about 8:40 a.m., and combined with the wet roadway conditions, lost control and drove into the path of the big-rig tanker truck hauling jet fuel. Dawson said the big-rig driver was unable to avoid the collision, which caused the tanker to move left, colliding with two other vehicles. He said the tanker became entwined with one of the vehicles and drove off the edge of the roadway into the center divider. It came to a stop partially in the slow lane, pinning a sedan against the guardrail. Dawson said only minor injuries were reported, and the tanker truck did not leak any fuel. One northbound lane of Highway 101 in Carpinteria was closed for more than an hour, according to Dawson. He said that at this time, it doesn't appear that alcohol or drugs were factors in the crash.

http://www.noozhawk.com/article/030713_unlicensed_driver_collides_fuel_tanker_highway/

USA, MD, CHARLES CO, MARCH 8 20-13. WALDORF PROPANE TRUCK CRASH CAUSES SPILL, EVACUATIONS

 **Watch the Video** [Waldorf Propane Truck Crashes](#)

A propane truck overturned in Waldorf Wednesday morning, causing voluntary evacuations from the area while crews cleaned up a spill. Charles County Sheriff's Office officials say the truck overturned just after 10 a.m. on Bensville Road near Carrie Court. The crash caused some of the tanker's load to spill, but no one was injured. Bensville Road remains closed between Route 228 and Zoll Lane. Residents of several streets, including Valley Drive, Sedgeland Court, Carrie Court, Shannon Drive, Poplar Court and Paperbirth Court, were evacuated. The cleanup is ongoing and crews expect to be on the cleanup job for several hours.

<http://www.wjla.com/articles/2013/03/waldorf-propane-truck-crash-causes-spill-evacuations-85996.html>

NEW ZEALAND, WELLINGTON,, MARCH 8 2013. NEW ZEALAND GAS STATION CHAIN Z'S OWNERS MAY SELL 60% TO PUBLIC

The owners of Z Energy Ltd., a gas station operator that supplies a third of New Zealand's fuel, may list it on the nation's stock exchange as they prepare to sell a stake to the public. Joint investors Infratil Ltd. and the New Zealand Superannuation Fund may sell as much as 60 percent of the company in a public share sale in the third quarter, they said in a statement. No final decision had been made on the listing, which would depend on market conditions, they said.

"Z Energy has strong cash-flows, a good dividend outlook and growth options which would suit a wider investor audience," Infratil Chief Executive Officer Marko Bogoevski said. Infratil and the Superannuation Fund bought Z Energy from Shell Oil Co. in 2010 and then rebranded Shell gas stations as Z throughout New Zealand. The investors want to keep stakes in the company of between 20 percent and 30 percent if the sale proceeds, according to the statement. Z Energy earned NZ\$1.49 billion (\$1.2 billion) of revenue in the six months to Sept. 30, according to its website.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-03-07/new-zealand-gas-station-chain-z-s-owners-may-sell-60-to-public.html>

INDIA, MUMBAI, MARCH 8 2013. LPG TANKER BLAST CLAIMS 2 MORE LIVES

Two more victims of the LPG tanker explosion on the Sion-Panvel highway in Mankhurd succumbed to injuries on Thursday. Four victims are critical with over 90% burns. Nizamuddin Shaikh (50) and Nagmani Singh (30) had sustained 100% burns. Nizamuddin's wife Nasimunisa (35), who sustained 90% burns, is battling for life at the burns ICU of Sion hospital. Two members of the Shaikh family are among the very critical patients. Nizamuddin, a water tanker driver, is survived by four children. While Nizamuddin's family remained by his side throughout the treatment, Singh only had friends for support. He shared a room in Mankhurd with five friends. Rajbahadur Pal, who also suffered 40% burns, said he was hopeful that Singh would survive. "We both ran out together. He did not have time to put on clothes, that's why he suffered more burns," he said. The tanker crashed into safety pillars along the Sion-Panvel highway, toppled into a ditch and burst into flames at 1.30am on Monday. The driver was killed on the spot along with three shanty dwellers. Out of the 10 who were recuperating, two were discharged on Thursday. Relatives of Mahadev Rukumpe (50), who succumbed to burn injuries on Wednesday, demanded compensation from the tanker owner.

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USA, AR, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, MARCH 9 2013. OFFICIALS EXPECT TO OPEN YOUNG ROAD OVERPASS AFTER I-40 WRECK

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- [Driver Dies after Tanker Truck Fire](#)
- [Officials Expect to Open Young Road Overpass](#)

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After Thursday's massive wreck, it took crews until early in the evening to get the roads clear for traffic to finally go through. But officials say with such a extensive damage, their work won't be done until sometime Friday. "We probably have something like this every two or three years," said Phil Pounders, North Little Rock Fire Department Battalion Chief. Chief Pounders says the fire caused by Thursday's semi accident caused damage rarely seen by officials. "When we arrived on the scene it was quite apparent that it was a very severe accident because of just the fire that was involved and the debris on the road way," said Pounders. North Little Rock Fire Department, who called on the help of several state and local agencies, says at one point they worried the bridge would collapse because of the intense fire. "With the amount of combustibles that were there and the intense fire that was there directly impinging on the bridge," said Pounders. "It was a very real concern," he said. After both lanes being

completely shut down, and later just the westbound, two lanes are open going west with the outermost lane expected to be cleared by midnight. The overpass will open Friday morning. "Obviously safety is the number one concern," said Randy Ort, Spokesperson for the Highway Department. "We want to get that bridge open for convenience but safety is the main concern and if there is any question about safety we will leave that bridge closed," said Ort. Officials just ask that drivers remain attentive while driving pass the bridge. "Motorists that are going to be going down need to be aware of the situation out there and probably stay in those left hand lanes," said Ort. Although officials say the Young Road Bridge will most likely open Friday morning they will no longer allow heavy loads to cross over since the bridge sustained such significant damage.

<http://www.katv.com/story/21551314/officials-expect-to-open-crystal-hill-overpass-after-i-40-wreck>

USA, PA, CONSHOHOCKEN, MARCH 8 2013. EPA SETTLES CLEAN AIR ACT CASE AGAINST CONSHOHOCKEN, PA. CHEMICAL PLANT

Montgomery Chemicals LLC will pay a \$36,000 penalty as part of a settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Clean Air Act violations at its chemical manufacturing facility at 901 Conshohocken Road, Conshohocken, Pa., the EPA announced today. The facility produces a hazardous air pollutant – methanol – during its manufacturing of sodium borohydride, a bleaching agent used by the paper industry. Based on data collected during an EPA inspection, EPA alleges Clean Air Act violations pertaining to methanol emissions, monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting. In addition to the \$36,000 penalty, Montgomery Chemicals has also agreed to correct the cited violations within six months. The company will also be installing a new scrubber to control emissions, as required by a previous consent order with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The Clean Air Act requires industrial facilities to closely control and monitor methanol emissions. Although human health effects associated with breathing or otherwise consuming smaller amounts of methanol over a long period of time are unknown, workers repeatedly exposed to methanol could experience adverse effects including headaches, sleep disorders, gastrointestinal problems and optic nerve damage. For more information on potential health effects from methanol exposure, visit: http://www.epa.gov/chemfact/f_methan.txt .

<http://www.epa.gov/air/caa/> .



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