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USA, N.J, BEDMINSTER, APRIL 21 2013. 1,450 GALLONS OF FUEL SPILLED FROM DOT YARD INTO RARITAN RIVER IN BEDMINSTER

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Somerset County Hazmat responded to Klines Mills Road in Bedminster Township April 11 for a diesel fuel tank leak into the Raritan River.

Almost the entire amount of fuel in a tank spilled last week from a state Department of Transportation yard in Bedminster, resulting in 1,450 gallons of oil traveling through a storm drain and into the Raritan River, according to DOT officials. It was previously estimated that about 1,500 gallons of fuel was in the 2,000-gallon fuel tank the morning of the spill, according to a state Department of Environmental Protection spokesman. The DOT confirmed Friday that 1,450 gallons of the 1,500 estimated gallons of fuel was actually spilled that morning. Bedminster Township Police responded April 11 between 7 and 7:30 a.m. to Klines Mill Road near River Road on a fuel odor report, according to Lt. Craig Meyer. The fire department was dispatched to the area, along with the Somerset County Hazmat Team and the state DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife was

notified of the leak, and was on site. "A small area of the river showed a sheen and was boomed off and cleaned by a contractor hired by DOT," [DEP spokesman Bob Considine previously told NJ.com](#). The leak was quickly contained, he said. "Work continued until dark, and most of the product was recovered in the stream," he said. There was no sheen in the Raritan April 12, but crews worked to clean up a nearby wooded area, removing any additional pockets of diesel fuel. The nearest downstream water intake was notified by DEP as "a precaution," Considine said, although it was about 17 miles from the site of the spill.

http://www.nj.com/somerset/index.ssf/2013/04/dot_1450_gallons_of_fuel_spill.html

PAKISTAN, KARACHI, APRIL 22 2013. CONCERN SHOWN ON ADULTERATED PETROL

The Karachi Transport Action Committee (KTAC) has registered its serious concerns about unchecked availability of adulterated petrol at certain fuel stations in the metropolis. KTAC President, Mohammad Ashraf Banglari on Sunday maintained that unchecked sale of smuggled petrol and other petroleum goods as diesel, with no consideration towards quality has emerged as a threat for vehicles. It is a major threat for the public transport system, as a significant number of owners owing to resource constraints are lured to purchase low-cost fuel of compromised quality. "Unfortunately there is little awareness about the threat posed by low quality adulterated fuel," said Banglari. He urged the concerned authorities to take action against suppliers of the smuggled petrol that is mixed into diesel and supplied to a chain of petrol pumps, during the night, via private tankers. He further said the petrol pumps located in Orangi Town, Federal-B Area and New Karachi are particularly engaged in the business. Stressing on a need to regularise and monitor the activities of petrol and diesel suppliers, he asked to initiate a mechanism to assess authorised supply of petrol and petroleum goods to all petrol stations in the city and sale on a daily basis. This, the KTAC president said will help arrest people engaged in this illegal business. He also registered his serious concern about sale of smuggled petrol on roadside stalls in different parts of the city.

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013%5C04%5C22%5Cstory_22-4-2013_pg7_25

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, MAJORS CREEK, APRIL 22 2013. GOLD MINER POLLUTING CREEK, SAYS AUTHOR FRENCH

john thistleton

Unity Mining is either unaware or underplaying another discharge of pollution from its gold mine development into surrounding creeks at Majors Creek, east of Canberra, says a downstream landholder. Author Jackie French said it was the third time the creek, which runs through her property, had been polluted. "The loud sound of frogs all along the Majors Creek conservation area and our property has vanished," Ms French said. An EPA officer was on site at Majors Creek on Sunday assessing the latest discharge. A Unity Mining spokesman said the mine was not dismissive or trying to underplay the discharge, but could not rule out as a cause Palerang Council's roadworks nearby. "Obviously if it is ours, that is regrettable and not good enough," he said. He said the mine was never meant to be a zero discharge site. He said the Environmental Protection Authority had been happy with work done since issuing a clean-up notice from a previous discharge, which polluted Spring Creek and



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Majors Creek. Ms French said Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority had organised an indigenous workshop in the area on Saturday and participants had confirmed the latest pollution, which followed 30 millimetres of rain over a 10-hour period from Friday. "The matter entering Majors Creek this time appears to be mostly top soil," she said. "It is dropping onto the creek faster than the clay suspension of the two previous pollution events, and appears to have far lower persistence." "The event has been severe enough, however, to apparently kill all amphibians and fish, as while many were visible on Friday, the creek was barren at 3pm on Saturday." Ms French said Unity had emailed landholders at 3pm on Saturday, long after the pollution had reached their property and household water system. "The email alleged that the spill was minor, and was not likely to pollute beyond the boundaries of the project," Ms French said. "This is inaccurate. The pools to two kilometres downstream were black, the water four kilometres downstream still strongly coloured." At 5.05pm on Saturday dark matter was still seeping from Spring Creek into Major's Creek. Unity said another member of the mine's community consultation committee, who lived downstream from Ms French, had reported no evidence of a discharge. Unity Mining is developing a \$90 million gold mine and said previously sediment and water controls were compliant and the company was working to prevent spills.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/gold-miner-polluting-creek-says-author-french-20130421-2i8pq.html>

USA, KY' LOUISEVILLE, APRIL 22 2013. WORKERS INJURED BY FIRE AT LOUISVILLE TRAIN DERAILMENT SITE FILE SUIT

joseph lord



Two Illinois workers injured in a [fire during the October clean-up of a derailed Paducah & Louisville Railway train in southwestern Louisville](#) have filed suit against the railroad and its contractors. Leonardo Anthony Carrillo and Gregory Powers claim that P&L, CSX and a contractor failed to properly monitor dangerous contaminants while the men—employed by clean-up contractor RJ Corman—worked at the site near West Point, Ky. An acetylene cutting torch used in the clean-up ignited [butadiene](#) that had leaked at the site, causing a fire that injured Carrillo and Powers, the suit claims. "The bottom line here is these guys were told to go ahead and cut and it was not safe to cut," said Colin Dunn, a Chicago attorney who is representing both men. "It wasn't their job to determine whether it was safe or not. There were other people on the scene that were responsible for that, and both Tony and Greg were relying on those people to do their job and obviously that wasn't done." P&L declined to comment on the pending

litigation, a spokeswoman said. CSX declined to comment but a spokeswoman referred to court filings in which the company denies wrongdoing. The Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health did not respond to requests for comment on Friday. The lawsuits were initially filed in St. Clair County, Illinois, but have since been moved to the federal court in the U.S. District Court in Southern Illinois. Carrillo and Powers live in Belleville, Ill. Neither man has returned to work since the incident; both are still recovering from their injuries and are drawing disability benefits, Dunn said. "They're still having surgeries," Dunn said. "He's already had one on his hand and his wrist area. He's going to have another one, it looks like. Tony is going to have to have surgery on his shoulder." "Both these guys have been through a lot and the road ahead is going to be tough for them. Unfortunately for them it's not going to be a quick recovery." The defendants have filed a motion to move the case to



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Kentucky, Dunn noted. The train derailment in late October [led to several days of shelter-in-place orders and other disruptions near West Point](#), largely from concern for tankers carrying hydrogen fluoride. A [class-action suit was filed](#) in November on behalf of West Point residents against the same entities and Carrilo and Powers' employer, RJ Corman. P&L is attempting to have that case moved to federal court, as well, but the plaintiff's are resisting that effort, said Alex Davis, an attorney representing the plaintiffs. The Federal Railroad Administration is still investigating the accident, a spokesman said. No cause has been released.

<http://www.wfpl.org/post/workers-injured-fire-louisville-train-derailment-site-file-suit>

CANADA, NUNAVUT, IQALUIT, APRIL 22, 2013. GN URGES HEATING FUEL TANK INSPECTION >> SMALL HOLES CAN LEAD TO BIG SPILLS, ENVIRONMENT DEPT. SAYS



This is what a pin-hole leak in a heating oil tank looks like.

Homeowners and property managers may save significant oil spill cleanup costs if they take the time to conduct regular inspections of their heating oil tanks, says the Government of Nunavut. A property owner in Iqaluit is now contesting charges filed by the GN under the Environmental Protection Act following an oil spill on her property a few years ago. This legal challenge, due back in the Nunavut Court of Justice next month, may have prompted Nunavut's environment department to send out a reminder to all homeowners and property managers to conduct inspections of their heating oil tanks. The GN-produced Illustrated Homeowner's Guide to Heating Oil Tanks provides information on how to properly inspect a heating oil tank and to recognize potential spill risks. The guide is available on the Department of Environment [website](#). You may also contact the Department of Environment at (867) 975-7700 or call your local Conservation

Office for more information, the GN suggested in an April 17 news release. Typically, fuel tank leaks are discovered during the spring when the snow melts. That's because when tanks are surrounded by snow, you can't see the leaks from the holes, which can produce a steady stream or simply drip into the snow. Without snow, the holes can be hard to detect unless you know what you're looking for. Sometimes the hole on the outside is so perfectly round that it looks like it has been drilled out. So much so, that some people suspect the leak holes are the result of vandalism. But the holes are generally caused by corrosion. That process, known as "microbial-induced corrosion," occurs when tiny oil and water-loving critters dig craters into the sludge that accumulates at the bottom of tanks and through the metal. Two years ago, a small leak in [a fuel tank in Cambridge Bay allowed 1,600 litres of fuel oil to leak out](#). It wasn't detected until the snow started to melt.

http://www.nunatsiaqonline.ca/stories/article/65674gn_urges_heating_fuel_tank_inspection/

NORWAY, OSLO, APRIL 22 2013. NORWAY'S RULING PARTY BACKS OIL DRILLING AROUND ARCTIC ISLANDS

terje solsvik & balazs koranyi



Norway took a major step towards opening up an environmentally sensitive Arctic area to oil and gas exploration when the ruling Labour Party gave the go-ahead on Sunday for an impact study. Exploration in the waters around the Lofoten islands just above the Arctic circle is becoming one of the most contentious issues for parliamentary elections in September. The picturesque area had been off limits because it is home to the world's richest cod stocks, with environmental groups and the tourism industry opposed to any development. The Labour party voted for the study, a precursor to any exploration, but also said it would take another vote in 2015, before actual drilling could begin. Oil is the Norwegian economy's lifeblood - the nation is the world's seventh-biggest oil exporter and western Europe's biggest gas supplier. Its sprawling offshore energy sector continuously needs new areas to explore to

halt the decline in production and energy firms have argued that they should be allowed to investigate the Lofoten islands. Norway's oil production will fall to a 25-year low this year as North Sea fields mature. Even a series of recent big finds, like the giant Johan Sverdrup field, which could hold over 3 billion barrels of oil, will only arrest the decline. Waters off Lofoten are



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estimated to hold 8 percent of Norway's undiscovered oil and gas resources with seismic tests identifying 50 prospects that could hold recoverable reserves or around 1.27 billion barrels of oil equivalent, the petroleum directorate said earlier. With Labour's support Norway's top three parties now favor exploration in the area, raising the chance that the next government would begin the process.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/04/21/us-norway-oil-arctic-idUSBRE93K04C20130421>

CHINA, HENAN PROVINCE, YANSHI, APRIL 22 2013. LIVESTOCK DEATHS BLAMED ON GAS LEAK FROM PLANT

A toxic gas leak from a chemical plant has been blamed for causing the mass deaths of livestock in Yanshi, Henan Province on April 15, according to the city government, the Xinhua News Agency reported on Saturday. A local investigation identified the toxic gas as mainly consisting of methyl chloroacetate and methyl fluoroacetate. This mixture can attack the eyes, skin and respiratory system as confirmed by the fluorine product plant. The city government then suspended the plant from production indefinitely, will order it to pay appropriate compensation to those affected and will formulate a plan for the plant to dispose of equipment, raw materials and product overflow safely. Villagers living nearby the chemical plant in the village of Dongtun near Shanhua found that more than 400 pigs and 100 dogs had died overnight, on the morning of April 15. "The sudden mass deaths were in an area close to the factory in the western and central parts of the village," a village doctor surnamed Kou told the Global Times, adding that the farms most severely affected were those within a kilometer radius of the chemical plant. After the accident happened, a team of experts was rapidly established to carry out inspections, do a full analysis and make inquiries. The team found that in the early hours of April 15, due to a low wind-speed and a clear sky, the toxic gas spread along the ground, poisoning the animals.

<http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/776506.shtml#.UXThN7X-GM4>

USA, WYO EVANSTON, APRIL 22 2013. NATURAL GAS STORAGE SITE EXPLODES, BURNS IN SOUTHWEST WYOMING, NO ONE HURT

A natural gas storage site in southwestern Wyoming exploded but no one was hurt, and firefighters waited most of the day Sunday to allow the flames to die down so they could investigate. Crews responded late Saturday afternoon to a report of an explosion at the facility, 15 miles north of Evanston in Uinta County, near the Utah line. "Some sort of pressure valve malfunctioned and exploded, resulting in a fire at the facility," said Eric Quinney, chief administrative officer for Uinta Fire and Ambulance. He said the four people working at the site at the time were uninjured, and crews were investigating the area late Sunday afternoon. The facility, which includes a main structure and pipelines, is in an isolated area and the blaze poses no threat to people or other structures, he said. Companies use the site to store natural gas underground. Crews were staged about a mile away and keeping a close watch Sunday, poised to take action if needed. "With everyone was accounted for, we're pretty much at this point letting it burn," Quinney said. "We don't want to take any unnecessary risk." He described the blaze as not huge and flaring occasionally and then dying down.

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/5a46404af3d4421790d3f0754caa1b9a/WY--Natural-Gas-Fire>

NIGERIA, OYO STATE, IBADAN, APRIL 24 2013. TANKER FIRE DESTROYS OVER 30 HOUSES, SHOPS IN IBADAN



A Tanker fire at Ibadan.

Over 30 houses and shops were Monday razed in Omitowoju area of Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, in a late afternoon inferno caused by a petrol-laden tanker which fell on a road side. THISDAY learnt that the fully loaded tanker was trying to link Inalende road towards the Mokola round about area of the city when the driver lost control falling on its side while its 33,000 litres content which spilled on the gutter immediately sparked fire. It was gathered that the driver of the tanker took the densely populated area due to the closure of the Dugbe/Mokola road as a result of the ongoing construction of an overhead bridge in Mokola by the state government. While the fire was still burning as at the time of filing this report, the

effect of the inferno led to traffic jam at the area by many sympathisers who with the men of the state fire service were trying to put out the fire. According to an eye witness, when the tanker fell, people in the area rushed out of their houses and afterwards the entire area was enveloped in a thick smoke. He added that it will be difficult to determine whether any life was lost in the incident, stating that an old man whose where about could not be ascertained was in one of the affected buildings.



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<http://www.codewit.com/nigeria-news/7806-tanker-fire-destroys-over-30-houses-shops-in-ibadan>

AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, APRIL 24 2013. FATAL INJURY FROM HEATING HYDRAULIC CYLINDER



WorkCover WA

The purpose of this Safety Alert is to highlight the dangers of applying heat to sealed hydraulic cylinders.

Background

Recently a 38-year-old man died when a hydraulic cylinder he was heating with an oxy acetylene torch exploded. The employee was heating a sealed hydraulic cylinder to remove a seized clevis pin at the bottom of the cylinder. Heat from the oxy acetylene torch may have overheated the residual hydraulic oil in the cylinder, which was partially emptied, causing a build-up of pressure resulting in the piston ram being ejected through the top of the cylinder smashing the bolted end cap, inflicting fatal injury. Contributing factors:

- The hydraulic cylinder contained residual hydraulic oil.
- The cylinder was sealed (not open to atmospheric pressure).
- Application of heat to the cylinder.

Action required

- Do not use any heat-producing equipment such as oxy acetylene/gas torches and angle grinders on sealed hydraulic cylinders.
- Remove hydraulic oil and thoroughly clean the cylinder before heating the cylinder.
- Make sure the cylinder is open to atmospheric pressure.

Further information

Further information can be obtained from WorkSafe's internet site www.worksafe.wa.gov.au or by contacting customer service on 1300 307 877 or email safety@commerce.wa.gov.au

http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/PDF/Safety_alerts/2013/01_2013_Heating_hydraulic_cylinder.pdf

USA, TX, TROY, APRIL 24 2013. MULTIPLE CAR ACCIDENT SENDS TWO TO HOSPITAL

[Watch the Video Multiple Car Accident Sends 2 to Hospital](#)



Traffic was backed up on I-35 for a couple of hours Sunday afternoon as emergency responders handled a five-vehicle accident. I-35 northbound was temporarily blocked off around Exit 308 so the traffic accident could be cleared. The chain of events began when a white Toyota Corolla blew a tire causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle, which hit a Honda. The Honda crashed into a tanker truck and ended up under the trailer. The Toyota also hit a Chevy dually truck which was then rear-ended by a Lexus SUV. A portion of the accident happened on the inside lane of I-35. The Honda and 18-wheeler skidded off the road into a ditch next to the service road. The 18-wheeler, which normally carries fuel, happened to have an empty tank. "God smiled on us today," said State Trooper Stephen Royal. "America had a bad week last week and thank God it didn't start out bad this week." Temple Fire & Rescue were on the scene standing by with fire hoses in case the fuel tanker



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sparked during the towing process. All of the vehicles involved in the accident had one person in each car. The driver from the Honda and Toyota were taken to Scott & White Hospital with minor injuries. When the northbound lanes were re-opened, traffic had backed up all the way to Temple. Drivers in the Southbound lane trying to get a glimpse of the accident caused a minor fender bender between two vehicles.

<http://www.kwtx.com/home/headlines/Multiple-Car-Accident-Involving-Fuel-Tanker-Sends-Two-To-Hospital-204022741.html>

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, ROCKHAMPTON, APRIL 24 2013. MINER COPS \$11 000 FINE FOR SMOKING UNDERGROUND

alex heber

A miner has been fined \$11,000 after he was charged with smoking underground at the North Goonyella coal mine near Moranbah in Queensland on April 27 last year. The Rockhampton Magistrates Court on Friday found Travis Brown, 24, guilty on two counts brought by Queensland Government Mines Inspectors under Section 34 of the Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999, [the Daily Mercury reported](#). The former Bowen basin mine worker was ordered to pay costs of \$10,841.70. No conviction was recorded. A Department of Natural Resources and Mines spokesman said the result reinforced the importance of workplace health and safety. "We have tough laws in place to minimise the potential risk of injury or death to workers and ensure the highest standards of safety," he said. "Underground coal mines are difficult working environments. "The presence of combustible gases and coal dust means there is a potential for fire or explosion if strict safety procedures are not followed to the letter. "This person, through his actions, was not only endangering himself but the lives of his fellow mine workers." Australian Mining reported that Brown who was a contractor Peabody Energy at the time was sacked after [co-workers smelt smoke and he was found with cigarettes and a lighter](#). [Earlier this year another coal miner in the US was charged with smoking in an underground mine](#). Donald Adams, 51, was also charged with reckless endangerment for the incident that prosecutors say occurred on August 23, 2012. There were 117 miners working at the mine at the time.

[http://www.miningaustralia.com.au/news/miner-cops-\\$11-000-for-smoking-underground](http://www.miningaustralia.com.au/news/miner-cops-$11-000-for-smoking-underground)

NIGERIA, KOGI STATE, APRIL 24 2013. APRIL 24 2013. JTF DISCOVERS ILLEGAL REFINERY IN KOGI FOREST



An illegal refinery has been discovered in Kogi state along Okene and Auch road by the members of Joint Security Task Force combining the military and the National Security and Civil Defense Corp (NSCDC). The acting commandant of the NSCDC who disclosed this said seven persons have been arrested in connection with the illegal refinery. The illegal refinery site which has been in operation for the past two years was found in a forest located just about 6km to a village called Ema. While speaking to journalists at the site the Acting Commander of the NSCDC in Kogi state noted that it is one of the first illegal refineries discovered in the area which will be destroyed. He also confirmed that seven suspects in connection to the illegal act have been arrested and investigation will commence immediately. The task force commander, Lt. Col. Gabriel Olorunyomi while speaking at the site of the crime said it was a joint

operation, noting that the force is still trailing others involved in the illegal refinery business. However, one of the suspects who spoke gave a different story line, stating that he knows nothing about the business that he was initiated to it by someone who borrowed money from him.

<http://www.channelstv.com/home/2013/04/22/jtf-discovers-illegal-refinery-in-kogi-forest/>

INDIA, CHENNAI, APRIL 24 2013. 2 DIE WHILE CLEANING TANK >> 1 OF THE MEN DIED OF ASPHYXIATION AND THE OTHER FELL WHILE TRYING TO RESCUE HIS COLLEAGUE

shruti marlecha

Two men were found dead inside a tank at a hotel on Grems Road off Anna Salai on Monday morning. While one of the men died of asphyxiation, the other fell into the tank while attempting to save his colleague and died. The two deceased were identified as Shekhar (45), a building contractor, and Robert (47), his employee. According to the police, four men went to the hotel for the regular cleaning of the tank. According to Kanthavelu, inspector of Thousand Lights police, Shekhar and Robert have been in the business for the past three years. "Usually they open the lid of the tank in the night to release any gas



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collected and start disilting it in the morning. But this time as they were in a hurry, they went down inside the well directly without keeping the lid open," he said. The tank was 40 feet deep and located on the hotel premises. At 5.30 a.m., Robert went inside the tank with his safety rope tied to a beam outside. The other three waited outside. Within five minutes, the other men heard Robert shouting for help. Hearing the screams, Shekhar attempted to descend using the same rope Robert had used. But, he slipped, fell into the tank and died. The cause of Robert's death was later established as asphyxiation. As Shekhar and Robert failed to come out, the other two workers waiting outside tried to help, but it was too late. They contacted the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services and they arrived at the spot at 7 a.m. The two bodies were taken to Royapettah Government hospital for post-mortem. The manager of the hotel, Saravanan was arrested under Section 304 (A) of the IPC (causing death by negligence).

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/two-die-while-cleaning-tank/article4644626.ece>

USA, IL, DEKALB COUNTY, APRIL 24 2013. I-88 ETHANOL TANKER CRASH KILLS 1 IN DEKALB COUNTY

 [Watch the Video Fatal Crash on I-88](#)

 [Photo's \[28\] Dramatic Photos of Monday Night's Fatal I-88 Tanker Truck Crash](#)



Ethanol was leaking from a tanker truck Monday night after a three-vehicle crash in the eastbound lanes of the Reagan Memorial Tollway near far west suburban Maple Park.

A fatal traffic crash halted traffic for several hours on Interstate 88 in DeKalb County overnight, authorities said. About 8:15 p.m. Monday, two passenger vehicles and a tanker truck traveling eastbound on I-88 collided near Shrader Road and Watson Road, according to the Illinois State Police. The driver of a passenger vehicle was pronounced dead following the crash, according to police. The driver's identity has not yet been released. After the crash, the truck began leaking ethanol, and authorities stopped traffic in both directions until nearly 2 a.m. Also Monday night, a Ford Explorer traveling eastbound on I-94 in Northbrook struck a disabled Audi on the right shoulder of the road, police said. The crash, which occurred about 8 p.m. near Waukegan Road, led to lane

closures in both directions, though all lanes reopened by about 12:30 a.m.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-traffic-halted-on-i88-in-dekalb-county-after-tanker-crash-leak-20130422,0,7584309.story>

USA, NE, NORTH PLATTE, APRIL 24 2013. DERAILMENT AT BAILEY YARD, CHLORINE

George Lauby



A derailed tank car loaded with liquid chlorine laid on its side most of the day Monday in the west part of North Platte. The car hit an automatic derailer around 6:20 a.m. that is designed to derail cars that travel too far east. It derailed and rolled onto its side just east of the Buffalo Bill overpass. The car did not leak. Investigators have not determined how the car traveled that far at that rate of speed, Union Pacific Spokesman Mark Davis said. Davis said a heavy-lift crane was brought in from Scottsbluff to set the car upright, but that was not confirmed. Two cranes worked to set the car upright at 2 p.m. The car came from the classification bowl, Davis said. It traveled approximately 2 miles east before it hit the automatic derailer. It was traveling on a set of tracks that connects to the eastbound main line when switches are aligned. Sirens in Bailey Yard sounded and the derailment prompted emergency responders to scramble to the site. Bailey Yard workers two miles away were confined inside buildings.

Train traffic to-and-from the yard stopped for nearly two hours while the danger was assessed. Workers stayed inside buildings until about 8:15 a.m. The Buffalo Bill overpass was closed for a short time and Front St. was closed to traffic for most of the morning, Lincoln County Emergency Manager Dan Guenther said. Guenther said he was notified about 7:30 a.m.



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Hazardous Materials crews from Union Pacific and the North Platte Fire Department responded. The area was cordoned off and access was restricted for several blocks. Several sources said the car came off the classification hump onto an empty track in the bowl and failed to stop for an unknown reason, then rolled east. The car weighed more than 125 tons. It is a tribute to the stout, sturdy design and manufacture of rail tank cars that they are built to remain leakproof in such an case, observers said.

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Chlorine is a toxic gas that irritates the respiratory system. It is carried in the rail cars as a pressurized liquid, Davis said. It is the prime ingredient in household bleach, in which it is diluted with 95% water, Guenther said. Chlorine is also commonly used in swimming pools to keep water disinfected. In undiluted form, it can react with water in the mucosa of the lungs to form hydrochloric acid, an irritant that can be lethal in extreme cases.

<http://www.northplattebulletin.com/index.asp?show=news&action=readStory&storyID=25354&pageID=3>

USA, MI, DEXTER, APRIL 24 2013. POLICE ID 48-YEAR-OLD JACKSON COUNTY MAN KILLED IN DEXTER TANK EXPLOSION

kyle feldscher

 [Watch the Video 1 Killed, 1 Injured in Dexter Water Treatment Tank Explosion](#)

 [Photo's \[14\] Deadly Explosion in Dexter](#)

Key Points:

- Welder's torch ignited methane gas and exploded
- Firefighters believe both men were in the tank at the time of the blast.
- One man was blown out of the tank, the other was assisted out of the tank by others



The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday released the name of the 48-year-old Brooklyn, Mich. man who [died Monday afternoon from injuries suffered](#) in an explosion at the Dexter Utilities Department. Michael Koch died at University of Michigan Hospital Monday afternoon. He was working on a concrete lid of a tank at the wastewater treatment plant when a welder's torch ignited methane gas and exploded. Koch worked for Platinum Mechanical, Inc., a plumbing contractor out of Flint. A representative from the company declined comment when reached Tuesday morning. "The demolition contractors were on site when the explosion occurred and it did kill one of our [Local 190](#) employees," the representative said, before declining further comment out of respect for

Koch's family. Koch was working on the tank with David McBride, a 23-year-old Howell man. McBride was in stable condition after the blast Monday afternoon. The Dexter Area Fire Department was dispatched to the plant, 8360 Huron St., at 1:39 p.m. Monday after the explosion was reported. McBride works for [Regal Recycling](#). His condition was not clear Tuesday afternoon. The explosion is not being investigated as a criminal incident, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Geoffrey Fox said Tuesday. However, Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) officials are investigating. Andrea Miller, communications representative for the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), said the Construction Safety and Health Division initiated an investigation Monday into the explosion. She said the investigation into the explosion could take several weeks. Miller said investigators will talk to police and fire representatives, along with witnesses about the incident before making the report. "The compliance officer will assess the physical information from the accident site, gather information related to the accident, take photos and measurements, conduct interviews and compile this information into a report," she said in a statement. MIOSHA is a division of LARA. The Construction Safety and Health Division is one of two enforcement divisions within MIOSHA. Koch and McBride were working as a part of a \$3.3 million sludge handling improvement project that started in October, according to village officials. The concrete holding tank the men were working on collects sewer waste. The main contractor for the project is A.Z. Shmina, Inc. Both men were in the tank at the time of the explosion. The force of the blast blew Koch out of the tank and other workers assisted McBride out. When firefighters arrived on scene, both men were on the roof of a nearby building. Village of Dexter Manager Donna Dettling said the plant continues to operate and the village is waiting for the police and state investigations to wrap up to determine if it needs to do its own. "I'm



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not sure what our attorneys are going to advise us on what we're going to do, if we'll do an investigation independent of the others," she said, adding it was too early in the process to tell.

Related Links

- ['I Don't Know What any of us Will Do Without Him,' Says Wife of Plumber who Died in Dexter Explosion](#)
- [Read Michael Koch's obituary.](#)

<http://www.annarbor.com/news/dexter/deputies-release-name-of-48-year-old-man-killed-in-dexter-explosion/>

AUSTRALIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY, APRIL 24 2013. COMPANY FINED OVER GAS EXPLOSION FATALITY



Damday Pty Ltd, trading as Australian Air-Conditioning and Mechanical Services, was found guilty and fined \$120,000 over a gas explosion that killed one of its employees in December 2011. 24 year old refrigeration mechanic Patrick Bird was heading to work when he activated the keyless entry to a work van, causing

an explosion. The van, which had been parked at Mr. Bird's residence overnight, contained a number of pressurized gas cylinders. Some of the cylinders contained Acetylene and MAPP Gas, both gasses are highly flammable. The cylinders had leaked during the night, filling the vehicle with the flammable gas. The explosion also destroyed the work van and caused significant damage a vehicle parked next to the van and to Mr. Bird's residence. The windows of surrounding houses were also damaged. The Work Health Authority, Mr. Doug Phillips said "the legislation was clear on what is expected of employers and the defendant in this case did not ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that its workers were not exposed to health and safety risks." "While this was a tragic and avoidable incident, today's conviction supports this," he said. "NT WorkSafe will assist businesses and workers with information and advice, but it is the responsibility of the businesses and workers to ensure their safety in the workplace." Damday Pty Ltd faced a maximum penalty of \$685,000. The Court of Summary Jurisdiction imposed a conviction and fine of \$120,000.

http://www.worksafe.nt.gov.au/NewsRoom/Documents/media_release_5_Apr_2013.pdf

USA, MI, BIRCH RUN, APRIL 24 2013. ACRYLIC ACID INSIDE TANKER THAT OVERTURNED ON NORTHBOUND INTERSTATE 75 IN BIRCH RUN

roberto acosta

Watch the Video's:

- [I-75 Through Birch Run Reopens after Tanker Roll-Over](#)
- [Tanker Roll-Over Shuts Down I-75, Leads to Evacuation, near Birch Run](#)



Birch Run Fire Chief 2 Jim Totten said acrylic acid was inside the tanker truck that [rolled over Sunday afternoon on northbound Interstate 75 in Birch Run](#).

Totten said Clio and Birch Run fire officials were on the [scene of a car fire around 5:30 p.m.](#) when "a tanker trailer flipped over and totally blocked off I-75," forcing [the closure of northbound and southbound traffic on the interstate](#) between Vienna and Birch Run roads. "The main thing they're worried about is any leakage, fumes," he said, noting [it may still/ take hours before the scene is cleared](#). "The chemical has to be offloaded from the truck." Totten said Midland-based Dow Chemical has sent a crew to the scene to evaluate the situation and remove the substance from the tanker. He noted the acid is flammable and combustible, but Totten added "It's not one of the more volatile ones." Jeff Martin, public affairs for Dow Chemical, issued a statement on behalf of the company which reads as follows: "Dow has been notified that a tanker truck carrying acrylic acid from Dow's Rohm and Haas Deer Park, TX facility,

overturned on I-75. The tanker truck, owned by Trimac, was en route to Styron's Midland plant. Dow's emergency response team is working closely with third party emergency professionals at the scene." Totten said of the acid type involved "Generally you have to be careful about how much water you have to mix it with. On a scale of the bad ones, it's not too high up there." Local businesses, including Birch Run Premium Outlets and Cinema Hollywood were evacuated as a precautionary measure, said Totten, "because of the nature of the incident" and wind direction in proximity to the mall. Fire officials from Taymouth Township, Saginaw Township, as well as Birch Run police, Michigan State Police, Saginaw County Hazmat -- which includes



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firefighters from Bridgeport and Saginaw Township -- Young's Environmental Cleanup, a Saginaw County Mobile Command Unit and Saginaw County Fire Coordination all responded to the scene.

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2013/04/acrylic_acid_inside_tanker_tha.html

USA, MI, SHELBY TWP, APRIL 24 2013. POLLUTION AT SHELBY TOWNSHIP FORD PROPERTY HAS SPREAD, EXPERT SAYS

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 [Watch the Video Shelby Township Addresses Chemical Contamination](#)



Groundwater contamination near the site of a closed Ford plant in Shelby Township is more widespread than initially believed, and cleanup of the site could cost as much as \$150 million, a chemical expert said. The situation could pose a health threat to residents in the area if the site isn't soon cleaned up, said James Dragun, a soil chemistry expert. "In our language, there is a threat to the public welfare and public health," said Dragun, founder of the Dragun Corp., an environmental science and engineering consulting company. "... Threat indicates something that could happen." As part of an ongoing lawsuit in Macomb County Circuit Court, Dragun's firm was hired by Shelby Township and developer Grand Sakwa to determine if operations over the years on the Ford property near 23 Mile and Mound roads impacted the environment. An initial report last year indicated health-threatening chemicals TCE and TCA were present in the groundwater. Now, the situation has worsened, Dragun

said. "If action is delayed, the problem grows," Dragun said. Moreover, the contamination is moving toward Central Park Manor, a residential development of some 500 homes near the old plant site. Dragun has been critical of Ford for what he deems is the company's failure to adequately address the problem and devise a remediation plan. Dragun will present his latest findings tonight to the Shelby Township Board of Trustees during a special town-hall meeting to review the status of the property. The meeting will be held at the Shelby Township municipal building, located near 24 Mile Road and Van Dyke. Among the conclusion Dragun plans to present:

- The contaminated area is at least twice the size of what was reported last August.
- The Ford property is the source of the contamination.
- Groundwater is most likely contaminated at Shelby Township's baseball/recreation facilities near 23 Mile Road and Van Dyke.

Ford Motor Company issued a prepared state. "Ford is continuing to conduct an extensive investigation on the property, and are working with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to determine what actions, if any, need to be taken. We have kept local residents apprised of our activities, and will continue to do so as the process develops. We take this issue seriously and remain committed to doing what is right for the community and the environment." Robert Huth, Shelby Township attorney, said the township's meeting is designed to keep residents informed of the situation around the former Ford property. Huth said the automaker bears responsibility for cleaning the site. The 205-acre parcel was home to Visteon and earlier to what was called Ford's Utica Trim Plant. The facility was phased out in 2008 and 2009 and ultimately closed. Indiana Metals, a company that redevelops industrial property, bought the parcel in 2011 and was in the process of demolishing buildings when a legal dispute landed the company, Shelby Township, Grand Sakwa and Ford in court.

http://www.theoaklandpress.com/articles/2013/04/23/news/local_news/doc5177369bd009b810802641.txt

USA. N.Y, TROY, APRIL 24 2013. APPARENT SUICIDE ON RPI CAMPUS, SIX TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL

charles sweeney

 [Watch the Video Hazmat Team at RPI Campus](#)

City police were on the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute campus this morning investigating an apparent suicide after emergency response teams discovered a man's body at a student housing complex near the Houston Fieldhouse. The man, a student whose identity has not been released, was the victim of what police are calling a "suicide by household chemicals," sometime in the early morning hours Tuesday. Six others, including an RPI public safety officer, suffered chemical exposure



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were taken to Samaritan Hospital for observation, though their condition was not known, police said. A hazardous materials team was deployed to the Colvin Circle student housing complex Tuesday afternoon along with Annette Chism, the RPI director of Health and Safety. Chism referred all questions college spokesman Mark Marchand, who called the incident a sad and difficult event. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the friends, families and fellow students of the deceased," Marchand said, adding that he had no information on the condition of those taken in for observation. "All we know is that they were taken to Samaritan Hospital at this point," Marchand said. "We did send out an email alert internally this morning informing staff and students of the incident. We let everyone know that we were working with Troy police and fire after the death of a student." Troy Police Capt. John Cooney said the HazMat team would remain in place for quite some time to accomplish decontamination. "The suicide was accomplished by the use of dangerous household chemicals," Cooney said. "Police also located six persons who had entered the room and were exposed to the chemicals." It was not immediately clear what household chemicals were used or how they were used, though Marchand said several nearby apartments were evacuated. "We did locate a small amount of household chemicals, commercially available chemicals," Marchand said. Police said more details would be available as the investigation progresses.

<http://troyrecord.com/articles/2013/04/23/news/doc5176b77bbe3e7875402322.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

GHANA, ASHANTI, EJISU, APRIL 24 2013. POLICE CAUGHT STEALING FUEL



Some Police Officers on Friday April 19, 2013 joined a horde of local residents at Ejisu in the Ashanti region to scramble for free fuel which was flowing from a toppled tanker which overturned and spilt its contents alongside the road. Police Officers arrived at the scene in Police pickup trucks with jerry cans and gallons and joined the crowd in siphoning their share of the spilt fuel. The Officers drove off with their booty without making any attempts to stop the residents from going near the fallen tanker which could have exploded. The owner of the tanker Eric Osei told XYZ News: "The Police were involved; they could not disperse the crowd. They were rather involved and chasing them [residents] up". "...They came with two drums at the back of their pickup, and then there was another pickup that also showed up that also came with drums....the Police officers

were chasing some of the residents that were holding big gallons and took it from them [and] added it to theirs and drove off". "...They came back to the scene with empty drums again to refill and that was when I got really annoyed and started taking pictures of all that was happening". He said the Officers attempted snatching the camera from him. "I was helpless...the Police who were supposed to help [out were] unconcerned". Mr Osei said: "The law must work; they are there to enforce the law but not to be a partaker of criminality".

<http://vibeghana.com/2013/04/23/police-caught-stealing-fuel/>

USA, ID, SODA SPRINGS, APRIL 24 2013. NO INJURIES WHEN TANKER, VEHICLE COLLIDE IN SODA SPRINGS

paul gritto



Soda Springs emergency crews responded to an accident involving a loaded fuel tanker and a passenger vehicle at the intersection of Main St. and U.S. Highway 30 Tuesday at about 10 a.m. Fuel was reported to be leaking from the tanker. A loaded fuel tanker, owned by Maverik Country Store, was making a right turn onto South Main St. as it approached the nearby Maverik station to make a fuel delivery. The Kenworth tanker trailer combination was driven by Al Vastle, 58, of Afton Wyoming. Ed Duren, 77, of Soda Springs, in a GMC Terrain, passed the fuel tanker on the right to also make a right turn. As the tanker trailer completed its right turn, the right side of the tanker trailer collided with driver side of Duren's vehicle causing substantial damage. The fuel trailer began leaking fuel on the roadway as a result of the collision. Rather than let the fuel continue spilling on the roadway, the driver continued the short distance

to the Maverik Station where offloading hoses were quickly connected to the leaking trailer and the remaining fuel dumped into the station's holding tanks. Soda Springs Ambulance and Fire Department both responded to the incident. Fire



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department personnel cleaned up the spilled fuel while ambulance crews evaluated Duren and his passenger with neither being transported to the hospital. Vastle was uninjured. One eastbound lane was blocked as crews cleaned up the crash site. The crash investigation is being conducted by the Soda Springs Police Department.

http://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/article_2c1a0266-ac4d-11e2-88a2-0019bb2963f4.html

ZIMBABWE, BULAWAYO, APRIL 24 2013. PETROL CAUSED CITY INFERNO

pamela mhlanga

Bulawayo City Council's fire department yesterday said the fire that gutted an Emganwini house was caused by fuel that was being taken from drums. The Tuesday fire destroyed two trucks parked outside the house, 41 drums of petrol and property in two rooms. Council's chief fire officer Richard Peterson told NewsDay the department had finally concluded investigations into the cause of the fire. "It is suspected a spark ignited the petrol vapours as a result of electro static charges accumulated through the process of transferring petrol from the drum into an open container," he said. "We tried to look at the vehicle itself if it had any hot surfaces that could have ignited the petrol vapours, but we discarded that because of lack of evidence. "We also looked at the changing of car batteries at the scene, but we also discarded that as there was a lack of evidence. "We looked at the possibility that there was someone using a cellphone, but we also discarded that due to lack of evidence. " Peterson said it was unfortunate that the owner of the house and other occupants lacked knowledge of the repercussions of transferring petrol from one source to another through an open space. On Wednesday, the owner of the house, Precious Ngwenya, disputed allegations that the 41 drums which were in her yard contained petrol saying they had paraffin. Ngwenya said she started her business of selling paraffin which she buys from Botswana, years ago when the country started experiencing fuel shortages. She said she had never sold diesel or petrol, but she only stored a little for her commuter omnibuses plying the Bulawayo-Binga and cross-border routes. The city also witnessed another serious fire outbreak when a Redan Service Station was partly damaged on Independence Day. Two fuel tankers were also destroyed.

<http://www.newsday.co.zw/2013/04/23/petrol-caused-city-inferno/>

USA, ORE, PRINEVILLE, APRIL 29 2013. FUEL TANKER TRUCK OVERTURNS, HWY. 27 PARTLY BLOCKED >> DRIVER UNHURT, NO SPILL IN CRASH S. OF PRINEVILLE



Driver was unhurt, but fuel truck rollover crash on Hwy. 27 south of Prineville Monday shut the north-south route.

Oregon Highway 27 about 3 miles south of Prineville will be partially blocked for a few hours following Monday morning's rollover crash involving a tanker truck transporting diesel and gasoline, Oregon State Police said. The driver was not injured and there is no indication fuel leaked from the overturned tanker, troopers said. According to OSP Sgt. Keith Taylor, shortly before 10 a.m., a 1999 Kenworth tanker truck driven by Donald Hurt, 63, of Prineville was southbound on Highway 27 near milepost 3. The driver reportedly was reaching for an object when the truck traveled off the side of the highway and overturned onto its side, Taylor said. The tanker contained about 4,000 gallons of diesel and 900 gallons of gas. Emergency personnel from Crook County Fire & Rescue, Oregon Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team 13, SMAF Environmental, Crook County Sheriff's Office, ODOT and OSP responded to the scene. Another tanker from Miller Oil was called to the scene and the fuel was being off-loaded to the second tanker before the vehicle was turned upright again. OSP troopers from the Prineville work site are conducting the investigation.

<http://www.ktvz.com/news/Fuel-tanker-truck-overturms-Hwy-27-partly-blocked/-/413192/19849250/-/jwftur/-/index.html>

TAIWAN, TAoyUAN CO, JHONGLI, APRIL 24 2013. EPA TELLS TAoyUAN COUNTY GAS STATION TO COMPENSATE 19 HOUSEHOLDS FOR LEAKS

lee i-chia

The Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) on Monday ordered a gas station in Taoyuan County's Jhongli City to pay NT\$3.36 million (US\$112,800) to 19 households as compensation for damage caused to their real estate by oil and gas leaks. The agency said oil and gas leaks were detected at the station in 2009, causing serious ground water contamination, and as a



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result the local government listed the area as a groundwater pollution control site. Nearby residents contacted the EPA's public nuisance dispute mediation committee, saying that the leakage caused a decrease in the value of their real estate and left them without usable groundwater. With the agreement of the gas station and the residents, the administration used the real-estate appraisal mechanism, asking real-estate appraisers to assess whether the value of real estate in the area had been affected by the case. The appraisal results showed that although the pollution site has been decontaminated, the public nuisance dispute has caused damage to real-estate prices due to psychological factors, so the committee ruled that the gas station should be held responsible for compensating the residents' losses, it said. If the gas station is dissatisfied with the committee's decision, it can appeal to the Taoyuan District Court, the committee added. Committee chairman Lin Fou-lai said it was the first case in which the committee had ruled on compensation for the loss of real-estate value, as previous cases were only made for damage to aquaculture or crops.

Related Links

[Gas Station Must Pay for Property Value Loss](#)

An arbitration panel under the Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) ruled Monday that 19 families in Taoyuan should be compensated for property depreciation caused by a nearby gas station, the first ruling of its kind in the country.

<http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/taiwan/archives/2013/04/24/2003560593>

INDIA, NORTH CHENNAI, KASIMEDU, APRIL 24 2013. OIL SPILL TURNS BONANZA

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Photo's [7] Depressing: Why is Chennai rushing to collect leaked oil?



The Hindu Fishermen used pots, thermocol iceboxes, aluminium buckets and plastic cans to remove the oil, Kasimedu residents scoop up fuel; third incident in 8 months.

It was a different catch that kept many of those residing near the Kasimedu Fishing Harbour on their toes on Tuesday morning. These days, oil pipeline leaks seem to be perceived less as a threat and more as an opportunity in North Chennai as residents rush to collect whatever they can on hearing such news. The situation was no different on Tuesday morning when reports of a green-coloured "engine oil" gushing out spread around 4.30 a.m. The source of the leak was the 14 inch diameter underground pipeline that is 20 years old. The incident, the third over the last eight months, happened just a few feet from the water's edge at Kasimedu. The spot was at least 50 – 75 feet from the part of the pipeline where the leak happened. Sources said the oil had seeped underground, entered one of the underground drains and gushed up in the slush near where the boats were parked. While this is what Parthasarathy, a fisherman, said even while giving directions to his friends to move the bathtub that had been filled with the oil, officials in the oil industry claimed that they received information of the leak only around 9 a.m. The fisherfolk collected oil in whatever they could find, including pots, thermocol iceboxes, the aluminium baskets in which they sell fish and plastic cans. Though oil industry officials said a team was rushed to the spot as soon as they received information, residents said response was very slow. "We just saw someone come and inform the

police inspector, who was at the spot, that the leak was contained. It was only by 11.30 a.m. that a team came and started digging up the cement concrete road with an earth mover to contain the leak. They also damaged a portion of the platform where fisherfolk sell fish. We want that to be repaired," said Sathish, a fisherman. While digging up the ground, a sewer main was also damaged, said residents. An IOC official said that lube oil, the base stock for lubricants, was being moved along the pipeline that runs from Chennai Port Trust to Manali refinery of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd (CPCL). The pipeline is also connected to the lube plant of IOC in Tondiarpet. The pipeline belongs to IOC While CPCL said lube oil transfer from the refinery to a tanker at the port was completed at 8.30 a.m., the IOC official said the product was being pumped from the port to the lube plant. The lube oil, which is also referred to as base oil, is also received by tankers at the port, he said. Lubricants, he



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added, are made by adding additives to the base oil. Stating that the situation was under control, the official said there was no proposal to replace the pipeline and it was being regularly maintained. Details of the leak would be known after a thorough inspection. Sources explained that several lines ran from the Chennai Port to Foreshore terminal of IOC, CPCL and BPCL. These carried naphtha, furnace oil, diesel, lube oil and motor spirit and crude oil.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/oil-spill-turns-bonanza/article4647998.ece>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, ALTONA, APRIL 24 2013. OIL LEAK AT ALTONA MOBIL REFINERY



A major clean-up is underway after a crude oil leak at the Mobil Refinery in Altona. There leak has caused major traffic delays in the area. There has been closures West Bound at Millers Road and Kororoit Creek Road causing major issues for drivers. Kororoit Creek Road is open east bound and one lane west bound. Millers Road is open southbound between Ross Road and Kororoit Creek Road. The MFB's Frank Besanko says about 80 litres of crude oil has leaked from a pipe on the site. "Mobil are now aware of the leak and

they've arranged private contractors come and clean it up from the drain," he said. "The EPA and Worksafe have been notified." Mobil have told 3AW that the oil has not gone into the storm water system and there will be no ongoing issue or risk to the public.

<http://www.3aw.com.au/blogs/3aw-news-blog/oil-leak-at-altona-mobil-refinery/20130423-2ibde.html>

USA, ID, MOUNTAIN HOME, APRIL 24 2013. EMPTY TANK LEFT AT GAS STATION CAUSES EVACUATIONS IN MOUNTAIN HOME

A lot of questions remain after a tank for explosives was left at a gas station. Mountain Home Police says a fuel delivery guy was about to supply the Sinclair Station on Highway 30 and East 10th Street North. When he arrived, he found a contained marked "explosives" near the above ground storage fuel tanks. The Mountain Home Air Force Base and Boise Bomb squads responded and determined it was an empty container that holds explosives for an M1 tank. Sgt. Rick Viola of the Mountain Home Police Department says it appears the container was placed there deliberately, but officers don't know who or why it was placed there. Officials evacuated about a 2,500-foot area, which included several businesses. Police are continuing to investigate.

<http://www.kboi2.com/news/local/Empty-tank-left-at-gas-station-causes-evacuations-in-Mountain-Home-204373911.html>

ENGLAND, READING, APRIL 24 2013. INVESTIGATION INTO SUSPECTED DIESEL SPILL IN FOUdry BROOK

The Environment Agency is investigating a suspected diesel spill in Foudry Brook. An ops crew attended the scene yesterday and used wooden booms to contain the liquid of an unknown quantity. The latest statement issued by the Environment Agency said: "We are out on site investigating the source of the spill. We are changing oil retention booms where needed and have advised the Oracle Shopping Centre with regards to the incident." The agency do not know what caused the spill but the investigation is ongoing.

http://www.getreading.co.uk/news/s/2132925_investigation_into_suspected_diesel_spill_in_foudry_brook

NEW ZEALAND, CHRISTCHURCH, APRIL 24 2013. JUDGE CALLS FOR TRAWLER PIPING RETHINK

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A judge has called for a fishing industry rethink about grey water pipes passing through fuel tanks after a spill of light fuel oil into Timaru Harbour last year. Judge Paul Kellar made his comment in the Christchurch District Court when he imposed penalties and payments totalling nearly \$70,000 on Sanford Ltd for the May 2, 2012, spill which breached the Resource Management Act. The company will have to pay a fine of \$30,000 and expenses of \$38,728 – mostly clean-up costs – to Environment Canterbury which brought the prosecution. Ninety percent of the fine will be paid to ECan. Judge Kellar described Sanford as "a responsible corporate citizen" which had quickly identified the source of the leak from the stern trawler San Enterprise, and had put considerable efforts into the clean-up. The company is the only publicly listed seafood company in New Zealand and employs about 1800 New Zealanders. He said he and Sanford had now identified the piping as "a vulnerability which needs careful checking and maintenance". He suggested the fishing industry should rethink systems where grey waste pipes – which carry waste water from deck drains, showers, and basins – pass through fuel tanks because inspection was difficult. Corrosion had affected the seamed pipe that was used in this vessel and Sanford has now replaced



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that pipe and has inspected and replaced the pipe in two of its other similar vessels. The company indicated to the judge that it intended to notify the vulnerability to other engineering management representatives in other New Zealand companies which have the same type of vessels. Corrosion of the grey water pipe was not noticed because it passed through an enclosed fuel tank on the San Enterprise, and after bunkering at Timaru, fuel leaked into the grey water system. That led to an automatic discharge of a mix of fuel oil and waste water into the sea from the grey water tank. It was estimated that 2500 litres – about 2.3 tonnes – of light fuel oil had been spilled into the harbour. The court was told that wildlife, particularly the shag colony under the wharves, was affected when the birds became oiled. Six dead birds were recovered from the harbour, covered in oil. Other birds were sighted with plumage that appeared to be stained with oil. An Environment Canterbury team, with a coastal bird expert, reviewed logs and recorded affected birds on May 7. The total number of affected birds on that day was about 10 of 400 birds checked. Two birds had been moderately oiled and two were lightly oiled. Counsel for Environment Canterbury, Marie Dysart, said the spill was one of 23 into Timaru Harbour since 1994. She agreed that Sanfords had “contributed very significantly and promptly” to the clean-up. “We accept the owners could not have seen that the pipe was about to blow, but over a long period since the boat was purchased, there was an opportunity to have removed that pipe and put in a pipe that presented less risk,” she said. Counsel for Sanfords, Dr Heather McKenzie, submitted that the fishing company’s culpability was low. The spill was “almost impossible to avoid, or detect, or mitigate against”. She submitted that deterrent was not necessary because Sanfords was aware that it was a big operator and a corporate citizen and recognised its responsibility to wildlife and the environment.

<http://courtnews.co.nz/story.php?id=4997>

USA, TX, WEST, APRIL 24 2013. TEXAS FERTILIZER PLANT OWNER SUED AFTER DEADLY EXPLOSION

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The owner of a fertilizer plant that exploded last week killing 14 people and destroying dozens of homes and an apartment complex in a tiny Texas town is being sued by a single mom and by several insurance companies. Two lawsuits, filed in McLennan County district court, have accused Adair Grain, Inc, the parent company of West Fertilizer Co, of negligence, according to copies of the filings provided by the court on Tuesday. The company “was negligent in the operation of its facility, creating an unreasonably dangerous condition, which led to the fire and explosion,” said a lawsuit filed on Friday by [insurance companies](#) on behalf of individuals, two churches, and businesses including a Chevrolet car dealer and a bakery. Investigators have not said what caused the April 17 fire and explosion in

West, Texas, near Waco. Daniel Keeney, a spokesman for Adair Grain Inc and for its owner, Donald Adair, declined on Tuesday to comment on the lawsuits. “Our focus is on the fact-finding and on assisting the investigating agencies in any way we can,” Keeney said. The other lawsuit was filed by Andrea Jones Gutierrez, a single, working mother who lived in an apartment complex next to the plant. She is seeking \$500,000 to \$1 million in relief, according to the lawsuit filed on Monday. Jones Gutierrez and her child lost their apartment and all their possessions, according to the lawsuit. It said she also suffered physical and emotional injuries without offering details. The lawsuit filed by the group of individuals and businesses does not list a demand for damages because many of the plaintiffs do not yet know what they have lost, said Dallas lawyer Paul Grinke, the lead attorney in that lawsuit. Some of them only have the clothes they were wearing when they were forced to abandon their homes, he said. The insurance companies involved in that lawsuit are Acadia [Insurance Company](#), continental Western Insurance Company, Union Standard Lloyds, Union Standard Insurance Company. “This is just to get the legal process initiated,” he said. “Most of my clients and the folks I’m representing have not been able to get back to their property to see what’s left of it. I have gotten pretty close, and it is true devastation.” Grinke said many of his clients consider the Adair family friends, and they are not out to get them. “No one I have spoken with in the community of West are after the family themselves,” he said. “They really do like them and they are prominent members of the community. This is a very close-knit community.”

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/04/23/us-usa-explosion-texas-lawsuits-idUSBRE93M1HP20130423>



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