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#### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, TOOWOOMBA, MARCH 28 2013. TANKER COLLAPSE SENDS 1200 LITRES OF DIESEL DOWN THE DRAIN

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*Diesel pools in Boundary St after spilling from a ruptured tanker this morning.*

About 1200 litres of diesel spilled into Boundary St at Wilsonton this morning when the legs of fuel tanker collapsed. Emergency crews were called to the stricken Lowes Petroleum Services trailer at 8.47am. Queensland Fire and Rescue Service Toowoomba area commander Inspector Eddie Lacko said workers and firefighters were able to stop leaking fuel from entering stormwater drains. "The legs from underneath have given way and the tank has actually hit the ground and ruptured," Inspector Eddie Lacko said. "We will continue to decant from one tank into another." "Once that's done the tanker will be righted and put on a transporter and removed." A load of sand was spread over the diesel to soak it up before it was scooped up and disposed of. The street was

blocked while firefighters and Toowoomba Regional Council workers made the scene safe.

<http://www.thechronicle.com.au/news/diesel-pours-street-after-tanker-leg-collapses/1810331/>

#### USA, TX, SAN MARCOS, MARCH 28 2013. TANKER TRUCK ACCIDENT SHUTS DOWN HIGHWAY 21

A tanker truck accident Thursday morning shut down a highway in eastern Hays County. The eastbound lane of the highway was reopened to traffic just before 7 p.m. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, a tanker truck carrying fuel overturned. The Hays County Fire Marshal says Highway 21, north of High Road, has been closed in both directions. As of 5 p.m., a second tanker truck had finished transferring the fuel. TxDOT estimated that the eastbound lane of the two-lane highway would be opened by 6 p.m., while crews continued to work on the westbound lane. TxDOT has not given an estimate on when the clean-up will be completed. The Department of Public Safety is investigating, along with local fire departments and hazmat crews. Drivers are asked to avoid the area.

<http://www.kvue.com/news/local/Tanker-truck-accident-shuts-down-Highway-21-200444421.html>

#### USA, MI, TRAVERSE CITY, MARCH 30 2013. NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR BALLAST WATER DUMPED BY SHIPS

The Environmental Protection Agency has issued new requirements for cleansing ballast water dumped from ships, which scientists believe has provided a pathway to U.S. waters for invasive species that damage ecosystems and cost the economy billions of dollars. Commercial vessels are equipped with tanks that can hold millions of gallons of water to provide stability in rough seas. But live creatures often lurk in the soupy brews of water, seaweed and sediment. If they survive transoceanic journeys and are released into U.S. waters, they can multiply rapidly, crowding out native species and spreading diseases. Ships are currently required to dump ballast water 200 miles from a U.S. shoreline. But under the new general permit released Thursday by the EPA, vessels longer than 79 feet — which includes an estimated 60,000 vessels — must also treat ballast water with technology such as ultraviolet light or chemicals to kill at least some of the organisms. The new guidelines don't apply to vessels staying within the Great Lakes, a decision that environmentalists criticized as leaving the door open for ships to ferry invasive species around the lakes. The permit imposes international cleanliness standards that the Coast Guard also adopted in regulations it issued last year. The EPA said studies by its science advisory board and the National Research Council endorsed the standards, which limit the number of living organisms in particular volumes of water. Environmental groups contend the limits should be 100 or even 1,000 times tougher, but industry groups say no existing technology can go that far. "The numeric limitations in today's permit represent the most stringent standards" that ballast water treatment systems can "safely, effectively, credibly, and reliably meet," the EPA said in a statement with the 200-page report it released on the permit late Thursday. Steve Fisher, executive director of the American Great Lakes Ports Association, praised the EPA for taking a reasonable approach, with many provisions resembling the Coast Guard's in the interest of harmonizing different agency policies as much as possible. "EPA's final rules now end the debate over ballast water regulation — environmental protection can now begin," Fisher said. "From this point forward ship owners will be busy making arrangements to install the necessary ballast water treatment equipment by 2016." But environmental groups, whose lawsuits forced the EPA to adopt ballast discharge standards in the first place, said they're too weak. "The EPA had an opportunity to lead the world in solving this globally dangerous problem, but they have missed the mark ... again," said Mary Ellen Ashe, executive director of Great



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Lakes United. Ashe also criticized the EPA for exempting ships that never leave the Great Lakes, where ballast water is blamed for introducing invasive species including zebra and quagga mussels. Those organisms have spread across the lakes, clogging water intake pipes and unraveling food webs by gobbling microscopic plankton on which fish depend. Environmentalists contend that those exempted ships can carry exotic species around the lakes even if they weren't responsible for bringing them to the U.S. The EPA said treatment technologies are "unavailable and economically unfeasible" for those vessels. But it said any built before 2009 would have to take other steps such as limiting the amount of ballast water they pick up near shore. Under the EPA permit and the Coast Guard regulations, ships built after Dec. 1 will have to comply with the treatment standards immediately. The requirements will be phased in for existing vessels over several years, with treatment technology being installed as ships are taken out of service for maintenance. A coalition of environmental groups said there should be a hard deadline to retrofit all existing ships. But the EPA contends that a faster pace isn't feasible because the ballast treatment industry needs time to produce the equipment and vessel owners must develop schedules for dry-docking them to have the work done. The EPA refused for years to set rules for ballast water under the Clean Water Act, but was ordered to do so by federal courts after environmental groups sued. The agency issued an industry-wide permit in 2008 requiring shippers to exchange their ballast water at sea or, if the tanks were empty, rinse them with salt water before entering U.S. territory in hopes of killing freshwater species inside. Environmentalists sued again, saying those requirements were inadequate. They may return to court yet again, said Marc Smith, senior policy manager for the National Wildlife Federation's Great Lakes office. "We're disappointed that EPA has punted instead of taking its responsibilities seriously," Smith said. "We're currently assessing all options, including any kind of legal recourse or working through Congress." Legislation on ballast water has been introduced previously in Congress but got bogged down amid disagreements over how strict the cleanliness standards should be.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/AP731ccfcbe5b644be8e6d2ac6a8919493.html>

### USA, MA, WORCESTER, MARCH 30 2013. DRIVER IN WORCESTER CRASH CITED FOR TEXTING

scott j. croteau



#### *The crash scene.*

A Paxton man who was seriously injured in a March 1 crash on West Boylston Street has been cited for texting while driving, police said Thursday. Raymond Gouley, 18, who is in stable condition at UMass Memorial Medical Center — University Campus, was cited for driving negligently as to endanger, sending electronic messages while driving, marked lanes violation and driving at a speed greater than reasonable. Mr. Gouley was driving around 60 miles per hour near 322 West Boylston St. when his 1998 Chevrolet Malibu crashed into a tanker truck carrying 1,386 gallons of gasoline. The accident occurred about 2 p.m. March 1 when Mr. Gouley, heading south on West Boylston Street, lost control of his car and crossed the median. Police said his car sideswiped a southbound

Honda SUV before colliding head-on with the tanker truck. An off-duty officer in the area at the time had estimated Mr. Gouley's speed just before the crash at 90 mph, according to a search warrant affidavit. Mr. Gouley was originally listed in critical condition after the crash. The tanker truck driver was not injured. Police said evidence suggested that Mr. Gouley was texting moments before the collision.

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- [Driver Charged with Texting & Driving after Serious Worcester Crash](#)
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- [How does the "No Texting" Law in MA affect My Car Accident Claim?](#)

<http://www.telegram.com/article/20130329/NEWS/103299737/0/business>

### USA, WASHINGTON DC, MARCH 28 2013. EPA PROPOSES HISTORIC NEW GASOLINE STANDARDS, OIL INDUSTRY CRINGES

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed new pollution-reducing standards for cars in gasoline Friday, saying the move will save thousands of lives and have significant positive impact on the environment, though champions of the oil industry are critical of the proposal. The new "standards for cars and gasoline that will significantly reduce harmful pollution,



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prevent thousands of premature deaths and illnesses, while also enabling efficiency improvements in the cars and trucks we drive," and EPA statement said. The standards for cleaner fuel are historic for fuel efficiency in the U.S., including a goal of slashing smog-forming pollutants by 80 percent. "Today's proposed standards - which will save thousands of lives and protect the most vulnerable -- are the next step in our work to protect public health and will provide the automotive industry with the certainty they need to offer the same car models in all 50 states," said EPA Acting Administrator Bob Perciasepe in the statement. Part of the move is a call for lower sulfur levels in gasoline, which will reduce pollution, but also raise the price of gas by about one penny. NPR reports that the oil industry is opposing the the proposition, saying the it will add up to nine cents per gallon to the cost of gasoline. "There is a tsunami of federal regulations coming out of the EPA that could put upward pressure on gasoline prices," said Bob Greco, a director at the American Petroleum Institute, according to CNN. If passed, the new rules on low-sulfur gasoline would go into effect in 2017 and the full environmental and health impact would be realized a decade later, the EPA stated. "We estimate the rule will reduce smog by 30%" when fully implemented, said Bill Becker, executive director of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies, CNN reported.

<http://www.natureworldnews.com/articles/1107/20130329/epa-proposes-historic-new-gasoline-standards-oil-industry-crin.htm>

#### USA, FLA, APOPKA, MARCH 28 2013. COPS: VIDEO SHOWS EXPLOSION AFTER DRUNKEN WOMAN CRASHES CAR INTO GAS PUMP

 **Watch the Video** [Explosion after Drunken Woman Crashes Car into Gas Pump](#)

WFTV obtained video Thursday that shows an explosion at an Apopka gas station after a drunken woman crashed her car into two gas pumps, police said. In the video, sparks are seen flying just before the car barreled into the pumps at the Race Trac gas station on East Semoran Boulevard earlier this month. A camera from inside the store captured the explosion. Police said the driver, Christina Foit, 49, was drunk when she crashed into the gas pumps. When officers arrived at the scene, they said the car was fully engulfed in flames. According to an arrest report, Foit claimed the brakes to her car did not work, which caused her to crash. The report also states that she crashed into two pumps and then got out of the car and pulled the passenger out. The passenger, whose name was not released, was hospitalized at Orlando Regional Medical Trauma Center with severe injuries. Officers said Foit told them she was the passenger, but it was proven through witness statements and video that she was the driver. Police said that Foit resisted arrest, and at one point kicked an officer on the thigh. When she was taken to jail, Foit claimed she was having a miscarriage, the report stated. She was taken to the hospital, where a doctor revealed her blood-alcohol level to be .245, police said. According to the report, Foit was driving with a suspended license, which has been suspended since 2003. Foit was medically cleared and was taken into custody. She was charged with DUI, driving with an expired driver's license more than four months and resisting arrest with and without violence. Police said Foit was on inmate release for a previous DUI with serious bodily injury.

<http://www.wftv.com/news/news/local/cops-video-shows-explosion-after-drunken-woman-crash/W6GG/>

#### PERU, LIMA, MARCH 29 2013. PERU DECLARES OIL CONTAMINATION EMERGENCY IN REMOTE AMAZON REGION

*carla salazar & frank bajak*

Peru's government declared an environmental state of emergency on Monday in a remote Amazon jungle region it says has been affected by years of contamination at the country's most productive oil fields, which are currently operated by Argentina-based Pluspetrol. Indigenous groups in the Pastaza River basin near the Ecuador border have been complaining for years about the pollution and the failure of successive governments to address it. Authorities say one reason the pollution was never addressed is that until now Peru lacked the requisite environmental quality standards. In declaring the emergency, Peru's Environment Ministry said the contamination included high levels of lead, barium and chromium as well as petroleum-related compounds. The region is inhabited mostly by the Quichua and Ashuar, who are primarily hunter-gatherers. The fields have been operated for roughly 12 years by Pluspetrol, the country's biggest oil and natural gas producer, and it will be obliged to clean up the contamination, said Environment Minister Manuel Pulgar-Vidal. The government also said the field's previous operator, Occidental Petroleum, had not adequately remediated contamination either. It began drilling there in 1971. Pluspetrol took over in 2001. The 90-day emergency orders immediate action to reduce the risk of contamination to the local population. It follows an \$11 million fine levied against Pluspetrol in January. "We know that there has been bad environmental behavior by the company," Pulgar-Vidal said of Pluspetrol in a radio interview. "If indeed at some point remediation was done, it was not done adequately and that includes inadequate action by the authorities from 2003-2005." Pluspetrol did not immediately respond to telephone calls and email messages requesting comment. Pulgar-Vidal did not describe the extent of the



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contamination or estimate what it would cost to clean up. His ministry said in a statement posted on its website that the government began administrative actions against Pluspetrol in March 2012 over contamination at block 1AB, long Peru's biggest crude oil field. The president of the Quichua Federation of Pastaza, Sixto Shapiama, hailed the emergency as "a great achievement because for many years, decades, the government never wanted to see the reality." The area has for decades seen "constant (oil) spills," said Shapiama from the regional capital of Iquitos, adding that "the sediment at the bottom of the river is completely contaminated." The Peruvian TV news magazine Panorama showed Reps. Marisol Perez Tello and Veronika Mendoza visiting crude-permeated rivers in the area as well as the deteriorating oil pipeline that pumps crude to the Pacific coast. "The government is to blame because it has permitted this," Perez said Monday. It published on Monday, for the first time, environmental quality standards setting acceptable limits for contaminants in soil. Peru didn't have an environment ministry until 2008 and the mining and energy ministry remains in charge of approving environmental impact statement for the extractive industries. The investigative weekly "Hildebrand en sus Trece" reported in 2010 that Pluspetrol had 78 oil spills in the region from 2006-2010, and Shapiama blamed the spills for ailments including birth defects and spontaneous abortions. A British religious activist who has worked with the affected indigenous populations, Paul McAuley, told The Associated Press in 2010 that he was astounded word of the contamination had hardly spread outside the jungle. He said not just the Pastaza, but two other river basins where Pluspetrol has oil fields, are contaminated: The Corrientes and the Tigre. All are tributaries of the Amazon. McAuley, a lay activist with the La Salle Christian Brothers, founded the Loreto Environmental Network in 2004 to support the indigenous groups in their struggle to end the pollution. In 2010, Peru's government tried to expel McAuley, alleging he was inciting unrest among the indigenous. His expulsion, challenged by the Roman Catholic Church and groups including Amnesty International, was eventually halted by a judge. Alan Garcia, as president from 2006-2011, opened up the Amazon to mining and oil exploration and drilling. Current President Ollanta Humala has faced a backlash in the form of growing protests.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/03/26/peru-oil-contamination-emergency\\_n\\_2955630.html?utm\\_hp\\_ref=green](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/03/26/peru-oil-contamination-emergency_n_2955630.html?utm_hp_ref=green)

### USA, CA, RIALTO, MARCH 29 2013. GOODRICH TO PAY \$21.5 MILLION FOR PERCHLORATE CLEANUP IN RIALTO

josh dulaney



Another landmark settlement has been reached in the cleanup of a contaminated site in the north end of the city. The Environmental Protection Agency announced Tuesday that Goodrich Corp. will pay at least \$21.5 million for work to clean up perchlorate and trichloroethylene contamination at the 160-acre B.F. Goodrich Superfund Site. Mayor Deborah Robertson called it a historic settlement. "I'm glad that we've come to a conclusion and one that we will be able to finally begin to make whole the ratepayers who were instrumental in allowing us to pursue this litigation and allow us to get to this point of resolution and closure," Robertson said. The settlement between Goodrich and the U.S. government calls for the company to do its part in investigating and cleaning up a site - at Casa Grande Drive and Locust Avenue - that could cost up to \$100 million in work. Goodrich must pay to install additional groundwater monitoring wells and complete testing and engineering surveys. Well installation and testing

is expected to begin this summer and continue into 2014, officials from the EPA said. Results from those tests will be used to help the EPA develop a cleanup plan that is expected to be available for public comment in 2015, according to EPA officials. Goodrich also must build and operate cleanup facilities approved by the EPA. The design and construction could take at least two years, according to EPA officials. The EPA said Goodrich is responsible for making sure the cleanup work is finished no matter the cost. The company will be able to get financial help from the Department of Defense and settlement proceeds from other parties. Work could take at least 30 years, EPA officials said. Officials with the EPA said the scope of the cleanup hasn't been determined. Similar groundwater contamination sites in Southern California have cost more than \$40 million to clean up, they " said. The EPA Superfund site in Rialto was added to the National Priorities List in September 2009. The agency is proposing to change the name to the Locust Avenue Superfund Site. Perchlorate is a rocket fuel additive that when in water can hinder the thyroid gland's ability to produce hormones needed for growth. Trichloroethylene, or TCE, is an industrial solvent that in high levels can cause damage to the nervous system, lungs and liver. B.F. Goodrich produced solid-fuel rocket propellant at the site from about 1957 to 1962. Goodrich and others contaminated soil and groundwater with TCE and



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perchlorate, the EPA " said. Drinking water wells were closed in Rialto and Colton because of the contamination. But EPA officials now say drinking water in the area is safe. "The water remains safe to drink," said Wayne Praskins, the EPA's project manager for the site. "We're dealing with a historical problem and working to clean up the groundwater so that it can be used in the future without additional treatment," he said. Rialto joined with Colton and San Bernardino County in the Goodrich settlement. The cities sued Goodrich in 2004 and 2005, with the EPA joining the court fight in 2010 in order to require the cleanup and recoup federal money spent at the site. Goodrich officials could not be reached for comment late Tuesday. The EPA announced in December that nine companies and the Defense Department agreed to pay roughly \$50 million to clean the 160-acre site. Emhart Industries was part of the agreement, which included Pyro Spectaculars and others. The agreement called for Emhart to take responsibility for the first part of the cleanup. Settlements related to the Superfund site have been years in the making. Former Councilman Ed Scott was instrumental in the process, including working with Congress on the issue. Scott couldn't be reached for comment Tuesday, but Robertson praised his work, and that of past city councils. "I think it's great that we've finally come to a resolution on something that's going to be a benefit to the community long-term," Robertson said.

[http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci\\_22874793/goodrich-pay-at-least-21-5-million-rialto](http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_22874793/goodrich-pay-at-least-21-5-million-rialto)

### **BELGIUM, BRUSSELS, MARCH 29 2013. PROBE INTO ACQUISITION OF SHELL REFINERY ASSETS IN HAMBURG**

*sophie mosca*

The proposed acquisition by Sweden's Nynas AB of refinery assets located in Hamburg, Germany, and currently owned by Shell Deutschland Oil GmbH may be in jeopardy. The European Commission announced, on 26 March, that it would conduct an in-depth investigation because its initial inquiry pointed to potential competition problems in the markets for naphthenic base oils, naphthenic process oils and transformer oils. The deal would leave the merged entity as the only producer of naphthenic base oils in the European Economic Area (EEA). In other segments, including greases, metalworking fluids or cold-set inks and transformer oils, the few remaining competitors importing into the EEA may not exercise a sufficient competitive constraint, notes the Commission. "The proposed merger would remove the only competing producer of naphthenic base oils in the EEA. The Commission needs to make sure that it would not raise production costs for European companies as well as prices for the customers of the various end products," commented Competition Commissioner Joaquin Almunia. Base oils are derived from crude oil and are used for the production of industrial greases, metalworking fluids, adhesives, inks, insoluble sulphur, industrial rubber, fertilisers, defoamers and additives. They can be further tested into process oils used in chemical processes or blended into transformer oils used as insulating material for transformers.

<http://www.europolitics.info/business-competitiveness/probe-into-acquisition-of-shell-refinery-assets-in-hamburg-art349830-3.html>

### **USA, CA, WILMINGTON, MARCH 29 2013. PHILLIPS 66 REFINERY IN WILMINGTON WORKING TO LOWER CANCER-RISK LEVELS**

*donna littlejohn*

A rise in cancer-risk numbers logged in 2006-07 is prompting a Wilmington refinery to focus its attention on ways to bring the figures down. But a spokeswoman for the Phillips 66 refinery, formerly ConocoPhillips, said the company already has made strides in substantially lowering its use of diesel, which is considered the driving factor in the higher cancer-risk numbers. "Our diesel consumption has gone down over time," said refinery spokeswoman Betsy Brien, noting that new equipment and electric generators have helped reduce diesel usage from just under 200,000 gallons in 2010 to 75,000 gallons in 2012. Members of the South Coast Air Quality Management District were among those present at a March 21 community meeting hosted by refinery officials to review the monitoring results and plans for improving the numbers. The refinery at 1600 W. Anaheim St., near the Harbor (110) Freeway, is not in any violation of state law, said AQMD spokesman Sam Atwood. "I think people are really concerned in Wilmington about a lot of (environmental) issues," said resident Mary Gant, who was among 65 people who attended. "We're surrounded by more than Phillips - we have the port, truck traffic, we have a lot of elements against us. " Enacted in 1987, state legislation - SB 2588, known as the Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Program - has required notification of residents when air emissions exceed a set threshold. In this case, the refinery's cancer risk numbers for 2006-07 - 23 in 1 million - exceeded the threshold of 10 in 1 million. Fewer than two dozen facilities throughout the Southern California area logged levels as high as 23 in 1 million, Atwood said. The combined cancer risk from all sources across Southern California is 1,100 in 1 million, he added. "At this level, there is not a requirement for them to reduce (the levels)," Atwood said.



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But "they're close." Mandatory reductions are triggered by a facility that has a level of 25 in 1 million. "There's no requirement for them to actually reduce their emissions," Atwood said. "But it looks like they're saying they'll do that voluntarily. Also this month, the AQMD is looking into a lead battery recycler in Vernon that has logged a health risk figure of 156 in 1 million, Atwood said. The refinery told residents the facility was in the process of reducing its stack emissions, reducing diesel fuel use, improving energy efficiency, using cleaner engines and emission control equipment and performing 700,000 emission inspections per year. Brien said this is the first time the refinery's numbers have exceeded the toxic hot spot threshold. She said the use of a new modeling system and the inclusion of diesel particulate measurements probably played a role in the latest numbers that were higher. Atwood said the tests are based on "conservative assumptions, including the assumption that a resident would be exposed to that level of emissions 24 (hours a day) and seven (days a week) for 70 years - basically for a lifetime." Diesel fuel use at Phillips 66 was especially high in 2008 - reaching almost 250,000 gallons - which she attributed to a yearlong "turnaround" event in which large pieces of equipment are replaced and repaired. That requires shutdowns that then use higher-than-normal fuel amounts to restart the plant. "That was a big maintenance time for us," she said. "Our goal (at the meeting) was to share information and to hear comments from the audience." Gant was surprised more people didn't attend. Brien said the refinery sent out 2,000 public notices in advance.

[http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci\\_22884742/wilmington-refinery-working-lower-cancer-risk-levels](http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_22884742/wilmington-refinery-working-lower-cancer-risk-levels)

### USA, OK, WYNNWOOD, MARCH 30 2013. REFINERY FACES PENALTIES IN WORKERS' DEATHS

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An oil refinery south of the Metro faces fines after the deaths of two workers. The two men-- Russell Mann and Billy Smith-- died last year in a boiler explosion at the Wynnewood Refinery. The victims' widows say the penalty is not enough. "Why did our husbands die? Why were they killed? Why did the explosion happen?" asks Kari Smith, whose husband Billy died in the Wynnewood Refinery explosion September 28, 2012. After six long months, the wives of the two men killed in the boiler explosion finally have some answers. Until now, the deaths of Smith and Mann have just left wives, mothers, children and grandchildren with nothing but questions and heartaches. "Now, I'm left here to raise our four children by myself," says Kari. "The refinery has never given us anything concrete," says LeeAnna. But, OSHA's report is concrete. It lists 23 citations against the refinery, including 15 serious, and six repeat violations. "They were given these citation and they just ignored them. To me, it's like they played with our husbands' lives," says Kari. The refinery has been given 15 days to either contest the citations, or comply and pay \$281,100 in fines-- a number the grieving women say is far too small. "I look at the charges as weak," says LeeAnna. "Two lives were lost and I think it should have been more than that," says Kari. "Me and my husband had been together since I was 17. He wasn't just my husband. He was my soulmate. I miss him every day," says LeeAnna. "Our youngest will never know his daddy. He'll never remember him ever. He was robbed of that," says Kari. "It's not fair that he'll never have him... all because of an accident that could have been prevented." The women say no amount of money will ever be enough for the lost lives. They only want one thing. "Make the refinery safer. Make is safe," says LeeAnna. Fox 25 contacted the refinery, but they did not return our phone calls. Here is a link to the full report:

[http://www.osha.gov/ooc/citations/WynnewoodRefining\\_663538\\_3-27-13.pdf](http://www.osha.gov/ooc/citations/WynnewoodRefining_663538_3-27-13.pdf)

[http://www.okcfox.com/newsroom/top\\_stories/videos/kokh\\_vid\\_10426.shtml](http://www.okcfox.com/newsroom/top_stories/videos/kokh_vid_10426.shtml)

### USA, MN, ST. PAUL PARK, MARCH 30 2013. AMENDMENT TO HAZARDOUS SPILL BILL BRINGS ADDED SECURITY

*todd wilson*

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Jody McDaniel lives down the road from the Northern Tier Energy Refinery in St. Paul Park. When I told him that in the state of Minnesota companies that have a hazardous material spill are only required to inform the state duty officer but not local authorities. McDaniel didn't like that. "I think they should do more to definitely let us know and keep us up to date on what's going on," McDaniel said. Police Chief Mike Monahan of St. Paul Park says he began checking reports on the Northern Tier Refinery in his town. He says the reports showed significant issues with regards to chemical releases. Monahan says the company notified both state and federal agencies but not St. Paul Park directly. Monahan started working with Senator Katie Sieben to amend the law to require companies throughout Minnesota to inform both the state and local agencies. He says this is a safety issue. "We have a lot of people that live and businesses within several hundred feet of the fence of that refinery," Monahan said. In a statement by phone, Northern Tier Energy says "they do what is required by law whether it is local, state or



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federal." McDaniel says he would feel much safer knowing that local authorities are aware of the problem. He says at least they could help if needed. The bill just went through its second reading. Its next step is to be heard on the Senate floor.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S2979480.shtml?cat=89>

#### PAKISTAN, RAWALPINDI, MARCH 30 2013. NO CHECK ON ILLEGAL PETROL, LPG AGENCIES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

*obaid abrar khan*

The sale of petrol and LPG in residential areas is still going on without any check despite the assurance given by the district coordination officer (DCO) for launching operation against this illegal practice. Residents of Kalma Chowk, Dheri Hassanabad, Harley Street, Tariqabad, Adiala Road, Dhoke Syedan, Tench Bazaar, Dhoke Khabba, Khayaban-e-Sir Syed, Chah Sultan and Ratta Amral have expressed their concern over the functioning of illegal petrol and LPG agencies in their localities. According to law, opening of petrol agencies in residential areas is illegal and the city district government does not allow running of this businesses in residential areas. However, a sizeable number of people have opened petrol agencies illegally in many parts of Rawalpindi and doing business without any check. Residents of Dheri Hussanabad, while talking to 'The News,' said that despite having two petrol pumps in their locality there are around five illegal petrol agencies operating in the area, which is an open threat that might cause any unwanted incident. The violators are also fleecing the customers by charging extra money and providing low quality products. They said that the city district government is least concerned over the issue of public importance. They urged the commissioner Rawalpindi to take action against the illegal petrol agencies to save the lives of the residents of these areas. A number of shopkeepers while talking to 'The News' said that some of the businessmen have opened petrol agencies in residential areas without obtaining any NOC from the district government. The concerned authorities are supporting them and seem unwilling to remove these outlets despite the fact that several applications have already been filed in this regard, the added. They said that the sale of petrol in residential areas is very dangerous and any incident could happen because of it. The officials of the city district government are waiting for some mishap. Few months ago DCO Captain (r) Saqib Zafar had expressed his unawareness about functioning of illegal petrol agencies in almost every locality of the city and also assured operation against them, but the business is still going on, they contended. When 'The News' contacted Commissioner Imdadullah Bosal, he expressed his unawareness over the issue. "I would direct the DCO to take action against the petrol agencies in residential areas," he added. This correspondent tried to contact DCO Saqib Zafar several times but he was unavailable to comment on the matter.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-6-168068-No-check-on-illegal-petrol,-LPG-agencies-in-residential-areas>

#### INDIA, MUMBAI, MARCH 30 2013. FIVE DEAD, TWO CRITICALLY INJURED IN WALL COLLAPSE AT SAKINAKA

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- [Five Killed in House Collapse after Blast in Mumbai's Sakinaka](#)
- [5 Killed, 2 Injured as Explosion Brings Down a Wall in Sakinaka](#)



Five people of a family were killed and two others are critically injured after an explosion caused the walls to collapse in a workshop at Sakinaka on Friday morning. According to the fire brigade, the incident occurred around 1.40am on Friday in KD compound, Khairani road, near Hari Masjid, Sakinaka area. The injured have been identified as Mangeah Patel, Sukha Patel, Bharati and her two daughters Manish and Neha. All family members were sleeping in their house situated next to the workshop when the incident occurred. The walls collapsed on them and they died on the spot. 12 fire engines, three ambulances with other vehicles were rushed to the spot. The fire brigade and police removed their bodies and were rushed to the Rajawadi hospital. The hospital authorities confirmed the deaths and added that two people who were working in the workshop at the time of the explosion are in critical condition. The fire officials said that the work of removing the debris is ongoing. "The investigation is on to ascertain the exact cause behind fire. But, it seems, prima facie, the explosion occurred due to aluminum casting pressure in an around 1000 sq ft area," said SH Nesrikar, deputy chief fire officer. ATS officer on the spot said, "The workers would work



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there round the clock and hence due to the heat the machine exploded, so there is no terror angles".

[http://www.dnaindia.com/mumbai/report\\_mumbai-five-dead-two-critically-injured-in-wall-collapse-at-sakinaka\\_1816843](http://www.dnaindia.com/mumbai/report_mumbai-five-dead-two-critically-injured-in-wall-collapse-at-sakinaka_1816843)

#### USA, MD, CHARLES CO, WALDORF, MARCH 30 2013. ROUTE 301 SHUT DOWN AFTER FUEL TANKER ACCIDENT

 **Photo's [13]** [Accident Snarls Evening Commute in Waldorf](#)



Maryland Route 301 in Waldorf was shut down for two-and-a-half hours Thursday evening after a car slammed into the rear of a fuel tanker. According to the Maryland State Police, Tpr. Kenge responded at 6:27 p.m. at the Vernon Road intersection to a two vehicle motor vehicle collision involving a fuel tanker and a passenger vehicle. The driver of the passenger vehicle, Aaron Michael Butler, 21, failed to pay full time and attention, which caused his vehicle to strike the rear of the fuel tanker driver by George Nathaniel Dorsey Sr., 61. The passenger vehicle went underneath the fuel tanker. Maryland Department of the Environment Hazmat Unit responded to the scene. They stated that the tanker was not leaking and that the

passenger vehicle could be removed from underneath the fuel tanker without further damaging the tanker. The passenger vehicle was removed from the scene by Altra Towing. The fuel tanker was removed to a vacant parking lot to have the two rear tires changed. The tanker was inspected by the Maryland State Police Commercial Motor Vehicle Division and found to be safe to drive. The driver of the fuel tanker was not injured and the driver of the passenger vehicle was transported to Civista Hospital in La Plata with minor injuries. The roadways of northbound and southbound of Maryland Route 301 were closed for approximately two-and-a-half hours.

[http://www.thebaynet.com/news/index.cfm/fa/viewstory/story\\_ID/31558](http://www.thebaynet.com/news/index.cfm/fa/viewstory/story_ID/31558)

#### USA, CA, CAMARILLO, MARCH 30 2013. GAS STATION PAYS FOR IMPROPER PUMP LINES, UNDERGROUND TANKS

The district attorney's office recently announced the settlement of a civil environmental prosecution case against 7-Eleven which alleged the company violated underground storage tank laws and engaged in unfair business practices. On May 12, 2008, inspectors for the annual UST monitoring system certification at the 7-Eleven service station in Camarillo observed that tubing leading to sensors that monitor sumps had been tampered with, preventing the sensor from operating properly and disabling the automatic leak detection system. At the time, 7-Eleven was under a 2004 statewide injunction for failure to comply with certain UST laws, including tampering. Under the terms of the final judgment, which was entered without admission of liability, 7-Eleven agreed to remedy violations and comply with environmental laws. In addition, the company agreed to pay \$266,684 in civil penalties and investigative costs. Prosecutors noted that 7-Eleven fully cooperated in the investigation and negotiations leading to the settlement.

[http://www.thecamarilloacorn.com/news/2013-03-29/Community/Gas\\_station\\_pays\\_for\\_improper\\_pump\\_lines\\_undergrou.html](http://www.thecamarilloacorn.com/news/2013-03-29/Community/Gas_station_pays_for_improper_pump_lines_undergrou.html)

#### USA, N.C, DENVER, MARCH 30 2013. FORMER WILDLIFE AGENT TESTIFIES IN TRIAL ON 2008 BOAT EXPLOSION

ken lemon

 **Watch the Video** [Former Wildlife Agent Testifies in Trial on 2008 Boat Explosion](#)

A man who tried to rescue a teenager killed in a boat explosion testified about his attempts to save the teen. A company is on trial accused of causing the 2008 explosion. The testimony Thursday was dominated by former wildlife agent Scott Loflin, who investigated the explosion in 2008. He said when he responded he was focused on saving dock worker Nate Coppick, but he didn't realize he was already too late. Loflin pointed on a map to the part of Hobbs Westport Marina, where he first saw the 80-foot pleasure boat burning. He told jurors he has seen a lot of awful scenes, but he said "nothing like this." "This is just total destruction from fire, explosion and chaos," Loflin said. He said when he learned 19-year-old Coppick was missing, he boarded the burning boat, but it began to can or tilt as it sank. "I was scared the whole boat was going to cant and turn and rip the rest of the dock off," Loflin said. He got off of the boat and called for divers. Later, he looked at security camera video "An explosion occurs, another explosion occurs. Crew members are seen trying to get out of the way," Loflin said. During the trial, one of the enormous deck tiles was shown. It was tossed 7 to 8 feet into the air during the explosion. Loflin showed jurors the gas nozzle installed by Petroleum Equipment and Services. It had a latch that attorneys for Coppick's family said is illegal and



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the cause of the explosion. Under cross examination, Loflin admitted he used those same pumps for his state-owned wildlife boat. "I bought all of the fuel for my boat there. All of it," Loflin said. He admitted he never reported the illegal nozzles. "Ever talk to anyone at Hobbs about that?" the defense attorney asked. "No sir," Loflin said. "Ever talked to anybody from PES my clients about that?" the defense attorney asked. "No sir," Loflin said. Attorneys for the company said before the explosion, no one knew the nozzles were illegal. They said the gas pumps passed numerous inspections by the state before the explosion.

<http://www.wsocv.com/news/news/local/former-wildlife-agent-testifies-trial-2008-boat-ex/nW6y7/>

### INDONESIA, JAKARTA, MARCH 30 2013. PERTAMINA WANTS TO OPEN NINE GAS STATIONS IN JAKARTA

*amahl s. azwar*

PT Pertamina says it wants to open nine gas-filling stations (SPBG) by October to support the government's gas-fuel conversion program. Pertamina gas director Hari Karyuliarto recently said that the state-owned oil and gas firm would award in April contracts for the project, including stations, pipelines and mobile refuelling units. "We expect that the construction process will begin in May this year, with October as the deadline for the project's completion," Hari said in Jakarta. The construction of the nine stations would cost Rp 447 billion (US\$46 million) from the state budget, much less than the previously requested Rp 3.5 trillion, Hari said. While the scope and budget for the project for 2013 was decreased following budget delays in 2013, Hari said that the firm would try to meet the government's target for this year. The government wanted to build 11 gas stations this year: nine funded by the state budget and two by Pertamina, which would also build a downstream gas pipeline using Rp 127 billion of state funds. Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry's downstream director Umi Asngadah said separately that 20 gas stations would be opened in Greater Jakarta if Pertamina finished the project. "There are currently 9 SPBGs in Greater Jakarta, thus the completion of 11 SPBGs in October would increase this number. This is very positive for the government's conversion program," she said. Umi said that only two cities outside Jakarta had gas stations: Palembang, South Sumatra, with two; and Surabaya, East Java, with four. However, not all of the gas stations in Surabaya and Jakarta and none of the stations in Palembang had the kits needed to convert vehicles from gasoline to gas, Umi said. The government wants to distribute 14,000 converter kits this year for public transportation vehicles to speed their conversion to gas. In Indonesia, compressed natural gas (CNG), locally known as BBG, which is used for public transportation vehicles, is sold at around Rp 3,100 per LSP, while liquefied gas for vehicles (LGV), consumed by private cars, is sold at Rp 3,600 per LSP. Indonesia, a former member of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), currently relies on the import of crude oil and its refined products to meet domestic energy needs, especially for transportation. Despite producing around 800,000 barrels per day (bpd) of crude oil, Southeast Asia's largest economy, with more than 240 million people, needs more than 1.3 million bpd to meet daily needs. Premium, a government-subsidized fossil-based fuel largely used by public and private vehicles, is sold at Rp 4,500 (49 US cents), the least-expensive fuel in Southeast Asia. The government has been reluctant to cut Premium fuel subsidies amid popular pressure.

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2013/03/28/pertamina-wants-open-nine-gas-stations-jakarta.html>

### MOGADISHU, HAMARWEYNE, MARCH 30 2013. MOGADISHU PETROL STATION OFFERS MOTORISTS ALTERNATIVE TO JERRY CANS

*abdi moalim*



*Vendors sell fuel from jerry cans in Mogadishu.*

Mogadishu motorists no longer need to rely solely on roadside vendors selling dirty petrol in jerry cans to fill up their cars, trucks and motorbikes. For the first time in 22 years, motorists in the Somali capital can fuel up at a newly refurbished petrol station equipped with pumps dispensing high quality fuel. The SOPICO station in Mogadishu's Hamarweyne neighbourhood opened on March 7th. It is the first of eight petrol stations now slated for revival. Pumps at these stations stopped working with the fall of the central government in 1991. A second station, the Benadir Petroleum Company, will open soon in Mogadishu's Abdiqazib District after undergoing testing. "The last time I filled my vehicle at a petrol station in Mogadishu was 22 years ago, before the collapse of the government," said Mohamed Addow Qalinle, 55, who queued up at SOPICO to

fill up his vehicle. "Therefore, I am very happy today that I can access refined fuel." Qalinle said the re-emergence of a



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functioning petrol station in Mogadishu is a "treasured victory", while bus driver Nuur Alasow Oorfane was so excited about the new petrol station that he likened it to being "as happy as when I got my first child". "This is because we have suffered too much from contact with unrefined petrol," Oorfane told Sabahi, referring to the below-standard and often contaminated petrol sold in jerry cans by roadside vendors. At SOPICO, Oorfane pays \$1.20 per litre -- the same price he used to pay for jerry can petrol. Engine breakdowns and other problems caused by poor-grade petrol has been a long-time headache for Somali motorists like Dahir Warsame, who said he wants to see the roadside petrol hawkers pack up shop for good. "The vendors [by the streets] do not store the fuel in clean containers while dust and other dirt find their way into the fuel," said Warsame, a mechanic and dealer of imported vehicles. "This kind of fuel destroys the vehicles' engines while unhealthy fumes are released into the air." "All this leads to waste of resources. Motorists also waste a lot of time waiting for vendors to fill their vehicles with fuel using small containers," he told Sabahi. "All these challenges are addressed by the service stations retailing refined fuel."

#### Enterprising Somalis

For the new petrol stations, motorists can thank some enterprising Somalis who are testing the local business climate and taking advantage of improved security in Mogadishu and high demand for petrol. Mohamed Omar, a trader who had lived in the Netherlands, has returned home to Somalia, where he now works as the manager at SOPICO. "[The petrol station] is still in its initial stages and many people have yet to adapt to the availability of clean petrol," he said. "Besides that, we have received a lot of acceptance and high demand, and we strive to offer our customers petrol that meets internationally acclaimed fuel standards. This is an option many motorists never had before, and we offer other products and services that motorists may need." The Somali government is providing licenses to investors who want to refurbish the petrol stations, which are located on state-owned land, and charging rent for the use of the property. "The government does not own any shares in the business, therefore, this is a private enterprise," Omar said. "We also use privately owned warehouses that we use independently to store the fuel we import." Peace activist Halimo Ga'ayte, 35, said the resurgence of the city's petrol stations shows how far security in Mogadishu has improved. "In the old days, investors used to invest their resources in foreign countries for fear of conflict [in Somalia], but if they trust their home country now, then that is victory and progress," Ga'ayte told Sabahi.

#### More Petrol Stations Coming

To pump new life into the petrol stations' recovery, the Benadir regional administration has granted licences to eight entrepreneurs, administration spokesperson Mohamed Yusuf Osman told Sabahi. In addition to the two petrol stations already in the city, Osman said six others "will be operational very soon". "We do not charge the entrepreneurs any taxes at the moment as we have prioritised the availability of fuel," he said. "For that reason, we have permitted entrepreneurs to invest in the government-owned fuel service outlets." Deeqa Hassan, a mother of eight who sells fuel at the KM 5 junction, said she was worried the new petrol stations will put her out of work and is now searching for a new source of income. "The service stations are going to push us out of business because our customers will [eventually] shift to petrol stations retailing clean fuel," she said, urging the government to help street vendors transition to other business ventures. Osman suggested that roadside fuel vendors pool their resources and obtain one of the licenses for opening a petrol station.

[http://sabahionline.com/en\\_GB/articles/hoa/articles/features/2013/03/29/feature-01](http://sabahionline.com/en_GB/articles/hoa/articles/features/2013/03/29/feature-01)

#### USA, S.C, COLUMBIA, MARCH 30 2013. FEDERAL COURT APPROVES SETTLEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLAIMS AGAINST WEYLCHM US, INC. FACILITIES IN ELGIN AND LUGOFF, SOUTH CAROLINA

U.S. Attorney Bill Nettles, the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced today that United States District Court Judge Cameron Currie approved a consent decree with Weylchem US, Inc. to resolve alleged violations of federal and state air, water, and solid waste pollution laws at Weylchem's specialty chemical manufacturing facility in Elgin and its wastewater treatment plant in Lugoff. Under the consent decree, Weylchem agreed to perform corrective action measures and to pay a civil penalty of \$500,000, of which \$175,000 will be paid to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. The facility has operated in Elgin since 1967 under various names including Elgin Fine Chemicals, Clariant LSM (America) Inc., and Archimica Inc. The facility produces chemicals for use in pharmaceuticals, pesticides and other products. The consent decree addresses alleged violations including the mismanagement of hazardous waste under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and South Carolina regulations, and standards for hazardous air pollutant emissions under the Clean Air Act. Alleged violations at the Lugoff facility include discharges to the Wateree River that exceeded permitted limits for many of the contaminants of concern under the Clean Water Act. Contaminants of concern include benzene, benzoyl chloride, chlorine, ethyl chloride, ethylene glycol, methanol, methylene chloride, phenol, toluene, and



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xylene. U.S. Attorney Nettles expressed his satisfaction with the consent decree, "After years of negotiations, this consent decree is good news for the Lugoff and Elgin communities and the people of South Carolina. Of particular significance is the fact that this consent decree requires Weylchem U.S. to eliminate the discharge to the Wateree River and to stop trucking the waste from Elgin to Lugoff, which of course means that there is no opportunity for a spill on our highways." "This agreement will result in better management practices that will ultimately lead to greater protection of public health and the environment for the citizens of South Carolina," said Gwen Keyes Fleming, Regional Administrator for EPA. Under the terms of the settlement, Weylchem will no longer be allowed to send wastewater from the Elgin facility to the Lugoff facility and by the end of 2013 will be prohibited from discharging any wastewater into the Wateree River at the Lugoff facility. In addition to eliminating discharge into the Wateree River, the settlement will also result in the elimination of noise and pollution from approximately 30 tanker truck trips per day over public roads and the potential for spills of industrial wastewater during transport. The facility has already completed a project to reduce its air emissions by improving its air pollution control equipment. The settlement also requires Weylchem to make significant changes to the current operations at the Elgin facility. The corrective actions include addressing fugitive air emissions by implementing an enhanced leak testing and repair regime based on the results of a third-party audit. Weylchem will also test its waste tanks and basins, and sample wastewater and sediment at the Elgin facility, and, if the tests show that tanks or basins are leaking, will make necessary repairs and address potential impacts to the environment. Furthermore, Weylchem has agreed to investigate possible soil or groundwater contamination at the Lugoff site and, if contamination is discovered, to develop and implement a cleanup plan.

<http://www.epa.gov/iaq/states/southcarolina.html>

### **RUSSIA, SIBERIA, MARCH 30 2013. RUSSIAN MAN DIGS 65-YARD TUNNEL TO TAP OIL PIPELINE**

A Russian man spent three years digging a 65-yard tunnel to steal oil from a pipeline in the Novosibirsk region of Siberia, the local branch of the Interior Ministry said. The man, 52, stole about 30 metric tons of crude (220 barrels) over the past three months via the tunnel, which he dug after work and on weekends, according to a video interview police posted on the ministry's website. The man, who wasn't identified, said his earnings from the scheme didn't justify his investment. Total damages to OAO Transneft, Russia's pipeline operator and owner of the trunk line, reached \$16,000, the ministry said.

<http://www.dailymail.com/News/NationandWorld/201303270189>

### **USA, WASHINGTON, DC, MARCH 30 2013. CSB ANNOUNCES PUBLIC MEETING IN RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, TO RELEASE INTERIM REPORT AND SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING FROM CHEVRON REFINERY INVESTIGATION**

#### **Investigation Details: Chevron Refinery Fire**

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) announces that it will hold a public meeting on April 19, 2013, to present the interim report and safety recommendations from the [investigation of the August 6, 2012](#), hydrocarbon release that occurred at the Chevron Refinery in Richmond, CA. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. PDT at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium and Convention Center located at 403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA. The CSB determined that nineteen Chevron employees were engulfed in a vapor cloud formed by the hydrocarbon release. Eighteen employees escaped before the fire started and one employee escaped without injury after the fire ensued. The incident resulted in six minor injuries. Production at the crude unit has been suspended since the accident. More than 15,000 residents in the surrounding area sought treatment at area medical facilities as a result of the release and fire. CSB Chairperson Rafael Moure-Eraso said, "The CSB's public hearing will provide an opportunity for the public to hear and comment upon the interim findings and formal safety recommendations resulting from the board's investigation into the 2012 accident – the issues presented at this meeting will be applicable to refineries across the country." At the meeting CSB staff will present to the Board the interim results of their investigation into this incident. Key issues involved in the investigation include sulfidation corrosion, effective hazard analysis processes, and requirements for the use of corrosion-resistant materials in refineries. Following the presentation, the Board will hear from invited panel members and members of the public. At the conclusion of the public comment period, the Board will consider whether to approve the interim report and recommendations. All staff presentations are preliminary and are intended solely to allow the Board to consider in a public forum the issues and factors involved in this case. The hearing is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required; to register for the event, please send email to [csbmeeting@csb.gov](mailto:csbmeeting@csb.gov). Members of the audience will have an opportunity to comment on the draft report, as presented by the investigative staff. The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating industrial chemical accidents. The agency's board members



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#### USA, N.Y, NEW YORK, MARCH 30 2013. EXXON MOBIL DOLED OUT \$2 MILLION FOR NY FRACKING ADVERTISEMENTS

*jon campbell*

Exxon Mobil spent about \$2.1 million on lobbying in New York in 2012, making it the second-largest spender, according to a new report from the state's ethics board. But just about \$105,000 of that actually went to the company's lobbyists, state records show. The rest of it—\$2 million—went towards a pro-hydrofracking ad campaign. Exxon cut a \$2 million check for the Independent Oil & Gas Association of New York on July 1, according to the company's most-recent filing with the Joint Commission on Public Ethics. The money was for a "natural gas advertising expense," the company reported, but doesn't offer any specifics. IOGA, an oil-and-gas trade group, is one of the state's most outspoken advocates of drilling and fracking for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale, which has been on hold in New York for more than 4.5 years. It wasn't immediately clear where the \$2 million was spent, and we've got calls into both Exxon and IOGA for further clarification. The money went toward a series of full-page newspaper advertisements that ran in the latter half of 2012, according to IOGA spokesman Jim Smith. The ads ([here's an example](#)) make the case for shale-gas drilling in New York and list a number of New York-based groups that support the message, including IOGA. Exxon is not specifically listed on any of the ads, but the company is an IOGA member. Pro-fracking groups, meanwhile, have been critical of some environmental groups and other fracking critics who haven't registered to lobby in New York despite participating in rallies and protests.

<http://polhudson.lohudblogs.com/2013/03/28/exxon-mobil-doled-out-2-million-for-ny-fracking-ad-campaign/>

#### USA, CT, FAIRFIELD, MARCH 30 2013. FAIRFIELD COMPANY FINED BY EPA FOR 2012 CHEMICAL LEAK



*Fairfield firefighters and regional hazardous materials technicians responded to a leak at 5N Inc. on Commerce Drive on April 12, 2012. The EPA has fined the company and ordered to purchase equipment for local firefighters.*

A Fairfield company that develops and produces specialty metal and chemical products will pay a \$13,250 penalty, and will purchase at least \$47,900 worth of equipment for the Fairfield Fire Department to settle EPA claims that it violated environmental right-to-know requirements. According to a recent settlement with the EPA, 5N Plus, Inc. allegedly violated the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) by failing to

report hazardous chemical inventories to the local fire department and to other emergency responders. The company also failed to report the use and potential release of the toxic chemicals, lead and selenium, under the Toxic Release Inventory, a national database of toxic chemical use available to the public. On April 12, 2012, emergency calls reported an "out-gassing of gallium trichloride," a "vapor cloud," and building evacuation on Commerce Drive. No medical emergencies were reported. Initial reports indicated a visible plume emanating from the building, according to a fire department press release that day. Occupants of 5N Plus were checked for injuries and questioned regarding medical complaints by first arriving personnel as emergency units restricted further civilian access to the area. Initial air monitoring showed no signs of chlorine or other contamination, but nearby residents were advised to close their doors and windows and shelter as a precaution. Firefighters and haz-mat technicians, led by building representatives, found that there was a vapor cloud visible in the rear portion of the building, but the air handling system designed to scrub dangerous emissions had done its job. "Efforts were made to shut down the process and stop the continued release of product from its container, with participation and support from the Fairfield County Hazardous Incident Response Team, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound, the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and American Medical Response," the Fairfield Fire Department reported that day. On April 13, 5N issued a statement acknowledging the leak at the Commerce Drive site and detailing the response. "There were no injuries, no medical complaints, and no apparent signs of environmental impact from this event and the incident did not result in any damage to the facility," according to 5N. However, the EPA ruled that the company did not properly report what chemicals were being used at



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the plant. "The company's failure to report and file appropriate forms deprives the community of its right to know about chemicals present in the neighborhood," according to a release from the EPA. "This failure also prevents emergency responders from being aware of hazardous chemicals at the facility in the case of an emergency." As part of the settlement, 5N will purchase emergency response equipment for use by the Fairfield Fire Department and the Fairfield County Hazardous Incident emergency response teams. This equipment includes a utility vehicle, a skid unit, a trailer for the utility vehicle, hazardous material detection devices and calibration aids. The utility vehicle will be used to help emergency responders address large impacted areas and will also help in distribution of emergency response equipment and protective clothing. The vehicle will also help emergency responders get to areas not accessible by standard vehicles. Also as part of the agreement, 5N Plus certified that it is in compliance with the federal law.

<http://www.fairfield-sun.com/10569/fairfield-company-fined-by-epa-for-2012-chemical-leak/>

#### ENGLAND, SOMERSET. PORTISHEAD, MARCH 30 2013. FUEL TANK FEARS MOUNT

Residents in Portishead are appealing for hazardous waste tanks to be moved further away from their homes. Eight tanks at the Redcliffe Bay depot are currently used to pump aviation fuel to airports around the country. Two additional tanks which are being used to hold petroleum waste from the site do not have planning consent for this purpose and permission is currently being sought from North Somerset Council by the Oil and Pipeline Agency. However, in objections written against the application, nearby residents say an emission of fumes when the tanks are emptied causes headaches and nausea and they fear the physical process of emptying the slops poses the risk of human error, which could result in land contamination or even fire. The procedures also cause a great deal of noise. Portishead town councillor Marilyn Koops, who lives close to the site, has objected to the planning application. She said: "I would like to see these waste tanks relocated to the middle of the site, well away from residential properties, therefore minimising all risk and nuisance." An application to install an odour absorption filter unit to serve the tanks has also been submitted, but its efficiency to deal with the required capacity is in question. The town council, which has objected to the application for the use of two extra tanks for petroleum waste, has also written to the unitary authority asking to see a test of the efficiency of the filter before the application is progressed any further. The Redcliffe Bay site, which contains 13 tanks, was originally built by the Ministry of Defence as part of a network providing fuel to military air bases via underground pipes. In December, despite public objection, the number of tanks in use was increased from five to eight.

<http://www.waste-management-world.com/news/2013/03/27/fuel-tank-fears-mount.html>

#### USA, WI, FOND DU LAC, MARCH 30 2013. . DNR INVESTIGATING OIL SPILL IN FOND DU LAC CREEK

cody holyoke

 **Watch the Video** [DNR Investigating Oil Spill in Fond Du Lac Creek](#)



*A heating oil leak could soon find its way into a popular Wisconsin lake, and people who live nearby are concerned it will damage wildlife.*

A heating oil leak could soon find its way into a popular Wisconsin lake, and people who live nearby are concerned it will damage wildlife. The leak is reportedly under control, but you can still see the effects in the water. Folks around Fond du Lac want answers. "You could smell it before you could see it," said Mark Lavrenz. Lavrenz knew something was wrong. Out for a walk with his dogs this week, he smelled a thick, oily stench coming from nearby De Neveu Creek. Heating oil somehow made its way into the water. "This is not something that you'd like to see in your town," Lavrenz said. "Not at all, and I'm sensitive to

any issue that damages the watershed." The oil shimmering on the creek's surface is still evident, and Lavrenz and other home owners are concerned the fuel will travel downstream, into Lake Winnebago. The Department of Natural Resources is now on the case. Firefighters placed boom lines, while spill experts tracked the source of the leak to a generator shed owned by Fond du Lac County. Heating oil had overflowed and soaked into a drainage system, and was pumped into the water. Ted Amman with the Department of Natural Resources said they don't know how much was pumped into the creek, but they have an estimate. "Well, it's probably in the order of 50 to 100 gallons or less," Amman said. Crews are working to pump oil from the building to holding tanks, but citizens like Mark Lavrenz just hope the spill hasn't caused any major damage. "From the levels I saw yesterday, and the discoloration in the water yesterday, I would say the majority of it is on its way to Lake Winnebago if



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not already in there," Lavrenz added. The DNR does say the spill is contained, and they don't believe much, if any, oil made it to the lake.

<http://www.todaystmj4.com/news/local/200327811.html>

### USA, GA, EAST POINT, MARCH 30 2013. 2 DEAD, 4 SURVIVE AFTER CARBON MONOXIDE LEAK IN AN EAST POINT HOME >> A FATHER AND SON HAVE DIED, AUTHORITIES BELIEVE A GENERATOR IS TO BLAME.

*marc richardson*



Carbon monoxide is the expected culprit in the tragic deaths of a father and son who lived on Graywall Street near Headland Drive in the City of East Point. According to reports, a family member discovered the 2 bodies while doing a welfare check on the family Wednesday afternoon. There were 2 survivors in the accident. A 13 year old boy and a 2 year old girl were both survivors. [CBS reports](#) that investigators told them that, "the father and his 11-year-old son died from carbon monoxide poisoning," going on to say, "the CO inside the home was so concentrated that the woman who found the family and her baby were also overcome and had to be taken to the hospital." In fact, the [AJC reports](#) that Lt. Cliff Chandler with the East Point Police Department said, that the first "officers arriving at the home were overcome by suspected carbon monoxide," and that it was not until the firefighters came on to the scene that they were able to make entry. The AJC says, the "two other children, a boy

and a 2-year-old girl, were semi-conscious and transported to the hospital for treatment." Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas. Investigators told AJC reporters that, the "exact cause of the deaths was not immediately known, but a generator's exhaust fumes were suspected." The reports seem to indicate that a faulty generator was being used in the basement to provide electricity and heat to the home.

<http://cascade.patch.com/articles/2-dead-4-survive-after-carbon-monoxide-leak-in-an-east-point-home>

### USA, AR, LITTLE ROCK, MARCH 30 2013. CLEAN UP BEGINS FOR MAYFLOWER OIL SPILL

 [Watch the Video \[5 video's\]](#) [Clean Up Begins for Mayflower Oil Spill](#)

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It was a rough start to the Easter holiday weekend after an oil spill struck in Mayflower. Authorities said as many as 40 homes had to be evacuated Friday afternoon. Mayflower Police Chief Robert Satkowski said that the evacuations will remain in effect over-night. The chief also stated that it's too early to say how much oil spilled, but crews have prevented it from getting into Lake Conway. That was a big concern all day; the work ahead will focus on clean-up around the affected areas in town. "So that is a pipeline that has busted and has flooded the neighborhood," said THViewer Drew Barnes, who gave THV 11 video of the Northwoods subdivision in Mayflower Friday. Authorities said it's a mess triggered by an Exxon Mobile crude oil pipeline that ruptured, spewing out oil Friday afternoon. "The smell is unbelievable. I mean, look!" Barnes said as he shot the video of his neighborhood. "A lot is all that I can estimate," Chief Satkowski said

of the spilled oil. "It flowed from approximately 2:45p.m. when it was discovered by a homeowner to after 3 p.m. I want to say almost 3:30." Chief Satkowski said it's not clear why the pipeline ruptured, but it was later shut off by Exxon. The spill prompted evacuations as clean-up crews tackled some drainage areas in town where the oil flowed to. Along Highway 89 across from Lake Conway, crews sealed off two pipes under the road to keep oil from flowing from a city drainage pond into the lake. "I'm just over here trying to make sure that we get it stopped before it gets into the lake because we'll have a real problem," Mayor Randy Holland said. Mayor Randy Holland was also on the scene Friday where authorities did manage to keep the lake from any contamination, but it still turned the start of the holiday weekend upside down in Mayflower. "Incredible and that is oil," Barnes said, as his camera rolled. As for the residents who had to leave their homes, the police chief said he's not aware of any that requested shelter assistance, but he did say that Exxon Mobil has said the company will put folks up in a hotel if need be. There's no official word yet on how long it will take to clean up the mess and when residents can return home.



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ExxonMobil said it's investigating the cause and working with local authorities in clean-up efforts. The company added that the breach was in a pipeline that originates in Illinois and carries crude oil to the Texas Gulf Coast. Representatives with [Conway Corporation](#) posted a Facebook status that read, "Lake Conway is not Conway's water source. We get our water from Lake Brewer, located north of Plumerville in Conway County. The oil spill being reported does not impact Conway's water supply."

**Related Links** [Emergency Declaration Issued after Oil Spill near Lake Conway](#)

<http://www.thv11.com/news/article/257413/238/Pipeline-ruptures-sending-oil-into-Lake-Conway>

### CHINA, JILIN PROVINCE, BAISHAN, MARCH 30 2013. CHINA MINE BLAST KILLS 28



A gas blast in a northeast China coal mine killed 28 people, authorities said Saturday, according to state media, the latest incident to damage the industry's notoriously poor safety record. Thirteen others were rescued after the accident Friday at Babao Coal Mine in the city of Baishan in Jilin province, the official Xinhua news agency cited a spokesman with the provincial work safety and supervision bureau as saying. The injuries of the 13 were not life threatening, the spokesman said, according to Xinhua. Rescue work has finished at the mine and the cause of the accident is under investigation, said the spokesman. The mine is a state-owned colliery under the Tonghua Mining (Group) Co., Ltd, the Xinhua report said. The accident occurred on the same day that a huge landslide came crashing down a mountainside in Tibet, burying 83 workers in a gold mining area, state media said. China is the world's biggest consumer of coal, relying on the fossil fuel for 70 percent of its growing energy needs. But its mines are among the

deadliest in the world because of lax regulation, corruption and inefficiency. Accidents are common because safety is often neglected by bosses seeking quick profits. An accident at a coal mine in southwest China killed 21 miners earlier this month, state media said. Xinhua said 58 had managed to get to the surface safely after the coal and gas outburst at the Machang coal mine in Guizhou Province. An explosion at the Shangchang Coal Mine in the southwest Yunnan province left 17 people dead last December, while a month earlier, 23 people were killed in a gas explosion in a coal mine in Guizhou province, which borders Yunnan. Last August, seven people died in a coal mine accident in the city of Jilin, which is located in China's northern industrial rustbelt. The state administration of work safety said last year it would close more than 600 small coal mines, which are considered more dangerous than the larger mines. Efforts to improve safety in China's coal mines have seen the numbers of accidents decrease in recent years. Official figures show 1,384 died in coal mine accidents in China in 2012, sharply down from 1,973 people in 2011. But labour rights groups say the actual death toll is likely to be much higher, partly due to under-reporting of accidents as mine bosses seek to limit their economic losses and avoid punishment. Zhang Dejiang, a leading Chinese politician who currently sits on the elite seven-member Politburo Standing Committee, previously said coal mine accidents "ring the alarm, warning us that accident prevention is a complex, difficult, and urgent task".

**Related Links** [28 people are killed in a gas explosion in northeast China, not far from North Korea](#)

<http://www.thesundaily.my/news/649114>

### USA, VA, RICHMOND, MARCH 31 2013. HONEYWELL AGREES TO \$3M POLLUTION FINE

A major producer of ingredients used in nylon and fertilizer agreed Thursday to pay a \$3 million civil penalty for alleged air pollution violations at its Hopewell plant. The agreement between federal authorities and Honeywell Resins and Chemicals LLC was filed in U.S. District Court in Richmond. The consent decree is subject to court approval. Along with paying the fine, the company agreed to improve the plant's air pollution control equipment and processes. According to the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the plant exceeded [Clean Air](#) Act limits on emissions of nitrogen oxide, benzene and other pollutants. The plant also allegedly failed to make required upgrades and repairs. Honeywell did not admit to the alleged violations but has certified it's now in compliance with regulations. The company said in a written statement that it is "committed to the highest standards of environmental compliance," and that system upgrades already are under way. The Hopewell plant has been in operation since it was built in 1928 by [Allied Chemical](#), a predecessor to Honeywell. The plant employs more than 600 workers and, according to Honeywell, is Virginia's second-largest exporter. The civil penalty will be split evenly between the state and federal governments.

<http://www.chron.com/news/science/article/Honeywell-agrees-to-3M-pollution-fine-4392816.php>



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