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AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, TOOWOOMBA, MARCH 22 2013. GHOSTS OF BUILDERS PAST UNEARTHED DURING GASWORKS CLEAN-UP

stuart cumming

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A 10-METRE deep retaining wall is being driven into the footpath beside Chalk Dr this week as part of the remediation of the former Toowoomba gasworks site. Project manager Charles Guesdon, of Ranbury Management Group, said about 500 tonnes of contaminated soil was being removed from the Neil St site a week. The area with the highest concentration of tar, ash and heavy metals has been excavated under a large, odour-capturing tent. It has taken six months to get to its current state and Mr Guesdon hopes to have the whole site, including the section underneath the former Chalk Dr carpark, completed by the end of the year. The dig has exposed the environmentally unsound practices of past builders. Pipes, cement pylons, steel and other rubbish have been exposed. "It is not a surprise we could find rubbish," Mr Guesdon said. "But the extent of the rubbish is a surprise." Pumps are moving 500,000 litres of naturally occurring spring water from the excavated area each week. Workers expect to start digging up the former Chalk Dr carpark area in June.

<http://www.thechronicle.com.au/news/Ghosts-builders-unearthed-gasworks-clean-up/1797971/>

USA, ILL, EVANSTON, MARCH 22 2013. CITY SUES CHEVRON OVER GAS STATION POLLUTION



The City of Evanston filed suit this week against Chevron, seeking to force the oil giant to clean up a former gas station site at 1801-05 Church St.

The suit, filed in federal district court, claims that Texaco, which merged with Chevron in 2001, owned and operated the gas station from about 1925 through the early 1970s. The city says it has evidence that at least two gasoline storage tanks leaked contaminants into the soil during the 1960s while Texaco owned the station. In 2000, the city says, the state fire marshal issued a violation notice for improperly abandoned and leaking storage tanks on the site and that nothing was done to correct the problems. The city in 2012 sought to acquire the property from its current owner, E-Town Community Ventures LLC., which it

has also named a defendant in the suit. In investigating conditions on the site prior to agreeing to the purchase, the city hired an environmental consultant. The city says the consultant found that contamination from the property "has migrated off-site in the east/southeast direction and is impacting" Church Street, Darrow Avenue and possibly the commercial property to the east, Strange Lofts. The city is seeking injunctive relief, an order directing a cleanup and an award of compensatory and punitive damages. The property was the proposed site of a 27-unit low-income housing development called Darrow Corners, which was rejected by the City Council in 2006 on a 5-4 vote. The property was abandoned as a gas station sometime in the late 1990s and has been vacant ever since.

 [Related Links Evanston wants to buy abandoned gas station site](#)

<http://evanstonnow.com/story/government/bill-smith/2013-03-20/55327/city-sues-chevron-over-gas-station-pollution>

USA, NEV, WELLS, MARCH 22 2013. TANKER TRUCK LEAKING IN WELLS

 [Watch the Video Tanker Truck leaking in Wells](#)



A Wells Truck Stop was evacuated; Wells school students were sheltered on campus as emergency rescuers worked to identify and contain an acid solution found leaking from a tanker truck. Elko County Sheriff Jim Pitts said no one was injured in the midday incident Tuesday at Love's Truck Stop that began when the driver called to report a slow leaking valve.

http://www.kentv.com/news/story/Tanker-Truck-leaking-in-Wells/vxe_xjVEU0KTWc2vN8umlw.csp



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NIGERIA, ABUJA, MARCH 22 2013. 1,444 EX-EXXON-MOBIL STAFF SEEK JUSTICE

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The 1,444 sacked Exxon-Mobil staff have urged the National Assembly to intervene in efforts to secure their terminal benefit. They lamented that the multinational firm is inflicting injustice on them by denying them about N11.4 billion entitlements. Addressing journalists in Abuja, the Registrar of the International Institute for Humanitarian and Environmental Law, Cyprian Edward-Ekpo, said a petition has been sent to the National Assembly seeking their intervention. He lamented that the action of the Exxon-Mobil is a gross violation of human/labour rights of the people, alleging that a peaceful protest by the disengaged staff to press home their demand, was thwarted by the management of the firm which sponsored the police to harass, arrest and torture them. He said the action of the firm undermined the Federal Government's

efforts that have led to the current relative peace in the Niger-Delta region. "It is highly despicable and condemnable that a service contract worker who has worked for Exxon-Mobil for over thirty years was offered N150,000 as end of service severance benefit," he said.

<http://thenationonlineng.net/new/business/1444-ex-exxon-mobil-staff-seek-justice/>

USA, MA, SPRINGFIELD, MARCH 22 2013. MAN STRUCK WHILE WALKING OUT OF SPRINGFIELD GAS STATION

 **Watch the Video** [Man Struck While Walking out of Gas Station](#)

A man is in the hospital this evening with unknown injuries after being struck by a utility van while walking out the front doors of a Shell gas station on Wilbraham Road in Springfield. Emergency personnel were notified of the accident just before 4:20 p.m. today. Springfield Police told our crew on scene that the driver of the utility van claims his brakes failed and that's why he ended up crashing through the front doors of the Shell station located at 1110 Wilbraham Road. At this time police say they have no reason to disbelieve him and aren't currently suspicious of his statement. The unidentified man who was struck in the process has been taken by ambulance to Baystate Medical Center. No word yet on the extent of his injuries. The store's manager told our crew that the van appeared to be coming in to park right in front of the doors at the same time the man was opening them. We're hearing the gas station itself sustained an estimated \$400 to \$500 in damages as the door frame of the business is cracked and pushed in. A parking cement block right in front of the store's front doors may have helped decrease the impact of the crash to some degree. Despite the incident, the Shell gas station remains open for business.

<http://www.wggb.com/2013/03/20/man-struck-while-walking-out-of-a-springfield-gas-station/>

USA, PA, PITTSBURGH, MARCH 22 2013. GAS DRILLERS PAID \$750K SETTLEMENT TO W. PA. FAMILY IN 2011 OVER CLAIMS OF RUINED LAND



Men with Cabot Oil and Gas work on a natural gas valve at a hydraulic fracturing site on January 18, 2012 in South Montrose, Pa.

Newly released court documents show gas drilling company Range Resources and other defendants paid \$750,000 to settle claims that the activity ruined a western Pennsylvania family's property. Stephanie and Chris Hallowich had sued the companies claiming drilling and other activity on a neighboring property had made their home in Hickory, about 25 miles southwest of Pittsburgh, virtually unsellable. The documents released Wednesday also show the Hallowichs agreed there was no medical evidence that drilling harmed their health or their children's health. The family had also previously acknowledged that it was

receiving royalty payments from hydraulic fracturing on the property. It's not clear from the settlement if that's still the case. Peter Villari, the Hallowichs' attorney, said he hasn't finished reviewing the new court ruling to determine if his clients can now speak to the media. Under the settlement the Hallowichs received \$594,820 and their lawyers got \$150,000, plus \$5179 for costs. The other companies involved in the case were Williams Gas/Laurel Mountain Mid-Stream and Mark West Energy Partners. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection wasn't part of the settlement, though it was named in some court papers. Range also now owns the 10-acre property under the settlement. The Hallowichs also signed a document



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saying their children “are healthy and have no symptoms that may allegedly be related” to the natural gas activity, but both sides agreed to an arbitration process for any future health claims. The dispute began in 2009. Range was drilling on an adjacent property and related activity continued as natural gas processing and pipeline facilities were built. The case was settled in July 2011, but the companies asked that the records be sealed and a judge agreed. The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Washington Observer-Reporter challenged that decision and the documents were released when another judge ruled in their favor. A spokesman for Ft. Worth, Texas-based Range Resources said the company doesn't object to the judge's decision.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/gas-drillers-paid-750k-settlement-to-w-pa-family-in-2011-over-claims-of-ruined-land/2013/03/21/89fa1d24-92a0-11e2-9173-7f87cda73b49_story.html

USA, N.Y, DUNKIRK, MARCH 22 2013. NATIONAL FUEL TO TEST DUNKIRK SITE CONTAMINATION

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp. will do test borings and soil examinations this month to determine how bad the contamination is in and around the National Fuel Service Center site at West Second Street and Eagle Street, the state Department of Environmental Conservation reported. From the late 1860s to the late 1900s, a manufactured-gas plant operated on the three-acre block, producing gas by means of coal carbonization. A byproduct of the process was coal tar, the major contaminant on the site, which contains many hazardous chemicals, including benzene, toluene and xylenes, the DEC noted. Since soil on the site is not highly permeable, the DEC added, it's likely that the contaminants have not spread very far. Most of the contamination is in the northeast corner of the property. Once the study is completed, a remedial investigation report will be issued, the DEC said. If cleanup is necessary, National Fuel will develop a number of alternatives and work with the DEC to arrive at the best approach for tackling the problem. Public hearings will be held at each step of the remediation, according to the DEC.

<http://www.buffalonews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130321/CITYANDREGION/130329832/1010>

PERU, MADRE DE DIOS, MARCH 22 2013. ILLEGAL GOLD MINING LEADS TO MERCURY CONTAMINATION IN PERU

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AP reports that a study of mercury contamination in a south-eastern Peruvian jungle found unsafe levels of the toxic metal in 78 percent of adults in the regional capital and in 60 percent of fish sold at markets. The area is known for its illegal gold mining. The study, conducted by the Carnegie Institution for Science, said that the situation represents a “grave and mounting threat to public health.” Women of childbearing age recorded the highest average mercury levels. This segment of the population is also the most vulnerable to mercury as the metal is a neurotoxin which can cause severe, permanent brain damage to unborn babies. In addition, the study found that mercury levels increased in 10 of 11 fish species studied in 2009 and then again in 2012. The Peruvian government has tried but not succeeded in putting a stop to illegal mining. Unlike [formal mining](#) that occurs in the Andean highlands, the mining in Madre de Dios mainly involves scouring riverbeds and alluvial deposits for flecks of gold that adhere to mercury in a crude amalgamation process. About 35 metric tons of mercury is dispersed into the air and waters of the region annually, exposing not just miners to the metal but also city dwellers in Puerto Maldonado, the regional capital that is one of the urban areas where mercury vapour is released by “gold shops” that buy and refine gold.

Related Links

- [Study Finds Mounting Mercury Threat in Peru Amazon](#)

A study of mercury contamination in a southeastern Peruvian jungle area ravaged by illegal gold mining found unsafe levels of the toxic metal in 78 percent of adults in the regional capital and in 60 percent of fish sold at markets.

- [Jungle region awash with unsafe levels of mercury](#)

Unsafe amounts of mercury have been found in four in five adults and 60 per cent of fish sold at markets in a Peruvian jungle area ravaged by illegal gold mining.

<http://www.miningaustralia.com.au/news/illegal-gold-mining-leads-to-mercury-contamination>



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USA, KY, LOUISVILLE, MARCH 22 2013. ACID SPILL CAUSES HAZMAT SITUATION

 **Watch the Video** [Hazmat Situation Sends 2 People to Hospital](#)

One person is recovering following a hazardous material spill Thursday morning. The spill happened around 10:15 a.m. at Johnston Supply in the 4400 block of Poplar Level Road. According to crews at the scene someone was unloading batteries when they spill battery acid. When the person went to clean the spill up the acid reacted with another substance. The injured person was taken to a hospital for treatment.

<http://www.wave3.com/story/21762201/acid-spill-causes-hazmat-situation>

USA, N.C, CHERRY POINT, MARCH 22 2013. MARINES QUALIFY AS HAZMAT TECHS



A Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear defense specialist with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 2 attempts to stop a leak on a release cylinder aboard Cherry Point March 13.

Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear defense specialists with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 2 participated in an assessment and consequence management course at Cherry Point March 13. The purpose of the course was to train and certify Marines as hazardous material technicians. Before participating in the course, the Marines completed the HAZMAT Operations and Awareness prerequisite. "This course gave us the opportunity to get the training and certifications we need so we can go out and support 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing," said Sgt. Jeremy Wright, the course noncommissioned officer in charge. "The CBRN Marines who help sustain subordinate units and Marine Expeditionary Units require this level of training and expertise to operate. The certification and follow on training enhances their overall skill sets." During the course's culminating event, the Marines responded to a simulated hazardous materials incident where they were required to take lifesaving steps for contaminated casualties, identify the source of contamination, mitigate the hazard and render it safe, move through a decontamination line, and give a site debrief to the incident commander. Wright said the Marines faced physical and mental challenges during the exercise. One obvious challenge was the "Class A" HAZMAT suit the Marines donned. Being enclosed in the suit imposes physical limitations, but they worked through the stress and stayed focused on the task at hand, said Wright. "Overall, the Marines performed well," said Wright. "They were able to incorporate everything they've learned up to this point." The CBRN Marines will participate in more scenario-based HAZMAT exercises in the near future. They are expected to take the skills they learn and put them in practice when they deploy, said Wright. "The HAZMAT technician certification is just a starting point," Wright said. "From there, we will refine our skills and get more efficient as we go along."

<http://www.cherrypoint.marines.mil/News/NewsArticleDisplay/tabid/4890/Article/139962/marines-qualify-as-hazmat-techs.aspx>

USA, HI, KAKAOKO, MARCH 22 2013. FUEL SPILL FROM GOOGLE FOUNDER'S YACHT PREVENTED FROM REACHING ELLISON'S YACHT IN HAWAII



Oracle Corp. CEO Larry Ellison's yacht "Musashi" is seen moored at Kewalo Basin in Honolulu's Kakaako neighborhood on March 10, 2013. Crews on Wednesday contained an aviation fuel spill from Google co-founder Larry Page's yacht "Senses," which was moored near Ellison's yacht at the harbor.

An aviation fuel spill in a Honolulu harbor from a helicopter aboard a yacht owned by Google co-founder [Larry Page](#) prompted officials to dispatch a hazardous materials cleanup crew to prevent the fuel from reaching a yacht owned by another tech billionaire, [Larry Ellison](#). [KITV reports](#) the spill happened Wednesday afternoon as barrels of aviation fuel were being loaded onto Page's yacht, "Senses," which is moored at Kewalo Basin near the yacht named "[Musashi](#)," which is owned by Ellison, CEO of Oracle Corp. (Nasdaq: ORCL) and owner of [98 percent of Lanai](#) and [interisland airline](#) Island Air. KITV reports

[Honolulu Fire Department](#) officials said there was no flammable or toxic hazard from the spill.

http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/blog/morning_call/2013/03/fuel-spill-from-google-founders-yacht.html



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USA, WEST VIRGINIA, MARCH 22 2013, STATE DOT TO PAY \$30K FOR ALLEGED STORAGE TANK VIOLATIONS

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The West Virginia Department of Transportation has agreed to pay a \$30,000 penalty to settle alleged violations of underground storage tank regulations at 10 facilities operated by the Division of Highways. According to a news release from the Environmental Protection Agency, the DOT has also agreed to improve its monitoring of underground storage tank procedures. The EPA says millions of gallons of petroleum products and hazardous substances are stored in such underground infrastructure in the U.S. The DOT was cited for not complying with safeguards to prevent, detect and control leaks. The agency said the transportation department failed to document certain release detection efforts at 17 underground diesel and used fuel storage tanks in Barboursville, Berkeley Springs, Buckhannon, Forest Hill, Gassaway, Harrisville, New Creek, Peterson, Wilkinson and Williamson. The EPA says the state cooperated in bringing its program into compliance.

<http://www.statejournal.com/story/21759643/state-dot-to-pay-30k-for-alleged-storage-tank-violations>

NETHERLAND ANTILLESW, CURAÇAO, WILLEMSTAD, MARCH 22 2013. KINGDOM GOVERNMENT MAY INTERVENE IN REFINERY



The Kingdom Government is legally empowered to intervene at the serious pollution caused by the Isla refinery. This is according to professor of administrative law, Herman Bröring during the television program Zembla, which will be broadcasted tonight in the Netherlands. According to Bröring, there is a question of maladministration on Curaçao because the refinery does not comply with environmental laws which is unprotected by the Curaçao government. "There is a visible harm to the environment and the health of the people. Not occasionally, but structurally," said Bröring. Minister of Health, Environment and Nature, Dr. Ben Whiteman asked The Hague for help. He says in ZEMBLA: "The Netherlands must assist and support our government in its efforts to get things better. That way we can get out of trouble." Minister Ronald Plasterk of Kingdom Relations says through his spokesman that Curacao is responsible for its internal affairs. The environmental permit for the refinery is

obsolete and should be renewed. The emission standards have been exceeded significantly now for decades, as determined by the Curaçao government. If this happens in the Netherlands, the refinery must close immediately. There is no environmental inspection, according to ZEMBLA. 'Zembla': Choking in the Paradise, is broadcasted at ten past four (Curacao time) on Netherlands 2.

<http://www.curacaochronicle.com/main/kingdom-government-may-intervene-in-refinery/>

USA, MI, KALAMAZOO, MARCH 22 2013. ENBRIDGE CLEANUP MAY COST \$1-BILLION, COMPANY WARNS

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 [Watch the Video Enbridge's pipeline challenges](#)



A cleanup worker drains oil from atop the Kalamazoo River in July 2010.

Increasing dredging requirements resulting from Enbridge's massive oil spill into Michigan's Kalamazoo River in 2010 could push the cleanup bill to almost \$1-billion, above and beyond what is covered by the insurance of the company's U.S. affiliate, that unit reported on Wednesday. Earlier this month, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ordered Enbridge to perform additional dredging to remove submerged oil and to maintain sediment traps throughout the river as a result of the Line 6B rupture. On Wednesday, Enbridge Energy Partners L.P. estimated it will incur approximately \$175-million more in costs to pay for the additional work. "This estimate is an increase to the total estimated

costs of \$820-million related to the Line 6B crude oil release that was previously disclosed and excludes any additional fines and penalties," it said in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. "The actual costs incurred may differ from the foregoing estimate as we discuss our work plan with the EPA and work with other regulatory agencies to assure that our work plan complies with their requirements. Any such incremental costs will not be recovered under our insurance policies



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as our expected costs for the incident will exceed the limits of our insurance coverage." The partnership operates the U.S. portion of Enbridge's oil pipeline network, which moves more than two million barrels a day to the U.S. Midwest, Midcontinent and Southern Ontario from Western Canada. Late Wednesday, a spokesman from parent company Enbridge Inc. said at this point the company won't discuss its total out-of-pocket costs. But he noted the annual report, which stated claims for the Line 6B release are covered by Enbridge's comprehensive insurance policy. That policy had an aggregate limit of \$650-million (U.S.) for pollution liability. "We are still in the middle of this process and cannot determine what total costs will be," Graham White said in an e-mail. More than three million litres of oil leaked into wetlands, Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River after a pipeline ruptured near Marshall, Mich., on July 25, 2010. A ruling last year by a U.S. regulator pummelled Enbridge's response, describing it as being so poor that "you can't help but think of the Keystone Kops." The spill, the largest onshore oil spill in U.S. history, has given significant ammunition to opponents of new projects, including TransCanada's proposed Keystone XL pipeline and Enbridge's Northern Gateway.

Related Links

- [Oil spill cleanup now close to \\$1B](#)
The cost of cleaning up the massive oil spill in the Kalamazoo River is now approaching \$1 billion. Enbridge Energy Partners reported in its annual report that the company had to spend \$825 million on cleaning up the spill.
- [Enbridge: Oil spill cleanup costs nearing \\$1 billion](#)
Last week's dredging order by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will push Enbridge's cleanup costs for the July 2010 spill close to \$1 billion, the company said Wednesday.
- [U.S. agency lashes out at Enbridge over busted pipelines](#)
- [Enbridge cleanup plan does not take bitumen into account](#)
- [Safety is 'top priority' as Enbridge cleared to restart Wisconsin pipeline](#)

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-investor/enbridge-cleanup-may-cost-1-billion-company-warns/article10041757/>

USA, AL, MOBILE, MARCH 22 2013. MOBILE GAS FAILED TO REPORT MERCAPTAN SPILL IN EIGHT MILE TO FEDS, THEN DUG A 3 FOOT HOLE TO CLEAN IT UP

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Mobile Gas dug a three foot deep hole to cleanup its mercaptan spill in Prichard's Eight Mile community. The area has been plagued by the heavy odor of mercaptan for years.

Mobile Gas failed to report its 2008 mercaptan spill in Prichard's Eight Mile community to the National Response Center as required by federal law. Anytime a company spills a "reportable quantity" of a listed hazardous substance into the environment, federal officials must be notified, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For mercaptan, the reportable quantity is 100 pounds. Deposition testimony from a Mobile Gas employee and a member of the cleanup crew hired by the company [suggest as much as 6,000 pounds of mercaptan may have been spilled](#) in Prichard's Eight Mile community. Once the National Response Center has been notified, the EPA swings into action, dispatching inspection teams, addressing potential risks to the public, and devising a cleanup plan. Instead of reporting the spill to the federal agencies, Mobile Gas hired the Complete Environmental and Remediation Company to dig a hole three feet deep at the spill site. The crew dug up about 60 cubic feet of dirt in all, according to the deposition testimony, or about as much dirt as would fit in the bed of a full-size

pickup truck, according to AL.com calculations. Mobile Gas did not respond directly to a series of AL.com questions about the spill and the company's response. Instead, officials sent a statement that did not address any of the AL.com questions. "Mobile Gas continues, in the process of litigation, to investigate the allegations made concerning the 2008 mercaptan release, including the cleanup," read a statement from Mobile Gas. "In light of the on-going investigation and litigation, and despite misleading and factually inaccurate or incomplete reporting by the press, Mobile Gas believes that it is not appropriate - for all parties involved - to try this case in the media." In April of 2012, when the spill first gained public attention, Mobile Gas stated the company had, [reported the release to ADEM and they advised that it was not a reportable incident.](#) But officials with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management said the company never revealed how much mercaptan had been



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spilled. "We do not have any records where Mobile Gas reported the release of a specific quantity of mercaptan in 2008," said Scott Hughes, with ADEM. Mobile Gas told ADEM that a lightning strike had caused an underground pipe to rupture, spilling mercaptan. When the utility hired the Complete Environmental and Remediation Company to dig the hole, the cleanup crew was told that ADEM deemed the spill non-hazardous and wanted the company "to clean it up to the best of their ability," according to the deposition of Kevin Dees, a supervisor with the environmental company. While ADEM has no record of the amount spilled, Mobile Gas told the cleanup crew that about 1,050 pounds had been spilled, Dees said. The smell of mercaptan was so overwhelming when Complete Environmental arrived to dig up the contaminated dirt that the crew wore gas masks. Mobile Gas told the crew where to dig and when to stop digging, according to Dees. Dees said that if he had been told Mobile Gas spilled thousands of pounds of mercaptan over many months he would have advised them to hire an engineering firm to define the extent of the spill. Mobile Gas records revealed during an ongoing lawsuit filed by residents of Eight Mile show that the company cannot account for 6,000 pounds of mercaptan that disappeared from a storage tank between January and June of 2008, when the company reported the lightning strike. "We dug until we come into some water," reads the deposition of Jerry Wilson, another Complete Environmental employee. You can read the deposition here: [JerryWilsonExcerpts3-15-13.pdf](#). The water table at the site is extremely shallow Wilson said. AL.com found numerous small springs in the area during an inspection of the site. The smell in the community emanates from a small spring located in the woods just downhill from the Mobile Gas facility. After hitting water, Mobile Gas said "we had dug enough." Wilson said the hole was 3 feet deep, 2 feet wide, and about 10 feet long at that point. The Complete Environmental crew was sent home. Mobile Gas did not respond to AL.com questions seeking information about who filled in the hole and whether any soil or water testing was conducted at that time. In its statement, Mobile Gas wrote that the company "consulted with and retained environmental consulting and remediation companies to address that release." Wilson said that if the spill were known to have occurred over several months, the cleanup would have been more extensive and more complicated. The EPA or ADEM would have been in charge of the cleanup, instead of Mobile Gas, he said. "They would have had different guidelines. They would have called in engineers to do testing, soil testing," Wilson said. "And it would have been a much more extensive job than it was." EPA officials said the National Response Center in Washington D.C. was established precisely to handle spills of the most toxic chemicals used by industry. "Reporting is the first step to us being able to do anything," said Jim Webster, EPA's chief of the emergency response section of the Superfund division for Region 4. "If we don't know about a spill, that speaks for itself." Failure to properly report a spill as required under federal Superfund law carries fines up to \$500,000 and prison sentences of three years or more. Anyone in charge of a facility that fails to report a spill, or "submits information that he or she knows is false and misleading is subject to these penalties," according to federal law.

http://blog.al.com/wire/2013/03/mobile_gas_dug_a_3_foot_hole_t.html

USA, GA, AUGUSTA, MARCH 22 2013. HUNDREDS OF DEAD FISH FOUND AFTER BLEACH SPILL

An accidental spill that sent 300 gallons of bleach into a storm drain last week appears to have caused a fish kill in a tributary of Rocky Creek, according to the Augusta Utilities Department. An initial investigation of the March 15 accident yielded no evidence of damage to the ditch, which crosses Georgia Highway 56 and empties into Rocky Creek. Department officials who conducted a follow-up survey, however, found three dead fish Tuesday and notified Georgia's Department of Natural Resources, said Allen Saxon, the department's assistant director for facility operations. State biologists who conducted a more extensive assessment recovered about 300 dead fish, Saxon said. The spill occurred at the department's Peach Orchard Road office when a pump failed to turn off after loading 12.5 percent bleach solution from a large tank into a smaller one. Cleanup crews added a dechlorination agent to the storm drain and flushed the area with water to push the chemical through the system.

<http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/metro/2013-03-21/hundreds-dead-fish-found-after-bleach-spill?v=1363896593>

ARGENTINA, RIO DE JANEIRO, MARCH 22 2013. ARGENTINE SALE PART OF \$14.8 BLN WORLDWIDE ASSET SALE PLAN

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- Firm owns Argentine refineries, pipelines, gas stations
- Petrobras has had difficulty selling Gulf of Mexico assets

Brazil's state-led oil company Petroleo Brasileiro SA is in advanced talks to sell stakes in its refineries and other assets in Argentina for \$400 million to Argentine company Oil Combustibles, a source close to Petrobras said on Thursday. Reuters



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reported in November that Petrobras, as the company is known, was interested in selling its stakes in the Dr. Ricardo Eliçabe refinery in Buenos Aires and in the Refinor refinery in the province of Salta. Petrobras began taking bids for its Argentine assets in December as part of its plan to sell an estimated \$14.8 billion of assets to help finance a \$237 billion five-year expansion plan, the world's largest corporate investment program. In December, Reuters reported that Petrobras was having trouble selling some assets, including \$4 billion of offshore oil and gas exploration licenses in the Gulf of Mexico. The oil company has scrambled to sell assets as fuel subsidies and declining production in Brazil have helped drive debt levels beyond its own proposed limits and crimped cash flow. The source did not specify on Thursday how much of its participation in the refineries Petrobras was in talks to sell. A company spokeswoman declined to comment on the matter.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/02/21/petrobras-argentina-sale-idUSL1N0BL4N720130221>

CANADA, ALBA, PEACE RIVER, MARCH 23 2013. ANOTHER ALBERTA FAMILY FLEES OIL SANDS POLLUTION >> MOTHER WHO LEFT HER PEACE RIVER REGION HOME BEHIND COULD 'SMELL THE BITUMEN.'

andrew nikiforuk



More Peace River area residents say Baytex Energy fumes are making them ill. Another Alberta family has abandoned their home due to air pollution from bitumen drilling and storage facilities in Alberta's Peace River region. Thera Breau, a 36-year-old physiotherapist and mother of four young boys, says she moved her family to central Alberta this week and won't be coming back. "I see the health effects on my boys, the tremendous traffic on the roads and I can smell the bitumen." Air pollution from heated bitumen storage tanks owned by

Calgary-based Baytex Energy just south of the town of Peace River is said to have sickened dozens of people and already forced at least six families to leave their homes over the last two years. Powerful and rank emissions from bitumen storage tanks and land farming of petroleum wastes northeast of Peace River in the Three Creeks area have also resulted in persistent health complaints from scores of local farmers. Breau said the decision to move was hellish and difficult. She suspected bitumen pollution when symptoms of ill health disappeared from her four boys when the family left Peace River for six weeks over the Christmas holidays. But the stomach aches, eye problems and open wounds recently reappeared on her boys this March just as oil sands activity resumed. "On March 17, tanker traffic increased significantly," Breau told The Tyee. "The next morning when going out to wait for the school bus, the air smelled moderately of bitumen emissions and my son's eye was twitching so severely that he had a tantrum. "The baby's wound kept getting worse and I know Baytex was not at full production capacity yet. I made the decision to remove my kids." Greg Melchin, Alberta's former energy minister, sits on the board of Baytex Energy. Ever since oil sand operators increased the scale of their drilling and operations three years ago, residents have complained of a myriad of symptoms -- headaches, disorientation, blackouts leading to bad falls, night sweats, chronic nose and throat irritation, lung congestion, chronic coughing, reduced sense of smell, extreme fatigue and swollen lymph glands. Karla and Alain Labrecque, former neighbours to the Breau family, moved their family to B.C. last year but set up a website documenting their status as environmental refugees. "After finding just how toxic our home had become, we had little choice other than to move away from our farm," writes Karla Labrecque in an open letter on the website. "I could not allow my children, my husband, or myself to live in an environment full of poisonous gases that Baytex Energy and the Alberta government claim to be 'within regulation,' (which, by the way, were set for light oil production not heavy oil production)."

'Odour Problem' Will Be Fixed: Energy Minister

Thera Breau's now abandoned home sits in the Jean Cote/Reno area just several miles from Baytex facilities. Since 2009 the company has quadrupled bitumen production on its nearby leases from 5,000 barrels to 20,000 barrels a day. The company's thermal bitumen production method, which steams bitumen out of the ground, industrializes the landscape and requires as many as 32 wells per section with 50 metre inter-well spacing. Baytex Energy, which temporarily slowed down activity this year, is now doing a study on local air pollution. Peace River MLA Frank Oberle admitted to the Peace River Gazette last week that "there is a serious odour problem and the question is what are we going to do about it." Alberta Energy Minister Ken Hughes reportedly told Oberle that he is not happy about the situation and that "the odour problem" will be fixed. Yet residents say their complaints about worsening air pollution in the region have fallen on deaf ears for years. Moreover, they charge that effective regulations to control pollutants vented off hundreds of bitumen storage tanks simply don't exist. Ultra-heavy bitumen extracted from 600-metre deep deposits (the province's third largest) is routinely stored in heated tanks (120 degrees) in rural areas where volatile gases build up. Once vented into the air these toxic fumes can travel for miles downwind. A 2003 Shell



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Bitumen Handbook notes that bitumen fumes from heated storage tanks can "result in the irritation to the eyes, nose and respiratory tract and headaches and nausea." It adds that exposure should be minimized. Moreover, emissions from storage tanks can contain polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) as well as hydrogen sulfide (H₂S), a deadly neurotoxin even at small levels. A proposal to turn the nearby town of Falher into a rail collection point for shipping bitumen has also raised more concerns about the impact of pollution and H₂S odours on two schools and an old people's home located just 500 metres away. Breau, who moved to the region 10 years ago, says that testing on hair samples from her children revealed that many of their essential elements "were out of whack" after years of low-level exposures. Two of her boys have experienced poor and immature speech development. When Breau asked public health officials to act on the situation, she says they told her it was up to industry's goodwill to get it fixed. The Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) says it now takes pollution in the region "seriously" and is reviewing its legislation on bitumen storage tanks.

Effects of Bitumen Fumes Hazy

Alberta, home to three major bitumen formations including the Athabasca deposit in Fort McMurray, is a hydrocarbon plantation where the government secures 30 per cent of its revenue from oil and gas extraction. Yet the government has failed to balance its budget for five years in a row. Whenever rural citizens and First Nations raise concerns about effects of rapid development on human health, groundwater and livestock, they say that they are often bullied, marginalized and ignored. Given that resource development effectively pays one-third of the wages of teachers, hospital workers and public servants, many Tory politicians believe that citizens no longer have the right to question the pace and scale of development. "Alberta's culture with oil and gas is strange," admits the New Brunswick-born Breau. One of her relatives even called Breau an "extremist" for raising concerns about the impact of heavy oil fumes on her children's health. (Children are much more susceptible to low levels of pollution than adults.) "No one wants to talk about it," Adds Breau: "What surprises me is that the government doesn't seem to care. "Now we'll try to sell the house, but who do you sell to?" Studies on road workers exposed to bitumen fumes say long-term health effects can include cancer, reduced lung function and DNA damage. Bitumen fumes contain known carcinogens including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and benzene. But methods for sampling bitumen fumes remain limited. A 2004 World Health Organization study on bitumen fumes reported that health effects are understudied, serious and complex. Workers exposed to fumes can suffer from a variety of respiratory and skin ailments. But symptoms in the general population have not been studied well. Concluded the WHO report: "What is clear is that asphalt fume condensates produce malignant skin tumors in mice; and that, when exposed to airborne concentrations of asphalt or asphalt fumes and vapors, workers report symptoms of irritation of the eyes, nose, and throat and, in some, lower airway changes and demonstrate metabolism of the chemical constituents of asphalt fumes and vapors. Taken as a whole, these results suggest that effects do occur in mammalian systems and that the limitations or uncertainties should not preclude taking steps to manage human exposures." Due to more than 600 complaints, the ERCB says it has conducted 529 on site inspections in the Three Creeks area, and 193 on site inspections in the Reno area since Jan. 2012.

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USA, N.J, NEWARK, MARCH 23 2013. 2 SHIPPING FIRMS ADMIT TO ILLEGAL OCEAN DUMPING

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Two international shipping firms pleaded guilty Thursday to obstruction and other charges in connection with what the U.S. Attorney's Office characterized as a pattern of falsifying records to hide the illegal dumping of engine sludge and oil-contaminated waste into the ocean. The four ships in question docked in New Jersey, Delaware and California, but the criminal cases were consolidated in New Jersey. The German firm [Columbia Shipmanagement](#) and Cyprus-based Columbia Shipmanagement Ltd. agreed to pay a combined \$10.4 million penalty, U.S. Attorney [Paul Fishman](#) said. Of that, \$2.6 million will go to addressing environmental damage caused by Superstorm Sandy in New Jersey and Delaware. The two companies



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also will be placed on probation for four years. They are affiliates owned by the same holding company, Fishman said. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, whistleblowers played key roles in the various investigations. The New Jersey probe into one of the Hamburg-based company's ships, the [King Emerald](#), began after crew members approached [Coast Guard](#) officers with cell phone photos during a routine inspection in Carteret last May. The company eventually admitted it had illegally discharged oil waste off the coast of Central America, including within 45 miles of a national park area in Costa Rica. Crew members of another ship, the Nordic Passat, prompted the Delaware investigation last October when they provided the Coast Guard with a thumb drive that contained photos and video showing how the ship's sewage system was rigged to send illegal discharges overboard. Similarly, whistleblowers alerted authorities to two others ships, one destined for New Jersey and another that docked in San Francisco. "In this particular instance the whistleblowers were enormously helpful," Fishman said Thursday. Under federal law, oil-contaminated waste can be discharged overboard only if it contains less than 15 parts of oil per million parts of water. To achieve this, large vessels are required to have a pollution control device called an oily water separator. Engine sludge, produced by the process of purifying fuel oil and lubricating oil, must be burned in a ship's incinerator or off-loaded on shore for disposal. At least one of the ships dumped sludge into the ocean and another falsified records to claim it incinerated sludge when it hadn't, authorities said. In their guilty pleas, the shipping companies admitted bypassing the oily water separator or manipulating it to make the illegal discharges, then falsifying logs to hide their actions. In one incident last spring, the King Emerald allegedly dumped five tons of oily waste in the waters off Costa Rica. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Nordic Passat has made illegal discharges since 2006 by tricking a sensor designed to detect oil levels, a practice that may have dumped as much as 2,000 tons of oil-contaminated waste illegally. The companies pleaded guilty to counts that include violating federal pollution laws, obstruction and making false statements. The King Emerald's second engineer pleaded guilty previously and is scheduled to be sentenced next month. An attorney representing the companies didn't respond to an email seeking comment Thursday.

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/science/article/2-shipping-firms-admit-to-illegal-ocean-dumping-4374004.php>

USA, LA, NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 23 2013. WIKIPEDIA EDITORS ACCUSE BP OF REWRITING PAGE ABOUT ITSELF



An oil slick fouled West Bay just west of the Southwest Pass of the Mississippi River weeks after the BP Macondo well blew out in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010. The tech media website [CNET is reporting](#) that "Angry Wikipedia editors estimate that BP has rewritten 44 percent of [the page about itself](#), especially about its environmental performance." The website, which publishes reviews, news, articles, blogs, and podcasts on technology and consumer electronics, notes that the allegation "comes to light just as a federal judge has scheduled a hearing for April 5 on BP's request to prevent payments of what the oil company calls "fictitious or inflated claims" in a class action settlement reached with victims of the [2010 Deepwater Horizon \(Gulf of Mexico\) oil spill](#)." The company is currently at the center of [a massive civil trial](#) to determine liability

for the fatal well explosion that killed 11 men and created one of the worst oil spills in U.S. history. The site says "BP is not directly editing its page, but instead has apparently inserted a BP representative into the editing community who provides Wikipedia editors with text. "The text is then copied 'as is' onto the page by Wikipedia editors, while readers are none the wiser that the sections pretending to be unbiased information are, in fact, vetted by higher-ups at BP before hitting the page." Sections edited by "[User:Arturo at BP](#)" include the sections "Alternative Energy," "Allegations of greenwashing," and "Environmental record," among others, CNET says. "Arturo BP," who identifies himself as a member of BP's press office, is providing the content for Wikipedia's BP page, especially about the company's environmental performance. He skirts direct page editing prohibitions by posting a notice on the BP "talk page," and then Wikipedia editors copy and paste the content as provided onto BP's page. A statement from BP spokesman Scott Dean said:

Arturo Silva is a full-time BP employee assigned to the Group's Corporate Communications team in Houston. Among his many responsibilities, Silva has been leading our project to openly engage with Wikipedia editors and offer suggestions to improve the accuracy of the BP Wikipedia article. BP operates within Wikipedia's guidelines for how company representatives should interact with the site's editors. For nearly a year now, we have been fully transparent, never directly editing any copy and always disclosing that any suggestions we offer to Wikipedia's editors have come from a BP representative. We have also acted objectively, often proposing language that contains



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USA, N.M. SANTA FE, MARCH 23 2013. FAMILY GIVEN \$58.5M IN FATAL TANKER CRASH

A Santa Fe jury this week awarded the family of a Carlsbad man \$58.5 million – believed to be one of the largest awards in New Mexico history – in a lawsuit against companies that operated the tanker truck involved in a fatal crash three years ago. Santa Fe attorney Bill Robins, who represented the family and estate of Kevin Udy, said the award sends a “strong message for safety.” “This was a really clear message to the trucking industry and the oil and gas industry in particular that companies that choose not to follow safety rules will be held responsible,” said Robins. The suit, heard this week in a trial before District Judge Raymond Ortiz, was brought against a trio of companies involved in the transportation of water that had been separated from oil, Robins said. According to news stories at the time, the tanker truck made a left turn in front of a pickup truck driven by Udy, which then struck the tanker truck's trailer. The companies that were sued, along with the truck driver, were Standard E&S LLC and Bergstein Enterprises Ltd., both of Texas, and Zia Transport Inc. of Hobbs. The defense attorney in the case, Randal W. Roberts of Albuquerque, declined to comment on the case except to say he didn't think the Wednesday verdict was “supportable” and that the defense would appeal. The Carlsbad Current-Argus reported in 2010 that Udy, 46, died following the crash on U.S. 62-180. Udy was driving a pickup on the highway east of Carlsbad when the tanker truck made a left turn into the path of Udy's pickup. Udy was married and had five children and a stepson. His obituary states that he got his degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Washington and was working in Carlsbad with Intrepid Potash. On Thursday, Robins told the Journal that the tanker truck's driver was finishing up a 13-hour workday and was driving an empty 18-wheel tanker truck owned by Zia (a company owned by Bergstein) and leased to Standard E&S. The estate's complaint states that the driver, who was hired by Zia, made a “sudden and unexpected” left turn across Udy's lane, putting him in the way of Udy's truck, causing Udy to hit the back of the big rig. Udy died en route to the hospital. Robins said the award could be the largest ever in New Mexico. A call to the state Administrative Office of the Courts on that issue was not returned. Robins, in an interview Thursday, maintained that the driver had inadequate training and experience to operate the tanker truck. He said the truck was improperly maintained and had a faulty tire and wasn't roadworthy. Robins also said Standard had a policy in which drivers were not paid hourly, but rather paid by the job. He said drivers were allocated only a certain amount of time to get a job done, meaning in order to meet deadlines, they had to hurry. He alleged that the company's drivers had many speeding tickets and said he presented expert testimony to show that the driver was inexperienced and was likely fatigued when the crash occurred. The verdict in the case was unanimous, according to a partial transcript of Wednesday's proceedings forwarded by Robins. The court allowed the jury foreman to read a statement regarding the verdict. “Our hope is that our judgment will clearly communicate that we expect a much higher standard of safety and training in the trucking industry,” the jury statement said. The jury's award broke down this way, according to the jury's verdict form:

- \$8 million in damages suffered by the trust representing Udy's widow, Susan Udy, and his children.
- \$2 million for the emotional distress and loss of companionship suffered by Susan Udy and \$500,000 each for three of Udy's children for the same kind of damages.
- The driver, Monte Lyons, was found 1 percent negligent, Bergstein Enterprises was found 70 percent negligent, Standard 20 percent and Zia 9 percent.
- Punitive damages of \$28 million were found against Standard E&S; \$5 million against Zia Transport and \$14 million against Bergstein Enterprises.

The case ended up in Santa Fe because the personal representative for Udy's estate was Santa Fe Trust Inc., located in Santa Fe, according to the complaint. The defense argued in December 2011 that it was improper to have Santa Fe as the venue for the trial because the crash occurred in Carlsbad and Udy was not a resident of Santa Fe. That motion said the case's only link to Santa Fe was the appointment of Santa Fe Trust as the estate's representative. “This is merely forum shopping by the Plaintiffs,” the motion states. A reply by Robins responded that the contention that plaintiffs were just trying to get a venue in Santa Fe instead of southern New Mexico was without “factual or legal support” and was “absolutely incorrect” and that the appointment of Santa Fe Trust to act as the estate's representative was proper under state law. Ortiz denied the defense's motion against having the trial in Santa Fe following a hearing in February last year. Robins said he tried the case with George Waddoups and Brad DeBry from Salt Lake City. Udy's wife could not be reached for comment.

<http://www.abqjournal.com/main/2013/03/22/north/family-given-585m-in-fatal-crash.html>



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DENMARK, HELLERUP, MARCH 23 2013. TANKER OWNER LETS SHIP DRIFT HUNDREDS OF MILES TO SAVE FUEL

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A tanker owned by [D/S Norden A/S](#) Europe's biggest publicly traded commodity-shipping company, turned off its main engine for more than 200 miles to save on fuel as the industry curbs an expense that was a record in 2012. The Nord Integrity, a 47,400-ton ship designed to transport fuels including gasoline and diesel, sailed by wind and currents on its way to load cargo in Algeria after refueling in the [Canary Islands](#), Hellerup, Denmark-based Norden said in a company newsletter e-mailed today. The vessel saved \$17,000 by switching off for 280 nautical miles (518 kilometers) and drifted for three or four days. "You could see more of this on specific routes, given how fuel prices are," said Per Mansson, managing director of shipbroker Norocean Stockholm AB, who served on tankers in the 1970s that would drift for as many as 14 days when sailing between Sweden and the Caribbean. "It's never difficult as long as the currents are right." Owners across the industry are cutting speeds to save on fuel costs that now account about 75 percent of average expenses, according to the Baltic and International Maritime Council, the largest trade group. Norden spent \$651 million on fuel in 2012, or 67 percent of its voyage costs, according to the newsletter. Prices at the port of Rotterdam averaged a record \$640.39 a ton last year, data compiled by Bloomberg show. The voyage complied with safety regulations, and a ship wouldn't turn off its engine while carrying a cargo, Jens Malund Jensen, head of Norden's product tanker operations, said in the newsletter. Wind and currents must move in the right direction and a vessel must have enough time and space to move safely to make such sailing possible, according to the report. "Owners are trying everything because one ton saved a day is \$600 on your bottom line," said Truls Dahl, a shipbroker at Fearnleys A/S in Oslo who said that he hasn't seen ships switch off their engines during his 30-year career in the industry.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-03-21/tanker-drifts-toward-algeria-as-owner-norden-battles-fuel-costs.html>

CURAÇAO, ISLA, MARCH 23 2013. SHELL TOXIC CONTAMINATION IN CURACAO

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Yesterday evening, Dutch TV broadcast a documentary feature about a terrible legacy of deadly pollution from the Isla refinery in Curacao built and operated for many decades by Shell.

[Netherlands Must Intervene In Environmental Scandal On Curacao](#)

The refinery was established in 1915 and for many years, Shell was the largest employer on the island. In 1985 Shell sold the refinery to the Antilleans for the symbolic sum of one guilder, leaving behind huge environmental damage. The contract contained clauses demanded by Shell that it would never be held liable for anything. Curacao leased the refinery to Venezuela. There is apparently 2 million tonnes of toxic material (asbestos, heavy metals etc) in a lake of asphalt within an area of 52 hectares. Research reports indicate that the health situation for residents is so serious that every year at least eighteen people die from the pollution. With some regularity, the emission of the Isla refinery so high that schools

near the Isla have to be closed. According to the documentary, Shell refuses to comment.

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Radio interview on Radio Direct from Richeron Balentien with Smoc Chairman Peter van Leeuwen about Zembra broadcast of March 21, 2013 "Stitching in Paradise", on Isla environmental scandal in Curacao (introduction in Papiamentu, Dutch interview).
- ["Netherlands to intervene in environmental scandal in Curacao"](#)
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Research reports indicate that the health situation for residents so serious that every year at least eighteen people die from pollution.
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Curacao is the paradise island of many a holiday brochure. Its pristine white sand beaches and turquoise sea coupled with excellent diving and a historic capital listed as a Unesco World Heritage Site make it a stop on many Caribbean cruises. But there is a blot on the landscape of this small nation: a huge oil refinery that sits at the heart of the island in a natural deep water bay called Schottegat. "The air is contaminated and there's a terrible smell of sulphur," says Edgar Leito who set up a campaign group to protest against the continued use of the refinery.

- [Shell's toxic legacy in Curacao](#)

Extract

Shell knew what it had put in the ground. It knew about the asphalt lake and the groundwater problems due to oil leaks. Mr. Gonesh took the view that Shell had handled in a criminal way, by transferring the pollution to simpletons which did not have the resources and know-how for a clean-up.

<http://royaldutchshellplc.com/2013/03/22/shell-toxic-contamination-in-curacao/>

CHINA, SHANGHAI, MARCH 23 2013. SHIP COLLISION CAUSES OIL SPILL NEAR SHANGHAI

Two foreign cargo ships collided off the coast of Shanghai on Tuesday, resulting in an oil leak that has spread across 0.3 square kilometers of water, according to a statement released Friday by the State Oceanic Administration (SOA). The collision between a British cargo ship and a Panamanian one occurred early Tuesday morning, causing the British vessel to leak oil, the statement said. According to the statement, local maritime authorities in Shanghai are organizing forces to clean up the oil slick, while the SOA East China Sea Branch has vowed to continue monitoring the leakage and publicize the results in a timely manner.

http://www.china.org.cn/china/2013-03/22/content_28336741.htm

USA, CA, BAKERSFIELD, MARCH 23 2013. EMPLOYEE BURNED DURING TANK EXPLOSION IN BAKERSFIELD >> EMPLOYEE SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES

A tank explosion left one worker suffering from minor injuries, according to fire officials. On March 22, at about 11:30 a.m., a crew with the Bakersfield Fire Department went to Kentucky Street regarding a fire at Melo's Gas and Gear. According to officials, workers were in the back of the Acetylene Plant when a fire erupted from one of the Acetylene tanks. Officials said workers were evacuated and water sprinklers were turned on in the building. Fire officials said they isolated the tank from others to prevent it from spreading. The tank had a twenty minute burn out, according to officials. One employee did receive minor injuries, but declined medical aid. Kentucky Street was closed off during the burn out, but it has reopened.

<http://www.turnto23.com/news/local-news/employee-burned-during-tank-explosion-in-bakersfield>

ZAMBIA, LUSAKA, MARCH 23 2013. FUEL TANKER HITS INTO EMIRATES AIRCRAFT AT KK AIRPORT

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More than 350 passengers were on Wednesday stranded at Kenneth Kaunda International Airport for several hours after an Emirates aircraft EK 714, a Boeing 777-300ER, was severely damaged by a fuel tanker before take-off. The Dubai-bound plane was about to refuel in readiness for take-off on Wednesday night when the fuel tanker rammed into it. Emirates spokesperson Gillian Langmead, who confirmed the incident in an interview in Lusaka yesterday, said the plane was bashed by a tanker and all the passengers were told to go back to their hotels while fresh arrangement were being made. Ms Langmead said the aircraft is currently parked at Kenneth Kaunda International Airport and is being repaired by a team of engineers. "The aircraft was delayed last night (Wednesday) after it was hit by a truck. The aircraft is currently under repair," she said. Ms Langmead,

who could not give more details, said Emirates management was making arrangements to bring another Boeing 777 plane to fly passengers from Lusaka to Dubai. "Passengers were accommodated in hotels last night (Wednesday) and will join today's (Thursday) scheduled EK 714, a different 777-300ER, expected to depart Lusaka at 21:20 hours," she said. And sources said the fuel tanker that was about to refuel the aircraft hit into one of the engines, causing severe damage and cancellation of the flight to Dubai. The sources said Emirates management has ordered new spare parts for the plane so that it can be repaired as soon as possible. One source said the National Airports Corporation and Emirates management have launched investigations into the incident. In October last year, an Emirates aircraft bound for Dubai was forced to make an emergency



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landing at Kenneth Kaunda International Airport due to a technical fault shortly after takeoff. The flight EK714 took off at 21:18 hours on October 21 but returned to Kenneth Kaunda International Airport at about 21:50 hours after a technical fault was detected by pilots. There were no injuries reported as a result of the forced landing.

<http://www.daily-mail.co.zm/?p=1391>

USA, MD, BETHESDA, MARCH 23 2013. WIRELESS INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS >> AS OF MARCH 27 2013, VERSION 3.1 OF [WISER FOR IOS](#) IS AVAILABLE.

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- The WISER Team

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INDIA, MAHARASHTRA, THANE, TARAPUR, MARCH 24 2013. 5 KILLED IN TARAPUR FIRM REACTOR BLAST

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Smoke billows from Aarti Drugs Limited at Tarapur Chemical Zone MIDC area on Friday.

A major blast in the reactor of a drug-manufacturing company at Tarapur MIDC killed five and injured 18 people on Friday. The dead are the employees of Aarti Drugs Limited, exporter and importer of ointments and drugs, which is located in Tarapur Chemical Zone MIDC area. The roof and glass panes of the building were shattered and the structure collapsed. Some employees are feared buried under the debris and the rescue operation will continue, said an official. The police have cordoned off the area. Four fire engines were pressed into service and the fire doused after two hours. More than 70 employees were working in the company when there was an explosion in the reactor. This injured some workers and people scrambled to get out, leading to a stampede-like situation. "Five workers died of severe burn injuries," said Uttam Sonawane, senior police inspector, Boisar MIDC. The workers were producing Methyl Nitro Imitazole when there was a blast during nitration reaction as brownish fumes were seen before the explosion, said a company official. The blast, one of the major ones in the industrial zone of Tarapur MIDC, was also felt in the villages within a 10km radius, said Vinayak Dhumal, a local resident. "We are waiting for the

post-mortem reports and the reports from Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health and will accordingly register a case against the company officials," said Sonawane. "We are yet to confirm the exact reason behind the blast. The fire brigade officials have noted that the consequent blast in the seven reactors led to a major fire in the company, said Sonawane.



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- [Boisar Chemical Plant Explosion: 7 Booked for Negligence](#)

7 persons, including senior officers, have been booked in connection with an explosion at a chemical plant in Boisar in Thane.

http://www.dnaindia.com/mumbai/report_5-killed-in-tarapur-firm-reactor-blast_1814577

USA, MA, BUZZARDS BAY, MAY 24 2013. TUG LEAKS 300 GALLONS OF OIL INTO CAPE COD CANAL



The tugboat Justice leaked 300 gallons of hydraulic oil when it ran aground in the Cape Cod Canal around midnight.

A 93-foot tugboat ran aground overnight near the west end of the Cape Cod Canal, spilling about 300 gallons of hydraulic oil, according to the vessel's owners. The tugboat Justice hit the bottom near Stony Point, off Wareham, around midnight, Coast Guard Petty Officer Adam Stanton said. The westbound tug, owned by Staten Island-based Reinauer Transportation Cos., was not pulling a vessel at the time of the accident, Stanton said. However, the tug was with another boat at the time it went aground, said Ross Ruddell, public affairs specialist with the 1st Coast Guard District in Boston. Ruddell did not know the name of the other vessel. The canal was closed to marine traffic for the morning, but had reopened by 1 p.m., according to Joseph Ferson, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. A statement posted on

Reinauer's website said the tug lost its lower starboard drive unit, and the unit leaked 300 gallons of the 625 gallons of hydraulic oil contained within it. The company said the crewman responsible for steering the tug was immediately administered alcohol and drug tests. The alcohol test was negative; the independent lab processing the drug test will have results in a few days, according to the statement. The company said it is cooperating with the Coast Guard and working with an environmental company to clean up the hydraulic oil. Ruddell said that Reinauer will be responsible for the cost of the cleanup, as well as any fines or penalties should they be levied. The Coast Guard and the Massachusetts Environmental Police are investigating, Ruddell said. "Environmental safety is of the utmost importance to Reinauer – and care of the environment is paramount," Bert Reinauer, vice president, said in the statement. "As soon as we learned about the accident, our emergency team rushed to the scene with our environmental cleanup crew to contain and clean up the spill." The cause of the accident is under investigation, Stanton said. It's a small amount of fuel compared to the thousands of gallons that spilled in 2003 when the Tank Barge Bouchard No. 120. struck rocks and spilled 98,000 gallons of heavy oil into Buzzards Bay. But even a small spill can harm shorebirds, said Brendan Annett, vice president of watershed protection for the Buzzards Bay Coalition, a nonprofit that protects the bay. Waterfowl are particularly vulnerable right now, he said. Birds are migrating back from their winter grounds, while sea ducks, for example, are preparing to leave for the summer, he said. No reports of oiled birds have been reported, but it is early in the cleanup, Ferson said. The Justice was heading through the canal after leaving Boston, according to Moses Calouro, of Maritime Information Systems Inc., which develops Web-based software applications for the maritime industry and also tracks vessels equipped with automatic identification system transponders. The tug is scheduled to undergo repairs at Senesco Drydock, according to the company's statement. Reinauer has already located the detached drive unit, used in steering the tug, and was sending a diver to prepare the unit to be removed from the bay with a crane barge on Thursday, the company statement said. "We are very sorry this accident occurred, and we take responsibility for our actions," Reinauer said in the statement, "and we are devoting all our resources and working with the U.S. Coast Guard's investigation." Annett said the accident underscores the need for laws, such as the Massachusetts Oil Spill Prevention Act of 2004, which requires tugboat escorts for single- and double-hulled oil barges. "This shows that accidents do happen," Annett said. "I'm awfully glad that this wasn't an oil barge."

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