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### USA, FLA, ORLANDO, MAY 19 2013. GAS TANKER OVERTURNS NEAR OBT, TAFT VINELAND RD.

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*Crews pull an overturned gas tanker upright - Friday, May 17, 2013.*

Crews were working to clear an overturned semi-truck near Orange Blossom Trail and Taft-Vineland Road Friday afternoon. The accident, which happened around 2:30 p.m., closed down those roads for most of the afternoon. Officials said the tanker was filled with diesel fuel, which posed little risk of exploding. The driver was reported to have gotten out on his own uninjured. Orange County Fire Rescue and a Hazmat crew responded. Another company worked to drain the tanker of the truck.

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### SWEDEN, KIRUNA, MAY 18 2013. ARCTIC MINISTERS SIGN NEW AGREEMENT TO TACKLE OIL SPILLS >> DEAL PUTS FOCUS ON PREPARATION, NOT PREVENTION

*alex boyd*



*At the May 15 Arctic Council ministerial in Kiruna, Sweden, presided over by Sweden's foreign minister, Carl Bildt, centre, at the Kiruna town hall, ministers signed Agreement on Cooperation on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response in the Arctic.*

The member nations of Arctic Council signed their second internationally binding agreement May 15 in Kiruna, Sweden: an agreement on Cooperation on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response in the Arctic. "A potential oil spill could have a serious impact on the livelihoods of northerners," Canada's Arctic Council minister Leona Aglukkaq said at the meeting. "By acting together, here at the Council, we are enhancing our collective ability to respond." A guide to tackling potential oil spills in Arctic waters, signed by all eight Arctic ministers at the ministerial, the new agreement requires its signatories to work together to clean up an oil spill, should there ever be one anywhere north of the 66th parallel. But, even if all of the Arctic states respond to the challenge, not everyone says the new agreement goes far enough in avoiding catastrophe in the Arctic. In his address to the ministerial meeting, Michael Stickman, the chair of the Arctic Athabaskan Council, said that "this commitment is important, but the declaration

is missing a crucial word: prevention." Stickman added, "committing to clean up oil spills after they happen is insufficient." The agreement targets the circumpolar states' response to an oil spill by establishing guidelines for things like coordinating equipment and personnel and communicating across borders. Countries are also obligated to notify each other in the event of an oil spill. "The prospect of a potential oil spill event in the Arctic is very much on peoples' minds," David Balton, an ocean and fisheries expert with the United States Department of State and co-chair of the task force that produced the new agreement, said in a presentation after the May 15 ministerial meeting in Kiruna. The melting of sea ice has lured oil companies north in the hopes of tapping into new sources of energy, so "we are anticipating, despite what some protesters may say — that there will be increased oil and gas development," Balton said. Which means, more tanker traffic in a region that is at once environmentally sensitive and exceptionally remote. This is not the first agreement to try to plan for an oil spill in international waters, but Balton said it's the first "pan-Arctic agreement" that targets the challenges of the circumpolar region. In practical terms, it means all Arctic Council member nations are committing to equip themselves to respond to oil spills, meaning they will need things like equipment and plans for how they will respond. "It's a compelling issue of our time," Balton



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said. "We need to do a better job of being ready for any potential oil spill events in the Arctic." Which means doing more than just signing the document. Although all ministers have added their signature, each country now has to verify the agreement internally, a process Balton was "confident" would be done with the year. Furthermore, Balton noted that the U.S. was not yet ready to fulfill the commitments required by the agreement. And he noted, referring to the other Arctic nations, "I suspect we're not alone in this." It is hoped, he said, that this agreement would act as "a program of work into the future" to spur countries to get ready for an oil spill.

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### USA, WASHINGTON DC, MAY 18 2013. AFTER DEADLY CHEMICAL PLANT DISASTERS, THERE'S LITTLE ACTION



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*The PBF Energy refinery in Paulsboro, N.J., uses toxic chemicals such as hydrofluoric acid. Rather than using "inherently safer" design methods, the industry says, other safety measures are taken to prevent accidents like the one in West, Texas.*

You might think that everything would have changed for the chemicals industry on April 16, 1947. That was the day of the Texas City Disaster, the worst industrial accident in U.S. history. A ship loaded with ammonium nitrate — the same chemical that appears to have caused the disaster last month in West, Texas — exploded. The ship sparked a chain reaction of blasts at chemical facilities onshore, creating what a newsreel at the time called "a holocaust that baffles description." Or you might think everything would have changed on Dec. 3, 1984. That was the day that the U.S.-owned Union Carbide pesticide plant on the edge of Bhopal, India, suddenly began to leak — spewing a cloud of deadly gas over the city. By all accounts, thousands of people died; the Indian government never made an accurate count. Union Carbide paid \$470 million damages. Or you might think the chemical industry would have been forced to reform after March 23, 2005, when an explosion at a BP refinery in Texas City killed 15 workers and injured 180 others, according to a federal report. A BP spokesman says the company paid \$1.6 billion to compensate victims and their families. Or change could have taken place after any of the hundreds of fatal accidents at chemical facilities in the past dozen years, according to the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, an independent federal agency, based on media reports. For years, a loose network of environmental groups, public health organizations and members of Congress, both Democratic and Republican, has fought to require companies to try to redesign their chemical facilities, to make them safer. Engineers often call the approach "inherently safer" technology or design. But industry executives and their allies in Congress have blocked the proposals. Christine Todd Whitman, a former administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, says she was angry when she heard about the West fertilizer plant explosion in April. "It just made me so mad, you wanted to take Congress and shake it, and say, 'Listen, what more does it take for you to understand that we need some action here?'" Whitman led the EPA for President George W. Bush from 2001 to 2003. "I'm a Republican; I'm leery of too much regulation," she says, "but there are times when you need it. There's a reason for some of this stuff." Over the past few decades, government and industry have taken some steps to make chemical plants in the U.S. safer. For instance, Congress passed two landmark laws in the years after the Bhopal disaster. Together, they require plant owners to disclose exactly which dangerous chemicals they use at specific plants; estimate how many people would be at risk of getting killed or injured if there were an accident at the plant; and spell out what steps they are taking to prevent it. But after terrorists destroyed the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, security specialists began to worry that those laws weren't strong enough.

#### Solutions Vs. Band-Aids

"Chemical plants are really pre-positioned weapons of mass destruction," says Charles Sam Faddis, a former CIA officer who ran the CIA team that searched for WMDs in Iraq after the U.S. invaded. They didn't find weapons of mass destruction there, but Faddis says he realized that if terrorists had attacked a U.S. chemical plant instead of the twin office towers, they might have caused a bigger disaster. The chemical industry's own reports back then, filed under federal law, show there were hundreds of plants across the country where a single incident could potentially kill thousands of people. For instance, D.C. Water — Washington's water and sewer utility — reported that if tanks of chlorine gas ruptured at its Blue Plains wastewater treatment plant, a deadly cloud could reach the U.S. Capitol. So, some Bush administration officials decided that there was a



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fundamental problem with the way the government regulates chemical plants. The laws tell chemical plant owners, in effect, that it's fine to use large amounts of deadly chemicals, even if the plant is next to a city — as long as the company protects them with measures such as strong tanks and fences. And in case there is an accident or a terrorist attack, the company needs to have an emergency action plan to protect the community. Officials at the time, like Bob Bostock, EPA's homeland security adviser, said those aren't solutions but Band-Aids. "It was the only thing that kept me up at night," Bostock says — the fear that terrorists would blow up a tank of chlorine or other toxic chemical and trigger a disaster in a major city. Executives at some companies used the inherently safer design approach after Sept. 11 and reduced their use of dangerous chemicals. D.C. Water, for example, got rid of deadly chlorine gas only a few months after the attacks and started treating wastewater with safer methods. Bostock and Whitman drafted a law in 2002 that would have required chemical facilities across the country to see if they, too, could use inherently safer design. Bostock says they knew that every plant might not be able to eliminate or cut back on its use of the deadliest chemicals. At some facilities, it might be technically impossible or too expensive. But the draft legislation would have required executives to at least examine whether it could be done. "If there was ever a successful attack on one of these facilities or even an accidental release," Bostock says, "the first question you would get asked as a policymaker is, 'You knew this was a problem. Why haven't you done anything about it?'" Meanwhile, up on Capitol Hill, a separate bill calling for inherently safer technology sailed unanimously through a key Senate committee. Then everything screeched to a halt. Whitman and Bostock say top aides to President Bush told them the push for inherently safer design "was not going anywhere," as Bostock remembers. "It was dead." White House officials never publicly explained why. Since then, a coalition of more than 100 public health, environmental and labor groups and security specialists has tried repeatedly to get Congress to reconsider. It tried in 2003, 2006, 2009 and again in 2010. But in each case, opponents managed to block the proposals. Whitman attributes the defeats, in part, to pressure from the chemical industry. "There are very powerful influences, and in politics you always sort of trace that back to the money," Whitman says. Campaign finance reports, collated by the Center for Responsive Politics on OpenSecrets.org, show that the petrochemicals industry has been one of the main funders for key members of Congress who have opposed inherently safer design. And lobbying reports, collated by the Sunlight Foundation, suggest that chemical industry trade groups have made the fight against bills requiring inherently safer technology one of their priorities.

### The Industry Response

Industry spokesmen say petrochemicals are already one of the safest and most regulated industries. "We stand second to none as the chemical industry in trying to implement an appropriate focus on process safety and security," says Michael Walls, vice president of the American Chemistry Council, which represents most of the leading corporations from Dow and DuPont to Exxon Mobil and Chevron. The council has lobbied Congress for years to kill bills concerned with inherently safer technology. In fact, together with other industry groups, they have told Congress that companies should not even be required to consider whether it should be implemented. On the face of it, the call for companies to switch to safer chemicals "does sound attractive," says Walls. "But the basic choice comes down to, do you mandate something like a review of inherently safer technology, or do you want to require its consideration at the right time for each particular facility? One of the questions here is, who decides? Who decides what is inherently safer in any particular case?" Walls and other industry spokesmen, such as Kathy Mathers, vice president of The Fertilizer Institute, worry that federal regulators might tell chemical companies how to run their business. "Agriculture knows agriculture," says Mathers. The institute represents companies that make and sell ammonium nitrate, among other chemicals, which may have caused the explosion last month in Texas and has caused some of the worst industrial accidents in history. "And certainly the regulators have their role in society. At this point we have not seen a version of an inherently safer technology bill that we would support." That perspective puzzles Rafael Moure-Eraso, chairman of the main federal agency that investigates accidents at chemical facilities. "I was quite surprised that anyone would resist this concept, this concept of prevention," he says, sitting in his corner office at the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, not far from the White House. The CSB, whose members are appointed by the President, is currently investigating what caused last month's fatal explosion at the West Fertilizer facility in Texas. Some of the CSB's official reports on chemical plant explosions recommend that the industry use inherently safer technology as one of the main strategies for preventing accidents in the first place and limiting the damage when they do occur. In fact, Moure-Eraso says he supports the idea of a law requiring plant owners to see if their plants can eliminate or reduce the need for dangerous chemicals. "You have to make a cost-benefit about what is more costly: to engage in a process to try to mitigate or avoid hazards; or deal with the families of the people who get killed, the destruction of an industry, the destruction of a community," Moure-Eraso says. "And I claim that it's a lot more expensive to deal with these catastrophic losses than what it will take to invest to prevent this to happen in the first



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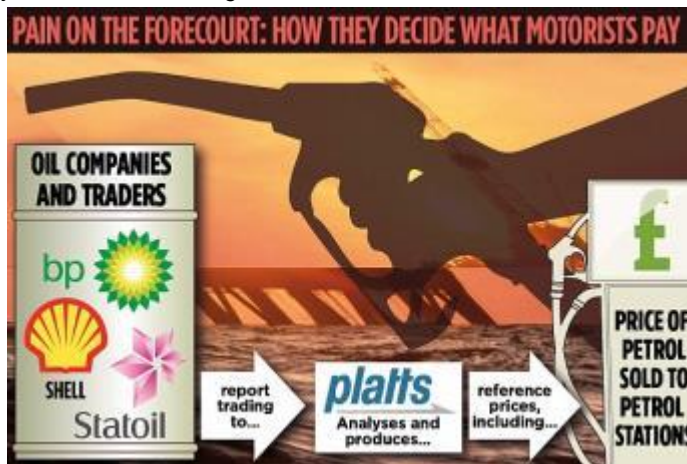
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place." Advocates of inherently safer design wonder now where President Obama stands on this issue. Back when he was in the Senate, Obama co-sponsored a bill that would have required plants to consider inherently safer technology. And his administration supported the concept after he became president. But Rick Hind, legislative director of Greenpeace, says members of the coalition that has been campaigning for the approach are frustrated that Obama hasn't spoken out about it recently. "We're very concerned," says Hind, "because we've been asking [the Obama administration] to look into this and to do something since 2011. And they said, 'Well, after the election maybe we'll do something.' And now, we're still waiting." NPR asked White House officials where President Obama stands now on the issue of inherently safer technology. A spokesman sent this brief reply: "Chemical plant safety is a high priority, and federal departments and agencies will continue to work within their authorities and with state officials to support the ongoing investigation and assess appropriate information that can help inform ongoing efforts to ensure chemical plant safety."

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### ENGLAND, LONDON, MAY 19 2013. THE BIZARRE WORLD OF PETROL PRICING: HOW IT'S DECIDED WHAT MOTORISTS PAY AT THE PUMPS

jon rees & sarah bridge



The scandal of alleged price-fixing by British oil companies has turned the spotlight on the bizarre way in which petrol prices for much of the world are set by a few people sat in a London office for 30 minutes. Britain's Shell and BP, along with Norway's Statoil, are at the centre of a massive EC investigation after officials raided their offices in the capital last week. All of the firms are co-operating with the investigation but they face public outrage if they are proved to have manipulated the wholesale price of oil. It is believed the investigation will go back to 2002, when oil was just \$20 a barrel, less than a fifth its price today. In that time, the cost of petrol has soared 80 per cent to 136.24p a litre. Estimates for the cost of any market manipulation in Britain have been as high as £300billion, or £10,000 for every consumer. As well as BP and Shell, raids were also carried out at the Canary Wharf offices of a company called Platts – part of American business services giant McGraw-Hill –

which is the key agent in setting the benchmark oil prices using information provided by the oil companies. This is the reference price for 60 per cent of all the crude oil traded worldwide and deals worth an astonishing £1.65trillion a year. Along with taxes, it is the wholesale price of oil that mainly determines the price of petrol at the pumps. The select group at Platts gathers for about half an hour at 4pm each day to assess the day's trading in oil. During that time, oil firms, trading houses and banks offer 'ask' and 'bid' quotes for oil. Platts staff use this information and, crucially, their own 'editorial judgement', to assess what the price of oil should be. Platts' system dominates the market even though it has considerable flaws. It is only a snapshot of activity, it does not assess all the oil trades made and companies can choose whether to take part or not. Platts can also exclude companies and has done so if they are deemed to have broken its arcane rules, a process called 'boxing'. The EC investigation was sparked by an obscure Hungarian biofuel company called Pannonia Ethanol, which complained its attempts to join the Platts system were being thwarted. Eric Sievers, chief executive of Ethanol Europe, which owns Pannonia Ethanol, said: 'Platts' behaviour was very strange and certainly unprofessional and so we finally went to the Commission. They listened and asked a lot of questions.' But while Pannonia sparked the investigation, it was not the first industry insider to become suspicious of its own market. Last year, Tory MP Robert Halfon, who has long campaigned for a reduction in petrol prices and has now written to the Serious Fraud Office urging it to begin its own investigation, was contacted by an oil trader who wanted to turn whistleblower. The whistleblower gave Halfon a statement in which he said the price of oil was being deliberately distorted: 'I trade the oil market on a daily basis and every day the price is manipulated,' he said. 'There is ample oil in the system to satisfy demand at the moment. Profiteering seems to be the only objective.' Halfon said the whistleblower then contacted the authorities, but has heard nothing from them since. He added: 'If these current allegations are proved then



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there should be multi-billion pound fines on the guilty parties and that money should go back to motorists. 'If it turns out that price-fixing is widespread, the Government would be within their rights to impose a windfall tax on oil firms.' Halfon's mystery whistleblower later won support from an unlikely source – French oil company Total. It was careful to describe the agencies that set the price of oil as 'conscientious and professional'. But it also said: 'We encounter, several times a year, estimates of market prices on key indices that are out of line with our experience of the day and with the available information on which the price formation is based.' Earlier this year the Office of Fair Trading said that the UK market for petrol was competitive and that there was 'no credible evidence' of wrongdoing. Halfon said: 'The OFT did a half-hearted, weak inquiry just to keep MPs quiet. Now let's see if the Serious Fraud Office and the police can do any better.'

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### USA, N.C, JACKSONVILLE, MAY 19 2013. MARINE DAUGHTER SEEKS DIGNITY FOR 'DEVIL DOG PUPS'

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*Mary Blakely clears dirt and grass from a 60-year-old temporary tin marker in the "Babyland" section of Onslow Memorial Park in Jacksonville, N.C. on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013.*

As she flipped through the cemetery register, Mary Blakely's eyes filled with tears. On line after line, the entry read simply "Baby Boy" or "Baby Girl," followed by a surname and a burial date. Like Blakely, many of those buried in this lonely section of Onslow Memorial Park known as "Babyland" were the children of Marines stationed down the road at Camp Lejeune. How many of these fellow "Devil Dog pups," she wondered, died because they or their pregnant mothers had swallowed or bathed in the base's toxic water? "These are my peers," she cried as cars and trucks rushed by on busy U.S. 258 one recent blustery day. "I'm a Marine Corps brat. And this could be me." The 49-year-old homemaker lived on the southeast North Carolina base during the

1960s and '70s — at a time when levels of certain cancer-causing chemicals were among the highest ever recorded in a public drinking water supply. Federal health investigators have been studying the effects of those chemicals for two decades now. After numerous fits and starts, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention hopes to issue a long-delayed study on birth defects and childhood cancers later this spring. In mid-January, Blakely traveled to the agency's Atlanta headquarters, where she handed over two plastic tubs containing 2,500 death certificates. It may be impossible to know how many — if any — of those deaths were due to the poison in Lejeune's water. But Blakely wanted to make sure that the occupants of this and other babylands would not be forgotten. "Most of them would have grown up and become Marines," Blakely told the health officials gathered there, her voice trembling with emotion. "All we want is the truth." Blakely was 6 in 1969 when her dad, Master Gunnery Sgt. James Joseph Leake, was stationed "aboard" Camp Lejeune the first time, following a deployment to Germany and Turkey, and a tour in South Vietnam. For the next two years, she and her three siblings lived in a duplex in Berkeley Manor on Arkansas Street, just across Holcomb Boulevard from the golf course. "That was the first, like, American town that we ever lived in," says Blakely. For the next few years, the family moved around as Leake's intelligence and code-breaking duties took him to Massachusetts, Hawaii and back to South Vietnam. After a final three-year deployment to Japan, the family returned to Lejeune in 1976 and bought a house off base. In 1996, Blakely's mother, Mary, died of brain cancer. Blakely did not begin to suspect a connection to the base water until she went home to see her dad and visit her mom's grave in the spring of 2011. She had become Facebook friends with Jessica Ensminger, whose father, Jerry, had served as a drill sergeant at Lejeune. Jessica's sister, Janey — the only one of the four Ensminger girls conceived, carried or born at the base — died of leukemia in 1985 at age 9. The two women visited the "baby garden" at Jacksonville City Cemetery, across from the state veteran's graveyard where Blakely's mother was laid to rest. Ensminger said there might be more infant graves at Onslow Memorial Park. Of the three dozen graves in "block A," only two were marked. One, nearly swallowed in grass and weeds, appeared to be a temporary tin marker; the words "Baby Girl Ward" and a date (1950-something) were barely legible. When Blakely attempted to clear the dirt from the fragile marker, it crumbled at her fingertips. Her emotions oscillated between sorrow and rage. "Please, God," she remembers praying silently. "If there is anything you would like me to do that might help them to not be forgotten, speak to my heart and I will do my best at whatever it is." That prayer led her to the Onslow County



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Register's office. Studies have linked the kinds of volatile organic compounds found at Lejeune to such birth defects and cancers as spina bifida, cleft lip and palate, anencephaly, childhood leukemia and childhood lymphoma. Blakely decided to make copies of every child and fetal death certificate she could find between the years 1950 and 1990 with a connection to the Marine base. "What I was going to do with them, I didn't know," she says. Many of the certificates listed the cause of death as unknown. Other records listed such conditions as anoxia, premature placental separation, prematurity and respiratory problems. Most — like Baby Girl Ward, who was born May 30, 1955, at the U.S. Naval Hospital on base — had agonizingly short lives. According to the death certificate, the girl — daughter of Maj. Charles C. Ward, who won the Silver Star for rescuing a downed pilot during the Korean War's vicious Chosin Reservoir campaign, and his wife, Margaret — was premature, and suffered from congenital heart disease and a "horseshoe" kidney — a condition in which the kidneys are fused. She lived only 15½ hours; the official cause of death was cerebral anoxia. Blakely's father died on Jan. 5, 2012, eight months after being diagnosed with Agent Orange-related lung cancer. In a posting to a Lejeune survivor website a week later, she said his cancer had spread "as if it had been fertilized by Miracle Grow." "I am convinced that fertilizer was the water at Lejeune," she wrote. Although the CDC's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry has been studying the Lejeune case since 1993, it has yet to publish definitive results that would settle the debate over the effects on human health. Since at least 2000, the agency has collected more than 12,600 health surveys of children born to mothers who were pregnant between the years 1968 and 1985. Scientists confirmed they had found 103 cases of childhood cancers and birth defects potentially linked to the water at Lejeune. In 2011, Jerry Ensminger nominated Blakely to the community assistance panel set up by the CDC investigators to keep families abreast of Lejeune developments. When the group met on Jan. 17, she was there. Blakely told the panel that she dropped out of school her junior year. Many years later, she discovered that she had a learning disability — and she can't help wondering if it had anything to do with the water. Then she handed over the grim fruits of her labor. All of the death certificates were for children with some connection to the base; none was over the age of 4. Frank Bove, a senior epidemiologist, accepted Blakely's death certificates and had his staff enter the data into a spread sheet. Spokeswoman Bernadette Burden says the agency is not conducting a study on infant deaths, but will keep the digital information "should we have a need for it in the future." Standing in Babyland recently, Blakely was once again overwhelmed with emotion. "It's wrong that they're over here!" she shouted over the din of passing traffic. "They should be over there, with headstones." Blakely says she's not interested in money or even revenge. She wants those babies and all the others who may have been affected by this poisoning to be treated with dignity. "I don't want the Marine Corps to be destroyed," she says. "I just want them to be Marines. And Marines are honorable."

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#### **TURKEY, HATAY PROVINCE, ALTINÖZÜ, MAY 19 2013. EXPLOSION IN SMUGGLED OIL DEPOT KILLS 10 IN SOUTHERN TURKEY**



According to initial reports, the blast occurred after gendarmes raided a house acting on a smuggling tip-off and the suspects set the depot on fire. An explosion that took place in a depot containing smuggled oil in the Altınözü district of southern province of Hatay killed 10 people, Hatay Governor said on Friday. According to initial reports, the blast occurred after gendarmes raided a house acting on a smuggling tip-off and the suspects set the depot on fire. Hatay Governor Celalettin Lekesiz told reporters that 10 people were killed when the oil jerrycans were exploded in the depot. When gendarmes first entered to the village of Tanışma, in the Altınözü district, the locals tried to block the entry of security forces. The smugglers tried to eliminate the oil jerrycans but when they set the depot ablaze, a powerful explosion happened. At least 10 locals were killed in the blast. Firefighters were dispatched to the site to bring the fire under

control. They eventually brought the fire under control. Many people were injured and taken to district hospital in Altınözü.

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#### USA, MINN, WYOMING, MAY 19 2013. 2 ARRESTED FOR ILLEGAL FIREWORKS OPERATION AT WYOMING, MINN. HOME

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*Illegal fireworks operation discovered at Wyoming, Minn., home.*

A medical call lands two men in jail after Wyoming police discovered an illegal fireworks operation Saturday. Police responded to the call around noon at 7002 Lake Blvd. One man suffered first degree burns to his arms, hands and face. He was sent to Regions Burn Unit with non-life threatening injuries. He could be facing charges, police said. According to investigators there was a small explosion in the home due to the manufacturing of illegal mortar-style fireworks in the garage. Two to three of these types of fireworks were discovered during a search warrant. The fireworks were dismantled and seized. Two men were arrested for manufacturing illegal fireworks, which is a felony if convicted. Their names have not been released. ATF, St. Paul Bomb Squad, Regional Hazmat, Wyoming Police and Chisago County Sheriff assisted on the call.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/s3038071.shtml>

#### KENYA, NAIROBI, MAY 20 2012. NATIONAL OIL CORPORATION AMBITIOUS PLAN SEEKS TO ROLLOUT 100 SERVICE STATIONS

*macharia kamau*

After several failed attempts to be trend-setter in the petroleum industry, the National Oil Corporation is making another stab. The firm is bullish and plans to position itself as a market leader and a continental reference point in running national oil corporations. The firm's roll out plan has since diversified into other areas besides sale of petroleum products. They include oil exploration and building petroleum infrastructure. Within the next two years, the oil firm plans to double its market share in petroleum sales. It also wants to start drilling exploratory wells in a block in Magadi where it has an oil block and set up strategic petroleum reserves. This is expected to cushion the country from sudden and frequent swings in prices of petrol. The move involves an ambitious and capital-intensive plan. While NOCK Managing Director Sumayya Hassan-Athmani prefers to keep the total amounts and financing plans that will go into the plan under wraps, she said the company is well equipped with several financiers already willing to come on board. It can as well as plough back earnings from its current operations, she added. "Currently, we have 106 stations, we want to double that number over the next two years and we will be very innovative in doing that... I want to achieve market leadership for NOCK in the retail market in the next couple of years," she said. "We have different models that include partnerships with Kenyans that have strategically located parcels of land whereby we build the station and share earnings. We also have mini petrol stations – referred to as a kanga – that more cost effective in terms of construction cost."

##### Controversy

Ms Athmani has in the recent past been in the eye of the storm, following an offer that NOCK made to former President Mwai Kibaki at a farewell ceremony organised by public service employees. Some of her board members recently wrote to Energy PS Patrick Nyoike noting that the decision was made without the knowledge of the board. They argue it was arrived at by two board members; Ms Athmani and chairman (Peter Munga). Athmani, however, pointed out that NOCK board members are jittery because she has refused to play ball with them, adding that she could not bend to the rules aimed at fleecing the Corporation. "One of the things that I have done in the time I have headed NOCK is enhance governance and as with any other settings, some people tend to oppose such efforts," she said. "There are systems in place to address the issues but they have resorted to mudslinging." She added that the 'gift' to Kibaki was a proposal for a business venture, something she said NOCK has done with other Kenyans, including the disadvantaged. She says if the former President is willing to partner with NOCK and give land, then the company would put up a petrol station.

##### Failed Attempts

"What we had proposed was a partnership like what we have with other Kenyan where they provide the land and we put up the station and share revenues. And we can do that with any Kenyan," she said. "It was not meant to be a station for personal use...what would he do with a petrol station in his backyard?" The firm, established in 1981, had failed in its attempts to make



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a mark in the market. It is mandated to stabilise prices of petroleum products but has in the past failed to deliver on this, prompting the government to capping prices of some of the products, through the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC). In addition to the downstream business – industry lingos for petroleum product sales especially at the retail level. It is also angling to tap into the possibility that the country might have major oil deposits. At the moment, the Corporation holds the State's share in the production sharing contracts that the Government has with other firms exploring for oil in the country. The firm is also prepping its own block for drilling. It recently called for expression of interest from international to will carry out geological studies on an exploration block that it has been allotted by the Government. The outcome of the studies is expected to guide it in the exploratory drilling. Athmani expects the studies and analysis of the seismic data to be complete in the course of this and next year and start drilling by end of next year. "Many oil companies have pulled away from downstream and are focusing on upstream because margins in the downstream business have thinned," she said. "Currently only foreign firms are exploring in Kenya and we are taking a lead role as the national oil corporation to secure the resource and increase its value for Kenya. We are making attempts to build capacity as well as trying to steer debate on different issues in the oil exploration segment." In the exploration business, the firm will tender for partners with whom it will share the risk or production.

[http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/?articleID=2000083939&story\\_title=Kenya-nock-seeks-to-rollout-100-service-stations](http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/?articleID=2000083939&story_title=Kenya-nock-seeks-to-rollout-100-service-stations)

### USA, CA, MODESTO, MAY 20 2013. CAR-TANKER COLLISION ON 99 DELAYS TRAFFIC



*Traffic was backed up through Ceres due to this accident on southbound Highway 99 near Whitmore shortly before noon Saturday*

Traffic backed up through Ceres for hours after a car collided with a gasoline tanker on southbound [Highway 99](#) near Whitmore Avenue in Modesto shortly before noon Saturday. Few details were available Saturday on this or another accident in Turlock. Turlock police Lt. Miguel Pacheco said four people were injured in an accident in the afternoon on Golden State Boulevard near Atherstone Road. Three of four people in one car were taken to hospitals with

minor to moderate injuries. The driver of the second car suffered major injuries and was taken to an area hospital, Pacheco said. The conditions of the injured were not available Saturday evening.

<http://www.sacbee.com/2013/05/18/5431795/car-tanker-collision-on-99-delays.html>

### ENGLAND, HERTFORDSHIRE, MAY 20 2013. WELWYN GARDEN CITY SHOP FINED OVER 'POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS' GOODS

paul christian



*Unsafe cushions, which failed to meet fire safety regulations being sold in a WGC Poundstretcher store, landed a firm in court.*

Budget retailer Poundstretcher and one of its suppliers were fined a total of £22,000 for selling the scatter cushions at outlets in Church Road, Welwyn Garden City and another in Hertford. Representatives of Poundstretcher Ltd and Crown Crest (Leicester) Plc, an importer and wholesaler, admitted breaches of the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988, when they appeared at Watford Magistrates Court on May 13. The convictions followed an investigation by Hertfordshire Trading Standards. The probe related to the sale of scatter cushions which failed to meet fire resistance requirements, "making them potentially dangerous when near an ignition source". A complaint about an alleged fire risk led to an inspection at Poundstretcher in Hertford by a fire protection officer. Suspect cushions were tested and failed stringent regulations. The matter was reported to Poundstretcher, yet at a later date similar cushions were test-purchased from the Welwyn Garden City branch and again failed British Standards requirements. The cushions, imported from China and supplied to Poundstretcher by Crown Crest (Leicester) Plc, bore labels claiming compliance

with safety regulations. Poundstretcher Ltd pleaded guilty to four offences in relation to supplying cushions that did not offer fire safety protection, four in relation to labels on the cushions and two offences in relation to supplying cushions that they



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should have presumed were potentially dangerous. They were fined a total of £22,000 and ordered to pay costs of £583.20 and a victim surcharge of £120. Crown Crest (Leicester) Plc pleaded guilty to four offences in relation to supplying cushions that did not offer fire safety protection, and four offences in relation to the labels. They were given a £16,000 fine, ordered to pay costs of £583.20 and a victim surcharge of £120. Martin Collinson, Poundstretcher's company secretary told the WHT: "We regret this situation has arisen and clearly this was a failure of the quality of the product." The cushions had been withdrawn from sale and a "review of processes" was underway. Richard Thake, cabinet member for community safety and planning, said: "Companies must ensure that their stock meets all the necessary requirements. "Fire safety regulations are there for a reason, and failing to meet them could have very serious repercussions."

[http://www.whtimes.co.uk/news/welwyn\\_garden\\_city\\_shop\\_fined\\_over\\_potentially\\_dangerous\\_goods\\_1\\_2201073](http://www.whtimes.co.uk/news/welwyn_garden_city_shop_fined_over_potentially_dangerous_goods_1_2201073)

#### **CHINA, HENAN PROVINCE, ZHENGZHOU, MAY 20 2013. 3 KILLED, 3 HOSPITALIZED IN FIREWORKS-WORKSHOP EXPLOSION**

Authorities said they suspect a firecracker-workshop explosion that killed three people in China Sunday morning was caused by illegally stored gunpowder. The blast in Zhengzhou in central China's Henan Province killed the workshop owner's wife and daughter and a neighbor, China's official Xinhua News Agency reported. The owner and two others have been hospitalized, Xinhua said.

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/World-News/2013/05/19/3-killed-3-hospitalized-in-fireworks-workshop-explosion-in-China/UPI-17051368981430/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2013/05/19/3-killed-3-hospitalized-in-fireworks-workshop-explosion-in-China/UPI-17051368981430/)

#### **INDIA, UTTAR PRADESH, BINAWAR, MAY 20 2013. 2 KILLED AS TRUCK COLLIDES WITH TANKER**

Two persons were killed and as many injured when a truck collided with a tanker in Binawar area here today, police said. The accident took place this morning on the Bareilly- Badaun highway, killing the driver of the truck on the spot while his helper succumbed to his injuries in a hospital, they said. The injured driver of the tanker and his helper have also been admitted to nearby hospital.

[http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/2-killed-as-truck-collides-with-tanker-113051900216\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/2-killed-as-truck-collides-with-tanker-113051900216_1.html)

#### **THAILAND, BANGKOK, MAY 20 2013. POLICE UNRAVEL WIDE WEB OF FUEL FRAUD**

Crooks cook up gas scam and cheat country out of B5bn a year by selling household LPG to roadside filling stations. The misuse of cooking gas as vehicle fuel is keeping police busy in their investigations into illegal fuel retailing operations at the expense of the public purse. Police became suspicious when the Energy Ministry reported a jump in demand for cooking gas in the past two years. The demand is not consistent with the country's gross domestic product. It meant more cooking gas was being ordered than it was actually needed by households. Police believed some of the gas was being misused for purposes other than for cooking. The financial incentive for the abuse was telling. The government subsidises 12 baht for every kilogramme of LPG cooking gas sold at 18 baht. The subsidy is designed to ease the burden on the public. The LPG gas for vehicles priced at 21 baht a kilogramme receives a state subsidy of 9 baht. Pol Col Uthen Nuiphen, the lead investigator of a taskforce looking into illegal liquefied petroleum gas sales, said many business operators were profiteering from the higher subsidy for cooking gas. The taskforce spent two months probing roadside gas stations. The investigation launched in January targeted 21 concessionaires who buy cooking LPG from PTT Plc, 474 gas packing facilities and about 1,500 roadside auto gas stations nationwide. Pol Col Uthen said many irregularities came to light. The taskforce found that in the packing process, many cooking gas cylinder containers were left unused after all of the gas supply had been packed. This led investigators to suspect the cooking gas unaccounted for had possibly been siphoned into a tanker and later sold to roadside gas stations. Checks of documents showed some of the gas had been sold illegally by the packing facilities to roadside gas stations. He said some facilities also forged invoices and claimed they had sent the gas to household cooking gas distributors when in fact they had sold the supplies to roadside gas stations. Some packing facilities also own LPG auto gas stations while others set up bogus cooking gas companies which were actually agents to divert the supply to auto gas stations. Pol Col Uthen said the scam has cost the state Oil Fund, which disburses the subsidies, up to 5 billion baht a year. On May 2, police pressed fraud charges against 40 gas packing facilities, both owned by individuals and juristic entities. On May 16, charges were laid against 30 additional facilities and 43 roadside auto gas stations. About 80 people have been charged in connection with the fraud. Offenders can jailed for up to 10 years and fined up to 100,000 baht. He said the Oil Fund is also a damaged party and will file charges against the wrongdoers as well. Pol Col Uthen's taskforce is made up of 21 experienced police officers who have



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worked on hundreds of cases to seize assets acquired using drug money. Pol Col Uthen said the cases demand well-rounded knowledge and skills in gathering facts and investigation. The team had to work quickly and get their attention to detail right. He said he was confident police have conducted a watertight investigation that will win indictments from the prosecution. However, he said misuse of LPG was a crime involving some major energy businesses. "The police are up against wealthy elements," Pol Col Uthen said. The gas packing facilities were only interested in pocketing the state subsidies of gas, he said. "There are figures lurking behind the scenes who have lots of money," he said. Police are collecting evidence to try to bring the big fish to justice, Pol Col Uthen said.

<http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/crimes/350875/police-unravel-wide-web-of-fuel-fraud>

#### **EGYPT, CAIRO, MAY 20 2013. FRENCH OIL COMPANY BUYS SHELL'S FUEL NETWORK IN EGYPT >> DETAILS OF THE TRANSACTION AND ITS PRICE HAVE NOT BEEN DISCLOSED.**



*French oil and gas company Total acquired Royal Dutch Shell's fuel retail network in Egypt.*

French oil and gas company Total acquired Royal Dutch Shell's fuel retail network in Egypt in an attempt to strengthen its distribution position in the country and across the whole region. "Through this acquisition, we reaffirm our ambition to pursue our development in Africa and in the Middle East in the retail business," a spokesman at Total said. The details of the transaction and its price have not been disclosed. "The sale is consistent with Shell's strategy to concentrate its downstream footprint on a smaller number of assets and markets," Shell reported to the media. The French company has been trying to strengthen its position to become the biggest gasoline retailer in Africa. The company referred to the recent sale of some refineries in the UK and Germany, and its refining and marketing businesses in Finland and Sweden as examples

of its expansive plans. The company has engaged heavily in a massive exploration effort to find new oil and gas reserves. It has also targeted emerging markets where the demand for fuel and oil are growing fast. Egypt has been facing fuel shortages on a daily basis, which have affected most economic and business sectors. Officials at a number of power plants reported that they were forced to curb their production a little due to the fuel crisis. Total currently owns 70 fuel stations in Egypt, which represents four percent of the market share.

<http://www.dailynewsegypt.com/2013/05/19/french-oil-company-buys-shells-fuel-network-in-egypt/>

#### **NORTHERN IRELAND, CO DOWN, CASTLEWELLAN, MAY 20 2013. STOLEN FUEL WASTE TRAILER ABANDONED NEAR CASTLEWELLAN**



Illegal fuel in the lorry trailer has been leaking onto the roadside since Friday.

A stolen lorry trailer filled with illegal fuel waste has been dumped at the side of a road near Castlewellan. The high-sided trailer was left at the Dublin Road between Castlewellan and the nearby hamlet of Kilcoo. The contents have been slowly leaking onto the roadside since the trailer was abandoned on Friday. Disposing of the material will fall to Down District Council. It is thought the cost will run into tens of thousands of pounds. Alliance councillor Patrick Clarke described those responsible as "reckless criminals who have no regard for the environment or public health and safety".

##### **'Dumped'**

"The dumping of illegally laundered fuel waste is costing ratepayers thousands of pounds every year by Councils having to remove the waste and these sums

are coming straight from the rates of local people," he said. "There was absolutely no regard whatsoever for the environment or the public health and safety of local residents living near the Dublin Road. "There is obviously a market for cheap petrol and diesel due to the present high prices at the petrol forecourts, but people unknowingly purchasing cheap fuel are only lining the pockets of criminals who are laundering illegal fuel then are dumping the fuel waste."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-22590718>



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#### USA, IN, INDIANAPOLIS, MAY 20 2013. GAS-PUMP MALFUNCTION CAUSED NORTHSIDE SPILL

t.j. banes

 **Watch the Video** [Gasoline Leak at Shell Gas Station Causes Traffic Diversion Sunday](#)



*The Indianapolis Fire Department cleaned up a large fuel spill on May 19, 2013, at the Shell gas station at 30th and Illinois streets.*

A malfunctioning gas pump Sunday resulted in a 10-minute-long flow of gasoline near The Children's Museum of Indianapolis before it was shut off. An employee at the Shell Gas station, 3002 N. Illinois St., was changing filters in a gas pump, when the accident occurred and Indianapolis Fire Department officials were called to the scene of the "hazardous materials spill." Fire Department reports estimate 30-50 gallons of gas per minute spilled onto the ground. Crews responded at about 5:30 p.m., and streets near the station at 30th and Illinois

streets were closed while emergency crews worked to contain the spill. IFD reported at 11:09 p.m. Sunday that the cleanup was nearing completion and that closed sections of 30th and Illinois had reopened with some lane restrictions. Marion County Public Health Department and a Department of Public Works representatives are reviewing sewer maps to access the impact of the spill. Power was turned off at the Shell Station. Officials are unsure when the station will reopen for business. It is unknown at this time how far the spill had spread into the sewer system, IFD said. The incident is still under investigation.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20130519/NEWS02/305190034?odyssey=mod%7Cmostcom>

#### CHINA, GUIZHOU PROVINCE, GUIYANG, MAY 20 2013. TRUCK FIRE KILLS 3 IN SW CHINA

Three people were confirmed dead after a truck carrying ammonium nitrate burst into flames after colliding with two sedan cars in Guizhou Province on Sunday, rescuers said. The accident happened around 6 p.m. near Guiyang City, capital of Guizhou. Rescuers said the casualties may rise as they were still searching the charred vehicle frames for victims trapped within. The accident's environmental impact is being assessed.

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/20/c\\_132393376.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-05/20/c_132393376.htm)

#### CHINA, SHANDONG, ZHANGQIU, MAY 21 2013. MASSIVE BLAST CLAIMS 13 IN SHANDONG, 10 STILL MISSING

zhao ruixue & zhao lei



*Rescuers search among the debris after an explosion leveled a factory in Zhangqiu City of east China's Shandong Province yesterday. The massive blast which ripped through the explosives factory killed at least 13 people and left 19 others injured. Rescuers were taking care to avoid setting off additional explosions as they searched for survivors. The force of the blast flung broken glass, smashed concrete and other debris as far as 200 meters away. A total of 34 people were inside the factory at the time of the blast and survivors were rushed to hospital.*

Thirteen people have died after a massive blast ripped through an explosives factory on Monday morning in Shandong province, authorities said. Nineteen people were also injured in the accident at 10:45 am inside a workshop at a plant owned by Poly Explosives (Jinan) in Zhangqiu. Thirty-four workers were in the workshop at the time of the blast, which caused the building to collapse, according to a statement from the city government. Eight migrant workers were also working near the workshop. More than 20 firetrucks and three excavators were sent to the scene. By late Monday, rescuers had pulled 19 workers and 13 bodies from the rubble, the statement said. The injured workers, including two who were seriously hurt, are being treated at nearby hospitals. Rescuers are still searching for 10 missing workers. The plant has four production workshops and the one that the explosion destroyed had three floors, said a security guard at the plant who asked to be identified only as Li. "I was on duty when the blast happened. I saw a small, dark mushroom-shaped cloud rise from the place where the workshop stood after the shockwave of the blast stunned me." His arms were cut by the broken windows at the security guard office. Li said he had worked at one of the production workshops for 26 years and suggested the tragedy was possibly caused by a "mechanical malfunction". "The plant practices a very strict work-safety policy and each worker must pass through four safety checks before being allowed to enter workshops," Li said.



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"In addition, workers have a strong sense of work safety." He added that firefighters arrived at the scene two minutes after he called them. The collapsed workshop produced explosives mainly used in coal mines, he said. Covering an area of 66 hectares, the plant was a new manufacturing base with an annual output of at least 30,000 metric tons, according to information on the company's website.

[http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2013-05/21/content\\_16513605.htm](http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2013-05/21/content_16513605.htm)

### USA, S.D, ABERDEEN, MAY 21 2013. ABERDEEN GAS STATION A TOTAL LOSS AFTER MORNING FIRE



The Aberdeen Fire and Rescue chief says a gas station in the town is a total loss after a fire Monday morning. Aberdeen fire fighters were called to Eddie's Northside gas station, 208 N. 2nd Street, at 10:23 a.m. Monday. The initial report called for a vehicle fire in a garage. Fire Chief Kevin Vanmeter says workers at Eddie's were replacing a fuel pump in a vehicle just before the fire. A fuel tank was raised up on jacks that gave out causing the tank to fall on a shop light and ignite a fire. The fire spread very quickly because of all the highly flammable items in the building, Vanmeter said. The gas pumps at the station were never at risk. Vanmeter says the building is a total loss. He says firefighters are currently in the process of knocking out walls due to bowing

caused by heat.

<http://www.ksfy.com/story/22300766/update-aberdeen-gas-station-a-total-loss-after-morning-fire>

### USA, LA, LAKE CHARLES, MAY 21 2013. OIL TANKER TRACTOR FIRE CAUSES MAJOR TRAFFIC DELAYS

Louisiana State Police investigated an oil tanker tractor fire on I-10 westbound near mile marker 25 on Sunday afternoon which caused major traffic delays. Early reports indicate the truck was a 5,500 gallon oil tanker. Officials said the tank, which was fully loaded with oil, was not a part of the fire. According to troopers, there were no injuries.

<http://www.kplctv.com/story/22293065/oil-tanker-on-fire-on-i-10-traffic-being-diverted>

### USA, TX, SAN ANTONIO, MAY 21 2013. TWO MEN INJURED AFTER OIL-FILLED TANKER EXPLODES IN VON ORMY

sarah tressler



The Somerset Fire Department and Acadian Ambulance respond to what was a reported tanker truck explosion Monday May 20, 2013 at Southwest Industrial on the 13,000 block of Quesenberry. Bexar County Fire Marshall Craig Roberts said the incident took place shortly after 7:00 a.m. when workers were installing a sensor in the tanker (upper left) that blew a gash in its side. Roberts said two worker had minor injuries.

Two men suffered minor injuries Monday morning when a tanker filled with crude oil exploded in southwest Bexar County, authorities said. The blast, which occurred at South Texas Industrial, a tanker repair facility in the 13000 block of Quesenberry in Von Ormy, was reported at 7:17 a.m, Bexar County sheriff's Sgt. Frank Bellino said. The men were attempting to repair the tractor-trailer truck when the blast occurred. No other details were immediately available. No other injuries were reported.

[http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local\\_news/article/Two-men-injured-after-oil-filled-tanker-explodes-4531043.php](http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Two-men-injured-after-oil-filled-tanker-explodes-4531043.php)

### USA, CA, NAPA, MAY 21 2013. FUEL REMOVAL FROM BURNED TANKER WILL TAKE HOURS



A gasoline tanker truck had its rear wheels catch fire on northbound 29, south of Imola Avenue on Monday morning shutting down the roadway while emergency crews assessed the situation. The integrity of the tanks were compromised and officials said the roadway would remain closed while the fuel was transferred to another tanker truck.

Highway 29 was briefly closed in both directions Monday morning because of an oil tanker that caught fire. A partial closure of northbound Highway 29 — between Highway 12/Carneros Highway and Imola Avenue — is expected Monday afternoon or night so fuel can be transferred and the damage tanker



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removed from the side of the highway. The fire, which was limited to the Arco tanker's rear tires, was reported around 9:30 a.m. on Highway 29 between Highway 12 and Imola Avenue. Crews with the Napa Fire Department responded and quickly extinguished the fire, but not before it damaged the rear of two tanks, Battalion Chief Steve Brassfield said. "The problem is the fire impinged on the tank. The tank is deformed and compromised," Brassfield said. The tanks were full, so an empty tanker will come to Napa to remove the fuel from the burned vehicle, Brassfield said. Both directions of the highway were closed until about 10 a.m., when a police escort allowed southbound traffic through the area. The northbound lanes were reopened shortly after 10:30 a.m., but one lane will be closed later Monday when the damaged tanker is emptied of fuel, according to the California Highway Patrol. CHP Sgt. William Bradshaw said at 1 p.m. it could take between 3 and 10 hours for the 46,000 gallons of fuel to be removed because an environmental representative must come to the site to ensure no fuel is spilled during the transfer. The number 2 lane is expected to be closed during the transfer. No injuries were reported.

[http://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/traffic-detoured-from-northbound-hwy-south-of-imola/article\\_30c3261c-c16f-11e2-9884-0019bb2963f4.html](http://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/traffic-detoured-from-northbound-hwy-south-of-imola/article_30c3261c-c16f-11e2-9884-0019bb2963f4.html)

### USA, W.VA, WAYNE CO, FORT GAY, MAY 21 2013. FIRE DESTROYS WAYNE COUNTY, WV GAS STATION

A large fire destroyed a gas station and convenience store early Sunday morning, leaving behind a smoldering shell of a building that was still smoking on Sunday afternoon. The Pit Stop, a store and gas station on Route 52 in Wayne County near Fort Gay, has been around for more than thirty years. Dispatchers say an employee of the store called 911 about 1:30 a.m. Sunday to let them know the store had caught on fire. Firefighters from five departments -- Louisa, Prichard, Lowmansville, Big Sandy and Fort Gay -- showed up to battle the flames. "Heavy smoke showing that was visible from about the intersection of Fort Gay," Chief Joseph Bowen of the Fort Gay Volunteer Fire Department said, describing what he saw when he got to the scene. "Shortly after, the fire started venting through the ceiling." "It was a pretty big fire and I live probably 100 yards away," Murrel Tarkington, a neighbor, said. "You can feel the heat, enough to make you sweat." Tarkington's home is just across Route 52. He said he got to the scene about the same time the firefighters arrived. "I was woken up about 1:15, popping and cracking," Tarkington said. "I come outside the house to see a little bit of smoke and, within a minute or two, started seeing the flames." Tarkington said he wanted to help any way he could to keep the fire from getting worse. "Firefighters was trying to move a propane cabinet and I brought the four-wheeler over here and put a strap on it and pulled it out of the way so it wouldn't heat up and maybe explode," Tarkington said. His family watched and shot video on their phone. The video shows Tarkington pulling the propane tank away from the building. Just a few seconds later, pops and explosions can be heard near the flames. Firefighters are not sure what caused the fire to ignite. Bowen said the fire is being investigated by the state fire marshal's office. Tarkington said he has grown up there and lived near The Pit Stop for about 35 years. "Everything happens for a reason and I figure they'll probably have it built back up before long," he said. The owner, A.J. Gogia, said he has owned the business since last September. He found out when the fire broke out Sunday morning through a phone call. He did not say whether he planned to rebuild.

<http://www.wkyt.com/wymt/home/headlines/Fire-destroys-Wayne-County-WV-gas-station-208101121.html#.UZqSqBwUeM4>

### INDIA, SIVAKASI, MAY 21 2013. 7 CHILD WORKERS RESCUED FROM SIVAKASI FACTORIES

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Child labourers seem to be back in Sivakasi. In spite of the stringent rules and the strict vigil on the fire [cracker](#) industry, two large-scale units in the fireworks hub of the country were found to employ children below the age of 14 years. The state government officials stumbled upon seven child labourers during a raid at the units on Monday and cancelled their licences. "Durga Colour Matches at Gurumurthinayakanpatti was found to have employed two children while [Thamaraikannan Fireworks](#) at Thulukankurichi had employed five children," said Sivakasi revenue divisional officer S Rangan, who headed one of the teams that conducted the raid. The official said these boys were studying in government schools in adjoining villages and had come to work during the summer vacation. Licences of 17 other units have also been cancelled for other violations in the last 20 days. The fireworks units in Sivakasi were once notorious for employing children whose nimble hands and low pay made them sought-after workforce by the employers. In the 1990s, children were employed in almost all fireworks units. But the Supreme Court ordered the enforcement of the [Child Labour \(Prohibition and Regulation\) Act](#) in 1996. A subsequent survey revealed that more than 1,000 factories in Virudhunagar district had employed children. Sustained campaign by NGOs and government action that followed had prevented child labour. The death of Mariswaran - doctors who conducted postmortem at Sivakasi government hospital say he is 11 years old, but police claim he is 14 - during the explosion at [Meenakshi Fireworks](#)



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atChithanayakanpatti on May 15 exposed the practice of child labour. The ongoing raids in the units in the wake of the explosion have now confirmed that Mariswaran's is not an isolated case, but a sign of wider prevalence of child labour. M Mahalakshmi, secretary of Sivakasi Cracker and Matchstick Units Workers association says the parents themselves send their wards to these units during vacation. "Child labour is not found in large scale or rampant as it was a decade back. But, every year during summer vacation this happens," she said. The children are paid 100 a day, less than half of what the adults are paid. Besides these units, children are also made to work by contractors as well as their parents in illegal units, functioning out of houses in villages, say activists. A government official, however, said that children are made to work in less dangerous areas like pasting labels and packaging. K Mariappan, vice-president of Tamil Nadu Fireworks and Amorges Manufacturers' Association (Tanfama) maintained that not all units employ children.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/7-child-workers-rescued-from-Sivakasi-factories/articleshow/20160471.cms>

### USA, OH, PREBLE CO, LEWISBURG, MAY 21 2013. 2 BOYS SERIOUSLY INJURED IN FIREWORKS EXPLOSION



*Two boys, 18 and 17, suffered serious injuries Monday afternoon in a fireworks explosion here on Senora Road, beneath State Route 503, Preble County Sheriff Michael Simpson said.*

Two boys, ages 18 and 17, suffered serious injuries Monday afternoon in an explosion that occurred as they may have been loading gun powder from fireworks into a glass container. One was taken to Miami Valley Hospital and the other was taken to a different hospital in the accident that was reported sometime after 4:30 p.m., Preble County Sheriff Michael Simpson said. A preliminary investigation suggests that the boys were on Senora Road, underneath the State Route 503 overpass about five miles north of Lewisburg, trying to place gun powder or some kind of fireworks into a glass container when it exploded, Simpson said. Both boys suffered serious "shrapnel injuries" to their

upper torsos and arms, he said. They ran to a home on West Senora Road and the resident there called 911 at about 4:50 p.m. to report two young people injured from some type of explosion. What the boys had in their possession were "fireworks that you or I would be able to buy at a fireworks store," Simpson said. He said he didn't think the boys were building some kind of bomb or other explosive ordnance. "I think they're just messing around," Simpson said. Sheriff's deputies will interview the boys to determine exactly what happened, and then will take the case to the county prosecutor's office for review, Simpson said.

<http://www.whiotv.com/news/news/crime-law/2-boys-seriously-injured-in-fireworks-explosion/nXxhR/>

### USA, LA, MAY 21 2013. SERIOUS INJURIES FROM MISHANDLED FIREWORKS



The State Fire Marshal's Office released information today concerning firework related burn injuries reported during the past fireworks season. Investigators determined the injuries to be the result of the mishandling of fireworks. The injuries came to the attention of the Fire Marshal's Office through the State's Burn Injury Reporting System which tracks the most serious burn injuries across the state. In Broussard, a 24 year old man lighting sparklers for two children, seriously injured his middle and index fingers. It was reported to the State Fire Marshals that the sparklers were over three years old at the time of the incident and that the injured man was handling the sparklers improperly. The victim was taken to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. In Gretna, a 13 year old male was seriously injured when a firework device called "Slam Dunk" detonated while the 13 year old attempted to re-light it. The teenager was transported to Children's Hospital in New Orleans and then transferred to Baton Rouge Medical Center. He was hospitalized nine days due to second and third degree burns which led to the loss of his index and middle fingers. In Harvey, a three year old female was injured when a bottle rocket flew between

her jacket hoodie and the left side of her face and neck. The hoodie caught fire burning the child. The toddler sustained second degree burns to her neck, face, ear and scalp which required her to spend ten days in the hospital due to her injuries. In Marrero, a 15 year old male sustained injuries to the palm of his right hand and was transported to West Jefferson Medical Center. The injuries occurred when the teen picked up a firework device called an "Artillery Shell" and lit the device while holding it in his hand rather than putting it in the tube that is provided with the product. The teen was eventually transferred to



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Children's Hospital in New Orleans where he underwent surgery. In New Orleans, a 13 year old male sustained second degree burns to the palm of his left hand. The teen was treated at Children's Hospital and released. His injuries occurred when the teenager attempted to light sparklers using a cigarette lighter. The sparklers ignited all at once and the molten material dripped down into the palm of his hand. In Westwego, a 25 year old man sustained burn injuries to both hands, with the left hand incurring the more serious injuries, with his thumb being almost severed from his hand. The victim was taken to West Jefferson Medical Center. The injuries occurred when he picked up a firework identified as an "Artillery Shell" which detonated in his left hand. It was reported that alcohol was being consumed on the premises at the time of the incident. In Baton Rouge, a homemade device resembling a small mortar, discharged while two men, ages 27 and 34, were attempting to compact gunpowder obtained from fireworks as well as pelletized black powder intended for use in a muzzle loaded firearms. Initial reports to the State Fire Marshal's Office indicated that a lit fuse to the device, which had previously been discharged a number of times during a New Year's Eve Party, failed to ignite the gun powder. A group of men, that included the homeowner, placed the device atop a glass-top table where it subsequently discharged, severely injuring the 27 year old male. He suffered serious wounds to his face, neck, head, eyes, legs and arms. His most severe injury was the amputation of his left hand. The discharge also caused light to moderate injuries to others in the group. Pyrotechnic devices ranging from sparklers to aerial rockets cause thousands of fires and serious injuries each year. "When things go wrong, they go wrong very fast, and often with disastrous consequences," stated Fire Marshal H. "Butch" Browning. "Due to the fire hazard as well as the inherent risk of injury involved in fireworks, citizens are urged to use extreme caution when handling fireworks to ensure a safe, fire-free holiday. The few moments of pleasure consumer fireworks bring are not worth the risk of property loss, injury, or death. Avoid needless risks."

<http://www.knoe.com/story/22301749/serious-injuries-from-mishandled-fireworks>

#### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, JACKSON OIL FIELD, MAY 21 2013. SANTOS CONFIRMS UNCONTROLLED LEAK AT OIL AND GAS WELL IN QUEENSLAND'S REMOTE SOUTHWEST >> SPEWS NEARLY 50,000 LITRES OF OIL A DAY FOR ALMOST A WEEK.

*john mccarthy*

An exclusion zone has been set up around an oil well in southern Queensland, which has been leaking about 50,000 litres a day for almost a week. Santos today confirmed it discovered the leak in their Jackson oil fields, and brought in international experts to bring it under control late yesterday. The well, in the company's Zeus field, is believed to have started leaking either Tuesday night or Wednesday morning last week. The company's [Jackson facility](#) is about 60km west of [Thargomindah](#). While it was described as a "limited leak" the company said it was generating about 300 barrels a day. A barrel is equivalent to 158 litres. A Santos spokesman said that now the well had been contained it would be able to access the site and see what environmental damage had been done. It expected it would have soaked up the oil and remove affected soil.

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- [Santos plugs outback oil leak](#)

Santos says it will begin assessing environmental damage from an oil leak in Queensland's far south-west.

Spokesman Matt Doman says the leak was plugged yesterday afternoon with the help of a team of specialists from the United States.

- [Qld oil well leaks 240000 litres](#)

A leaking well in far south west Queensland has been plugged after spewing nearly 250,000 litres of oil out of the earth. Santos says the flow from its well, near the Queensland-South Australia border, was stopped on Monday afternoon.

<http://www.news.com.au/breaking-news/santos-confirms-uncontrolled-leak-at-oil-and-gas-well-in-states-remote-south-west/story-e6frfkp9-1226647007491>



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