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### USA, INDIANA, JUNE 28 2013. COURT RULES INDIANA ETHANOL PLANTS EXCEEDED POLLUTION LIMITS JUNE 28, 2013

karen dove



Two ethanol plants in Indiana violated federal pollution limits, an Indiana appellate court ruled. According to the court, Indiana Department of Environmental Management officials improperly classified the ethanol processing plants to avoid pollution limits applicable to chemical process plants. Federal pollution laws limit chemical process plants to 100 tons of air pollutants each year. The ethanol plants in question, owned by Poet Biorefining, emitted substantially more than 100 tons of pollution each year. Indiana Department of Environmental Management (DEM) officials reclassified the ethanol plants to avoid the definition of a chemical process plant, allowing the ethanol plants to emit more than double the air pollutants applicable to chemical process plants. The Natural Resources Defense Council sued, alleging Indiana DEM officials

improperly reclassified the ethanol plants. The appellate court unanimously ruled Indiana DEM did improperly reclassify the plants to circumvent federal air pollution restrictions. The court stated federal rules do not authorize Indiana DEM officials to reclassify the ethanol plants without first obtaining permission from the EPA. Craig Ladwig, editor of Indiana Policy Review, said it is ironic the ethanol industry seeks special exemptions from air pollution laws while claiming to benefit air quality. Ethanol emits more of certain air pollutants than gasoline while emitting less of other air pollutants. "It would appear to be hypocrisy on top of fraud," said Ladwig.

<http://news.heartland.org/newspaper-article/2013/06/28/court-rules-indiana-ethanol-plants-exceeded-pollution-limits>

### CANADA, ONT, TORONTO, JUNE 28 2013. SUNRISE PROPANE FOUND GUILTY IN MASSIVE NORTH TORONTO PROPANE EXPLOSION

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*Flames shoot up at the scene of a propane explosion at Sunrise Propane in Toronto as dawn breaks on Aug. 10, 2008.*

An Ontario company was convicted Thursday of violating environmental and labour regulations in connection with the 2008 explosion of a propane plant in Toronto that killed a man and forced thousands from their homes. Sunrise Propane and its directors, Shay Ben-Moshe and Valery Belahov, were found guilty of nine provincial-offences charges in relation to the early-morning blast on Aug. 10. The court ruled Sunrise failed to provide safety training and a safe working environment, discharged a contaminant and contravened a number of provincial orders related to the cleanup after the blast. The company was cleared on one count of failing to comply with a provincial order. The court also found Ben-Moshe and Belahov failed to take all reasonable care to prevent the company from flouting those orders. Sunrise defence lawyer Leo Adler said both

he and his clients were disappointed with the verdict, which could amount to millions of dollars in fines for the company. Ontario government lawyers argued training negligence contributed to the blast that killed employee Parminder Saini, 25, and rained debris on the surrounding area. Bob Leek, 55, a firefighter who responded to the emergency call on his day off, also died of a heart attack. According to the government, the initial blast occurred when propane vapours ignited during a risky truck-to-truck propane transfer. The court heard Saini, who had been in Canada just eight months to study manufacturing management at a local college, was "incinerated" while fellow employee Felipe De Leon escaped. De Leon was an experienced propane truck driver while Saini had only been filling propane tanks for a few months. The two men reacted differently when the propane truck exploded, the court heard. The explosion, which led to the evacuation of some 12,500 residents and caused millions in property damage in the Downsview community, made international headlines. Residents woke at 4 a.m. to see fireballs launching through smoke-filled air, shattering windows and coating lawns in toxic asbestos. Major highways were shut as two propane tanks continued to burn more than five hours after the explosion. During the trial, which began in February 2012, the court heard that Sunrise had been ordered almost two years earlier to stop truck-to-truck



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transfers but it continued. The defence had argued that Saini and De Leon had received training and were handling a faulty piece of equipment. "My understanding from the fire marshal's report was that it was a hose that was defective," Adler said Thursday after the verdict was delivered. He said there were no charges of criminal negligence brought against Sunrise. "This was fully investigated ... by all the regulatory agencies," he said, adding that all charges brought against Sunrise fall under the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the Environmental Protection Act. "Obviously our thoughts are with the family of the young man that died," Adler said. "Nothing could ever bring him back." Adler said he will review the verdict with his clients before deciding on whether or not to appeal the ruling. Harvin Pitch — lead counsel in a class action representing members of the Downsview community — said his clients were delighted by Thursday's ruling. "It's very helpful to have a verdict that the judge recognizes the negligence on the part of Sunrise and its officers," he said, adding that his clients could be entitled to a collective multi-million dollar settlement. Last year the court certified the class action — if a settlement isn't reached, the class action will go to trial. Pitch said more than 2,000 residents have registered their claims online. "It's nice to see that after a trial, with people giving evidence under oath, the judge came to that conclusion," Pitch said of the ruling. "We're not surprised, we're grateful." Ontario Environment Minister Jim Bradley said the verdict holds Sunrise Propane and its directors accountable. Following the blast, the government shut down operations at all three of Sunrise Propane's facilities. "The province is always prepared to go to court to defend the environment from those who would treat it irresponsibly and cause harm," he said in a statement. The court will reconvene July 23 to set a date for the sentencing of Sunrise and its directors.

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<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/national/Sunrise+Propane+found+guilty+massive+north+Toronto+propane/8587120/story.html>

#### **NORTHERN IRELAND, CO ARMAGH, JUNE 29 2013. ILLEGAL FUEL-LAUNDERING PLANT FOUND IN CROSSMAGLEN**

More than 14 tonnes of toxic waste were removed from a diesel-laundering plant in farm buildings in County Armagh on Thursday evening. Officers from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and the PSNI carried out the operation following the discovery of the plant in Crossmaglen. The plant was dismantled and the waste, in 1,000-litre containers, was removed. A HMRC spokeswoman said the plant was capable of producing almost five million litres of illicit fuel a year. She said that would have meant tax evasion of more than £3m in excise duty and VAT. Huge amounts of money can be made from fuel-laundering. For economic reasons farmers and some industries can buy diesel at a considerably cheaper than road users. A red dye is put into the discounted fuel in Northern Ireland to prevent it being used illegally. In the Republic of Ireland, green dye is used. Fuel-laundering has become more common in recent years.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-23098931>

#### **USA, ARK, MAYFLOWER, JUNE 28 2013. SECRECY SURROUNDING EXXON'S PEGASUS PROBE FUELS QUESTIONS OVER KEYSTONE XL PLANS**

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Exxon Mobil Corp.'s bid to shield from public view its inspection results for a shuttered pipeline that leaked at least 5,000 barrels of heavy Canadian oil sands crude in Arkansas this spring is galvanizing a debate over transparency and spill readiness that could affect the future of Keystone XL. Federal regulators at the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration are set to decide as soon as this week whether Exxon can claim a trade secret exemption that would let it withhold inspection data for the ruptured Pegasus pipeline from Arkansas officials seeking it, including two GOP members of Congress. The immediate dispute hinges on a request from the local water utility to relocate the 96,000-barrel-per-day Pegasus following the spill, but the Arkansas conflict over Exxon's confidentiality rights echoes warnings from KXL opponents that pipeline operators are too loosely overseen to ensure safe oil transportation. Exxon sought "confidential treatment" of both



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a 2010 Pegasus inspection and one completed several weeks before the March 29 spill in Mayflower, Ark., PHMSA chief Cynthia Quarterman told Arkansas lawmakers and the utility Central Arkansas Water (CAW) in a Friday [letter](#) first reported by the Arkansas Times. PHMSA must notify the oil giant if it decides to deny the trade secret request under the Freedom of Information Act and may opt to keep a close hold on the inspection data while it pursues a civil enforcement case against Exxon, agency spokesman Damon Hill said in an interview. CAW and Exxon are discussing the utility's concerns for the Lake Maumelle watershed, which keeps faucets running for 400,000 Arkansans and sat hundreds of feet from the six-decade-old Canadian oil sands crude pipe. Exxon spokesman Aaron Stryk said his company "is committed to sharing appropriate pipeline integrity data related to the watershed," but CAW Protection Manager John Tynan described the talks as yielding "no direct information" on the Mayflower spill's ramifications. The sought-after inspection results are "critical to help safeguard the drinking water supply," Tynan said in an interview. "We are both disappointed and surprised about their refusal to share that." Rep. Tim Griffin (R-Ark.), who co-signed state officials' records request, yesterday hailed "PHMSA's work and investigation on this issue" in a statement, adding: "Community leaders and the public need to know the facts so that we can do everything in our power to make sure the water source for more than 400,000 Arkansans remains safe." Pipeline Safety Trust Executive Director Carl Weimer, whose watchdog nonprofit is respected by both industry and environmentalists, was less surprised by the FOIA invocation. Integrity management plans that operators such as Exxon and KXL sponsor TransCanada Corp. must draft to monitor safety along their pipelines also are kept closely held by private-sector companies, not public regulators, he explained. "I've always been suspicious that this is planned this way, but industry doesn't have to give this stuff to PHMSA -- it's never in their hands, so no one can ask for it" under FOIA law, Weimer said in an interview. He added a crucial caveat: "I don't think I've been able to get anybody to say that out loud." When EnergyWire requested a copy of the integrity management plan for the southern leg of KXL, approved by the White House last year and set to start operation before 2014, a TransCanada spokesman aligned with standard industry practice by saying that document is "not something that we ever produce publicly ... for the safety and security of our employees." The Pegasus rupture spilled heavy crude from Canada's oil sands, reviled by environmentalists for its higher carbon footprint than conventional oil and the same type of fuel that would dominate KXL. Exxon has not yet asked to begin reshipping fuel along the line's northern portion, and PHMSA denied a previous request to allow oil to run through its southern leg outside the spill zone.

### More Plans Under Wraps

Public release of emergency response plans and facility response plans, two separate requirements for pipeline companies to ensure oil spill preparation, is a major sticking point for activists seeking to block a presidential permit for the \$5.3 billion KXL. The State Department's environmental impact statements for the controversial oil sands crude link between Alberta and the Gulf Coast include placeholder emergency plans drafted for its predecessor pipeline, known simply as Keystone, and do not touch on the facility response plan. Paul Blackburn, an independent legal consultant to green groups and other pipeline safety nonprofits, urged the State Department to examine TransCanada's facility response plan in an April memo submitted to the government by the Plains-state anti-KXL group Bold Nebraska. "A failure by PHMSA to ensure that TransCanada has complied with federal law could result in a botched worst case oil spill response with disastrous environmental and financial impacts and consequences," Blackburn wrote. Another nonprofit watchdog group, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, recently sued PHMSA for disclosing six of 300 emergency response plans it sought under FOIA ([EnergyWire](#), April 11). Weimer said PHMSA took more than a year to begin responding to his group's FOIA requests for facility response plans that are expected to address "how big a spill could be, what resources they have to clean spills" and other readiness capabilities. Emergency response plans, by contrast, are tailored for local responders to facilitate communication on the ground in the event of an oil leak. A provision in Congress' 2011 pipeline safety law called on the agency to make the facility response plans more publicly available. The conservative Canadian government of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, acutely aware of KXL's uncertain future and eager to expand U.S. markets for oil sands imports, yesterday vowed to ensure that "companies' emergency and environmental plans are transparent and easily available to the public" as part of a broader safety agenda that would set a \$1 billion liability floor for pipeline operators.

### What's Exxon Hiding?

The documents shielded by Exxon likely include the result of in-line Pegasus inspections typically performed using "smart pigs," state-of-the-art robotic devices descended from simpler spherical tools that made piglike squeals as they moved through the interior of pipes. Smart pigs are designed to detect potential future failures or anomalies inside steel tubes that run hydrocarbons, but Weimer of the Pipeline Safety Trust said different breeds are tuned finely enough to catch trouble spots that may not require immediate attention. "If I try to put the industry's hat on, I can kind of understand that they'd be worried about



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putting out a report about 10,000 flaws on 5 miles of pipe, because people in Mayflower would freak out," he said. "But it's too bad that they haven't done a better job of educating the public before there's an incident so they can actually explain that." A PHMSA-commissioned study of Canadian oil sands crude's behavior within pipelines this week sparked fierce lobbying on both sides of the KXL controversy with a finding that the heavy fuel poses no greater risk of a pipeline leak than its conventional cousins. The conclusion from the National Academy of Sciences earned consternation from environmentalists and plaudits from the oil industry ([Greenwire](http://www.greenwire.com), June 25). Stryk, the Exxon spokesman, referred to the inspection results as containing "a significant amount of data," adding that "much of this information is confidential in nature due to commercial and other considerations." Weimer suggested a compromise approach to the dispute. Because the industry argues that "there's only a few people who can interpret the data," he said, inspection firms "have to be writing a report for people at the pipeline companies, and I think that report should be available."

<http://www.eenews.net/stories/1059983546>

### **MALAYSIA, SABAH, KOTA KINABALU, JUNE 29 2013. 'OIL SPILL WILL AFFECT RAW WATER INTAKE PLANTS'**

*marvin augustin*



*A recent crash and oil spill in Moyog River has shown-up the Sabah local authorities' lack of knowledge and their unpreparedness.*

The lengthy delay in dealing with a oil tanker crash along the main road linking Tambunan district to the city has caught local authorities napping. Two days after the tanker carrying crude palm oil swerved and plunged down a steep embankment, allowing oil onboard to seep into a manmade pond and then into the Moyog River close by, no one has any answers why no action had been taken. Villagers living nearby were only alerted that something was not right when they noticed a sheen of oil on the surface of the pond a day after the accident. According to sources the fully loaded tanker was allowed to remain on its side in the pond for more than a day and the owner only winched out the truck leaving the trailer tank in the pond. The incident is reported to have taken place mid-week near Kampung Timpoluon and a hue and cry was only raised yesterday morning. The site of the mishap is in the vicinity of a huge landslide last month (May) that cut off traffic flow between Tambunan and Kota Kinabalu. The 11-thousand-litre capacity trailer tanker is believed to have been fully loaded when it rolled down the embankment and landed on its side. Though the seeping palm oil is non-toxic, it is expected to effect aquatic life as well as the people in the area who depend to on it for their water supply. Community activist Adrian Lasimbang said the spill will affect Madsiang and Kasigui raw water intake plants. There is a planned shutdown of the Inobong treatment plant on Tuesday (July 2) to conduct pipe flushing from Babagon to Inobong. Lasimbang said this is not the first time an oil tanker had tumbled down the slope an spilled oil, including diesel into the Moyog River. He said that similar incidents, one near Kg Kivatu and another at Kg Notorus forced the shutdown of Kasigu water treatment plant and lead to water shortage in the city. At the moment the bulk of oil is in the pond that formed after a landslide. However there are concerns that it could be breached anytime and further



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pollute the river. An environmental activist said that perhaps the authorities are waiting for the rains and nature to deal with the problem. "One good rain and it will all go down the river. That's how they have always treated pollution problems," he said.

<http://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2013/06/29/oil-spill-will-affect-raw-water-intake-plants/>

#### CHINA, HONG KONG, TUNG O WAN, JUNE 29 2013. DEPARTMENT ACCUSED OF MESSING UP AFTER OIL SPILL

cheung chi-fai



*Oil-coated debris is still trapped among blackened rocks at Tung O Wan, near a nesting ground for endangered green turtles.*

Boulders and debris coated in dark, glossy oil were still a blight on the shoreline at a protected bay southeast of Lamma yesterday, a week after fuel leaked from a ship. Hundreds of bags of blackened sand have already been removed from the beach. But yesterday, signs of the spill remained. And despite the Marine Department's assurances that it has already completed a successful clean-up operation, there were no swimmers to be seen. When the Post visited Tung O Wan yesterday, patches of oil were clearly visible on boulders at the far end of the beach. Rubbish had washed up - including foam, plastic, bottles, ropes and tree branches - and was trapped in the rocks, all of it coated in a thick layer of oil. Men dressed in orange uniforms, believed to be contractors hired by the department, were seen removing debris from the rocky shoreline, but they left shortly before noon. The oil spill was reported to the Marine Department on June 21. It affected an area of about 1,650 square metres in Tung O Wan, next to Sham Wan, which is a nesting ground for endangered green turtles. The department believed that the oil was fuel from a ship and about 1,000 litres had spilled. The source of the leak has yet to be identified. Gary Stokes, from conservation group Sea Shepherd, said that when he visited the site on Wednesday, the oil slick was still clearly visible along the shoreline - yet he had been told by marine officers that the clean-up was complete. Stokes questioned whether the contractor hired by the department had carried out the clean-up correctly. "The contract cleaners that I found cleaning the pier were not protecting or even trying to contain the oil, simply blasting it off the pier and back into the ocean where it will wash up onto the beach," he said. A spokeswoman for the department said last night that rough weather had forced the contractor to halt the clean-up on Sunday until Tuesday. "They couldn't get near the foreshore to check the condition of the rocks until the weather calmed down on Tuesday," she said. Water jets and absorbent booms - specialist equipment used for soaking up oil spills in water - had been used, and rubbish had been collected and removed, she said. But the contractor would not clean oil from the boulders and rocks on the beach as it might damage the "ecology" there, she said. "The oil stains will gradually be broken down by the waves and the wind," she said.

<http://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/article/1271312/departments-accused-messing-after-oil-spill>

#### USA, ARK, MAYFLOWER, JUNE 29 2013. MAYFLOWER SPILL TURNS RESIDENTS INTO ACCIDENTAL ACTIVISTS

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- [Mayflower Spill Turns Residents into Accidental Activists](#)
- [Health Problems Arise in Mayflower](#)

After the March 29th oil spill more than twenty homes had to be evacuated as Exxon Mobile crews rushed to clean up in Mayflower. Since the spill, people in the town have fought for information not wanting to be in the dark on any detail. Those gathered this Saturday morning know Mayflower better than most. "I've lived in Mayflower my whole life 28 years," said Genieve Long. Long helped organize a town hall meeting at the Mayflower Senior Center to talk about the changes they've noticed to their town over the last three months since the oil spill changed everything. "We aren't getting the truth," she told KARK. So they take detailed notes, comb over photos of the scene and maps of the area and listen with open ears to what others have seen and think. "We are our own investigators in this situation because no one wants to do it," said Long. Many wear Faulkner County Citizen's Group shirts, an organization started to keep tabs on the increase in earthquake activity in northern Faulkner County and the possible link to fracking. Now they're changing gears, setting their sights on the Mayflower spill. "Exxon-mobile is such a huge corporation and we would like to think we can rely on them to have the ability to do the right thing," said Emily Harris. They define that as seeing efficient, effective clean-up efforts by Exxon and not stopping until all



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the oil is gone. "We don't see that occurring though," said Harris. Mayflower citizens who previously had basic knowledge of oil spills and an average consciousness of protecting the environment, say they're giving up weekends of baseball games and bar-b-qs to make sure something gets done. "The more people that know the less Exxon can lie about it," said Long.

[http://arkansasmatters.com/fulltext?nxd\\_id=675892](http://arkansasmatters.com/fulltext?nxd_id=675892)

#### NEPAL, KATHMANDU, JUNE 29 2013. FUEL PUMPS OPERATED BY POLICE, ARMY SEALED FOR CHEATING CUSTOMERS

The government's monitoring on [fuel](#) stations has shown even the pumps operated by the Nepal Army (NA) and the Nepal Police are involved in cheating customers. A joint monitoring team of the government on Thursday sealed a diesel dispensing machine of Nepal Police's Prahari Kalyan Kosh Petrol Pump in Naxal, Kathmandu, for providing customers with less amount of [fuel](#) than they pay for. The monitoring team comprised of officials from the Department of Commerce and Supply Management, Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority (CIAA) and Nepal Bureau of Standards Metrology (NBSM). "Out of five [fuel](#) pumps of Nepal Police, one diesel pump has been sealed as it was found dispensing 30 ml less [fuel](#) on every 5-litre sales," said Hari Narayan Belbase, director of the Commerce Department. Earlier on Tuesday, Shakti Devi Petrol Pump operated by the army in Lagankhel, Lalitpur, was found selling less diesel and petrol than what customers pay for. The inspection team had prohibited the pump from [fuel](#) trading until the next notice. During the monitoring, the pump was found selling 50ml less diesel and 15-20ml less petrol on every 5-litre sales. The monitoring team on Thursday also inspected Sajha Petrol Pump (Pulchowk), SP International Ink (Pulchowk), NA' Ripu Mardini Petrol Pump (Bhadrakali) and Trishakti Bhawani Fuel Centre of Harishiddhi (Lalitpur). The pumps were, however, found being operated under the government-set standards, according to the Commerce Department. The government bodies — Commerce Department, NBSM, Department of Food Technology and Quality Control — have increased the frequency of market monitoring after the CIAA instructed them to expedite monitoring to regulate the market effectively. On Tuesday alone, nine petrol pumps of the Kathmandu valley were inspected, out of which only two pumps — Valley Rikesh Suppliers of Gairigaun, Baba Oil Stores of Kalanki, and Jayashree Ganesh Oil Stores of Dhungeadda — were found clean. As per the monitoring report of the Commerce Department, Unique Fuel Centre (Balkumari) and Namaste Oil Store (Gwarko) had problems in calibration of their [fuel](#) dispensing machines and were instructed to correct them first to resume sales. On Wednesday, the inspection team had sealed Siddhartha Fuel Centre of Lokanthali, Bhaktapur. The Commerce Department said Siddhartha's both petrol and diesel dispensing machines were less [fuel](#) than what customers pay for. "The pump was found selling 230-265 ml less petrol and 180-185 ml less diesel in sales of every 5 litres," said Belbase. He said the pumps that were found cheating customers will face action as per the Nepal Standards Act. The Commerce Department is also planning to file a case based on the Consumer Rights Protection Act. Also on Thursday, a monitoring team coordinated by the Commerce Department on Thursday inspected Mayos noodles factory of Himalayan Snacks and Noodles located in Ugratara, Kavre. Compared to previous years, the government has increased market monitoring activities this year. However, the number of action taken and/or cases filed against the wrongdoers is very less, according to Consumer Rights activists. The government in the first 11 months of the fiscal year inspected around 900 businesses. "Only seven cases were filed in the court this year and that too were based on complaints not monitoring of the government," said Jaggannath Mishra, a consumer rights activist. He stressed on the need for result-oriented inspection.

<http://www.ekantipur.com/2013/06/28/business/fuel-pumps-operated-by-police-army-sealed-for-cheating-customers/373993.html>

#### AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, JUNE 29 2013. RIVER DERWENT DIESEL SPILL

People have been advised to stay out of the River Derwent near Wrest Point, Sandy Bay, after a diesel spill tonight. Environment Protection Authority director Alex Schaap said officers were investigating the spill. "Water users are advised to stay out of the water in this area until the diesel has dispersed and evaporated," Mr Schaap said. "The source of the fuel has not yet been identified."

[http://www.themercury.com.au/article/2013/06/28/382424\\_tasmania-news.html](http://www.themercury.com.au/article/2013/06/28/382424_tasmania-news.html)

#### USA, CT, NIANTIC JUNE 29 2013. DIESEL FUEL LEAK AT YORK CORRECTIONAL IN NIANTIC IS "UNDER CONTAINMENT"

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Officials from the Department of Correction, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Department of Public Health, and the town of East Lyme met on Thursday to discuss mitigation. Diesel fuel has been slowly leaking from a ruptured pipe at York Correctional Institution into the ground in Niantic. A press release issued by the Department of Correction (DOC) this afternoon said the leak was discovered "recently." East Lyme First Selectman Paul Formica said he believed it was first discovered "a few weeks ago."

<http://thelymes.patch.com/groups/state-government/p/diesel-fuel-leak-at-york-correctional-in-niantic-is-under-containment>

### KAZAKHSTAN, ALMATY, JUNE 29 2013. PETROL TRUCK THAT BURNT WAS CHINESE-MADE



The petrol tank truck that exploded in Almaty was made by Chinese manufacturing company FAW, [Tengrinews.kz](http://Tengrinews.kz) reports citing the press-service of Kazakhstan Emergency Situations Ministry. The lorry was owned by Helios company. According to the Ministry the area that caught fire as a result of the flip-over of the FAW JH 120GJY made 1,000 square meters, as the fire moved on to the nearest building. The fire damaged 12 cars that were parked next to the accident site and destroyed 16 apartments of the 8-storey building. 2 of them burnt to ashes. The building's front and the ceiling of the sport shop on the ground floor were also badly damaged. "The fire-quenching operation involved 120 people and 29 vehicles of the fire-fighting service of Almaty Emergency

Situations Department, 3 people and 1 vehicle of the Disaster Medicine Center of Kazakhstan Emergency Situations Ministry," the message says. The petrol tank lorry [exploded near Rixos hotel in Almaty](#) at the crossing of Seifullin and Kabanbay Batyr streets in the morning of June 27. "The driver (born in 1986) of Helios was driving FAW JH 120GJY (petrol tank lorry) along Seifullin street northward, crossed into the oncoming line and crashed into Mitsubishi Pajero. As a result, Mitsubishi smashed into Lexus RX300. The truck then crazed GAZ-3302114," Almaty Interior Department wrote. "After that the driver returned back to his own lane and, trying to stop, drove off the road, hit the trees and lost control of the truck. As a result, the truck flipped over and exploded," the police added. The driver died on the spot. The fire moved on to RealSport sports shop, and #138 Kabanbay Batyr residential building. Burning fuel was flowing down along gutters as far as 250 meters off the accident site setting everything in its way on fire. The residents of the building were evacuated. Some of the burnt cars are owned by these residents. The people will be temporarily relocated to the nearest school where food and tents have been made available. The residents are concerned about pillaging. The Deputy Mayor explained that the company or persons responsible for the accident would have to compensate the damages. The city authorities also promised to render aid. According to the Interior Department, a criminal case was initiated for failure to maintain the vehicle and releasing it into service with technical failures, for allowing access to the vehicle of persons under the influence of alcohol and for violation of traffic rules and rules of exploitation of vehicles by persons driving the vehicles.

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- [Helios promises to reimburse owners of burnt apartments](#)

<http://en.tengrinews.kz/crime/Petrol-truck-that-burnt-was-Chinese-made-20637/>

### INDIA, ORISSA, BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 29 2013. EXPLOSION AT POLICE STATION

Tension ran high here on Thursday noon following an explosion at the Bargarh Town police station. Though there was no casualty, asbestos roof of the police station Malkhana (store house) was severely damaged. Such was the impact of the explosion that even shopkeepers in and around the police station downed their shutters thinking it to be an act of sabotage and ran helter-skelter. DIG (NR) Sanjay Kumar, who rushed to the spot and took stock of the situation, said routine cleaning of the Malkhana at the police station was underway when the incident took place. Two cartons of fire crackers were seized by police during Diwali last year which came in contact with an electric wire triggering the explosion. Although every material



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seized by police is supposed to be deposited in court, seldom does the latter take charge of the seized materials forcing the cops to dump them in the Malkhana. From liquor to LPG cylinders, explosives, arms and hemp are stored in the Malkhana. Sources said had the LPG cylinders been kept in the Malkhana, the impact could have been deadly.

<http://newindianexpress.com/states/odisha/Explosion-at-police-station/2013/06/28/article1656844.ece>

### USA, TX, HOUSTON, JUNE 29 2013. PLANT EXPLOSION: EPA FACES FIRE IN WAKE OF WEST EXPLOSION >> REPORTS CITE LAX REGULATIONS ON CHEMICALS

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*The damage from the fertilizer plant explosion is seen from helicopters in accompanying President Barack Obama in West, Texas, in April. The damage from the fertilizer plant explosion is seen from helicopters in accompanying President Barack Obama in West on April 25. The Chemical Safety Board, one of several federal agencies investigating the April explosion that killed 15 people, reported to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works that the decades-old standards used to regulate potentially dangerous fertilizer chemicals are far weaker than those used by other countries.*

The Environmental Protection Agency has displayed a lack of urgency in the wake of a deadly Texas fertilizer plant explosion and must regulate potentially explosive chemicals immediately, legislators said Thursday. The Chemical Safety Board, one of several federal agencies investigating the April explosion at

the West Fertilizer Co. that killed 15 people, presented its preliminary findings to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. It reported that the decades-old standards used to regulate potentially dangerous fertilizer chemicals are far weaker than those used by other countries. "The safety of ammonium nitrate fertilizer storage falls under a patchwork of U.S. regulatory standards and guidance — a patchwork that has many large holes," according to the report presented to the panel by Rafael Moure-Eraso, the board's chairman. The board, which has no regulatory authority, recommended in 2002 that the EPA and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration add reactive chemicals such as ammonium nitrate to the list of substances they regulate. That never happened, and the risk management plan that the plant in West was required by federal law to fill out focused exclusively on the potential for a leak of anhydrous ammonia. Sen. Barbara Boxer, a Democrat from California who chairs the committee, said new legislation was not necessary to permit the EPA to begin regulating the safe handling of ammonium nitrate and other hazardous chemicals. OSHA, according to other experts who testified, already requires ammonium nitrate to be stored separately from other combustibles in a room that has a partition that can withhold fire for up to an hour. But the agency had not inspected the West plant since 1985. The facility was not in compliance, and if it had been, the accident may have been avoided, testified Sam Mannan, a professor and expert on process safety from Texas A&M University. About 30 tons of ammonium nitrate stored at the plant detonated about 20 minutes after the fire was reported, causing a blast so massive it registered as a small earthquake, flattened swaths of the small town of West and killed 10 emergency responders. The firefighters, the Chemical Safety Board reported, were unaware of the dangers of the chemical that is often used as a cheap alternative to dynamite in mining operations and has been used in terrorist bomb attacks. The testimony was punctuated by Boxer's sharp rebukes of the EPA. She vowed at the end of the hearing to work with the agency "much more closely than they'd like" to ensure the regulations are updated, and quickly. Boxer demanded that Barry Breen, the agency's deputy assistant administrator of the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, provide a timeline for updating the regulations. She pointedly disagreed with his assessment that the board's 2002 recommendations were not clear. Breen's testimony provided an overview of the chemicals included in the EPA's risk management program, but did not directly address the explosion in West. "That was the most vague testimony I've ever heard," Boxer told him. "I don't sense in your voice any type of shock or desire to move forward ... I don't detect any urgency." Later Thursday, the EPA said in a statement it was "actively examining actions to improve chemical plant safety" and would respond to Boxer in her set two-week time frame. The board noted that a 1985 review of the dangers of ammonium nitrate stated it shouldn't be stored near a source of heat or other combustibles. "This principle has not been fully adopted across the U.S., and was not implemented at West Fertilizer," Moure-Eraso wrote. The Chemical Safety Board investigates major industrial and chemical accidents, including the 2012 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Its goal is to make recommendations that would help avoid similar incidents. The plant in West was built in 1961, on what was then the outskirts of the rural farming community. Over the years, residences sprang up



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nearby, along with a nursing home and several schools. All were damaged or destroyed in the blast. The board said had the explosion occurred during the day, when students were still at school, the outcome would have been worse. Mannan and Paul Orum, a consultant with the Coalition to Prevent Chemical Disasters, said regulations should require a certain distance between critical infrastructures and facilities that store and handle hazardous materials. Some agencies do have other rules on ammonium nitrate, but none apparently applied to the facility in West. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has rules for using ammonium nitrate as an explosive. And the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's regulations are meant to ensure the chemical does not land in the hands of criminals or militants. Codes written by the National Fire Protection Association are also not strong enough, the CSB states. For example, the codes allow the chemical to be stored in wooden bins, even though other countries, including the United Kingdom, instruct the chemical should be placed in nonflammable containers, preferably concrete. Either way, West Fertilizer was not required to comply with the fire code. They are merely recommendations, and Texas has not adopted a statewide fire code. Some smaller counties are prohibited by state law from adopting their own. Federal agencies must "review and improve the comprehensive safety oversight of ammonium nitrate fertilizer distribution. The time for that effort is now," the CSB concludes.

<http://www.gosanangelo.com/news/2013/jun/27/epa-faces-fire-in-wake-of-west-explosion/>

### USA, PA, UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TWP, JUNE 29 2013. UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP FIRE AT VOLTAIX WAS IN WASTE COLLECTION TANK, COMPANY SAYS

tony rhodin



*The Voltaix plant at 103 Demi Road was the scene of an explosion and fire Thursday evening. No signs of an explosion or fire can be seen today from the road.*

The explosion and fire Thursday night at Voltaix in Upper Mount Bethel Township began during the start-up of a new process and didn't put the community at risk, company CEO Pete Smith said this morning. "The waste collection tank caught fire at approximately 10 p.m. ... and burned for about 2 1/2 hours," Smith said in an email from Northampton County Emergency Management Services. There were no injuries and no impact on the surrounding community, because the containment systems worked, he said. An air emissions test found no substantial pollution from the incident, said Colleen Connolly, spokeswoman for the [Pennsylvania Department of Environmental](#)

[Protection](#). The department will conduct water tests to make sure nothing was contaminated in the area of the 103 Demi Road plant in the Portland Industrial Park, Connolly said. Branchburg Township, N.J.-based Voltaix LLC specializes in working with silicon, germanium and boron chemistry. In an interview this morning, Smith said the fire happened in a used solvent tank. The solvent is a byproduct of the chemical process and it is stored with salt in the tank prior to disposal, he and the company said. Damage was contained to the tank and the immediately around it, the company said in a news release.

#### 'Root Cause' Sought

While the company is looking for what Smith called the "root cause," the theory is that oxygen entered the contained space, reacted with the solvent and started the fire. Normally, there's a "nitrogen purge" in place to keep oxygen out of the process, he said. It wasn't initially clear how the oxygen entered the system, although Smith wouldn't rule out a leak. While the county labeled the fire a hazardous event, "following the initial incident, the conditions did not require any evacuations or shelter in place orders," county Emergency Management Coordinator [Bob Mateff](#) said by email. Voltaix staff running the chemical operation were 50 to 75 yards away from the used solvent tank, Smith said, as part of efforts to "separate people from the chemical operations." The system is designed to avoid injuries, and it worked Thursday night, he said, adding that emergency responders echoed that conclusion. Firefighters used water to cool the tank then foam to put out the fire, Smith said. The company weighed just letting it burn itself out, which Smith said would have happened. Smith would not specify the substances in use at the time of the explosion but said the local fire company knows what they are and was "more comfortable than we were" responding to the fire. He commended the fire company's efforts. No one at the Mount Bethel Volunteer Fire Co. answered a call for comment this morning. Mateff couldn't immediately be reached this morning to provide more information.



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#### Production Halted

The fire happened as Voltaix was preparing to bring a new chemical to market, Smith said. While the chemical has been produced by the company before, it is now being made "in a larger scale," he said. Out of concern for safety over business needs, the company has stopped production as the investigation continues, he said. Firefighters remained on the scene early this morning, as the county and DEP officials released the cleanup to Voltaix and a private hazardous materials contractor, the county said. Assisting the Mount Bethel fire company were the East Bangor, Portland, North Bangor, Marshalls Creek and Delaware Water Gap fire departments; Suburban EMS; and Northampton County Emergency Management, the Lehigh County hazardous materials team and the DEP, officials said. Voltaix unveiled its Upper Mount Bethel Township plant in March 2012. The company previously said the facility would bring 53 jobs to Northampton County. "I've never encountered better community-business partners," Smith said of Upper Mount Bethel Township. "They've been very open and transparent about all of their activities," Upper Mount Bethel Township supervisors' Chairwoman Judy Henckel said at the time. "From what I've seen, they're extremely responsible and very cautious about their production." "It is really a highlight for this township to say that we host a facility like that. ... They want to be a community member." With its work incorporated into the manufacturing of wireless communication chips and solar cells, the company claims every personal computer on today's market contains some form of material made by Voltaix.

[http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/slate-belt/index.ssf/2013/06/upper\\_mount\\_bethel\\_township\\_fi\\_1.html](http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/slate-belt/index.ssf/2013/06/upper_mount_bethel_township_fi_1.html)

#### USA, MD, ROSEDALE, JUNE 29 2013. INVESTIGATORS: ROSEDALE TRAIN WRECK BLAMED ON "DRIVER ERROR" BY TRUCK DRIVER INVOLVED

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Authorities have released the accident report from the May 28th train derailment in Rosedale. The 25-page report, supplied to ABC2 by the Baltimore County Police Department, details the events leading up to the wreck, which involved a CSX train and a truck owned by Alban Waste. Among the details provided is that the man driving the truck involved in the crash, 50-year-old John Alban, Jr, told investigators he did not hear a warning horn and did not see the approaching train when he looked to his right at the crossing. He says he was talking on the phone using his "Bluetooth" connector. Investigators say in the report that it does not appear alcohol or illicit drug use are a factor in the accident. But they say the cause of the crash is clear, indicating it was "driver

error" on the part of Alban, saying he did not stop, look or listen for the oncoming train. The crash involving Alban caused the derailment of at least 16 railroad cars. In addition, many surrounding businesses sustained damage in an explosion that followed the accident. According to the report, investigators finally interview Alban last week after he initially refused to supply a written statement and no progress was made with the attorney representing him. Alban, the report says, was not wearing a seatbelt during the crash. The report says, "The driver had fallen through the shattered rear window when the vehicle came to rest, indicating he had not been properly belted". The engineer controlling the CSX train has been identified Steven Tucker. Investigators say the train was traveling at 48-49 MPH at the point of impact. Video viewed by investigators shows the train sounded its horn before the crash and through the impact. On Thursday, John Alban, Jr., was cited for seven violations, including negligent driving, failure to stop at a RR crossing and proceeding across railroad crossing when unsafe.

[http://www.abc2news.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/investigations/investigators-roseale-train-wreck-blamed-on-driver-error-by-truck-driver](http://www.abc2news.com/dpp/news/local_news/investigations/investigators-roseale-train-wreck-blamed-on-driver-error-by-truck-driver)

#### RUSSIA, MOSCOW, JUNE 29 2013. RUSSIA'S LUKOIL BUYS LUBRICANTS BUSINESS OF AUSTRIA'S OMV

OMV Refining & Marketing GmbH has signed an agreement to sell its lubricants business to a subsidiary of Russian Lukoil Group. The deal was announced in a press release by OMV on Friday. OMV's lubricants division consists of a sale and distribution organization in Central and Eastern Europe as well as a modern blending plant in Austria. The Austrian energy firm



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assures that the 74 workers employed in its lubricants businesses in nine countries will retain their jobs. The transaction will not affect the lubricants unit of OMV's Turkish subsidiary- Petrol Ofisi, which continues to be a part of the OMV Group. "This transaction is the next step in the implementation of our strategy to optimize and simplify the Refining and Marketing portfolio", said Manfred Leitner, OMV Executive Board member responsible for Refining and Marketing. OMV and its subsidiaries Petrol Ofisi and Petrom have already concluded several sales as part of the divestment program. Recently concluded transactions include the sale of the subsidiary in Croatia, OMV Hrvatska d.o.o., at the end of May 2013 and the sale of the subsidiary in Bosnia-Herzegovina, OMV BH d.o.o., in March 2013. OMV's strategy aims to gradually shift the weight of the share in capital employed from Refining and Marketing to Exploration and Production. The sale is expected to be closed end of 2013 following approval by the competition authorities; both companies have agreed not to disclose the purchase price.

[http://www.novinite.com/view\\_news.php?id=151616](http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=151616)

### SCOTLAND, LEITH, JUNE 29 2013. MAN HOSPITALISED AFTER CHLORINE LEAK ON LEITH SHIP

*victoria raimes*



*The leak occurred on the Virta, docked in Leith.*

An engineer has been taken to hospital after inhaling chlorine on board a ship. Emergency services were called to the MPV Hirta, a fishery protection vessel docked near Ocean Terminal in Leith, after the man in his mid-30s inhaled a mixture of chemicals yesterday afternoon. Ambulance crews, police, firefighters and coastguard workers were sent to the scene. The man was helped from the ship by fire crews and taken to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary after he inhaled the chlorine in the engine room while he was mixing chemicals to clean sewage pipes. The ship's crew are investigating how a cap on a chemical drum was removed, causing substances to leak. Cordons were placed around the area as to allow an investigation and a clean-up to take place. Emergency service workers wore bio-hazard suits as they dealt with the situation over a two-hour period. Forth Ports said it was a "relatively

minor incident" and no other ships had been affected. A spokeswoman for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service said: "We dealt with a chemical leak in the engine compartment. One male casualty in his mid-30s was suspected of inhaling a mixture of chemicals. "After 5pm, the incident was handed over to the ship's captain." In total, 24 firefighters, three pumping appliances and three special appliances were sent to the scene. A vehicle specially designed for chemical spills also attended.

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/scottish-news/top-stories/man-hospitalised-after-chlorine-leak-on-leith-ship-1-2983065>

### CANADA, CALGARY, JUNE 29 2013. CARS CLEARED FROM DAMAGED BRIDGE

*michael franklin*

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 **Photo's [7] Train Jumps Track as Calgary Rail Bridge over Swollen Bow River Fails**



*A worker directs heavy equipment trying to move a damaged rail car that was pulled from the Bonnybrook Bridge earlier on Friday morning.*

Work crews worked hard throughout the night and were finally able to remove several rail cars stuck on the broken Bonnybrook Bridge in southeast Calgary. According to a release from the city, the cars were successfully removed at about 2 a.m. All of the chemicals were successfully pumped out of the damaged cars and crews say that not a single drop made it into the Bow River. Once all the chemicals were out of the tanks, the train was uncoupled in the middle and then the cars would be carefully pulled off of the bridge and onto land. A cable was threaded throughout each side of the tanker cars to help support them and make sure they didn't tip into the river. Acting Fire Chief Ken Uzeloc updated the situation on Friday morning, saying that it would have been a catastrophic situation if any of the railcars ruptured. "You had five railcars full of flammable liquid which, if



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they ruptured, could have leaked into the river. You also had railcars that if they had gone into the river, they would have floated down and run into other bridge abutments or cause damage further down." Hunter Harrison, the CEO of CP, had said bridge piers at the bottom of the river failed, and that engineers blamed the failure on fast water scouring away gravel under the support. Meanwhile, Mayor Nenshi had harsh words for the company on Thursday morning, saying there are many questions that need to be answers about such an issue. "I'll be very blunt. I'll probably get in trouble for saying this - we've seen a lot of people lose their jobs at CP over the last year. How many bridge inspectors did they fire? These are the questions that we need to understand much much better after we assure the safety of the water and the safety of everyone who is there." Nenshi said that seeking answers to those questions would have to wait until the state of emergency has been called off. The Transportation Safety Board of Canada is investigating the incident. All of the road closures in the area have now been lifted.

 **Related Stories** [Transportation Safety Board investigates train trouble](http://calgary.ctvnews.ca/cars-cleared-from-damaged-bridge-1.1345359)  
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### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE, JUNE 30 2013. AVOIDING TYRE PYROLYSIS EXPLOSIONS

Particular circumstances - including contact with overhead power lines - can cause the tyres on trucks, cranes and other heavy vehicles to catch fire and potentially explode. Over recent years five workers have been killed and many more injured as excessive heat developing in tyres has led to the unpredictable phenomenon known as pyrolysis. Pyrolysis can occur when excess heat builds in, or is applied to a tyre. The heat causes a decomposition of the compounds used to manufacture the tyre, such as rubber, creating a fuel source of flammable gas, vapour and/or oils. The ratio of this fuel to the air used to inflate the tyres can then reach flammable or explosive limits. Enormous amounts of energy can be released by a tyre explosion, often leading to significant equipment damage, serious injuries or fatalities, with a danger area of up to 300 metres. Pyrolysis related explosions are unpredictable, sometimes happening immediately, sometimes up to 24 hours after the heat was applied to the tyres. The combustion can happen with no visible signs of a fire on the outside of the tyre before it explodes. Sources of the heat that causes tyre pyrolysis include welding on wheel rims, oxy/acetylene heating wheel nuts, overheating brakes and wheel motor fires. Often it is a result of electrical arcing and current flow when rubber tyred vehicles have been involved in high voltage electrical incidents. These explosions predominantly occur with split rim configurations, but can happen with all types of tyres. Vehicles affected have included rubber tyred cranes and tip trucks, often after a collision with overhead supply lines. Any pneumatic rubber tyred vehicle involved in an incident where an electrical fault results in discharges or arcing around or through the tyres should be considered a potential hazard. Earthmoving companies have established procedures to follow when there is a danger of a tyre explosion, such as when a rubber tyred vehicle has contacted overhead powerlines. These include:

- parking the vehicle in an isolation zone, with a minimum 300 metre radius
- removing everyone from the area, and not allowing anyone to re-enter the isolation zone for 24 hours
- alerting fire fighting services.
- It should be noted that if pneumatic tyres are filled with nitrogen instead of air, it reduces, if not eliminates the risk of tyre explosion.

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### USA, OH, PERRY TWP, JUNE 30 2013. VEHICLE STRIKES GAS PUMP, PUMP FALLS ON ANOTHER VEHICLE

steven m. grazier



*The Mercury Mariner (right) hit the gas pump at the Speedway station at the corner of state route 21 and Navarre Road in Perry Township knocking it over onto the VW Jetta. No injuries were reported.*

In his three decades as a firefighter, Capt. Harry Ellis says he has never run into a scene such as the one he saw Friday afternoon. A red Mercury Mariner driven by a teenager pulled into a Speedway gas station about 2:40 p.m. and careened into a gas pump, sending the 800-pound device crashing down on top of another car. "I thought right away it was the pump crashing down," said Linda Smitley, of Bolivar, who was sitting inside her 2006 Volkswagen Jetta getting ready to pump fuel when the gas pump tipped over. "It busted my back window out, so I'll need



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a rental (car) for a while." The gas pump was resting on Smitley's car at about a 45-degree angle. No injuries were reported, Ellis said. Township firefighters and Massillon police responded to the crash at the Speedway, which is at Navarre Road SW and state Route 21. The brief storm that rolled through the area Friday was not a factor in the crash, noted Ellis, of the Perry Township Fire Department. "It's the first time I saw this one after 30 years," said the longtime firefighter. "I've never seen a pump tipped over like that." No gas was leaking from the crash scene. Just before 3:30 p.m. Friday, officials were waiting for a crane to remove the pump from the top of the car. Damage from the crash appeared minor to both vehicles.

<http://www.indeonline.com/newsnow/x1808709159/Car-hits-gas-pump-at-Perry-Twp-Speedway-station#axzz2Xf3kfrLB>

#### UGANDA, KAMPALA, JUNE 30 2013. UP TO 30 FEARED DEAD IN FUEL TANKER ACCIDENT

Up to 30 people are feared dead in an accident Saturday evening involving a fuel tanker at Namungona on the Northern Bypass in Kampala. The tanker caught fire. Police were yet to confirm the cause of the accident and fire, but State House sent out a message to Ugandans in which it said President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni was saddened by the loss of lives. Museveni has been in Dar es Salaam participating in the Smart Partnership International Dialogue but is closely monitoring.

##### The Statement:

"Dear Ugandans, I have learnt with great shock of the tragedy in which vehicles have been burnt by a fuel tanker at Namungona causing loss of lives. Am closely monitoring efforts of the Police and Health workers at the scene."

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/news/644520-up-to-50-feared-dead-in-fuel-tanker-accident.html>

#### MALAYSIA, JUNE 30 2013. MAN USES FLAMING GAS TANK TO LIGHT CIGARETTE >>

alys francis

 **Watch the Video** [Man in Malaysia Filmed Setting Fire to Car Petrol Tank to Light a Cigarette.](#)

Alarming video has emerged showing a Malaysian man casually setting a car's petrol tank on fire and lighting his cigarette on the flames. The footage, posted on LiveLeak on June 22, shows the man dip a flaming lighter into the open petrol tank to set it alight. With flames licking around the tank opening, he leans down and sticks his head centimetres away from the hole to light his cigarette. He then casually screws the petrol cap back on, seemingly unfazed by the flames still burning away inside, and gestures to the person filming as if to say "What?" The video has been viewed more than 67,000 times, attracting a slew of comments from people chiding the man for his foolish stunt. "The next place he'll be smoking in will be the burns unit," one user said. "Can't wait for part 2 titled 'Dumb--- blows self up lighting a cigarette,'" wrote another. One commenter suggested the stunt worked because there was no oxygen inside the petrol tank, which is needed in order for an explosion to occur. But another person said: "I've blown up enough things in my life to know it only take five percent oxygen to make something go boom."

<http://news.ninemsn.com.au/world/2013/06/29/09/48/man-uses-flaming-gas-tank-to-light-cigarette>

#### USA, N.D, WIMBLEDON, JUNE 30 2013. EXPLOSION DESTROYS SANBORN FIREWORKS SUPPLY

keith norman

 **Watch the Video** [A Small North Dakota Town has no Fireworks after Explosion](#)



*The explosion blew the wood interior and steel exterior off of the frame of the fireworks bunker. The damage to the building in the background was caused by the explosion. The explosion occurred Thursday evening and destroyed the fireworks planned for the Sanborn Fourth of July celebration.*

Officials with the Sanborn Fire Department are considering their options after an explosion Thursday destroyed the fireworks that were to be used for this year's Fourth of July display. Mike Griffin, a member of the Sanborn Fire Department, said the fireworks in the storage building were valued at about \$3,000. Griffin anticipated the department would meet Friday evening to make a decision on the Fourth of July fireworks display. "Maybe we have to make a trip to Minnesota for more stuff," he said. Troy Franklin, member of the Sanborn Fire Department and coordinator of the demolition derby, said other events planned for the

Independence Day celebration will continue. "We have a lot of other things going on," he said. "The parade, demolition derby and pickup pull all draw a lot of people." Franklin said this year's demolition derby will be the 48th annual event. "We have a



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long tradition of celebrating the Fourth of July at Sanborn," he said. "I don't know when the fireworks started but it has been going on for years also." Several hundred people travel from other communities to see Sanborn's July 4 events each year. The town had 192 residents in 2010, according to census data. The fireworks magazine used by the Sanborn Fire Department was located at the Jim Greshik farm. The magazine is a specially designed building for the storage of explosives or ammunition. Greshik and his family were not at home at the time of the explosion. No one was injured in the incident and property damage was limited to the fireworks storage magazine and its contents. "No clue how it happened," Greshik said. "We had no idea it happened until Friday morning when we saw smoke." Cory Bultema, a pyrotechnician now living in the Minneapolis area, originally helped build the magazine. "It was a Type 4 Magazine designed for storing low explosives like black powder and fireworks," he said. "It did what it was suppose to do." Bultema said the fireworks storage magazine had been built to specifications from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. These include a metal frame covered with a steel exterior siding and lined with wood. "The wood interior is important," Bultema said. "No sparking material, no nail heads or anything like that on the inside." The magazine must also be placed a distance from any occupied structures. In this case, the magazine was about 200 yards from the Greshik home. A steel-sided equipment storage building located about 50 feet from the fireworks magazine did receive some damage to the exterior. "The ATF inspected the magazine a few weeks back and didn't find any problems," he said. "I don't think the problem was with the magazine but I can't speculate on what did cause the explosion." The Sanborn Fire Department is continuing its investigation, according to Charlene Lyter, speaking on behalf of Tim Lyter, fire chief.

<http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/267188/group/homepage/>

#### USA, GA, ATLANTA, JUNE 30 2013. 1 HOSPITALIZED AFTER GARBAGE TRUCK EXPLOSION

alexis stevens

 [Watch the Video 2 Injured in Garbage Truck Explosion](#)

 [Watch the Video Garbage Truck Explosion II](#)



*David Tiggs, supervisor of Marietta's sanitation department, shows oxygen tanks placed in residential trash. Two city workers were injured when at least one tank exploded while being crushed by a garbage truck Friday morning.*

One of two City of Marietta sanitation workers remained hospitalized Friday afternoon, several hours after a discarded oxygen bottle exploded in the back of a garbage truck. William Smith was hit by debris from the explosion and sustained severe injuries to both eyes, Officer David Baldwin with Marietta police said. Smith was transported to WellStar Kennestone Hospital, where he remained Friday afternoon. The extent of Smith's injuries were not known, but he was initially blinded by the force of the explosion, investigators said. Smith's co-worker, Marvin Markham, sustained facial lacerations in the blast and was treated and released at the scene, Baldwin said. "It sounds like a horrible

accident, but we won't know until the investigation concludes," Baldwin said. "They found pieces of the canister 50 yards away." Investigators believe the oxygen canisters were thrown away by a family on Brentwood Drive after a relative's death. Several oxygen bottles were thrown in the trash and placed at the curb, and the sanitation workers picked up the trash Friday morning. When the workers compacted the trash in the back of the garbage truck, at least one of the oxygen bottles exploded. The canisters, which are highly pressurized, likely exploded due to the force of the trash compactor, investigators said. "We ask homeowners to call us when they have things such as this and we'll tell them how to dispose of things like this properly," David Tiggs, a supervisor with the city's sanitation company, told the AJC. "Items such as this, we don't take."

<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/two-injured-when-oxygen-cannisters-explode-in-garb/nYYP3/>

#### USA, ARK, FORT SMITH, JUNE 30 2013. WHIRLPOOL SEEKS DISMISSAL OF FORT SMITH CONTAMINATION LAWSUIT

Whirlpool Corp. is seeking dismissal of a class-action complaint over contaminated groundwater, arguing the action is barred by the statute of limitations, the plaintiff is acting in bad faith and an unidentified third party is responsible for the contamination. The lawsuit was originally filed in Sebastian County Circuit Court on May 20, with Scott Day -- who owns property in the affected area -- named as representative of the class. Whirlpool filed notice removing the case the U.S. District



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Court in Fort Smith on Tuesday and on Friday filed an answer to the complaint. According to Whirlpool, which closed its Fort Smith plant in June 2012, a plume of trichloroethylene, or TCE, a known carcinogen, leaked into groundwater at the plant site, then later into a neighborhood to the north. TCE was used at Whirlpool as a degreasing solvent between the late 1960s and early 1980s, according to the company. In 2001, Whirlpool and the state came to an agreement for remediation efforts, according to Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. Concerns of the contamination emerged after Whirlpool requested a ban on new wells around the site earlier this year. The Sebastian County Assessor's Office the contaminated area includes 55 parcels and reduced the value of those properties by between 25 percent and 75 percent, according to the suit. The complaint seeks unspecified damages for nuisance, trespass, violations of the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, accuses Whirlpool of fraudulent concealment and seeks punitive damages. In its answer to the complaint, Whirlpool cites 15 affirmative defenses, including a claim the "defendant would show the plaintiff's complaint is barred by the doctrine of unclean hands." The "clean-hands doctrine" is "the principle that a party cannot seek equitable relief or assert an equitable defense if that party has violated an equitable principle, such as good faith," according to Black's Law Dictionary, Ninth Edition. Whirlpool also argues the complaint was unreasonably delayed or negligent, the damages are the "proximate result of the sole negligence and recklessness of third-parties (which aren't identified in the filing)," the plaintiff "expressly or impliedly" waived any claims, the plaintiff failed to "mitigate, minimize or avoid" the damages alleged and the complaint is barred by the statute of limitations. Whirlpool also denies the following statement attributed to Jeff Noel, Whirlpool corporate vice president for communications and public affairs, cited in the complaint, is an "admission as to liability or otherwise as to the responsibility or liability for the presence of TCE in groundwater": "Whirlpool takes responsibility for the release from our plant and we are committed to handling the situation in an open and responsible manner." Whirlpool hasn't filed a response to two additional lawsuits filed in Sebastian County Circuit Court, one on behalf of three homeowners and another on behalf of landlords who own 12 properties in the affected area. A recently released annual report from Environ shows the contamination decreased in concentration on Whirlpool's property over the past year. The report states the concentrations remained stable underneath the affected neighborhood, which includes three commercial properties, 17 homes and more than 30 rental properties, according to the Sebastian County Assessor's Office.

<http://www.menafn.com/00a23e44-daa6-4b16-ad85-a08dd6e4d1bc/Whirlpool-Seeks-Dismissal-Of-Fort-Smith-Contamination-Lawsuit?src=main>

### USA, ORE, MEDFORD, JUNE 30 2013. MAN LOSES HAND AFTER ILLEGAL FIREWORK GOES OFF

ryan pfeil

A Medford man had his hand blown off by an illegal firework early today and is now being treated at Oregon Health and Science University, police reported. Medford police said David Jerald Jenkins, 37, tried to relight a mortar that had failed to ignite in the driveway of a home in the 200 block of Mace Road at 12:22 a.m. The firework only had about one-quarter inch of fuse left and exploded in Jenkins' hand. "I saw the pictures. It's a devastating injury. A majority of the hand is gone," said Lt. Mike Budreau. Police said Jenkins and others originally had been attempting to light an aerial-display rocket, which failed. "They tried to light it, (and) it dudded out," Budreau said. "It didn't launch into the air. It just kind of flew into the driveway." Police reported that Jenkins removed the explosive mortar from the top of the rocket and put it in his garage. After about two hours of drinking with the others, he came back out and lit the removed shell, resulting in the explosion, police said. "This is one of the more graphic injuries I've actually seen where somebody has survived," Budreau said. Jenkins was transported to Providence Medford Medical Center before being transported to OHSU for further treatment. OHSU officials said this afternoon that he is receiving treatment at the hospital, so no word on his condition was available. Police also cited Jenkins for illegal possession of fireworks, a violation that carries a \$250 base fine. Police have seized a limited amount to illegal fireworks this year as Independence Day approaches. Budreau thinks that will change, as 2012 yielded a particularly high number of confiscations. "We are really going to have a no-tolerance policy this year," Budreau said. We've been a little loose in years past." Consumer fireworks that explode, fly into the air, travel more than 6 feet horizontally or travel more than 12 inches vertically from the ignition point are illegal under Oregon law.

<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130628/NEWS07/306280357/-1/NEWSMAP>



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