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#### INDIA, PUNE, JULY 12 2013. TANKER KILLS PEDESTRIAN ON THE SPOT

Traffic on Chakan route held up for five hours. Traffic at the Chakan-Shikarpur route came to a halt for more than five hours on Wednesday morning when a Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) tanker killed a 26-year-old pedestrian before hitting an electricity pole, at Kharabwadi village near New Maharashtra High school. The deceased has been identified as Kaushal Dayaram Moriya (26), resident of Chakan, who worked as a labourer in a private firm at Chakan. The incident took place at about 8 in the morning. Commuters were stuck for more than five hours as the tanker hit a electricity pole and turned turtle, blocking the road. The LPG tanker was coming from Talegaon. It hit the auto rickshaw that was parked by the roadside near Kharabawdi. The impact was such that a pedestrian who was hit by the auto rickshaw died on the spot. Traffic inspector Sushil Kadam said, "There was a traffic menace in the area for more than five hours it was cleared around by 1pm in the afternoon." Kadam said, "Driver of the tanker bearing registration number MH43-U- 2469, sustained grievous injuries. He was taken to Sanjeevani hospital in Chakan. He is still unconscious, therefore, we are unable to take his statement."

<http://www.dnaindia.com/pune/1859630/report-tanker-kills-pedestrian-on-the-spot>

#### PHILIPPINES, MANILA, JULY 12 2013. LPGMA WARNS PUBLIC AGAINST CHINA-MADE COOKING GAS TANKS

A party-list congressman on Thursday warned the public against using a China-made cooking gas cylinder being peddled in the open market. LPGMA party-list Rep. Arnel Ty issued the warning after 15 people, including two children, were hurt in an explosion of a 2.7-kilogram Shine Gas tank in Paco, Manila over the weekend. "These 2.7-kg LPG tanks from China, labelled Shine Gas, have never been tested here for their safety, and users risk being injured in an accidental blast or fire," Ty said. Ty said that Shina Gas tanks were brought into the country without complying with the Department of Trade and Industry's Import Commodity Clearance requirement. "One of the defects found in Shine Gas cylinders is that their valves tend to get detached from the tank. But the bottom line is these drums never passed Philippine safety standards to begin with," he said. Ty said the Shina Gas tanks are cheaper than the usual LPG tanks in the market. Meanwhile, Ty endorsed his long-pending bill titled LPG Regulation and Safety Act, which sets complete and rigorous standards to ensure the safe storage, refilling, distribution, transportation and consumption of cooking and auto gas.

<http://www.philstar.com/nation/2013/07/11/964294/lpgma-warns-public-against-china-made-cooking-gas-tanks>

#### USA, CA, SACRAMENTO, JULY 12 2013. DRAFT STATE REPORT OUTLINES STEPS TO IMPROVE SAFETY AT CALIFORNIA'S OIL REFINERIES

Today the State's Interagency Working Group on Refinery Safety released its draft report outlining steps and recommendations to improve public and worker safety at and near the state's oil refineries. The Interagency Working Group, composed of thirteen agencies and departments and the Governor's office, was formed following the fire at Chevron's Richmond oil refinery last August. The fire created a vaporized plume that spread to surrounding communities. The Working Group met over eight months to examine ways to improve public and worker safety through enhanced oversight of refineries, and to strengthen emergency preparedness in anticipation of any future incident. Regular internal meetings were informed by meetings with a wide variety of stakeholders including those from industry, labor, community and environmental groups, academic institutions, and local emergency response units. The report includes a frank assessment of the current state of refinery safety with input from stakeholders, a study by the RAND Corporation, and findings by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal OSHA), the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, and Chevron's own internal investigation. Recommendations of the working group include:

- Create an Interagency Refinery Task Force by September 1, 2013, housed within the California Environmental Protection Agency, to coordinate agencies' activities and carry out the recommended actions
- As directed by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), local emergency response agencies should take a number of measures to strengthen and better coordinate emergency response efforts including the creation of refinery-specific provisions within local Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Area Plans for refinery incidents, with aligned radio communications among response officials, and required joint drills and exercises, to improve local emergency response.
- Strengthen existing regulations, and develop new regulations and practices to address the underlying causes of safety problems including, but not limited to, these measures: inherently safer systems, periodic assessments of safety culture, complete root-cause analysis after significant accidents or releases; and, accounting for 'human factors' to manage and reduce error and improve emergency response.



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- Ensure public input in developing plans for responding to emergencies involving the release of toxic chemicals.
- Improve alerts and public access to information during emergency events, and enhance the presentation and availability of air monitoring information for the general public.

The report also recommends enhanced enforcement and increased worker involvement in improving the methods and culture of safety at refineries. "Getting the Interagency Refinery Task Force up and running will be our top priority," said Cal/EPA Secretary Matt Rodriguez. "We want to put the recommendations of the report into effect as soon as possible to protect worker and public safety at the state's refineries." "The Interagency Refinery Task Force will strengthen the ability of Cal/OSHA and other state and local agencies to protect workers and communities from refinery related accidents," said Labor & Workforce Development Agency Secretary Marty Morgenstern. "Working together we have formulated innovative strategies to improve our oversight of refinery safety," said Department of Industrial Relations Director Christine Baker. "Our recommendations are grounded in the experiences and insights of workers, labor representatives, community members, and the refinery industry." The Governor's office has already directed relevant agencies to begin the process of regulatory change for actions identified in this report. Action on several recommendations is already underway, including preparations to finalize the fee structure to be charged to support an additional 15 Cal/OSHA inspector positions, as well as additional ancillary personnel, funded in the current state budget to review refinery operations and other chemical plants under the process safety management program. Additionally, the California Air Resources Board, in collaboration with the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association, will release a report developed in parallel with the Interagency Working Group report focused on toxic air contaminant monitoring to improve knowledge and information sharing for air data in the event of an incident. Future coordination and implementation of the recommendations will ultimately be led by the Interagency Refinery Task Force in Cal/EPA. "Improving Public and Worker Safety at Oil Refineries," the draft report of the Interagency Working Group on Refinery Safety, can be seen at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Publications/Reports/2013/Refineries.PDF> Source: California Environmental Protection Agency; California Labor Enforcement Task Force; California Department of Industrial Relations <http://online.wsj.com/article/PR-CO-20130711-910328.html>

### USA, ANDROID AUTHORITY NEWSLETTER, JULY 11 2013. WHY PHONE EXPLOSIONS/FIRES SHOULD NOT MAKE THE NEWS

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*Incidents where smartphones overheat, catch fire, or explode occur regularly - a quick Google search will reveal plenty of cases. But in most situations, such incidents shouldn't be a topic for media.*

Incidents where smartphones overheat, catch fire, or explode occur regularly. A quick Google search will reveal plenty of cases, which often garner hundreds of comments on Reddit, XDA, and other platforms where mobile users congregate. Just this week, two incidents involving Samsung devices surfaced – in one case, a young woman in [Switzerland suffered a bad burn on her thigh when the Galaxy S3](#) she had in her pocket caught fire without warning. In another case, a [user in the United Arab Emirates](#) woke up in the middle of the night startled by the smell of burnt plastic – his device, which was charging on the nightstand, was about to catch fire. Luckily, nothing was damaged besides the Galaxy S4

and the charger. In another case from a while ago, which [went very popular on Reddit](#), a Galaxy S3 user suffered minor burns when his phone "exploded" and sent bits of molten plastic on his hand. By coincidence, the three incidents I presented above involve Samsung devices, but examples of iPhones, Blackberries, HTCs, and other phones self-igniting are just a search away. From time to time, incidents will make it to Android blogs (you'll find a couple of posts on Android Authority too) and other tech sites, because they tend to attract readers. And that's normal to an extent – we all tend to be fascinated by accidents, and the idea that the devices we regularly put to our faces and carry around in the pocket can go up in flames without warning is worrying.

#### Why?

First, they are unavoidable, and to some extent, normal. I am not saying that it's normal for phones to burst into flames or explode. But every electric device, from desk lamps to airplanes, is exposed to such accidents. Where there's an electric current flowing through a circuit, there's a chance that a component will overheat and start a fire. Smartphones make no



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difference, and, with adoption rates growing every day, accidents are bound to happen. Second, in most cases, it's hard to tell what exactly happened. The cause of the accident may be a faulty battery, perhaps a replacement one, or a malfunctioning charger. In other cases, the user may be at fault – it's easy to understand why putting a pillow on a charging device is dangerous, or why you shouldn't microwave a device to remove water from it. [Some users will lie about the circumstances of the accident](#) to obtain a refund or a replacement unit. Of course, in many situations the cause is the smartphone – it's just that it's hard to tell for sure. So, why do smartphone accidents get so much attention? One reason is that users that suffered accidents are often refused warranty. If given the opportunity, some retailers and manufacturers will wash their hands, claiming that it was the customer's fault. Naturally, users feel wronged and take their plea to forums and websites. Then the story goes viral, and manufacturers often accept to shoulder the blame, rather than suffer more public shaming.

#### So, What Should You Do?

There will be more and more cases of accidents involving mobile devices. More smartphones hit the market every day and, statistically, that means more accidents. From time to time, posts about them will keep popping up on tech blogs. It's just important to avoid panicking and blowing incidents out of proportion. Unfortunately, there's nothing you can do to protect yourself, other than the obvious – don't use faulty chargers, don't cover charging devices so heat can't dissipate, use compatible chargers, use original batteries, and don't try to fix the device yourself unless you know what you are doing. Check out [this article](#) from Gizmodo which explains why batteries, which are often the cause of accidents, explode sometimes, and what you can do about it. In the very small probability that an accident does happen and you know you did nothing wrong, don't hesitate to take it to the manufacturer. This may require you to send the device over to inspection, which can be a lengthy process. But if the phone was indeed at fault, you should get a replacement and potentially reimbursement for other damage that you suffered. If the manufacturer refuses, yes, you probably should make it public. Just keep calm, don't give up on your rights, and don't blow things out of proportion.

<http://www.androidauthority.com/phone-explosions-fires-news-242240/>

#### USA, LA, PORT FOURCHON, JULY 12 2013. SPECIALISTS WORK TO KILL LEAKING GULF WELL

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Engineers in a Houston command center and specialists miles out in the Gulf of Mexico worked Wednesday to control a leaking, decades-old offshore well. The Energy Resource Technology well, located 75 miles south of Port Fourchon, La, has been leaking a briny mix of gas, light condensate and seawater [since Monday morning](#). Late Wednesday, workers were preparing to begin pumping drilling mud into the well, the first stage in an operation to kill it permanently, 15 years after it last produced gas commercially and four decades after it was drilled. For much of the day, they were waiting for proof that gas at the platform the well serves had dropped to safe levels so that workers could board the facility. In the meantime, federal regulators and well control specialists waited at a neighboring platform. "All the equipment necessary to do it is on site," said David Blackmon, a spokesman for Energy Resource Technology, a newly acquired subsidiary of Houston-based Talos Energy. The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, which regulates offshore energy activity, gave approval for the control operation late Wednesday. The bureau said it approved the movement of pumping equipment to a nearby, connected platform, and the mud-pumping operation after a site safety assessment. All of the platform work will be conducted about 70 feet above the surface of the water. Aerial examinations of the site concluded that a light rainbow sheen — estimated at four miles long on Tuesday — had decreased slightly in size, probably because of natural evaporation of the gas. According to the safety bureau, ERT believes that approximately 3.6 barrels of light condensate is being discharged every 24 hours, based on the size of that sheen. Unlike spilled oil, some of which may have to be contained and sopped up to prevent environmental damage, leaked gas evaporates naturally over time. Talos acquired Energy Resource Technology earlier this year as part of a [\\$610 million deal](#) to buy the firm from Helix. In the deal, Talos took over a portfolio of Gulf assets, including new exploration wells as well as older facilities. The leaking well was decidedly in the latter category. It taps into a field that was developed in the 1970s. It last produced in 1998 and company officials said what was coming out of it then was mostly water at a low-flowing pressure of 175 pounds per square inch. Talos was in the process of permanently plugging and abandoning the well — as part of an approved idle iron program for decommissioning old equipment — when the leak began. The Coast Guard and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement are overseeing Talos' response and will conduct an investigation of the incident. But Talos president Timothy Duncan speculated that the age of tubing at the well may have contributed to the episode. Two other wells at the platform were producing at the time and have been shut-in, federal officials said. There have been serious incidents at other Energy Resource Technology facilities in the Gulf, including [a fatal crane accident at an](#)



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[offshore production facility operated by the company in August 2011.](#) The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement faulted the company for failing to maintain equipment in a safe condition; problems included severely corroded, 4-year-old boom hoist wire rope. Critical corrosion and lubrication issues had gone undetected during a contractor's annual inspection six months before the crane accident, and workers on the site failed to conduct an inspection before the crane was used, the safety bureau said. The leaking well is located in Ship Shoal block 225 in 146 feet of water. Southern Production and Refining Co. first drilled the well in 1973, but for years it was operated by SONAT Exploration Co. Although the most recent leak began on Monday, ERT workers first had problems a day earlier. After the initial loss of well control, the company believed the well had been secured on Sunday, the safety bureau said. Federal records indicate that Energy Resource Technology's working interest partners in the well include Noble Energy Inc. and Fidelity Exploration and Production Co. [http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/07/10/specialists-look-to-kill-leaking-gulf-well/?utm\\_source=WhatCountsEmail&utm\\_medium=FuelFix&utm\\_campaign=FuelFixNewsLetter](http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/07/10/specialists-look-to-kill-leaking-gulf-well/?utm_source=WhatCountsEmail&utm_medium=FuelFix&utm_campaign=FuelFixNewsLetter)

#### USA, PA, WILKES-BARRE, JULY 12 2-13. HAZLETON FAMILY LOSES APPEAL AGAINST EXXON MOBIL

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A family that lived in a Hazleton neighborhood affected by a gasoline spill lost its appeal against Exxon Mobil in state Superior Court on Wednesday. Franklin and Margaret Tarantino and their son, Franklin, sought to avoid a settlement that some 250 other families accepted with Exxon Mobil in March 2011. Families living in the Laurel Gardens section of Hazleton and Hazle Township alleged they incurred damages from gasoline leaks. State and federal environmental agencies began working in the neighborhood in the 1990s. The agencies spent more than \$25 million testing and treating groundwater, replacing sewer lines and monitoring air inside homes for gasoline fumes, which can cause leukemia and other illnesses. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said three service stations and a fuel oil business were potentially responsible for the leaks, which came from underground tanks. Families filed suits in 2001 and 2004 against the potentially responsible parties and other plaintiffs, including Texaco and BP Products of North America. The Tarantinos' appeal only pertains to one of the service stations, Tranguch Tire Service, which sold Mobil gasoline and closed in 1995, four years before Exxon merged with Mobil. The elder Franklin Tarantino, who died three years ago, sought damages for organic brain syndrome, and his son sought money for medical monitoring. Luzerne County Court denied a motion by the younger Tarantino to nullify the settlement for him and his parents on Dec. 27, 2011. The county granted summary judgment to Exxon Mobil in the cases brought by the Tarantinos on May 17, 2012. When upholding the Luzerne County rulings, the Superior Court said it only sets aside settlements for fraud, duress or mutual mistakes, none of which the court found to be factors in the settlement with Exxon Mobil. The Tarantinos weren't under duress to accept the settlement, which was negotiated with a law firm that represented all the plaintiffs, because the Tarantinos hired another lawyer, the decision said. Nor did Mobil exercise control over Tranguch so Mobil wasn't responsible for the gasoline leaks from the tanks, the decision said. Tranguch was a franchise of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., but had no agreements with Mobil or the company that delivered the gasoline, Fegley Oil, the decision said. No sign at Tranguch Tire said Mobil except for decals on the gas pump, and Mobil's insignia or name wasn't on uniforms that the workers wore. Moreover, Tranguch hired its own workers and owned the property, the Superior Court decision said.

<http://citizensvoice.com/news/hazleton-family-loses-appeal-against-exxon-mobil-1.1519285>

#### USA, MI, DETROIT, JULY 12 2013. CLINTON TOWNSHIP MAN DIES AFTER 4TH OF JULY FIREWORK EXPLOSION

*tammy stables battaglia*



*Burchett*

The Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is investigating the death of a Clinton Townshipman injured on the Fourth of July when a firework exploded in his face. "It's terrible, it really is," ATF spokesman Donald Dawkins said today. "Every year, we tell people to be very careful in handling those fireworks. It's just a bad situation." Nicholas Burchett, 35, was critically injured as he set off fireworks during a party he was hosting at his home at 22973 Quinn Road, Clinton Township Police Richard Maierle said today. "He lit this mortar off and it hit him in the face," Maierle said. "My understanding was his face was badly damaged -- extensive injuries. This stuff was high-powered mortars." Burchett was taken to McLaren Macomb hospital in Mt. Clemens in critical condition, Maierle said. Burchett died Tuesday at the hospital, Macomb County Medical Examiner Daniel Spitz said today. No one else at the party was injured. ATF spokesman Donald Dawkins today said the agency is



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reviewing whether Burchett was licensed to set off the type of fireworks he was handling. "If they were commercial-grade fireworks, there has to be the proper license," Dawkins said. "We definitely want to focus on the licensing, to make sure he had the proper license of the fireworks, check the manufacturer, and where he purchased them from, and the whole gamut of the fireworks aspect and see where that takes us." People using fireworks should always be careful when handling the explosives, Dawkins said. "It's always a buyer beware, even if it's just fireworks that can be sold to the general public," he said. "They can be very dangerous. We get fingers and eyes every year, loss of limbs, but loss of life is -- thank God -- not too common. But certainly one death is one too many." Dawkins said a similar situation was responsible for the last firework death in metro Detroit in 2007. Danielle Barse, 27 died in Melvindale in front of her family when she lit a 3-inch, commercial-grade mortar, looked into the tube and it exploded in her face.

<http://www.freep.com/article/20130711/NEWS04/307110086/fireworks-explode-face-man-July-4>

### FRANCE, DONGES, JULY 12 2013. HYDROFLUORIC ACID IN "CONTROLLED" LEAK AT THE DONGES REFINERY, ACCORDING TO TOTAL

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- [Total refinery of Donges: the toxic spill controlled](#)



A toxic leak occurred in 3: 40 am, Thursday, July 11 at the refinery [Total Donges](#) (Loire-Atlantique), wounding one of the eight members of the night crew present at the time of accident and leading to discontinuation of the TGV line through this site Seveso, said a spokesman for Total. The leak is "now under control," said a statement from the oil group shortly after 9:00. "There is no risk to people and the environment", has provided leadership to the refinery. Traffic on the railway line had been restored to 8 hours, according to the prefecture of Loire-Atlantique. Complete resorption of the leak butane and hydrofluoric acid required a cooling unit production of gasoline on which it occurred.

The injured victim "of a chemical burn", was evacuated by the emergency to the University Hospital of Saint-Nazaire in a state of health "tried reassuring" by Total. Given the measures taken by Total, scattering in the atmosphere "has become very limited and it is safe", for his part, assured the Chief of Staff of the prefect of Loire-Atlantique, Patrick Lapouze. "Donges refinery apologize to all concerned for the inconvenience caused by this incident," adds the Total group.

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### USA, ARK, LITTLE ROCK, JULY 12 2013. EXXON CITES MANUFACTURING DEFECT FOR ARKANSAS OIL SPILL

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[Exxon Mobil announced today](#) that it believes a manufacturing defect is the cause of the pipeline rupture that [spilled nearly 300,000 gallons of tar sands oil in Mayflower, Arkansas](#). From the Exxon press statement:

*Based on the metallurgical analysis, the independent laboratory concluded that the root cause of the failure can be attributed to original manufacturing defects — namely hook cracks near the seam. Additional contributing factors include atypical pipe properties, such as extremely low impact toughness and elongation properties across the ERW [electric resistance welded] seam. There are no findings that indicate internal or external corrosion contributed to the failure.*

Their claim about there being no corrosion is important because there has been concern that the abrasive tar sands oil being transported in this pipeline may have contributed to the spill. The pipe was not originally designed to carry that type of fuel. [John Upton at Grist](#) notes that this raises more concerns about the entire Pegasus pipeline, which was installed in the 1940s. The findings bring into question the integrity of the entire Pegasus pipeline system — and other oil pipelines that crisscross the nation. The Pegasus system, which runs from Illinois to Texas, was laid in 1947 and 1948. The pipeline manufacturer, Ohio-



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based Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., is no longer in business but was reportedly one of the leading suppliers of pipelines in the 1940s.

<http://www.treehugger.com/energy-disasters/exxon-cites-manufacturing-defect-arkansas-oil-spill.html>

### GHANA, ACCRA, JULY 12 2013. TOTAL GHANA REBRANDS, OPENS 200 SERVICE STATIONS



Total Petroleum Ghana Limited is to roll out its new look with the introduction of 200 new service stations in all the 10 regions of the country. As revealed by Mr Thibault de Langlais, the Board Chairman of Total Ghana during the fuel distribution company's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Accra, the re-branding exercise which will be known as "T-Air image" is aimed at creating an environmentally-friendly image that would enhance the relationship between the staff of Total Petroleum and its clients. Mr Thibault also said the move was in line with growing market trends. Last year, another fuel distribution company, Ghana Oil Company (GOIL) embarked on a similar rebranding exercise of its fuel service stations and it led to a remarkable increase in its revenue. Mr Thibault further disclosed that the T-Air image is a major financial investment that will take five years to complete. It will also be evidence of Total's desire to play a part in local economic growth and to also establish a long-term presence in Ghana and the rest of Africa where the group operates.

According to him, T-Air image is aimed at providing the network with a well-defined identity: one that is based on a more modern brand image, with service stations that are better integrated into their landscape. On the performance of the company, Mr Langlais said Total Petroleum Ghana Limited posted an impressive performance for the year ended 2012, recording a profit after tax of GH¢3.05 million (\$1.5 million), an increase of 35 percent on the 2011 figure of GH¢2.3 million. Mr Langlais said the increase originated from the sale of lubricants, aviation, bitumen and other new products and services offered to customers.

<http://www.ventures-africa.com/2013/07/total-ghana-rebrands-opens-200-service-stations/>

### USA, AKA, ALEUTIAN ISLAND, JULY 12 2013. ADAK FUEL COMPANY FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES FOR BIG 2010 DIESEL SPILL IN ALEUTIANS

sean doogan

The state of Alaska is pursuing criminal charges against an Aleutian Island fuel company over a 2010 diesel spill. According to court records, some 47,291 gallons of diesel fuel #2, which is used by ships and burned in power generation, spilled when Adak Petroleum workers overfilled an underground storage tank on Adak, a small island near the end of the Aleutian chain, 1,200 miles southwest of Anchorage. Only 5,123 gallons were recovered. The rest washed into nearby Sweeper Cove and Helmet Creek, a local salmon spawning ground. The state has filed 10 criminal charges – all Class A misdemeanors, against Adak Petroleum and Michael Baker, who supervised the facility. Adak Petroleum, could face up to \$200,000 in fines for each count. As an individual, Baker faces up to a year in jail and as much as \$10,000 for each count. A civil case filed in U.S. District Court was settled when Adak Petroleum agreed to clean up old metal drums and barrels, and take down gates straddling Helmet Creek – left there by the U.S. Army decades ago -- to help salmon migrate up its waters, according to Jennifer Currie, an attorney for the state. Criminal charges are uncommon, but not unheard of, for oil or fuel spills in Alaska. BP pled guilty after a March 2006 spill that sent 213,000 gallons of oil onto the tundra at Prudhoe Bay, eventually paying \$255 million in fines and lost royalties to Alaska.

#### No Working Valves, Lack of Oversight

The state claims Adak Petroleum did not have an approved "contingency plan" in place at the time of the spill. All fuel storage companies are required to have one in place – detailing procedures for filling tanks, and how to respond to spills and leaks. An investigation into the spill by the [Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation](http://www.alaska.gov/department-of-environmental-conservation) and the federal Environmental Protection Agency, found the valves on a containment system were rusted open, allowing oil to flow freely into the Adak boat harbor and Helmet Creek. It also showed Adak Petroleum did not have people watching for a possible spill, as is required under their permit. Repeated requests for comment from Adak Petroleum, and its parent company, Aleut Corp. have gone unanswered.

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#### USA, TN, NORTH SHELBY CO, JULY 12 2013. THEE FIREFIGHTERS, TWO EMPLOYEES INJURED AFTER PLANT FIRE

jason miles



*As firefighters battled both a massive blaze and the sweltering temperatures, employees sweated it out watching the struggle.*

Two employees and three firefighters were injured after a fire broke out in a North Shelby County plant that handles waste management, recycling, and hazardous waste generators. Crews responded to Pollution Control Industries around 4:30 p.m. Thursday after reports that a fire started in an area where flammable chemicals are stored. By the time firefighters arrived, thick, black smoke could be seen for several miles. "First of all, we had no toxic chemicals burning, but the flammable chemicals storage area was well involved," said Shelby County Fire PIO Brent Perkins. The plant employees are at The Regional Medical Center suffering from chemical burns, according to the Shelby County Fire Department.

The two Shelby County firefighters were taken to Methodist North Hospital. Two were treated for heat exhaustion. The other firefighter received treatment for a shoulder injury. Perkins says their injuries are not life-threatening, and that they were discharged from the hospital Thursday night. Memphis and Millington Fire Departments assisted Shelby County firefighters. The unified firefighting effort contained the fire to the plant site within an hour. Authorities shut down traffic in the area near the plant in which the Memphis International Raceway and Charles Baker Airport are also located. As firefighters battled both a massive blaze and the sweltering temperatures, employees sweated it out watching the struggle. "We heard about it, his brother called us ... Hope he's okay," said Mamie James who came to check on her grandson who works at the plant. James later learned her grandson was not injured. Firefighters make regular visits to this and other industrial or manufacturing facilities to be prepared in case emergencies like this one occur. There is still no word tonight on how the fire started. The Action News 5 Investigators dug up some of the company's compliance history. Hazardous Waste Management Program inspected Pollution Control Industries. Between 2007 and 2010, the company had nine minor violations ranging from a ruptured base drum to weekend inspection sheets not available. All of the violations were corrected during follow-up inspections. Shelby County fire officials said they responded to the facility before, but for nothing of this magnitude.

<http://millington.wmctv.com/news/news/167742-thee-firefighters-two-employees-injured-after-plant-fire>

#### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, JULY 12 2013. A CLEAR DECISION: SYDNEY WATER CATCHMENT FRACKING RULED OUT FOR NOW

ben cubby



*The creation of Dharawal National Park, after initial drilling proposals were approved in 2009, is partly responsible for Friday's refusal of Apex's CSG plans.* Coal seam gas drilling has been ruled out of Sydney's drinking water catchment for the time being, after the state's planning assessment commission killed off an ambitious plan to extract billions of dollars of gas. The potential impacts of drilling in the pristine bushland area between Sydney and Wollongong were too uncertain, the commission said. Apex Energy NL had already been granted a license to drill 15 exploratory bores in the catchment area in 2009, but no work had yet been done. The new ruling effectively kills off the Apex proposal in its current form. The company declined to comment when contacted by Fairfax

Media today. The initial drilling proposal was designed as a precursor to massive commercial gas developments in the water catchment. The planning assessment considered evidence from Apex, the Sydney Catchment Authority and the NSW government. It concluded that the drilling proposal contained too many uncertainties to be allowed to go ahead. "The commission has found that it would not be appropriate to approve the proposed coal seam gas activities in Sydney's drinking water catchment special areas", the commission's report said. "There are still uncertainties surrounding the risks and potential impacts of coal seam gas activities; and policies relating to coal seam gas activities are currently evolving." It would be best to wait for a review being conducted by the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer to be completed, and government policy to be finalised, before approvals were granted, the report said. The report addressed the question of why Apex's plans should be



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refused now, when its initial drilling proposal had been approved in 2009. Part of the drilling area had since been declared a national park - Dharawal National Park - it said. "Public awareness and concern regarding the risks associated with coal seam gas activities has also grown over the period. Adding to this, further scientific work conducted since 2009, both interstate and internationally, has identified some anomalies potentially linked to coal seam gas activities," the commission's report said. Leaked documents showed that, back in 2010, Apex had concocted a plan to extract billions of dollars worth of gas, and split the proceeds with some giant coal mining companies, including Peabody resources and Rio Tinto. The documents quoted Apex saying Peabody was "very sensitive" about being associated with the plan, and had asked their names to be kept out of public statements about the project. The documents said Peabody "would rather not be directly involved with any surface problems which may be brought to the attention of the Sydney Catchment Authority or other landowners, and that any public attention not be to the detriment of their underground coalmining activities". The news was welcomed by anti-coal seam gas campaigners, including the Stop CSG Illawarra group. "We have been planning to blockade – to protect the drinking water of over 4.5 million people from CSG development – but this decision means drilling cannot happen at this time," the group said in a statement. "Today is a win ... But we are celebrating winning a battle, not the war. CSG licences still cover the Illawarra."

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/a-clear-decision-sydney-water-catchment-fracking-ruled-out-for-now-20130712-2pv5t.html>

#### USA, W.VA, DODDRIDGE CO, JULY 12 2013. FIVE PEOPLE INJURED DURING EXPLOSION AT WEST VIRGINIA WELL

Gene Lockard

Five contract workers were injured, four seriously, following a blast near a gas drilling site in Doddridge County, West Virginia, early Sunday morning. All five were transported to the West Penn Burn Center in Pittsburgh, PA. The explosion occurred during flow back operations about 50 feet away from the drilling rig, which is owned by Antero Resources. The rig was undamaged. Antero hired two outside firms to investigate the cause, Alwyn Schopp, a vice-president at Antero, told Rigzone. The explosion is also being investigated by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Schopp said, adding that it might have been a methane explosion. A tank pump appeared to have malfunctioned, although it was too early to say for certain, Kathy Cosco, a spokeswoman for DEP, said in a statement to Reuters.

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#### USA, N.Y, NEW YORK, JULY 13 2013. EXPLOSION IN APARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS RISKS OF USING CHEMICAL FOGGERS TO KILL INSECTS

marc santora



*Foggers for exterminating bugs are highly flammable.*

In the war between New Yorkers and creepy crawlers, the humans have tried every conceivable weapon to defeat the insects. Some of the arsenal is legal — like roach traps, glue pads and cans of Raid — and some methods are illegal, like the use of a [Chinese pesticide](#) called "The Cat Be Unemployed." In their quest, people have even been known to douse their beds and walls in kerosene or gasoline to kill pests. On Wednesday, a woman in Chinatown found herself under attack from unwanted multilegged visitors in her two-room apartment at 17 Pike Street, said Robert G. Byrnes, chief fire marshal for the New York City Fire Department. To deal with the infestation in one room, she set off about 20 foggers, also known as bug bombs, which release a fine aerosol mist into the air, he said. She followed up on Thursday with another 20 foggers in the other room, Mr. Byrnes said. However, she failed to turn off her oven's pilot light, and the meeting of the flame and the highly flammable contents set off a powerful explosion, fire officials said. The blast blew out the back wall of the apartment, which is just above a ground-floor salon. The explosion caused a partial collapse of the building and ignited a fire that left 12 people injured, including three critically. An order to vacate the building was issued on Friday after inspectors from the Department of Buildings determined that illegal interior partitions had been erected. It was unclear if the partitions delayed rescue efforts, but fire inspectors said it was the foggers that set off the blaze. "These bug bombs



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are very flammable," Mr. Byrnes said. In fact, every year there are about 500 fires or explosions linked to the devices across the country, according to government statistics. The pest control industry notes that with 50 million foggers sold each year, the number of accidents is relatively low. But for many on the front line of the bug wars, from health officials to exterminators, foggers remain a source of frustration. "They are very common, unfortunately," said Timothy Wong, the technical director at M&M Pest Control, an extermination company in the city. Foggers are often misused, Mr. Wong said. A single six-ounce can is enough to treat 6,000 cubic feet of space, which translates roughly to an 800-square-foot apartment with a seven-foot ceiling. But because foggers are so cheap, costing about \$3 a can, many people think more is better, Mr. Wong said. Multiple foggers just increase the chances of an accident and shower a home in unnecessarily high levels of dangerous chemicals. People are advised to stay clear of homes sprayed with foggers for two to four hours. "More is not better in this case," Mr. Wong said. Foggers are often also used to eliminate the wrong insects, he said. Even though foggers are not marketed to kill bedbugs, that is the pest many consumers use them for, according to surveys conducted by health officials. "Bedbugs hide in cracks and crevices and their bodies are very thin, as thin as a credit cards," Mr. Wong said. "Foggers cannot penetrate into these crevices and often it will just drive them to burrow deeper or into other units." Cockroaches pose a different problem, he said. "About 20 years ago, researchers realized that they eat each other's droppings," he said. So while the fog has a limited kill zone, bait traps are more effective because they poison not only the cockroaches that eat them but also those who eat their droppings. Foggers came into widespread use in the 1970s, and there are now 150 such products registered with the federal government, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Byrnes, who has been with the Fire Department for 32 years, said that in the early 1980s the department started to see problems with the foggers. The department found that the foggers were often poorly labeled, and the labels that were on the packaging did not convey just how flammable the foggers were. The labeling has improved, he said, but there is still a challenge in educating the public. Most important, he said, people need to "eliminate all possible sources of ignition" when using a fogger. Some sources are obvious, like cigarettes or a pilot light, but others less so. Any device that cycles on and off — even a light switch — should not be used while the fogger is deployed. Daniel Kass, a deputy commissioner at the city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, said the dangers went beyond explosions. In 2009, the city petitioned the Environmental Protection Agency to restrict the use of total release foggers. The agency did not take action, but Mr. Kass said he remained convinced that the devices were harmful. Besides the risk of explosions and fires, he said, there is also the risk of poisoning. People often fail to wait enough time before re-entering a space that has been fogged or to ventilate the space properly. And in the battle against bugs, it is often low-income neighborhoods that suffer the most. After all, when the choice comes down to a \$175 visit from an exterminator or a \$3 fogger, the fogger will most often win out. "The cynical aspect is they are being marketed as this kind of cure," Mr. Kass said.

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#### **SOUTH KOREA, SEOUL, JULY 13 2013. S.KOREA COURT ORDERS US FIRMS TO PAY UP OVER AGENT ORANGE**



South Korea's highest court on Friday upheld a ruling ordering two US Agent Orange makers to compensate 39 Vietnam War veterans in one of the country's most prominent lawsuits. The Supreme Court recognised the epidemiological correlation between the toxic defoliant and skin diseases for the first time, saying the 39 victims should receive a total of 466 million won (\$415,000) from Dow Chemical and Monsanto. The veterans had complained that Agent Orange was responsible for their severe skin diseases. Payment is now up to the US firms, but Dow Chemical said in a statement quoted by Yonhap news agency that it disagrees with the Supreme Court's decision as the verdict was not backed by clear evidence, citing US court rulings. The South Korean court also reversed an appeals court verdict that the two firms should compensate thousands of other veterans who claimed to have similarly suffered from exposure to defoliants used during the Vietnam War. More than 16,000 veterans filed separate lawsuits in 1999 against the US firms, seeking

about five trillion won (\$4.4 billion) in damages, but a district court ruled against them. In 2006, an appeals court ordered the US firms to pay a total of 63 billion won (\$61 million) in compensation to 6,795 veterans and their families. But the Supreme Court, in its ruling on Friday, sent the case back to the appeals court for review. "There is no evidence their diseases were caused by their exposure to the defoliant sprayed during the Vietnam War," it said in a statement. South Korea sent some



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300,000 troops to fight alongside the United States and southern Vietnamese forces during the war. US forces widely sprayed Agent Orange, which contained the lethal chemical dioxin, in Vietnam during the conflict to deprive enemy guerrillas of forest cover and destroy food crops. Veterans in South Korea estimate the number of Korean victims of the chemicals at about 150,000. Many insisted they were suffering from various ailments associated with exposure to the powerful herbicide. Vietnam says millions of its people have died or suffered from direct or second-generation disabilities as a result of the use of Agent Orange. Washington has never accepted responsibility for the Vietnamese government's claim.

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### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, JULY 12 2013. CANCER CHEMICALS DETECTED, YET PARK GETS ALL-CLEAR

natalie o'brien



*Alert: Children playing near the Hillsdale park that was tested.*

New test results for toxic substances in a Hillsdale park area, which is used as playing fields by children, have revealed hotspots of contamination containing two carcinogenic chemicals, one of which is banned globally. A report on the Sydney Water site, which is off Denison Street opposite the Orica industrial estate, concluded most of the site has chemicals and heavy metals at safe levels for recreational use, but said there were hotspots where dangerous chemicals benzo(a)pyrene and PCB were found that needed further investigation. Environmental company URS Australia, which was commissioned to carry out the soil sample tests by Sydney Water, said in its report last week that "as a

temporary measure to control public access to the surface soils, SWC [Sydney Water] should continue maintaining a thick growth of turf across this area" while it determines the size of the contamination site. The report confirmed earlier tests undertaken by the Environmental Protection Authority revealed hot spots where chemicals and metals were above the national health limits. It said the source of the contamination was unknown, but it was likely to have come from landfill dumped on the site. A spokesman for NSW Health said further investigation of the benzo(a)pyrene levels was required, but it had no immediate health concerns because it was an isolated area covered by grass that would limit exposure. On the PCB levels, NSW Health said officials "do not consider these levels constitute a health concern in this context". But Dr Mariann Lloyd-Smith of the National Toxics Network, an adviser to the federal government, said both chemicals were known to be cancer-causing to bioaccumulate, and warned that PCBs were globally banned under the Stockholm convention. "You would not want your kids playing around that or kicking up the soil - they are horrendous contaminants," she said. However, Sydney Water claimed the area had a "clean bill of health".

<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/cancer-chemicals-detected-yet-park-gets-allclear-20130713-2pwqu.html>

### USA, TX, SAN ANTONIO, JULY 12 2013. SOUTH SIDE RESIDENTS WANT CONCERNS ABOUT OLD BASE HEARD >> RALLY AT PORT SAN ANTONIO FOCUSES ON TOXIC DUMP CLEANUP, ILLNESSES.

jeremy roebuck

 **Photo's [15]** [Rally at Port San Antonio Focuses on Toxic Dump Cleanup, Illnesses.](#)



*Rally participants are displeased because the group overseeing the cleanup of the former Air Force base was disbanded.*

When doctors diagnosed [Victor San Miguel](#) with thyroid cancer 11 years ago, he didn't have to look far to find others who understood what he was facing. Of the 13 houses on his block of Hollenbeck Avenue — feet from the site of the former Kelly AFB — 11 other residents have either been diagnosed or died from cancer-related disease, the 67-year-old said. Sixteen years after the [Air Force](#) first acknowledged it routinely dumped toxic chemicals at the site and a subsequent \$330 million government cleanup effort, San Miguel and his neighbors say they have been left to deal with their poor health on their own and worry about the pollution they fear still remains. They rallied Saturday outside the gates of Port San Antonio, on the site of the former base, to demand stronger government monitoring of cleanup



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efforts and protest the disbanding earlier this year of the advisory board charged with overseeing the process. "Nobody's going to tell me it's no longer contaminated, and nobody's going to tell me they don't know where our sickness is coming from," said San Miguel to a crowd of about 25 fellow residents. "We all know where it came from." City and Air Force officials did not return calls for comment Saturday. Dozens of studies commissioned by everyone from the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) and to the city's Metropolitan Health District have tracked elevated rates of cancer and birth defects in the surrounding neighborhood. Each has failed to establish a direct connection between the Air Force's chemical dumping and the medical maladies faced by many nearby. One much-disparaged 2009 report even suggested the cancer cluster could be blamed on residents' higher-than-average consumption of corn tortillas. For nearly two decades, the [Kelly Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board](#), a panel of military representatives, government regulators and community members, oversaw the cleanup effort. In March, with official decontamination projects all but complete, the Air Force shuttered the group. Residents have had to take their concerns to a long list of functionaries at various government agencies, all who seem eager to shift responsibility to someone else, said [Ramiro Acebedo](#), whose father-in-law, uncle and several aunts all died of cancer in their 50s. His mother-in-law, who lives across the street from the former base, has also experienced a recent decline in health, he said. Acebedo has tried for months to get someone to listen to his complaints about one of the business park's new tenants, a local airline parts company, and his fear that they are improperly storing heavy equipment on land that may still be contaminated. "I call code enforcement and they tell me to call the state," he said. "I call the state and they say it's a code enforcement issue." Since Kelly shut down in 2001 and the city began redeveloping the site as Port San Antonio, a hub for aerospace and warehousing companies, the Air Force has led efforts to clean up the mess — a process it described earlier this year as 95 percent complete. Meanwhile, city and state regulatory agencies maintain they have kept a close watch on potential groundwater contamination and disposal of fuel storage tanks and wastewater treatment. In a news release marking the disbanding of the advisory board earlier this year, military officials said they planned to remain involved in cleanup efforts. "The bottom line is we are not going anywhere," said [Kelly Paul Carroll](#), an Air Force environmental coordinator. We "will continue to be proactive in our approach to sharing information about Kelly's cleanup program." [Diana Lopez](#), an environmental activist who grew up near the base, believes the site has become such an economic boon that officials aren't eager to admit that problems may still persist. Since the Air Force completed the transfer of the former base to Port San Antonio in 2010, the venture has attracted 70 businesses to the area with an estimated economic impact of \$4 billion annually. "It's obvious they want the cleanup to be over," she said. "Who wants to advertise a business park on top of a potentially contaminated site?" San Miguel, who spoke of his cancer diagnosis Saturday, said he and his neighbors don't plan on quieting down anytime soon. "I may not be here too much longer," he said. "But I'll die gladly if I know someone will continue the fight."

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/South-Side-neighbors-fear-contamination-risk-from-4663720.php>

#### USA, N.M. ALBUQUERQUE, JULY 12 2013. FUEL SPILL STUDY CONFIRMS WELLS SAFE FOR NOW

John Fleck

An independent federal assessment released Friday confirmed state and local officials' assertion that no contamination from an extensive Kirtland Air Force Base aviation fuel spill has reached the metro area's drinking water supply. The assessment, from a team based at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, also concluded that fuel vapors in and around the area of the spill, including the city of Albuquerque's Bullhead Park and the nearby VA Regional Medical Center, are not likely to pose a threat to area workers or the public. Mark Evans, the scientist who did the analysis for the CDC's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, gave a telephone report on his findings Friday morning to the metro area's Water Protection Advisory Board. Evans will be in Albuquerque for a public meeting July 30 to explain his findings. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. at the city of Albuquerque's Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE. The Air Force in 1999 discovered that a buried fuel line at the base, on Albuquerque's south side, had been slowly leaking for decades. Area groundwater has been contaminated, and the latest Air Force data show that the spill's most serious contaminants are still moving toward drinking water wells. Evans assessed a wide range of data that has been collected on the spill itself as well as air and water samples collected from drinking water wells nearby operated by the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority and Kirtland Air Force Base. Evans told advisory board members that if the spilled fuel continues to spread through groundwater, early detection will be the key to protecting public health from the potentially dangerous chemicals in the fuel. "That means either the Air Force or the water authority shutting down wells if they become contaminated, or before they become contaminated," Evans said. Erik Webb, the water protection board's chair, agreed that the ultimate protection for public health will be to shut off any contaminated supplies. "They will not just put contaminated water in the drinking water



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system," Webb said. But the problem raises a significant question about how Albuquerque might replace the lost supply, Webb said. The water utility is currently working on a study to develop contingency plans for meeting area water supply needs in the case the fuel reaches its wells.

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### AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, NORTHAM, JULY 13 2013. DANGEROUS GOODS FINES FOR TRANSPORT COMPANIES



*Sen Const Mike St John-Ayre and Const Michael Bras.*

Another trucking company was last week fined for unsafe transportation of dangerous goods through the Wheatbelt. Godfrey Haulage was one of six trucking firms that have been fined a total of \$50,000 this year following a joint Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) and Wheatbelt Traffic Police operation that targeted unsafe transportation of dangerous goods. Godfrey was fined \$6500 in the Northam Magistrates' Court for incorrect separation of dangerous goods and failing to have the required safety equipment. Earlier this year, BRL Holdings was issued an infringement of \$14,000 for inadequate safety equipment and JMP Haulage was fined \$9000 for failing to carry the required documents, incorrect placarding, using a vehicle without an emergency procedure document holder and not having the required safety equipment. A

\$7500 fine was also levied on Shaw's Darwin Transport for having the wrong placarding, transport documentation, emergency information and safety equipment. G & V Vithoulkas was also required to pay \$7500 in fines for failing to have the correct emergency information and safety equipment, while Hichem Paint Technologies was issued with a \$6000 infringement for inadequate transport documentation. Sally Transport was fined \$6000 because the vehicle was not insured adequately. DMP principal dangerous goods officer Peter Xanthis said the number of large fines being imposed on transport companies was concerning. "While most companies and drivers do the right thing and we have seen a marked decrease in the number of infringements, there are still some who put themselves and others at risk on WA roads," he said. "These are significant fines which should send a strong message to transportation companies that if you don't abide by the law, there are serious consequences."

<http://www.inmycommunity.com.au/news-and-views/local-news/Dangerous-goods-fines-for-transport-companies/7647512/>

### USA, N.Y, SOMERS, JULY 13 2013. SOMERS CLOSES LAKE LINCOLNDALE AFTER OIL SPILL

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*The Town of Somers is cautioning residents that Lake Lincolnale is closed for swimming until further notice after oil leaked into the lake earlier this week.*

Somers officials have closed Lake Lincolnale for swimming until further notice after oil leaked into the lake early this week. An oil tank in the basement of a home on Myrtle Drive leaked out and rain waters from earlier this week caused the spill to leak into Lake Lincolnale, said Somers Town Supervisor Mary Beth Murphy on Friday. Representatives from the Department of Environmental Conservation and Westchester County Health Department have responded to the scene and have hired a company to clean up the spill, Murphy said. "There is no swimming at the lake until the health department clears it," Murphy said Friday. "I think they're coming out and testing on a daily basis but they have not given a date for allowing swimming in the lake again." Murphy wants residents



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to know the town responded to the situation as quickly as possible and that cleaning the lake is a priority. "It's unfortunate that this has caused problems here in town but everyone should be patient with us," she said. "The appropriate agencies are on top of it and it will get cleaned up just as quickly as it can be."

<http://somers.dailyvoice.com/news/somers-closes-lake-lincolndale-after-oil-spill>

### THAILAND, BANGKOK, JULY 13 2013. NO OIL LEAKAGE FOUND FROM CAPSIZED BANGLADESHI CARGO SHIP



The Marine Department on Tuesday said no oil leaks were found from the Bangladeshi-registered cargo ship 'MV Hope' which capsized off Thailand's Raya Noi Island near Phuket last week. Pakorn Prasertwong, chief of the Environmental Group of the Marine Safety and Environment Bureau, and other officials were assigned by the Marine Department director-general to closely monitor the ship's situation as well as to be prepared to clean any oil slick and prevent any further untoward accident. He said the 'MV Hope' was already out of Thailand's territorial waters, while no traces of oil leakages were found. The cargo ship capsized last Thursday. It carried soil used in making ceramics from Malaysia's Lumut Port while on its way to Chittagong in Bangladesh. The ship was battered and tipped by high waves at 25 nautical miles south off Phuket's

Raya Noi Island. The officer cited information from a naval rescue team that the containers on the ship had not been properly placed, causing the ship to lose balance at about 70 degrees after facing rough seas and high waves. Eleven of 17 crew members were missing. Nine of them survived, two are dead and another six remain missing, as of today. According to the Marine Department, the 'MV Hope' ship on Tuesday morning was located around 6 nautical miles west off Malaysia's Langkawi Island.

<http://www.pattayamail.com/news/no-oil-leakage-found-from-capsized-bangladeshi-cargo-ship-28293>

### AUSTRALIA NEW SOUTH WALES, QUEANBEYAN, JULY 14 2013. TOXIC TRUCK GETS STUCK UNDER BRIDGE

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 **Photo's [18]** [Toxic Truck Stuck Under Bridge](#)



*A truck carrying toxic chemicals became stuck under the Queens Bridge in central Queanbeyan for several hours on Saturday.*

Queanbeyan Fire Rescue and ACT Hazmat crews were left with a precarious salvage operation after a truck carrying toxic chemicals became wedged under the Queens Bridge in central Queanbeyan. Initial concerns as to the hazardous nature of the truck's load saw emergency crews establish a 50m exclusion zone around the area. The truck was carrying discarded chemicals that had been collected as part of Queanbeyan City Council's Chemical Cleanout Day. Council had previously advertised for residents to take opportunity of the Cleanout day to dispose of fertilisers, poisons, pesticides, fuel, oil and gas cylinders. The truck

became lodged under the bridge at about 3.30pm, Saturday afternoon after leaving the Council Cleanout collection point at the Collett Street car park. The truck's trailer suffered significant damage after colliding with the underside of the bridge. A large section of its framework was torn away leaving a number of 44 gallon drums exposed. Five crews from NSW and ACT Fire Rescue, as well as NSW Police and Ambulance were quickly on the scene with minor traffic disruptions continuing throughout the afternoon on Monaro Street and Collett Street. Incident controller Jason Murphy from Queanbeyan Fire Rescue said early concerns had centred on chemicals from the damaged trailer spilling into the nearby Queanbeyan River. "On arrival we identified that the truck was carrying chemicals that had been collected at a Council clean up day," Mr Murphy said. "While many of those chemicals would likely not prove dangerous on their own, our main concern was that those chemicals could have mixed. "As the incident was in close proximity to Queanbeyan River, we put in safeguards to ensure that, if there was any spill, it wouldn't get into the river. We also put in place an exclusion zone and protection lines in case of fire. "Upon inspection of the truck however, we found no ruptures to any of the containers and that there had been no spill or mixture of any chemicals." Queens Bridge, which did not suffer any structural damage, was closed for a short time while the trailer was extricated before being reopened to traffic at about 7.30pm.



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<http://www.queanbeyanage.com.au/story/1635879/gallery-toxic-truck-gets-stuck-under-bridge/?cs=1277>

#### USA, CA, MERCED CO, DOS PALOS, JULY 14 2013. TRUCK CRASH SPILLS JET FUEL ON HIGHWAY 33 NEAR DOS PALOS

##### Watch the Video's:

- [Crews Clean Semi Truck Crash in Dos Palos](#)
- [Big Rig Crash Spills Fuel](#)



*Firefighters examine the damage after a tanker truck carrying jet fuel crashed into a tree on Hwy. 33 just north of Dos Palos Friday afternoon. July 12, 2013.*

Highway 33 just north of Dos Palos was closed in both directions Friday after a tanker truck used to refuel crop duster helicopters crashed into a large tree, spilling jet fuel and pesticides in the roadway. The accident occurred just south of Camelia Road near the Dos Palos city limit about 1:30 p.m. California Highway Patrol officer Tom Melden said the driver, Omar Alfaro, 26, of Firebaugh was driving south on Highway 33 when, for unknown reasons, he drifted off the highway and into the tree. Sgt. Al Arenas said there were no skid or swerve marks at the scene to indicate that Alfaro tried to take evasive action. Officers have not been able to interview Alfaro, who was taken by helicopter to Memorial Medical Center in Modesto with major injuries. The truck is owned by

West Valley Aviation in Firebaugh. Melden said the capacity of the truck is 400 gallons of fuel, which is highly combustible. About 250 gallons remained in the truck after the accident. Hazardous materials officials were called to the scene to clean up the contaminated soil and remove the remaining aviation fuel. Highway 33 was closed between Camelia Road and Santos Street. The highway was still closed at 8 p.m. Friday and wasn't expected to reopen for another three hours.

<http://www.modbee.com/2013/07/12/2805115/tanker-truck-crash-spills-jet.html>

#### USA, CA, ELYSIAN VALLEY, JULY 14 2013. TANKER FLIPS IN FREEWAY TUNNEL; ONE KILLED

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##### Watch the Video's:

- [Tanker Truck on Fire on a Section of the 2](#)
- [Tanker Fire Closes Section of I-5 Near Dodger Stadium](#)
- [Fiery Tanker Crash on 5 Freeway Spills Fuel into LA River](#)
- [Hazardous-Materials Fire Closes NB 5 Fwy at 2 Fwy Interchange](#)

 Photo's [8] [Dramatic Photos Capture 5 Freeway Interchange Fire](#)

 Photo's [11] [Tanker Fire Burns Near 5 Freeway Overpass](#)



*A tanker truck carrying 7,500 gallons of fuel caught fire in a tunnel underneath the 5 Freeway and 2 Freeway interchange in Los Angeles on Saturday, July 13, 2013.*

A tanker truck flipped and caught fire in a tunnel beneath a major freeway interchange north of downtown Los Angeles today, causing a major traffic jam, fuel spill into the Los Angeles River and a hazardous smoke scare. One person was killed. The fire was reported at 10:31 a.m., and by 11:10 CHP officers reported one dead person was inside a tunnel at the interchange of the Golden State (5) and Glendale (2) freeways. Drivers were fleeing heavy smoke by driving the wrong way on freeways, CHP officers said. About a quarter mile away, a

large flow of flammable liquid was spotted emerging from a storm drain into the Los Angeles River, and it was observed by a fire helicopter pilot flowing about one mile downstream from there. The liquid had been washed into flood control pipes by firefighting efforts, and officials worried about "backdraft conditions" where the volatile mixture was flowing out of the pipe. Storm drains were becoming pressurized with flammable liquid and water, and firefighters called for police to move people back should an explosion occur. The now-closed section of the 5 Freeway handles about 292,000 vehicles per day, according



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to Caltrans figures, and traffic to today's 4:15 p.m. Dodgers game was expected to be heavily impacted. Newly-opened walking paths along the L.A River were hurriedly evacuated by police. CHP officer Ed Jacobs said the fire was triggered by a tanker truck that had flipped over in the subterranean ramp from the southbound 2 freeway to the southbound 5. Air monitoring equipment was rushed to measure what was in the air, as the fire burned more than 55 minutes. Firefighters originally were called to a brush fire burning in heavy landscaping along the 5 Freeway, spokesman Brian Humphrey said. Firefighters at the scene said they discovered some sort of burning tanker in the tunnel next to a Caltrans maintenance yard at Riverside Drive at Allessando Street. Interstate 5 was closed to southbound traffic at Fletcher Boulevard, and northbound traffic was closed at Stadium Way. The southbound 2 was also closed at its Fletcher Boulevard exit, and northbound 2 was closed from its terminus at Glendale Boulevard. That closed one of two major freeway links between downtown Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley. Traffic on the parallel Hollywood (101) Freeway was quickly jammed. Structural engineers were called in to examine the tunnel beneath the 5 Freeway, about five miles north of downtown.

<http://echopark.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/tanker-flips-in-freeway-tunnel-one-killed>

### AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, KALGOOLIE, JULY 14 2013. FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE TRUCK BLAZE

*liam croy*

Firefighters extinguished a blaze on a truck carrying ammonium nitrate near Kalgoorlie this afternoon. The truck caught fire just after 3pm on the Goldfields Highway, about 50km north of Kalgoorlie. It is not known how much ammonium nitrate the truck was carrying. Ammonium nitrate is a white substance most commonly used as a high-nitrogen fertiliser. It is also used in explosives. A Department of Fire and Emergency Services spokesman said the situation was under control by 3.40pm.

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/breaking/17994052/firefighters-battle-truck-blaze/>

### MALAYSIA, PONTIAN, JULY 16 2013. NO OIL SPILL FROM TANKER FIRE OFF PULAU KUKUP: MMEA

*chuah bee kim*



Abdul Selim Mondal, 32, was asleep in his cabin when he was awakened by shouts. The oiler, who had been on board the Sierra Leone (West Africa)-registered vessel MT Samudera for a month, said he heard people screaming "Run! Run!" "I sprained my right foot in an attempt to get to safety. People were running helter-skelter as the flames were very strong. "My cabin was just next to the engine room where the fire was believed to have broken out," he said. Abdul Selim, from Kolkata, India, said four engineers among the crew suffered burns. One of them was K.Konander, 39. "My friend, G.Sirivasen is still inside the vessel. I hope he is alright," Abdul Selim said in Kukup near here today. Meanwhile, Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) district enforcement officer Maritime Captain Aminuddin Abd Rashid told a Press

conference on board a boat that all 22 out of 23 aged from 21 to 49 were rescued after the Maritime Rescue Sub Centre had received a distress call at 4.40pm. In the incident that occurred at 2.6 nautical miles south of Pulau Kukup, the tanker which was not transporting oil, was on its way to Chettagon, Bangladesh, from Batam, Indonesia. Aminuddin said MMEA was working closely with other agencies, namely, the marine police, Fire and Rescue Department and Johor State Environment Department. "No one is allowed to go on board the vessel yet until the Fire and Rescue Department (HAZMAT) give us the green light. "The Johor Environment Department has certified that there is no oil spill following the incident," he said.

<http://www.nst.com.my/latest/no-oil-spill-from-tanker-fire-off-pulau-kukup-mmea-1.319801>

### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, BURONGA, JULY 15 2013. BURONGA SERVICE STATION CLOSED DUE TO GAS LEAK

A minor gas leak from two gas cylinders forced the closure of Buronga's Shell service station this morning. Dareton police and two New South Wales Rural Fire Service units from Buronga and Gol Gol were called to the scene shortly after 7am. Senior-Constable Andrew Braden said a maintenance truck was called from Adelaide to remove the gas from both cylinders and would arrive about midnight. He said there was no danger to residents as a result of the leak and it was not known how the leak started. The service station is expected to re-open tomorrow.

<http://www.sunraysiaadaily.com.au/story/1636600/update-buronga-service-station-closed-due-to-gas-leak/?cs=1511>



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