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#### USA, MN, ST. ANTHONY, AUGUST 16 2013. ST. ANTHONY POLICE CHIEF TALKS ABOUT TRUCK CHEMICAL SPILL

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- [St. Anthony Police Chief Talks about Truck Chemical Spill](#)
- [Crews Respond to Chemical Spill in St. Anthony](#)
- [Road Reopens after Chemical Spill in St. Anthony](#)

A chemical spill in St. Anthony drew calls to multiple fire departments, including Roseville, this morning. Fire officials called the spill a minor incident. At about 12:30 p.m. today, officials from Bay West, a Twin Cities environmental and industrial services company, arrived at Highcrest and County Road in Roseville to begin the cleanup of the chemical spill. David Brosnahan, [Roseville Fire Department](#) battalion chief, estimated that it could take the Bay West crew from 30 minutes up to two hours to cleanup the spill. In the meantime, residents within a two-block area of the incident at County Road D and Highcrest were being advised to stay in their homes and turn off their home HVAC (heating ventilation and air conditioning systems) until the cleanup is complete. "Overall, this is a minor incident," Brosnahan said. But as a matter of routine, several cities responded to the emergency call. On the scene were four units from the Roseville Fire Department along with fire and rescue crews from St. Anthony, Minneapolis, Fridley, Lake Johanna and New Brighton. Emergency service vehicles responding to the call included Minneapolis Heavy Rescue No. 9 Hazardous Materials Unit. St. Anthony Police Chief John Ohl said he believes that a truck carrying swimming pool cleaning supplies, possibly some kind of acid, was involved in the leak. Fire officials said the truck began leaking the chemical on to the roadway just inside the eastern boundary of St. Anthony Village, and then came to a stop just inside the Roseville border. The incident occurred around 10:30 a.m.

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- [Learn more about chlorine exposure dangers here.](#)
- [Learn more about hydrochloric acid exposure dangers here.](#)

<http://roseville.patch.com/groups/editors-picks/p/st-anthony-police-talks-about-truck-chemical-spill>

#### USA, GA, VALDOSTA, AUGUST 16 2013. EXPLOSIONS BLAST LOCAL INDUSTRIAL PARK

*kristin finney, dean poling, stuart taylor & kay harris*

 **Watch the Video [3]** [Explosions Blast Local Industrial Park](#)

 **Photo's [11]** [Explosions Blast Local Industrial Park](#)



Though no foul play is expected, federal ATF agents, Valdosta Fire Department arson investigators and police detectives are working the fire site today as an expected process of eliminating all possibilities as they determine the cause, according to the VFD. Two employees remain hospitalized today and one has been treated and released. A series of explosions and a fire severely injured three people Wednesday afternoon at an incident in an Azalea East Industrial Park facility that processes and disposes hazardous and non-hazardous waste. At 2:22 p.m. Wednesday, Valdosta Fire Department was called to Perma-Fix of South Georgia, Inc., 1612 James P. Rodgers Circle, regarding reports of a chemical explosion, according to the City of Valdosta. Nearby spectators who heard the initial blast said it was not "that loud." Michael Rogers, owner of nearby Vanguard Aviation, said he first thought the noise was thunder. Then described the explosive sounds as "similar to Air Force bombers on a bombing run." Some onlookers said they believed the fire was under control before firefighters arrived. This was not the case. Perma-Fix processes and disposes chemicals, such as items in aerosol cans, ink paste and other materials. Due to the chemicals in the plant, more explosions followed in a series of repeated bursts for the next 30-40 minutes, with less occasional explosive sounds well past an hour after the initial call. Forty Valdosta firefighters responded to the scene, according to the city. Additional emergency responders arrived to assist the Valdosta Fire Department. Lowndes County Fire Department provided aid. Moody Air Force Base sent eight firefighters, a ladder truck and a duel-wield



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truck that shoots both water and foam. Florida fire departments, such as Live Oak Fire Rescue, offered and sent firefighting crews. South Georgia Medical Center sent three ambulances to the scene, according to the hospital. At least three people were severely injured in the blasts, said Valdosta Police Chief Brian Childress. LifeFlight helicopters transported all three injured people to the hospital, though the chief was not certain if they were transported to a local or other hospital. Neither authorities nor Perma-Fix officials released the names of the injured as of Wednesday evening. Outside, Valdosta Police Department, the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office and the Georgia State Patrol established a perimeter around the industrial park. As the explosions and fire continued, officials were unable to initially cut off gas in the area. One neighboring business owner reported that underground gas tanks increased the situation's hazardous potential. Firefighters and onlookers could smell gas in the smoke. Some firefighters made respiratory complaints from fighting the fire. Authorities evacuated the area and closed the Azalea East Industrial Park. Thoroughfares such as Gil Harbin Industrial Boulevard were closed. Portions of Madison Highway and Old Clyattville Road were closed. Authorities rerouted traffic. Nearby Lowndes Middle School released students at the regular time Wednesday afternoon, according to Lowndes County School System, but with traffic diverted, some parents reported their children's buses arriving home later than usual. Thunderstorms released an afternoon shower on the scene, with some people at a distant from the site, mistaking the sound of thunder for more explosions. Given that the smoke pillar rising from the site could be seen from miles away, it seemed a reasonable mistake. A command post was established by responders at the public works office located at Gil Harbin. Meanwhile, a series of unrelated fires were reported in other areas of the city, including one on Baytree, another on Norman Drive, etc., but these incidents were not fully involved cases. By approximately 5 p.m. Wednesday, the industrial park had been stabilized though firefighters continued working the scene into the evening. A cause of the initial explosion was undetermined Wednesday evening. Ann Smith, Perma-Fix communications director, stated that the company is "taking the incident very seriously and is focusing on the safety and security of our employees and the community." In an email, she said the company was operating normally when the fire began and there will be a thorough investigation into the cause of the blaze as soon as the site is cleared. Smith said the company would release additional information as more facts are known. As of Wednesday, she had no additional information on the injured employees. Perma-Fix processes and disposes of chemicals including arsenic, chloroform, methyl ethyl ketone, vinyl chloride, benzene, etc. The company has been located in Valdosta since 1974. In February, Valdosta firefighters responded to a fire at Perma-Fix, which required the use of foam to keep chemicals from running off into a nearby waterway.

<http://valdostadailytimes.com/local/x1981935857/Explosions-blast-local-Industrial-Park>

### ENGLAND, YORKSHIRE, AUGUST 16 2013. DRIVER KILLED IN CRASH WITH TANKER ON SHERIFF HUTTON ROAD IN STRENSALL, YORK

**Photo's [5] [Driver Killed in Crash with Tanker](#)**



*At the scene of the crash on the Sheriff Hutton to Strensall Road.*

A car driver has died in a crash with a tanker on the outskirts of York today. The 54-year-old woman from the York area, who was driving a black Rover 25, was pronounced dead at the scene, North Yorkshire Police said. The accident happened at around 9.10am when the Rover collided with an oil tanker on Sheriff Hutton Road in Strensall. Police are appealing for vital witnesses who failed to stop at the scene to come forward. Traffic Sgt Hamish Halloway, of North Yorkshire Police's Roads Policing Group, said: "It is believed that at least five vehicles drove past the scene of the collision at the time it occurred. "I urge drivers of those vehicles to make contact with the police as they may have vital

information that can help with our enquiries. "Sadly, a woman has lost her life as a result of this collision and it is important that we establish exactly what happened." One eyewitness said the collision happened when the car tried to avoid a tractor which was using an extension arm to trim grass verges and crashed head-on into the tanker, which was heading in the opposite direction. He said the tanker was partially off the road, but had not caught fire. She said: "North Yorkshire County Council closed the road with diversions on our side and City of York on theirs. "The tractor was not involved in the work of either council." The road, which was immediately closed off, preventing traffic using it from Strensall or Sheriff Hutton, has now been reopened. Anyone who can help officers is urged to phone TS Halloway on 101 or email [hamish.halloway@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:hamish.halloway@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk), quoting reference NYP-15082013-0120.

[http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/10614180.UPDATED\\_Driver\\_of\\_car\\_in\\_serious\\_tanker\\_crash\\_confirmed\\_dead/](http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/10614180.UPDATED_Driver_of_car_in_serious_tanker_crash_confirmed_dead/)



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#### **NIGERIA, LAPAI, BIRNIN MAZA VILLAGE, AUGUST 16 2013. PETROL TANKER CRASH: DEATH TOLL RISES TO 30**

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The special adviser, Niger State Emergency Management Agency, NSEMA, Mohammed Shaba, has stated that the death toll from the crashed petrol tanker had risen by 22 more victims. Eight deaths had earlier been recorded at the incident which occurred in Birnin Maza village, Lapai Local Government Area last weekend. Shaba made the disclosure in an interview yesterday in Minna where he said some of the injured victims died in the process of treatment. "I had earlier informed you that a tanker laden with petrol which fell on its side close to Birnin Maza village, 20 kilometres to Lapai, due to the bad state of Lapai-Lambatta-Abuja road and that the movement of two Toyota vehicles caused the inferno" he said. He recalled that "On the day of accident, eight persons, who were passengers of the two Toyota vehicles that involved in the accident, who roasted beyond recognition were given a mass burial close to the scene of the accident, after consultation with Emir of Lapai, Alhaji Umar

Bago". According to him, "We later learnt that 12 villagers were also killed by the inferno and were buried by the villagers, while five burnt corpse of the villagers was discovered after the tanker was lifted by a heavy crane deployed to clear the road, increasing the tally to 25 deaths. "However, the latest information reaching us shows that five other injured persons had died from the burnt, at General Hospital Minna, Federal Medical Centre Bida and Ahmadu Bello Teaching Hospital Zaria, raising the death toll to 30 as of today.

<http://leadership.ng/news/150813/petrol-tanker-crash-death-toll-rises-22>

#### **PHILIPPINES, QUEZON, LUCENA CITY, AUGUST 16 2013. 2 BURNED ALIVE IN FLAMING TANKER IN QUEZON**

*delfin t. mallari jr.*

Two persons were killed when a Bicol-bound tanker transporting a still unknown chemical overturned and burst into flames following a collision with another truck on the Maharlika Highway in Atimonan, Quezon, shortly before midnight Thursday, police said. Chief Inspector Jonar Yupio, Atimonan police chief, said the still unidentified driver of the tanker and his helper were pinned down in the cab of the truck and burned to death. "We're still waiting for the heavy equipment to retrieve the charred remains," Yupio said in a telephone interview Friday morning. A police field report received at Camp Nakar here described the vehicle, with license plate LUE 646, as a "tractor trailer oil tanker truck." It came from Manila. Yupio said the truck was cruising on the highway in Barangay Malinao Ilaya in Atimonan when the driver lost control of the vehicle around 11:10 and it collided with an oncoming Elf truck. After hitting the right side of the other truck, the tanker veered into an vacant lot where it overturned and burst into flames, Yupio said, citing accounts of witnesses. He said investigators were waiting for the vehicle's owner to ascertain the truck's cargo. "We believe that the content was not petroleum product; maybe some form of chemical," Yupio said. He said the truck bore no markings. He said firemen from neighboring towns helped put out the fire, which lasted until 2 a.m. Friday. He said the helper of the Elf truck, identified as Justine Pinque from Calauag, Quezon, sustained injuries and was being treated at a hospital in Lucena City.

<http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/466885/2-burned-alive-in-flaming-tanker-in-quezon>

#### **USA, NE, PIERCE CO, AUGUST 16 2013. HADAR MAN DIES IN COLLISION**

A Hadar man has died after the farm tractor he was driving collided with a semi-truck tanker northwest of Foster Wednesday afternoon. Dallas Oestreich, 73, died of injuries from the collision on Highway 13, one mile northwest of Foster, said Pierce County Sheriff Rick Eberhardt. Oestreich was driving a Ford Farm tractor south on county road 542 and pulled onto Highway 13 when he was struck by a northbound semi-truck tanker driven by Richard Myers Jr., 60, of Norfolk. Both were transported to Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk by Pierce and Plainview rescue units. Oestreich died while being transported to a hospital in Omaha, Eberhardt said. The tanker was loaded with about 8,800 gallons of diesel fuel and the fuel was leaking after the tanker rolled on its side following the collision, said Capt. Steve Bettendorf of the Norfolk Fire Division. The fire division's regional hazardous material response team assisted Plainview and Pierce fire departments in decontaminating the scene. The team was able to stop the leak within 30 minutes of arrival, Bettendorf said, and remained until about 8 p.m. after the fuel was loaded into another truck. Members of the Pierce, Osmond and Plainview fire departments provided hose line fire



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protection and decontamination during the incident. Highway 13 was not re-opened until after midnight, Eberhardt said. The collision is still under investigation by the Pierce County sheriff's department and the Nebraska State Patrol.

[http://norfolkdailynews.com/news/collision-causes-diesel-spill-on-highway/article\\_1563af6a-052e-11e3-a720-0019bb30f31a.html](http://norfolkdailynews.com/news/collision-causes-diesel-spill-on-highway/article_1563af6a-052e-11e3-a720-0019bb30f31a.html)

### USA, N.Y, BUFFALO, AUGUST 16 2013. HAZMAT CALLED TO TRAIN DERAILMENT

 **Watch the Video** [HAZMAT Called to Train Derailment](#)

HAZMAT crews were called to the CSX rail line in Buffalo along William Street Wednesday when three cars jumped the tracks. A train with two locomotives and 70 cars was heading from Indianapolis, Indiana to Selkirk, NY, which is near Albany, when the last three cars derailed around 7:30 p.m. Two of the cars contained plastic pellets and there was some spillage. The other was a tanker that contained ethanol, and though there was a small leak, it was quickly secured. HAZMAT crews were then called off. CSX crews will work through the night to repair the damage and investigate the derailment. There were no injuries reported.

<http://www.wivb.com/news/buffalo/haz-mat-called-to-train-derailment>

### AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, PORT STANVAC, AUGUST 16 2013. REDUNDANT FUEL TANK CATCHES FIRE AT DISUSED MOBIL OIL REFINERY AT LONSDALE

*sam kelton*



*The collapsed fuel tank at the former Mobil refinery at Port Stanvac.*

More Than 20 firefighters have contained a blaze in an old fuel tank at the disused Mobil oil refinery at Lonsdale. Reports of the fire came in shortly after 11am. The fire occurred in a tank that was being demolished as part of the works to demolish the former Adelaide Refinery's infrastructure, which has been underway since August 2012. The fire was threatening other fuel tanks nearby - and fire crews focused their attention on preventing the fire from spreading. Smoke, which was heavily present in the area has now cleared.

<http://www.news.com.au/national-news/south-australia/redundant-fuel-tank-catches-fire-at-disused-mobil-oil-refinery-at-lonsdale/story-fnii5yv4-1226698402125>

### JAPAN, TOKYO, AUGUST 16 2013. GENERATOR EXPLOSION AT JAPANESE SUMMER FIREWORKS FESTIVAL INJURES 60

An explosion at a summer fireworks festival near Kyoto, Japan, injured 60 people, local police said Friday. The blast Thursday evening, just before the fireworks display was to start, may have been caused by a food stall vendor putting gasoline into an electricity generator without turning it off, said the deputy head of Kyoto's Fukuchiyama police station, who gave his surname as Okamoto. He said an investigation was underway. Eighteen of those hurt suffered major burns and other serious injuries, including a 13-year-old boy and a 10-year-old boy, he said. The annual festival in Fukuchiyama, Kyoto prefecture, was canceled after the explosion. Last year, it drew around 110,000 spectators.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\\_pacific/generator-explosion-at-japanese-summer-fireworks-festival-injures-59/2013/08/16/83116cc4-0659-11e3-bfc5-406b928603b2\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/generator-explosion-at-japanese-summer-fireworks-festival-injures-59/2013/08/16/83116cc4-0659-11e3-bfc5-406b928603b2_story.html)



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## PAKISTAN, ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 16 2013. LEAVING IN HASTE?: CHEVRON EXITS FUEL RETAIL, STORAGE BUSINESS IN PAKISTAN

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- 538 Chevron Retail Fuel Outlets Operate in Pakistan Under the Caltex Brand name



US-based Chevron Pakistan Limited is exiting its fuel retail and storage business in Pakistan by selling it to Total Parco Pakistan Limited and the process is expected to be completed in the first half of 2014. According to sources, Total Parco struck a deal on August 8 with the Chevron group for acquiring Chevron Pakistan's fuel business, including a 12% shareholding in Pakistan Refinery Limited as well as fuel marketing. However, Chevron has kept its lubricant business and will establish a company to market this product. The sale of the fuel retail business is part of a strategy to dispose of Chevron's downstream assets in Egypt and Pakistan. Sources said Chevron may have sold its fuel business at \$180 million. "The transaction is subject to regulatory and court approvals and is expected to be completed in the first half of 2014,"

a source said, adding the fuel business of Chevron Pakistan mainly comprised the retail network of service stations, commercial fuel sales and storage facilities. "This acquisition is in line with the global strategy of the Total group and Pak-Arab Refinery Limited (Parco) – its partner in Pakistan – and demonstrates a commitment to further investing in the country and delivering high-quality fuel and services to its customers," commented a company official. "It also reflects the confidence and trust that Total and Parco have in the strong development potential of Pakistan," he said. An official of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) – the oil and gas industry regulator – told The Express Tribune nobody from the management of Total Parco or Chevron had approached it for the transfer of marketing business. Chevron, in a briefing to securities analysts in March last year, said it was reviewing its Egypt and Pakistan fuel businesses and was going to take a decision on the future of these operations. Chevron Pakistan is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chevron Corporation, one of the world's leading integrated energy companies. Headquartered in San Ramon, California, Chevron has operations in more than 100 countries. In Pakistan, Chevron has 538 retail fuel outlets that operate under the brand name Caltex. The company's share in retail fuel market of Pakistan is about 5%, lagging behind Pakistan State Oil, Shell Pakistan and Attock Petroleum. In addition to the retail outlets, Chevron has 12 storage depots with a total capacity of about 12,000 tons, an 11% stake in a cross-country oil pipeline and a 12% stake in Pakistan Refinery Limited. Total Parco – a joint venture between France's Total and Parco that started operations in 2001 – is establishing a network of state-of-the-art retail stations across Pakistan. The company, with over 260 retail stations at present, plans to add 30 new stations per year until 2020.

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/589266/leaving-in-haste-chevron-exits-fuel-retail-storage-business-in-pakistan/>

## USA, MA, WORCESTER, AUGUST 17 2013. TANKER OVERTURNS IN RICE SQUARE

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 **Slideshow [11]** [Oil tanker overturns at Rice Square](#)



*Oil is pumped from the overturned truck before it is righted.*

A truck toppled over in the middle of Rice Square at about noon Friday, spilling hundreds of gallons of fuel down Acton Street and shutting down the busy intersection. The driver, who declined to comment, said he was not hurt. No one else was injured. At the time of the accident the green fuel truck was loaded onto the back of a flatbed that was being pulled by a dump truck, which was not damaged. The tanker was carrying 1,200 gallons of fuel. The owner of a nearby restaurant said the truck was headed south on Grafton Street and trying to make a left in the five-way intersection when the truck fell off the bed, coming to rest on its right side at the top of Acton Street. "It just suddenly flipped," said Jack Lahddo, owner of J&J Pizza Express. Mr. Lahddo said he was taking an order and was looking out of the window when it happened. Raychelle Lyman, whose

mother owns Mary Ann's Beauty Salon at 1 Rice Square, said she heard the crash but did not see it happen. "It sounded like a truck was going through the front of the door," she said. The impact left a gash in the concrete several inches deep.



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Firefighters spread sand in an attempt to contain the leak as the fuel pooled at the corner of Acton Street and Kenyon Avenue. Drains on the street indicated that water entering them flows into Broad Meadow Brook. Workers from the state Department of Environmental Protection were also on scene. On the door of the dump truck was the logo for P.W. Brown Inc., a contracting company from Westboro. The company did not immediately return calls for comment Friday. The normally busy intersection remained closed to traffic during the afternoon, as emergency workers evaluated the situation and tried to contain the spill. Worcester Police Accident Reconstruction Unit supervisor Sgt. John Fallavollita said shortly before 2 p.m. that he was unsure how long it would take to get the area cleared. But Mr. Lahddo said that he hoped it happened quickly. "This (Friday) is my busiest day," he said. "We can't do deliveries. ... Everybody is losing money."

<http://www.telegram.com/article/20130816/NEWS/130819885/1116>

#### USA, MN, HIBBING, AUGUST 17 2013. ROLLED TRUCK REMOVED; HIGHWAY 5 REOPENED TO TRAFFIC

 **Photo's [6]** [Rolled Truck Removed](#)



Crews have removed the semi truck carrying 44,000 pounds of highly explosive ammonium nitrate that rolled near Hibbing Friday morning. Crews off loaded the 42,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate and transferred the substance to another semi. Once the product was removed, the rolled semi was righted on its wheels using two semi tow trucks with booms. Highway 5, where the truck rolled over, has been re-opened to traffic. About five gallons of fuel oil from the truck spilled, but the ammonium nitrate being transported did not spill. Crews contained the fuel spill and an environmental clean-up crew has responded to the scene. The incident occurred about two miles away from Hibbing Taconite's mine around 8 Friday morning. Officials say the Dyno Nobel tanker truck rolled as it turned into the entrance of Hibbing Taconite. The driver was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries. No employees at Hibbing Taconite were affected by the accident and production continued as normal. Hibbing Taconite is owned by

Cliffs Natural Resources. Ammonium nitrate is commonly used as a high-nitrogen fertilizer, and is used in 80 percent of explosives in North America.

<http://www.northlandsnewscenter.com/news/iron-range/Semi-Holding-Highly-Explosive-Chemical-Has-Rolled-Over-Prompting-Half-Mile-Evacuations-in-Hibbing-219917981.html>

#### UK, WALES, HAVERFORDWEST, AUGUST 17 2013. MOBILE CRANE AND PETROL TANKER COLLIDE ON WELSH ROAD

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A mobile crane collided with a petrol tanker on the A4776 in Haverfordwest this morning. A major clean-up operation was launched after the petrol tank ruptured spilling fuel onto the road. Dyfed-Powys Police said: "At approximately 06:40 this morning an RTC involving a fuel tanker and a crane occurred. No injuries have been reported. "As a result a substantial amount of fuel has leaked from the ruptured tanker. "Specialist equipment is being used to remove the fuel spillage and the road is going to be closed for a protracted period of time, up to 24 hours." It is believed the incident involved a Texaco tanker and a Grove mobile crane owned by Davies Crane Hire.

<http://www.constructionenquirer.com/2013/08/16/mobile-crane-and-petrol-tanker-collide-on-welsh-road/>

#### USA, FLA, FORT WALTON BEACH, AUGUST 17 2013. GAS STATION RESTRICTED AFTER WATER FOUND IN GAS

*lauren delgado*

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is investigating a local gas station after water was found in its gasoline. Four complaints were filed by customers whose vehicles broke down after they bought gas at the Hollywood Food Mart at 248 Hollywood Blvd., said Erin Gillespie, press secretary for the department. The station was inspected July 8, the day the complaints first came in, Gillespie said. Water was found in all the gasoline and a stop-sale order was issued. Regular gas now can be sold, but a stop order still is in effect for mid-grade and premium gas, Gillespie said. It will be lifted when the department is sure the gas is free of water. Water can get into a pump through a broken seal on the in-ground tank, a leak underground in the pump, or a crack somewhere that allows water to get in, Gillespie said. The department still is inspecting



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the station and investigating the incident. Typically, a station would be fined for that type of occurrence, Gillespie said. Gina Covey gassed up her Mazda Tribute at Valero the morning of July 8. The small SUV ran for a few blocks before it shut down. After AAA towed it to an auto shop, a mechanic inspected it and asked Covey if she had been in a flood. The tank was filled with water. "It doesn't even smell like gas," Covey recalled the mechanic saying. "We wouldn't be able to even light it on fire." She took the \$217 repair bill to the Valero station. Employees promised it would be taken care of, but Covey has yet to get a reimbursement. Azab Rahman, the owner of the station, said those affected likely would be reimbursed next week. He said he had no idea how water got into the pumps.

<http://www.nwfdailynews.com/local/gas-station-restricted-after-water-found-in-gas-1.188263>

### USA, N.C, MORGANTON, AUGUST 17 2013. GAS PUMP FALLS VICTIM TO BRAKE FAILURE

*mary elizabeth robertson*



A car crashed into a gas pump at a service station off N.C. 181 on Thursday. Around 3:30 p.m., 19-year-old Kristian Wilson noticed his brakes failing as he was driving into Morganton, State Trooper Daniel Lane said. "He felt his brakes going out," Lane said. "To avoid coming into the city of Morganton at a high speed, he tried to pull into a safe (area)." Wilson pulled into the parking lot of the Discount Beverage store and gas station, located at 1150 N. Green St. He careened into a gas pump. Store owner Joseph Wilson (no relation) said a contractor would arrive on Friday to assess the damage. Lane said Kristian Wilson would not be charged in the accident. No injuries were reported.

[http://www.morganton.com/news/article\\_6adf0000-067f-11e3-9efc-0019bb30f31a.html](http://www.morganton.com/news/article_6adf0000-067f-11e3-9efc-0019bb30f31a.html)

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*hamid al-shahri*

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### USA, UT, WOODS CROSS, AUGUST 17 2013. FIRE CREWS CLEAN UP TANKER DIESEL SPILL

*kimball bennion*

Firefighters and a hazardous materials team worked to clean up a fuel spill in Woods Cross that sent one person to the hospital. Battalion Chief John Hauze of the South Davis Metro Fire Department said about 50 gallons of diesel fuel spilled from a filling hose at 500 South and 700 West Friday night. A truck at a filling station pulled away from a filling station at about 7 p.m. without disconnecting, and the fuel left in the hose spilled onto 500 South. A woman who was riding a bicycle encountered the spill and slipped. She was taken to a hospital with minor injuries, Hauze said. Hauze said some of the fuel dripped into a storm sewer nearby, prompting the Davis County Environmental Health Services Division to investigate. The fuel did not get into any other drains or water systems, Hauze said. The fire department deployed sanders and sweepers to 500 South to help with the clean up. The spill briefly shut down FrontRunner rail operation between Salt Lake City and Farmington, but the fire department reported that the line was back in service just before 8 p.m.

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/56745827-78/spill-department-fire-clean.html.csp>

### USA, IN, KOKOMO, AUGUST 17 2013. ENVIRONMENTAL WORK WILL MAKE DELCO SITE MARKETABLE >> BANKRUPTCY TRUST TO CLEAN UP OLD DELCO SITE

*scott smith*

It's amazing how long an old, gigantic, brick manufacturing space managed to survive on Kokomo's north end before it finally succumbed to the wrecking ball in 1993. The Delco Plant 5, otherwise known as the North Plant, formerly known as Reliant Manufacturing's "Prosperity" plant, sat on a triangle of land created by the Davis Road/Washington Street split. Used for manufacturing for more than 70 years, the property has some environmental issues. Those issues, documented by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, have been perhaps the main reason the property, now vacant land, hasn't been redeveloped. Apperson Brothers Automobile Co. constructed the building in 1915, using it until 1926. That year, it was taken over by Wolfe Bros., an outfit which made radio cabinets. Reliant took possession in the late 1930s, making women's clothes and then, during World War II, parachutes. It's final incarnation was as an assembly site for GM Delco circuit boards from 1953 to 1991, according to a site prospectus compiled by the RACER Trust, the bankruptcy-created entity charged with cleaning up and marketing old General Motors "legacy" sites in 14 states. By most accounts, the buildings on the site were already pretty well spooky and dilapidated midway through the Delco period, but back in the 1950s, Delco was a powerhouse in Kokomo. It hadn't started to add any of the 1.2 million square feet of space the company would eventually build on U.S. 31. It just needed manufacturing space. Now the property just needs some cleanup work. The soil on the northern third of the plant site, maybe 6 to 10 feet deep, is contaminated with volatile organic chemicals like trichloroethylene, a carcinogenic solvent used to clean circuit boards before it was banned in the 1970s. Engineer Bob Hare, RACER's cleanup manager for sites in five states, will likely be on site next week, supervising some preliminary investigatory work ahead of an expected spring 2014 cleanup. The plan right now is to excavate contaminated soil, mix it with lime, and allow the heating action of the lime to disperse the chemicals, Hare said. In addition, they're considering injecting oxidizing chemicals even deeper into the ground to break up contaminants in the groundwater. Any remedies, Hare said, would be subject to EPA approval of a specific cleanup plan. "No. 1, we want to clean up soils to prevent anyone from coming into contact with the contaminants in the future," Hare said. "Second, we want to clean it up to the point where rainwater that lands on the site isn't going to pass through and contaminate the groundwater." RACER has about \$7 million from the government-backed bankruptcy settlement to spend specifically on



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the Plant 5 cleanup, and Hare said that should be enough to clean the property up to an industrial standard. GM had a large footprint in Indiana, the Midwest and even to the east. RACER is in charge of legacy sites in 89 locations, with about two-thirds of the properties in need of some environmental remediation. The trust has had some success marketing properties: So far, they've sold 30 properties for about \$30 million, according to Patricia Spitzley, a deputy redevelopment manager with RACER. One of their biggest redevelopment projects is in Indianapolis at the old GM Stamping Plant. The city of Indianapolis is interested in making the site, which sits on the west side of the White River across from Lucas Oil Stadium, into an extension of the downtown. RACER is collecting proposals from interested parties, and will make the ultimate decision — with Indianapolis' input — which proposal is selected. Hare promises similar local input will be weighed when considering any offers for the Plant 5 site, once it's cleaned. "It's our mission to figure out the best use for this property, and I think it's going to require some forward thinking, and some out-of-the-box thinking," Spitzley said in a July interview. "It may not be to a facility that's going to bring a lot of jobs, but there is some potential there." In other words, they're not going to simply give the property away, once it's cleaned up. "We're not under any timeline to sell this property," she said. If there's a drawback, it's that the Delco site sits next to the former Midwest Plating site, which occupies the southern point of the land triangle. Midwest Plating is also an environmental brownfield site, and will not be cleaned up as part of the Delco cleanup. "I don't think it's going to have much of an impact; I'm sure there are some issues associated with it," Hare said.

<http://kokomotribune.com/local/x1084956402/Environmental-work-will-make-Delco-site-marketable>

#### USA, W.VA, CHARLESTON, AUGUST 17 2013. COMPANY CITED IN FATAL TAYLOR GAS WELL EXPLOSION

*ken ward jr.*

Federal regulators have cited the employer of a worker who was killed earlier this year in explosion at a natural gas production site in Taylor County, records show. The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued one serious citation to Central Environmental Services LLC following its investigation of the Feb. 15 death at a site near Flemington. Brian Hopkins, of Little Hocking, Ohio, died in the explosion, which occurred at an EQT Corp. well site, according to records from OSHA and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. DEP officials said at the time that the incident appeared to have occurred while Hopkins was attempting to transfer briny wastewater from an onsite tank to a truck that would haul the material to a disposal site. Central Environmental, a contractor for EQT, employed Hopkins. OSHA issued a serious citation that alleged Central Environmental had employees using headlamps that were not "intrinsically safe" to prevent sparks, fires or explosions. The citation included a proposed fine of \$4,500. An official from Central Environmental did not immediately return a call seeking comment on the OSHA citation. OSHA lists violations as serious if "there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known." Records indicate that officials could not conclusively determine the source of the ignition that led to the explosion. But OSHA said Central Environmental used improper headlamps "for illumination during hours of darkness when checking brine tank levels." Nearby residents said the explosion that killed Hopkins occurred about 6:45 p.m. DEP inspectors arrived onsite about 8:45 a.m., records show. OSHA also issued two "other than serious" citations that involved not having proper employee training on the use of fire extinguishers and having an electrical receptacle without a faceplate. Those carried no proposed penalties. EQT calls itself "a major player in the Appalachian Basin," with more than 3.5 million acres of drilling rights in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. Parkersburg-based Central Environmental says it is "a leading provider of a comprehensive suite of environmental, transportation, energy and industrial services," including the management of gas industry wastewater." Between 2003 and 2011, the most recent figures available, at least 17 workers in West Virginia's oil and gas industry were killed on the job, according to an analysis by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

<http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201308160106>

#### USA, ILL, AUGUST 17 2013. EMPLOYEE INJURED IN KANKAKEE TANKER EXPLOSION AIRLIFTED TO CHICAGO

*dennis yohnka*

A tanker explosion and subsequent fire Thursday at the Eastgate Industrial Park in Kankakee has left one employee hospitalized and caused major damage to the Turn-Key Environmental waste haulers building. Fire officials would not release the name of the injured man but said he was airlifted to a hospital in Chicago after first being transported to Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. Employees at the scene said none of the company's other eight staff members were in the immediate vicinity of the explosion. "We haven't determined the cause of the explosion, and we can't offer an estimate of the damage yet," Kankakee Fire Captain Damon Schudt said. "The incident is still under investigation." The explosion that blew a hole in



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the roof of the metal garage structure at about 2 p.m. was loud enough to be heard three miles away in Aroma Park. The business — located just off Illinois Route 17, east of the Interstate 57 interchange — has only been at this location since February, said workers who were watching the blaze. Another branch of the Turn-Key business is located in Bourbonnais. Company representatives refused to comment. The fire was under control after an hour after it started, but Schudt said firefighters stayed on the scene to assure nothing would reignite, especially insulation in a difficult-to-reach attic.

<http://daily-journal.com/archives/dj/display.php?id=510549>

### INDIA, DELHI, AUGUST 17 2013. CAR CRASHES INTO TANKER, TWO KILLED

Two people died and one was hurt after the car they were travelling in rammed into a tanker parked by the roadside here, police said Friday. The incident occurred around 12.30 a.m. Friday in south Delhi's Pul Prahladpur area. The deceased were identified as Kuldeep, 30, a driver, and Pankaj, 26, a cable TV operator. Jitender, 30, another driver, was injured and is being treated at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences trauma centre. "The occupants were in an inebriated state and headed towards Tughlaqabad village. Pankaj, who was at the wheel, lost control and the Scorpio hit a stationary tanker," said a police officer. Following the impact, the car was badly damaged. "Firemen took more than an hour in the rescue operation. Two occupants had already died by the time they were brought out," said the officer. Cutters were used to remove the roof of the car and bring out the occupants. The tanker driver fled with his vehicle after the accident as people started collecting at the spot. "We are searching for the tanker driver because it is illegal to park a vehicle by the roadside," added the officer.

[http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/car-crashes-into-tanker-two-killed-113081600796\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/car-crashes-into-tanker-two-killed-113081600796_1.html)

### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE, AUGUST 17 2013. OIL SPILL AT UPPER MT GRAVATT HITS SOUTHERN BRISBANE COMMUTERS

*brittany vonow*

An oil spill south of Brisbane has slowed Friday afternoon traffic as commuters hit the roads in preparation for the weekend. The spill, on Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Rd in Upper Mt Gravatt, leaked from a tanker, closing the left lane before Newnham Rd. Authorities warned of delays and for commuters to drive with caution in the area as the spill was cleared. Meanwhile, the Ekka is still affecting traffic flow just north of Brisbane's CBD, with commuters negotiating around Gregory Terrace, closed between Costin and Exhibition streets. The Ekka ends tomorrow. Buses and trains are largely on time.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/national/oil-spill-at-upper-mt-gravatt-hits-southern-brisbane-commuters/story-fnii5v70-1226698590823>

### USA, WA, SOUTH WHIDBEY, AUGUST 17 2013. FREELAND GAS SPILL SPARKS WELL PLANS

*justin burnett*



State Department of Ecology officials Louise Bardy and Eugene Freeman show a section of a holed underground fuel tank during a Freeland Water and Sewer District meeting Monday. Thousands of gallons of gasoline leaked through a similar hole in a former Freeland gas station.

New monitoring wells that would track the underground progress of an old fuel spill in Freeland's sea-level aquifer may be in place by September, state regulators said Monday. At a meeting with the Freeland Water and Sewer District, state Department of Ecology officials went over a plan to install four such wells within 400 feet of the spill site. At a cost of about \$20,000 each, the wells would help monitor the plume through the aquifer, which is about 100 feet below the surface. "We could potentially be out

there in a month drilling these wells," said Eugene Freeman, site manager with the agency's Voluntary Cleanup Program. In 2005, the owner of Whidbey Marine and Auto Supply on Main Street reported a release of thousands of gallons of fuel from one of the store's fuel tanks. The station closed in 2008 but the owner is participating in the state cleanup program and was able to recover about 2,000 gallons. What could not be collected was continually watched with several wells drilled nearby. That monitoring, however, has revealed the fuel has reached Freeland's sea-level aquifer. It's the source of the area's water supply and the direction of the plume appears to be heading toward the water district's wells. They provide water to about 90 commercial business and nearly 400 residences. District commissioners were alerted to the issue within the last two months. Nearly immediate testing and negative results for contamination at the wells has helped settle some nerves but it was clear



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Monday that board members wanted more than a history lesson; they wanted answers. "The nitty-gritty here, of course, is what this means for us," said Eric Hansen, president of the district's board of commissioners. "That's the key question for us that remains. Is our water supply in imminent danger?" The consensus among experts at the meeting was not now and probably never. Department officials characterized the danger last week as "moderate," but Island County Hydrologist Doug Kelly said underground spills have a limited reach and lifetime. Small spills don't usually travel more than a few hundred feet, medium leaks more than 500 feet and large spills more than 1,000 feet. The district's wells are about 1,900 feet away, Kelly said. Also, data on other spills show that plumes don't continue to expand after the source has stopped. In this case, the spill was arrested about eight years ago. "I'd be very surprised if this plume is still growing," Kelly said. Freeman agreed with the assessment, but both also said additional monitoring wells should be installed just to be sure. It's still not clear how far the plume has spread and they will provide a better picture about concentrations and distance traveled. Freeman said the new wells will be placed in locations believed to be ahead of the fuel plume. Immediate contamination results may dictate the need for additional wells, he said. "Basically, with each step we're trying to figure out where the head of the plume is," Freeman said. He stressed that ecology's role in the wells is largely advisory. The bill and the work is the responsibility of the former station's owner. Also unclear is the quantity of fuel spilled. Louise Bardy, Voluntary Cleanup Program supervisor, confirmed last week a leakage of 7,000 gallons, but revised that to just 3,000 gallons at Monday's meeting. Several people questioned her on the discrepancy and she said the latter number is the only figure she could find in ecology documents before the meeting. An attachment to a June 3 letter from ecology regulators to the station owner's hired consulting firm shows the release as 7,000 gallons. In an interview following the meeting, Bardy said she could not be certain of the true number but, according to Freeman, a 5,000-gallon difference is inconsequential. It may seem like a lot, but underground fuel-tank leaks are common and some are much larger by comparison. He cited one case that resulted in a spill in excess of 16,000 gallons. Freeman noted that while drilling wells could begin within one month, the timeline will depend on agreements with private property owners. Commissioner Eric Hansen said the district may not wait solely on ecology for news and may "do some investigation ourselves." That will likely include watching for contaminants in district wells, though just how often will depend on the data revealed by the new wells. "Routine testing at our wells will be important," Hansen said.

<http://www.southwhidbeyrecord.com/news/219474301.html>

#### USA, NE, FAIRMONT, AUGUST 17 2013. FUEL LEAK CLEAN-UP COMPLETED

*This was the scene in a farm field last November as clean-up was underway after a fuel pipeline leaked.*



The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) recently released an official statement regarding the fuel leak that took place in late November, 2012, on a farm southeast of Fairmont (south of Road F between Roads 15 and 16). The farm is owned by Howard Lefler of rural Fairmont. The public notice states that on or about Nov. 21, refined gasoline and diesel fuel were released from a pipeline owned by NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership, LP. The notice states that the source of the release has been removed. A Risk-Based Corrective Action (RBCA) Tier 1 assessment has been conducted. The assessment indicated the presence of dissolved petroleum compounds in

ground water. The contaminant concentrations found were below the numerical levels used by the RBCA process to establish a need for further investigation or remediation. The NDEQ has determined that no further remedial action is necessary due to the lack of threat to human health or safety. The ground water contamination event was defined as remedial action Class II by the NDEQ. A final decision by a NDEQ director will take place after all public comments and information are collected.

[http://www.yorknewstimes.com/news/fuel-leak-clean-up-completed/article\\_dc7245be-0630-11e3-8357-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.yorknewstimes.com/news/fuel-leak-clean-up-completed/article_dc7245be-0630-11e3-8357-001a4bcf887a.html)

#### USA, N.C, CHAPEL HILL, AUGUST 17 2013. STATE FINDS VIOLATIONS IN CHAPEL HILL GAS SPILL

*tammy grubb*

State officials will cite a gas station owner and a contractor renovating the business Monday with violating state regulations related to an Aug. 1 gasoline spill. The businesses will be notified by certified letter, and the state will wait for their responses before deciding any fines, said Danny Smith, regional supervisor for surface water quality with the State Division of Water Resources. The division is part of the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Smith said they still don't know



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how much gas was released into Crow Branch Creek behind the Family Fare BP at 1201 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Most of the gas was cleaned up, and the damage was limited because of the quick response by fire, police and town officials, Smith and Division of Water Resources consultant Autumn Romanski said. She used maps and GPS to test creeks and check fish populations after the spill. The help she got navigating local roads was "invaluable" and the cleanup went "pretty well," she said. There were gas vapors in a few places and a dead fish along Booker Creek in the North Lakeshore Drive area. A resident also called the town about a dead fish in Crow Branch Creek, she said. "(Local officials) were all knowledgeable about what to do, which ... certainly prevented it being worse than it was," Romanski said. Only two of the four sites tested – Crow Branch Creek near Critz Drive, Booker Creek near North Lakeshore Drive, Eastwood Lake, and Booker Creek near Daley Drive – showed contamination, according to a report provided Wednesday to Chapel Hill town officials. The report showed a "huge amount" of toluene polluting Crow Branch Creek behind the BP station. There were slightly higher than acceptable levels in Booker Creek above Eastwood Lake, but no gas reached the lake, the report said. Toluene and other chemicals in gasoline can kill aquatic life, depending on the concentration in the water. Since gas floats, it also can leave a soapy sheen on the creek banks for several weeks, EPA officials said. The station's 6,000-gallon fiberglass tank only held about 3,200 gallons at the time of the accident. Most of that gas leaked out, but not all of it reached the creek, Smith said. Lee Barnes, president of gas station owner M.M. Fowler Inc., based in Durham, was not available for comment. Officials with Bishop Construction Co. in Hillsborough also were not available for comment. Smith said the companies' response to the state's findings will help create a more complete record of what happened when the gas tank ruptured. The fiberglass tank usually sits underground in a gravel pit and under a concrete slab. However, crews renovating the store had dug a hole for a new canopy footing, and rain sent gravel to the bottom of the exposed pit between 2 and 5 a.m. Aug. 1. A piece of the concrete slab broke off and punctured the tank, Smith said. The gasoline mixed with rain water as the hole filled, activating a sump pump that sent the mixture through a pipe to the town's stormwater drain and into the creek. A police officer smelled gasoline around 5 a.m. and shut off the pump, according to Julie McClintock, with Friends of Bolin Creek. State law allows people to pump some water into stormwater systems, such as from hydrants, pools or construction groundwater, but it became a violation when the gas reached the creek, Smith said. The Division of Water Resources and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency responded immediately to help the town set up dams on Crow Branch and Booker creeks. They also placed drain pipes to skim gasoline off the water's surface and absorbent booms to capture any residual gasoline. The town got permission from the EPA to remove the dams more than a week ago, but the absorbent booms will remain for a while, officials said.

<http://www.chapelhillnews.com/2013/08/16/3112852/state-finds-violations-in-chapel.html>

#### **USA, WI, MADISON, AUGUST 17 2013. AG ANNOUNCES \$48,451 JUDGMENT AGAINST GAS STATION OWNER**

*bryan cohen*

Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen announced Thursday a judgment against the owner of a Kenosha County gas station to resolve allegations of state environmental law violations. Rakhra Wisconsin EZ Go Stations Three Inc. allegedly violated regulations related to the maintenance of underground storage tanks, handling or use of combustible or flammable liquids and proper abandonment of unused tanks. The tanks at issue in the matter were located in Kenosha. Rakhra failed to obtain a valid operation permit for either of the tanks at the Kenosha site since Feb. 18, 2009. The tanks were allegedly out-of-service since 2004. The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services issued state orders to Rakhra on April 2, 2009 and May 11, 2009, requiring the company to obtain an operation permit for each tank or permanently close each tank at the site. Under the terms of the judgment, Rakhra must pay \$48,451 in forfeitures, surcharges and court costs, and obtain an operation permit for each tank or permanently close each tank at the site. If Rakhra fails to comply with the judgment, the DSPS or the state Department of Natural Resources is authorized to enter the site, remove non-compliant tanks and place a lien on the property for the cost of the tank's permanent closure. State environmental laws regulating underground storage tank maintenance are meant to protect the waters of the state from liquid contamination. When storage tanks fall out of compliance with state law, they can contaminate groundwater flowing through the ground with petroleum products. The petroleum vapors also can seep into nearby basements.

<http://legalnewsline.com/news/243660-wis-ag-announces-48451-judgment-against-gas-station-owner>



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### USA, DE, BLADES, AUGUST 17 2013. PROPANE LEAK CAUSES EXPLOSION IN BLADES

james fisher



Members of Blades Fire Department along with employees of Peninsula Oil & Propane look over the remains of a filling station shed on their property in Blades De. An explosion happened for an unknown reason that leveled the shed. The Delaware State Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause.

A propane leak in a Peninsula Oil & Propane Inc. building in Blades caused an explosion that could be felt several blocks away, but it caused no injuries, firefighters said. Earl Chaffinch, chief engineer for Blades Fire Company, said a shed on the Peninsula Oil property at 40 S. Market Street exploded at about 1 p.m. Friday. "The firehouse is about five or six blocks from there, and it shook the whole firehouse," Chaffinch said. Firefighters dispatched to the scene at 1:03 p.m. found a small shed containing safety equipment had a propane container inside with a small leak. The gas was apparently sparked by an electrical panel

inside the shed, Chaffinch said. The explosion destroyed the shed, which was inside a fenced enclosure, but caused no injuries or damage to other property, he said. "Two guys were lucky," Chaffinch said. "They were inside the fenced-in area when it happened."

[http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20130816/NEWS/308160036/Propane-leak-causes-explosion-Blades?nclink\\_check=1](http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20130816/NEWS/308160036/Propane-leak-causes-explosion-Blades?nclink_check=1)

### PHILIPPINES, MACTAN ISLAND, CEBU CITY, AUGUST 18 2013. OIL SPILL REACHES MACTAN SHORELINE

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Oil slick believed to have come from the sunken vessel, MV St Thomas Aquinas, reaches the shores of Cordova town on Mactan Island, Cebu. The municipality is located in front of Talisay City where the vessel sank.

Authorities have reported that the oil spill believed to have come from sunken vessel MV St. Thomas Aquinas reached Lapu-Lapu City and Cordova town on Mactan Island, Cebu. Cebu Coast Guard Station commander Weniell Ascuna told a press briefing that the leak reached the shoreline of Lapu-Lapu City. He, however, added that they were not sure yet about the location of the affected areas but had deployed personnel to check on the reports and apply contingency measures to prevent any damage. The Office of Representative Luigi Quisumbing of Cebu's 6th district released photos on social networking site FaceBook that showed oil slick reaching the shores of Cordova town on Mactan Island. Cordova, which is part of Cebu's 6th district, is fronting Talisay City

where MV St. Thomas Aquinas collided with cargo vessel MV Sulcon Express Seven and later sank Friday night. When sought for comment, Ascuna said he would check on the report. The initial report received by the Philippine Coast Guard showed that the sunken ship was carrying 20 tons of diesel oil and 120 tons of bunker oil. The PCG said that it was monitoring the vessel of 2Go to make sure that these oil would not leak. But 2Go, which owned the sunken vessel, engaged the services of Malayan Towage, an expert in oil spill. Oil spill equipment such as islander tug had been dispatched in coordination with the Philippine Coast Guard. Azcuna said that their Marine Environmental Protection Unit of PCG is handling the operation to stop any oil spill in the area. They already deployed personnel at the site who sprayed oil dispersants and chemicals to control any spill. Oil spill boom of Coastguard has been set-up already to protect the environment.

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### USA, S.C, HILTON HEAD ISLAND, AUGUST 18 2013. SC COAST GUARD WORKING ON DIESEL FUEL SPILL

raquel rodriguez

News Release from Coast Guardsmen from Sector Charleston:

Coast Guardsmen from Sector Charleston and Marine Safety Unit Savannah, Ga., continue working with local contractors in response to a diesel fuel sheen in the vicinity of Jarvis Creek, near Hilton Head Island, S.C., Saturday. The sheen was initially



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reported in the vicinity of two grounded commercial fishing vessels, the Lady Essie and Dianie, which are partially submerged in Jarvis Creek. Responders determined the pollution threat was coming from the Lady Essie and deployed two layers of boom to absorb the potential release of diesel fuel. Current plans include having the Lady Essie raised to remove the fuel from the vessel's fuel tank. The Coast Guard is working with SWS Environmental Services, an oil spill response organization, to ensure the spill is contained and to limit the impact to the environment. Watchstanders at the Coast Guard Sector Charleston command center were notified of the situation Friday morning. Mariners should report any impacted areas or fuel spill sightings to the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802. The incident is under investigation.

<http://www.wsav.com/story/23164303/sc-coast-guard-working-on-diesel-fuel-spill>

### JAPAN, KYOTO, AUGUST 18 2013. WOMAN DIES AFTER FIREWORKS FESTIVAL BLAST IN JAPAN



*The explosion erupted at one of hundreds of snack counters at the Fukuchiyama festival, held annually outside the ancient capital of Kyoto, attracting upwards of 100,000 people.*

A 44-year-old woman seriously injured in an explosion at a fireworks festival in western Japan has died, police said. Hiromi Takeuchi was one of 60 people injured in Thursday's blast which ripped through food and drink stalls set up to entertain visitors at an annual festival outside the ancient capital of Kyoto. She died on Saturday at a local hospital where she had been receiving treatment. Earlier police said 18 were seriously injured and an eight-year-old girl was in a critical condition. Police suspect that the explosion occurred when a vendor at one of the stalls opened the cap of a petrol container to refill an electric generator, press reports said. The highly pressurised petrol was sprayed over a

wide area, causing gas cylinders to blow up and three of the stalls went up in flames. The vendor is expected to be investigated on charges of professional negligence when he recovers from severe burns he suffered in the accident.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-08-17/an-japan-fireworks-death/4894406>

### USA, CA, VENTURA COUNTY, SIMI VALLEY, AUGUST 18 2013. BIG PUSH TO CLEAN UP NUCLEAR TEST SITE NEAR L.A.



*A black tarp covers a field to stabilize mercury-containing soil at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory in Simi Valley in Ventura County.*

The sun was barely up at a former Cold War rocket test site when crews in hard hats, neon vests and steel-toe boots collected jars of dirt as part of an extensive effort to clean up from a partial nuclear meltdown a half century ago. Parties that inherited the toxic mess face a 2017 deadline to restore the sprawling hilltop complex on the outskirts of Los Angeles to its condition before chemical and radioactive wastes leached into the soil and groundwater. For residents living downhill from the [Santa Susana Field Laboratory](#), it would seem like a conclusion to a protracted fight. But many remain dissatisfied that a large portion of the land won't be cleaned to the highest standards.

**'Just Want It Cleaned'**

"I don't care how long it takes, I just want it cleaned," said 62-year-old [Holly Huff](#), whose family moved into the area a month before the 1959 nuclear accident. The road to decontamination has been long and costly, as winding as the two-lane path to the lab entrance 30 miles northwest of downtown L.A. Decades in the works, the cleanup has been complicated by the web of owners and responsible parties at the nearly 2,900-acre site. Environmentalists and homeowners three years ago cheered when the [U.S. Energy Department](#) and NASA agreed to clean their parcels to background levels - the most stringent standard - essentially returning the land to its natural state.

#### Boeing Opts for Less

But Boeing Co., which owns the most of it, opted to follow cleanup rules drawn up in a 2007 pact requiring the site to be scrubbed to a lesser standard. Despite the lower bar, Boeing said it's complying with cleanup expectations typical of Superfund sites. The defense contractor wants to transform its tainted section into a park and says it's doing more than



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necessary to meet that goal. "We want to make planes, and that's our mission. We want to get this site cleaned up as quickly and as safely as possible," said Boeing project manager [Art Lenox](#). On a recent July morning, loud drills echoed from the Boeing section where workers fetched soil samples that were then transferred to stainless steel containers and placed in a cooler for later analysis. In the area of the nuclear meltdown, another team used shovels to dig into the dirt like archaeologists. The goal: determine the amount of volatile organics, heavy metals and other possible carcinogens left over from the rocket testing and the nuclear age. The work, expected to continue through the end of the year, is the prelude by the three parties to sketch out their final cleanup script, which should begin in 2016. "We're doing everything we can to keep to a 2017 schedule. It will be a hard push," said [Mark Malinowski](#) of the [California Department of Toxic Substances Control](#), which oversees the cleanup. Meanwhile, state regulators are hoping Boeing will commit to a stricter cleanup standard by appealing a judge's decision that sided with the company. Before Santa Susana became known as a polluted eyesore, it roared with the noise and glow of engine tests. Founded in 1947 by [North American Aviation](#), Santa Susana quickly became an aerospace hub. For four decades, workers tested thousands of rocket engines that later flew on missions that included Apollo. The site also hummed with nuclear research and was once home to 10 reactors.

### Reactor Melts in 1959

In 1959, a reactor partially melted, belching radioactive gases. The reactor was shut down but later restarted. The government at the time said there was no dangerous radioactive release. Full details of the meltdown were not made public until two decades later by a group of UCLA students. In 1996, Boeing acquired the site when it bought [Rockwell International](#) Corp., which had merged with North American Aviation decades earlier. By the time the lab closed, it had left a noxious legacy. Since the 1980s, NASA has spent about \$100 million on cleanup and estimated it would cost another \$250 million to \$300 million to fully restore its section. The Energy Department has spent about \$90 million in the past decade. Boeing declined to disclose its costs.

### Health Problems

Some residents who have developed leukemia, breast cancer or serious thyroid conditions blame their health problems on their proximity to Santa Susana. UC Santa Cruz lecturer and activist [Dan Hirsch](#) said residents want Boeing to clean its portion to the highest standards. This month, Hirsch and other environmentalists sued the state, claiming that Boeing buildings were demolished and improperly shipped to landfills that were not licensed to take radioactive waste. The state has maintained that none of the torn-down buildings posed a threat. Even if the bulk of contaminated soil is scooped up and hauled away, the groundwater problem persists. The state estimates it would take many decades to complete that part of the cleanup. For residents like Huff, who was diagnosed with leukemia in 2009, the cleanup has dragged so long that she hopes there's no more drama. "To be honest, sometimes I try not to think about it," she said. "It's just depressing."

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- [Crews rush to clean up former California nuke lab](#)
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## AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, MACKAY, AUGUST 18 2013. TEENAGER SUFFERS HORRIFIC INJURIES IN HOMEMADE BOMB EXPLOSION

Map: [Mackay 4740](#)

A 15-year-old boy is undergoing emergency surgery tonight after a homemade bomb exploded in a north Queensland home this afternoon. Mackay Police say two boys were making explosives when one of them went off. One of the teenagers suffered horrific blast injuries, losing a hand and suffering facial, chest and throat injuries. Police believe that the boys made the devices from "items used for parties". Mackay Police Inspector Andy Graham says police found homemade explosive materials at the house. "Unfortunately about three o'clock this afternoon we received information from other emergency services that there had been an explosion at a house in Milton Street, Mackay," he said. "We have attended there and located homemade explosive devices and unfortunately a young child has received some significant injuries to his hand and other parts of his body due to that explosion." The 15-year-old was taken to Mackay Hospital where he is in a stable condition.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-08-18/teenager-suffers-horrific-injuries-in-homemade-bomb-explosion/4895108>



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