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#### USA, HI, KAPOLEI, AUGUST 5 2013. TESORO GETS FTC OK TO SELL HAWAII REFINERY, GAS STATIONS

duane shimogawa



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*Tesoro Corp. has received key U.S. Federal Trade Commission clearance for the sale of its 94,000 barrel-per-day Kapolei refinery, as well as dozens of retail gas stations in Hawaii, to a subsidiary of Texas-based Par Petroleum Corp. for close to \$400 million, according to its second-quarter earnings report. In June, Tesoro (NYSE: TSO) said that it [had signed an agreement](#) with Hawaii Pacific Energy LLC to sell all of its interest in Tesoro Hawaii, LLC, which operates the refinery, retail stations and associated logistical assets. As part of the agreement, Hawaii Pacific Energy intends to operate the assets as an integrated refining, logistics and retail system, Tesoro said. The sales price of the Hawaii operations is \$75*

*million, plus the market value of net working capital, which is expected to be about \$225 million to \$275 million, Tesoro said. Also included in the sale is an earn-out arrangement payable over three years up to \$40 million based on consolidated gross margins, the Tesoro said. Tesoro said it anticipates completing the sale in the third quarter of this year, subject to customary closing conditions.*

<http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/news/2013/08/02/tesoro-gets-ftc-ok-to-sell-hawaii.html>

#### THAILAND, SAMET ISLAND, PHRAO BAY, AUGUST 5 2013. THAI OIL SPILL SPREADS TO NEW BAY ON RESORT ISLAND

**Photo's [6]** [Oil spill blackens Thailand's beaches](#)



*Workers use buckets to remove crude oil during a clean up operation on the beach of Prao Bay on Samet Island in Rayong province eastern Thailand Tuesday.*

*Workers in white suits used buckets to scoop up globs of crude oil blackening the once white sands and emerald waters of a tourist island in Thailand's eastern sea on Tuesday, as the oil slick continued to spread three days after leaking from a nearby pipeline. Progress was being made on cleaning the oil that washed into Prao Bay on the west coast of Samet Island Sunday night, though not fast enough, and rough seas and strong winds spread thin films of dispersed oil to a rocky bay farther north, said Rayong Deputy Gov. Supeepat*

*Chongpanish. "The most urgent issue is to get rid of the oil from the bay as soon as possible," Supeepat said in a telephone interview. "The longer it stays on, the worse effect it will have on the people and environment." Provincial authorities have declared Prao Bay a disaster zone, but said that more popular beaches on the island's east coast remain untouched. There is concern, however, that if not contained soon the slick could spread to beaches across the island and on the nearby mainland. Authorities said it would take some time to assess the environmental damage. About 13,200 gallons of oil – about the amount contained in one and a half tanker trucks – spilled into the Gulf of Thailand off Rayong province Saturday morning from a leak in a pipeline operated by PTT Global Chemical Plc., a subsidiary of state-owned oil and gas company PTT Plc. The company said it detected a leak when crude oil from a tanker moored offshore was being transferred to the pipeline, 11 miles from a refinery in Map Ta Phut, one of the largest industrial estates in Southeast Asia. The leak has since been fixed. The slick floated in the sea for more than a day before it began washing ashore on Samet Island, a small resort island that each year draws some 1 million foreign and domestic tourists because of its white sand beaches and its proximity to Bangkok, 90 miles away. PTTGC apologized Monday and said the cleanup will likely be completed within three days. That appeared to be wishful thinking, however, and the contaminated beach looked much the same Tuesday, when rain storms briefly interrupted cleanup operations. "From what I can see it's still a long way to go," said Suthi Atchaisai, an environmental activist, who was helping with the efforts to clean the bay. "Oil slicks, although reduced, are still on the beach and in the water." He said about 1,500 soldiers, workers and volunteers were on the beach Tuesday. Tourists have checked out from the three resorts on Prao Bay, with some moving to other beaches on the island. "The incident happened during the low season and on the quiet side of the*



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island, so the impact on tourism is still very limited,” said Chuchart Oncharoen, the director of Rayong’s tourism authority. “If the spill is eliminated within three days like PTTGC speculated, tourists will likely stay.” Critics have accused the company of failing to be prepared for such an emergency despite previous incidents. “This is a major failure in disaster preparedness of PTTGC,” said Srisuwan Janya, a lawyer and chairman of Bangkok-based Stop Global Warming Association. “They must be held responsible for having no clear guidelines on how to tackle such incident and for letting the damage spiral out of control.” Srisuwan said his association has called for government agencies to take legal action and seek compensation from the company. The incident is the fourth major oil spill in Thailand’s history, according to the Energy Ministry. In 2009, another PTT subsidiary was involved in the Montara oil spill, one of Australia’s worst oil disasters, in the Timor Sea off western Australia.

#### Related Stories

- [Oil spill blackens Thailand's beaches](#)
- [Removal, transport of oil slick residue begins at Phrao Bay](#)
- [PTT says oil clean-up 95% done](#)
- [Cities fighting back](#)

<http://www.observer-reporter.com/article/20130730/NEWS06/130739973/-1/NEWS/#.Uf7USplwdZ4>

### SCOTLAND, EDINBURGH, AUGUST 5 2013. WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN SCOTSMAN HOTEL CYANIDE SUICIDE PACT CLEARED HER FLAT OF BELONGINGS BEFORE TAKING HER LIFE

*alistair linford*



*The substance used in double death poisoning was home-made potassium cyanide, expert response team was called in after grim find*

The woman found dead in a cyanide suicide pact in an Edinburgh hotel cleared her nearby flat of all belongings and left a lengthy note before taking her own life. The extraordinary last few hours of the woman were being pieced together last night. It has emerged that the substance used in the Scotsman Hotel double suicide, which sparked a full scale chemical alert, was home made potassium cyanide. There was evidence helium and large amounts of painkillers were also used. And at the flat in World's End Close, off the Royal Mile, sources said the woman, in her 40s, had meticulously removed all of her belongings, even taking the curtains off the rail. Two notes identified “family problems” as the reason for the pact, according to sources. She and her companion checked in to the Scotsman for a three-night stay and their bodies were discovered when they failed to check out. Detectives believe the potassium cyanide was made in the flat, having found traces during the search. The chemicals to make the poison can be combined using just a few beakers and a pot of boiling water. Police were last night trying to trace the pair's next of kin and are working on the theory they are Czech, Polish or Russian. A neighbour at the second-floor flat, which is located in a close next to the famous World's End pub, said: “There were a lot of police here on Thursday, removing stuff in evidence bags. “Some of them were

wearing protective clothing. All we know is that a man and a woman stayed in the flat. “It's a rented flat with one bedroom – the woman had been there for a few years and the man was seen there often too. “Most of the flats round here are rented out for the Festival at the moment. “The police took mail and other stuff away and opened the windows of the flat where the couple stayed. It's obviously a terrible tragedy.” The woman was last seen by neighbours on Wednesday. Police arrived at the flat around 2pm on Thursday, just an hour after the alarm was raised at the hotel. A source said: “It's quite clearly a very well-engineered, pre-meditated case whereby they have taken their own lives. Such incidents are known to occur in hotels as those involved know they will be found. It's terribly sad.” They were discovered on the sixth floor of the hotel at 12.15pm on - Thursday. Central Edinburgh ground to a halt after emergency services were called. The response team included the National Risk and Resilience Department, a joint Scottish Government and Fire Service unit who respond to chemical, nuclear and - biological incidents. Firefighters wearing “gas-tight” suits and breathing apparatus entered the hotel, instructing stunned guests to leave. Guests were allowed to return to their rooms on Friday. A canister containing the helium gas was found in the room



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next to where the couple were found dead. The potassium cyanide containers are understood to have been clearly marked as containing toxic substances. Police said later there was "no evidence" to suggest a wider threat to the public. Post mortem examinations will be carried out in due course. Police yesterday declined to name the pair. A spokesman said: "We are trying to trace next of kin."

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/woman-found-dead-hotel-suicide-2123194>

### ENGLAND, SUFFOLK, BRENTWOOD, AUGUST 5 2013. BRENTWOOD GIRL'S BURNS CAUSED BY CITRONELLA CANDLE

*candice ferrette*

 **Watch the Video** [8-Year-Old Girl Suffers Serious Burns from Candle](#)

An 8-year-old Brentwood girl is in serious condition after suffering burns to her face and arms from a backyard candle Friday night, police said. Suffolk County police responded to a home on Madison Avenue just after 9 p.m. The girl was flown via Suffolk County police helicopter to Stony Brook University Hospital. Her burns were caused by a citronella candle in the backyard of the house. The injuries were ruled accidental, police said. Police said the incident is being investigated. A 14-year-old boy, Michael Hubbard, was critically burned after ethanol-based, citronella-scented fuel gel exploded from a wick-less ceramic burner in an accident in Riverhead on May 28, 2011. The accident led to the removal of those candles from stores nationwide. It was unclear precisely what type of candle was involved in Friday's accident. A police spokesman had no additional details late Saturday.

<http://www.newsday.com/long-island/suffolk/police-brentwood-girl-s-burns-caused-by-candle-1.5822481>

### GHANA, ACCRA, AUGUST 5 2013. GHANAIS BEHIND PIRACY BUST?



Reports suggest that there may be a Ghanaian connection in a piracy saga in which a vessel was busted for attempting to siphon off about 3,500 Metric tons of fuel from another vessel - MT COTTON. The Deputy minister of Information and Media Relations Felix Ofori Kwakye provided details of the bust on Joy News. He says the piracy took place on MT-COTTON, a vessel in Gabon on 14th July 2013. To get to the vessel, a Ghana-based company chartered another vessel, MT MUSTARD and set off on or around 20th July 2013 from Ghanaian waters to meet MT-COTTON to siphon off the fuel. The Ghana-based company is reportedly located around the Airport Residential area and hired the MT-MUSTARD through another agent in Tema. The Vessel was intercepted at Saltpond after returning from the illegal activity and its 17 crew were arrested by

the Ghana Navy after collaborating with National Security. The two main suspects are the unnamed person who chartered MT-MUSTARD, and the agent of the vessel in Tema. The Bureau of National Investigations (BNI) are trying to verify from the Registrar-Generals department whether the company is owned by Ghanaians or foreign nationals who used Ghana as a base. Emmanuel Sowatey, a security analyst acknowledged that piracy and other illegal maritime activities along the West African coast were real. He said, according to the African Union, the continent lost a staggering 300bn dollars to oil theft and illegal fishing activities. He hailed the international collaboration between Ghana and Interpol that resulted in the arrest. He said intelligence collaboration among African countries was improving but was still very weak. In offering a solution, he said the best intelligence was greater transparency and accountability in the oil sector which he believe will even entice fishermen who are on the high seas to voluntarily report any suspicious activity. He explained: "People like the fisher-folk will know that oil revenue is being used to support their industry, i.e. premix fuel is subsidised, their nets will be subsidised...if they are at sea and they see any criminal activity they will be the first persons to report." This is what he termed "soft security".

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- [Ghana intercepts ship suspected in oil heist](#)
- [Saltpond offshore company says declines to buy suspected stolen crude oil](#)
- [Ghana's navy intercepts suspected pirate ship and arrests crew](#)

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#### USA, OH, COLLEGE HILL, AUGUST 5 2013. CAR FLIPS INTO COLLEGE HILL GAS STATION, MAN FLEES SCENE

*video courtesy of fredd e. redd via facebook*

 **Watch the Video** [Car Flips into College Hill Gas Station, Man Flees Scene](#)



Police are investigating a car crash at a gas station in College Hill. The accident happened Sunday morning at the GPX Gas & Phone Exchange located in the 6000 block of Hamilton Avenue. The car hit a curb and did a full flip while crashing through a small curbside tree. The vehicle came to rest with its rear wheels suspended in the air with the back bumper rested on a sidewalk bench. The driver emerged from the vehicle, seemingly unscathed. The driver then attempted to hail a passing cab. Police say that the driver abandoned the vehicle at the scene. They say the vehicle was a rental car. Police are still searching for the driver.

<http://www.fox19.com/story/23041703/police-investigate-crash-at-college-hill-gas-station>

#### USA, AKA, ANCHORAGE, AUGUST 5 2013. OIL SPILL DRILL CONDUCTED IN BERING STRAIT BY U.S. AND CANADIAN COAST GUARD VESSELS

In a signal of increasing concerns over Arctic shipping, U.S. and Canadian coast guard vessels have conducted their first joint Arctic offshore oil spill drill near the Bering Strait. In a signal of increasing concerns over Arctic shipping, U.S. and Canadian coast guard vessels have conducted their first joint Arctic offshore oil spill drill near the Bering Strait. Two days of testing of vessels and equipment were scheduled at Port Clarence, a protected bay near the strait, although poor weather limited actual deployment of spill gear to one day, said Coast Guard spokesman Chief Petty Officer Kip Wadlow. Port Clarence has been designated by the Coast Guard as a port of refuge for vessels in distress. A Coast Guard skimming system was successfully deployed from a Canadian vessel participating in the drill, but bad weather also prevented deployment of a large ship emergency towing system provided by the state of Alaska, Wadlow said. The exercise was held July 17 and 18. The Bering Strait separates Alaska and Russia, and there is increasing concern among Coast Guard and Alaska officials about growing non-U.S. vessel traffic, including oil tankers and liquefied natural gas carriers, using Russia's Arctic northern sea route from Europe to Asia. The route transits the Bering Strait, which can be constricted by ice and bad weather. The loss of summer Arctic sea ice, which is at record lows this year, is making the Arctic sea routes more available for commercial shipping, including for vessels that are not strengthened for ice. So far this year, Russian authorities have given permission to 204 vessels to use the northern sea route, up from 250 in 2012 and 130 in 2009, Alaska officials said. Some of those are fuel carriers. Alaska Lt. Gov. Mead Treadwell he has been informed by the Coast Guard that at least two tankers carrying fuel from Norway to Asia are among vessels now en route to the Bering Strait. Wadlow said this is the first joint U.S.-Canada spill drill held in Arctic waters, although joint exercises are regularly done at Dixon Entrance, along the U.S.-Canada border in southeast Alaska. The exercise at Port Clarence involved the Coast Guard cutter SPAR, a 225-foot buoy tender, and the Canadian Coast Guard's 272-foot icebreaker Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and involved the test deployment of oil skimming systems. The SPAR is routinely on patrol in the Aleutians and Pribilof island regions with a primary mission of maintaining aids to navigation. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with a home port in Victoria, B.C., operates seasonally in Arctic waters. "The exercise provided an opportunity for our crews to compare operating practices and learn from each other, and it supports the key tenets of the Coast Guard's recently released Arctic Strategy, which are to improve awareness, modernize governance and broaden partnerships in the Arctic region," said Cmdr. Matt Jones, chief of spill prevention for the Coast Guard's 17th District, which covers Alaska, in a statement. Industry-sponsored Arctic offshore spill exercises have been held in Arctic waters, such as drills conducted in the Beaufort Sea by Alaska Clean Seas, a spill co-operative, but the Bering Strait and western Alaska coastline are far from industry-operating areas and are vulnerable to a spill from a fuel carrier transiting the Chukchi Sea or the strait. The bulk of the marine traffic is non-U.S. registered vessels and Alaska's laws for spill contingency plans do not apply, Treadwell said. In contrast, U.S. vessels operating in Alaskan Arctic waters are required to have spill contingency plans on file with the state. In the plans, ship owners show they have spill responders under contract. U.S. and Alaska officials are also working on a joint U.S.-Russia spill response capability for the Bering Strait region, but it has not yet been finalized, state officials have said. State officials are concerned also whether the U.S. Coast Guard will be given adequate resources by



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Congress to deal with increased risks from vessel accidents as the Arctic waters open. "They're borrowing resources now from elsewhere in Alaska," to step up a Coast Guard presence in the Alaskan Arctic, said Fran Ulmer, a former Alaska lieutenant governor who now chairs the U.S. Arctic Research Commission, an advisory body of citizens and scientists who give advice to federal agencies on Arctic research priorities. The Coast Guard is operating flight service facilities on a seasonal basis this year in Kotzebue for search and rescue, but Ulmer is concerned that helicopters and flight crews are just being transferred from other Alaskan coastal regions where they are also needed. She is concerned that Congress may be unwilling to put any substantial funding behind new protections needed for the Arctic.

[http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2013/08/04/oil\\_spill\\_drill\\_conducted\\_in\\_bering\\_strait\\_by\\_us\\_and\\_canadian\\_coast\\_guard\\_vessels.html](http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2013/08/04/oil_spill_drill_conducted_in_bering_strait_by_us_and_canadian_coast_guard_vessels.html)

#### CYPRUS, TRIKOMO VILLAGE, AUGUST 5 2013. OIL SPILL HEADS TO FAMAGUSTA



*Clean up efforts have been underway for several weeks after a tanker spilled more than 100 tonnes of fuel oil near the AKSA power plant in the Karpas peninsula.*

According to Turkish Cypriot daily Kibris, the oil spill in northern Cyprus has started to threaten the coast of occupied Famagusta bay. The coast at the Bogazi port in occupied Trikomo village was covered yesterday with pieces of petrol tar from the spill. Clean up efforts have been underway for several weeks after a tanker spilled more than 100 tonnes of fuel oil near the AKSA power plant in the Karpas peninsula. Turkish Cypriot media reported that this is the largest

environmental disaster the occupied areas have faced.

<http://famagusta-gazette.com/oil-spill-heads-to-famagusta-p20176-69.htm>

#### USA, LA, LAWTELL, AUGUST 5 2013. CHEMICALS LEAKING FROM LAWTELL TRAIN DERAILMENT >> LUBE OIL AND VINYL CHLORIDE SPILT.

 **Watch the Video** [Derailment leaves toxic mess](#)



The train that derailed in Lawtell is leaking chemicals and at least one of two cars carrying a hazardous chemical, vinyl chloride, is damaged. That's according to Gov. Bobby Jindal who flew into St. Landry Parish to speak about the situation a little after 9:30 p.m. tonight. "Although it's not leaking at this moment, it does have signs of damage," Jindal said. The damage has to be assessed before residents can return home, he said of the vinyl chloride. US 190 near the accident site will be closed for at least two days as the situation is assessed. As of now, 101 homes have been evacuated and 30 families have checked into the evacuation check point, and four are looking for shelter. "Anytime you have chemicals leaking into the environment, that's a serious

issue," Jindal said. "Nobody knows the extent of the damage. We'll get that in the next 24 hours."

##### 8 pm Update:

A 1 mile radius evacuation is being enforced by St. Landry Sheriff Deputies and State Police. Evacuees can receive more information at The Delta Grand Theater, 120 S. Market Street, Opelousas. As of right now, approximately 50 homes have been evacuated. The bad weather delayed state police from evaluating the situation because of the weather, says St. Landry Parish Sheriff spokeswoman Megan Vizena, so it's unclear how long the evacuation will last. The Red Cross and Union Pacific representatives are stationed at the Delta Grand. The evacuation zone includes:

St. Theresa Avenue, US 190 from Desiree Road to J M-La Fleur Drive, Frank Road between Summer road and US 190, Pine Loop, Ammo Lane, Audubon Road, Patty Street between Hilton Road and Acadiana Road, Berry Road, Teal Lane, Charlene Richard Road between Berry Road and Acadiana Road, Acadiana Road between Airline Road and US 190, Wisdom Road between Gapevine Road and Desiree Road.

##### 6:10 pm Update

Lawtell Train derailment update: St. Landry Parish deputies are evacuating all residents within a mile radius of the crash site: US 190 at Frank Road. Twenty-six of the 76 cars derailed this afternoon, and some of the derailed cars were carrying



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flammable materials including lube oil and vinyl chloride. The St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office has confirmed that they are on scene of a train derailment in Lawtell near HWY 190 and Frank Road. The Sheriff's office tell us, the Union Pacific train derailed just after 3:30pm. The State Police hazmat team has been called to the scene. Injuries are unknown at this time. There are 26 confirmed cars derailed at this time, one of which is a flammable liquid some of the cars are carrying corrosive material and flammable materials. "The cars that derailed include lube oil and other products. There was some vinyl chloride on there," Union Pacific spokesperson Raquel Espinoza says. The train included a total of 76 rail cars and two locomotives. At least one residence has been evacuated and Union Pacific has dispatched an emergency response team. "We're going to go in there and assess the situation and do what we need to do to put the cars back on the track," Espinoza says. "A lot of times it takes us sometime because we want to make sure we keep the public safe."

<http://www.katc.com/news/jindal-chemicals-leaking-from-lawtell-train-derailment/>

### UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, ABU DHABI, AUGUST 5 2013L. DOCTORS WARN OF FIREWORKS DANGER TO CHILDREN IN UAE

*hareth al bustani*

Every year in the build-up to Eid Al Fitr doctors at Burjeel Hospital have to treat children who have been badly burned after playing with illegal fireworks. Dr Ahmed Bahaa, emergency physician at the hospital, said about three youngsters are brought in with firework-related injuries. "Using fireworks is dangerous for all people, particularly if you use illegal ones. You have to take precautions," said Dr Bahaa. One particularly serious case was a child of about 11 years old severely injured after playing with fireworks. "We took him into the operating theatre and an ophthalmologist tried to get the foreign body out. But the boy ended up losing the eye. It can happen to anybody." Dr Bahaa urged adults not to let children use fireworks.

#### Related Stories

- [Fireworks safety plea ahead of Eid Al Fitr celebrations in UAE](#)
- [Stay safe at official firework displays in Sharjah this Eid](#)

<http://www.thenational.ae/news/uae-news/doctors-warn-of-fireworks-danger-to-children-in-uae>

### USA, LA, LAWTELL, AUGUST 5 2013. OVER 100 HOMES EVACUATED AS TERRIFIED RESIDENTS OF LOUISIANA TOWN FLEE TOXIC CHEMICALS LEAKING FROM TRAIN WRECK

#### Key Points:

- Lubricant oil, Dodecanol, vinyl chloride and Lye are among the toxic chemicals on the train
- As many as 26 cars derailed, about half of them were carrying carcinogenic, caustic, corrosive, toxic chemicals
- It is not clear how many train cars are leaking chemicals at this time
- Derailed: Over 20 cars came off the tracks, possibly leaking hazardous chemicals



A train derailment in Louisiana has forced the evacuation of over 100 homes. Over 20 cars from a Union Pacific freight train derailed Sunday afternoon just east of Lawtell, LA., resulting in the evacuation of all homes within a mile of the accident and the closure of area roads to protect against exposure to hazardous chemicals leaking from the wreck. The train was carrying a variety of toxic chemicals including lubricant oil, Dodecanol, vinyl chloride and Lye. The derailment, which happened just before 3:30pm Sunday, claimed between 23 and 26 of the train's 76 total cars, according to [KATC](#). Of those that derailed, 14 are carrying harmful or toxic substances. Of those 14, three are leaking – one is leaking lubricant oil, another is leaking Dodecanol, and a third is leaking Lye. 'The good news is that right now, there are no fatalities and no injuries,' Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal said during a press briefing near the site of the accident roughly 60 miles west of Baton Rouge, LA. While Lubricant oil and Dodecanol – a tasteless, colorless alcohol – are relatively harmless, Lye is highly corrosive

and poses an immediate danger. 'The cars that derailed include lube oil and other products. There was some vinyl chloride on there,' Union Pacific spokesperson Raquel Espinoza told KATC. Two other cars carrying vinyl chloride – a highly toxic, flammable and carcinogenic substance – are damaged, but it is not clear if they are leaking. 'Although it's not leaking at this



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moment, it does have signs of damage,' Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal of the cars containing vinyl chloride, adding that the damage has to be assessed before residents can return home during a press briefing near the site of the accident. 'Vinyl chloride is a colorless organic gas with a mild, sweet odor,' according to the [Environmental Protection Agency](#). Used in making plastics and vinyl, exposure to the toxin can result in symptoms ranging from irritation in the eyes and respiratory tract to liver problems, cancer, birth defects and reproductive problems, according to the government agency. As a precaution, all 101 homes within a mile of the derailment have been evacuated, officials announced. 'Anytime you have chemicals leaking into the environment, that's a serious issue,' Jindal said. 'Nobody knows the extent of the damage, we'll get that in the next 24 hours.' Roads near the site are expected to be closed for at least two days, according to reports.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2384699/Over-100-homes-evacuated-terrified-residents-Louisiana-town-flee-toxic-chemicals-leaking-train-wreck.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

### LEBANON, BEIRUT, AUGUST 6 2013. ONE KILLED, THREE INJURED IN BEIRUT FIREWORKS BLAST

 **Watch the Video** [Fireworks Show Went Awry & Blows Up](#)



*A firefighter extinguishes a fire caused by fireworks explosion in Beirut, Thursday, Aug. 1, 2013.*

One person was killed and three others injured in an accidental fireworks explosion and ensuing blaze at an Army Day celebration in Downtown Beirut, security sources told The Daily Star. An hour later, Beirut's Fire Department said it was able to contain the blaze caused by the blast. The department added in a statement that "four fire trucks extinguished the fire from the direction of the sea port and the [An-Nahar](#) building." Civil Defense and firetrucks rushed to the scene where hundreds of people had gathered for an event in commemoration of the 68th anniversary of Army Day. Military bomb experts arrived at the site of the fire and suspected that a box containing fireworks may have been accidentally set ablaze, causing the explosion, the sources added. One of the

injured was transferred to [Geitawi Hospital](#) while the others were taken to the American University of [Beirut](#) Medical Center. A Daily Star reporter who arrived to the scene minutes after the fire erupted saw flames devouring the dry brush around the ruins on the port side of Martyrs' Square. "I was running by when I saw three fireworks go up and one came down and lit everything else on fire," said one person who was at the site of the fire, preferring to remain anonymous. "Some other guys and I started moving the cars that were too close [to the fire]," he added. The explosion was heard around Beirut and its suburbs. "We heard a huge noise that shook the building and then we came down and saw all the fire," Zarour Martin, who lives in Gemmayzeh, told The Daily Star. He also said he saw Civil Defense personnel transporting at least one survivor of the incident, who was suffering from severe burns to the face.

<http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Lebanon-News/2013/Aug-02/226011-one-killed-three-injured-in-beirut-fireworks-blast.ashx#axzz2a182qntR>

### PHILIPINES, MANILA, AUGUST 6 2013. EASTERN PETROLEUM TO HAVE 15 MORE STATIONS BY YEAR END

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Fuel retailer Eastern Petroleum Corp. Plans to open 12 more service stations by December to add to the three facilities that were completed in the first half, a top company official said in a phone interview on Thursday last week. "Ten service stations are under construction and, by December, all of them will be open already," Eastern Petroleum Chief Executive Officer Fernando L. Martinez said when asked on the status of the company's expansion. The 10 new stations will be located in the provinces of Davao, Leyte, Bohol, Cavite and Cebu, he said, adding that "[t]wo more stations are already under site negotiation... in Pampanga and Bataan," also to be operational by December. Asked on investment for the new stations, Mr. Martinez replied: "a service station costs about P30 million." The planned 12 facilities will add to the 43 stations the company had as of end-June. "In the first semester, we opened three new



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service stations. These are located in General Santos City; Biñan, Laguna; and Legazpi City in Albay. As of December last year, we had 40 stations all over the country," Mr. Martinez said. Last January, Mr. Martinez had said Eastern Petroleum will open 60 new stations this year. "We decided to build just 15 gasoline stations this year instead of 60 because we will be making available our new LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) product in 200 outlets by December," Mr. Martinez explained. "So, we will slightly tone down [sic] the expansion for the service stations but we will be very aggressive in the distribution of LPG." Mr. Martinez said the outlets will offer EC Gas, its LPG brand, as well as lubricants. "The 200 outlets include our existing 25 service stations in Luzon and the rest will be distributors of EC Gas and Eastern Petroleum's lubricants."

<http://www.bworldonline.com/content.php?section=Corporate&title=Eastern-Petroleum-to-have-15-more-stations-by-year&id=74418>

### USA, TX, FRISCO, AGUST 6 2013. CONTAMINATION DISCOVERED BEYOND EXIDE PLANT BOUNDARIES

anthony tosie



*Studies commissioned by the city of Frisco revealed battery chips and potentially toxic materials likely originating from Exide Technologies property have been found along Stewart Creek.*

Battery chips and hazardous materials likely originating from the closed Exide Technologies plant have been discovered along Stewart Creek, and many clusters reside on land that will be used for the city's proposed 275-acre regional park. Frisco Unleaded, an advocacy group monitoring the battery recycling plant's demolition, obtained documents from the city through a Freedom of Information Act request that detailed multiple studies regarding the contamination. The documents indicate the city has been aware of the contamination for about two years. Of numerous samples taken from the creek's sediment in November 2011 by a city contractor, 71 percent showed levels of

lead, cadmium or arsenic that exceed the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's ecological benchmarks. The creek, which runs from the Exide property to Lewisville Lake, is partially located where a proposed man-made lake for the city's planned \$29 million Grand Park will reside following approval from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. In addition to the samples, contractors hired by the city of Frisco performed a "walking survey" earlier this year to document any visible battery chips and waste that may have originated from the Exide plant. During the visual survey, which took place in March and April, 45 locations along the five-mile path of Stewart Creek were documented as showing battery chips or waste. A potentially hazardous sample was found near where the creek merges with Lewisville Lake. Meghan Green, a board member of Frisco Unleaded, said the potential contamination of Stewart Creek will continue until Exide's land is fully cleaned to acceptable levels. "The creek itself has been remediated multiple times -- this isn't a new problem," she said. "This all goes back to Exide's land, which is the source of the problem. When we went to look at a portion of the creek near Exide, it took us maybe five minutes to find battery chips -- they were everywhere." Green added that she supports the regional park but wants the city to ensure visitors will be protected. "Grand Park is going to be great for the city of Frisco, and I can't wait to take my children there," she said. "I just want the park done right, and to do that we have to focus on the source of the problem. Unless Exide's property is cleaned up fully, this is going to be an issue for a long time. I'm optimistic it will be resolved, but by exposing these documents we're hoping people will understand this is more than just an air pollution problem -- it's the water and land as well." In joint meetings held by the Frisco City Council and its Grand Park subcommittee, city officials have maintained that any land used for Grand Park will meet rigorous standards set by both the city and U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. City Manager George Purefoy echoed those statements at a town hall meeting last month, saying any contamination will be removed. Last year, however, a TCEQ inspector wrote that she worried park attendees could be harmed by potential contamination from the Exide plant. In a letter to her supervisors, the inspector wrote that battery chips were discovered in areas of Exide's land that were previously cleaned. The chips, she said, were likely being carried into Stewart Creek by rainwater. According to the inspector's letter, a city official said areas of city property where chips were discovered would be covered by a specialized fabric lining to prevent rainwater from carrying them into Stewart Creek. "I pointed out that ... there were just too many [battery chips] that had accumulated to be covered up with the fabric. As we all know, these chips move under rainy conditions," she wrote. "I told [the city] that our concern, and I'm sure the city's concern as well, is if these battery chips made it into Stewart Creek and flowed to Grand Park where a parent who is also a Frisco resident pulls one out of their child's mouth." Mack



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Borchardt, who is overseeing the Exide cleanup as a special assistant to the city manager, said the city isn't hiding the contamination as the area is still in the process of being studied. "When we provide information, we have to be mindful that it's accurate -- not just what we believe is going to be the case," he said. "The land being used for Grand Park was farm land for a long time, and only recently has the city fully owned all of it. We intended to do an environmental assessment all along, and that's what we're doing. It's been factored into the Grand Park project from the beginning." Borchardt added that he doesn't expect the studies to impact progress on Grand Park. The city will enter a voluntary cleanup program monitored by the TCEQ, he said, and seek financial reimbursement from Exide if the company is found to be the source of the pollution. Green said Frisco Unleaded members are hopeful the Environmental Protection Agency will become involved in the cleanup to provide a "security blanket" of federal oversight, though city officials have said there are no plans to seek full EPA oversight. An Exide spokeswoman said the city informed the company of the studies and that discussions regarding the cleanup of the company's property with city and environmental agency officials are ongoing.

[http://www.friscoenterprise.com/articles/2013/08/05/frisco\\_enterprise/news/246.txt](http://www.friscoenterprise.com/articles/2013/08/05/frisco_enterprise/news/246.txt)

### CHINA, BEIJING, AUGUST 6 2013. CHINA AGENCY SUED OVER OIL PRODUCTION IN SPILL-HIT BAY

*parvez jabri*

China's State Oceanic Administration (SOA) is being sued for allowing US oil major ConocoPhillips to resume production after spills off northern China in 2011, state media reported Monday. The Global Times newspaper, affiliated with the ruling Communist Party, said the SOA confirmed it was being pursued for administrative misconduct. The action is being mounted by the All-China Environment Federation, which describes itself on its website as a non-profit civil society organisation supported by the government. It is rare for a Chinese official agency to face court action from another government-backed entity. The spills in June 2011 at the offshore Penglai field, jointly developed by ConocoPhillips and state-owned China National Offshore Oil Corporation, allowed more than 3,000 barrels of oil and oil-based mud -- used as a lubricant in drilling -- to vent into Bohai Bay. ConocoPhillips was ordered to cease production in September 2011 following the spills, which the SOA classified as "severe accidents", the Global Times said. It approved the resumption of production in February this year although no public hearings or feasibility studies were held, the paper quoted Xu Hongliang, the Federation's lawyer, as saying. The suit comes amid vows by the Party to crack down on official corruption and pressure officials to be more accountable for their actions as it seeks to keep public anger in check and maintain its more than six-decade rule. Xu said the No. 1 Intermediate People's Court in Beijing should say within seven days whether it will accept or reject the case, the paper added. It quoted Li Mousheng, director of the SOA press office, as saying: "We will give the public an explanation soon." The SOA has responsibility for a wide range of oceanic and maritime laws and policies, including safeguarding maritime rights and interests, according to its website. A media spokesperson at ConocoPhillips' Beijing office could not immediately be reached for comment.

<http://www.brecorder.com/markets/energy/asia/130398.html>

### BAHRAIN. AUGUST 6 2013. OIL SPILL SPARKS HIGH ALERT

*basma mohammed*

Bahrain is on high alert following a massive oil spill in the Arabian Gulf, which was deliberately caused by an Indian ship. Dosh Shanti was caught dumping oil near Iranian waters on Tuesday after ignoring official communications from concerned authorities. The spill caused an oil slick of around 10 miles, according to the Marine Emergency Mutual Aid Centre (MEMAC). Bahrain is monitoring the situation after it received a satellite view of the oil slick and could increase safety measures depending on an investigation, said Supreme Council for Environment pollution control from the source unit head Hanan Haidar. It has requested all concerned bodies to be on alert, including the coastguard, ports, and energy and desalination stations. "The procedure in such situations is to firstly alert all concerned bodies on the oil slick," she told the GDN yesterday. "We then note how far the slick is from Bahraini territorial waters and whether it could affect energy and desalination stations to alert them to stop access to the sea until it's all clear. "We also contacted the coastguard to find out if the ship is Bahrain bound, and if legal procedures are implemented. "In this case, the slick is far away near Iranian shores and it will not be arriving to any Bahraini port according to the information we received. "However, all authorities are on alert in case the slick travels near our waters." Meanwhile, authorities are looking to punish the owners of the ship for disregarding international environmental laws and regulations. Iran could fine the ship up to \$1 million, but MEMAC is pushing other countries, including Bahrain, to take legal action as well. "The law currently has to punish the violating ship as per the country it dumped the oil in, which in this case is most likely Iran," MEMAC director-general Captain Abdulmunem Janahi told the GDN. "In Iran, the fine



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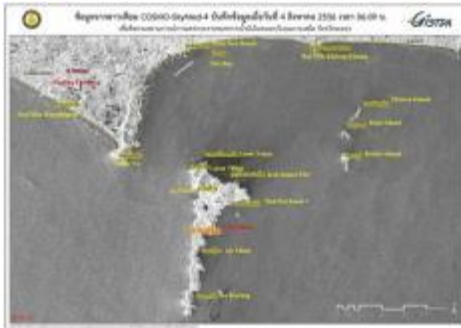
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could reach around \$1m, but we are seeking to have other fines from countries that are potentially affected to be implemented as well like Saudi, Bahrain and Kuwait." However, the proposal needs approval from MEMAC member countries, which are all six GCC states, Iran and Iraq. Mr Janahi said the ship's name has been added to the black list of the International Marine Organisation (IMO). He added they contacted the Indian government and owner of the ship to inform them of the violations. Mr Janahi said monitoring maritime activities has decreased the amount of pollution in the Arabian Gulf from 155,000 tonnes per year in 1999 to around 20,000 tonnes annually. "Such efforts led to the decrease in the amount of pollution affecting gulf waters," he said. "We need to safeguard our resources which are threatened by such incidents."

<http://www.gulf-daily-news.com/NewsDetails.aspx?storyid=358646>

### THAILAND, KOH SAMET ISLAND, AO PHRAO BAY, AUGUST 6 2013. FACT SHEET ON THAILAND OIL SPILL SITUATION UPDATE OF 5 AUGUST 2013

 **Photo's [10]** [In pictures: the Rayong oil spill](#)



Satellite image by Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (GISTDA), as of 4 August 2013, 0609 hrs. Further improvement has been reported in the dispersion and dissipation of the oil spill off Samet Island, Thailand, as clearly indicated in the "COSMO-SkyMed-4" Satellite image as of 0609 hrs, August 4th, 2013. The image shows the presence of only small quantities of oil film near the northern coastal area of the island. This shows that the oil spill has almost totally cleared up. Sample tests of water, sand, air, marine life and corals in the sea off Rayong have not indicated any dangerous chemical residues. Nevertheless, the environment and ecological system in the area of oil slick will be monitored for at least 12 months, according to a minister. Vichet Kasemthongsri, Natural Resources and Environment Minister, who made a personal inspection at Phrao Bay on Samet Island yesterday (04 Aug 2013). A big clean-up and recovery day is to be held on Ko Samet Island on Aug 10 to

help regain tourists' confidence. TAT Rayong office together with TAT Head office will organise Agent & Media Fam Trip of about 25 people between 14-15 August 2013 to survey the area and see the progress for themselves. They will also have a chance to discuss business with the local entrepreneurs. Tourism Minister Somsak Pureesrisak and his team have assigned "Kok Kaek Tour" a special tour package to rebuild tourism to Samet Island. Tourism business at other beaches in Rayong such as Hat Mae Ramphueng, Hat Suan Son, and Hat Wang Kaeo has remained unaffected. The provincial administration has set up a special centre to receive complaints from those affected by the oil spill. About twenty beaches on Samet including with Had Sai Kaeo (Crystal Sand Beach), Ao Wong Duean, Ao Phai, Ao Kio and Ao Karang which are located on the east coast of Samet Island which is totally unaffected.

<http://www.pattayamail.com/travel/fact-sheet-on-thailand-oil-spill-situation-update-of-5-august-2013-29114>

### USA, FLA, OSCEOLA CO, KISSIMMEE, AUGUST 6 2013. OVERTURNED TANKER LEAKS FUEL ON VINE STREET IN KISSIMMEE

 **Watch the Video** [Overtaken tanker leaks fuel in Kissimmee](#)

 **Watch the Video** [Fuel gushes from overturned tanker](#)

 **Photo's [9]** [Overtaken tanker spills fuel in Kissimmee](#)



A gasoline tanker caused a traffic nightmare after it overturned and began leaking fuel on Vine Street in Kissimmee Monday morning. According to Kissimmee police, the truck overturned and was blocking a portion of the road, spilling thousands of gallons of fuel onto the roadway. The road reopened after it was closed in both directions between Armstrong Boulevard and Hoagland Boulevard near the Osceola Square Mall through about 4:30 p.m. Video from Skywitness 9 HD showed the fuel flowing from the tanker and onto the roadway. Firefighters at the scene began covering the tanker with foam about 12:30 p.m. It's not clear yet what caused the truck to flip. "He was driving normal speed, taking the curve,"



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said witness Jackson Quayle. Quayle said he was driving behind the tanker when the accident happened. He told Channel 9 it appeared the tired on the truck seemed to lock up. Quayle said he jumped out of his car and ran to help get the driver out of the truck. "Just a stiff neck. He hit his head between the passenger seat and the glass," he said. Parking lots in the area remain closed, and nearby hotel and apartment complexes have been evacuated. Vine Street is the name for U.S. Route 192 as it passes through Kissimmee.

<http://www.wftv.com/news/news/local/accident-closes-busy-vine-street-kissimmee/nZD8p/>

### NEW ZEALAND, WELLINGTON, AUGUST 6 2013. DIESEL SPILL SPOTTED IN WGTN HARBOUR

*rachel tiffen*

 **Watch the Video** [Diesel Spill Spotted on Harbour](#)

A diesel oil spill stretching for about 10 kilometers was spotted on Wellington Harbour this morning. Weaving its way out from Petone foreshore, the slick peters off just west of Somes Island. A Helipro helicopter pilot flying overhead noticed it just after 10am and alerted the Greater Wellington Regional Council. A council water pollution expert has been out since, testing parts of Korokoro Stream in Petone, to try and determine the origin. Environmental regulation manager Al Cross says it is believed to have come from a stormwater drain, but says the oil itself isn't anything to worry about. "We're talking about a light hydrocarbon that disperses easily," Mr Cross says. "But we need to find the source to make sure it's not an ongoing discharge."

<http://www.3news.co.nz/Diesel-spill-spotted-in-Wgtn-harbour/tabid/1160/articleID/307672/Default.aspx>

### SENEGAL, DAKAR, AUGUST 6 2013. BOAT RUNS AGROUND OFF COAST OF SENEGALESE CAPITAL, SPILLING DIESEL FUEL INTO SEA



*The flag of Senegal.*

A boat that ran aground off the coast of Senegal's capital is now leaking diesel fuel into the ocean near some scenic islands. Senegalese Environment Minister Haidar El Ali said Monday the accident took place Friday near the Madeleine Islands. The minister said authorities were trying to do all that they can to contain the spill near the islands, whose waters are home to a diverse array of fish. The boat was carrying some 45,000 liters (nearly 12,000 gallons) of diesel fuel. Crews are trying to get the boat out of the area though initially they had been hampered by high winds. Senegalese authorities said the Spanish-owned boat had a fishing license from neighboring Mauritania and had stopped in Dakar to refuel.

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### IRELAND, DUBLIN, AUGUST 6 2013. FUEL LAUNDERING IN BORDER REGION COULD FORCE RETHINK ON COLOUR-CODED DIESEL >> THE STATE IS LOSING MONEY BUT LOCAL PEOPLE FEAR THE SOCIAL COST MORE



*A member of the Northern Regional Response Unit stands guard at the site of a diesel laundry plant in Drumacon, Castleblaney, Co Monaghan.*

Illegal fuel laundering is a "war that is not being fought" by State agencies, leaving Border communities vulnerable to the crime gangs which feed off its significant profits. So says one reliable Border source who is pressing elected representatives North and South for a radical rethink on the current means of allowing farmers and other businesses tax allowance on their diesel. Some representatives in Stormont and in Leinster House are advocating scrapping the decades-old system of marking tax-rebated diesel with green or red dyes and replacing it with a model used elsewhere in [Europe](#). The alternative gives

farmers and hauliers a rebate on fully-taxed "white" diesel after it has been paid for, with some businesses allowed an upfront



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allowance to ensure they are not out of pocket while waiting for their repayment to come through. Diesel laundering is the process whereby cheaper green diesel in the Republic or red diesel in Northern [Ireland](#) is washed of its dyes before being sold on by criminals for a much higher price. Acid washes and commonly-available filter agents are used for this purpose, producing illegal diesel as well as highly toxic waste sludge which is usually illegally dumped. Products marketed for the purpose of laundering diesel are openly advertised online and can be imported. The loss to the Irish exchequer alone, according to Donegal Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill (FF), is a highly conservative €120-€150 million per year. The equivalent figure for the North is at least £100 million (€115 million).

#### Social Cost

In addition to the threat to the public purse and the environment, there is a social cost. Border communities say they do not know what is and what is not legitimate fuel and they fear the corrosive effect crime gangs have locally. They fear that the murder last January of Garda [Adrian Donohoe](#) – by an armed gang involved in a botched raid on a [Credit Union](#) at Bellurgan, Co [Louth](#) – will not remain an isolated example. Another Donegal Senator says an all-Ireland response to the scourge is long overdue. Senator [Jimmy Harte](#) (Lab) wants a 32-county regime to tackle the problem, which will remain “until we devise a solution”. “There is fuel laundering along the Border, from [Derry](#) to [Dundalk](#) and now as far south as Dublin,” he said. “Some garages reopen the day after being raided. These people are willing to lose the cost of one day's trading for the massive profits.” Mr Harte said smuggling had been going on since the Border was established. So far this year, fuel-laundering plants have been uncovered and dismantled in areas as far apart as Tyrone and Dublin. But the practice is highly localised in a strip of Border country reaching from the Cooley Peninsula in Co Louth, across south Armagh to Co [Monaghan](#). Laundering operations, despite the success of the Garda and PSNI operations, often quickly pop up again, as do illegal fuel outlets. Despite this, some authorities are cautious, if not dismissive, of a new approach to taxing diesel for business purposes. Minister of State for Finance [Brian Hayes](#) said Revenue had made action against illegal fuel-related activities one of its top priorities and had adopted a comprehensive strategy. “There is an intensified targeting, in co-operation with other law enforcement agencies on both sides of the Border, of fuel laundering,” he said. “That has been ongoing.” The Irish Farmers' Association (IFA) is known to be cautious about a shift from the marked fuel regime and its replacement with retrospective tax allowances. The revenue authorities in the UK are also dismissive of the idea. Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is currently involved in a consultation exercise with the Republic's Revenue Commissioners about the issue. However, some official sources say the rebate system is also open to abuse. [Geoff Riley](#), a HMRC spokesman told The Irish Times last week that, to date, the ending of the marked fuel regime had “been considered but not approved”. Irish Revenue sources are sympathetic to calls to end diesel marking. “For us the question is what to do about home heating oil. How do you get around that?” The Irish Times was told. “Perhaps a single marker for the whole of Ireland could help in the fight against fraud.” The Irish Road [Haulage Association](#) and the [Automobile Association](#) are more favourably disposed to a new tax-rebate system, as are the umbrella organisations for fuel retailers in Britain and Ireland who are concerned that legitimate retailers are being increasingly undermined by rogue outlets peddling illegal supplies. The official position of the two governments is to clamp down on the crime gangs while working to improve the agents used as diesel markers. However, as a Border source said to this newspaper: “The launderers have proved versatile, and better markers may just lead to Culloville [Co Armagh] producing better chemists.”

#### No Prison Sentences

Despite advances made by the police on both sides of the Border, working alongside the Revenue authorities and the significant numbers of illegal laundering plants uncovered, no one in [Northern Ireland](#) has yet been sentenced to prison in connection with the racket. The recent code-named “Operation Loft” by the authorities led by the Cab in the Republic, which helped smash a multi-million euro illegal fuel ring in the south Armagh-north Louth area demonstrated the reach of such sophisticated operations. That ring, broken up in March, extended into three locations in the North and across 10 counties in the Republic. Add to that the money-laundering operation needed to disguise and distribute the profits, and the scale of the diesel problem throughout Ireland becomes apparent.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/crime-and-law/fuel-laundering-in-border-region-could-force-rethink-on-colour-coded-diesel-1.1485620>

#### INDIA, CHENNAI, AUGUST 6 2013. OIL LEAK COMPANIES PLAN TO SHIFT PIPELINES: CENTRE TO HC

The Union ministry of petroleum and natural gas on Monday told the Southern Bench of the National Green Tribunal that the oil companies are contemplating shifting some of the pipelines from certain areas of North Chennai. Varadarajaperumal Street in



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Tondiarpet made headlines recently after residents complained that their bore well water was contaminated with oil. The submission was made before the Bench on a petition filed by V P Krishnamoorthy of Old Washermenpet. Additional Solicitor General P Wilson, appearing for the Petroleum ministry, assured the Bench it would issue necessary orders to the oil companies soon. "We understand that IIT Madras has been entrusted with the job of submitting a report. We will direct the oil companies accordingly," he said. Earlier, Wilson cited "communication gap" as the reason for the Petroleum ministry officer failing to be present during the last hearing. On Monday, joint secretary (refineries) R K Singh was present during the hearing. The Bench, comprising justice P Jyothimani and technical member R Nagendran had directed senior officials, not below the rank of joint secretary in the Union ministry of petroleum and natural gas, to be present before it on August 2 to explain the steps taken to rectify the problem. When the officer had failed to turn up that day, the Bench issued a warning that it would issue bailable warrant. The petitioner's contention is that the pipelines were carelessly laid in the midst of thickly populated areas of Chennai. "The laying of these pipelines through residential areas exhibits the non-application of mind on part of the oil companies," the petition had said.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/Oil-leak-companies-plan-to-shift-pipelines-Centre-to-HC/articleshow/21638612.cms>

### USA, WI, MERRILL, AUGUST 6 2013. FUEL TRUCK ACCIDENT NEAR MERRILL COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE

*larry lee*

An accident involving a loaded fuel tank truck could have been much worse. Lincoln County deputies say the driver of the semi had stopped at the Highway Q exit on Highway 51 south of Merrill Saturday morning to perform a vehicle inspection, when the truck's brake let loose. The truck rolled down the ramp, through a fence, and into a cornfield at 3:30 a.m. The vehicle did not tip over and no fuel was spilled. The driver was able to get the truck part way out of the field, but needed a tow truck to finish getting back on the pavement. The truck and trailer were damaged. There were no injuries. Lincoln County deputies say it took about an hour and a half to clear the scene.

<http://wsau.com/news/articles/2013/aug/05/fuel-truck-accident-near-merrill-could-have-been-much-worse/>

### AUSTRALIA, A.C.T, CANBERRA, AUGUST 6 2013. DG CHANGES ADDRESS PROBLEM WITH TRANSPORT DOCUMENTS

*brad gardner*



Trucking operators and drivers in the dangerous goods sector may soon need to change the way they store transport documents in their rigs. A proposal released today by the National Transport Commission (NTC) to bring the seventh edition of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG7) in line with international regulations tinkers with the requirements governing the storage of transport documents. The NTC wants operators and drivers to be required to store documents in emergency information holders (EIHS). It says the existing code does not mandate how the documents should be carried or where they should be located, which has made it hard for roadside enforcement officers to locate them. It says there is also an increasing trend of drivers being given transport documents bundled with general consignment notices that cannot fit in holders. "The draft provision imposes a clear requirement for prime contractors and drivers to carry transport documents in EIHS in the case of placard loads," the NTC says. "Having ready access to the information contained in transport documents is considered as important as access to emergency information in the event of an incident, and arguably more important for compliance and enforcement purposes." The NTC's proposal will also amend the code to make it

a condition for supplying transport documents suitable for placing in EIHS. It says the amendment is designed to address the problem of operators and drivers receiving documents that do not fit in the holders. "Additionally, a new provision will be inserted to prevent drivers being handed documentation in sealed envelopes from consignors as this prevents drivers meeting their obligations under ADG7," the NTC says. The public has been given until September 2 to provide feedback on the NTC's recommendation. It is one of a number of proposals, which include updating markings and labels and introducing a



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requirement for prepared emergency plans to be followed in an emergency situation. The NTC also recommends clarifying requirements covering insurance for heavy vehicles. ADG7 states trucking operators must have a vehicle insured for at least \$5 million. The NTC says the wording of a subclause in the code has led some operators to mistakenly believe increased cover is required for multi-combination trucks, such as \$10 million for a B-double and \$15 million for a road train. "As this was not intended to be the case, it is proposed to add an explanatory note to clarify that more than one trailer in a combination can be covered under the same \$5m policy," the NTC says. The ADG7 is based in the United Nations' model regulations. The NTC says its proposed amendments will adopt the latest UN regulations. ADG7 was published in 2007 to align with the 15th edition of the UN regulations. The UN regulations are now in their 17th edition. "In addition to the updates based on the latest UN regulations, since ADG7 was introduced in 2007 our stakeholders have identified a number of issues, including corrections, technical updates and clarifications of existing legislative requirements. These also form part of the amendment package released today," NTC CEO Paul Retter says. "Dangerous goods can present an acute risk to life, health, property and the environment, especially when being transported. The changes we have proposed will ensure that dangerous goods continue to be safely and efficiently transported in Australia." Data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics show the dangerous goods sector makes up about 8 percent of the country's freight task, while New South Wales puts the figure between 10 and 15 percent.

<http://www.fullyloaded.com.au/industry-news/articleid/84833.aspx>

### USA, WASHINGTON D.C, AUGUST 6 2013. EPA UPDATES OIL AND GAS STANDARDS FOR STORAGE TANKS

Today the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued updates to its April 2012 oil and natural gas standards for storage tanks, which allow responsible oil and natural gas production while ensuring air emissions are reduced as quickly as possible. The updates will phase in emission control deadlines, starting with higher-emitting tanks first, and will provide the time needed to ramp up the production and installation of controls. EPA is making the changes based on information received after the 2012 standards were issued that shows more storage tanks will come online than the agency originally estimated. Storage tanks that emit 6 or more tons of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) a year must reduce emissions by 95 percent. Today's rule establishes two emission control deadlines:

- tanks that come online after April 12, 2013 are likely to have higher emissions and must control VOC emissions within 60 days or by April 15, 2014, whichever is later; and
- tanks that came online before April 12, 2013 are likely to have lower emissions and must control VOC emissions by April 15, 2015.

The updated standards also establish an alternative emissions limit that would allow owners/operators to remove controls from tanks if they can demonstrate that the tanks emit less than 4 tons per year of VOC emissions without controls. In addition, the rule streamlines compliance and monitoring requirements for tanks that have already installed controls. The oil and natural gas industry uses tanks for temporary storage of crude oil, condensate and other liquids, before those liquids are moved to a pipeline, sold or moved for disposal. These storage tanks can be sources of emissions of ozone-forming VOCs, along with several toxic air pollutants, including benzene. Today's final action does not affect the April 2012 standards for capturing natural gas from hydraulically fractured wells. Today's updates respond to petitions for reconsideration of the 2012 New Source Performance Standards for Oil and Natural Gas Production. Those cost-effective standards rely on proven technologies and best practices to reduce emissions of ozone-forming VOCs and air toxics, including benzene and hexane. Exposure to ozone is linked a variety of health effects, including aggravated asthma, reduced lung function and increased susceptibility to respiratory infections, in addition to increased risk of premature death from heart or lung disease. Benzene and hexane are air toxics, which can cause cancer and other serious health effects.

<http://www.epa.gov/airquality/oilandgas/actions.html>

### USA, MO, SPRINGFIELD, AUGUST 7 2013. WELDER INJURED IN FUEL TANK EXPLOSION IN SPRINGFIELD

The Springfield Fire Department is investigating an industrial explosion that injured a welder Tuesday afternoon. It happened at the Journagan Construction facility at 3641 E. Kearney shortly after 2 p.m. According to the fire department, the 52-year-old male employee was injured when a diesel fuel tank exploded. The man was welding on a metal fuel tank that he believed to be empty and cleaned of fuel. The man suffered lacerations and burns; he was taken to Mercy Hospital where he's listed in stable condition.

<http://www.ozarksfirst.com/story/welder-injured-in-fuel-tank-explosion-in-springfield/d/story/gi24UHb0k6FSbJ-SqIEAA>



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#### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, PARKES, AUGUST 7 2013. INCIDENT WAS MINOR

Police, fire brigade and ambulance were called to the Caltex Service Station in Clarinda Street this afternoon amid fears of a fuel spill and a major issue when a vehicle hit a pole. Fortunately, it was relatively minor.

<http://www.parkeschampionpost.com.au/story/1687365/incident-was-minor/?cs=1496>

#### CANADA, B.C, CHILLIWACK, AUGUST 7 2013. UNDERGROUND TANKS CAN LEAD TO EXPENSIVE PROBLEMS



*Brian Fryer had to help his mother deal with the removal of a buried oil tank in her yard when she sold her house last year in Chilliwack. The oil tanks are commonly found on properties with houses built in the mid-20th century, like this downtown neighbourhood. The oil tank that contractors pulled out of the Fryers' backyard.*

When Brian Fryer's 97-year-old mother tried to sell her downtown Chilliwack home, she discovered that there was an old heating oil tank buried under her backyard. The potential buyer wouldn't take the property until the tank was removed. It cost the Fryers \$20,000 and a lot of headache to get it done. This is a common problem throughout the province. In Chilliwack, there are potentially hundreds of such tanks still buried in private backyards, most of them rusted and half of which may be leaking leftover oil. Homes built before the city switched to natural gas heating — sometime in the 1950s or '60s — generally used oil furnaces or wood burning stoves. For these older homes, the city has 370 permits on file that relate to installing underground and above ground oil burning equipment. A city official confirmed that some oil tanks may have been installed for which there are no permits. When the large steel tanks corrode or the welding tears apart, leftover oil can leak into soil. The longer the tank stays in, the higher the risk of a leak, and the higher the eventual cost of remediation. Although there is no legal requirement to remove them, insurance companies in Chilliwack will not insure a home that still has an oil tank. Present owners are solely responsible for removing tanks and remediating soil, with the help of private contractors. Of the 10 tanks that Tri-City Tank Tech Ltd. removed from Chilliwack backyards in

the last year or so, six had leaked. The company charges \$1,500 to \$3,000 for a clean removal. But for those where soil has been contaminated, the cost for digging out the affected soil has been anywhere from \$5,000 to \$20,000. Another contractor, CERC Oil Tank Removal, has removed about a dozen tanks from Chilliwack in the last few years, about half of which were leaking oil. Average cost for cleanup has been \$5,000 to \$10,000. In such cases, contractors need to remove several bins of soil, of 8–12 tonnes each. "Until you start digging, you don't know how far this can go," said CERC owner Fabio Chiesa. Much higher costs have hit the news in other municipalities. A North Vancouver owner had to pay \$90,000 to remove a tank and remediate the surrounding soil last August. In 2011, a West Vancouver owner got stuck with a \$224,000 bill for soil remediation, which she fought in court and managed to get lowered in a settlement. As an industry standard, insurance companies do not cover removal or cleanup of heating oil tanks, according to broker HUB International Barton, which works with 12 insurance providers in Chilliwack. Such tanks trigger an exclusion in comprehensive coverage because oil is considered a pollutant. For prospective home buyers and current owners, there are a few signs that indicate a buried tank. The most common is a fill pipe about two inches in diameter, sticking up from the ground in the yard. It could be about a foot high, or may have been sawed off to just a few inches. Another is a vent pipe on the side of a house, about 8-10 feet long. If there's a pipe that owners can't explain, it may lead to an oil tank, advised Chiesa. A third are two copper feed lines coming out of the floor in the furnace room. The lines would have been capped or cut off, and would connect to a tank. Contractors that offer tank detection services will often bring in a large metal detector to scan the yard. The city of Chilliwack has not recorded oil tank removals, and does not require permits for removals or related soil remediation. Other municipalities are moving towards more regulation of the tank removal industry. West Vancouver, Surrey, Burnaby, and Delta now require a permit for removals, and soil tests are mandatory, according to Chiesa.

<http://www.theprogress.com/news/218538831.html>



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