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USA, CO, BATTLEMENT MESA, SEPTEMBER 28 2013. GARFIELD COUNTY CONSIDERING NEW SOIL CONTAMINATION TREATMENT FACILITY

amy lipman

 **Watch the Video** [Soil contamination treatment facility proposed nearby neighborhoods in Garfield County](#)



Battlement Mesa residents might have a new neighbor if the Garfield County Planning Commission approves a request for a soil treatment facility. Caerus Oil and Gas submitted a proposal for a pugmill, which treats soil contaminated from oil and gas activities. If the project is approved, contaminated soil would be trucked in to be treated at the 9.2 acre facility off Stone Quarry Road on Battlement Mesa, west of several neighborhoods. Amanda Herberger likes to grow fruits and vegetables in her yard on Battlement Mesa and supplies her family with food the garden. "When I think contamination, I think chemicals, I think dangerous," Herberger said. "With me having my garden right here, I don't really want to have anything that's going to be coming into our ground, into our water, into our air." Herberger said she has to learn more about the idea, but if the pugmill is successful in cleaning up the soil without causing problems, then she is in favor of it. "If they're being proactive, if they're getting stuff cleaned up, I'm all for it," she said. Caerus Oil and Gas as well as the Garfield County Planning Commission both declined to comment on the proposal, but the county is supplying information and documents on its website.

<http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/Soil-contamination-facility-proposed-in-Garfield-County-225432252.html>

USA, WA SEATTLE, SEPTEMBER 28 2013. DIESEL DUST CONTAMINATION THE WORST IN GEORGETOWN, SOUTH PARK

gary chittim

 **Watch the Video** [Diesel Dust Contamination the worst in Georgetown, South Park](#)



Take a deep breath in Seattle's Georgetown and South Park neighborhoods and you'll take in the worst air the city has to offer. The University of Washington and Puget Sound Sage group released results of an air monitoring study that compares diesel contamination in those neighborhoods to the Beacon Hill and Queen Anne areas. Georgetown/South Park got the worst of it. Bad air is hardly a new concept to the area which previous studies found has the city's lowest air quality and life expectancy. But the news is focused on the backyards of residential areas and shows fumes from the heavy truck traffic are wafting into the lives of residents. University of Washington researchers say the results show there needs to be more tests of the actual health effects on the residents. The area has some of the highest asthma rates in the region.

<http://www.king5.com/news/local/Diesel-dust-settles-on-two-neighborhoods-225427082.html>

FRANCE, PARIS, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. AT LEAST THREE KILLED IN FUEL TANK EXPLOSION AT PARIS WORK SITE

- 4 workers were trying to repair old fuel tanks, local media said.



An apparently accidental explosion at a building in the centre of Paris killed at least three people and left another seriously injured on Friday, police said. Construction work was being carried out on the building at the time of the blast. At least three people were killed and one seriously injured in an explosion in the centre of the French capital [Paris](#) on Friday. Another person has been reported missing, believed to be trapped under the rubble. The apparently accidental explosion took place at around 3.45pm in the car park of a building in the city's tenth arrondissement, where construction work was taking place, police told France 24. The force of the blast caused surrounding structures to shake, while a building across from the site of the explosion was evacuated and the fire brigade was reinforcing its foundations to avoid collapse, a fireman told Reuters. Workers were carrying out repairs on a fuel



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tank at the time of the explosion late on Friday afternoon, the AFP news agency reported, and preliminary findings suggest oil vapours that had accumulated at the bottom of the tank may have ignited. An investigation has been launched to determine the exact cause of the blast, said Paris Mayor Bertrand Delanoë. "The circumstances of this tragedy are not yet determined and the investigation will shed light on this terrible accident," he said in a statement. A medical post was set up near the building, located on the Rue d'Enghien, while rescuers used dogs to search for the missing person. French Interior Minister [Manuel Valls](#) arrived on the scene shortly after 5pm, but declined to make a statement.

<http://www.france24.com/en/20130927-least-one-killed-paris-explosion-france>

USA, MI, DETROIT, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. DETROIT-AREA EATERIES' GAS CYLINDERS FOR CARBONATION COULD EXPLODE, U.S. WARNS

keith matheny

[PDF Document PDF: Authorized gas cylinder regualifiers in Michigan](#)



The gas cylinders Detroit-area bars and restaurants use for their tap beer and pop machines may be a safety risk for potential explosion if provided by Komer Carbonic, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced today.

The gas cylinders Detroit-area bars and restaurants use for their tap beer and pop machines may be a safety risk for potential explosion if provided by a particular supplier, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced today. An investigation by the department's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration confirmed that Komer Carbonic in Detroit "improperly filled several types of high-pressure cylinders without verifying that they met safety requirements for continued use," the agency stated in a release. "These high-pressure cylinders pose a serious safety risk — a rupture could cause serious injuries, property damage or death," said Jeannie Shiffer, director of the administration's Office of Public Affairs. Administration officials are uncertain how many bars, restaurants and cylinders may be involved. But the integrity of all cylinders filled by Komer in the past five years is questionable because of their

unauthorized practices, officials said. "Anyone who has one should stop using it immediately and take it to a DOT-authorized re-qualifier to be inspected or depressurized," Shiffer said. A message left with Komer . was not returned. The company's website calls it "Metro Detroit's Largest CO2 Cylinder Gas Supplier." Tommy Burelle, owner of Tommy's Detroit Bar & Grill on 3rd Street in Detroit, gets his gas tanks supplied by Komer and said Transportation inspectors visited his bar unannounced earlier this year. Inspectors told him his bar's tanks were in good working order, he said. Burelle expressed surprise regarding the administration's findings about Komer. "They are a good, reputable company, and that's why I went with them," he said. "Their service has always been good. They're good people. But when the inspectors came, I looked out for myself and my business and had the tanks looked at." The investigation is ongoing, so no fines or other penalties have been announced against Komer.

<http://www.freep.com/article/20130927/NEWS05/309270111/CO2-tanks-explode-Komer>

CANADA, NL, ST ANTHONY, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. CHLORINE CYLINDER FALLS OFF TRUCK



The St. Anthony Fire Department has shut down Goose Cove Road.

Update: The St. Anthony Fire Department has reopened Goose Cove Road to traffic. Fire Chief Levi Reid said the road will remain open until the contractor is on the scene to remove the cylinder.

Update: The St. Anthony Fire Department is currently waiting on a contractor to remove the one tonne chlornine tank. According to Fire Cheif Levi Reid the shipper - based in Corner Brook - is responsible for the removal of its property. He said the department doesn't have the equipment to handle the container itself, but will stay on the scene to monitor the situation.

Update: There doesn't appear to be any leakage from cylinder as of right now. Department members have yet to attempt an extraction, as they are still



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awaiting procedure guidance.

Earlier story: The St. Anthony Fire Department shut down access to Goose Cove Road - Ultramar to the Haven Inn - at 10 a.m. It is being reported by onsite department members that a one tonne chlorine cylinder had fallen off of a truck and into a ditch. Members cordoned off the area and are seeking guidance as to protocol for removal.

<http://www.thetelegram.com/News/Local/2013-09-27/article-3408998/Chlorine-cylinder-falls-off-truck/1>

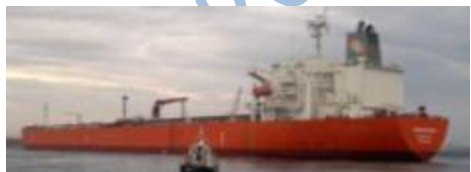
USA, FLA, TALLAHASSEE, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. DEP SEEKS TO CLOSE MORE PETROLEUM CONTAMINATION SITES, ALSO FACES JAN. 1 RULES DEADLINE

bruce ritchie

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection says it will increase the number of petroleum contamination sites that are being cleaned up while also working to meet a Jan. 1 deadline for getting \$50 million in cleanup funds. Florida has about 25,000 petroleum contamination sites, many of them dating back prior to 1986 and the development of state regulations to control underground leaks. Of those 25,000, there are 17,000 eligible for cleanup under a state program financed by a tax on oil imports. In the 2013-14 state budget, \$125 million was provided for site evaluations and cleanups. But the department was required to develop competitive bidding rules by Jan. 1 to receive \$50 million of that appropriation. The budget requirement followed a DEP inspector general's report earlier this year that found a lack of spending controls in the program involving site owners who hired contractors and then sought reimbursement from the state. The inspector general findings are being reviewed by law enforcement, a DEP official said Thursday. Jeff Littlejohn, DEP's deputy secretary for regulatory programs, told House and Senate committees that the department is expected to send a proposed rule to the governor's office on Thursday for approval. If a rule adoption hearing is requested, it will be scheduled to make rule changes. The department also wants to revisit the risk scoring of sites to determine whether they still need cleanup work or whether the money could be better spent on other sites that pose a greater risk to drinking water supplies. The department also wants to stop spending money on sites that can clean themselves up through natural processes in soils. "We have been overpaying tremendously," Littlejohn told a meeting of two House committees on Thursday. "The main reason is we have been operating a very expensive system chasing that last molecule of contamination when it is much more cost-effective ... to let the critters take it to the end." Representatives of the Florida Ground Water Association and the Florida Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association said Thursday they're concerned that the Jan. 1 deadline won't be met. Phil Leary, the Florida Ground Water Association's lobbyist, said there has been a slowdown of work this year that has affected cleanup contractors. "We have that concern," he said. "Having been in this process 20 years, (I know) it will be difficult ... I think to get it done by the end of the year." Ned Bowman, executive director of the Florida Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, said his group has not decided whether it will challenge the rules. He said he understands that a challenge could cause the department to miss the Jan. 1 deadline. "That's why we don't take that lightly," he said. "It is very, very important. Our goal is working with the department and legislature to come up with a program that makes sense for our members. That is what we are striving for. We think we are close." Littlejohn told House and Senate committees there are 17,300 sites eligible for state cleanup, with work completed on 7,100 and work underway on 3,500. He said 6,700 have had no work done because they ranked lower on a risk assessment. The department seeks to close 400 sites in the current fiscal year and increase that number to 800 per year by FY 2016-17.

<http://www.thefloridacurrent.com/article.cfm?id=34629734>

BAHAMAS, FREEPORT, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. FUEL TANKER RUNS AGROUND IN GRAND BAHAMA >> 'NO EVIDENCE HULL HAS BEEN BREACHED'



Statement from Glenys Hanna-Martin, Minister of Transport and Aviation:

At approximately 2:30 p.m. on 26th September 2013, The Motor Tanker-Formosa Falcon, a 39,307 ton vessel ran aground off the coast of Grand Bahama. Reports are that the vessel was altering her position at Freeport anchorage due to her proximity to another vessel. Whilst altering its position, the vessel's captain reported that westerly winds of 15 knots forced the vessel

aground. The vessel is a fuel tanker with 12,796 tons of alkylate. There is no evidence of emission of this product into the waters and the hull is reported intact. An Inspector from the Port Department along with personnel from the Freeport Harbour Company and the agents for the vessel were dispatched to the grounded vessel and reported that the vessel was grounded at



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the bow. It was reported that there was no evidence of any breach of the vessel's hull. International and local marine salvage experts are on location and having assessed the situation made preparation to refloat the vessel by using tugboats and the tanker's own engines. At high tide at approximately 2 a.m. this morning repeated efforts were made to refloat the tanker but without success. At daylight it is intended to commence new initiatives to refloat the vessel. In the interim the vessel will be secured by tugs fast to the vessel to keep her in place in the event the weather deteriorates. The Ministry of Transport and Aviation has been in direct contact with representatives of the ship's owners to ensure that prompt and appropriate actions are taken, that a proper assessment of the situation has been made and a determination as to the best course of action. The Port Department and the Ministry will continue to closely monitor this situation. Throughout this process, the Port Department Inspector has been stationed on the grounded vessel and even at this hour remains on the vessel. The National Oil Spill Advisory Committee has also been notified and placed on alert. Further, the Ministry of Transport and Aviation and the Port Department will conduct a full investigation into the circumstances surrounding this incident. Periodic press statements will be released as necessary to keep the public fully informed of all new developments.

 **Related Stories** [M/T Formosa Falcon Runs Aground off Grand Bahama](#)

 **On The Web**

- [Formosa Falcon](#)
- [Formosa Falcon](#)

<http://www.tribune242.com/news/2013/sep/27/no-evidence-hull-has-been-breached/>

USA, CA, SANTA BARBARA, SEPTEMBER 28 2013. ACCIDENT DAMAGES TANKER CARRYING LIQUID OXYGEN

tom bolton

[Santa Barbara County firefighters](#) were standing by Thursday afternoon while 3,500 gallons of liquid oxygen were unloaded from a damaged tanker truck near Gaviota. The tanker was damaged at about 10:30 a.m., when it was rear-ended by another vehicle on the northbound onramp from Highway 101 to Highway 1, according to fire Engineer Russ Sechler. Two people — a 35-year-old man and a child — suffered minor injuries in that crash, Sechler said. The tanker truck was rendered undriveable in the accident, which required the oxygen to be transferred to another tanker. Firefighters remained on scene throughout the two-hour process of transferring the highly flammable contents of the tanker.

http://www.noozhawk.com/article/accident_damages_tanker_carrying_liquid_oxygen_20130926

USA, MI, ALLEGAN COUNTY, SEPTEMBER 28 2013. TANKER DRIVER INJURED IN FIERY CRASH, CREWS CLOSE LANE OF U.S. 131 IN ALLEGAN COUNTY

angie jackson

 **Watch the Video** [Tanker Catches Fire on Highway](#)

 **Photo's [5]** [Semi Tanker Crashes, Catches Fire off US-131](#)



Crews have closed a portion of northbound U.S. 131 near Shelbyville after a driver apparently suffered a medical condition that caused him to lose control of his tanker, causing a fiery crash. Allegan County sheriff's authorities expect one lane of the highway near mile marker 59 to remain closed until at least 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27. Deputies said the tanker left the roadway, crashed and caught fire on the shoulder of the highway about 3 p.m. The tanker was not transporting anything, deputies said. Authorities believe the man suffered some type of medical condition prior to the crash. An ambulance transported the man to a hospital in Kalamazoo with a head injury. Deputies said the man's wounds are minor. The crash remains under investigation.

http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2013/09/tanker_driver_injured_in_fiery.html

ENGLAND, NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE, SEPTEMBER 28 2013. TANKER BLAZE ON A18 MORTAL ASH HILL

David scun

A major road into and out of Scunthorpe has reopened after being closed to traffic. The A18 Mortal Ash Hill was closed in both directions shortly before 2pm today (Thursday, September 26) because of a tanker fire. A tanker fire caused the A18 Mortal



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Ash Hill to be closed to traffic. Humberside Fire and Rescue [Service](#) firefighters were called to the scene and used a hose reel and thermal image camera to deal with the fire, which involved an overheating wheel bearing. Traffic was reported to be queuing in both directions between the Forest Pines roundabout and the Lakeside roundabout for Brigg Road, Queensway and the Lakeside Retail Park. The road reopened shortly before 2.30pm.

<http://www.thisiscunthorpe.co.uk/Tanker-blaze-A18-Mortal-Ash-Hill/story-19850151-detail/story.html#axzz2g9TPglwC>

USA, IN, DECATUR CO, WESTPORT, SEPTEMBER 27 2013. MAN AIRLIFTED AFTER AFTERNOON TANKER CRASH *brent brown*

A Sunman man was injured when the commercial tanker he was driving left a country road and overturned in a ditch Thursday afternoon. According to a report from Decatur County Sheriff Greg Allen, Michael Brunner, 40, was eastbound toward State Road 3, near County Road 700 South, just before 1 p.m. Thursday when the accident occurred. Investigators believe Brunner's tanker truck, a 2006 Freightliner carrying more than 8,000 gallons of milk, veered too closely to the edge of the road causing it to overturn and rupture, spilling its contents across the roadway and injuring the driver. Brunner, who was conscious and alert at the scene, believed he may have broken his collarbone in the crash, in addition to sustaining internal injuries. Brunner was transported from the scene by Decatur County EMS to South Decatur High School where he was loaded onto a medical helicopter and flown for treatment at University of Cincinnati Hospital. The Greensburg Fire Department responded to the wreck in order to clean up the milk, but this proved unnecessary and the liquid, posing no health risk, was allowed to soak into the nearby soil. Removing the damaged truck from the roadway took about two hours and resulted in County Road 700 South being closed for approximately an hour and 15 minutes while crews worked to turn the tanker upright, the sheriff said. Brunner is employed by Guenther and Sons based in Ross, Ohio. Sheriff Allen told the Daily News the tanker was likely damaged beyond repair. He urged motorists to pay close attention to their surroundings and focus on the roadway at all times while driving. Assisting the Decatur County Sheriff's Department at the scene were the Greensburg Fire Department, Decatur County EMS, the Letts Volunteer Fire Department and the Westport Volunteer Fire Department.

<http://greensburgdailynews.com/local/x934952350/Man-airlifted-after-afternoon-tanker-crash>

USA, N.Y, PEEKSKILL, SEPTEMBER 28 2013. WESTCHESTER'S NU WAY FUEL FACES FRAUD LAWSUIT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL *plamena pesheva*



Peekskill-based Nu Way Fuel, a heating oil company, is being sued by Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman for defrauding more than 70 customers – including [Yorktown and Somers residents](#), for more than \$80,000. The lawsuit against Nu Way Fuel and Service Corp., Nu Way Services of New York, Inc. (collectively referred to as "Nu Way"), owner David DaSilva Jr. and his father, David DaSilva Sr., was filed in State Supreme Court in White Plains on Sept. 24. The owners had engaged in "persistent fraudulent, illegal and deceptive conduct," according to the lawsuit. Beginning in March 2012, Nu Way began taking pre-payments for heating oil and oil-burner service that were supposed to be provided to consumers throughout the 2012-2013 heating season. However, instead of filling customers' oil tanks, Nu Way delivered the oil in amounts – sometimes as little as 15 gallons per delivery – which constituted only a small fraction of the oil the customers paid for in advance, according to the lawsuit. In

addition, Nu Way completed only a portion of the oil-burner service work it was contracted to perform. As a result, Westchester consumers paid for more than \$80,000 of heating oil and oil burner service that were never provided. [Yorktown's Rose Rothe and Somers' Stacy Silverstein told Patch](#) they were owed \$1,000 and \$720, respectively, after they pre-paid for oil but never received the full amount from Nu Way Fuel. Once they started calling the business and inquiring about the oil and money, they calls went unreturned. The Attorney General's office has received 20 consumer complaints against Nu Way. The Westchester County Department of Consumer Protection has received more than 50 complaints. At least 28 consumers have sued Nu Way in Peekskill City Court to recover money owed to them due to the non-delivery of pre-paid home heating oil and oil burner service. Nu Way Fuel is also listed on the county's Renegade Renovators list. The Consumer Protection Department maintains a list of unlicensed problematic home improvement contractors, according to its website. "Deceptive business



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practices have no place in Westchester," County Executive Robert P. Astorino said. "Westchester, through our Consumer Department, has been working with the Attorney General's office on these cases with the goal of getting restitution." Schneiderman is seeking restitution for all consumers and a court order barring Nu Way and the DaSilvas from operating a home heating oil business in New York State unless they obtain all necessary licenses and permits and post a \$200,000 performance bond. Also, the Attorney General's lawsuit seeks an order enjoining Nu Way and the DaSilvas from engaging in any future violations of consumer protection laws and an order directing them to provide a full accounting of monies received from consumers, all contracts and a complete list of customers. "Not only is the costly home-heating season rapidly approaching, this lawsuit sends a message to contractors and suppliers around New York State that broken promises can result in law enforcement action," Schneiderman said. "We are seeking to get them their money back and punish the lawbreakers." Consumers with complaints against Nu Way should file a complaint with the OAG. Complaint forms are available [here](#). The case is being handled by Assistant Attorney General Judy S. Prosper and Law Department Investigators John Slevin and Ralph Dorismond, under the supervision of Gary Brown, Assistant Attorney General-in-Charge of the Westchester Regional Office, and Martin J. Mack, Executive Deputy Attorney General for Regional Affairs.

<http://yorktown-somers.patch.com/groups/politics-and-elections/p/westchesters-nu-way-fuel-faces-fraud-lawsuit-from-attorney-general>

USA, ILL, SPRINGFIELD, SEPTEMBER 28 2013. EPA TARGETS RAILWAY INVOLVED WITH SPILL >> AGENCY SEEKS ACTION AGAINST COMPANY WHOSE CARS SPILLED CORN SYRUP

The Illinois EPA director wants enforcement action against Keokuk Junction Railway Co., the operator of a train which derailed Sept. 16 over a bridge near Seville, sending six tanker cars into the Spoon River. Lisa Bonnett, the director of the state's Environmental Protection Agency, asked the Attorney General's Office to pursue action against the railway company Thursday. The IEPA also is citing the operation for several violations of the Illinois Pollution Control Board regulations and the state's Environmental Protection Agency Act. Reports of hundreds of dead fish washing up on the banks of the Spoon River and dam in Bernadotte started coming in early Saturday. Officials with the state's Department of Natural Resources and EPA responded. About 400 fish were found to be dead, about 10 1/2 miles downstream from the derailment. It was estimated more than 20,000 gallons of corn syrup had been spilled. Corn syrup can degrade and strip oxygen from water, possibly killing fish and aquatic insects. Crews from the Keokuk Junction Railway, the owner of the train, and Pioneer Railcorp, Keokuk Railway's parent company, were at the site Monday afternoon to clear the fish. Aerators to infuse additional oxygen in the water were installed near the dam and water sampling will continue. The IEPA wants Keokuk Junction to provide all data about the freight cars involved in the derailment, including the type and amount of material each was carrying; remove contaminated soil from the riverbanks and continue aerating operations; and provide data on the cause of the derailment and bridge failure as well as submit an emergency response plan for review. Officials with Keokuk Junction Railway or Pioneer Railcorp could not be reached for comment.

<http://www.pjstar.com/news/x1155166971/EPA-targets-railway-involved-with-spill>

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, KINGAROY, SEPTEMBER 28 2013. COUGAR FINED \$75K FOR RELEASE OF TOXIC CHEMICALS INTO GROUNDWATER



Cougar Energy's coal seam gas project at Kingaroy where cancer-causing chemicals were found in water.

Cougar Energy has been fined \$75,000 for releasing a cancer-causing chemical into groundwater at its coal seam gas trial project in Queensland. The company's \$550 million underground coal gasification trial at Kingaroy was shut down by the Queensland government in January 2011 after the cancer-causing chemical benzene was found in nearby bores. Prosecutor Alan MacSporran, QC, told Brisbane Magistrates Court on Tuesday that Cougar had failed to install a production well in line with agreed environmental conditions and later released benzene into the local groundwater. Mr MacSporran said Cougar also

failed to notify authorities about the benzene release as soon as reasonably practicable. Cougar pleaded guilty to three counts of contravening conditions of an environmental authority for a licence earlier in 2013. Defence lawyer Tony Glyn, QC, argued the benzene release had been so minimal that it had not posed any actual risk. "The trigger level is set at a point where to be



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at risk one would have to drink two litres of (the bore) water a day for 70 years," Mr Glyn told the court. "In fact, your honour, there is probably a greater risk travelling from the lift to your car in the car park from the levels of benzene there. There was in fact no risk to anybody." Chief Magistrate Tim Carmody ruled that Cougar had contravened agreed environmental conditions and there was a need to ensure other companies did not do the same. He ordered Cougar to pay a fine and an additional \$40,000 in costs. "The fault giving rise to the liability to penalties by the company is its failure to properly supervise the exploration of the well to prevent it from failing and releasing contaminants ... into the surrounding aquifers," Mr Carmody said. "Given the nature and seriousness of the offences and the need in particular for general deterrence ... I consider that a fine of \$75,000 is an appropriate penalty in the circumstances."

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/national/cougar-fined-for-release-of-toxic-chemicals-into-groundwater/story-fnii5v70-1226728683065>

QATAR, AD DAWHAH, MUNTAZA, SEPTEMBER 29 2013. PETROL STATION BLAST RIPS GROUND



Civil Defence personnel at the Al Andalus Petrol station after the explosion.

An explosion ripped through an underground reservoir of the Al Andalus Petrol station, Muntaza, yesterday, damaging two cars and creating panic in the nearby areas. According to unconfirmed sources, the low-intensity blast, that caused part of the ground to cave in, occurred at an underground diesel storage tank. The Ministry of Interior said on its Twitter account that the Civil Defence

Department has closed down the station after the incident, which it described as "the drooping of tanks ground". It said "no injuries were reported". However, the tweet added two cars that were parked at the station were damaged. The Ministry said "damages to the ground tank (occurred) because of gas saturation during maintenance". Eyewitnesses said they heard a loud sound just before 1pm and police and Civil Defence personnel soon arrived at the scene. Even though some 40 people were at work at the station, which consisted of a car wash centre among other facilities, only one person sustained minor injuries, an eyewitness told this newspaper. The petrol station's operators and Civil Defence authorities declined to comment. In the impact of the blast, window panes of some of the buildings in the vicinity of the petrol station were shattered. The incident that sent panic among the residents took place between 12.45 and 1 pm, said one of the neighbours who, like many others, gathered near the site after hearing "a deafening sound". Parts of the roof over the petrol station were blown off. One of the damaged cars was turned upside down in the impact. The falling debris from a building shattered the windshields of at least two vehicles parked in the neighbourhood. Damage was also reported to some of the stores at a neighbouring shopping complex. Soon after the incident, the police cordoned off the stretch between Mumtaza and Radission Blu signals and vehicle traffic through the area was diverted. While the police asked occupants of some of the neighbouring buildings to vacate, even others residing in houses along the road behind the petrol station were seen leaving, apparently out of panic after the blast. This is the second blast at a petrol station in Doha in the last four years. On October 15, 2009, there was a similar blast at a petrol station close to the Kahramaa roundabout in Hilal, injuring more than 50 workers of a contracting company whose bus was waiting at the station for filling diesel. A number of stores at a shopping centre located at the petrol station were damaged in its impact.

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GEMANY, HARTHAUSEN, SEPTEMBER 29 2013. GERMAN TOWN EVACUATED AFTER GAS TANK EXPLOSION



Policemen and rescue workers stand near the site of a gas explosion on the premises of a gas-producing company in Harthausen near Speyer, southwestern Germany on September 28, 2013.

Sixteen firemen were injured -- seven of them seriously -- and a town of 3,000 was evacuated in south-western Germany on Saturday following a gas tank explosion, with officials worried that another tank could also soon blow up. Reports said the village of Harthausen was a "ghost town" after the early morning explosion on a business property. Residents were evacuated to a neighbouring town, with no idea as to when they might return home. The injured firefighters, who had responded to an initial call to deal with a burning truck,



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suffered burns and other injuries. Authorities also spoke of damage amounting to millions of euros. Juergen Schmitt, a local policeman, said arson had not been ruled out. The initial tank blast was so strong it was heard kilometres away. It exploded with such force that other tanks of gas were launched throughout the town -- one crashed through the wall of a warehouse 700 metres away. Some were reportedly on fire, with at least one spewing flammable liquid into a field. "I call this a catastrophe," said Mayor Harald Loeffler.

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USA, W.VA, HARRISON CO, SEPTEMBER 29 2013. GAS WELL WORKER INJURED AFTER INCIDENT IN HARRISON COUNTY

Update:

A gas well worker was injured after a high pressure airline ruptured at a gas well site in Harrison County on Saturday. 911 initially reported two people were injured. The Salem Volunteer Fire Department said one worker was injured, after he was knocked back 20 feet hitting his head on some materials. Firefighters said the worker was alert and talking with them when they arrived on scene. He was flown by helicopter to a local hospital. Stick with 12 News for further developments.

Original Story:

Two people were injured in a gas well explosion Saturday afternoon in Harrison County. 911 officials said it happened near Salem just before 3:30 p.m. on Dog Run Road. One patient was flown by HealthNet Aeromedical Services to a local hospital, and the other patient was transported to the hospital by a personal vehicle.

<http://www.wboy.com/story/23556763/gas-well-explosion-injures-two-people-in-harrison-county>

USA, TX, FAYETTE CO, SEPTEMBER 29 2013. EXPLOSION CAUSED BY LIGHTNING DESTROYS FAYETTE COUNTY FACILITY

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Officials with Fayette County Sheriff's Office are on the scene of a tank fire near La Grange. Fayette County officials say that around 6:30 Saturday morning, lightning struck one of five combustible containers at the La Grange Salt Water Disposal Plant, causing it to explode. The explosion caused the remaining four containers to catch fire. It took around 10 firefighters an hour to get the fire contained and under control. Ralph Burris, owner of the plant, said that when wells produce oil, they also produce salt water. The salt water is injected into a well so it can be returned to the area it is released from. These types of facilities exist because the Railroad Commission of Texas says the salt water must be disposed of in a way that won't pollute other water. Fiberglass tanks are used as containers. Officials say the facility is a total loss from the fire.

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USA, TX, CARROLLTON, SEPTEMBER 29 2013. CARROLL OIL WELL FIRE DOESN'T REACH WELL-HEAD, COMPANY SAYS

nancy schaar

No one was injured as firefighters from four departments responded to a fire that spread to the well head of an oil and gas drilling site near Carrollton on Friday night. The fire was reported at 8:11 p.m. as a petroleum tanker truck on fire. Carrollton Village Fire Chief Tom Mesler said at about 9:30 p.m. that firefighters had to pull back from the area for safety reasons because of the intensity of the flames and potential for an explosion. Firefighters from the Carrollton Village, Carroll County and Fox and Augusta townships departments responded to the site off of Brussell Road, off state Route 9, a few miles north of Carrollton. It is called the Brice well. Carroll County Sheriff Dale Williams said that as of 9:50 p.m., "one tank is still burning and it is expected that it will continue to burn for some time. Flames have been extinguished on the truck and oil-well pad, but the situation is still extremely dangerous." Williams said that when he arrived on scene at 8:20 p.m. the tanker truck was fully engulfed in flames. He said the driver was not hurt. No other information about the man was immediately available. Authorities



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were waiting for company officials and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency personnel to arrive. At press time, it was unclear which company operates the well.

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GERMANY, LUDWIGSHAFEN, SEPTEMBER 29 2013. 16 INJURED BY GAS EXPLOSION IN LUDWIGSHAFEN



On business premises in Harthausen in Rhineland-Palatinate, a gas tank exploded. This 16 firefighters were injured. Because more risk of explosion, the place was evacuated with 3000 inhabitants. Around 3,000 people had to leave their homes in Harthausen. There could still be further explosions, a police spokesman said. In the yard of a gas company from a truck initially unknown reasons, had caught fire in the early morning probably. As the firefighters wanted to put out the fire, there was an explosion of a stationary gas tank. Suddenly, the fire spread from a conflagration. 16 firefighters were injured, seven of them were seriously injured. Several adjacent buildings were damaged. Police estimate that the damage goes into million. The police now includes arson as the

cause of the crash is not enough. "There is preliminary evidence of a crime," said Jürgen Schmitt from the police headquarters Rhine Palatinate.

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The blast of the explosion was heard up to the 30 per kilometer distant cities of Ludwigshafen and Mannheim. Paramedics attended to the wounded, the imprisoned forces of the accident from a wide area. A total of 450 police officers, firefighters and rescue workers were alerted. First buildings were cleared within 500 meters, and shortly afterwards the exclusion zone was extended to a mile - that meant an evacuation of the entire town. For residents who can not stay with relatives or friends, a collection point in a hall in the neighboring Dudenhofen was established. The police drove through the town with loudspeakers to inform residents about the evacuation.

<http://www.dw.de/16-verletzte-durch-gasexplosion-bei-ludwigshafen/a-17120957>

NIGERIA, LAGOS, SEPTEMBER 30 2013. DEFIANT SHELL UNWILLING TO QUIT CRIME-HIT NIGER DELTA >> OIL GIANT SHELL HAS DENIED RUNNING AWAY FROM ITS PROBLEMS IN NIGERIA.

emily gosden



Shell is willing publicly to reveal this devastation because it wants to pressure Nigeria and the international community into doing more to stop it. Janzen says theft has increased significantly since last year because "people saw they were able to get away with it".

The tanker sailed into the Niger Delta, right under the eyes of Nigeria's armed forces. Crewed by men working for an international criminal gang, it headed inland, hooked up to "bunkering" points illegally installed on Shell's Trans-Niger pipeline, and began to steal oil. "Something went dramatically wrong," says Jürgen Janzen, Shell's pipeline asset manager. A year ago today, in the early hours of the morning, Shell discovered both the tanker and the pipeline ablaze, a raging inferno billowing black smoke hundreds of feet above the Delta. "We

know that a number of the people got killed," says Janzen. "We had to go in and extinguish the fire." Ultimately, the tanker sank, another addition to the dismal list of human suffering and environmental devastation that is the by-product of the oil industry in Nigeria. Theft on such an audacious scale is not rare, Shell chief Peter Voser says the problem is "endemic". Most of the time, the criminals succeed. More than 50,000 barrels of oil a day are stolen from the joint venture Shell operates in the Delta. About 10,000 barrels have spilled from Shell pipelines damaged by thieves so far this year, which the company takes responsibility for cleaning up. But much of the oil haul is taken by local gangs to rudimentary refineries, where the crude they cannot process is simply discarded. No one monitors these volumes or cleans them up. Janzen estimates it could be 5,000 barrels each day. "It's huge," he says. From a helicopter, the refining sites are obvious: ugly scars pock-marking the verdant mangroves. Rusting tin huts and refining equipment are dotted among blackened, dead trees, the sheen of oil shimmering on the waterways. Shell is willing publicly to reveal this devastation because it wants to pressure Nigeria and the international



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community into doing more to stop it. Janzen says theft has increased significantly since last year because "people saw they were able to get away with it". "As a company, it is hurting us badly," he admits. Theft and other disruption saw Shell's share of onshore Nigerian production in the second quarter slump to just 158,000 barrels of oil and gas a day, from 252,000 a year before. Shell took a \$250m hit as a result. It has already sold some Delta oil fields in recent years and is now conducting a strategic review that could see it sell assets producing as much as 100,000 barrels per day more than half the latest output. Could Shell finally be admitting defeat in the Delta? "Surrender is not an option for us," insists Mutiu Sunmonu, chairman of Shell's Nigerian operations. "We are not running away from the problem onshore." He says there is now a "concerted effort" by government and wider industry to tackle the theft. Shell argues it is the Nigerian government that is losing the most as much as \$12bn a year in lost revenues. "This is not a Shell issue; this is a national issue," Sunmonu says. Sunmonu admits that theft is one reason for the strategic review, but insists it is not the main one. Rather, it is more profitable to focus elsewhere in Nigeria. "It doesn't make sense for Shell to be rubbing shoulders with small independents," he says. An onshore project might cost \$250m, but tax is high, so Shell makes as little as \$2 a barrel net profit. It wants to focus on more expensive projects, such as offshore Nigeria, where it already produces 105,000 barrels per day. A deepwater project might cost \$15bn, but profit margins are much higher. "There is no indigenous company that can venture into that," Sunmonu says. But there are other reasons Shell, despite its denials, might now like to run from the Delta, where it first struck oil in 1956. Operations here have long blighted its reputation. In 1995, activists campaigning for the rights of people in the Ogoniland oil field were executed by the Nigerian government; Shell was accused of collaborating in human rights abuses. In 2009, it agreed a \$15.5m out-of-court settlement, while admitting no liability. In 2011, a damning report by the UN Environment Programme criticised both Shell and the Nigerian government for contributing to 50 years of pollution in Ogoniland through inadequate maintenance and spill clean-ups. "It is more economical to abuse the environment than protect it," says Nigerian senator Bukola Saraki, who wants companies to be fined for every barrel spilled. UNEP estimated that the clean-up of Ogoniland alone would take 30 years and has called on the oil industry and government to set up a \$1bn fund to cover the first five years. This is yet to be implemented. Meanwhile, spills caused by corrosion continue; Shell admits responsibility for 41 leaks last year, compared with 154 caused by thieves. Even where theft is the cause, critics say Shell cannot absolve itself of all responsibility. Shell employs 600 contractor companies, who Janzen says "in principle" survey the lines around the clock. In reality, many of their unarmed workers don't turn up at night, when armed thieves operate. Shell shows journalists a spill clean-up site near Port Harcourt, where thieves with trucks came, apparently unnoticed, to tap the pipeline. Even in broad daylight, the surveillance outposts here are unmanned. Campaigners suggest some contractors may be implicated in theft, arguably putting Shell indirectly in the frame. Sunmonu rejects this. "It's a crime," he says. "What's the difference, if somebody works for me during the day and then he comes back at night to steal?" He says Shell is putting in place safeguards but, given the number of contractors, has to "depend on the government security agency to fish out whoever is doing this". The people of the Delta have seen little of the oil revenues enjoyed by the government, much of which has been siphoned off through entrenched corruption. Jemimah Mbaya, a Nigerian pastor, says local theft must be seen in the context of the widespread poverty. "To Shell they are stealing, but to them they are taking what is theirs," she says. What is indisputable is that thefts continue, and the devastation caused will need to be cleaned up. Sunmonu won't dwell on this prospect. "The first thing is to stop crude-oil theft," he says. "If you don't stop crude-oil theft, we shouldn't even start to discuss how to clean up, because it's going to be a wasted effort."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/newsbysector/energy/oilandgas/10342899/Defiant-Shell-unwilling-to-quit-crime-hit-Niger-Delta.html>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE, SEPTEMBER 30 2013. FRACKING A HEADACHE FOR NAPHTHINE

farrah tomazin

The Naphthine government is headed for a pre-election showdown with farmers, miners and environmentalists as it decides whether to lift a moratorium on the controversial practice of fracking. The government is expected to receive high-level advice recommending expansion of coal seam gas (CSG) in some of its most politically sensitive areas, a move that could cause a split within Coalition ranks. Well-placed sources believe a review by former federal minister Peter Reith will strongly endorse development of CSG and other types of "unconventional gas" in Victoria, arguing that action is needed in the face of future price increases. But any shift is likely to prove contentious for government MPs in country seats, where farmers fear that fracking - the process of extracting gas by injecting water and chemicals underground - could be detrimental to their land and water supplies. Victoria does not have a coal seam gas industry, but about 24 licences have been granted for unconventional gas exploration around the state - including in the seats of Premier Denis Naphthine and Deputy Premier Peter Ryan. In the



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Nationals heartland of Gippsland, Lakes Oil, which is partly owned by Gina Rinehart, has already fracked 11 sites, and is ready to frack another, known as the Wombat gasfield, as soon as the moratorium is lifted. Mr Ryan admitted the issue was a concern for his constituents, and vowed that he would not support an expansion of CSG mining unless he was satisfied that water supplies, agricultural production and "generally liveability" were not compromised. But the Nationals leader also said he believed Australia faced challenges with future supplies of natural gas. "There's a recognition that unless something happens to augment our supplies in Australia, we are inevitably faced with very severe price increases and prospect of supply shortages," said Mr Ryan, who represents the seat of Gippsland South. "We are hastening slowly with this ... Our first responsibility is to make sure we don't trade or risk anything as far as development is concerned. If we are to go down this path, one of the key things is to engage with people, giving them accurate information about the facts." Victoria's moratorium has been in place since August last year, but any decision to lift the ban is likely to spark divisions within government ranks. City MPs are believed to be broadly in favour of development, while country Nationals and Liberals are concerned about a regional backlash. The government says it has not yet received Mr Reith's report, but in a sign of the sensitivities, several MPs recently travelled to Queensland on a mission to learn more about the CSG industry. Of main concern to critics is the fear that fracking not only opens up cracks in the coal seam, but could also result in gas escaping into drinking water as it rises to the surface. "We rely 100 per cent on underground water to run our business, to drink, to shower, to irrigate. If anything goes wrong, it would cripple us," said Denison farmer Kate Lamb. Farmers also say Mr Ryan and the Nationals have not consulted them enough, and warn that any threat to their land and business would have consequences at next year's state election. Tensions are also likely to simmer in the state's west, where companies are also eyeing off sites near Geelong and the Otways. "We know of farmers who have written to Peter Ryan and said their whole families have traditionally been National voters and are now wondering: 'what do we do, who do we vote for?'" said Di Flint, who runs a livestock farm with her husband in Seaspray. "Farmers don't want it. There are too many unanswered questions," she said. Greens leader Greg Barber said the issue would be a major pressure point for the government ahead of the November 2014 election. Friends of the Earth spokesman Cam Walker agreed, adding: "There's no room for this invasive type of industry in Victoria." But the government is likely to face a backlash from the minerals sector unless it acts. "I think there's an opportunity to do this in such a way that everyone is happy," said Lakes Oil chairman Rob Annells. Energy Minister Nick Kotsiras said fracking and the issuing of exploration licences for CSG would remain "on hold" while the government worked to respond to the requirements of the new National Harmonised Regulatory Framework for coal seam gas, signed in May. He said community consultation would take place and any decision "will need to take into account the environment, our agricultural sector and Victoria's future energy needs".

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USA, ARK, MAYFLOWER, SEPTEMBER 30 2013. COMMUNITY STILL FEELING STRAINS OF OIL SPILL REPUTATION

angela spencer



A worker cleans up a portion of the spill area in Mayflower in March.

Lake Conway is a known destination for fishermen in Arkansas, but bringing in new Mayflower residents has become harder since March when the ExxonMobil Pegasus Pipeline ruptured, sending thousands of barrels of oil into the community. Real estate broker Sandy Bridges said she moved to Mayflower in 1995 to sell real estate. Since the oil spill, the business of buying and selling homes has not been easy, as lenders and appraisers are leery of Mayflower properties — even properties far from the spill zone — but Bridges said some of the solutions she is working on with Exxon, if successfully implemented, would expedite the recovery of the Mayflower real estate market. "We're talking with Exxon now to figure out some solutions," she said. "My whole goal is to restore the marketplace." Some of these solution may include workshops with appraisers to educate them on specific spill-related concerns. Faulkner County

Judge Allen Dodson, who acted as the local representative on the Unified Command, said a lot of Mayflower has moved from emergency response to remediation. At that point, control of the situation transitions from the Unified Command to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. There are still areas of the Northwoods subdivision that are in emergency response because of oil that has seeped under a few of the houses' foundations. "Exxon has extended offers to purchase



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those homes," Dodson said. "Some have sold, some have not ... That oil has got to be moved one way or another." Going forward, Dodson said he plans to stay involved even after the Unified Command's oversight is diminished. "I'm definitely going to be watching that closely," he said. "We'll be closely involved. ADEQ is the authority, but they have indicated they want to keep us involved and keep us in the loop." As far as the pipeline restarting, Dodson said that decision is up to the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. "I'm interested just like everyone. It needs to be operated in a safe manner," Dodson said. "It's probably fair to say they're going to be extra cautious." For the community, Dodson said he is hopeful a safe and swift conclusion to the situation is forthcoming. "Closure can't come quickly enough for anyone involved," he said.

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CANADA, ALBA, INNISFAIL, OCTOBER 1 2013. DIRTY GAS, OLD WATER AND PIONEER BRICKS >> SURPRISE FINDS UNDERNEATH 2020 AUTO SERVICE EXTENDING TIME TO CLEAN UP MASSIVE HOLE

johnnie bachusky



John Schneider, owner of Innisfail 2020 Auto Service, says the contamination from the old gas tanks under the front of his shop is worse than first suspected.

The original plan by John Schneider was for a quick operation that would pave the way for future prosperity for his business. And while good fortune is still very much in the cards for John Schneider, owner of Innisfail 2020 Auto Service, the task of cleaning up the front of his business at 5004 49 St. has been greater than he ever imagined. Originally it was thought that digging a huge hole in front would yield only one old underground gas tank but excavators soon realized otherwise shortly after they began the operation at the end of August. "It became four tanks," he said. And then three of the discovered 500-gallon underground tanks still contained fuel – and more problems. "The contamination was much worse than what we had anticipated," said Schneider. He said subsequent readings were taken on hydrocarbon levels with a sensor on leftover ancient fuel

and sent off to a lab. The readings were higher than they ever imagined they could be. "When they were doing it, it was like, 'Wow, this is bad'. You could see all the tanks had been leaking," said Schneider. "It was bad to the point where it would almost burn your eyes. It was like putting your face in a jerry can. It was terrible." The surprises did not end with the discovery of the extra tanks and high contamination levels. Excavators also found a water well and remnants of an old farmhouse. "When we were digging up there was a bunch of bricks and wood. It looks like there was an old farmhouse there. It was like a brick foundation," said Schneider, adding he and workers had suspected beforehand there could be a water well. "We had wondered where it would be at. But where you just don't know. "From what they could tell it was probably from the '30s, maybe even earlier than that," he added. "When they actually uncovered it there was actually water coming out of it." Schneider, who apprenticed under former owner Dave Muddle until buying the business in 2007, has been patiently waiting for the cleanup job to be done so he can finally move forward with his business on the three-lot site. Muddle bought the property with his late wife Mary in 1990. The land was reportedly once the site for a pioneer livery, an auto dealership and a used car lot. He knew at the time it was once a site for old gas tanks, possibly as far back as the 1940s, but did not know it was a problem until the mid-1990s when the provincial government let it be known it wanted all sites that are potentially contaminated from old gas tanks cleaned up. Alberta Environment created a cost-sharing cleanup program for such sites as the one once owned by Muddle. However, it took 10 years for Muddle to qualify and the work to clean up the site finally began almost a month ago. The cleanup of the site, which was expected to take two weeks, would enable Muddle to finally sell the land and building, and then allow Schneider to make necessary improvements to his business to move forward. But now Schneider may have to wait a total of six weeks – and it has hurt his business. "It has been horrible. We have just a quarter of the car count as far as



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invoicing and what would normally be coming in," said Schneider, emphasizing that his shop is still very much open despite it looking like a construction zone. "We are absolutely open for business," he said. "There is really no effect on the customers at all. We have access to all of our bays through the back of our building. A lot of people don't know that."

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COLOMBIA, LA PUNTA, OCTOBER 1 2013. A FIREWORKS FACTORY IN COLOMBIA HAS EXPLODED AFTER CATCHING FIRE LEAVING SEVEN PEOPLE INJURED.

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September 30, 2013: People run for cover and watch in awe as a fireworks factory in Colombia explodes, sending out a giant sonic boom.

Thirty people were working in the Polvoreria Hofman factory located in the village of La Punta at the time, when they claim to have heard a deafening crash. "Many were packing the fireworks to sell in December when we heard the cries of other employees, and then we ran," one employee explained to Spanish news agency [El Tiempo](#). Video of the incident shows an enormous mushroom cloud bloom above the factory as fireworks explode below. The power of the explosion was so strong it knocked out the windows of homes and businesses up to two kilometres away. Emergency crews on the scene told [El Tiempo](#) they saw people crying and

shaking, and many with burnt clothing running from the area. It's understood three women and two firefighters were injured in the explosion. The women were transported to hospital for assessment, while the firefighters refused treatment.

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AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, MONA VALE, OCTOBER 1 2013. AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE KILLED AND OTHERS BADLY INJURED AFTER TANKER TRUCK ROLLED AND EXPLODED IN MONA VALE

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A police officer runs for safety as the tanker burns.

Witnesses have described the moment a tanker caught on fire and killed at least two people as one of the worst accidents they'd ever seen, describing flames 20 metres high, screaming brakes and people narrowly escaping with their lives. The tanker crashed and rolled on Mona Vale Rd this afternoon with fears more have been killed and reports up to four cars were caught up in the accident. The flames have been extinguished but now the gruesome task of cleaning up the carnage of a tanker fire that killed at least two people has begun. Others were horrifically injured in the accident and subsequent blaze in Sydney's north this afternoon. The truck rolled and crashed into several other cars before bursting into flames near the intersection of Samuel St and Mona Vale Rd, Mona Vale about 3.40pm. Flames could be seen running down the gutter of the road engulfing at least two other cars as the fuel tanker burned. Builder Chris Morris said he was waiting at the roundabout at Mona Vale Rd and Samuel St when

the truck came past out of control He said the truck driver's brakes were already locked up well before he went through the roundabout. The driver steered the truck up on to the left hand verge before it struck a power pole and a tree and careered back across the road and overturned, he said. "He was fighting the whole way - he was fighting that steering wheel," Mr Morris said. "I got out my first instinct was to run and help but I didn't even make it past my tray when it exploded. "It was a huge



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mushroom of smoke and flame. "The flames were 20 metres high." Mr Morris said the outcome could have been far worse if not for the driver's attempts to steer the truck off the road. He estimated the out-of-control truck was still travelling between 60-80km when it narrowly missed his car by just four metres "I know people have died, but in my eyes the driver is a hero," he said. "We were backed up 10 to 12 deep (at the intersection) and if he had hit that line of traffic he would have killed everyone. "I could just hear the brakes screaming. "When he hit that gutter I felt it through the car." One man is already being hailed as a hero after ignoring his own safety to save one of the victims. An Elanora Heights man dived into flames to pull an elderly woman from her burning car following the petrol tanker explosion in Mona Vale that killed two people. Tommy Raymen, 22, who narrowly escaped becoming a victim himself, described how he turned onto Mona Vale Rd shortly before the accident. "I was driving for two seconds and saw the truck tip onto its side and start sliding towards us," he said. "As it was sliding it burst into flames ... one car in front of me went straight into the flames." Mr Raymen then pulled an elderly woman from her car. "I ran to help her, got her and tried to get her out ... she was screaming 'help me, help me'. "The heat was that extreme I could feel it on my arm. "She was quite frantic and I pulled her to the side." Mr Raymen also saw the truck driver get out of the truck's cabin. The truck driver had burns and cuts all over, Mr Raymen said. Horrified witnesses said they saw cars exploding as they came down the hill behind the tanker. They told how there seemed to be no way to rescue the driver or the people in cars following. Danielle, who lives a few houses away from the crash site, ran outside as soon as she heard the crash. "There was nobody there, it had just happened," she said. "I tried to call Triple O but there was no response. I expect everyone was trying to call them. "My husband was coming down Mona Vale road behind the tanker and he saw the cars behind the tanker burst into flames. "He said all the doors in the cars were closed and he could see people in them. "I could hear the cars exploding. There were three bangs." The truck driver has been flown to Royal North Shore Hospital suffering burns to his arms and shoulders. Five other people were also rushed to hospital, including a 75-year-old woman suffering minor burns to one of her legs and the left side of her face. Witness Josh Jobs said at least three loud explosions could be heard. "The driver of the truck was sitting with his head in his hands," he said. "People were trying to help him but there wasn't much anyone could do because there wasn't any ambulances there at that stage." Mona Vale Rd was closed in both directions and motorists are advised to avoid the area. Pittwater RSL facilities manager Jan Svenoy at least three cars were caught underneath the tanker. "There's three of four cars - it's hard to tell, you just can't see because of the smoke," Mr Svenoy said. The back half of the truck was still well alight at 4.15pm and thick black smoke was filling the air. The truck driver had managed to escape from the vehicle and another woman had been rescued from one of the vehicles, he said. "You can hardly see the bowling greens because of all the smoke," he said. "We have locked down the building and got everyone inside because the air is a bit cleaner in here." A witness said the tanker was driving down the hill into Mona Vale when it collided with a car just past the cemetery. He said that he saw one car totally burned out and another three involved in the crash. "There were four cars and only one person got out," he said. Former league legend Max Brown was on his way past that spot when he saw the thick black smoke. "I could see the cabin of the petrol tanker on its side and I could see one car burned out," the former Manly player said. The latest disaster is in almost the exact same spot from where a 13-year-old girl was killed when a truck ploughed into her home in 1998. Nicole Everson died when a runaway truck missed a corner on Mona Vale Rd and demolished her Emma St home. Wollongong father of four Silverio Garcia also died in the accident. Manly Police Superintendent Dave Darcy said the accident was one of the worst he has seen. "I don't think it gets much worse than this," he said. "This was a real challenge for all involved." He said people were pulling over and getting out of their cars in an attempt to flee the scene while the tanker was ignited. It is also believed the two deceased are males. The truck driver is a 47-year-old man from Wagga Wagga who suffered non life threatening injuries. One person, believed to be a woman, was airlifted to royal north shore hospital. Supt Darcy said many witnesses displayed acts of heroism during such a tragic accident. "There were people pulling others out of cars...some real acts of bravery," he said. "I believe they saved those people's lives, yes." Police are hopeful the road will be open by daylight tomorrow morning.

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GHANA, KPONE, OCTOBER 1 2013. GHANA: OIL TANK FARM UNDER CONSTRUCTION WITHOUT PERMIT AT KPONE

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The Kpone Traditional Council (KTC) has called on the Tema Development Corporation (TDC) to, with immediate effect, withdraw or suspend the processing of documents for Oasis Lubricant Ghana Limited to build an oil tank farm at Kpone-



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Kokompe. The reason for the request stems from the fact that the proposal submitted to TDC and the Kpone-Katamanso District Assembly (KKDA) was to build offices for the company, and not an oil tank farm. Even though not a single permit has been obtained from any of the institutions responsible for the issuance of permits for such purposes, which includes the KKDA, KTC, TDC, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS) among others, three tanks have already been built on the proposed site. Another reason, for which the traditional authority is calling for the withdrawal of the permit, is that the land on which the oil tank farm is set up is within a residential area, an indication of the fact that in the event of any disaster, the environment, human lives, and properties would be in serious danger. This was contained in a two-page letter, dated September 24 and addressed to the Managing Director of the TDC, and signed by the Registrar of the Traditional Council, which was intercepted by The Chronicle. According to the KTC, several attempts to get the company to discontinue with its construction of the oil tank farm have proved futile, as management of the company is bent on continuing with the project. When contacted on phone, Madam Evelyn Acquah, project manager for Oasis Lubricant Ghana Limited, explained that as far as she was concerned, the KKDA, which is the authorised body in charge of issuing permits for the construction of companies offices among others, had already given a permit to her outfit to operate. She alleged that her company paid an amount of GH¢23,000 through the Acting Engineer of the KKDA, Mr. Vincent Yeboah, to the Assembly for the permit, an issue the District Engineer has denied completely. She, however, admitted: "We are yet to get [a] permit from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS), which is still in the pipeline." Denying the allegation, Mr. Vincent Yeboah noted that it was never true that any permit had been granted to the company to operate for such an amount of money. "We have two kinds of permits we give out, one from the government acquired area, and the other from the non-acquisition area. "As an Assembly, we work on the government acquired areas, and permits are approved by the Statistical Planning Committee of the Assembly, which is chaired by the District Chief Executive, therefore, an individual, town planner or the engineer does not have that right single-handedly to give out [a] permit," he explained. Mr. Yeboah continued that the final approval would be jointly granted by the EPA, KTC, KKDA and the GNFS, until then, whoever is found working on that parcel of land would be arrested by the police

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USA, ALA, MOUNDVILLE, OCTOBER 1 2013. BIODIESEL PLANT ACCUSED OF VIOLATION >> RIVERKEEPER SAYS GREASE IS IN RIVER; NEW PLANT SAYS IT IS FOLLOWING REGULATIONS

jason morton



The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is investigating allegations that Veros Energy LLC, a biodiesel operation, is dumping illegally and polluting a tributary that lies at the end of Douglas Nature Trail in Moundville Archeological Park.

An investigation is underway by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management into the dumping practices of a newly operational biodiesel operation. The allegations against Veros Energy LLC were brought to ADEM by Black Warrior Riverkeeper Nelson Brooke, who said he discovered what appeared to be high amounts of fats and grease in the river's Carthage Branch tributary. A spokesman for Veros Energy said the claims against the company were overblown and that it is operating within the bounds of its federally-issued discharge permit. However, the claims have sparked a review of its monitoring systems that will be adjusted if the need arises. Brooke said he went to inspect the tributary that lies at the end of the Douglas Nature Trail in the Moundville

Archeological Park because a prior biodiesel operation had caused pollutants to accumulate in the area. These findings resulted in a federal lawsuit brought by the Riverkeeper against Alabama Biodiesel, a suit that ended in a 2008 settlement in U.S. District Court in Birmingham that required Alabama Biodiesel to cease illegal discharges of oil and grease, obtain a discharge permit and pay \$45,000 in damages and attorneys' fees. "Sadly, there was oil and glycerin ... (and) it's not a pretty site in the tributary over there," Brooke said. "It was kind of like déjà vu." Brooke took photographs and videos that were submitted last week to ADEM. The state agency said Friday that it had visited Veros Energy on Cherokee Bend and on Monday had obtained water samples to analyze. "We are analyzing those water samples for a wide range of compounds ... so it will be a few more days before we get those analytical results complete," said ADEM spokesman Scott Hughes. Any



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company discharging waste into public bodies of water must obtain a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The permit used by Veros Energy allows for 15 milligrams per liter of oils and grease to be dumped into Carthage Branch each month. Brooke's samples that he collected in one day earlier this month have been analyzed and, according to results compiled by Birmingham-based Sutherland Environmental Co., indicated the water submitted by the Riverkeeper contained oils and grease at a level of 89 milligrams per liter. The Riverkeeper said he alerted ADEM not just because of his concerns over the water quality, but also of worries that people may unknowingly expose themselves to the pollutants. "We check on this stuff because we want to ensure facilities are abiding by the law, they're following the Clean Water Act and they're not putting people in harm's way," Brooke said, noting that he observed a folding beach chair and a child's footprints along the banks while he was conducting his investigation. "(Carthage Branch) is a common place for people to hang out and there's no signs or anything telling people industrial discharge ... is coming up the creek." Rob McNaughton, commercial manager for Veros Energy, said the Riverkeeper's claims were not as accurate as Brooke claimed and said ADEM's inspectors had found no wrongdoing by the company during its visits. "We are completely in compliance with all environmental agencies," McNaughton said, adding that ADEM officials had given the company verbal assurance that they had found no evidence of non-compliance. "They have been on-site and inspected us and we are in complete compliance," he said. McNaughton said he and others with Veros Energy have agreed to meet with Brooke and the Riverkeeper team to discuss their concerns. However, Veros Energy remains a relatively new operation, McNaughton said, and several issues remain to be addressed. The plant is configured to operate off of sustainable waste products, such as used cooking oil, and is not focusing on food products as a primary source for its operations. Additionally, some of the substances Brooke observed in the creek are naturally occurring and attributed to the chemical decomposition of plants and wildlife, McNaughton said. "What's happened in the past with prior management is prior management," McNaughton said. "We have no intent to violate any regulation(s) and, in fact, we intend to exceed the regs that are imposed on us. ... It's a process. We've got lots of things we have to address, but our top priority is being compliant."

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CZECH REPUBLIC, PRAGUE, OCTOBER 2 2013. LUKOIL GAS STATION EXPLOSION KILLS ONE ON CZECH HIGHWAY

lenka ponikelska



An underground fuel reservoir exploded at a Czech Lukoil petrol station on a highway north of Prague this afternoon, killing one person and injuring two, the fire brigade said. The 10,000 liter reservoir at the station at Zdiby, about 10 kilometers (6 miles) north of the Czech capital wasn't completely full when it exploded, fire brigade spokeswoman Lenka Kostkova said by phone today. Authorities partially closed the highway, she said. Lukoil Czech Republic is a unit of Russian OAO Lukoil. It has 44 gas stations in the central European country. The company is looking into the matter and could not immediately provide further details, spokeswoman Dana Bratankova said.

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CANADA, MB, WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 2 2013. CITY TO SCRUTINIZE REPORT ON DANGEROUS GOODS ONE YEAR AFTER ST. BONIFACE INFERNO

 **Watch the Video** [One-year anniversary of St. Boniface inferno](#)



Jeff Keele looks at the City of Winnipeg set to examine a report on dangerous goods as residents remain concerned.

Tuesday marked the one-year anniversary of a massive blaze and explosions that lit up St. Boniface at the Speedway International site. The City of Winnipeg is set to soon examine a report on dangerous goods, with some residents remaining concerned about safety. Dozens of nearby homes were evacuated when fuel at the Speedway plant went up in flames on Oct. 1, 2012. "(It was) super scary. You could feel the heat when the explosion went off. I was kind of losing my mind," said Stephanie Tetrault. "If they were to build something, it shouldn't be anything that could explode...it's just not something you put close to

where people live with their kids," said Tetrault. St. Boniface councillor Dan Vandal said a report will be tabled next week, outlining how to keep dangerous goods away from neighbourhoods full of people. "We need to start a planning process to look at putting distance between heavy industrial uses that have environmental licences and residences," said Vandal. In the case of Speedway International, a permit said it stored windshield washer fluid when it actually housed racing fuel in 2012. Winnipeg's acting fire chief said that information assists the department when tackling large blazes. "It's always helpful to know if we have that opportunity, and in many cases we don't," said Bill Clark. The province issues environmental permits to store special fuel. It said it may begin regular inspections of industrial companies such as Speedway International. "I was disappointed to hear last year that our (fire) department was not aware what was in Speedway," said Vandal. Speedway International may have a tough time getting up and running again. The city said the company didn't have the proper permits while rebuilding at the St. Boniface site so a stop work notice was issued for its new business. "To make sure that they are complying with all of the rules and regulations and making sure that there is a very safe environment and making sure what happened last time does not happen again," said Mayor Sam Katz. CTV News called Speedway International for comment on Tuesday, but the call was not returned. It's not yet known what Speedway International plans to store at its new facility. The province said the company has applied for an environmental permit to store some type of fuel on the site. Provincial officials said it has to be done in accordance with city bylaws. Since the city is considering changes and people living nearby the site also have concerns, no permit has been issued yet.

<http://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/city-to-scrutinize-report-on-dangerous-goods-one-year-after-st-boniface-inferno-1.1478853>

USA, WA, SEATTLE, OCTOBER 2 2013. TUGBOAT SINKING NEAR BALLARD BRIDGE, LEAKING FUEL INTO SHIP CANAL

meghan walker

 **Watch the Video** [Sunken Tug Causes Spill Near Ballard Bridge](#)



A 72-foot tugboat is sinking in the Ship Canal this afternoon, causing a fuel spill. The US Coast Guard and the Washington Department of Ecology are on the scene, using booms and absorbent pads to reduce the spread of fuel released, according to our news partners, [The Seattle Times](#). The Times reports that the boat, Ivar, was undergoing work at a dock along West Commodore Way, about halfway between the bridge and the Locks. The tug's fuel tank reportedly holds 1,700 gallons when full, but it wasn't verified that the tanks were full at the time. The owner of the tug is William Soderberg from Port Townsend. He has a [blog](#) about the tugboat project, in which he's attempting to turn it into a floating residence.

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AUSTRALIA, NSW, MONA VALE, OCTOBER 2 2013. COOTES TRUCKS TAKEN OFF THE ROAD AFTER FATAL TANKER EXPLOSION IN MONA VALE

 **Watch the Video** [Investigators seek cause for fatal tanker explosion](#)

 **Photo** [Emergency crews worked through the night to clean up the petrol and debris left by the explosion, as well as the fire retardant chemicals used to put out the blaze.](#)



Twelve trucks operated by the same company as a tanker that exploded on Sydney's northern beaches yesterday have been taken off the road. Police believe mechanical problems are the most likely cause of the fatal crash involving the Cootes Transport petrol tanker. Inspector from Roads and Maritime Services inspected more than 80 Cootes Transport trucks at checking stations in Sydney and Newcastle late this afternoon. The company has been issued with 26 defect notices and 12 trucks have been taken off the road. Two men died when the tanker lost control on Mona Vale Road at Mona Vale about 3:40pm (AEST) yesterday. Witnesses say there were multiple explosions after the tanker rolled onto its side, burst into flames and collided with several cars. Five people were injured in the crash, including the tanker's driver. Motorists say the section of road where the crash happened is notoriously dangerous.

But Assistant Commissioner John Hartley says initial investigations suggest the crash was caused by problems with the tanker. "We're investigating a number of factors that may have contributed to the crash but at this stage we're looking at the possibility of mechanical failure on the truck itself," he said. "That's probably the most important lead we have at this stage. The vehicle needs to be fully examined properly. At the end of the day we'll find that something quite simple such as mechanical failure or a mistake by the driver has caused these fatal consequences." Police say the dead men are a 71-year-old from the local area and a man in his 60s from interstate. Both were travelling in the same car. "It certainly looks like they were killed at the scene by the fire rather than the crash itself," Assistant Commissioner Hartley said. He has praised the actions of other motorists and locals in the minutes after the crash. "People in the vicinity responded quickly to try and remove people from the cars as best they could and quick as they could. They're heroes in my mind. They saved lives certainly by their quick actions," he said.

Road Closed as Investigation and Clean-Up Continue

Authorities have warned that Mona Vale Road is unlikely to re-open until Thursday morning as emergency crews work to clean up the toxic spill from the tanker. Crews worked throughout the night on Tuesday trying to cleanse the road and surrounding bushland of fuel, debris and fire retardant chemicals used to douse the blaze. The heat from the fire was so intense that it melted sections of the road, which now need to be re-laid. Superintendent Ian Krimmer from Fire and Rescue NSW announced this morning that the spill had been contained to a 1.5 kilometre radius, though material has seeped into drains. "We're placing sand in a number of those drains to contain the fuel spillage," he said. "It's still unknown how much fuel has leaked into those drains. It could take several days to mop up and clean up that particular situation."

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USA, N.C, SELMA, OCTOBER 2 2013. TANKER WITH 8,000 GALLONS OF FUEL FLIPS OVER IN NC TOWN



A tanker truck carrying 8,000 gallons of ethanol fuel flipped Tuesday afternoon on US Highway 70 near Hwy 301 in Selma.

A tanker truck carrying 8,000 gallons of ethanol overturned Tuesday afternoon in the vicinity of the McDonald's located at 335 US Hwy 70 in Selma, officials said. The area between Highway 301 and Interstate 95 is closed to all traffic as of early Tuesday afternoon. The crash happened around 2:30 pm. As a precaution, businesses within 500 feet of the overturned tanker have been evacuated. Police were on scene directing traffic Tuesday afternoon.

<http://www.wbtw.com/story/23581764/tanker-with-8000-gallons-of-fuel-flips-in-nc-town>



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USA, WIL, GREEN BAY, OCTOBER 2 2013. PETROLEUM PIPELINE LIES 12 FEET FROM SUNKEN PIER

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 **Photo's [29]** [Petroleum Pipeline Lies 12 Feet from Sunken Pier near Leo Frigo Bridge](#)



In this Sept. 25, 2013 file photo, a span on the Leo Frigo Memorial Bridge in Green Bay shows signs of buckling in this view looking west. Transportation officials are still trying figure out why a concrete support pier for the Leo Frigo Bridge unexpectedly sank about 2 feet causing a deep dip in the pavement and leading authorities to shut the span. Wisconsin Department of Transportation spokesman Kim Rudat said the pipeline is sound and has been clearly marked. There no danger to the workers or the pipeline, he said. An underground fuel pipeline lies about 12 feet from a support pier for a highway bridge that unexpectedly sank about 2 feet in Green Bay, state and pipeline officials said Monday. Wisconsin [Department of Transportation](#) spokesman [Kim Rudat](#) said

the pipeline is sound and has been clearly marked. There no danger to the workers or the pipeline, he said. "There's no concern except we are certainly aware of it," he said. Transportation officials are still trying figure out why a concrete support pier for the Leo Frigo Bridge unexpectedly sank about 2 feet Wednesday, causing a deep dip in the pavement and leading authorities to shutter the span. The bridge carried about 40,000 cars a day over the Fox River on Interstate 43. The pipeline, owned by [West Shore Pipe Line Co. of Illinois](#), originates in Chicago and serves the Milwaukee, Green Bay and Madison markets. The line in Green Bay, which carries gasoline and diesel, is about 12 feet underground and runs parallel to the bridge, said [Patrick Hodgins](#), the company's director of health, safety, security and environmental. They aren't concerned but are monitoring the situation and can turn the pipeline off easily, he said. He said they have marked the line and will have someone onsite whenever there is digging, he said. "We don't see any impact for us at this time," he said. It's not a main line, but a lateral one that is 8 inches in diameter. It can carry up to 70,000 barrels a day, he said. The federal [Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration](#) Monday was checking Monday whether it has jurisdiction. The pier in question and others haven't moved since Wednesday, Rudat said. The pier settled unevenly, with one side dipping 22 inches and the other settling about 27 inches. The dip in the pavement stretches across the width of the bridge, but does not appear to have affected other areas, a DOT engineer has said. To detect any movement, engineers have attached equipment similar to seismographs that would sound alarms. Gov. [Scott Walker](#) declared Friday the closure of bridge a disaster. It could lead to federal reimbursement for the first 180 days of repair work. The bridge, which opened in 1981, was last inspected in 2012, Rudat said. It's named for Leo Frigo, a former cheese company president who founded a food pantry for the poor in Green Bay.

<http://www.sfgate.com/business/energy/article/Petroleum-pipeline-lies-12-feet-from-sunken-pier-4857395.php>

GERMANY, THURINGEN, UNTERBREIZBACH, OCTOBER 2 2013. GERMAN MINE ACCIDENT KILLS THREE

 **Watch the Video** [3 Killed in German Potash Mine Accident](#)

Three miners trapped underground following an explosion at a mine in Germany have died. Four others were rescued from the potash mine in the small town of Unterbreizbach in the state of Thuringia, German potash and salt company K + S said. The powerful blast occurred 700m below ground at about 12pm local time. It was caused by an earlier controlled detonation that led to a carbon dioxide leak, K + S spokesman Michael Wudonig said. The area immediately surrounding the explosion was evacuated, however, officials said the town of 3800 was not in any danger. "Three are dead, the four others are unharmed," said a spokeswoman for the industrial site. The three who died were aged 24, 50 and 56, K + S said in a statement. "Having a carbon dioxide leak is an everyday occurrence," said spokesman Ulrich Goebel for mine operator K + S Potash, a unit of K + S, the world's biggest salt maker. "But it is highly unusual to have such a large quantity seep out so that the gas penetrates the mine shaft and escapes above ground." Two mines and an above-ground work area were "protectively evacuated", the company said. K + S Potash operates six mines in Germany, producing salt for the agricultural, healthcare and food industries.

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ENGLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE, POSTLAND, OCTOBER 2 2013. 62 TONS OF AMMONIUM NITRATE FERTILISER STOLEN FROM POSTLAND, NEAR CROWLAND

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Police are appealing for information after 62 bulk bags of were stolen from a farm in Postland. The bags were taken at some point between September 6 and 27. Due to the size and weight of the 1,000kg bags Police believe the offenders would have needed mechanical lifting equipment and some form of appropriate transport to take them. The bags are pale blue in colour with a dark blue disk on them containing a lower case 'g' (the GrowHow logo). Above this are the words 'GrowHow' and 'NITRAM 34.5%N'. Police are appealing for anyone who saw or heard anything suspicious in the area to get in touch. Police would also like to know of any suspicious sales of this product. Call 101 if you have any information.

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USA, TN, NASHVILLE, OCTOBER 2 2013. INSURERS SUING DELEK OVER \$80.5M INSURANCE CLAIM

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A group of insurance companies is suing Brentwood-based Delek US Holdings in an effort to avoid paying an \$80.5 million claim, [Nashville Post reports](#). According to the suit, an ExxonMobil pipeline serving a Delek oil refinery in Arkansas burst in April 2012 and was replaced more than three weeks later. Exxon later performed a test of the pipeline to check for other weaknesses. As a result, Delek's Arkansas facility did not receive oil until October 2012, and didn't refine any until January 2013. Delek filed an insurance claim of \$44.1 million for business interruption and a \$36.4 million claim for losses. The insurers, which argue that the policy does not insure against faulty workmanship or faulty material, are requesting a declaration that the insurance claim is not covered by the policy, the Post reports.

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MEXICO, HIDALGO, TULA, OCTOBER 3 2013. MEXICO REFINERY BLAST KILLS ONE, INJURES FIVE



An explosion at a Mexican oil refinery left at least six people wounded on Tuesday, October 1.

At least one was killed and another five were injured Tuesday in an explosion at a crude oil refinery in the central state of Hidalgo operated by Mexico's state oil company Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex), the company said. The blast occurred in the afternoon at the Miguel Hidalgo refinery located in Tula, Hidalgo, some 100 kilometres north of the capital Mexico City. In a statement, Pemex reported that the accident happened at 03:15 p.m. local time (0915 GMT) at 500-1 unit in the Hidros Plant Unit I of the Miguel Hidalgo refinery while realising maintenance work. The explosion came during the scheduled start-up of the Hidros 1 plant, and work there has not been suspended due to the accident, Pemex said. The six injured are being treated at a Pemex hospital and a clinic operated by the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS) that is near the blast site, the company

said, adding that one of the injured died later. Pemex said the six victims of the accident, three are workers of the company and the other three are from contractors, were treated in hospital, but did not specify the severity of injuries of the five wounded. The cause of the deadly blast remains unknown and authorities have given no explanation. Pemex is the biggest enterprise in Mexico, the largest taxpayer in the country and one of the largest oil companies in Latin America.

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