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VIETNAM. PHU THO, THANH BA, OCTOBER 12 2013. 7 DEAD IN VIETNAM FIREWORK FACTORY EXPLOSION



At least seven people died early on Saturday in an explosion at a fireworks factory within a military complex, state media reported. The explosion prompted the evacuation of about 2 000 people living near the Z121 military facility, around 120km north of Hanoi, police said, adding incident was yet to be brought under control. "At least seven people have died and more are injured in the explosion," the official Vietnam News Agency reported, without providing details on the number of injured. Residents in Thanh Ba district - where the complex is located - said they felt the ground shake in repeated explosions, the VNExpress news site reported. "The fire and explosion are ongoing. Firemen and soldiers have not been able to get access," policeman Pham Quang Minh told AFP from near the accident site. "About 2 000 people around the Z121 factory have been evacuated," he added. One local resident told AFP that locals have fled to the Viet Tri township, about 40km away, fearing further damage. "We have received warnings from authorities that there could be further explosions, which could be very destructive," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity. No information on the cause of the explosion was immediately available. In 2010, fireworks being prepared at Hanoi's My Dinh stadium for use in the city's 1 000th anniversary celebrations exploded, killing three foreigners and one Vietnamese national.

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USA, N.D, TIOGA, OCTOBER 12 2013. OIL PIPELINE LEAK CLEANUP TO TAKE YEARS AND ABOUT \$4M



Landowner Steve Jensen continues working in his field Thursday near Tioga, N.D., while crews work off in the distance to clean up 20,600 barrels of oil that released in a Tesoro Logistics pipeline break.

The farmer who discovered a pipeline break that spilled 20,600 barrels of Bakken crude said Thursday he hopes the industry learns from the incident and does a better job monitoring for leaks. Steve Jensen said he's been told by Tesoro Logistics it will take at least two to three years to clean up his field where he noticed the oil spill while harvesting wheat Sept. 29. "It starts to make a person sick," said Jensen, who owns both of his parents' homesteads northeast of Tioga in northwest North Dakota. Tesoro Logistics estimates the cost of cleanup at about \$4 million. North Dakota state officials

have promoted pipelines as the safest and most efficient means of transporting crude oil to refineries. Jensen, who lives in an area he describes as "spider webbed" with underground pipelines, said he began smelling oil a few days before he noticed the spill. Tesoro Logistics said the leaking segment of the pipeline has been temporarily shut down and repairs are underway. No one was hurt and there are no known impacts to water, wildlife or the surrounding environment, the company said in a statement released Thursday. The nearest home is about a half-mile away and Jensen lives about two miles away. What caused the pipeline break and when it occurred will be part of an investigation, said Kris Roberts, environmental geologist with the North Dakota Department of Health Division of Water Quality. Crews investigating the break found a hole in the pipe that was caused by some type of corrosion from the outside, Roberts said. They drilled a wooden peg into the hole and put a steel clamp around the whole area to secure it further, he said. Often companies will remove a large section of pipe and send it to a forensics lab to determine what happened, Roberts said. Eric Haugstad, director of contingency planning and emergency response for Tesoro Logistics who is on site, said crews are working around the clock to clean up the spill. Crews drilled monitoring wells to check groundwater and used a geoprobe to determine the extent of the contamination, which covers about



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7.5 acres, Haugstad said. A continuous layer of clay about 10 to 14 feet below the surface kept the oil isolated and protected drinking water sources, Haugstad said. "It's unfortunate it happened but the location because of the clay underlayer and the topography actually mitigated the spread of the oil," said Haugstad, who assisted with cleanup of the BP Deepwater Horizon spill. Crews dug trenches and are using vacuum trucks to recover the oil. As of Thursday afternoon, crews had recovered 1,545 barrels of oil and are nearing the end of the oil recovery phase, Haugstad said. Tesoro is working with Antea Group, a St. Paul environmental consultant, to develop a plan for the saturated soil, Haugstad said. He said he couldn't speculate on how long that will take. Initially, the spill was estimated to be 750 barrels of oil, Roberts said. The company received permission to burn off the oil on the surface so they could work safely, Roberts said. Crews discovered there was more oil below the surface on top of a layer of clay, Roberts said. This week, company representatives increased the estimate of the spill to 20,600 barrels, he said. That is the equivalent of 865,200 gallons of oil or about 29 tanker railcars. Jensen said Tesoro has been professional with him and responded aggressively to clean it up and monitor drinking water sources. "They jumped on that real hard and fast about keeping this from getting into our water," Jensen said. "That would be a disaster then." However, Jensen questions why Tesoro didn't detect that more than 20,000 barrels had leaked and would like to see better monitoring systems put in place. Tina Barbee, a Tesoro Logistics spokeswoman, said pipelines are monitored by a remote pipeline control center that monitors pressure and pumps. When asked if the monitoring center would have detected a leak, Barbee said that will be part of the company's investigation. Tesoro Logistics also flies over pipelines to monitor them, Barbee said. She said she did not know the most recent aerial inspection of this pipeline. "It is consistently monitored, on average, weekly," Barbee said. Jensen, who is a pilot, said the spill likely would have been visible from the air. "I think industry will learn from this," Jensen said. Tesoro Logistics said it has been working closely with the landowner, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, the North Dakota Department of Health, and public safety and regulatory authorities during the response effort. Gov. Jack Dalrymple said he initially heard about the sizable spill Wednesday evening and learned more details Thursday. "It appears there is no immediate threat to public safety or to health. Those are the main things," Dalrymple said. "But there will be many questions to be answered about how it occurred and how was it detected and whether there was anything that could have been done that would have made a difference."

<http://www.prairiebizmag.com/event/article/id/16343/group/Transportation/>

U.S. V.I, ST THOMAS, BOVONI, OCTOBER 13 2013. BOVONI GAS STATION DESTROYED IN EXPLOSION

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 **Photo's [5]** [Bovoni gas station destroyed in explosion](#)



Fire fighters and rescue crews use a crane to help quell the flames at a fire at Gas Works gas station in Bovoni.

The cause and origin of a massive fire that engulfed and destroyed the Gas Works independent gas station in Bovoni on Saturday night still is under investigation, according to Daryl George, the assistant director of the V.I. Fire Service. A crew of investigators remained on the scene Sunday to sift through the rubble of the station, which was the only structure involved in the fire. The Fire Service took an initial statement from one of the employees at the station when the blaze started, but she was in "a state of shock" and more follow-up interviews will be needed, George said. There were no fatalities and only two people suffered injuries following a series of explosions that rocked the gas station, which was open at the time, and a massive fireball erupting from the

first explosion. Firefighters responded to a 911 call at 8:34 p.m., after one of the main storage tanks at the facility had exploded, George said. After two and a half hours, the fire was significantly contained, and at about 12:40 a.m., it was completely extinguished, according to George. The Fire Service coordinated with VITEMA, the V.I. Police Department, private water truck haulers, EMS, the Public Works Department, the V.I. Port Authority and St. Thomas Rescue to close roads, evacuate residents of nearby homes in Nadir and to treat and supply the 34 firefighters while they fought the blaze. The first phase of the fight involved a defensive strategy of cooling fuel tanks so they would not ignite and closing off the perimeter of the Bovoni dump to the fire to prevent the spread to the acres of waste material, George said. Once on the scene, firefighters encountered several "after explosions," with about three explosions occurring in the back of the building. However, no firefighters were injured, George said. Once the Port Authority had brought its airplane crash units containing foam and once



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water companies had provided ample water to combat the blaze, the firefighters went on the offense, attacking and diminishing the fire with the full force of the gathered resources, George said. "We have foam but for a fuel depot of this size, we needed a multitude of foam, which the Port Authority supplied from its crash trucks, because they would be used to fight jet fuel fires," George said. Foam is helpful in combatting fires feeding on oil or gasoline because it more effectively deprives the chemically-based fires of oxygen, according to George. Two people were injured, both employees of the station, which was open when the fire ignited, according to Government House spokesman Jean Greaux Jr. One employee suffered burns and one employee suffered scrapes, cuts and bruises when jumping a fence to help the first employee run from the blaze, Greaux said. According to a press release from VITEMA, one of the injured persons suffered burns to 18 percent of his body and was transported to Schneider Hospital for treatment. About 125 emergency services personnel responded in all, as did Gov. John deJongh Jr., Police Commissioner Rodney Querrard Sr. and Port Authority Executive Director Carlton Dowe. George said the Arson and Prevention Unit would be working intensively to figure out the cause of the fire, but because of the size and complexity of the incident, he did not expect a conclusion any time soon. George said the police department closed roads leading into the area from both directions. Greaux said residents were given the all-clear to return to their homes at about 11:30 p.m. George said the remaining fuel in the station's unignited tanks and trucks had been diluted with water, and does not pose a danger at this time. According to George, the operation represented model levels of interagency coordination and it was because of the swift, combined efforts of all responders that the fire was contained to the gas station without further explosions. Had the dump ignited, he said, the fire could have raged indefinitely. "What we did last night is we came together as a multi-agency task force, and we got the job done. The Fire Service has been practicing and initiating this policy of coordination for a long time," George said.

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<http://virginislandsdailynews.com/news/bovoni-gas-station-destroyed-in-explosion-1.1552767>

NIGERIA, SOKOTO, OCTOBER 13 2013. GRIEF, AS FUEL SCOOPING KILLS FIVE IN PLATEAU, SOKOTO

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Despite strong warnings and public enlightenment on the dangers of scooping fuel, some Nigerians are yet to desist from this dangerous and criminal act. Five persons recently met their deaths in two states while scooping fuel. Experience, it seems, counts for little. Weekly Trust reports. Plateau and Sokoto, two northern states were in the preceding week hit by separate tragic incidents, which led to the death of five persons. Probably lured by the passion for instant wealth, the victims died while attempting to scoop fuel. The incident in Plateau which occurred on October 7th, 2013, in Tariya village of Bassa Local Government Area of the state killed four brothers, all sons of Abdullahi Ibrahim. The brothers perished while reportedly scooping petroleum products from a ruptured pipeline in Tariya village. Weekly Trust gathered that the incident in Sokoto involved a 25-year old man simply indentified as Zayyanu, who met his waterloo while allegedly scooping fuel from a tanker in the Gandu area of Sokoto metropolis. Weekly Trust further gathered that before nemesis caught up with the four brothers in Tariya, two other villages in the area namely, Rafin Kura and Gurum have been favorite spots for pipeline vandals. Their activities were said to have led to the contamination of the Bassa River recently. Weekly Trust learnt that the Plateau incident was ignited by an argument among five brothers. Reports say Idi Ibrahim, who was also among his brothers who went scooping fuel on a Monday morning, started arguing with his brothers during the scoop on how to share the loot. In fists of anger, Idi, a smoker, reportedly lit a cigarette with matches and threw the matchstick into the well where oil was being scooped, resulting in an instant fire explosion. Nevertheless, while Idi obviously, some distance away from the fountain of fire escaped unhurt, his brothers who were at the center of the inferno could not escape. Two of them died instantly, while the other two brothers, whose names were given by the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) as Shuaibu Abdullahi and Fale Ali, died shortly after being rushed to Our Lady of Apostle (OLA) Hospital in Jos city. Ibrahim is still on the run. Public Relations Officer of the NSCDC Naomi Cishak told Weekly Trust that "the father of the deceased brothers, Abdullahi Ibrahim told us that he had warned them severally against scooping petroleum, but they refused to heed the warning." Cishak who said Ibrahim who identified his two sons in the hospital was shaken by their sudden death. The NSCDC State Commandant, Vincent Bature said in August while parading seven suspected pipeline vandals including a female farmer, Tariya and Gurum in Bassa remain the most troublesome areas in pipeline vandalism. He said the NSCDC went to the extent of involving



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traditional rulers in its bid to curb the activities of pipeline vandals, but it has not solved the problem. Bature said "the river in Bassa is now highly polluted, there is nothing there. Even the fishes are dying, the Fulani cattle rearers cannot even graze their cattle there and all the Fadama projects and rice produced there are now destroyed. Nobody can use that water." It was learnt that members of the communities who are predominantly farmers and herders vandalize and scoop petroleum products from the pipelines that pass through their communities. The pipelines supply petrol to north eastern states. Earlier in Sokoto, residents of Gandu in Sokoto metropolis were shocked at the manner of Zayyanu's death from alleged scooping of fuel. Alhaji Isa Garba, the grief-stricken father of the deceased, visibly showed how much he has missed the support and security of his late son. According to the father, the deceased had his primary education before he dropped out of secondary school to do learn driving. Before joining the service of the fuel tanker which claimed his life, the deceased worked as commercial driver for 15 years. Zayyanu has just started working under a tanker driver who happened to be his colleague and mate, who keeps him away for days. Garba last saw his late son on Friday while preparing to go for Jumu'at prayer, only for people to appear with the corpse of his son. It was learnt that late Zayyanu died in the tanker's compartment, but was not noticed until about three days after his corpse began to decompose before his remains were discovered. More to his tragic end, nobody could ascertain the time and day, the deceased entered into the tanker's compartment. It was when people including his family members started searching for his where about that his remains were discovered. The father described his late son, the fourth in the family, as obedient, caring and easy-going whom, he said, was preparing for his marriage and at the point of completing the house he was building. The tanker driver Sanusi Danbaba in whose vehicle Zayyanu died, and who also employed the deceased because of their closeness stated that the situation was Allah's will. He said they could not imagine Zayyanu going into the tanker's compartment, which is highly risky. He said the 33,000 litre tanker was virtually empty with only 25 litres remaining in it. Danbaba, a resident of Gandu area and a friend to the deceased, said on Friday, he saw Zayyanu at the time people were preparing to go for Jumu'at prayer, but later in the day, he was alerted to go to a police station to bail his boy (the deceased) who was detained over a scuffle he had with a friend. Midway to the police station, he said he was informed that his boy has been released earlier and so he came back home. "I could not see Zayyanu again until his dead body was discovered by a junior after searching for him for three days," he said somberly. He described Zayyanu as obedient and strong whom he enjoyed working with during the nine months they spent together. The deceased younger brother, Abubakar described his deceased brother as friendly, caring and easy going. The late Zayyanu had a fiancée and started marriage preparations. He was waiting to complete his house under construction before marriage, but fate had its own calculations and he died.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201310120193.html?viewall=1>

INDIA, TAMIL NADU, CHENNAI, OCTOBER 13 2013. PETROL OUTLETS DITCH LPG OVER FIRE FEAR

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Days after the Centre started the sale of 5kg liquefied petroleum gas cylinders at select fuel stations in the city, the three outlets where they were to be made available said they were not in stock and redirected customers to LPG distributors. Minister of state for petroleum Panabaka Lakshmi launched the initiative in Indira Nagar, Adyar, on Saturday. But, in the absence of fire safety provisions, owners of the petrol outlets have decided not to store LPG cylinders. The [IOC](#) retail outlet in Adyar, [BPCL](#) outlet in Mogappair and [HPCL](#) outlet in Madhavaram were supposed to sell LPG but none of them had cylinders on Wednesday. The Centre did not consult the Tamil Nadu fire and rescue services department before the rollout, said a senior official in the department. "The Petroleum and Explosive Safety Organisation, a central institution, has to ensure that outlets can combat fire caused by storing LPG," the official said. Consumer rights activists said there was no word on fire safety before or during the launch of the scheme. "Authorities failed to address the issue of fire safety before permitting petrol pumps to sell LPG cylinders," said T Sadagopan, a consumer rights advocate. A fire safety expert said petrol station, which already have to deal with highly inflammable petrol and diesel, had safety concerns in selling LPG cylinders. Prospective customers who arrived at petrol pumps to purchase the 5kg cylinders on Wednesday were forced to consider other options. "I wanted to buy a cylinder as a back-up for the one I have at home," said S Jobin, adding that the staff at the IOC outlet in Adyar asked him to contact a dealer for the cylinder. This correspondent attempted to purchase an LPG cylinder at the select petrol pumps, but none was to be had. "You can purchase the 5kg cylinders from the nearest Indane dealer," an employee said. "They are not available here because fire safety is an issue." The Indane dealer in Adyar had enough stock of 5kg cylinders. "We have sold 30 of the small cylinders since Saturday," he said. An employee at the BPCL petrol pump in Mogappair said a customer could pay there and collect the cylinder from a dealer. "You can pay here. We'll give you a receipt with which you can get a cylinder from the Bharat gas depot." Tamil Nadu Petroleum Dealers' Association vice-president K [Suresh Kumar](#)



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admitted the scheme was facing initial hurdles. "It's not advisable to keep cylinders at fuel stations unless safety measures are in place. Some stations don't have space to keep cylinders, forcing them to use storerooms," he said.

http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2013-10-10/chennai/42900132_1_lpg-cylinders-5kg-cylinders-indane-dealer

CHINA, ZHEJIANG PROVINCE, NINGBO, OCTOBER 13 2013. TANKER EXPLOSION KILLS 7 IN E CHINA, OIL LEAKS

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An unknown amount of oil is leaking into the Yongjiang River in the coastal city of Ningbo in East China's Zhejiang province after an oil tanker explosion that killed at least seven people on Saturday morning. Six ships are dealing with the oil leak at the scene, according to the provincial maritime affairs bureau. In addition to the confirmed deaths, one person was injured when the oil tanker exploded and caught fire at about 8:40 am at Zhangjianqi shipyard in Ningbo's Zhenhai District. The accident happened when the 300-tonne vessel was being repaired. The blaze was extinguished at about 11 am, and the cause of the accident is under investigation. The 130.96-km-long Yongjiang River is a major water source for the booming city of Ningbo, which has a population of more than 7 million.

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http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2013-10/12/content_17027689.htm

INDIA, JAIPUR, RAJASTHAN, OCTOBER 13 2013. TANKER CARRYING INFLAMMABLE SUBSTANCE OVERTURNS

Panic gripped people around [Jawahar Circle](#) area when a tanker carrying fuel used in airplanes overturned on Saturday. According to the police, the incident took place near Jawahar Circle around 4 am. The tanker had come to Jaipur from Rewari carrying fuel used in airplanes. The driver lost his balance and rammed a road divider following which the tanker overturned. When the police came to know that the tanker was carrying [inflammable substance](#), cranes were rushed to the spot to move the tanker.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/Tanker-carrying-inflammable-substance-overtURNS/articleshow/24064746.cms>

NEW ZEALAND, WELLINGTON, OCTOBER 13 2013. SPILL LEADS TO FUEL TANK USE REVIEW

Conservation Minister Nick Smith has ordered a review of the use of fuel tanks on National Park land following a spill at Turoa ski field. Smith said the Turoa diesel spill had damaged the environment in New Zealand's oldest National Park, polluted the Makotuku River, a habitat for the endangered whio or blue duck, and severely disrupted the Raetihi water supply. "Our National Parks are our most valued natural environments and I expect the highest standards for storing fuel in these areas. The spill at Turoa ski field was unacceptable and we need to do everything possible to prevent a re-occurrence anywhere else on public conservation land," Smith said. "I have asked that DOC's review particularly focus on the 16 ski fields operating on public conservation land. There are additional risks for storing fuel in alpine environments and the areas are also more ecologically fragile. "Skiing and snowboarding are wonderful recreational opportunities for people to enjoy in our alpine environments but they need to be managed in a way that avoids these sorts of serious environmental incidents from occurring. The review would investigate standards for fuel storage and inspection regimes to ensure they complied with requirements to contain accidental spills. It was separate to an investigation by Horizons Regional Council into the Turoa spill to decide if anyone should face prosecution. Smith said the review could force changes to concessions to store fuel on public conservation land and DOC may also seek external expert advice. He expected it to be completed and any recommendations implemented in time for next year's ski season. Up to 15,000 litres of diesel, from a tank at the Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL) ski



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field base, leached into the Makotuku stream - the primary tributary to the Raetihi town water supply. Fresh water tanks, port-a-loos and portable showers had to be trucked into Raetihi after the town's water supply was cut till it could be decontaminated.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/9278305/Spill-leads-to-fuel-tank-use-review>

INDIA, HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA, OCTOBER 14 2013. FOUR INJURED IN CYLINDER BLAST IN SHIMLA

Four people were injured and four houses were damaged in a cylinder blast on the outskirts of Shimla on Sunday morning. Panic had gripped Jutogh locality of Shimla when a deafening blast was heard around 5.30am. According to police, the blast occurred when someone tried to light a stove near a gas cylinder, which was leaking. The injured have been identified as Vikrant, Satya Devi and her two sons Nitin and Arun. Three houses were gutted while another one was partially damaged in the incident. "The injured have received around 20% burn injuries and they have been rushed to Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital for treatment," the cops added.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Four-injured-in-cylinder-blast-in-Shimla/articleshow/24112507.cms>

USA, CA, SAN DIEGO, OCTOBER 14 2013. OIL SPILL REPORTED ONBOARD USS CHANCELLORSVILLE >> SHIP BASED AT NAVAL BASE SAN DIEGO



Crews on Naval Base San Diego have cleaned up an oil spill onboard the USS Chancellorsville. The spill was reported at about 7 a.m. Saturday. Base officials tell 10News about 150 gallons were spilled. A containment boom surrounding the ship prevented the oil from entering San Diego Bay. The oil response team at Naval Base San Diego responded and placed absorbent pads into the water to help soak up oil. Officials say the cause of the spill was linked to a mechanical error related to the check valve, which had a leak somewhere. The leak was repaired and the spill was cleaned up by about noon.

<http://www.10news.com/news/oil-spill-reported-onboard-uss-chancellorsville-10122013>

USA, PA, POCONO TWP, OCTOBER 14 2013. SOME FJ HESS TANKS SHOW FUEL LEAKS

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The state Department of Environmental Protection found no storage tank violations by FJ Hess and Sons at the owners' residence, but did find violations at two other FJ Hess facilities, DEP spokeswoman Colleen Connolly said. Hess and Sons has been ordered to do a site characterization — a large-scale survey to determine if any fuel leaks contaminated soil — at the two sites. No storage tanks regulated by the DEP were found at the 598 Fish Hill Road residence of Salvatore and Deirdre Furino, Connolly said, but the tanks may have been removed earlier. "We believe there were some unregulated tanks on the property," Connolly said. DEP is seeking information from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on whether federal regulators established a "shutdown date" for an unregulated storage tank there. Jack and Brenda Klinger of Penny Wise Fuel, a local competitor of FJ Hess, downloaded what they said is a Google Earth aerial photo showing unregulated tanks that were removed before the DEP inspection. A copy of that image was forwarded to the DEP. There are other tanks still at the Furino residence, according to the DEP inspection report. "Located at the property are two 500-gallon (above-ground storage tanks) containing petroleum for non-commercial purposes," DEP inspector Paul Marmo wrote. "By definition, at this time, these tanks are exempt from the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act." Two above-ground 1,000-gallon storage tanks — also exempt from the act — were inspected at FJ Hess' Pocono Township facility at 116 MCTA Drive. But a 500-gallon tank there that was never registered with regulators — used to store diesel to run fleet vehicles — is in violation and considered to be in substandard condition. The tank is now empty. "It needs to be closed," Connolly said. Some leakage was detected there, prompting DEP to order the company to survey the extent of the leakage and how much soil was impacted. Another violation, a leaking aboveground pipe connection to an oil storage tank, was identified at the FJ Hess facility on Route 115 in Blakeslee.



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The company was ordered to do a site survey of the leakage and amount of soil impacted. The Penny Wise Fuel operators said their personal investigation of FJ Hess Fuel properties began after a 2009 "anonymous tip" to the Monroe County Tax Assessment Office prompted a probe of an alleged untaxed structure at their Shine Hill Road facility. The Klingers said they gave the county assessment officer permission to inspect the Penny Wise property for an alleged residential trailer not on the assessment roll. The inspector found there was no trailer, but the visit prompted the county to increase its total assessment for tax purposes, they said. The Klingers appealed the higher assessment and examined the property tax records of FJ Hess and other local fuel suppliers as part of that appeal. This is when they discovered the Hess company fuel tanks and business activities that they contend violate local zoning and environmental regulations, they said.

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USA, PA, LANCASTER, OCTOBER 14 2013. LAWSUIT CLAIMS CHEMICAL SPILL AT ARMSTRONG CAUSED WORKER'S NEUROLOGICAL DISORDER

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Sandra Cooper is shown with stacks of files she has amassed.

Sandra Cooper remembers the exact date her life started to turn upside down: Sept. 25, 2003. She'd gotten home from her job as an art teacher at Garden Spot High School around 4 p.m. that day. Her husband, Gene, who was on shift work at Armstrong World Industries floor plant, arrived home a short time later. She heard him coming. "I could hear the coughing even before he came up the sidewalk," Sandra Cooper said. "I've never heard anybody cough like that." His eyes were watering, he had a blinding headache and he was screaming in between hacks. There'd been a spill at work, he told his wife. Chemicals. He had to help clean it up. The cough lasted for days. Finally, more than a week later, Gene Cooper agreed to go to the doctor, who prescribed antibiotics. Still, the cough persisted, but Sandra Cooper didn't think too much of it; her husband had always had sinus problems. But by Thanksgiving, Gene Cooper's behavior

had noticeably changed. He'd forget names, he started missing work — something he'd never done before. When the plant closed between Christmas and New Year's, he argued with Sandy, insisting he was scheduled to work. When she got out the calendar to prove her point, he began to cry. Something was wrong. Within five months, Gene Cooper was on disability, unable to work. Today, he's in a Dallastown nursing home, his brain ravaged by toxic encephalopathy, a degenerative neurological disorder resembling Parkinson's disease. His wife believes the chemical spill that day in September 2003 is a cause. So she turned to the legal system, battling Armstrong over workers' compensation for her husband's injuries, and filing a lawsuit against the manufacturers of the chemicals involved in the spill — though not Armstrong itself — in 2010. Then, two months ago, she filed suit against Armstrong, claiming the company withheld information about the chemicals her husband had been exposed to — information, she believes, that could have slowed his brain damage. She's not the only one to claim in court that a loved one was harmed by exposure to dangerous chemicals at the floor plant. In early September, a Columbia man whose father worked at the plant and died of bladder cancer at age 56 filed a lawsuit, claiming exposure to the chemical solvent trichloroethylene, or TCE, caused the cancer. That suit, like Cooper's 2010 filing, names the chemical manufacturers as defendants, but not Armstrong. More lawsuits could be on the way. Aaron J. Freiwald, the Philadelphia attorney who represents both Cooper and the Columbia man said, "I fully expect there are other workers who have been seriously affected by the widespread chemical exposures at Armstrong. We are currently investigating other claims." For Sandra Cooper, the past decade has been grueling. Medical and legal bills have added up to some \$600,000. But, she says, the lawsuits aren't about the money. "I will do whatever I can to find justice for my family and all the workers injured by these chemicals," she said.

Civil Lawsuits

Sandra Cooper's civil lawsuits grew out of a workers' compensation case she filed in 2007, after a doctor in her husband's nursing home suggested he might be suffering from a work-related injury. Armstrong fought the claim, and it dragged on for



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five years before a workers' compensation judge upheld the claim in June 2012, and ordered Armstrong to pay lost wages and medical benefits going forward. Sandra Cooper says she believes hers to be first successful chemical injury claim against Armstrong. The company has appealed the decision. Jennifer Johnson, Armstrong's senior manager of Global Corporate Communications and Public Affairs, declined to comment in detail on the claims. "We certainly do not like to receive claims of this nature, and we're sensitive to allegations involving serious health conditions," she said. "The matter is in litigation, however, so it would be inappropriate for me to comment on the case itself, other than to say that we believe the allegations against the company are without merit." Gene Cooper got his first job at Armstrong in 1974, at a time the company was still the biggest employer in Lancaster County. Since then it has downsized dramatically. The old floor plant is gone, demolished to make way for new medical offices and athletic fields. Armstrong was in and out of bankruptcy due to asbestos liability; just last week, officials announced plans to invest \$41 million in its current floor plant, to make luxury vinyl tile. In its heyday, the company churned out a huge variety of products at its Liberty Street plant. Integral to that process were solvents — sweet-smelling chemicals used as degreasers or in coatings. Some were relatively harmless; one former Armstrong worker interviewed for this story recalled employees using methyl ethyl ketone to wash their hands. Other solvents were more problematic — like TCE. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, TCE is associated with several types of cancer in humans, especially kidney, liver, cervix and the lymphatic system. Several researchers have recently linked TCE to Parkinson's disease and neurotoxicity. TCE is one of the most common groundwater contaminants at former industrial sites, found at more than half of all "Superfund" sites. It was TCE that contaminated the groundwater at Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base in North Carolina, causing an unknown number of cancers and other ailments. Local newspaper reports show it was detected in the groundwater and soil at the old floor plant site in Lancaster. "Armstrong used large quantities of TCE and solvent mixtures containing TCE," attorney Freiwald said. "It worked very well as a degreaser, but that came at a very heavy price paid by Armstrong's workers and their families." Freiwald has been involved in other TCE litigation around the country, including a landmark case in McCollom Lake, Ill., where 31 cases of brain cancer turned up in a community of 1,000 people. Victims blame a chemical plant a mile away. In September, Freiwald filed suit in Philadelphia County on behalf of Christopher K. Landis, of Columbia, whose father, Delmar, died in 2011 at age 56 after working 35 years at Armstrong, where he was a millwright. The case names six chemical manufacturers of TCE as defendants — Dow Chemical Co., Mallinckrodt Baker Inc., (which has changed its name to Avantor), Brenntag Northeast Inc., PPG Industries Inc., Occidental Petroleum Corp. and Occidental Chemical Corp. Armstrong is not named as a defendant. "TCE was used so widely and so extensively" at Armstrong, the complaint asserts, "that TCE's distinctive odor was routinely detectable in the breathing space of workers, including Mr. Landis, which means that exposure levels were at least at the odor threshold for TCE." "Exposure to TCE can cause catastrophic injuries even at levels well below the chemical's odor threshold," the complaint states. "Therefore, TCE was clearly unsafe and unreasonably dangerous for use at AWI (Armstrong World Industries) where Mr. Landis was routinely exposed over a very significant period of time." The complaint accuses the defendants of liability, negligence and recklessness. Through Freiwald, Christopher Landis declined comment. The Landis case echoes Sandra Cooper's 2010 complaint, though her suit did not name PPG or the Occidental companies as defendants. In it, she asserted that her husband, too, was harmed by long-term exposure to TCE and other chemicals, resulting in brain damage. Her case, filed in Philadelphia County, was initially dismissed after the defendants successfully argued that the statute of limitations for filing a claim had expired. But earlier this year, the Pennsylvania Superior Court reversed that decision and remanded it back to the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas. Howard Klein, an attorney representing Dow, said the firm "will vigorously defend" both the Cooper and Landis lawsuits. Of the Landis case, he said, "reliable medical and scientific literature does not establish link between TCE and bladder cancer ... we deny that our products contributed in any way to Mr. Landis' illnesses and death." Attorneys for Avantor, Brenntag Northeast and the Occidental companies declined to comment. Officials with PPG Industries did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

More Irritable

During the workers' compensation trial, Sandra Cooper said she'd noticed slight cognitive changes in her husband before Sept. 25, 2003, but they were minor. He was more irritable than usual; she didn't think much of it. Then came the spill. Gene was working in the floor plant's rotogravure department when an employee forgot to close a valve on a tank containing "top foam," a mixture used to coat flooring that contained arsenic and solvents. Up to 700 gallons spilled, with some of the mix spilling into a subbasement. Workers in the vicinity — including Gene Cooper — rushed to clean it up, without ventilation or protective gear, according to testimony in his workers' compensation case. In the weeks and months after the incident, she said at the workers' compensation trial, his behavior got "bizarre." He'd mix up genders — calling his daughter "he," for



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example. He became agitated and paranoid, thinking certain people were in the house, that the neighbors were up to something nefarious. It looked like dementia, but it was coming on like a freight train, she said. And she didn't know why. He saw neurologists, neuropsychologists, a toxicologist and a psychiatrist, she said. They ruled out stroke, viral infections of the brain or cardiac events. By 2006, he went into a nursing home. It was there, a year later, where a doctor who had observed his behavior, movement and demeanor indicated that his problems could be work-related. Sandra Cooper hired a lawyer and filed the workers' compensation case. She also paid \$20,000 out of pocket to have a sophisticated "functional neuroimaging" test done, measuring specific brain functions. The results "showed damage typical of exposure to organic solvents," she said. She still didn't know exactly what Gene Cooper had been exposed to. And Armstrong, she said, wouldn't tell her. As part of the workers' compensation case, the judge ordered Armstrong to turn over exposure records. According to the civil complaint she filed against Armstrong in August, Armstrong produced a "heavily redacted" version, the redactions "based upon (Armstrong's) unilateral determination of what was 'relevant.'" Her lawyer complained and the judge ordered the company to turn over the entire file, according to her complaint. Armstrong responded by saying it "had 'inadvertently shredded' Mr. Cooper's exposure history during the demolition of a building," according to the complaint. But then, in October 2011, a former Armstrong worker testified at a workers' comp hearing that he'd accidentally discovered exposure records on a company computer. "Defendant AWI (Armstrong) had access to his exposure history in electronic form in password protected files within Defendant's computer system," Cooper's civil complaint avers. "Repeatedly and with reckless disregard for Mr. Cooper's health and well-being, Defendant AWI concealed and withheld specific information, which it had and which it still has, about Mr. Cooper's specific chemical exposures," the complaint states. As a result, the complaint asserts, "Mr. Cooper's brain damage and movement disorder, remained without a specific diagnose and went untreated until his condition had progressed to its present life-threatening stage." The lawsuit alleges fraud, civil conspiracy, recklessness and infliction of emotional distress. Also named as a defendant in that suit is Dr. Alan J. Hay, an occupational physician who saw Gene Cooper in May 2004, shortly before he went on disability. The suit claims Hay should have realized Cooper was suffering from brain damage caused by chemical exposure. Through a Lancaster General Health spokesman, Hay declined comment. Ten years after the chemical spill she believes triggered her husband's decline, Sandra Cooper is still searching for answers. And in her search, she said, she might have ripped the lid off Pandora's box: "Hundreds of (Armstrong) workers had no idea what they were being exposed to," she said. "This really is a David vs. Goliath kind of fight," she said. "But after so many years, I'm not going away."

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SAUDI ARABIA, SARAT ABIDAH, OCTOBER 14 2013. FUEL TRUCK FIRE CONTAINED

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Civil Defense teams in Sarat Abidah control a blaze when a fuel tanker caught fire in the early hours of Sunday. Acting Civil Defense spokesman Lt. Col. Ma'eidh Al-Shehri said the fuel tanker driver lost control of the vehicle, causing the tanker to overturn on Wadi Alamal, near Sarat Abidah. Due to the friction with the asphalt, the back of the fuel tanker caught fire. The Civil Defense pressed six firefighting teams into service which contained the fire and prevented it from spreading. No casualties were reported.

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PHILIPPINES, BOHOL, OCTOBER 14 2013. BE CAREFUL WITH RETAIL GASOLINE SOLD IN BOTTLES

If you think buying your gasoline from a bottle assures you of the right quality fuel for your vehicle or engine, think again. "It's clearly unleaded when you see the color, and it's a liter, so this is safe, motor service drivers said. But the Department of



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Energy (DOE) leaked a recent modus operandi of unscrupulous businessmen who put in dye in regular fuel to produce the color of unleaded fuel, and sell it as is. The proliferation of illegal refilling stations via glass soda bottles has helped motorists who run out of gas kilometers away from the next pump station, but DOE authorities warned: you may be buying a low octane rated fuel made to appear as of high rating. Illegal, DOE said because these stalls do not own business permits as it is against the law to stow gasoline in unauthorized containers. Moreover, these gas stations are fire hazards, and deprive the town of revenues lost as legitimate gas stations are denied of their patrons. Some of these gasoline sold are dyed so they would appear to be unleaded and thus priced higher, or the fuel you bought was illegally smuggled from tanks through "paihi." Still others sell fuel which, are grossly overpriced, from hazardous business stalls without getting permits from local authorities. Oil Industry Management Bureau chief, DOE Director Zenaida Monsada said the agency has already noted cases where regular gasoline sold in bottles are just regular gasoline, dyed to appear like these are unleaded and then priced more. "Putting in regular gasoline on your vehicle which feeds on unleaded gas hastens the engines wear and tear, making it break down faster," an engine mechanic warns. Monzada also shared that another case of regular gasoline sold as special has caused insoluble dye to clog in the engine compartments necessitating more often engine overhauls, which eventually end up more expensive for motorists. At the recent DOE-PIA Multi-sectoral Advocacy Campaign for Downstream Oil Industry at the Crown Regency Hotel and Towers Friday, Monzada also hinted that the proliferation of bottle filling stations are indications of a thriving smuggled fuel industry. "Bote (bottled gasoline sold in the sidewalks) could be used as a venue for technical smuggling," she told members of the media and multi-stakeholders present during the briefing. By technical smuggling, DOE refers to a practice called "paihi" or illegally bleeding fuel from a fuel tank, to be sold to waiting bottle station buyers. DOE reasoned that a bottled gas refilling would not buy from a station and sell it cheap like it was priced in the station, so these must be bought somewhere, at a cheaper price, hinting a potentially smuggled source. The agency however understands that there are places where there is a need for bottle gas refilling, especially in areas where pump stations are too far apart. Before the oil deregulation law was passed, gas stations are banned from sitting less than a kilometer away. Now, LGUs may allow new gas stations near each other, but considerations of ease of access and planning are considered, sources said.

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BANGLADESH, DHAKA, OCTOBER 14 2013. WORK ON 3 FUEL STORAGE TANKS AT SHAHJALAL AIRPORT STUTTERING

The construction firm appointed by Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) to build three fuel storage tanks at Shahjalal International Airport is yet to complete half of the project despite the deadline being just a couple of months away. The government took up the project worth Tk 10.86 crore in July 2011 to enhance the main airport's fuel storage capacity to international standards. It was scheduled for completion in December 2012, but seeing the slow progress, the deadline was extended to December this year. As things stand, that too looks unlikely to be met. The construction firm—a joint venture between S&H and Next Generation Graphics Limited (NGGL)—has so far completed less than 50 percent of the work, according to Abu Bakar Chowdhury, the project's supervisor. Until July 15, the firm had finished only 15 percent of the work, which prompted the BPC to force it to design a definitive work plan. The project was supposed to be complete by August 31 under the plan, but the firm managed only 18-19 percent of the work in that timeframe, Chowdhury said. The delay in implementation compelled the BPC to consider serving notice on the construction firm, but it ultimately decided not to as the firm sped up its work. BPC Chairman Eunusur Rahman said: "I wonder how such a company got the job." Rahman was not in office when the firm was awarded the contract. Kayum Khan Razu, assistant manager of administration at NGGL, however, asserted that 50 percent of the work has already been done and the remaining 50 percent would be concluded before the December deadline expires. All equipment have already been imported and are waiting to be released from the Chittagong port, he said. Asked why their pace of work was slow, he blamed it on the monsoon as "the majority of the work involved piling and it took time to check whether the piling had the capacity to take the load". Shahjalal International Airport has just one storage tank of a capacity of 2,700 tonnes, deemed to be insufficient for an airport of its stature. A prolonged strike by river transport workers or countrywide shutdown leaves the airport in danger of running out of fuel. "With the political situation getting worse, we always remain in apprehension that any non-stop strike or blockade might hamper the fuel supply, and thus obstruct the operation of aircraft," said an official of Padma Oil, the aviation fuel supplier. "All airlines operating from Dhaka more or less refill their aircraft here. If the reserves of aviation fuel are not sufficient, the airlines may be exposed to hazards,"



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the country manager of a foreign carrier said, preferring not to be named. Under the project, three fuel storage tanks, each having 2,500 tonnes of fuel storage capacity, will be constructed.

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USA, N.Y, NEW YORK, OCTOBER 14 2013. DIARY OF LAWYER'S CHEVRON LAWSUIT IN COMING TRIAL

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Cofan indigenous women stand near a pool of oil in Ecuador's Amazonian region where Texaco, before being bought by Chevron Corp., was pumping oil and, according to a lawsuit, polluting a Rhode Island-sized expanse of rain forest.

In April 2007, New York lawyer [Steven Donziger](#) flew to Ecuador convinced he was on the brink of victory against a formidable foe - Chevron Corp. He had spent years suing America's second largest oil company for allegedly polluting the streams and soil of Ecuador's rain forest and poisoning the people who lived there. The fight, waged in the courthouse of a small town named Lago Agrio, had turned into an international cause celebre, closely watched by environmentalists and oil executives alike. A documentary film was in the works, with a camera crew shadowing Donziger and his team. Chevron, based in San Ramon, had fought back hard. But now lawyers representing the company were discussing a

settlement. Although not all of his colleagues agreed, Donziger wanted to push for at least \$1 billion, maybe even \$3 billion, to pay for cleaning up the contamination. As he flew south, he believed a historic achievement lay within reach. "I cannot believe what we have accomplished," Donziger wrote in a diary he kept of the suit. "Important people interested in us. A new paradigm of not only a case but how to do a case. Chevron willing to settle. Billions of dollars on the table. A movie, a possible book. I cannot keep up with it all. Just four years ago I felt broke and hopeless, unable to gain traction. "I cannot wait to get off the plane and see my fellow soldiers - often the only people I feel who get me," he continued. "I want to look in their eyes and see if they understand the enormity of what this team has accomplished."

Trial Starts Tuesday

A settlement was never reached. And on Tuesday Donziger will go on trial in New York, accused by Chevron of masterminding a massive judicial fraud. Although Donziger and his team prevailed in Ecuador, winning a \$19 billion judgment against the company, Chevron claims that Donziger and his colleagues tampered with the court process, eventually bribing a judge and ghostwriting the judgment itself. To prove its case, Chevron will use outtakes from the documentary film as well as many of the team's internal e-mails and memos. Chevron will also use Donziger's diary, wrested from him under a court order. Running from September 2005 to May 2007, the 109-page diary details Donziger's strategies, impressions, hopes and fears about the long-running case. And it presents a paradox. Some passages seem to back Chevron's claims of judicial tampering, although not of bribery. At the same time, Donziger never expresses doubt about the suit itself. Throughout the diary, he appears convinced that the residents of Ecuador's oil patch suffered a massive injustice, and that Chevron bears the responsibility. "This is about being alive, about exercising the human will against all odds for something you believe in," he wrote in October 2005. "I really feel this is not my property, not my case; I am just part of a larger legal team, and bigger than that, part of a larger political struggle involving thousands of people."

Ample Evidence

To Chevron, the diary presents ample evidence of wrongdoing. The company has focused in particular on sections it says show Donziger trying to pressure judges and manipulate a court-appointed expert who was supposed to remain independent. Lawyers representing Chevron in the upcoming trial will also present testimony from a former Ecuadoran judge as well as some of Donziger's former contractors who have since switched sides. "It's a cascade of damaging evidence of fraud and racketeering that we'll be putting out during the trial," said [Ted Boutros](#), a partner with the law firm [Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher](#), representing Chevron. "If you looked at this evidence, any reasonable person would determine this judgment is corrupt and the product of fraud." The Ecuador lawsuit has a long and tortuous history. Its origins stretch back to 1964, when [Texaco](#) started drilling for oil in Ecuador's northeastern corner, a region known as the Oriente. The American company, which Chevron bought in 2001, worked in partnership with state-owned [Petroecuador](#). In 1992, Texaco pulled out, turning over oil-field operations to



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its partner. Texaco then reached an agreement with the government in 1995 to clean up a portion of the area for \$40 million, leaving the rest to Petroecuador. Even before the agreement was signed, residents of the Oriente sued Texaco in New York, saying the years of drilling had contaminated their home. Texaco, and later Chevron, fought successfully to move the case to Ecuador. Donziger, a former journalist and public defender, worked on the case during the 1990s, but only in a supporting role. He became far more involved once the lawsuit moved to Lago Agrio in 2003.

Angry Descriptions

His diary includes graphic, angry descriptions of people living among polluted streams and soil. At one point, he visits an old oil-producing site and finds a system "designed" to dump drilling wastewater, laced with oil and chemicals, into a nearby stream. He compares the wastewater system to "pre-meditated murder." And yet, for all the confidence he shows in his cause, Donziger often expresses doubt that he and his team - a collection of American and Ecuadoran lawyers and activists - will ever win. He describes an Ecuadoran legal system full of weak judges who only respond to pressure and fear. He worries that Chevron - which he sometimes refers to as Texaco or Tex - will simply bribe a judge to kill the case. "Tex is influencing the court," he writes in February 2006. "Pablo (Fajardo, one of the lead lawyers on his team) told me the judge is a womanizer, drinker and vago (a lazy bum) - just the perfect psychological profile for blackmail and corruption. Tex must be loving it." He also makes allusions to receiving death threats, says people are following him and his colleagues in the street and sometimes wonders if their phones have been bugged. ("If he has evidence to support any of these baseless allegations, he's not presented it," Chevron spokesman [Morgan Crinklaw](#) said in response.) To win, Donziger keeps his team on the offensive. He and his colleagues try to make allies within Ecuador's federal government, both before and after the election of leftist President [Rafael Correa](#). They meet frequently with the rotating cast of judges presiding over the lawsuit, sharing meals and drinks and urging them to speed up a court process Donziger finds agonizingly slow.

'I Am Good at It'

"I love it - this lobbying," Donziger writes after lunching with a judge in March 2006. "I am good at it. But I hate it, hate that it is necessary, hate that it is part of the legal culture. ... I think it runs counter to any good person." It certainly irked Chevron. The company often complained about Donziger and the other Lago Agrio lawyers conferring with judges out of court, with no Chevron lawyers present. But until recently such meetings were legal in Ecuador. The country adopted a law barring that behavior in 2009. That kind of intense, personal lobbying extended to the selection of a court-appointed expert to prepare a damage assessment in the case, a person known as the "perito." Donziger angled to have the presiding judge pick someone that the Lago Agrio lawyers had already vetted and approved. At one point, Donziger describes interviewing one engineer and asking if he could stand up to Chevron. "I asked if he could be comfortable slamming them with a (\$10 billion) judgment," he wrote in December 2006. "He answered yes ... but I don't know if he has the internal timber to pull it off."

'Play Ball with Us'

Then he added, "he has to totally play ball with us and let us take the lead while projecting the image that he is working for the court." In another passage, he wonders, "How are we going to do and write the Global (damage assessment) in 120 days?" Chevron found such comments revealing. The company would later accuse Donziger and his team of conspiring with the man who would eventually be named perito, Richard Cabrera. The team's consultants, according to Chevron, ghostwrote Cabrera's damages assessment, which found widespread contamination. Those consultants, from a firm called Stratus, have since given Chevron sworn testimony claiming they wrote the report. They have also disavowed its findings. Donziger and his colleagues have long maintained that they were free to submit their own data and analysis to Cabrera, and he was free to use it. Chevron, they say, could have done the same. And indeed at one point in the diary, Donziger writes, "Texaco will have an equal right to pressure and manipulate the perito."

The Diary Ends

In the end, the Ecuadoran judge who ruled against Chevron - Judge [Nicolas Zambrano](#), who issued his judgment in February 2011 - chose not to rely on Cabrera's report, due to the controversy. The diary ends before Zambrano, the judge Donziger is accused of bribing, took over the case. A representative for Donziger acknowledges that the "let us take the lead" comment referring to the perito is problematic. "Certainly, the way it's worded, we would have loved to have had him word it differently," said Christopher Gowen, a lawyer on the team defending Donziger in the upcoming fraud case. "But what he meant was, he wanted to make sure there'd be someone in the court who would give him a fair trial. He felt that every single person in the court system was against us and was going to be corrupted."

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USA TN, BRENTWOOD, OCTOBER 14 2013. LION OIL SUES FOR \$80 MILLION CLAIM AFTER PIPELINE RUPTURE



An oil pipeline rupture in April 2012 in Louisiana has cost Lion Oil Co. of Brentwood, Tenn., more than \$80 million at its oil refinery in El Dorado. Lion last week sued several insurance carriers for breach of contract for denying its claims to recover the money. Lion has operated the refinery in El Dorado since 1985. It relied on a pipeline that was run by ExxonMobil Pipeline Co. to deliver the crude oil, according to its lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas. When the pipeline broke near Torbert, La., ExxonMobil shut the line down. Oil didn't start flowing through the line for almost 11 months. Lion Oil said it had an "all risk" insurance policy with its various insurance carriers, including National Union Fire Insurance Co. of Pittsburgh and Great Lakes Reinsurance UK PLC. Lion Oil "was able to avoid a complete shut-down of its refinery, meet its contractual obligations with most of its customers, maintain its skilled workforce and reduce the amount of its losses," it said in the lawsuit. Still, it suffered \$44 million in lost earnings and had \$36 million in spill-related

expenses. The claims Lion filed with its insurance carriers were denied, so Lion is now suing for the money plus other costs. As of Thursday, the insurance carriers hadn't filed their response to the lawsuit.

<http://www.arkansasbusiness.com/article/95156/lion-oil-sues-for-80-million-claim-after-pipeline-rupture>

USA, N.D, TIOGA, OCTOBER 14 2013. OIL SPILL DRAWING MEDIA VISITS; CLEANUP WILL TAKE MONTHS

amy dalrymple



A Tesoro Logistics LP pipeline spilled more than 20,000 barrels of crude oil into a North Dakota wheat field, the biggest leak in the state since it became a major U.S. producer. The six-inch pipeline was carrying crude oil from the Bakken shale play to the Stampede rail facility outside Columbus, North Dakota. The spill was originally discovered on September 29, 2013.

As crews continue cleaning up after a pipeline break spilled 20,600 barrels of oil near here, more national media outlets are finding their way to the site in northwest North Dakota. Farmer Steve Jensen, who discovered the spill in his wheat field, had a TV crew from Al Jazeera America and a freelance photographer from Reuters pull into his yard Sunday. "It's been quite overwhelming," said Jensen, who estimates he's lost two days of work to media

interviews. "It's quite an experience. It's big news." As of Sunday afternoon, crews had recovered about 1,800 barrels of oil, said Eric Haugstad, director of contingency planning and response for Tesoro, which owns the pipeline. Crews have dug 3,000 feet of trenches in the area of the leak and area using "super sucker" vacuum trucks that pick up solids and liquids from the trenches, Haugstad said. The work continues 24 hours a day. A St. Paul environmental consultant is on site and working to develop a plan to clean up and restore the site. Haugstad said he expects a plan to be ready within the next week or so. "They're working on different remediation options now," he said. Haugstad said he couldn't speculate on how long remediation will take, but said it could take months. Winter will slow the cleanup process, he said. State officials, including the North Dakota Department of Health, have been at the site several times, most recently Saturday, Haugstad said. Staff from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration left Friday for the weekend but had been on location for more than one week, Haugstad said. Jensen discovered the oil while harvesting his field Sept. 29. Initially the spill was estimated to be 750 barrels and Tesoro Logistics received permission to burn the oil on the surface so they could work safely. After further investigation, the company discovered additional oil below the surface above a layer of clay. The health department has said Tesoro updated its spill estimate last week to 20,600 barrels. On Sunday, Haugstad said the oil has not affected any water sources and crews continue to monitor below the surface using test wells and probes. Jensen called Haugstad and others at the site doing the cleanup "class acts" and said they've considered his suggestions about how to best monitor for seepage. "It's a team effort," Jensen said.

 **Related Stories** [An Al Jazeera America crew interviews Eric Haugstad](http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/275669/)
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AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, OCTOBER 15 2013. NATIONAL TRUCK REGULATOR STILL NOT OPERATING DESPITE FATAL ACCIDENT



Hear [National Truck Regulator Not Operating](#)

Despite a horrific petrol tanker crash in Sydney two weeks ago, the national truck regulator established in January is still not up and running. That means state bodies are still carrying out vehicle accreditation and safety checks, each with their own rules and regulations. There are also concerns that the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator may continue to allow transport companies to pick their own vehicle inspectors.

On The Web [Welcome to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator website](#)

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-10-14/national-truck-regulator-still-not-operating/5021200?section=business>

USA, N.C, JACKSONVILLE, OCTOBER 15 2013. Intersection reopened after gas tank issues

don bryan



Bell Fork Road and Country Club Road are now reopened after the intersection and entry areas were closed as a result of a gasoline leak from formerly used tanks at the intersection. It is estimated that about 50-100 gallons of gasoline escaped from the tanks and got into area stormwater drains, according to city officials. City crews prepared dirt berms to help barricade additional gasoline from entering the stormwater drains. City pumps also worked to remove the gasoline from the drains so that it would lessen the threat to area streams and the New River. The State Division of Water Quality has been notified of the spill, and the operators of the business have been notified of their responsibility to clean up the area. Their parking area remains closed while the clean-up is underway, but the intersection is open.

<http://www.jdnews.com/news/local/intersection-reopened-after-gas-tank-issues-1.218137>

NIGERIA, BENUE STATE, TARKA, WANNUNE, OCTOBER 15 2013. 30 DIE IN AUTO CRASH, HERDSMEN ATTACK IN BENUE

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Thirty persons were yesterday killed during an auto crash and herdsman attack in Benue State. About 15 persons including students and children died and scores were injured yesterday when a truck conveying fuel rammed its head into a commercial bus at Wannune town of Tarka local government area of the state. Leadership gathered that the auto crash occurred between noon and 1pm at Agudo community, in the frontage of a filling station in Wannune town, the headquarters of Tarka LGA. Wannune town is situated along the Makurdi-Gboko highway. It was gathered that the tanker marked XD 577 JJN was heading from Gboko to Makurdi while the 14-seater commercial bus marked XA 495 KAL belonging to Pleasure Travels transport company, Makurdi, was conveying passengers from Makurdi to Jato Aka town of Kwande local government area. All passengers in the 14-seater commercial bus including the driver and that of the tanker perished on the spot while the conductor of the fuel tanker reportedly survived but with serious injuries. It was gathered that some residents and passers-by who were running for safety got injured as a result of the chaos. The accident caused heavy traffic on the highway for several hours and made commuters plying the road stranded before the men of the police arrived to the scene and evacuated the dead bodies from the vehicles. The corpses were deposited at the General Hospital morgue and NKST Mortuary, Wannune, while the belongings of the victims were carted away by the police. An eyewitness, Tyough John Tyubee, a resident of the area, told LEADERSHIP that "the 14-seater bus of Pleasure Travels was heading towards Gboko with passengers among whom were students of Benue State Polytechnic, Ugbokolo, and Benue State University (BSU); some of the victims are children". According to Tyough, "The fuel tanker which was going towards Makurdi lost control due to over-speeding and rammed into the Pleasure Travels bus, smashing it and killing all the passengers." The police public relations officer (PPRO),



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DSP Daniel Ezeala, confirmed the incident, saying that the divisional police officer in the area had taken charge of the situation and that investigation into the accident was ongoing.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201310140217.html>

CANADA, SASKATOON, OCTOBER 15 2013. WORK STARTS ON GAS STATION CONTAMINATION CLEAN UP >> PLUME SPREAD TO BENEATH APARTMENT BUILDING



Work to clean a historic gas Leak.

Workers in Saskatoon are starting to clean up contaminated soil beneath an apartment building on 33 Street West and Avenue P. The soil underneath the 36-unit Prairie View Apartments is contaminated with gasoline from a Co-op service station across the street. The gas came from a leak decades ago.

'Dissolved Gasoline Constituents'

The contamination was discovered three years ago when Federated Co-operatives Ltd. did an environmental assessment as part of an upgrade of the existing service station. It discovered that the underground tanks at the decades-old station had leaked. "A small portion of the contamination on that site managed to find its way into a sand seam that travelled pretty much underneath the midsection of that apartment building across the street," said Trevor Carlson, FCL's environmental affairs director. "The historical fringe of the contamination had parked itself under that apartment." Residents who live in the building knew something was up two years ago when a Regina environmental firm started drilling test holes on the front lawn. And then — in the building's stairwell. Building caretaker Ellie Konkin said they're taking it in stride. "Nobody mentioned that we had to get out, so we're just kind of okay with it." Carlson said the clean-up will cost between \$300,000 and \$500,000 and take until at least Christmas.

No One Technology Sufficient

The clean up is presenting a technical challenge to engineers. The object is to get the contaminated soil from underneath the apartment building without having to disrupt the lives of tenants, or tear down the building. To accomplish that, they've set up behind the building on city land and are using a combination of vacuum pumps and air hoses. They'll use vacuum pumps to draw out the contaminated soil, and then pump in air to accelerated the bioremediation.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/work-starts-on-gas-station-contamination-clean-up-1.1991210>

USA, PA, WINDSOR, OCTOBER 15 2013. DEP: WINDSOR TOWNSHIP FUEL SPILL DID NOT AFFECT DRINKING WATER, FISH

No wildlife or drinking water was affected by an oil spill Sunday in Windsor Township, according to the state Department of Environmental Protection. "Department emergency staff determined the source of the product was an abandoned house on Windsor Road," agency spokeswoman Lisa Kasianowitz wrote in an email today. "DEP then constructed an underflow dam, placed booms in the tributary to soak up the oil." The agency also contacted Red Lion authorities to ensure that their drinking water source was not affected. "Red Lion confirmed that they have an intake on the Beaver Creek, which flows into Fishing Creek, and is unaffected by this incident," Kasianowitz wrote.

Previous Report:

Home heating oil spilled into a creek after flooding caused a pipe to break in a home in the 2700 block of Windsor Road, according to Eric Myers, chief of Laurel Fire Company No. 1. Myers said fire crews were able to stop the oil from spreading any further into the creek using absorbent booms and pads. The state Department of Environmental Protection had officials on scene, he said, and they'll be working with the homeowner.

Reported Earlier



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Crews are on the scene of a reported fuel spill in Windsor Township, according to York County 911.

http://www.ydr.com/local/ci_24302156/fuel-spill-reported-windsor-township-according-911

USA, OH, TOLEDO, OCTOBER 15 2013. MAN DIES AFTER SETTING HIMSELF ON FIRE WHILE CARRYING GASOLINE-POWERED LAWNMOWER AND SMOKING

alexandra klausner

- Witnesses heard a loud crash then saw Jamar Allen running down the street in flames
- Allen died in the hospital of second degree burns
- The building damages only added up to \$700

Jamar Allen, 41, died from smoking a cigarette inside his apartment in west Toledo, Ohio on Saturday. Police reported that a resident living in the apartment was seen smoking while carrying a gasoline powered lawnmower into the basement. At 11:00 a.m., a huge fire broke out in the apartment complex on the 2500 block of Greenway Street. Witnesses heard a loud crash then saw Jamar Allen screaming and running down the street in flames. He was rushed to Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center where he suffered second degree burns. He died in the hospital at 3:55 p.m. of his injuries, said Dr. Diane Barnett. An autopsy of the man has not yet been announced. The fire was set to have started in the basement level of the apartment building. The building damages were not severe. The fire which was isolated in a concrete room in the basement, only saw \$700 in damages, said Lt. Matthew Hertzfeld, fire department spokesman.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2459718/Ohio-man-dies-smoking-near-gasoline-powered-lawnmower.html>

CHINA, SICHUAN PROVINCE, BAZHONG, OCTOBER 15 2013. COACH-TANKER CRASH KILLS 6 IN SW CHINA

Six people were killed, and 14 others injured, after a passenger bus collided with a tanker truck in southwest China's Sichuan province on Monday afternoon, government sources said. The accident happened at 3:20 p.m. on a provincial highway in the city of Bazhong. The injured have been rushed to two hospitals, among whom five were in serious condition, government sources said. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

 **Related Stories** [Crash of Bus, Tanker Truck Kills 6 in China](#)

<http://www.ecns.cn/2013/10-15/84277.shtml>

USA, LA, METAIRIE, OCTOBER 15 2013. OVERTURNED TANKER CLOSES AIRLINE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS

Airline Drive is closed at Kent in both directions after an accident caused an 18-wheeler to overturn. The accident happened late Sunday morning. State Police said there are only minor injuries, but 8,600 gallons of gasoline will need to be offloaded before the tanker can be removed. The closure is expected to last until early evening.

<http://www.bayoubuzz.com/louisiana-news/new-orleans-news/item/537308-overtuned-tanker-closes-airline-in-both-directions>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, MONA VALE, OCTOBER 15 2013. NEW CALL FOR BLACK BOXES ON HEAVY TRUCKS IN WAKE OF FATAL MONA VALE TANKER EXPLOSION

alicia wood



The Mona Vale Rd tanker explosion on October 1, 2013.

"Black Boxes" could be installed in trucks carrying dangerous goods, following the explosion of a Cootes fuel tanker in Mona Vale on October 1, which killed two people. It is understood Roads Minister Duncan Gay is investigating whether it is possible to install aircraft-style black boxes in all trucks carrying dangerous goods like fuel and gas. Like the aircraft technology, the truck black boxes would record audio or data, and keep a log of driver activity to keep fatigued drivers off the road. But opposition roads spokesman Ryan Park said this was not enough, and has written to Mr Gay about installing black box technology in all heavy vehicles. "In recent weeks we have seen a number of alarming incidents relating to heavy vehicle safety on our roads and the lack of effective compliance and accreditation regime that currently exist that I am sure you agree are potentially putting lives at risk," Mr Park wrote. Trucking boss Lindsay Fox asked all levels



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of government in November last year to examine the introduction of black box technology. In Europe, when the technology was rolled out, there was a reduction of 30 per cent in truck crashes. Black box technology is currently used in oversized trucks, but Mr Gay said he did not support Mr Park's proposal for a rollout across all heavy vehicles. "Black boxes already exist with the Intelligent Access Program (IAP). Having IAP will not stop a truck that has no brakes," he said. Since the Mona Vale crash, 244 trucks owned by Cootes have been issued with defect notices by Roads and Maritime Services, and 10 have been grounded. A spokeswoman for RMS said the 10 grounded Cootes trucks were still being repaired. Defects uncovered by the RMS audit of Cootes found trucks with inefficient brakes, axle and suspension failures, defective steering systems, broken engine mounts and cracked exhaust pipes. In Victoria, nearly 40 per cent of Cootes Transport vehicles taken off the road were yesterday cleared to resume fuel deliveries to service stations. VicRoads grounded 79 trucks for severe defects following the Mona Vale fuel tanker explosion, but 31 were cleared to get back on the road, and another 64 with smaller defects were also back on the road. VicRoads hit back at Mr Gay yesterday, after he said all trucks should face yearly inspection, and suggested trucking companies like Cootes were being accredited in Victoria to avoid tougher NSW checks. A VicRoads spokeswoman said: "Victoria takes an evidence-based approach to road safety policy. The evidence in favour of yearly roadworthy testing is not convincing."

Related Stories

- [Cootes Tankers Off The Road](#)
- [Family Thanks Tanker Heroes](#)
- ['Lovely Chap' Lost In Explosion](#)

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/new-call-for-black-boxes-on-heavy-trucks-in-wake-of-fatal-mona-vale-tanker-explosion/story-fni0cx12-1226739890447>

CANADA, ONT, BURLINGTON, OCTOBER 16 2013. PETROLEUM SHEEN ON CREEK AFTER TANKER SPILL

tim whitnell

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- [Tanker Truck Rollover Clean Up is Slow](#)



It appears a small amount of fuel from an overturned tanker truck spilled into nearby Sheldon Creek. Police, fire and ministry officials were still on the site of the accident early this afternoon for a mishap that occurred around 8:30 p.m. Monday on Harvester Road, near Century Drive. For a currently unknown reason, a loaded tanker, containing 35,000 litres of diesel fuel and gasoline, flipped on its side at a slight curve in the roadway. "It appears to be a sheen on the creek that is being vacuumed up," said Tina Dufresne, district manager of the Ministry of the Environment's Halton Peel office. "They put a boom at the (storm sewer) outfall (entry point) and another boom 30 feet downstream in Sheldon Creek. It appears to be contained," she said, adding the timeframe to clean it up was not known. Dufresne noted the Oakville water treatment plant and the Halton Region Health Department were notified of the work being done by the ministry. As a precaution, area residents were advised to avoid the creek

until the extent of the spill was known. Halton police said the driver of the tanker truck sustained minor injuries. He was treated and released from hospital. No other vehicles were involved. Const. Scott Oldfield of Halton police's Traffic Services Unit said he did a preliminary inspection of the tanker while on its side and could find no obvious defects. He said he will be checking it again when it is upright. Oldfield said the driver had been interviewed and indicated there were no problems with the brakes or steering at the time of the accident. The heavy load of fuel had to be removed carefully as the access ports for the fuel were near the ground on the overturned truck, said Burlington Fire Department Platoon Chief Craig Slack. The fuel was in four separate compartments, three with diesel and one gasoline. Slack said there was some fuel spillage at the site of the accident



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but he believes it is from the truck's own fuel tanks. A suppressing foam was used on the roadway. He doesn't believe any of the truck's cargo fuel leaked. Work crews attached a harness to the tanker and lifted it upright around noon. It had to be done carefully because of the possible presence of fuel vapours and the potential for a spark, said Slack. Police and fire reps told the Post they did not have the name of the company that owns the tanker. Jeff Black, manager of field services for the City of Burlington's Parks and Road Maintenance Department, said some repairs to the road and curb will need to be made after the site is cleaned up. Harvester Road remains closed in both directions while cleanup efforts continue. It is expected to reopen sometime this afternoon. Several businesses in the immediate vicinity were closed as well. Any witness to the accident or person with information is asked to contact Det.-Const. Chris Heffernan at 905-634-1931, ext. 5420.

<http://www.insidehalton.com/news-story/4156713-petroleum-sheen-on-creek-after-tanker-spill/>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, OCTOBER 16 2013. GAY FLAGS IAP FOR ALL DANGEROUS GOODS TRUCKS

brad gardner

New South Wales has started looking at the worth of requiring dangerous goods operators to enrol in the Intelligent Access Program (IAP). Roads Minister Duncan Gay says he has requested work begin between government and industry on mandating the device, which is currently used in NSW to monitor trucks operating at higher mass limits. The State Opposition has already pledged to support compulsory tracking devices in trucks, but it wants all trucks monitored. "I have asked Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime Services to work with the NSW Road Freight Industry Council and the new National [Heavy Vehicle] Regulator to investigate the feasibility of implementing the Intelligent Access Program – that is, black box technology – on trucks that carry dangerous goods," Gay told NSW Parliament. The move is in response to the fatal Cootes Transport accident on October 1 at Mona Vale, where a tanker rolled and killed two people. The reverberations from the incident are being felt throughout the sector, with Gay saying authorities are expanding their inspection activities beyond Cootes. "Roads and Maritime Services and the Environment Protection Authority will be writing to all registered fuel tank operators requesting that as a matter of priority they conduct an audit of their fleet maintenance and dangerous goods handling services," Gay says. NSW has already requested a review of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS), which Cootes was enrolled in when the crash occurred. The use of tracking devices is a contentious issue in the trucking industry. The Australian Trucking Association (ATA) is opposed to any government attempt to mandate them, while Linfox, Toll, Asciano and the Australian Logistics Council support their use in line-haul operations (distances beyond 500km). Gay says the Cootes crash has highlighted the need for a national approach to truck maintenance and roadworthiness. "Mechanical defects are significant contributory factors in crashes and evidence suggests that NSW registered trucks that are subject to annual inspections have lower rates of defects compared to interstate registered trucks," he says. Gay has also bemoaned the amount of resources NSW pumps into compliance and enforcement compared to the rest of the nation. "NSW can no longer be expected to carry a disproportionate amount of the national compliance and enforcement task," he says. "At more than \$70 million a year the NSW program accounts for more than 50 per cent of the \$130 million spent nationally on heavy vehicle compliance and enforcement."

<http://www.fullyloaded.com.au/industry-news/articleid/85783.aspx>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, OCTOBER 16 2013. CALTEX AUSTRALIA HAS AGREED TO SELL ITS BITUMEN BUSINESS TO PUMA ENERGY, A SUBSIDIARY OF TRAFIGURA BEHEER.

Caltex managing director Julian Segal said in an announcement today, Caltex's strategy is to remain Australia's leading transport fuels player. As bitumen is a by-product of refining, while we had an operating base oil refinery at Kurnell (Sydney), having the bitumen business made sense. Going forward, however, bitumen is no longer deemed to be a core business." He added, "The decision to invest is consistent with our strategy and it makes operational and financial sense." Caltex says the deal is confidential, and hasn't released the terms of the sale including the price. Puma Energy is Australia's largest independent petrol retailer, after purchasing Ausfuel for \$625 million and appears to be interested in United Petroleum. United operates a chain of petrol stations across Australia, as well as fuel import terminals in several states and could sell for as much as \$1 billion. United also sells bulk fuel products to other customers. Currently Woolworths and Wesfarmers owned Coles control around 50% of the petrol market with Caltex holding 17%. BP, 7-Eleven and the independents share the leftovers. It seems Trafigura is positioning Puma Energy to be a major player in Australia's petroleum marketing, distribution and sales, and building a portfolio of substantial petroleum assets. It may be a good move, with Australia forced to import the



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majority of its petroleum. Around 85% of input to refineries is sourced from imports according to the Bureau of Resources and Energy Economics. The purchase of Caltex's bitumen business also gives Puma exposure to the road construction industry and would benefit from an increase in Australia's infrastructure spending, which appears to be on the cards.

Foolish Takeaway

Caltex is moving out of the refining business to focus on its marketing and distribution of petroleum products. The sale of its bitumen business appears to be a win-win situation for both Caltex and Puma Energy.

<http://finance.ninemsn.com.au/newsbusiness/motley/8739159/caltex-sells-bitumen-business>

USA, N.Y, SHELBY, OCTOBER 16 2013. ALBION MAN INJURED IN TANKER TRUCK COLLISION



An Albion man was hospitalized Tuesday following a head-on crash between his car and a 18-wheel tractor-tanker truck that authorities say could have been far more severe. The trailer was hauling refrigerated oxygen.

An Albion man was hospitalized Tuesday following a head-on crash between his car and a 18-wheel tractor-tanker truck that authorities say could have been far more severe. According to the Orleans County Sheriff's Office, Stephen G. Thomas II, 24, was headed northbound on South Gravel Road shortly before 5 p.m. when his vehicle crossed the center line and directly collided a southbound truck operated by Shawn W. Scott, 32, Derby. Thomas' vehicle then ran off the east side of the roadway and came to rest in a residential yard. Thomas, who was conscious at the scene, was air-lifted by MercyFlight to Strong Memorial Hospital after he was extricated from his badly damaged sedan by Shelby firefighters. There was no word Tuesday as to the severity of his injuries. Scott was not injured in the collision, which seriously damaged the

cab of his truck. He was transported to the Medina Memorial Hospital via Medina Fire Department ambulance for precautionary measures. The tractor of the truck was heavily damaged, but luckily neither the tank it carried nor the cargo inside the tank were compromised. The truck is owned by the Linde Group, a supplier of specialty gases. It was carrying between 800 gallons and 1,000 gallons of refrigerated oxygen after making a delivery to Medina Memorial Hospital. A minimal spillage of diesel fuel and hydraulic fluid was quickly contained by fire response teams. They would have faced a much more difficult challenge had the liquid oxygen come into contact with a fire. Although the material contained in the tank is cryogenic in nature, it would have provided a dangerous source of power for any budding fire at the scene. A stretch of South Gravel Road surrounding the collision was closed for several hours Tuesday night. The accident is under investigation by the Orleans County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from local and state personnel.

http://thedailynewsonline.com/news/article_303e3c96-3603-11e3-a287-0019bb2963f4.html

USA, WA, SEATTLE, OCTOBER 16 2013. CREWS CLEAN UP DIESEL SPILL AT SEATTLE'S FISHERMAN'S TERMINAL

Crews are working to clean up at least a 30-gallon diesel spill at Fisherman's Terminal in Seattle Monday. The spill is contained within the terminal. The owner of the fishing vessel has hired Global Diving to help clean up the spill. The spill was the result of a broken hose in the engine room on the 73-foot fishing vessel. Along with Global Diving, personnel from the state Department of Ecology, U.S. Coast Guard and Port of Seattle are responding to the spill.

<http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/crews-clean-diesel-spill-seattles-fishermans-termi/nbNYQ/>

CHINA, SHANDONG PROVINCE, BOXING CO, BINZHOU, OCTOBER 16 2013. 5 DETAINED OVER E CHINA EXPLOSION COVER-UP

Five people have been detained by police on suspicion of trying to cover up a gas tank explosion that killed nine people last week in east China's Shandong Province, investigators said on Tuesday. The blast occurred at 5:57 p.m. at Boxing Chengli Gas Supply Co., Ltd. in Boxing County, Binzhou City, according to a source with the county government. The company initially said four people were killed in the blast, but local residents told authorities that the death toll had been under-reported. Police investigation showed that the blast had actually left nine people dead. The five people detained are suspected of being responsible for the accident as well as trying to conceal the true death toll. Further investigation is under way.

<http://english.eastday.com/e/131015/u1a7714853.html>



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INDIA, KARNATAKA,, MATHIKERE, OCTOBER 16 2013. SIX OF A FAMILY INJURED IN CYLINDER BLAST

Six members of a family suffered burns after a cooking gas cylinder exploded at an automobile service station on 10th Cross, Mathikere on Tuesday night. According to police, an LPG cylinder exploded at Lakshmi Venkateshwara Service Station at around 9.50 pm injuring Muniraju, his wife Siddamma, relatives Dayanand and wife Sanmathi and two children Manasa and Venkatesh. The cause for the blast is yet to be ascertained. The injured have been shifted to Victoria Hospital for treatment. The building in which the house-cum-shop was situated has been partially damaged due to the blast. A case has been registered.

<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/363279/six-family-injured-cylinder-blast.html>

MEXICO ,PUEBLA, CHACHAPA, OCTOBER 17 2013 . GAS PLANT EXPLOSION LEAVES 4 PEOPLE DEAD IN CHACHAPA

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Up to three tanks of 150,000 liters of fuel caught fire and explosions generated in the industrial park in that area.

An explosion and fire occurred Tuesday afternoon Tomza in the gas plant , located in the industrial park Chachapa , in the municipality of Amozoc , at kilometer 139 of the highway Puebla - Orizaba , leaving the initial form four people dead , forced the closure of roads in its two senses and the evacuation of businesses and homes in the area . At approximately 18:30 hours , the relief corps received the report and sent to various local units instead of paramedics, public security, fire and civil protection . In the first instance is not defined what it was that caused the accident , however three tanks of 150,000 liters of fuel caught fire and explosions generated , with flames reaching 30 to 40 feet high.

Up to 21 hours confirmed the death of four persons , the existence of two plant injured who were taken to the Traumatology and Orthopedics Hospital IMSS and a state trooper on a motorcycle skidded . At 21:07 the situation was reported to be controlled and opened one of the two lanes of the highway were closed Orizaba vehicular traffic , while authorizing the return of people to their homes in the Chachapa . However after 22 hours, the road was closed for new account with the heating gas containers , a situation that warned the elements Fire , so continued cooling.

Surrounding Evacuate 20 Companies

In order to protect its integrity , workers were evacuated to approximately 20 companies located in the industrial park and around Chachapa and the residents of the surrounding neighborhoods , who spend the night in shelters set up by Civil Protection and other authorities At least one zone three miles around was evacuated and restricted access . The highway was also blocked in both directions between the Cuauhtemoc stadium Amozoc his doghouse , which was closed to motorists not to drive on the fire area . Federal highway Tehuacan was enabled as an alternate route for this stretch . All municipal bodies and state emergency , plus the Mexican Army came to the site. Meanwhile , firefighters cooled with jets of gas tanks , sausage type , to avoid further consequences. Once the work was completed the balance began to assess the damage from the fire and the final number of injured .

Deployed Support

The director of the Centre for Emergency and Immediate Response , Eduardo Vazquez , said they were enabled Northern General hospitals , Traumatology and Orthopedics, and Red Cross for possible injuries. 29 ambulances rushed to the site of SUM and Mexican Red Cross , 23 pipes of water, two pumps, one of Pemex and one of St. Martin Texmelucan . Participants were 40 elements Amozoc municipal Public Security , 16 of the Federal Police , 33 members of the Army , 100 State Public Safety and Civil Protection State 25 . It had 113 beds available , as forecast in 9 hospitals and 66 paramedics, as reported by the state government. In the area were treated 58 people : 28 children , 22 women , 6 men and 2 older adults, who had nervous breakdowns that were served with the support of hospital staff Acajete . Gov. Rafael Moreno Valle asked Secretary of Energy , Pedro Joaquin Codwell , special technical support of the federation to gather the opinions to identify the causes that originated these facts and it is expected that these studies are conducted as soon as possible .

<http://e-consulta.com/nota/2013-10-15/seguridad/explosion-de-gasera-deja-dos-personas-muertas-en-chachapa>



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