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#### **CANADA, B.C, KAMLOOPS, NOVEMBER 3 2013. KINDER MORGAN MAINTAINS SPILL ESTIMATES >> 'A LARGE VOLUME OF THE SOIL REMOVED WAS NOT CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS WASTE'**

Kinder Morgan confirmed Friday an original estimate that only 20 to 25 barrels of oil leaked from its Trans Mountain pipeline, even though it removed 600 truckloads of earth to clean it up. Spills occurred this summer at two locations in the Coquihalla area. The company has said the spills did not create any health or environmental concerns. Since then, National Energy Board (NEB) has ordered pipeline operator Kinder Morgan to run the pipeline at 80 per cent pressure, despite hydrostatic testing this summer the company said proves it is fully safe. NEB cited a figure of 5,000 cubic metres of soil removed from Coquihalla Canyon as part of Kinder Morgan's spill response and remediation. "A large volume of the soil removed was not considered hazardous waste, but was removed to meet strict clean-up criteria because of the location within a provincial park," said Kinder Morgan spokesman Andrew Galarnyk. "At this point our estimate of the volume of oil released in June remains at between 20 to 25 barrels." Galarnyk said the company continues to work with regulators to ensure the sites are remediated to the original condition. Pipeline critic David Ellis said the company shouldn't be able to bring the line back up to 100 per cent due to the risks it presents to the Coquihalla River, a tributary of the Fraser River.

<http://www.kamloopsnews.ca/article/20131101/KAMLOOPS0101/131109971/-1/kamloops01/kinder-morgan-maintains-spill-estimates>

#### **PAKISTAN, PUNJAB, MULTAN, NOVEMBER 3 2013. TWO BROTHERS KILLED IN AIR TANK EXPLOSION**



*Two brothers killed in air tank explosion.*

Two brothers were killed on Friday when an air tank exploded apparently due to over filling near Ahmadpur East. Police said Muhammad Waheed and Muhammad Naveed owned a tyre repair shop on Ahmadpur Road. They said they were busy with work, when the air tank exploded due to over filling. Both of the men were killed on the spot.

##### **Oil Factory Fire**

Crude oil worth hundreds of thousands of rupees burned in a fire at a factory on Khanewal Road in Multan. Rescue officials said some workers were welding a grill near an oil tank. They said the fire was started by a welding spark. While workers ran to save their lives, but the fire soon spread to three adjacent houses that were gutted. It took fire fighters two hours to put out the fire. Later, residents of the area staged a protest demonstration against hazardous factories in

residential areas. They said the government should ensure that all factories were shifted away from residential area. Police said the owner of the factory said the incident was a result of an accident. No one has been arrested so far. A fire at a grid station control room in Cheechawatni was followed by an explosion that resulted in a blackout in the area for several hours. Electricity supply is yet to be restored. Executive Engineer Mehr Allah Yar told The Express Tribune that the fire had been started by an electric short circuit. He said the control room was badly damaged. He said an electric panel had been completely burned. He said the fire was put out in an hour. No one was injured in the incident. The executive engineer said that mechanical teams from Multan, Vehari and Sahiwal had been called to fix the problem so that electricity supply to the area could be restored at the earliest.

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/625916/two-brothers-killed-in-air-tank-explosion/>

#### **USA, N.C, FAYETTEVILLE, NOVEMBER 3 2013. CHEMICAL LEAK AT DUPONT FAYETTEVILLE WORKS SENDS EMPLOYEES TO THE HOSPITAL**

*caitlin dineen*

Several employees with the DuPont Fayetteville Works site were sent to the hospital after a chemical leak Thursday, a company spokeswoman said. Lisa Randall said one employee was found unconscious in the manufacturing area of the plant off N.C. 87 in Cumberland County near Bladen County. The employee, an operator, was found around 3:30 p.m. Randall said. The unidentified employee was taken to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center and later transferred to an unknown hospital in Chapel Hill, Randall said. Randall said there was a leak of methylene chloride. The leak was contained to the building and did not affect the neighboring community, she said. Methylene chloride is a colorless liquid with a chloroform-like odor, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration. It is often used for paint stripping,



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degreasing and multiple industrial manufacturing work, according to OSHA's website. Randall said the chemical was being used at DuPont as a coolant. "At this time it is unclear what caused the employee to become unconscious," she said. She said several people from the company's emergency response team also were taken to Cape Fear Valley for precautionary evaluations. The conditions of those affected were not known Thursday night. Their identities were not released.

<http://www.fayobserver.com/articles/2013/11/01/1293430?sac=fo.business>

### USA, VA, HENRICO, NOVEMBER 3 2013. 2 WORKERS CRITICALLY BURNED IN HENRICO EXPLOSION >> FLAMMABLE VAPORS IGNITED

Two construction workers were listed in critical condition with life-threatening burns after an explosion at a Henrico County warehouse today, authorities said. The men, one in his late 30s and the other in his 20s, were taken to VCU Medical Center after the explosion in the 7400 block of Ranco Road off Vernon Road and east of Staples Mill Road. The older man had burns to the majority of his body, fire officials said. The men were on a scissor lift removing pipes and ventilation ducting from the vacant building when some flammable vapors ignited, according to Henrico fire Capt. Daniel Rosenbaum. Both men were able to make it down and out of the building on their own. Rosenbaum said the call came in at 1:56 p.m. The first-responders on the scene immediately started caring for the injured men, and the fire was brought under control quickly, according to Henrico fire officials. The county fire marshal's office is investigating the cause of the blast.

[http://www.timesdispatch.com/news/latest-news/workers-seriously-hurt-in-henrico-explosion/article\\_aecd6e8a-4326-11e3-b81f-0019bb30f31a.html](http://www.timesdispatch.com/news/latest-news/workers-seriously-hurt-in-henrico-explosion/article_aecd6e8a-4326-11e3-b81f-0019bb30f31a.html)

### USA, VA, PORTSMOUTH, NOVEMBER 3 2013. COOKING OIL DUMPED IN LAKE COLLINS

 **Watch the Video** [Cooking Oil Dumped in Lake Collins](#)

Fire officials say someone dumped cooking oil into Lake Collins in Portsmouth Friday. Firefighters and HazMat crews were called to the lake, off City Park Avenue, after neighbors reported a strong odor. Chief Jim Hoffloer with the Portsmouth Fire Department said it is unclear whether someone dumped the cooking oil directly into the lake or into a storm drain. It is illegal to dump oil in this manner, and Chief Hoffler said whoever did so in this case could be fined. Lake Collins is the same lake where a truck spilled 50 gallons of diesel fuel back in July. Animal control and PETA field workers rehabilitated dozens of ducks and geese after that spill.

<http://www.wavy.com/news/local/portsmouth/fd-cooking-oil-dumped-in-lake-collins>

### AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, LONGWARRY, NOVEMBER 3 2013. LONGWARRY HAZMAT INCIDENT

CFA attended a hazmat incident at a food factory in Mackay Street, Longwarry. CFA was called to the scene around 1.45pm which was believed to be caused by an identified chemical being transferred from one container to another, causing a chemical plume. CFA advised residents in the nearby vicinity including Witton Street, Church Street and Longwarry-Drouin Road to stay indoors, and close windows as a precaution. The incident is now under control.

<https://news.cfa.vic.gov.au/news/longwarry-hazmat-incident.html>

### INDIA, UTTAR PRADESH, MATHURA, NOVEMBER 4 2013. OFFICIAL KILLED IN FREAK MISHAP IN MATHURA REFINERY

A senior official of the Mathura Refinery was killed in a freak mishap inside the plant when he was going to inspect cleaning work. The production manager of the refinery, Salauddin Khan, was run over by Hydra, a special type of carrier inside the refinery, which is at present closed for annual maintenance. "The driver of the Hydra carrier has been taken into custody, along with the carrier. It is an accidental death," deputy SP Mukul Dwivedi said. The body has been sent for postmortem, he added.

[http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/official-killed-in-freak-mishap-in-mathura-refinery-113110200532\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/official-killed-in-freak-mishap-in-mathura-refinery-113110200532_1.html)

### NEW ZEALAND, TARANAKI, NOVEMBER 4 2013. FARMERS 'GUTTED' AT SCARE >> PETROLEUM INDUSTRY TANKER WASTE PUT THROUGH FONTERRA'S CLEANING SYSTEM

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Fonterra shareholders are frustrated at yet another contamination scare, says Taranaki Federated Farmers president Harvey Leach. "It's not the news we want to hear." An investigation is under way into how a contracted tanker containing 1-2 kilograms



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of mud and gravel residue ended up being put through Fonterra's cleaning system. Fourteen other tankers were contaminated at Fonterra's Hawera plant on Friday before the alarm was raised. The automated washing system, which uses a recycling water process and detergents, detected the residue after 44 minutes. It is understood the mud and gravel residue was petroleum industry waste. "I think Fonterra shareholders will be gutted this has come out considering we're still in damage control from the last episode," Mr Leach said. The latest problem for the company comes after the report of an independent inquiry, released this week, was critical of Fonterra's handling of its botulism scare in August. A spokesman for Fonterra said the results of the investigation would be released in the next two weeks. The contaminated tanker was from the Symons Group, a Taranaki transport company. Symons general manager Mark Robinson would not comment other than to say they were working with Fonterra to investigate the issue. Labour primary industries spokesman Damien O'Connor said the incident was unfortunate, and probably a result of the high pressure on Fonterra with peak milk flow. Mr O'Connor said it was reassuring that the firm got on top of the possible contamination before it reached the processing stage. The mistake highlighted the risks of any kind of environmental contamination that could occur in the dairy chain, he said. "They should know by now they have to doublecheck every part of the supply and processing chain." It was of concern that Fonterra was using tankers that had been carrying other cargo to transport milk. "I'd hope this is a one-off incident." Green Party agriculture spokesman Steffan Browning was disturbed that a truck that carried gravel and mud was also used to transport milk. "How could the truck possibly have been put through the Fonterra system unless Fonterra uses these trucks on occasion to carry milk, and how prevalent is that? "If the tanker was carrying oil and gas waste as has been suggested in reports, this raises serious questions about the connections between oil and gas waste transport and Fonterra." A fuel haulage tanker driver who would not be named was astonished the same trucks could be used to transport dirty water from a well site and then raw milk. "It's real bad news, they should never be doing it."

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/taranaki-daily-news/news/9349471/Farmers-gutted-at-scare>

### USA, N.Y, LONG ISLAND, NOVEMBER 4 2013. SUNKEN 106-YEAR-OLD BOAT BREAKS APART DURING SALVAGE, LEAKING UP TO 150 GALLONS OF DIESEL FUEL INTO THE HARBOR

emily c. dooley



**Map:** [Map of Long Island drownings and water rescues](#)



*Workers from Miller Marine Services, in Port Jefferson, work on a barge that spilled fuel oil into Oyster Bay.*

A 106-year-old wood-hulled boat that sank Saturday into Oyster Bay and leaked diesel fuel broke apart Sunday as it was being salvaged, authorities said. The 66-foot Waldron B, which had been moored at owner Frank M. Flower & Sons Inc. in Oyster Bay, sank Saturday afternoon, leaking up to 150 gallons of diesel fuel into the harbor. Local and federal officials said the spill was contained, but as the vessel was being salvaged Sunday, it broke apart. Petty Officer Anthony Pagano from Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound confirmed reports the Waldron B had broken into pieces. "It appears the port stern broke apart while attempting to raise it," Pagano said, adding there were no reports of injuries or casualties.

"They've begun raising it piece by piece and will be working through the night," he said. Pagano said the boat should be out of the water by midday Monday. Pagano said he had no information on why the boat broke into pieces -- whether it was because of the vessel's age or the amount of time that it was submerged. Town of Oyster Bay officials received a report of the sinking about 4:30 p.m. Saturday and notified the Coast Guard and the state Department of Environmental Conservation. Global Commander, a nearby distributor of gasoline and other products, deployed protective booms to isolate the fuel spill in the harbor, Oyster Bay spokeswoman Marta Kane said. Miller Marine Services of Port Jefferson also assisted, Coast Guard Public Affairs Specialist Alissa Flockerzi said in an email. The Waldron B "was reported to have approximately 100-150 gallons of diesel fuel onboard, most of which has dissipated or was cleaned up," she said. A marine-safety unit in Coram is monitoring the situation. Representatives from Flower could not be reached. Coast Guard records show the Waldron B was built in 1907.

<http://www.newsday.com/long-island/nassau/sunken-106-year-old-boat-breaks-apart-during-salvage-1.6371214?firstfree=yes>



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### CANADA, ALBA, EDMONTON, NOVEMBER 4 213. CN TRAIN DERAILS IN ALBERTA; TANKER WITH DANGEROUS GOODS AMONG DERAILED CARS

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CN says there were no injuries after 13 cars on an eastbound train derailed in Alberta early Sunday morning near the hamlet of Peers, about two hours west of Edmonton. Of the 13 derailed cars, 12 were loaded with lumber and one tanker car was carrying dangerous goods. A spokesperson for the train company told Canada.com the tanker car containing sulphur dioxide was upright and not leaking, thus not prompting any environmental concerns. The train, which had 137 cars total, derailed around 1 a.m. and emergency crews arrived shortly thereafter to secure the scene.

<http://o.canada.com/news/cn-train-derails-in-alberta-tanker-with-dangerous-goods-among-derailed-cars/>

### USA, ORE, BAKER CITY, NOVEMBER 4 2013. HAZMAT SPILL CLOSES INTERSTATE 84 FOR DOZENS OF MILES IN EASTERN OR >> TETRAMETHYLAMMONIUM HYDROXIDE.

*jolie wolfe*



Police said a semi-truck carrying toxic, hazardous materials crashed near Baker City, prompting I-84 to be closed 57 miles in both directions overnight. Oregon State Police said the commercial truck from Lesaint Chemical Logistics in Portland was carrying 4,200 gallons of Tetramethylammonium Hydroxide. Details of the crash, which occurred at about 12:45 a.m. Sunday, weren't immediately available. Police said the injured driver was picked up by a passing vehicle with four occupants. Emergency responders from multiple agencies responded and an incident command staging area established away from the crash scene. The driver and four other people were decontaminated by fire personnel. They were taken to an area hospital for assessment related to

exposure to the hazardous material. No injury or exposure is believed to be serious. The eastbound lanes of I-84 were closed in both directions between milepost 304 in Bakers City and milepost 327. The westbound lanes of I-84 were closed in Ontario, at milepost 371. The freeway was reopened in both directions by about 10:00 a.m. However, ODOT says one eastbound lane will likely remain closed at the site over the next couple days to facilitate clean up efforts. For travel updates, check ODOT's TripCheck.com website.

<http://www.kptv.com/story/23863210/hazmat-spill-closes-interstate-84-for-hours-near-baker-city>

### USA, WASHINGTON, DC, NOVEMBER 4, 2013. CSB COMMENDS NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION FOR EXPEDITED DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE STANDARD FOR FUEL GAS SAFETY - BOARD SAYS NFPA "EXCEEDS CSB RECOMMENDED ACTION"

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) announced today that the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) exceeded its recommended actions following the February 7, 2010, deadly natural gas explosion at the Kleen Energy electric plant – then under construction in Middletown, Connecticut. The blast, which killed six workers and injured at least 50, resulted during an operation known as a "gas blow"—whereby large quantities of natural gas are forced through piping at high pressure to remove debris. The gas accumulated and was ignited by an undetermined source. The CSB decision was announced at the American Gas Association's Safety Summit in Washington, DC, today. The CSB issued an urgent recommendation in June 2010 calling on the NFPA - a voluntary consensus standards organization which develops codes and standards that can then be adopted into law by states and localities - to revise its National Fuel Gas Code (also known as NFPA 54) to prohibit this inherently unsafe pipe cleaning methodology. In response, the NFPA proposed and developed a comprehensive new gas process safety standard, NFPA 56, "Standard for Fire and Explosion Prevention During Cleaning and Purging of Flammable Gas Piping Systems" using an expedited standards development process. CSB Chairperson Dr. Rafael Moure-Eraso said, "We heartily commend the NFPA for acting promptly and decisively in adopting the CSB recommendation in record time. NFPA issued a provisional standard in 24 weeks, which was less than 18 months after the accident. NFPA moved it through the document's revision cycle smoothly, formally publishing the NFPA 56 2014 edition last August. Our board recently voted unanimously to close this recommendation as "Exceeds recommended action" – our highest level of approval." Dr. Moure-Eraso added, "Creating a new voluntary consensus standard is a broader approach which improves safety during a variety of fuel gas processes, including cleaning of gas piping and discharging of gas already in the system during gas purging or



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maintenance. A large number of natural gas-fired power plants are planned for construction across the United States over the next few years. By helping to end the conduct of inherently unsafe gas blows, the NFPA will be instrumental in preventing further loss of life and property damage." The new NFPA standard states unequivocally that flammable gas shall not be used for internal cleaning of piping, instead recommending air, steam, water, and inert gas as acceptable substitutes. It includes a detailed list of procedures and training requirements for workers involved in the cleaning operation. The scope of the new standard not only exceeds the requirements of the CSB recommendation concerning the Kleen Energy accident, Dr. Moure-Eraso noted, but also addresses the deadly pipe purging operation that led to the June 8, 2009 explosion at the Con Agra Slim Jim facility in Garner, North Carolina. Four workers were killed and 67 others were injured. Workers were using natural gas indoors to purge the air out of piping while installing a new boiler. Accumulated gas ignited and the blast caused the roof to collapse onto workers. "We are very pleased to see NFPA 56 also includes requirements for purging fuel gas systems into and out of service, saying gases must be released to a safe outdoor location, or captured inside and further processed before release," Dr. Moure-Eraso said. Dr. Moure-Eraso noted that the NFPA's action now means that 14 of the 18 recommendations issued by the CSB following the Kleen Energy accident are now closed. Safety videos on these accidents, the investigation reports and list of CSB safety recommendations may be found on [www.CSB.gov](http://www.CSB.gov). The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating serious chemical accidents and hazards. The agency's board members are appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. CSB investigations look into all aspects of chemical accidents, including physical causes such as equipment failure as well as absence or inadequacies in regulations, industry standards, and safety management systems. The Board makes safety recommendations to regulatory agencies, including OSHA and EPA, as well as to plants, industry organizations, labor groups, and other institutions and organizations, but it does not issue citations or fines. Visit our website, [www.csb.gov](http://www.csb.gov). For more information, contact Communications Manager Hillary J. Cohen at 202.446.8094

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#### PHILIPPINES, GENERAL SANTOS CITY, NOVEMBER 4 2013. COPS DEFUSE 'POWERFUL' BOMB FOUND IN GENSAN GAS STATION



*An improvised bomb with battery and wires. File Photo from the 3rd Infantry Division*

Explosive and ordnance operatives safely defused an improvised explosive that was recovered on Sunday night in a gasoline station at the city's downtown area. Senior Supt. Froilan Quidilla, city police director, said Monday the explosive was found at around 7:50 p.m. Sunday near a fuel dispenser by workers of the Petron service station on the Pedro Acharon Boulevard. He said the bomb, which was placed in a plastic bag, was made up of two live 60 mm mortar shells, electrical wires, a blasting cord, and a mobile phone as its triggering device. "It's fortunate that it was recovered early and immediately disrupted by our EOD (explosives and ordnance disposal) team," he said. Filling attendant Joseph Pelaez told reporters that he initially noticed a white plastic bag that was left near one of their fuel dispensers. He said he and his co-workers previously noticed

two unidentified persons walking toward the dispenser but separately left soon after. "I noticed some protruding electrical wires when I checked the plastic bag so I called the attention of our security guard," Pelaez said. Duty guard Aaron Mercado said he immediately noticed the bomb-like components inside the plastic bag so he carried it away from the fuel dispenser. "It was quite heavy -- probably around two kilos," he said. After placing it in a nearby pathway, the security guard hastily left the area and reported the matter to the city police office. Insp. Oliver Pauya, head of the city police's EOD team, described the explosive's makeup as crude but quite powerful. He specifically cited the use of mobile phone, which is reportedly the easiest device to produce and assemble as a triggering mechanism for an explosive. "It could have killed or maimed persons within a 20-meter radius if it had exploded," he said. Pauya stressed that the security guard should not have touched or moved the bomb after they found it near the fuel dispenser. "Some explosives are motion-triggered and detonate by slight movement. The standard procedure is to immediately report the matter to the police for proper handling," he said. Meantime, Quidilla said the Police Regional Office 12's crime laboratory unit is now evaluating the makeup of the recovered explosive. "They're specifically determining whether its makeup was similar to the bombs that previously exploded in Cagayan de Oro City," he



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said. The official refused to speculate on the identity of the suspects and its possible motive saying they are presently "looking at all angles." But Quidilla added that police are hoping to get some leads as to the identity of the suspects based on the footage of the gas station's installed security cameras.

<http://www.interaksyon.com/article/74096/cops-defuse-powerful-bomb-found-in-gensan-gas-station>

### ENGLAND, WALES, MILFORD HAVEN, NOVEMBER 4 2013. ONE BIDDER REMAINS FOR MILFORD HAVEN REFINERY - SOURCE

*scott disavino & david sheppard*

One bidder remains as a possible buyer for Murphy Oil's 130,000 barrels-per-day Milford Haven refinery in Wales but the process is close to collapse, a source familiar with the matter said on Sunday. The refinery, operated by U.S. oil and gas company Murphy Oil subsidiary Murco, is the latest British plant to face closure as the industry battles lower demand and increased competition from new, modern refineries in the Middle East and Asia. Britain's Sunday Times said it "understood" the company was looking at closing the plant after a three-year search to find a buyer was unsuccessful. The paper did not name or identify its source. Officials at Murphy Oil were not immediately available for comment. The source told Reuters a last bidder was still in the running to buy the plant as a going concern although the bid was seen as having little chance of success. Many analysts believe the plant is likely to be turned into a storage terminal. Last month, Scotland's 210,000 bpd Grangemouth refinery won a last-minute reprieve from owners Ineos, after workers and the Unite union accepted the company's proposed changes to their pay and benefits, ending a long-running standoff. Grangemouth is the only refinery in Scotland, which holds a political referendum on independence from Britain next year. The closure of Milford Haven with the loss of hundreds of jobs would have political ramifications in Wales. A spokesman for the Welsh government was quoted in the WalesOnline website as saying: "We maintain regular contact with Murco and will continue to communicate with them about their operation in Wales." Industry insiders are watching closely to see which UK plant might close next due to perceived overcapacity and flat to negative margins after the closure in 2012 of Coryton in the East of England after its owner Petroplus collapsed. Milford Haven is one of two oil refineries in Wales. The Sunday Times said Murco had offered a "dowry" worth "tens of millions" of pounds to potential buyers, but without success.

<http://www.4-traders.com/news/One-bidder-remains-for-Milford-Haven-refinery-source--17425047/>

### USA, N.J, ELK TWP, NOVEMBER 4 2013. CONTAMINATED ELK SITE SEES CONTINUED EPA INVESTIGATION

*phil davis*



*Kemron Environmental Services collects samples from containers on the site of Superior Barrel & Drum Company in Elk Township, Friday, Nov. 1, 2013. The Environmental Protection Agency found over 2,000 containers of hazardous materials on the property.*

Men in gas masks and Hazmat suits sift through aisles and aisles of containers, meticulously taking out small vials of samples of various liquids. Several of the barrels have seemingly innocuous labels like "organic carrot juice concentrate," while others simply have spray-painted numbers. On a rainy day at the [Superior Drum and Barrel Company](#), it's clear by the number of independent contractors walking gingerly around the various containers that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) isn't testing for the consistency of carrot juice. While the company is listed as one that cleans out barrels and containers typically used by food

processing companies for reuse, the EPA's presence tells a different story, one of a company who had been operating in utter disregard for the environment. According to EPA on-scene coordinator Margaret Gregor, the findings are clear: over 2,000 barrels at the site contained potentially deadly contaminants and were improperly labeled while several were leaking at the 5.5-acre property off Farrell Road. The owner of the property, Thomas Toy of Elmer, [has also been accused of owning a warehouse in New Castle, Del., with similar conditions to the site in Elk](#). For the past two months, representatives from the EPA and private contractors hired by the agency have been at the site that exists on the border of [Glassboro](#) and Elk, testing the containers and the surrounding area for contaminants like benzene and lead. Benzene is a chemical known to cause cancer which can lead to developmental issues in children if they are exposed to it, according to the EPA. Gregor said the contaminant levels should not worry residents in the nearby area as the measurements taken by the EPA currently do not



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show any impending danger to the ground water, soil quality or air quality. "Based on what we've found in the drums, we sort of expected to see higher levels in the soil," said Gregor. The EPA has collected 36 soil samples on the entire property in addition to four water samples, added Gregor. With no nearby residential wells and no air quality readings showing raised amounts of contaminants, Gregor used the word "encouraging" when talking about the agency's first findings at the site. "Several of the drums are leaking liquids in the ground. It's not a significant amount," added Gregor. "They're not actively leaking more and more each day." However, when the EPA was contacted by the county to investigate the integrity of the site, EPA spokesman Elias Rodriguez said it was still a surprise to see exactly how many barrels contained potentially deadly chemicals. "It's fair to say we rarely find sites this size in our region," said Rodriguez, who added that New Jersey has 116 Superfund sites statewide, the most in the country by almost 20. Both Gregor and Rodriguez said it was surprising to find the site in such a condition. Several 270-gallon containers were stacked up next to each other holding dangerous chemicals. Grates that were meant to keep the containers from being exposed to the soil had rotted or broken down. Barrels were inside of trailers, carelessly stacked on top of one another without any clear sign that they were going to be shipped in a safe manner. Currently, KEMRON, the independent contractors testing the contents of the containers, are compiling the chemicals based on their characteristics, whether they are more corrosive, acidic or combustible, according to Gregor. Then, once those findings are completed, the chemicals will be grouped together based on those characteristics before they are removed from the site and disposed at a licensed disposal center. Gregor said the agency currently has "a couple hundred" containers left to test before they can start grouping compatible materials together. Gregor expects that phase to be done in the "next two weeks or so." That leaves the removal of the materials still to be done, which looks to take another few months until Spring 2014, said Gregor.

[http://www.nj.com/gloucester-county/index.ssf/2013/11/epa\\_continues\\_investigation\\_into\\_contaminated\\_elk\\_site.html](http://www.nj.com/gloucester-county/index.ssf/2013/11/epa_continues_investigation_into_contaminated_elk_site.html)

### **AZERBAIJAN, BAKU, NOVEMBER 4 2013. OIL-CONTAMINATED TERRITORIES IN BAKU TO BE TREATED DURING NEXT TWO YEARS**

*agshin rafigoglu*

APA-Economics. Oil contaminated territories will be completely treated until the first European Summer Olympic Games in 2015, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources Huseynghulu Bagirov told journalists. According to him, in the Soviet period, nearly 35,000 ha are in Absheron peninsula consists of oil-contaminated soil: "Its 15,000 ha underwent serious contamination. Approximately 1.5 bln tonnes of oil have been extracted so far. It's impossible to eliminate damage in the nature in a short-time".

<http://en.apa.az/news/202164>

### **USA, MA, AMESBURY, NOVEMBER 4 2013. HAZMAT CREWS WORKING TO CONTAIN CHEMICAL SPILL**

Hazmat teams continue working the scene of a serious chemical spill inside Arc Technologies, 11 Chestnut St., Amesbury. The call came in at 10:15 a.m. Monday. According to the Amesbury Fire Department, a 55-gallon container of a hazardous, flammable chemical, believed to be heptane, spilled inside the building. No injuries have been reported. The fire department has created a 300-foot buffer zone and evacuated nearby residents, strictly as a precaution, according to the AFD. The area is closed to the public. Traffic on Elm Street is closed outbound on Congress Street, inbound on Monroe Street.

<http://www.wickedlocal.com/amesbury/news/x915440087/Hazmat-crews-working-to-contain-chemical-spill>

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### USA, AK, UNALASKA, NOVEMBER 5 2013. FISHING VESSEL REMAINS PARTIALLY SUBMERGED NEAR UNALASKA, FUEL ONBOARD



A swell washes over the railing of the F/V Arctic Hunter which ran aground early Friday morning, Nov. 1, 2013, 6 miles off of Dutch Harbor near Split Top Mountain, causing the six member crew to abandon ship. Magone Marine is currently removing 7,000 gallons of diesel fuel from the vessel which is now 80 percent submerged.

A 102-foot crab and scallop fishing vessel that ran aground Friday off Unalaska Island remains partially submerged outside of Morris Cove with an estimated 2,500 to 2,800 gallons of fuel and water still onboard, the U.S. Coast Guard said Tuesday. The Coast Guard heard around 4 a.m. on Friday that the Arctic Hunter had grounded northeast of Unalaska in Summer Bay, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Shawn Eggert. As of Tuesday morning, 80 percent of the vessel was underwater, he said. A fly over by the Coast Guard did not reveal any sheen or obvious signs of a fuel leakage. But, Eggert noted that things could change with the huge storm moving across the Bering Sea. Choppy waters Tuesday barred

Magone Marine, the contractor in charge of fuel removal, from returning to the scene to take out additional fuel, Eggert said. The high seas complicated efforts over the weekend and pushed water into the vessel's tanks, while the contractor tried to take fuel out, said Dan Magone, president of Magone Marine. The company removed 10,000 gallons of liquid by Monday, but only 5,000 gallons of that was fuel, he said. Peggy McLaughlin, port director for the City of Unalaska, said the two-man fishing crew of the Saga rescued the six crew members aboard the Arctic Hunter near Split Top Mountain at 5:15 a.m. on Friday, with two other vessels standing by for assistance. She said the men were wearing survival suits and in a life raft when the Saga picked them up. A Coast Guard helicopter was sent to rescue the crew, but the other vessels were already on the scene by the time it arrived, Eggert said. The captain, whose name the Coast Guard isn't releasing due to the ongoing investigation, told Unalaska Police that he had fallen asleep at the wheel, Eggert said. His blood alcohol content was over the legal limit of .08, Eggert said. Police found that the captain's blood alcohol content was .086, said Jamie Sunderland, director of public safety for



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the City of Unalaska. The legal limit for operating a vessel is .08. The Coast Guard asked Unalaska police to test the captain's blood alcohol content on the vessel using a portable breath test, said Jamie Sunderland, director of public safety for the City of Unalaska. Eggert said the captain told officers that he had a beer after the ship ran aground, and that police and the Coast Guard are investigating the incident.

<http://www.adn.com/2013/11/05/3159561/fishing-vessel-runs-aground-near.html>

### PHILIPPINES, MANDALUYONG CITY, NOVEMBER 5 2013. \$2B EYED FOR MALAYSIA NETWORK

Oil Refiner Petron Corp. plans to invest at least \$2 billion in the next 10 years to expand its operations in Malaysia, the company's top official told reporters in Mandaluyong City on Tuesday last week. "Our operation in Malaysia is very stable because there is guaranteed return on investment. Tuluy-tuloy ang network expansion namin doon; tuluy-tuloy ang ating investment (Our network expansion, our investment there is ongoing). We will invest at least \$2 billion in the next 10 years," Ramon S. Ang, Petron chairman and chief executive officer, said when asked for updates on the company's operations there. Petron gained foothold in Malaysia after the firm acquired ExxonMobil Corp.'s downstream business in April last year. Mr. Ang refused to give details of expansion plans, citing a "very competitive environment," but he said Petron currently has 560 stations in Malaysia. "Those are big stations. One station is equivalent to two to three stations here in the Philippines. That's because almost everyone living there has a car," Mr. Ang said. Last August, the company reported that it is still in the process of rebranding its service stations in Malaysia, with 200 out of the 560 stations already adopting the Petron brand. For local operations, Mr. Ang said Petron was still on track with the "massive expansion" of the company's refinery in Limay, Bataan. "Our refinery and petrochemical operations is undergoing massive expansion and rehabilitation. I believe it will be finished by the end of next year," he said. "Upon completion, it will be able to produce high-quality gasoline. It will be very competitive. Kikita nang husto 'yung refinery doon (the refinery will be profitable)," he added. Petron, last August, also said that its \$2-billion refinery master plan was expected to be completed by mid-2014, and that the facility will be operational by the fourth quarter of the same year. Petron had said the project "will substantially improve margins as it eliminates the production of low-value fuel oil, converting it to high value gasoline, diesel and petrochemicals instead." It noted this will also make Petron capable of producing more environment-friendly fuels.

[http://www.bworldonline.com/content.php?section=Corporate&title=\\$2B-eyed-for-Malaysia-network&id=78834](http://www.bworldonline.com/content.php?section=Corporate&title=$2B-eyed-for-Malaysia-network&id=78834)

### INDIA, KERALA, KANNUR, NOVEMBER 6 2013. MISSING PIECES IN PROBE INTO CHALA TANKER MISHAP

*p sudhakaran*

Though the crime branch has given a clean chit to the [Indian Oil Corporation](#) (IOC) in the Chala LPG tanker mishap that took 20 lives, and instead, blamed negligence on the part of the driver as the cause of the mishap, there seems to be some [missing](#) links because the investigation is reaching its final stages without the [metallurgic examination report](#) on the remains of the capsule tanker that exploded. Though more than 14 months have passed since the mishap, forensic probe into the incident is still incomplete, as the [National Physical Laboratory](#) in Delhi, where the metallurgic analysis of the tanker's remains was to be conducted, apparently refused to carry out the analysis and forensic laboratories in Kerala do not have the facilities for such examinations, according to sources in the forensic department. "In order to specifically state whether the tanker was fit for carrying LPG, such an examination is a must because only a detailed examination can ascertain the quality of the steel used for making the tanker," said an official with the forensic department, on condition of anonymity. In this condition, the absence of the metallurgic report will help the tanker truck owner and the Indian Oil Corporation which used the tanker, go scot-free, he added. "Now, after 14 months, even if such a test is conducted, and it is found that the steel was of low quality, it would not serve the purpose, as the defendants can easily argue in court that the present result is not reliable as the examination has been conducted only after the corrosion of the material," he pointed out. However, Kozhikode crime branch DSP K V Santhosh, who conducted the investigation, said the fact-finding report was finalized after examining the pre- and post-fabrication test reports from the manufacturer in Pune in the absence of the forensic report. "When the metallurgic report was not available from National Physical Laboratory, we approached NIT, Suratkal for the test but when we said that the material will be submitted via court, they refused to take up the job," he said. Though the test was later assigned to Kozhikode NIT, they were also apparently not able to take up the work. The fact-finding report was prepared after getting the go-ahead from the higher ups, who said in the absence of the metallurgic report, the report can be prepared based on the inference from the other aspects of investigation, said the DSP. "From the documents and preliminary investigation, we have come to the conclusion that the tanker was in perfect condition and the report was prepared on the basis of the same," said the DSP.



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"However, we are open to a metallurgic test if the higher ups insist so, because the chargesheet will be finalized only after the fact-finding report is finalized. However, questions remain as to why the government authorities failed to take steps to get the metallurgical examination done and how the investigation can be complete without the forensic report. Besides it remains unclear whether there was any deliberate effort from some corners to save the Namakal-based tanker truck by making sure that the investigators did not get the metallurgic report, so they could go scot-free even if implicated in the chargesheet.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kozhikode/Missing-pieces-in-probe-into-Chala-tanker-mishap/articleshow/25277995.cms>

### USA, N.J, WASHINGTON TWP, NOVEMBER 6 2013. TANK LEAK SAGA SOON TO END IN LONG VALLEY

*bob thomas*

An underground fuel storage tank that sprung a leak at the Long Valley Fire Department Company Number 1 on Fairview Ave. years ago is causing another look. On Monday, Oct. 21, Township Committee members authorized a \$2,400 contract to hire a licensed site remediation professional to tie up loose ends in the paperwork trail that dates back more than two decades. The fire company had two underground 1,000-gallon tanks at the time of the discovered leak, one for gasoline and the other for light diesel to power the large fire trucks. Once the leak was discovered, the cracked tank was removed on Jan. 13, 1991 and never replaced. Two years earlier, in May, 1989, a 3,000-gallon underground diesel storage tank was also discovered to have sprung a leak at the public works yard on Rock Road. Public Works Superintendent Scott Frech said the two discoveries led to the installation of two, 12,000-gallon tanks for diesel and medium grade gasoline as part of a system that is still used today. The double tanks, with state of the art safety features such as double walls and the system of lines to pump the fuel were installed in late 1991 to early 1992. Still in use today, the fuel tanks are the source for fuel for police, other township employees, the three volunteer fire companies, the Long Valley Rescue Squad and are used by the Washington Township School District for school buses. A contractor has been chosen for the job of tracking the paperwork from a list of state authorized contractors. Because the cost is less than \$17,500, no bidding will be necessary. Township Administrator Andrew Copolla said Norcon of Allamuchy Township was selected. It's chief investigator is principal Joe Norton. "It's really just about getting the paperwork in order to the satisfaction of the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)," Frech said. "Once the leaks were found, they just closed down any of the other underground tanks around town."

[http://newjerseyhills.com/observer-tribune/news/tank-leak-saga-soon-to-end-in-long-valley/article\\_c354986c-4239-11e3-8cd9-0019bb2963f4.html](http://newjerseyhills.com/observer-tribune/news/tank-leak-saga-soon-to-end-in-long-valley/article_c354986c-4239-11e3-8cd9-0019bb2963f4.html)

### NIGERIA, OGUN, WAREWA, NOVEMBER 6 2013. STAMPEDE IN OGUN VILLAGE AS FUEL TANKER TUMBLES

Business activities were disrupted at Warewa Community in Ogun on Tuesday, following a stampede when a truck laden with fuel tumbled, discharging all its contents. The News Agency of Nigeria reports that the incident caused serious panic and heavy traffic jam as traders shut their business and took to their heels. The truck has registration number XA644 BLG. A witness, Mr Akin Ojedian, who narrowly escaped death at the scene, told NAN that the tanker was trying to avoid crashing into a car, making u -turn. "This junction is not safe to make u-turn at all because tanker drivers are always on top speed," he stated. A food seller, Mrs Mojirat Keshinro, said that she hurriedly fled her shop after the incident. "I was serving my customers when I heard a heavy blast. "My customers and I scrambled for safety, all of us wanted to escape through one door at the same time. "Accidents at this junction are becoming too many," she said. The tanker driver, Rabiuh Mohammed, told NAN that he was trying to avoid crashing into the private car when the incident occurred. The District Officer in charge of the Warewa Police Division, DSP. Shina Olumide, directed residents to stay away from the scene of the incident. "All our officers are out to ensure that everybody complied, to avoid fire outbreak. "We have also sent for the Ogun State Fire Service and they will be on ground soon," he said. Mr Ami Ganiyu, the Akute Unit Commander of the Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, said that motorists had been directed to use single lane because of the incident.

<http://dailypost.com.ng/2013/11/05/stampede-in-ogun-village-as-fuel-tanker-tumbles/>

### USA, MA, HARWICH, NOVEMBER 6 2013. FUEL OIL SPILL AVERTED FROM DISABLED TANKER TRUCK IN HARWICH

*sean f. driscoll*

A six-hour effort to keep a tanker truck carrying 3,000 gallons of heating fuel from overturning ended without a drop being spilled Monday. Harwich Fire Chief Norm Clarke said the Cape Discount Oil truck had left the company's depot with a full load of oil. But at about 8:30 a.m., the driver was making a hard left turn into a Mobil station on Route 124 near the Route 6



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interchange to gas up his truck when the truck's suspension failed under the weight of the load. That caused the truck to list and rest on the right-side wheels, bringing the vehicle to rest at a 30-to-45 degree angle. "It was a very tenuous situation," Clarke said. Harwich firefighters, with assistance from Harwich police, the Massachusetts State Police and the Brewster Fire Department, was able to stabilize the truck using pieces of timber to shore up the truck and prevent it from tipping any further. At the same time representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection and the Massachusetts Hazardous Materials regional team were setting up basins to catch the oil and prevent it from contaminating the nearby soil and water should the truck's tank be breached. After about six hours, with on-and-off closures of Route 124, crews were able to transfer the oil from the disabled tanker to another, straighten the truck and have it towed from the scene, Clarke said. No injuries were reported.

<http://www.capecodonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20131105/NEWS11/131109880>

### INDONESIA, JAKARTA, NOVEMBER 6 2013. TANKER SHIP SECURED OVER ALLEGED SELLING ILLEGAL FUEL

A tanker ship carrying subsidized fuel as much as 11 tons of diesel was secured by officers in Marunda waters, North Jakarta, Monday (11/4). When being raided, the ship owner could not show the official document of subsidized fuel and its company. It happened since Sunday (11/3) when taskforce of Downstream Oil and Gas Regulatory Agency (BPH Migas) checked the ship's document. Due to uncooperative and could not show the documents, BPH Migas officers immediately reported this case to Water Police Directorate Police Headquarter. Suspicious about the ship carrying illegal fuel, before dawn, BPH Migas Task Force and Water Police officers returned to check the ship. At that time, the ship crews were immediately blocking the police when officers tried to check the ship. "Currently, we secured the ship at Marunda Port. A ship captain, Rasban (60), admitted had sold 45 tons of fuel to two ships," said Sr. Comr. Zainal A Paliwang, Head of Water Police Directorate Sub-Directorate for National Police Security Maintenance Agency, Monday (4/11). Paliwang stated that if the owner can show the official documents, the officer will not seize the ship. "Ship owner just showed its photocopies. He is supposed to meet the first summons this afternoon, but he did not come," he told. If company director, Abdurrahman (47), does not meet the first summon, officer would summon him again forcibly. "This is just investigation process. But, it will be closed if the owner can show official documents. If not, we would punish him on charges of documents falsification," he finished.

<http://www.beritajakarta.com/2008/en/newsview.aspx?idwil=0&id=30229>

### NIGERIA, NIGER, MINNA, NOVEMBER 6 2013. FIRE DESTROYS 2 FUEL TANKERS AT NNPC YOLA DEPOT

*mohammed ismail*



There was anxiety at the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Yola Depot yesterday when fire gutted two fuel tankers.

The chairman of the Adamawa/Taraba Petroleum Tanker Drivers Association (PTD) also sustained injuries while trying to remove the tanker adjacent to the one engulfed by the fire. Sources at the depot told Leadership that when the fire started, there were around 97 fuel tankers all loaded with fuel which led to serious anxiety around the facility as fear of fire spreading gripped those at the depot. It was during the melee that the chairman of the PTD, Alhaji Abubakar Jiddo made an attempt to remove the tanker next to the burning one but was unsuccessful as a result of which he received severe fire burns on his right leg. Some of the tanker drivers interviewed by Leadership blamed NNPC management for locking the emergency tap which would have aided in the hasty quelling of the fire. "Had it been that water is running in the emergency tap

provided, these two vehicles wouldn't have been burnt. "If there was water, we would have succeeded in quelling the fire as it engulfed the first tanker and wouldn't have affected the second tanker but between the time we noticed the fire and when the tap was opened the fire has escalated and if not by the grace of God we would have recorded a serious fire incident today," said the source. Some drivers who were not happy with the attitude of the NNPC management prevented tankers from entering into the facility vowing to scuttle activities at the depot as a result of what they said was the lacklustre attitude of the NNPC management which caused their chairman to sustain injury from the fire. One of the tanker drivers who simply identify himself as Mallam Labaran said the fire occurred when the laboratory officials scooped part of the fuel for testing but unfortunately it spilled on the battery of one of the tankers leading to the fire. The injured chairman while responding to



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questions from journalists on his hospital bed said the tragedy was an act of God just as he thanked the drivers and the NNPC management for their quick response to the fire outbreak. Efforts made by journalists to speak with the management of the NNPC proved abortive as the security personnel at the main gate of the facility said they were directed not to allow anybody into the compound.

<http://leadership.ng/news/051113/fire-destroys-2-fuel-tankers-nnpc-yola-depot>

### ENGLAND, ROXBURY, NOVEMBER 6 2013. TANKER TRUCK CARRYING OIL OVERTURNS IN ROXBURY

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A truck carrying oil overturned on Berkshire Valley Road in Roxbury

A tanker truck carrying 2,300 gallons of home heating oil overturned this morning on Berkshire Valley Road, forcing an emergency transfer of the liquid into a secure tanker. "I thought I was gonna die and all I could think of was my kids," said the 39-year-old driver for Allied Oil of Hillsborough. The accident occurred at 7:44 am when the driver turned off West Dewey Avenue onto Berkshire Valley Road and, he said, felt the tanker start to lean before it flipped on its side. Roxbury Director of Emergency Management Robert F. Hackett said there was, thankfully, no fuel leakage. Immediate arrangements were made for an empty tanker to respond so that a hole could be drilled in the disabled tanker and fuel pumped into the second tanker. Hackett said the transfer was vital as the walls of the full truck could rupture if an effort was made to upright it with a

crane while still full. "You don't want to take a chance of splitting the seams," he said. The Roxbury Fire Department, Roxbury OEM, Morris County Haz-Mat unit and the state Department of Environmental Protection were on the scene for several hours handling the recovery. The driver, who said he was so worried about the incident he didn't want to give his name, remained at the scene assisting. He said several motorists stopped to help and one held the door so he could climb out. "People came up and asked if I was okay. One lady cried and gave me a hug. I was just amazed I was alive," he said.

<http://www.dailyrecord.com/article/20131105/NJNEWS/311050011/>

### AUSTRALIA [ACAPMA], NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, NOVEMBER 6 2013. SERVICE STATION SAFETY ALERT: NOZZLE JAMMING DEVICES BREACH SAFETY LAWS



ACAPMA advises petroleum retail operators that a new product is on the market specifically designed to allow customers to jam bowser nozzles open in breach of safety and dangerous goods legislation. The product, a small metal pin on a key ring, is being marketed directly to customers as a 'life aid', to assist seniors and those with arthritis or disabilities to pump fuel without holding the nozzle handle. The product inserts into the nozzle handle, circumventing the 'dead man's handle' element of the bowser operation, meaning that the customer does not have to squeeze the handle, or indeed even touch the handle once the product flow has commenced. This increases not only the chance of spills and overfills, which result in safety and environmental issues, but also increased likelihood of static vapour fires as customers break contact with the nozzle while filling and then make contact again after filling. Retail sites that allow customers to utilise these products breach a series of legislation, regulation and Australian Standards that may result in penalties to the business owner, equipment owner

and console operator. Safety and Dangerous Goods legislation clearly identifies the responsibility to ensure that equipment is utilised as designed and intended, without circumventing safety precautions. The operation of the 'dead man's handle' on a bowser nozzle is both an intrinsic part of a dangerous goods storage system and a safety precaution on a piece of plant. Retail operators knowingly or negligently allowing customers to utilise these nozzle jamming devices are in breach and could face fines. ACAPMA is writing to the Fuel Industry Safety Forum, Safety Regulators and the ACCC to ensure all parties are aware of the risk that this new consumer product is posing on forecourts. Further information will be communicated to the industry on



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acapma.com.au in the coming days. ACAPMA members who have questions regarding their obligations under safety and dangerous goods laws are encouraged to contact ACAPMAssist on 1300 160 270.

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### USA, N.Y, NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 7 2013. ECUADOR LAWSUIT BACKER TELLS CHEVRON JUDGE HE ADVISED SETTLING

A lawyer who helped fund pollution litigation in Ecuador against Chevron Corp. that resulted in a \$19 billion judgment told a New York judge he became concerned about how the case was being handled and recommended plaintiffs settle. Joseph Kohn of Philadelphia's Kohn, Swift & Graf PC testified today in a non-jury trial in Manhattan federal court that he left the environmental case in November 2009 after the plaintiffs refused to allow his firm to take a more active role in its management. Kohn said his firm invested more than \$6 million in the lawsuit, which was filed over a polluted oil drilling site in the Ecuadorian Amazon. Chevron alleges in its case before U.S. District Judge Lewis Kaplan that the Ecuadorian plaintiffs, led by Manhattan lawyer Stephen Donziger, engaged in a racketeering scheme against the second-largest U.S. energy firm and won the judgment through fraud and bribery. Donziger denies doing anything illegal in Ecuador and claims he was merely matching Chevron's own tactics. "There was a frustration on our part," Kohn said in court today under questioning by Donziger, who is representing himself alongside a team of other lawyers, in reference to discussions about financing in 2009. "Budgets were frequently not followed." In testimony filed with the court, Kohn said that his firm's relationship with Donziger began to deteriorate in 2008 when the case began to take longer than expected and Chevron raised questions about possible unethical conduct. When Kohn tried to take a more active role in the case, Donziger obstructed his efforts, Kohn said in testimony filed with the court. In November 2009, Kohn wrote to other lawyers on the Ecuadorian case recommending that they approach Chevron with a settlement. The other lawyers rejected that offer and said Donziger was handling strategy decisions, Kohn said in his written testimony. Kohn said in court today that he responded with a letter stating that he could "no longer function as counsel." In a follow-up meeting in 2010 in Philadelphia, Kohn told other members of the Ecuadorian plaintiffs team that they should consider transitioning to other lead legal counsel. "I gave them my best advice that the case appeared to be running off of a cliff," he said today in court under Donziger's questioning. In the underlying 20-year-old environmental dispute, Donziger and other lawyers for indigenous people in Ecuador's Lago Agrio region sought damages for Texaco Inc.'s alleged dumping of toxic drilling wastes from 1964 until about 1992. The lawsuit continued against Chevron when it acquired Texaco in 2001. Chevron contends that state-owned Petroecuador, a former Texaco joint-venture partner, is responsible for most of the pollution and that Texaco already paid to clean up its share. In the racketeering case, Chevron alleges the Ecuadorian plaintiffs bribed and pressured judges who oversaw the case, including the judge who issued the \$19 billion ruling, and ghostwrote a court-appointed expert's damages report as well as the ruling itself. The San Ramon, California-based energy company is seeking a ruling barring Donziger and his associates from trying to enforce the Ecuadorian judgment in courts around the world. Kohn said he has waived any interest in the judgment. He agreed to put on hold plans to sue Donziger in an effort to recover the funds.

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/11/04/ecuador-lawsuit-backer-tells-chevron-judge-he-advised-settling/>

### USA, R.I, PROVIDENCE, NOVEMBER 7 201. GAS INJECTION MAY HAVE TRIGGERED EARTHQUAKES IN THE COGDELL OIL FIELD, TEXAS

*edited by donald w. forsyth*

#### Significance

Between 2006 and 2011 a series of earthquakes occurred in the Cogdell oil field near Snyder, TX. A previous series of earthquakes occurring 1975–1982 was attributed to the injection of water into wells to enhance oil production. We evaluated injection and extraction of oil, water, and gas in the Cogdell field. Water injection cannot explain the 2006–2011 earthquakes. However, since 2004 significant volumes of gas including CO<sub>2</sub> have been injected into Cogdell wells. If this triggered the 2006–2011 seismicity, this represents an instance where gas injection has triggered earthquakes having magnitudes 3 and larger. Understanding when gas injection triggers earthquakes will help evaluate risks associated with large-scale carbon capture and storage as a strategy for managing climate change.

#### Abstract

Between 1957 and 1982, water flooding was conducted to improve petroleum production in the Cogdell oil field north of Snyder, TX, and a contemporary analysis concluded this induced earthquakes that occurred between 1975 and 1982. The



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National Earthquake Information Center detected no further activity between 1983 and 2005, but between 2006 and 2011 reported 18 earthquakes having magnitudes 3 and greater. To investigate these earthquakes, we analyzed data recorded by six temporary seismograph stations deployed by the USArray program, and identified 93 well-recorded earthquakes occurring between March 2009 and December 2010. Relocation with a double-difference method shows that most earthquakes occurred within several northeast-southwest-trending linear clusters, with trends corresponding to nodal planes of regional focal mechanisms, possibly indicating the presence of previously unidentified faults. We have evaluated data concerning injection and extraction of oil, water, and gas in the Cogdell field. Water injection cannot explain the 2006–2011 earthquakes, especially as net volumes (injection minus extraction) are significantly less than in the 1957–1982 period. However, since 2004 significant volumes of gases including supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> have been injected into the Cogdell field. The timing of gas injection suggests it may have contributed to triggering the recent seismic activity. If so, this represents an instance where gas injection has triggered earthquakes having magnitudes 3 and larger. Further modeling studies may help evaluate recent assertions suggesting significant risks accompany large-scale carbon capture and storage as a strategy for managing climate change.

<http://www.pnas.org/content/early/2013/10/31/1311316110>

### USA, CO, GRAND JUNCTION, NOVEMBER 7 2013. COLO. ENERGY REGULATORS WEIGH STRICTER SPILL RULES

Colorado oil and gas regulators are considering new spill rules that are stricter than those passed by state lawmakers. A new law requires operators to report all spills of one or more barrels within 24 hours if the spill spreads beyond designated containment areas. The Daily Sentinel reports that a draft proposal from the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission would also require them to report all spills of five barrels or more within 24 hours, whether or not they're confined by berms or other containment. Currently, the reporting threshold is 20 barrels. The state health department backs the change because it says most well pads aren't designed to contain spills. The industry opposes it. The commission will take written comments through Nov. 8 and hold hearings on Dec. 16 and 17.

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/11/05/3732795/garfield-county-wants-say-on-new.html>

### ZAMBOANGA CITY, NOVEMBER 7 2013. WORKER DIES IN OXYGEN CYLINDER BLAST IN PHILIPPINES

A man was killed after an oxygen cylinder exploded on Wednesday in Zamboanga City in southern Philippines, police and company officials said. Police Chief Inspector Elmer Acuna said they were investigating the explosion which occurred at the refilling plant of Premium Gases Corporation in Mampang village. The blast killed worker Mark Jay Velasco. "We are still investigating the incident, but initial reports said the oxygen cylinder exploded and one person was killed in the blast," he said. He said the victim could have mishandled the oxygen cylinder causing it to explode. No other details were made available by the police and company officials about the blast.

[http://www.mindanaoexaminer.com/news.php?news\\_id=20131106052526](http://www.mindanaoexaminer.com/news.php?news_id=20131106052526)

### USA, NV, RENO, NOVEMBER 7 2013. NEVADA RESIDENTS WIN \$19.5M SETTLEMENT IN TOXIC WASTE LEAK LAWSUIT



*This 2004 photo shows the Yerington mine site, adjacent to the small farming town of Yerington, Nevada.*

Residents accused Atlantic Richfield Co of 'intentionally' concealing extent of uranium, arsenic and other leaked pollutants. Rural neighbors of an abandoned World War II-era copper mine that has leaked toxic chemicals in northern Nevada for decades have won up to a \$19.5m settlement from companies they accused of covering up the contamination. Atlantic Richfield Co and its parent BP America Inc acknowledged no wrongdoing under the agreement, which also calls for them to pay \$2.6m in attorney fees to the legal team that represented about 700 past and present neighbors of the old Anaconda mine built in 1941 on the edge of Yerington about 65 miles southeast of Reno. Residents said in a

class-action suit filed in 2011 that the companies had "intentionally and negligently" concealed the extent of uranium, arsenic and other pollutants leaking into their drinking water wells from the mine covering 6 square miles — an area equal to 3,000 football fields. "We are so pleased," said Peggy Pauly, 64, whose two-acre home borders the mine. She helped organize concerned families in 2004 after a US government whistleblower started publicizing studies that had previously been kept



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secret documenting health and safety risks posed by a plume of radioactive contamination migrating off the site. "It was a long ordeal, but it was worth it," Pauly said on Wednesday. "Residents wish we had never had to deal with any of this." The companies agreed to pay \$7m in property damages and \$900,000 to a medical monitoring fund. The final damages will depend on the cost of extending city water supplies to about 200 residents, estimated between \$6.5m and \$12.5m. BP America said the settlement is "fair and reasonable." "It delivers a good outcome for the community by guaranteeing the availability of a reliable, clean source of drinking water by connecting residents to the city water supply, and furthers the company's interests toward achieving a final resolution of groundwater concerns in the area without the cost and distraction of further litigation," the company said in an email to AP on Wednesday. About a dozen families filed the lawsuit in US District Court in Reno nearly a decade after they started pressing concerns with state regulators they said were too cozy with Nevada's mining industry to effectively enforce a cleanup schedule at the site, which the US Environmental Protection Agency since has assumed control of under its Superfund program. In 2008, a US Labor Department review panel upheld a whistleblower claim by ex-mine cleanup supervisor Earle Dixon who said the US Bureau of Land Management illegally fired him four years earlier for speaking out about the risks in defiance of local politicians who tried to muzzle him. "This was a small community taking on a big corporation in a mining town over mining pollution – an imposing challenge," Steven German, co-counsel for the plaintiffs, said in a telephone interview from New York. Fueled by demand after World War II, Anaconda produced 1.7bn pounds of copper from 1952-78 at the mine in the Mason Valley, an irrigated agricultural oasis in the area's otherwise largely barren high desert. The EPA determined over the years that uranium was produced as a byproduct of processing the copper and that the radioactive waste was initially dumped into dirt-bottomed ponds that – unlike modern lined ponds – leaked into the groundwater. BP and Atlantic Richfield, which bought Anaconda Copper Co in 1978, have provided bottled water for free to any residents who want it for several years. But they had said uranium naturally occurs in the region's soil and that there was no proof that a half-century of processing metals there was responsible for the contamination. Pauly and others started seeking outside legal help after a new wave of EPA testing first reported by the AP in November 2009 found that 79 percent of the wells tested north of mine had dangerous levels of uranium or arsenic or both that made the water unsafe to drink. One a half miles away had uranium levels more than 10 times the legal drinking water standard. At the mine itself, wells tested as high as 100 times the standard. Though health effects of specific levels are not well understood, the EPA says long-term exposure to high levels of uranium in drinking water may cause cancer and damage kidneys.

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### USA, N.H, ROCHESTER, NOVEMBER 7 2013. MAN WELDING GAS TANK AIRLIFTED TO HOSPITAL AFTER TRUCK CATCHES ON FIRE

*liz markhlevskaya*



*A bucket catches gasoline dripping from a ruptured gas tank on a truck that caught fire Tuesday at the Riviera Motel in Rochester.*

A man was flown to the hospital Tuesday afternoon after a plow truck he was working on caught fire at the Riviera Motel on Route 125. It was the second day in a row that a Rochester truck fire resulted in a victim with serious injuries being airlifted to a medical facility. Fire Assistant Chief Mark Dupuis said the man in Tuesday's incident was making repairs under the truck when it caught fire. The man, who has not been identified, sustained burns to his face. It is not known if those injuries are life-threatening or why the man was working on the truck in the motel parking lot. "The burning to his face compromised his airway, and that's a concern," said Dupuis. The truck caught fire as the man was welding its gas tank without first emptying the



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tank, said Dupuis. The vehicle involved was an orange Ford F-350, which was near the back of the motel when it caught fire. Someone — firefighters did not know who moved the truck before fire officials got there. The blaze had spread to brush behind the vehicle by the time firefighters arrived. Dupuis said firefighters were torn between tending to the patient and extinguishing the vehicle fire, so it took awhile for them to focus on the brush fire. Barrington Fire and Rescue Department was called to assist Rochester firefighters. The flames were extinguished by approximately 2:20 p.m., about a half-hour after the incident was reported. According to Dupuis, firefighters assessed the burn victim before Frisbie Memorial Hospital EMS arrived on scene. The man was transported by ambulance to a nearby field off Route 125, across from Dunkin' Donuts, and flown by MedFlight helicopter to an unnamed medical facility. Dupuis said the victim suffered severe burns but appeared to be conscious when he was being loaded into the ambulance. The vehicle, on the other hand, suffered so little apparent damage that Dupuis said, "It actually took me a little while to figure out which vehicle was involved." This incident occurred a day after another truck, a Ford Ranger, overturned and caught fire on Walnut Street. The driver of that truck, Edward Michael Deal, 60, died Tuesday. He had been trapped in the truck before being extricated and transported by helicopter to Maine Medical Center

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### USA, TX, NEW BRAUNFELS, NOVEMBER 7 2013. ACCIDENT AND LEAKING TANKER CAUSE SHUTDOWN OF SOUTHBOUND I-35

A traffic accident on I-35 has led to a large spill that has a portion of Southbound I-35 closed down, causing major traffic delays. The wreck, involving a large tanker truck, happened on southbound I-35 near the exit for FM 1044. Apparently, after the crash, the truck continued on and made its way to the Schmidt Street overpass where it finally stopped, but along the way it leaked a large amount of fluid. Initial reports indicate that fluid is a mixture of diesel fuel and water, and the truck was also leaking hydraulic fluid. At least one person was taken to the Christus ER at Creekside with non-life threatening injuries. Currently, two lanes of southbound I-35 are completely closed in the FM 1044 area as New Braunfels fire crews and TXDOT try to clean up the leaked fluid. Traffic is at a standstill in that area for the time being. As more details become available, we'll have updates.

<http://kgnb.com/news/breaking-accident-and-leaking-tanker-cause-shutdown-southbound-i-35>

### USA, TN, KNOXVILLE, NOVEMBER 7 2013. SECURITY CAMERA SHOWS NORTH KNOXVILLE BOY SETTING SELF ON FIRE

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**Watch the Video** [Knoxville Boy Burned after Accidentally Catching Self on Fire](#)



Knoxville Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Danny Beeler examines burned clothing from an 11-year-old boy who was rushed to a hospital Wednesday morning with burns over most of his body.

An 11-year-old North Knoxville boy on Wednesday was filling a cup with gasoline that spilled on him in his backyard before he lit a lighter, setting himself on fire. Xavier Graves was transported to the Burn Care Unit of Shriners Hospital for Children in Cincinnati, Ohio, after initially being taken to the University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville Police Department spokesman Darrell DeBusk said. He was listed in serious condition at the Shriners Hospital. Knoxville Fire Department Assistant Chief Danny Beeler said the boy hasn't

given a reason for filling a cup with gasoline that led to the 6:35 a.m. incident on Oakcrest Road off Dry Gap Pike. The boy's father and stepmother were home at the time. DeBusk said investigation determined that the boy was supposed to be on his way to his school bus stop at the time of the incident. "The boy ran from the backyard to the front where the garden hose was located," Beeler said. While running — and fanning the flames — the boy ripped off his backpack, Beeler said. "She (stepmother) heard him scream," Beeler said. "When she went out to the porch, he was ripping his clothes off and shooting water from the hose on himself." The incident was recorded by the home's surveillance system, Beeler said. The boy's condition was not available, but authorities said his injuries didn't appear life threatening. KPD Sgt. John Shelton described the boy's injuries as "burned over most of his upper body." "Officers reviewed a security video from the boy's residence showing the boy playing with a gas can and lighter in his backyard catching himself on fire," Shelton said. Fire Department Public Fire



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Education Officer Capt. Paul Trumpore said the agency has a Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program established under national guidelines to help children who show too much fascination with fire. There is no charge for the program. Trumpore has commanded the intervention program since 2003. Since then, he said 165 people ranging in age from three to college students have completed the program. He now has seven people in the program. "This is not a judgmental program, and not a punishment program; it's an educational program," Trumpore said. The program usually involves two visits of two hours each time to a child's home to educate the child about fire and escape routes in the home. In some cases, Trumpore said, more time can be added to accommodate a special case. If a child lives out of Knox County, Trumpore said he usually has the child come to his office at the Fire Department to conduct the program. "If a child sets a fire, there's a 47 percent chance the child will set another fire," Trumpore said. "For those who have been through the program, the national average shows a 7 percent recidivism rate." Trumpore said the recidivism rate for the people who have completed his program is 1.7 percent. Children can enter the program through juvenile court, school referrals, city and county fire investigators, counselors or concerned parents. Trumpore said parents concerned about their children and fire can call him at 865-595-4673. He said he's usually out working, so leave a message and he'll return the call. If an adult sees someone else's child playing with fire, Trumpore said to call 911 and fire officials will get the process started on evaluating the child for inclusion in the program. More details as they develop online and in Thursday's News Sentinel.

<http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2013/nov/06/11-year-old-knoxville-boy-severely-burned/>

### USA, N.C, NEWTON, NOVEMBER 7 2013. 2 INJURED WHEN SUV HIT BY TANKER TRUCK CARRYING ASPHALT

 **Watch the Video** [2 injured, SUV Hit by Asphalt Tanker Truck](#)



Two men have life-threatening injuries after their SUV was hit by a tanker truck, according to officials. It took firefighters and rescuers nearly 30 minutes to get both men out of the mangled SUV. "I heard the truck slam on its brakes and I heard a big metal boom," said witness Tonita Landers. Landers was on her back porch when she heard the crash. Police believe the driver of the SUV had pulled into the path of a tanker truck that was hauling 5,000 gallons of liquid asphalt. Rescuers cut the roof off the SUV to reach the two men inside. A helicopter landed in the middle of the highway to airlift one to the hospital. Officer Patrick Evans was sitting at the intersection when the accident happened right in front of his police cruiser that was covered with shards of glass from the impact. "It is very dangerous. It is very dangerous for people coming off of Burris. We've had a lot of bad wrecks. I've worked a lot of bad wrecks here," Evans said. Police said they've worked at least two fatalities at the intersection. They believe a traffic light would make it safer for drivers here trying to pull out onto the four lane highway. Channel 9 contacted the Department of Transportation by phone Wednesday afternoon and learned a regional traffic engineer has already studied the intersection and recommended extending the median to prevent cars from crossing here. The state already has allocated \$700,000 for the project, which could start next year. For those who live nearby, the sooner the work begins the better. "It's awful. I worry everyday that there is going to be more accidents," said neighbor Barbara Cloninger.

<http://www.wsocv.com/news/news/local/officials-2-injured-when-suv-hit-tanker-truck-carr/nbipC/>

### INDIA, MUMBAI, MAHUL, NOVEMBER 7 2013. OIL SPILL DESTROYS 30 ACRES OF MANGROVES, FISH OFF MAHUL COAST

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*A portion of the destroyed mangroves off the Mahul coast. Right: The leaking pipelines photographed on November 4, officials claim the 'keyhole' leak has been plugged; sceptical activists say the damage is already done.*

Crude oil leaking from an old pipeline at Mahul has destroyed thousands of mangroves and is killing fish along Mumbai's eastern coast, crippling the livelihood of local fishermen. The leaking pipe, situated right off the Mahul jetty, carries crude furnace oil from the sea to the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited refinery in Chembur. Activists conservatively estimated that between 20 to 30 acres of mangroves along a 2-kilometre stretch of the coast have been



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destroyed, adding that the chances of them growing back are remote. The extent of the damage, they said, may also spread. Fishermen's income has plummeted by more than 50 per cent in the last two months. A fisherman who sold up to Rs 15,000 of fish a week is now struggling to make even Rs 5,000. The crabs from Mahul creek are much sought after across Mumbai and are said to be the best in the city. While officials from the Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT) claimed they plugged the "pinhole leak" on October 29, activists said the scale of the leak was much larger. They added that the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has not taken any action though the pipe has been leaking for more than two months. "BPCL brought to our notice a small leakage in the pipeline and we clamped it immediately," said PMohanachandran, Secretary, MbPT. "It has been brought to my notice that fishermen had complained to BPCL about the leak. We have resolved the issue." BPCL said it sucked the oil off the coast and cleaned the coast. "Port officials plugged the leak and we assisted them," said a BPCL spokesperson. "We used gully suckers to suck the oil floating near the coast and used chemicals to absorb the oil." Activists, however, were sceptical about the official claims and said even if it was true the damage was already done. When these correspondents visited the area on Wednesday, a thick grey-black film of oil could still be seen on the water surface. The sand along the coast also wore a heavy coat of black sludge. "Thousands of mangroves have been burnt," said Seema Mahulkar, the local Congress corporator. "A thick layer of oil has settled on the water near the coast, where mangroves thrived. Since the oil was not removed in time, the entire area has been affected. The companies always pass the buck and delay clean-up operations." Fishermen said the oil keeps spreading wider whenever there is low tide. They said the fish are often dead in the water, and if they survive, stink very badly. "The catch stinks and the traces of oil on the fish are hard to remove," said Suryakant Vaity, president, Vanewale Macchi Mandal. "No one is willing to buy our catch. And if we keep offering bad catch in the market, we stand to lose our reputation and business as customers will start looking to other fishing communities." Vaity added that the oil leakage has affected their livelihood in more ways than one. "We now have to spend twice the regular amount to go deeper into the sea to catch fish unaffected by the leak," said Vaity. The fishermen said even their nets and boats are not spared by the slick. "When the contaminated water splashes on us, we get rashes," said Suresh Koli, a fisherman. "And our women now have to spend long ours in the market, which in turn affects their household chores." Stalin Dayanand of Vanshakti, an NGO that works for mangrove protection, said oil leaks are frequent along Mumbai's eastern coast as refineries empty waste from their refineries into the sea. "The companies do not keep a regular check on the exposed pipelines," said Dayanand. "Though mangroves are a highly protected plant species, regulatory agencies like MPCB let polluters go scotfree." Mangroves act as a buffer against the erosion of the coast and as a sponge that prevents flooding in the city. They are also a fertile ground for marine life. An August 2012 report by the Bombay Natural History Society said the presence of oil in the soil along the coast was preventing mangrove seeds from germinating. The report was submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Forests in June last year. "Mangrove seeds are getting contaminated because of the presence of oil in the soil," said a forest department official. "Mangrove seedlings will not survive due to the lack of oxygen in the soil for the roots. The oil will have to be cleaned up completely and fresh soil may also have to be added. The damage could have been controlled had the oil been removed before it mixed with the soil. When seedlings do not survive, it affects the entire ecology." Thirty Mahul fishermen had to shut operations for two months due to a spill in 2012. Only last week, BPCL paid them Rs 10 lakh in compensation. Last month, an ONGC pipeline started leaking, spilling 5,000 litres of crude oil into the Arabian Sea, which spread to over 10 km along the coastline.

<http://www.mumbaimirror.com/mumbai/cover-story/Oil-spill-destroys-30-acres-of-mangroves-fish-off-Mahul-coast/articleshow/25335468.cms>

### USA, TX, GREENVILLE, NOVEMBER 7 2013. OIL SPILL FORCES AT EAST TEXAS FAMILY TO EVACUATE

 **Watch the Video** [Oil Spill Forces at East Texas Family to Evacuate](#)

At least one East Texas family has evacuated their home after a small oil spill just north of Greenville. Plains All American Pipeline, the company that operates the pipeline, says a leak was detected in a piece of equipment attached to the pipeline. Before it could be patched, the leak caused around 10 barrels of crude oil to spray into the air. The oil also impacted a nearby home. According to Hunt County Emergency Management Coordinator Richard Hill, the pipeline break was reported at 11:39 p.m. Tuesday. The oil company says they working to clean up the oil and restore the area. The pipeline itself was not damaged and is currently in service. The incident occurred about six miles north of Greenville on Farm to Market Road 118 near County Road 4304.

<http://www.kltv.com/story/23897337/oil-spill-forces-at-east-texas-family-to-evacuate>



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### USA, FLA, ORLANDO, NOVEMBER 7 2013. OIA WORKERS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL AFTER FORMALDEHYDE EXPOSURE >> HAZMAT INCIDENT AT OIA (VIA WOFL FOX 35)

jerriann sullivan

 **Watch the Video** [Hazmat Incident at OIA](#)

Three Orlando International Airport workers were taken to the hospital after being exposed to formaldehyde this morning. Around 4:25 a.m. four workers noticed vapors coming from a bag in the security screening area of the checked baggage claim at OIA, spokeswoman Carolyn Fennell said. Inside the bag was a cracked bottle labeled formaldehyde, Fennell said. Orlando hazmat was called in to inspect the bag and the bottle while three of the four exposed workers were taken to a local hospital. While the hazmat team investigated the incident OIA officials moved the more than six miles of baggage claim to a different part of the airport, but have since reopened the area to travelers. Since the bag was found in a secured screening area that only employees have access to, travelers did not come into contact with the formaldehyde. Travelers were not being delayed because of the incident, Fennell said.

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/os-oia-vapors-hazmat-20131106.0.1596009.story>

### USA, OH, PAINESVILLE, NOVEMBER 7 2013. DANGER ON THE TRACKS: RAIL CARS LINKED TO EXPLOSIONS ROLL THROUGH NORTHEAST OHIO

 **Document** [2012 NTSB report on DOT-111](#)

 **Document** [American Association of Railroads: Tank Car Fast Facts](#)



*No federal law requires public disclosure of hazardous materials being carried on the rails.*

The rumble of train traffic is rising across the United States and here in Ohio. One reason: crude oil production. In 2009, freight trains carried approximately 31 carloads of crude a day. Today, that number has jumped to over 1,400. This is great news for the rail industry and for our economy. But safety advocates are sounding a warning over the type of rail car commonly used to transport products like crude oil and ethanol. They may have some serious safety flaws. Painesville's Heisley Park neighborhood is a stone's throw from tracks where freight trains roll by daily. "It's our neighborhood. It's where we are comfortable," says Teresa Keating. Six years ago Keating had just put one of her four children on the school bus when an eastbound CSX train derailed not far from her home. The train carried ethanol and other hazardous materials. Six of the tanker cars

ruptured, spilling their contents and catching fire. Keating and her family were given only minutes to get out. "Concern was for my son. We have a special needs son, and his supplies, his food, diapers. You can't just run to the store and grab his supplies," Keating recalls. They were among 1,400 people evacuated that day. But the Keatings and their neighbors were among the last of the evacuees allowed to return that week. Today, Teresa's biggest fears about the trains rumbling by her home center on the huge black tank cars and what they carry. She hopes they don't derail again. The DOT-111 has been called the "workhorse" of the American tanker car fleet. These non-pressure tanks make up roughly 69 percent of U.S. tank cars according to National Transportation Safety Board. They have been in use for decades and are recognizable for their soda can shape. But five times in 20 years, the NTSB has warned the DOT-111's design is unsafe. Specifically, in collisions and derailments their steel shell is vulnerable to puncture, fittings on top can rupture on impact, and the tanker's ends are prone to damage. The NTSB included chilling photos in the 2012 report. But the pictures pale in comparison to the images from Lac-Mégantic. This July, a runaway freight train loaded with crude oil derailed in the Quebec province. Forty-seven people died in the accident, and much of the town, once a popular tourist destination, burned to the ground. DOT-111's carried the oil. "They kind of remind me of the Ford Pinto," Bob Comer says. Comer has investigated rail accidents for 25 years for law firms and safety advocates. He says Northeast Ohio has good reason to worry about the increasing frequency with which DOT-111s pass through our neighborhoods. "They are running a lot more of these cars, because there is such a huge demand for the crude oil, ethanol and all these products," Comer points out. He says look no further than recent accidents involving DOT-111s in Ohio, such as the massive blast and chemical spill in Columbus in 2012. And in 2011, a train derailed in Arcadia, south of Toledo. DOT-111s broke open spilling 786,000 gallons of ethanol. So what is being done? The NTSB can only issue recommendations, not requirements. According to the Association of American Railroads, "railroads in general do not own rail



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tank cars. The vast majority are owned by leasing companies or rail customers to ship products." The U.S. Department of Transportation and Transport Canada issue federal regulations. The Association of American Railroads and the North American Tank Car Committee set industry standards. In 2011, a rail industry task force did issue new standards requiring DOT-111s adhere to improved standards that include, but are not limited to a thicker, a puncture-resistant shell and extra protective head shields at both ends of the tank car. These improvements are well-received within the industry. But according to the American Association of Railroads, 240,000 DOT-111s are in service today. Of those, only 60,000 are the newer models. Teresa Keating and her family have no plans to move farther away from the tracks. But, while they hope for the best, they worry and wonder what if there is a next time? "Bad things go through your head," Keating says.

<http://www.wkyc.com/story/news/investigations/2013/11/06/trains-dot-111/3313765/>

### INDIA, ANDHRA PRADESH, NOVEMBER 7 2013. CALL TO RAISE FUEL FLASHPOINT TO AVOID MAHABUBNAGAR-TYPE TRAGEDIES

The Union government must make it binding on oil companies to raise the flashpoint of diesel to safer levels to prevent loss of human lives in tragedies such as the recent one in Mahabubnagar, Andhra Pradesh, a consumer action group demanded on Tuesday. In the accident, 45 persons were burnt alive when the fuel tank of a bus went up in flames in the impact of a collision. Addressing a press conference, members of CONCERT Trust (Centre for Consumer Education, Research, Teaching, Training and Testing), said while many developed nations fixed higher flashpoints – the lowest temperature at which enough fluid can evaporate to become a combustible concentration – for transportation fuel, the tipping point for a mainstream fuel like diesel in India was only 35 degrees C. "The only reason why there is no action on this front in spite of frequent appeals is because oil companies are unwilling to change their refinery stage processes," said R. Desikan, founder-trustee of CONCERT and the Consumers Association of India (CAI). In a country like India where the average ambient temperatures are in the 30-40 degree C range for most of the year, it is verily unsafe to fix the flashpoint of automotive diesel at 35 degree C where in some other countries with colder climes it was as high as 65 degrees C, said N. Gopalaswami, trustee and former Chief Election Commissioner of India. According to CONCERT, experiments led by the Automobile Research Association of India, Pune, clearly established that a decrease in a fuel constituent like naphtha had a significant effect on the flashpoint of diesel. High naphtha fractions in low sulphur diesel increase conductivity and can be a matter of concern. In fact, diesel fuels in this country been shown by the ARAI study to have a 'Lambda' value (air to fuel vapour ratio) that makes them vulnerable to explosion in presence of ignition source when two vehicles collide. Pointing out that none of the oil companies was interested in investing in putting these findings to test at their refinery facilities, G. Rajan, CAI secretary general, said it appeared that they were against a higher flashpoint for diesel. Mr. Desikan also wondered why the government differentiated pricing of petrol and diesel as the gate-price of all petroleum by-products was the same in a country like the UK one penny was all the difference between a gallon of petrol and a gallon of diesel. CONCERT will also take up with Volvo company the jamming of the central locking system of the burning bus in Mahabubnagar that prevented passengers from escaping to safety. R. Santhanam, former additional Chief Secretary and Concert trustee, pointed to the dearth of vehicle testing centres to periodically assess road-worthiness of vehicles, especially public transport buses. Concert is ready to set up a model testing centre that can be replicated elsewhere in Tamil Nadu which has the highest accident rate in the country, he said. According to the activists, Pankaj Agarwal, Union Secretary, Consumer Affairs, had assured them that CONCERT's concept note and legislation framework for constituting a Consumer Products and Services Safety Authority mooted in 2005 would be re-considered.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/call-to-raise-fuel-flashpoint-to-avoid-mahabubnagartype-tragedies/article5320569.ece>

### USA, MN, ST PAUL, NOVEMBER 7 2013. TANKER OVERTURNS IN ST. PAUL PARK AFTER 1ST SNOWFALL

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 [Watch the Video Tanker OvertURNS in St. Paul Park after 1st Snowfall](#)

The first snow of the season made for a tricky commute Wednesday morning. A fuel tanker rolled in St. Paul Park. According to the St. Paul Park Fire Department, the tanker spilled less than 1,000 gallons of fuel onto the roadway. The fuel was spilled into a retaining pond, where it was easily cleaned up, according to officials. As of 3:30 p.m. the tanker was cleared from the roadway, and the cleaning of the roadway was almost completed.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/s2937908.shtml>



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