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AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, MURRUMBATEMAN, APRIL 3 2014. FUEL ISSUES AT MURRA CALTEX



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not wish comment as the Murrumbateman station was run independently. They understood water from recent heavy rain may have leaked into the station's tanks.

<http://www.yasstribune.com.au/story/2195585/fuel-issues-at-murra-caltex/?cs=1302>

USA, ORE, PENDLETON, APRIL 3 2014. DIESEL SPILL CLEANUP CLAIMS EASTERN OREGON HOUSE



An excavator tears down the roof of the farmhouse near a diesel spill cleanup site Tuesday north of Pendleton.

A century-old farmhouse has been demolished near Pendleton to allow workers to continue cleaning up almost 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel spilled in an accident last month. Members of the family that owns the Hill Ranches looked on Tuesday as two excavators tore down the house, the East Oregonian (<http://bit.ly/1ecO1nD>) reported. Fritz Hill reared two sons there and planted some of the trees surrounding the place. He appeared shaken and didn't want to comment. "This has been wearing on everyone, and today's the day," said his wife, Karen.

<http://goo.gl/fVhsSo>

USA, UT, GARFIELD CO, APRIL 3 2014. ANOTHER OIL LEAK REPORTED IN SOUTHERN UTAH >>NEWEST SPILL » CITATION OIL LEAK IN DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST IS NEAR THE ONE DISCOVERED IN GRAND STAIRCASE MONUMENT.

christopher smart

 **Photo's [4]** [Another Oil Leak Reported In Southern Utah](#)

Days after an unreported Citation Oil and Gas Corp. spill within the Grand Staircase came to light, the U.S. Forest Service announced Wednesday a second leak from the same company. The size of the spill in Dixie National Forest remains uncertain, according to Forest Service spokesman Joe Harris. He said the agency is unsure whether the leak exceeds 10 barrels, the prerequisite for a "reportable incident" under federal guidelines. But it could be much larger, Harris said. "We wanted to get this [information] out there," he said. "We aren't trying to hide anything." The spill was discovered by the Forest Service on March 24, but the company said it may be related to a repair made in November, Harris said. Recently, officials from the Bureau of Land Management reported another Citation Oil leak in Little Valley Wash within Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. It remains unclear how old that oil leak is. The Dixie National Forest abuts the national monument in southern Utah's Garfield County. The new leak is about 10 miles southwest of the town of Escalante and about 3 miles north of the Little Valley leak in the Upper Valley Oil Field, Harris said. Representatives of the Houston-based oil firm told Forest Service investigators that an undetermined amount of oil was released during the repair of a valve in November, according to a Forest Service statement. "The oil made its way under the snow to a pond that was directly downhill from the release," the statement said. "On several occasions since the release, Citation Oil personnel ignited and burned off the oil that had gathered on top of the pond and around the edges." Such burning is allowed under the operation plan for the oil field,



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according to the Forest Service. The preliminary investigation has found no evidence that the oil traveled beyond the pond, the agency officials said. The BLM and Forest Service are not adequately protecting public lands from the oil and gas industry, said Neal Clark of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance. "This, unfortunately, is another example of the agencies failing to protect public lands," Clark said. The federal agencies apparently lack the resources to provide oversight of oil and gas companies, Clark added. "If BLM and the Forest Service don't have the resources to protect our public lands, they shouldn't be leasing them." The Dixie National Forest is working with Citation Oil on a cleanup plan for the oil leak, according to Harris. The Forest Service is recommending that the water be removed from the pond, along with oil residues and contaminated soil in the area.

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/57765696-78/oil-forest-leak-service.html.csp>

USA, VA, MECKLENBURG CO, APRIL 3 2014. 11 PEOPLE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL AFTER HAZMAT SCARE

andy pederson & wayne covil

 **Watch the Video** [11 People Taken to Hospital after Hazmat Scare](#)

Eleven people were taken to the hospital after the wrong chemical was put in a tank at the Roanoke River Service Authority Water Treatment Works in Mecklenburg County. The 11 people include seven firefighters, one rescue crew member, two employees at the plant and a delivery driver. Some of people were taken to the hospital because they inhaled chemical fumes, others as a precaution. The HazMat incident has not affected the water supply in the county and the water is safe, authorities said. A tanker truck driver offloading chemicals at the plant accidentally put the wrong chemical in the wrong tank, authorities told CBS 6 senior reporter Wayne Covil. HazMat crews were called in to remove the chemical. Sheriff's deputies went door to door to tell people who live near the plant about the large number of fire and EMS crews in the area. The facility is located in the 5400 block of Route 1 in South Hill.

<http://wtvr.com/2014/04/02/mecklenburg-county-hazmat/>

USA, OH, HUBBARD, APRIL 3 2014. HUBBARD GAS STATION CITED FOR LEAKY TANK



The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has issued a notice of violation to the operator of a Hubbard gas station. Gasoline was detected leaking from an underground storage tank at the Sunoco station along Youngstown Hubbard Road on Tuesday. A spokesperson for the Ohio EPA says the gas station will be responsible for reimbursing the state for clean up costs. Crews used foam and vacuums to clean up fuel that collected in a storm sewer. Some of the gas also seeped into a tributary for Yankee Run. There have been no evacuations or road closures.

<http://www.wfmj.com/story/25146795/hubbard-gas-station-cited-for-leaky-tank>

USA, N.C, ALAMANCE CO, AORIL 3 2014. TANKER TRUCK OVERTURNS ON INTERSTATE 40-85; LANES CLOSED



Multiple lanes were closed on Interstate 40-85 Wednesday afternoon after a tanker truck carrying ethanol overturned. The crash was reported around 3:45 p.m. on the westbound side near Huffman Mill Road and mile marker 141. By 6 p.m., traffic was backed up about 8 miles. The crash closed all four westbound lanes, and traffic got by on the shoulder for about two hours after the crash. NCDOT officials estimated the road may not fully reopen until 10 p.m. Wednesday. A City of Burlington traffic camera showed the tractor-trailer lying on its side and blocking about two lanes. NCDOT said a possible detour was Alamance Road, Grand Oaks Boulevard and University Drive.

<http://www.wxii12.com/news/tanker-overturms-on-interstate-4085-lanes-closed/25288986>



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USA, N.C, BURLINGTON, APRIL 4 2014. TANKER OVERTURNS ON INTERSTATE, SPILLING ETHANOL, SNARLING TRAFFIC

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 **Photo's [3]** [Ethanol Tanker OvertURNS on Interstate](#)



Emergency crews work to clear ethanol off the interstate after a tanker overturned Wednesday afternoon. Traffic was rerouted through Burlington until the mess could be cleared, a time officials estimated would be around 8 p.m.

A tanker overturned Wednesday afternoon on Interstate 40/85, spilling hundreds of gallons of ethanol and causing westbound traffic to be rerouted through Burlington. The interstate remained closed through late Wednesday night. Detoured westbound traffic clogged Grand Oaks Boulevard and South Church Street well into the evening. According to the Burlington Fire Department, a truck hauling 7,600 gallons of ethanol overturned around 3:20 p.m. in an I-40 westbound lane, just before exit 141 at Huffman Mill Road. A strong odor permeated the air around the scene of the wreck. As of early Wednesday

evening, Deputy Chief Mike Willets was unsure what caused the accident, but believed it was a single-vehicle incident. The truck is owned by Hot-Z Transport. Willets said 300 gallons of ethanol leaked from the truck, though firefighters were able to contain it before the liquid could spread off the interstate. "They had the spill contained before it ran into any kind of storm drain or ditches," Willets said. The driver of the tanker, whose identity was unavailable Wednesday, was taken to a hospital with injuries, though it was unclear where he was taken or the extent of his injuries. The interstate was blocked at Alamance Road, and traffic in I-40 westbound and I-85 southbound lanes was rerouted from Alamance Road to Grand Oaks Boulevard, then onto University Drive before getting back onto the interstate at exit 140. Before cars were blocked from continuing at Alamance Road, residual traffic was forced to drive on the inside shoulder of the interstate to get past the scene of the accident, but was stopped for a period of time. As of 9 p.m., emergency officials remained on the scene waiting for an additional tanker, from Hepaco Inc., of Cary, to arrive and off-load the remaining 7,300 gallons of fuel, Willets said. He expected the process and additional cleanup to take up to two hours. In addition to Burlington firefighters, a hazardous materials regional response team from the Greensboro Fire Department was assisting in initial cleanup of the spill. Willets said the team, called RRT5, was installing a valve on the truck that would allow another tanker to come and offload the remaining 7,300 gallons of ethanol left inside. He said that process was expected to take around two hours. Firefighters used foam concentrate to "suppress the vapors of the ethanol," Willets said, adding that the vapors were flammable. "The foam is used to keep those vapors down to prevent any kind of fire from breaking out until they can get it cleaned up," he said. No fire resulted from the incident. The Department of Transportation's Incident Management Assistant Patrols also responded to the scene.

<http://www.thetimesnews.com/news/top-news/updated-tanker-overtURNS-on-interstate-spilling-ethanol-snarling-traffic-1.300072>

USA, PA, NEW SEWICKLEY TWP, APRIL 3 2014. GASOLINE MIXUP AT NEW SEWICKLEY STATION POSES RISK TO CUSTOMERS

rachel morgan

Customers who purchased off-road diesel fuel from Guy's Service Station on Deer Lane Extension between last Thursday and Monday should not use it due to a risk for explosion, officials said Wednesday. A warning was issued that any off-road diesel fuel purchased from Guy's could pose an explosion risk, especially if used for home heating, in kerosene heaters or diesel vehicles. Gasoline was mistakenly mixed into the diesel fuel tank during the delivery process, officials said. "Apparently they got a delivery of fuel and the delivery driver put gasoline into the diesel tank," said Det. Greg Carney of the New Sewickley Police Department. "It was the off-road diesel (tank) which would be for home heating, farm tractors, stuff like that. If you try to burn it in a diesel engine, it creates an explosive condition." Carney said they didn't know how many people purchased the gas but said the station's owner was attempting to get in touch with customers. "The owner is attempting to contact all the people that bought fuel from him and have them return it to his business today," he said. Customers are able to return the contaminated diesel fuel to Guy's. Contact the service station at 724-843-4390 or the New Sewickley Twp Police Department at 724-774-2473 with any questions.

http://www.timesonline.com/news/transportation/gasoline-mixup-at-new-sewickley-gas-station-poses-risk-to/article_e131c646-40b5-58af-b6a6-9f2a14e6ee0f.html



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USA, WI, HOWARD, APRIL 4 2014. ONE PERSON DEAD, ANOTHER INJURED AFTER TRUCK EXPLOSION IN HOWARD > THE TRUCK WAS CARRYING A COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS FUEL SYSTEM.

jeff flynt

 **Watch the Video** [1 Killed, 1 Injured In Howard Truck Explosion](#)

 **Photo's [4]** [1 Killed, 1 Injured In Howard Truck Explosion](#)



Emergency crews on the scene of a truck explosion in the village of Howard, Thursday, April 3, 2014.

Officials say one person is dead and another is hurt after a semi truck carrying heavy equipment exploded Thursday. The Brown County Sheriff's Department say it happened on Pamperin Road, near Grubber Road around 1:25 p.m. Authorities say the truck was carrying a compressed natural gas fuel system. Howard Public Safety Director Ed Janke says something shifted in the truck causing the system to detonate. The truck belongs to Ace Manufacturing Industries, which has two facilities near each other on Pamperin Road. It was driving from one of the facilities to the other at the time. The male driver was

pronounced dead at the scene. A male passenger was thrown from the vehicle and taken to an area hospital with critical injuries. In a statement late Thursday from Ace Manufacturing Industries co-owners Kelley Krouth and Brian Lakari, "First and foremost, our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of the truck driver who lost his life in this accident, as well as another worker who was injured. For privacy reasons, we are not releasing the names of those involved. We are a small and close-knit company and this has shaken and saddened all of us. We are fully cooperating with local authorities. Our second shift has been cancelled, but we will resume third shift operations." A number of businesses were either evacuated or asked to take cover in a safe area of their business while rescue crews addressed leaking fuels and removed the injured passenger. Howard Fire and Brown County Hazmat Teams secured the area so a Reconstruction Team could start to document the scene. Pamperin Rd. between Velp Ave. and Cornell Road will remain closed for several hours while the investigation continues.

Related Stories

- [1 Killed, 1 Injured in Howard Truck Explosion](#)
- [1 Dead in Howard Truck Explosion](#)

<http://wtaq.com/news/articles/2014/apr/03/semi-truck-carrying-natural-gas-explodes-in-howard-suamico-area/>

USA, ME, WINTERPORT, APRIL 4 2014. BREWER WOMAN CHARGED WITH OUI AFTER CRASHING CAR INTO FUEL TRUCK

dawn Gagnon

 **Photo's [4]** [Woman Charged with OUI after Crashing Car into Fuel Truck](#)



Maranda McCafferty, the driver of a sedan that collided with a fuel delivery truck, is checked by Maine State Police Trooper Desiree Wuthenow (left) and Trooper Jeremiah Wesbrock in Winterport on Wednesday.

A Brewer woman who crashed her car into a fuel delivery truck Wednesday has been charged with operating under the influence, a Maine State Police trooper said. Charged with OUI was 31-year-old Maranda McCafferty, according to Trooper Jeremiah Wesbrock. The crash happened shortly after 12:30 p.m. on Main Street, 12 minutes after area police received a complaint about an erratic driver heading south on Route 1A in Hampden, Wesbrock said. When she reached Winterport, McCafferty's Chrysler Sebring sideswiped a northbound VL Tammaro Oil Co. tanker truck driven by Darrin Lyon. Neither driver was injured, Wesbrock said. In addition to the OUI, McCafferty was charged with violating the conditions of her release from a prior arrest and distracted driving, the trooper said. He said McCafferty was reaching for her cell phone when she struck the truck. McCafferty was arrested and taken to Waldo County Jail, Wesbrock said. Wednesday's episode was not McCafferty's first brush with the law this year. In January, she was arrested by Brewer police after a traffic stop led to the



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discovery of Suboxone in her possession. McCafferty was a passenger in a vehicle that Officer Amy Nickerson had pulled over. The driver, who was not charged, had a suspended license and was on probation. Part of the driver's probation required a search of his residence, where McCafferty had been staying. Nickerson went to the residence with McCafferty and the driver. Once there, McCafferty said she had to go upstairs to change a baby diaper and Nickerson followed her, according to Moffitt. The officer waited until McCafferty was finished changing the diaper to question her. When Nickerson questioned the woman, spoons, needles, a pill bottle and a package of Suboxone dropped out of McCafferty's jacket onto the floor. McCafferty was charged with drug possession, possession of a hypodermic needle, falsifying physical evidence and possession of marijuana.

<http://bangordailynews.com/2014/04/02/news/bangor/brewer-woman-charged-with-oui-after-crashing-car-into-fuel-truck/?ref=polbeat>

USA, MN, LYLE, APRIL 4 2014. TRANSPORTATION TROUBLES CONTINUE TO PLAGUE LOCAL ETHANOL PLANTS

 **Watch the Video** [Transportation Troubles Plague Local Ethanol Plants](#)

An endless alley way of rail cars for as far as the eye can see, and each one filled with ethanol that is ready to go. "We ship primarily our ethanol by unit train to the east coast and Chicago, Albany, New York, New Jersey, but we also send product down into Atlanta to serve the southeast region," says Absolute Energy President, Rick Schwarck. The wheels of the rail cars stay locked as harsh winters and a backlog of traffic through Chicago creates a day-to-day problem for Canadian Pacific Railroad and their customers. "We had a stretch there where we were actually had to bring the entire plant down for 3 and a half days because we had no rail service and we were full," says Schwarck. As production slows, grain storage bins begin to fill which creates a trickle down effect that had farmers nervous weeks ago. "If they can't get that Ethanol delivered or whatever there going to require less corn, they don't need as much corn the prices will go down and the basis will widen and they will give us a lower price for our corn," said farmer Andy Bachman. It's like climbing a ladder; the farmers give to the ethanol plants, who give to the gas companies. They use it to lower the price of gas for commuters, but with a missing rung no one gets to the top. "It raises the price of the fuel. If the components cost more the ending product will cost more, but it is still cheaper than if there was nothing in it at all," says Schwarck. As the weather begins to warm up the cars may begin to move, but until then the east coast can expect to pay the price.

<http://www.myfox47.com/story/25149176/2014/04/02/transportation-troubles-continue-to-plague-local-ethanol-plants>

MALAYSIA, GUA MUSANG, APRIL 4 2014. PETROL TANKER BLAZE INJURES 11, DESTROYS VEHICLES

The damaged vehicles and stall can be seen after the blaze Wednesday night in Jalan Persiaran Raya Gua Musang.



Petrol that leaked from a tanker unloading fuel at a kiosk here last night ignited and caused a blaze that injured 11 people and destroyed a burger stall, four cars and three motorcycles, police said. One of the injured people, Muhamad Azman Hamat, 18, is in critical condition at the Raja Perempuan Zainab II Hospital in Kota Baru after he was badly burnt in the incident which occurred at 10.10pm at Jalan Persiaran Raya, said Gua Musang Police chief Supt Saiful Bahri Abdullah. The 10 other people who suffered burns had been admitted to the Gua Musang Hospital, he said, adding that they had been identified as Nor Azila Amira, 23, Nor Marisah Mhd Yusuf, 20, Nor Asyikin Mohd Salleh, 20, Mhd Shair Hafizi, 24, Mhd Zul Idzhar Akmal, 16, Tengku Ahmad Afqih Tengku Abdullah, 20, Sayang Nor Ilyani, 23, Mohamad Quizuel Hakim Bahri, 20, Siti Zabariah Idris, 53, and Mohd Ikhwan, 25. Saiful Bahri said the 11 people were eating at the burger stall in Dataran Kesedar Putra adjacent to the petrol kiosk where the tanker was unloading the fuel. Leaking petrol flowed from the kiosk to the row of food stalls there and the blaze was triggered by the fire at the burger stall, he said, adding that the fire spread quickly to the cars and motorcycles belonging to the traders and customers. He said the traders and customers ran helter-skelter to escape the blaze and the injured were taken by passers-by to hospital. Machang Fire and Rescue Service chief Che Rusli Che Sulaiman said 10 firemen rushed to the scene in a truck after the service was summoned at 10.16pm. The firemen arrived to be greeted by a loud explosion and saw the four cars and three motorcycles burning, he said. They doused the flames in 10 minutes and stopped it from spreading to the other food stalls, he added. Che Rusli said the damage had yet to be determined.

<http://www.themalaymailonline.com/malaysia/article/petrol-tanker-blaze-injures-11-destroys-vehicles>



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USA, TX, CORPUS CHRISTI, APRIL 4 2014. FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO LEAKING FUEL TANKER ON CORN PRODUCTS ROAD

 **Watch the Video** [Fire Department Responds to Leaking Fuel Tanker](#)

 **Photo's [4]** [Fire Department Responds to Leaking Fuel Tanker](#)



The Corpus Christi Fire Department responded to reports of a leaking fuel tanker at a business in the 800 block of Corn Products Road just after 8 a.m. Thursday. According to CCFD Captain James Brown, crews arrived to find that a fuel tanker that had been resting on some jack stands had fallen, causing one of the jack stands to puncture the tank. A combination of diesel fuel and gasoline leaked out of the tank. The owners of the business, Coastal Transport, said the tanker contained about 3,000 gallons of fuel. "Once we assessed the scene and started developing a plan of what we were going to do, it was basically monitor the air, make sure there wasn't any explosive conditions anywhere close by, and try to contain the leaking fuel within the property and put down some foam to kind of suppress the vapors," Captain Brown said. The

company immediately got to work transferring the fuel from the punctured tanker to another tanker. Upon completion, the cleanup process would be left in the hands of Coastal Transport. Captain Brown said surrounding businesses were notified and advised not to do anything that could produce a spark, just as a precaution. He added that the winds were helping to disperse vapors from the fuel, and foam was also sprayed on the fuel to help contain those flammable vapors. No injuries were reported in the incident.

<http://www.kiitv.com/story/25154995/fire-department-responds-to-leaking-fuel-tanker-on-corn-products-road>

USA, FLA, TALLAHASSEE, APRIL 4 2014. PETROLEUM CONTAMINATION SITES BILL PASSES WITH SUPPORT FROM SITE OWNERS, CONTRACTORS



Sen. Wilton Simpson explains his amendment to SB 1582 dealing with petroleum contamination sites. It allows station owners to hire their own contractors if it reduces the cost to the state by 25 percent.

A Senate bill that would require competitive bidding for state petroleum site cleanups cleared its second committee stop on Tuesday with an amendment that won support from site owners and cleanup contractors. In 2013, the Legislature passed budget language directing DEP to establish competitive bidding for 17,300 sites in the state cleanup program. The department developed bidding rules that were required to receive the full \$125 million in the FY 2013-14 state budget for cleanups. SB 1582 by Sen. Charlie Dean, R-Inverness, deletes sections of law dealing with the previous pre-approved contractor program and requires the competitive bidding program, which failed to pass last year as a separate Senate bill. Site owners and cleanup contractors had raised concerns

about the program and program overhaul last year. DEP Deputy Secretary Jeff Littlejohn on Wednesday again acknowledged there were "disruptions" associated with the cleanup program overhaul. The department expects to spend only \$110 million on cleanups and expects to carry over the remaining \$15 million. "The rules we have in place now govern all aspects of this program and deliver a better environmental result on taxpayer investment," he told the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government. The subcommittee approved an amendment by Sen. Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, allowing owners with 20 or more sites to use their own contractors if a 25 percent savings can be demonstrated for the state. A site owner could pay 25 percent of the cost or the contractor could cut its fees by 25 percent in exchange for cleaning up several sites, he said. "Either of those two options amount to a 25 percent savings for the Inland (Protection) Trust Fund -- and the taxpayers," Simpson said. "The power of mass purchasing," added Sen. Alan Hays, R-Umatilla and subcommittee chairman. The Florida Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association has been talking with DEP for the past six months and reached a good compromise, Ned Bowman, the association's executive director, told The Florida Current. Some gas station owners need contractors to work late at night when there are fewer customers, Bowman said. Simpson's office and DEP were helpful in arriving at a legislative solution. "I compliment them in working with industry, the legislature and executive branch to work through the program and all these issues," Bowman said. Phil Leary, lobbyist for the Florida Ground Water Association, told



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the subcommittee his group supported the amendment but he also expressed urgency towards cleaning up sites around the state. His group includes cleanup contractors and monitoring well drillers. "We strongly support the amendment," he said, "and look forward to DEP getting things moving because there has been hundreds of layoffs around the state as this program is being revamped." Both SB 1582 and the House companion, HB 7093, each have one more committee stop.

<http://www.thefloridacurrent.com/article.cfm?id=37071833>

USA, MT, ROOSEVOLT CO, POPLAR RIVER, APRIL 4 2014. WIDESPREAD CONTAMINATION OF DRINKING WATER FROM THE EAST POPLAR OIL FIELD IN MONTANA

A [new report](#) from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) documents serious drinking water contamination caused by oil production in Montana. This is the latest report from the USGS in an [ongoing investigation](#) of groundwater contamination in and near the East Poplar oil field. Researchers found that almost 18 square miles of the shallow aquifer in the study area is contaminated with brine (also known as "produced water") that is co-produced with oil. Produced water can be many times saltier than seawater and may also contain hydrocarbons, heavy metals, and naturally occurring radioactive material. These shallow aquifers are the only source of drinking water in the area. The contamination has impacted both private drinking water wells and public water supply wells for the city of Poplar. All told, the USGS estimates that anywhere from 15-37 billion gallons of groundwater is contaminated with brine, compromising the groundwater supplies of about 3,000 people. As a result, the city of Poplar, headquarters of the Fort Peck Tribal government, had to build a pipeline to bring in drinking water from the Missouri River. Oil production from the East Poplar oil field has been occurring for over 50 years. USGS researchers found that concerns about groundwater contamination were documented going back to the 1950s and contamination was actively occurring at least as late as 2001. Possible sources of contamination identified in the report include pits, pipelines, storage tanks production wells, and brine disposal wells. However, researchers found that it is often not possible to pinpoint a single source, "...because several features commonly are co-located." The contaminated plumes of water have been migrating over time, spreading the contamination. Contamination of groundwater with brine is one of the most commonly cited environmental impacts of oil and gas production. This type of contamination can be extremely financially and technologically difficult to remediate, if not impossible. The shoddy practices and lax oversight that led to the pollution of the drinking water of thousands of people cannot be allowed to continue. Oil and gas resources must be more responsibly developed, in ways that respect human life and the environment. The price of oil cannot be the loss of clean drinking water.

http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/bmordick/widespread_contamination_of_dr.html

USA, NV, FALLON, APRIL 4 2014. REFINERY CITED IN EXPLOSION



This scene is about 300 yards from an incident command post set up by the Churchill County Sheriff's Office.

A Fallon refinery was cited for a Dec. 9 explosion that resulted in injuries to one of its employees. Three citations were issued to Bango Refining carrying penalties of up to \$20,790 for violating Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Administration general industry standards. According to the state, refinery workers were attempting to restore flow to an asphalt recycle line that had become sluggish due to sub-zero temperatures. Several methods were employed to heat the line including application of plant steam inside the line. The use of a weed burner-style propane tank and torch for direct external heat, a method not prescribed in the company's standard operating instructions, was also employed, according to the report. A blast and subsequent fire that rocked Bango critically injured 24-year-old Daniel Snodgrass of Fallon. "It is suspected that plant steam applied inside the frozen line was redirected into the hot asphalt tank, which

created steam pressure in excess of tank design," the report said. "The result was the dislocation of the asphalt tank-top cover which propelled hot liquid asphalt and other combustible products into the air, raining down on the employee using the torch below. The employee dropped the lit torch, turned, and attempted to run before he slipped and fell forward into the pooling hot asphalt. A fire ensued and all other employees were able to evacuate without injury." A comprehensive investigation of the accident was initiated to determine whether there was a violation of Nevada OSHA safety and health standards or the general duty clause, and any effect the violations had on the accident.

<http://www.recordcourier.com/news/10866207-113/asphalt-tank-hot-refinery>



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INDIA, TAMIL NADU, KAYALPATTI, APRIL 4 2014. NO ONE INJURED >> EXPLOSION IN CRACKER MAKING FACTORY

Explosive chemical used for making crackers burst into flames and razed to ground the store room at a private fireworks factory at Kayalpatti in the district today. Police said no one was injured. The workers who were mixing the chemicals saw smoke coming from the "highly dried chemical" and left the room. Soon the chemical exploded and the shed and store room were brought down in the impact.

http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/explosion-in-cracker-making-factory-no-one-injured-114040301391_1.html

USA, KY, PIKEVILLE, APRIL 4 2014. CRUDE OIL STORAGE TANK SPILLS IN EASTERN KY.

Workers in eastern Kentucky are trying to clean up thousands of gallons of crude oil that has spilled into a tributary of the Big Sandy River. Pike County Emergency Management Director Doug Tackett says a landslide broke the piping off a storage tank sometime overnight, releasing the oil inside the tank into the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy. He says an estimated 4,200 gallons spilled from the tank. Tackett says the spill is downstream from Pike County's water intake valves and the water supply isn't affected. An environmental cleanup company has been brought in, and WCHS-TV in Charleston, W.Va., says officials believe the spill can be cleaned up with booms that float on the water and collect oil.

<http://www.seattlepi.com/news/science/article/Crude-oil-storage-tank-spills-in-eastern-Ky-5374455.php>

USA, FLOYD CO, BETSY LAYNE, APRIL 4 2014. OIL SPILL THREATENS WATER COMPANIES

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Workers with Marathon Petroleum and Kinzer Drilling work to deploy an absorbent boom in the Big Sandy River. Vacuum trucks were used to skim oil.

A Thursday morning oil spill into the Big Sandy River is expected to lengthen a water outage in the Right Beaver area and could expand it to Left Beaver, while water officials in Prestonsburg are keeping a close eye on the river and preparing for an emergency shutdown. The spill happened just inside the Pike County line, at Harmon's Branch. Doug Hyden, with Kinzer Drilling, which owns the property where the spill occurred, said a landslide knocked a line loose from a storage tank, causing a spill of 75 barrels, or 3,150 gallons. "I was notified around 8 a.m.," Hyden said. "By 8:30, we had personnel on the scene creating dams to try to contain the oil." Hyden said that, while some oil did get into the river, he believes most of it was contained before it got that far. "I know we still have a lot of oil where we're at, so not a lot of it made it to the river," Hyden said.

Peter Goodman, director of the state Division of Water, corroborated Hyden's account. "Some of the oil made it to the Levisa Fork, but most of it is still in Harmon's Branch," Goodman said. Goodman said two underflow dams were built to contain the oil, and two vacuum trucks and absorbent booms were deployed to trap the oil and skim it from the water's surface. Goodman could not say whether Kinzer would face any penalties as a result of the spill, saying the cleanup was the first priority. "That's something we'll address a few days down the road," Goodman said. Goodman and Doug Tackett, with Pike County Emergency Management, said the spill itself should not pose much risk to humans, but it could cause problems for fish and wildlife. Goodman also said there was no immediate danger of the oil igniting and that the public was in "no immediate danger." At noon, Thursday, the spill had slowly made its way near Betsy Layne, due to the slow speed of a low river, and work crews were busy trying to clean the spill before it caused problems for water companies. "They're working now on getting booms in the river to corral it and soak it up," Tackett said. For Southern Water and Sewer District, the news only added another headache to an already problematic week. Dean Hall, assistant general manager with Southern, said the utility had just completed repairs to a water line break that had knocked out water to the Right Beaver area for two days, when they received news of the spill. Now, the utility is keeping its intake shut down, which could delay restoration to Right Beaver "for another day or two" and could lead to outages in the Left Beaver area, as well. Hall said the shutdown was regrettable, but unavoidable, due to the impact the spill could have on the water system. "We've been told by the Division of Water, if that [oil] gets in our system, it will be another West Virginia," Hall said, referring to Elk River chemical spill that knocked out water to 300,000 customers across nine counties. Hall said if oil got into Southern's intake, "We could be without water for a month." Prestonsburg City's Utilities Manager David Ellis said shortly before noon Thursday said all his office could do at that time was



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to wait and watch. He said crews had been stationed several miles above the utility's intake — which is downriver of the Southern intake — to monitor progress of the spill. "If we see it coming, we'll just shut it down until it passes," Ellis said. He added that should not prove to be a problem for water customers, because, "We have plenty of storage."

http://www.floydcountytimes.com/news/breaking_news-home_top-news/3235885/Oil-spill-threatens-water-companies

USA, N.Y, CHAMPLAIN, APRIL 4 2014. ETHYL ALCOHOL SPILL AT CHAMPLAIN BORDER CROSSING >> CANADIAN TRUCK LEAKS HAZARDOUS LIQUID

 **Watch the Video** [Flammable Liquid Spills by Border](#)

 **Photo's [11]** [Crews Responding to a Flammable Liquid Spill at the Champlain Port of Entry.](#)



A truck operated by a Canadian based trucking company was coming from Canada on its way to New Jersey when it spilled hazardous liquid. Police said the truck and driver had all the proper paperwork and license to transport flammable materials. The truck had many different substances inside of it. "The mixture of the chemicals -- it is a hazardous material and that's why we have the clean-up crew here. We do have DEC [Department of Environmental Conservation] here. They do have a rep coming back up and that's how the determination was made," said Champlain Fire Chief Pete Timmons. It took crews nearly 8 hours to figure out the exact substance that leaked from the truck. The fluid was ethyl alcohol, a highly flammable substance used in hair dye. The truck was stopped at just about the last checkpoint that all commercial vehicles go through as they cross the border and because of that, crews decided to reroute all traffic including passenger cars for about four hours. "With a hazmat

incident we have to evacuate 150 feet, according to the shipment papers from what the driver had," said Timmons. Despite the spill, not all of the contents in the truck were tainted. According to the Champlain fire chief, the company has plans to get those materials on to New Jersey. "The driver is out of hours and he can't drive anymore, and we have to clean the truck up, so the company has another trailer coming in and we have a machine coming in from Vermont to swap the loads to another truck," said Timmons.

<http://www.wptz.com/news/vermont-new-york/plattsburgh/ethyl-alcohol-spill-at-champlain-border-crossing/25305120>

USA, N.M, ALBUQUERQUE, APRIL 4 2014. INSPECTORS RE-ENTER NEW MEXICO NUCLEAR WASTE SITE AFTER LEAK

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Inspectors ventured into an underground nuclear waste disposal vault in New Mexico on Wednesday to begin an on-site investigation of a radiation leak nearly seven weeks ago that exposed 21 workers and forced a shutdown of the facility. The mission by experts from the company that manages the site marked the first time since the mishap that workers have been sent deep into the salt caverns of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, where drums of plutonium-tainted refuse from nuclear weapons factories and laboratories are buried. The unexplained leak of radiation, a small amount of which escaped to the surface, ranked as the worst accident and one of the few blemishes on the plant's safety record since it opened in 1999. Located about 25 miles east of Carlsbad, New Mexico, in the Chihuahuan Desert, the facility is the nation's only permanent repository for the U.S. government's stockpile of nuclear waste, much of it left over from the Cold War era. The waste, including discarded machinery, clothing and other materials contaminated with plutonium or other radioisotopes heavier than uranium, are sealed in chambers carved into salt formations more than 2,100 feet beneath the desert surface. The plant has been closed to further deliveries of waste since February 14, when an air-monitoring system detected an unexplained release of radiation underground. Although an alarm automatically switched the ventilation system to filtration to keep radiation from spreading, trace amounts of manmade isotopes such as americium-241, a byproduct of nuclear weapons manufacturing, were measured at the surface. Testing of workers at the site, all of whom were above ground at the time, showed that 21 were contaminated, though managers of the plant said the level of exposure was too low to pose any health risks.

Source of Leak Undetermined

The U.S. Department of Energy and the contractor that runs the repository, Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC, have said there was no threat to the public or environment. The source of the radiation leak has not been determined, but a DOE spokesman at the agency's Carlsbad office, Ben Williams, said one theory is there might have been a structural collapse at one of the



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compartments, or panels. Experts suspect the release was most likely to have originated in one compartment, Panel 7, where material had recently been added, Williams said. The mishap came two weeks after a truck caught fire at the plant in an accident in which several workers suffered smoke inhalation. Plant officials have said the two incidents were not related. Additional radiation sensors lowered into access shafts of the cavern since early March indicated no further radiation leaks in the surrounding air, paving the way for the re-entry by inspectors on Wednesday afternoon. An eight-member inspection team consisting of radiological and mine-safety experts descended by elevator to the underground interior of the plant to establish a base of operations and measure radiation levels, DOE spokeswoman Carrie Meyer said. They found there was no airborne contamination, the DOE said in a news release. A second team went underground 30 minutes later, the agency said. Inspectors were dressed in protective gear and special lapel monitors to measure personal exposure for their limited time spent in the storage facility. "Today's efforts were a critical first step toward future entries that will expand the clean base of operations and allow workers to travel further into the mine to identify the suspected source of the radiological release," Williams said.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/sns-rt-us-usa-nuclear-newmexico-20140402.0.7080323.story>

CANADA, ALBA, GRANDE PRAIRIE, APRIL 4 2014. ONE INJURED IN TANKER TRUCK ROLLOVER



Emergency workers attend to the scene of a tanker truck rollover on Highway 40, about 30 kilometres south of Grande Prairie, Alberta at 11:30 p.m. on April 2, 2014. One of the trailers appear to have become detached and ended up on the other side of the road from the rest of the truck.

The driver of a tanker truck was injured in a single-vehicle rollover on Highway 40 south of Grande Prairie Tuesday night. RCMP say the loaded tanker truck was travelling north on Highway 40 approximately 25 kilometres south of Grande Prairie around 10 p.m. when the tanker became detached and the tractor unit rolled several times. The driver was picked up by a passerby and transported to hospital for treatment. Policed closed one lane of the highway until early morning for crews to deal with leaking fluid and debris from the rollover. The cause of the

roll-over is still under investigation.

<http://www.dailyheraldtribune.com/2014/04/03/one-injured-in-tanker-truck-rollover>

SIERRA LEONE, MADINA CHENDACOM, LUNSAR TOWN, APRIL 4 2014. 6 DEAD IN TOTAL TANKER EXPLOSION

mohamed kabba



Six unidentified people were burnt beyond recognition in an inferno caused by an explosion when a Total Fuel Tanker loaded with 23, 000 litres of petrol collided with a DAF Container truck along the Lunsar-Makeni highway claiming the life of the Tanker driver at the scene. The DAF truck with registration number AJB 619 was heading towards Makeni was loaded with 500 bags of sugar from the Magbass Sugar Company reportedly collided with the tanker with registration number AIK 799 that was heading towards Freetown. The collision took place 4 miles from Lunsar town at Madina Chendacom. According to eye witnesses the tanker was going down a hill when the vehicle had a flat tire. The witnesses said the driver was struggling to put the tanker under control as he negotiated a curve and that it was during this struggle that it collided

head-on with the oncoming DAF. Five people including the driver of the Tanker were caught in the inferno ignited by the heavy impact and explosion when the tanker hit the road. The driver of the DAF truck died later on in hospital in Makeni. The Sierra Leone Fire Force from Lunsar reportedly struggled to put the fire under control and by the time they so did, the two vehicles were completely burnt and the bodies burnt beyond recognition. The bodies were put in body bags and conveyed to the Makeni Government Hospital. In an exclusive interview with John Kabia, a licensed Mechanical Engineer said most road accidents across the country are caused by over speeding, poor roads construction, poor vehicle maintenance and reckless and careless driving.

<http://awoko.org/2014/04/03/sierra-leone-news-6-dead-in-total-tanker-explosion/>



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USA, WA, PLYMOUTH, APRIL 4 2014. GAS LEAK STOPPED AT PLYMOUTH PLANT

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 **Watch the Video Gas Leak Stopped at Plymouth Plant**

KEPR is continuing to follow the gas plant explosion that sent five people to the hospital Monday. A leak is now stopped at the base of the tank that was ruptured. There is still vapor escaping from another hole. It's not yet clear what cause the pipeline to explode in the first place, damaging the tank at the natural gas plant in southern Benton County. It could take up to a month to complete the investigation. "We want to do a thorough investigation, so we're doing very carefully a lot of fact-finding. We don't have any definite timelines. We will determine what happened, but it's going to take several weeks if not longer," said Williams Northwest Pipeline spokesperson Michele Swaner. The facility remains offline, and workers have not determined yet whether the inner wall of the tank was breached.

<http://www.keprtv.com/news/local/Gas-leak-stopped-at-Plymouth-plant-253657001.html>

CANADA, N.S, HALIFAX, APRIL 4 2014. FEDS PENALIZED FOR 2011 SPILL IN HALIFAX HARBOUR >> DND TO DONATE \$27,500 TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH

steve bruce



Marine diesel fuel was discharged from HMCS Preserver into Halifax Harbour in 2011.

The Defence Department has been fined \$1 and ordered to donate \$27,500 to environmental research efforts after accepting responsibility for a Halifax Harbour fuel spill three years ago. An estimated 14,000 litres of marine diesel fuel was discharged from HMCS Preserver in the early-morning hours of March 16, 2011, while the supply ship was taking on a load of fuel at the Imperial Oil jetty in Dartmouth. The Defence Department pleaded guilty in February to a Fisheries Act charge of depositing a deleterious substance into the harbour and was sentenced Wednesday in Halifax provincial court. Judge Bill Digby accepted a

joint recommendation from lawyers and ordered the department to give \$20,000 to the Coastal Research Network and \$7,500 to the Environmental Damages Fund. The Coastal Research Network is administered by the marine affairs program at Dalhousie University in Halifax. The Environmental Damages Fund is run by the regional director of Environment Canada. The fund makes money available to non-governmental agencies for research projects. Crown attorney Paul Adams told the court that a technical investigation conducted by the military determined the spill was caused by a defective valve on the supply ship's grey-water line, a waste discharge pipe that runs through the main fuel tank. Once the vessel's fuel tank was loaded to the point that the valve on the waste discharge pipe was submerged, the diesel fuel flowed into that line through the valve and was discharged overboard. Between 9,500 and 12,000 litres of the fuel was contained and subsequently recovered using various means, including booms, absorbent pads and skimmers. The remainder of the fuel, an estimated 2,000 to 4,500 litres, was dispersed into the harbour. Preserver had just been returned to the Royal Canadian Navy the day before after undergoing a refit at the Irving-owned Halifax Shipyard, Adams said. The refit contract called for work to be done on that section of the grey-water line and for Defence Department staff to inspect the repairs upon completion. But that inspection wasn't carried out, Adams said, because staging adjacent to the vessel was removed before the Defence Department was notified that the repairs were complete. If the required inspection had been done, the technical report said, "it is entirely likely that the valve defect would have been discovered." The report said the Defence Department "should have recognized the importance of this drain system, given its location and potential to cause a fuel spill, and should have mandated that Irving Shipbuilding Inc. replace the staging or conduct a pressure test of the drain line." The risk of fuel discharges resulting from having a drainage line run directly through a diesel fuel tank was apparent, the federal prosecutor said. The technical report also noted that the same waste drainage pipe configuration had led to a fuel spill on the navy's other supply ship, HMCS Protecteur, in 2007. As a result of the "remarkably similar" circumstances of the two spills, the report recommended that the grey-water line be reconfigured and that all future refit contracts "specifically mandate a visual inspection and pressure testing of all drain systems which penetrate fuel tanks." Lawyer David Bright, who represented the Defence Department, said the "unfortunate experience" wouldn't have occurred if the work had been done by the shipyard as required. "This is a professional shipyard that is supposed to do professional work. It wasn't done, according to the navy, and the consequences weren't good for the environment or anyone else." Bright said there was no significant damage to the shoreline from the spill, and no fish or birds appear to have been killed. He said the Queen's harbourmaster spent \$56,000 on the cleanup, while the navy's bill was about



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\$169,000. Preserver revised its fuelling procedures after the incident, the lawyer said, and now carries its own prevention boom.

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/metro/1197627-feds-penalized-for-2011-spill-in-halifax-harbour>

USA, MA, FITCHBURG, APRIL 4 2014. DRIVER WANTS FITCHBURG STATION TO COVER DAMAGES GAS TANK FILLED WITH WATER >> FLYNN SAID \$1,900 IN DAMAGE DONE TO CAR

 **Watch the Video** [Water in gas pump did \\$1,900 in damage to car](#)

A fill-up at a Fitchburg gas station has proved to be very costly for one motorist. Dan Flynn said he's been having a tough time getting the Sunoco Mart gas station to pay for damages after putting 14 gallons of water from a diesel pump into his Volkswagen Jetta. Flynn said when he told station manager Dhaval Patel what happened, the manager signed a note promising to cover all the damages. But as of right now, Flynn is still out the \$1,900 he spent on repairs. "(Patel) will not give me the owner's phone number. He's the only one I am in contact with at this time and he will not provide me with the insurance information," Flynn said. Flynn said neither he nor his insurance company have what they need to file a claim. The manager admits it's taking some time, but he is not the person who deals with insurance issues. "I told him once I get the information on my end, I will personally call him up," Patel said. The Sunoco said they still don't know how water got into their diesel tank, but that a company has been hired to fix it. Undersecretary of Consumer Affairs Barbara Anthony said while this is an isolated incident, inspectors are monitoring the situation very carefully

<http://www.wcvb.com/news/driver-wants-fitchburg-station-to-cover-damages-gas-tank-filled-with-water/25298982#!CHJ8y>

USA, WI, HOWARD, APRIL 4 2014. 1 PERSON DEAD, ANOTHER INJURED AFTER TRUCK EXPLODES NEAR EASTERN WISCONSIN INDUSTRIAL PARK

One person was killed and another seriously injured after a truck exploded Thursday near an industrial park in eastern Wisconsin. The box-style truck slowed to turn into a driveway in the village of Howard at about 1:25 p.m. Thursday when the load shifted forward and pierced the truck's compressed natural gas fuel system, causing it to explode, according to the Brown County Sheriff's Office. Lt. Kevin Wickman said the male driver died at the scene. A male passenger was thrown from the vehicle and taken to an area hospital with critical injuries. Some of the nearby businesses were evacuated or employees asked to take cover while rescue crews looked into leaking fuels and removed the injured passenger. The trailer attached to the truck was blown apart by the force of the explosion, Press-Gazette Media reported. The truck is owned by Ace Manufacturing Industries Inc., which is located near the explosion. Kevin Lindner, who lives about a mile from the scene, told Press-Gazette Media he heard a boom while he was watching a baseball game and knew it wasn't thunder. "It was loud enough it made my heart shudder," he said.

<http://www.therepublic.com/w/WI--Truck-Explosion>

SWITZERLAND, GENEVA, APRIL 4 2014. NEW IRU GUIDELINES ON FUEL THEFT

To address the rising issue of fuel theft in commercial transport, the International Road Transport Union (IRU) has unanimously adopted new guidelines for road transport operators based on monitoring, prevention and reporting, and recommended their immediate implementation. The guidelines highlight the importance of having a fuel inventory, as well as comparing vehicle usage records to the amount of fuel used. Moreover, active monitoring enables transport operators to rapidly identify when a theft has occurred. In order to prevent fuel theft, the guidelines recommend:

- Regular use of secure parking – As many thefts happen in unsecured parking areas, "defensive parking" is strongly advised, which includes locating and using secure parking areas, available through the IRU's TRANSPark app.
- Use of fuel theft devices – Aftermarket products can make vehicle fuel tanks less vulnerable, including locking fuel caps, anti-siphon devices and a device linked to the vehicle alarm that monitors the fuel tank and sounds if there is a sudden drop in the fuel level without the engine running.
- Installation of security lighting – Road transport companies are advised to install effective security lighting on company premises to make certain areas safer, as well as parking vehicles in a way that allows clear visibility of fuel tanks at night, for passers-by, neighbours and the police.
- Post appropriate security signage – Displaying visible signs that indicate the use of video surveillance or any other form of security, is one of the most effective forms of security according to scientific studies.

Finally, the guidelines highlight the importance of reporting fuel theft to the police and insurance companies. This serves the dual function of identifying national hotspots, which can lead to an increase in prosecution, and also increases awareness in



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areas if reports are sent to the local press. Commenting on the new guidelines, IRU Secretary General, Umberto de Pretto, said, "Adopting them was the easy part. The real work is now ahead of us, which means helping raise awareness in the industry, so that road transport operators everywhere can effectively take action and put a stop to fuel theft."

<http://www.hgvuk.com/04/03/new-iru-guidelines-on-fuel-theft/>

USA, ARK, LITTLE ROCK, APRIL 4 2014. \$3.1 MILLION SETTLEMENT REACHED IN 2012 DERAILMENT

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Paducah & Louisville Railway and other agencies involved in a 2012 train derailment that caused a chemical spill in southwest Jefferson County will pay residents who live within five miles of the spill more than \$3 million as part of a preliminary settlement reached Wednesday. But the agreement would not be an admission of wrong-doing or an indication that any law was violated, court records say. The company told the Federal Railroad Administration last year that a broken rail was to blame for the Oct. 29, 2012 derailment of 13 P&L railway cars carrying thousands of gallons of dangerous chemicals. The wreck near West Point caused mass evacuations of people living nearby and travel on Dixie Highway was shut down or restricted for nearly a month. The derailment was followed two days later by an explosion that seriously injured three workers and an ensuing fire that burned for several days. A lawsuit filed in 2012 asks for damages and expenses for about 900 residents evacuated from West Point, as well as hundreds of other residents in Hardin and Jefferson counties within 1.2 miles of the derailment site. The complaint says the first evacuation lasted about five days and those affected by the evacuation order had to stay in hotels or with relatives — many without adequate clothing or food. The suit also asks for compensation for a second evacuation that affected 31 homes. It alleges that the chemicals released by the derailment, including butadiene, hydrogen fluoride and styrene, are highly flammable and "ultra hazardous" and could lead to illnesses with side effects to the respiratory and reproductive systems and to the central nervous system. In addition to Paducah & Louisville Railway, the suit names CSX Transportation Inc. of Arkansas; R.J. Corman Railroad Group of Nicholasville; and the Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health, North Little Rock, Ark. Both sides worked with a mediator, and the offending parties will tentatively dole out \$3.1 million to affected residents. People who lived in or owned property in an area that includes land within five miles of the derailment between October 29 and December 31, 2012 are included in the settlement. The settlement, filed Wednesday, still needs a judges approval, according to court records. Jasper Ward, an attorney for the residents, did not return a message left on his cell phone seeking comment Wednesday night.

<http://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/local/2014/04/02/million-settlement-reached-derailment/7225445/>

USA, WASHINGTON DC, APRIL 4 2014. "HUGE CLEANUP BILL": U.S. REACHES RECORD \$5.15B ENVIRONMENTAL SETTLEMENT

The U.S. government on Thursday reached a \$5.15 billion settlement with Anadarko Petroleum Corp., the largest ever for environmental contamination, to settle claims related to the cleanup of thousands of sites tainted with hazardous chemicals for decades. The bulk of the money - \$4.4 billion - will pay for environmental cleanup and be used to settle claims stemming from the legacy contamination. The settlement resolves a legal battle over Tronox Inc., a 2005 spinoff of Kerr-McGee Corp., a company Anadarko acquired in 2006. Kerr-McGee, founded in 1929, left behind a long legacy of environmental contamination: polluting Lake Mead in Nevada with rocket fuel; leaving behind radioactive waste piles throughout the territory of the Navajo Nation; and dumping carcinogenic creosote in communities throughout the U.S. East, Midwest and South at its wood-treating facilities. The company, rather than pay for the environmental mess it created, decided to shift the liabilities between 2002 and 2006 into Tronox. Kerr-McGee, meanwhile, kept its valuable oil and gas assets. "Kerr-McGee's businesses all over this country left significant, lasting environmental damage in their wake," said Deputy Attorney General James Cole. "It tried to shed its responsibility for this environmental damage and stick the United States with the huge cleanup bill." The settlement releases Anadarko from all claims against Kerr-McGee. "This settlement ... eliminates the uncertainty this dispute has created,



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and the proceeds will fund the remediation and cleanup of the legacy environmental liabilities," said Anadarko CEO Al Walker. The U.S. initially sought \$25 billion to clean up decades of contamination at dozens of sites. A U.S. bankruptcy judge in New York in December found Kerr-McGee had improperly shifted its environmental liabilities to Tronox and should pay between \$5.15 billion and \$14.2 billion, plus attorney's fees. After the settlement's announcement, Anadarko's stock rose 15 percent, to \$99.43.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/anadarko-settlement-us-reaches-record-515-billion-environmental-settlement/>

USA, MS, NEW ALBANY, APRIL 4 2014. FIRE, EXPLOSION AT NEW ALBANY BIOFUELS PLANT RULED ACCIDENTAL

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Ash smolders at the JNS Biofuels facility near New Albany on Jan. 23. The state fire marshal identified a thermal oil heater or pump used in the distillation process to produce biodiesel as the likely cause.

The state fire marshal has ruled as an accident the January fire and explosion at JNS Biofuels plant near New Albany. The report was released Wednesday. The Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal reports the fire marshal found the likely cause of the incident was a problem with a thermal oil heater or pump used in the distillation process to produce biodiesel. However, investigators couldn't determine an exact cause for the fire and subsequent explosions because of extensive

damage to the area of the blast. The estimated damage to property and contents was \$3.5 million. Most of the damaged equipment has been removed from the site, and crews have been seen working there. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality says it has had discussions with JNS, "but they have not applied" for permits to resume production, said spokesman Robbie Wilbur. "In addition, we would need specifics on the facility to determine what permits would be needed," Wilbur said. The JNS Biofuels plant used chicken fat, soybean oils and other oils to produce B100 biodiesel. It was equipped to store 8,000 gallons of methanol, 37,000 gallons of glycerin, 46,000 gallons of feedstock oil, 8,000 gallons of sodium methylate and 2,000 gallons of fuel oil. According to the fire marshal's report, JNS employee Jimmy Clowers walked out to take a sample from one of the chicken fat container tanks. Clowers heard a hissing sound around 5:45 a.m. and saw an orange glow from one of the chicken fat tanks. While he didn't see a fire, he told investigators he knew the glow was a fire. He then ran to a trailer where another JNS employee, James Rhodes, was sleeping and woke him up. As they ran, the plant exploded. The men were not injured, and no other injuries were reported. The fire spread to the other tanks, and two explosions later followed the initial blast.

<http://www.clarionledger.com/viewart/20140403/BIZ/304030041/Fire-explosion-New-Albany-biofuels-plant-ruled-accidental>

USA, N.Y, GLENVILLE, APRIL 5 2014. SOIL CONTAMINATION COULD BE REMOVED FROM SCOTIA NAVY DEPOT

President Barack Obama included \$15.8 million in the proposed federal budget to clean up decades-old contamination at the former Scotia Navy Depot in Glenville, NY, now a corporate business park that is one of the largest in the Albany region. U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer and Congressman Paul Tonko announced the funding, and said they would work with other members of the Senate and House to try to ensure the money is included in the final 2014-15 budget. "Cleaning up the Scotia Navy Depot in Glenville would be a huge boost to the community, to the environment, and the local economy, and I will fight to realize this budget request in the Senate appropriations process," Schumer said in a prepared statement. Schumer said the soil contamination, left behind from the era when the Naval Depot stored supplies for naval forces along the Atlantic coast and Europe, threatens the Great Flats Aquifer, the primary source of drinking water in Schenectady County. He and Tonko also said the pollution hinders further redevelopment of the 310-acre site near Thruway Exit 26, now called the Glenville Business and Technology Park and owned by The Galesi Group of Rotterdam. The park has more than 3.5 million square feet of space, according to Ray Gillen, chairman of the Schenectady County Metroplex Development Authority. Tenants include Adirondack Beverages, Dimension Fabricators, DHA Energy, Latham Plastics, and several other companies. Old Dominion recently opened a 40,000-square-foot distribution facility, and The Galesi Group is building a 151,000-square-foot facility for CTDI, a supplier to the telecommunications industry. The depot was built in 1942. Most of the Navy's use of the facilities ended after the Vietnam War. The federal government in 2010 acknowledged the lingering soil contamination, and is taking responsibility for cleaning up the pollution.

http://www.bizjournals.com/albany/morning_call/2014/04/soil-contamination-to-be-removed-from-scotia-navy.html



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CANADA, SK, GLASLYN, APRIL 5 2014. SEMI CRASH DESTROYS GAS STATION, TIRE SHOP >> GLASLYN LOCALS SAY IT'S A MIRACLE NO ONE WAS KILLED

 **Photo's [4]** [Semi Crash Destroys Gas Station](#)



Locals often gather for 'coffee row' at this tire shop weekday mornings. Luckily, no one was in the front of the shop that morning.

A semi-trailer truck hauling pulp smashed into two businesses in the small village of Glaslyn, demolishing a service station, and a tire shop that also serves as the local coffee row hangout. The driver was taken to hospital with injuries and no one else was hurt. The spectacular crash left people pondering what would have happened if there had been customers in the shop. "It's unusual that nobody was there at that time," said Jerry Kuhmayer, a regular of the shop, called Wally's. "Because usually at that time, there could be anywhere from two to six, eight guys." The tire shop owner's son was in the back of the store, and wasn't injured. According to RCMP, speed may have been a factor in the crash. A storage shed caught fire after a semi-trailer crashed into buildings in the village of Glaslyn. The driver was taken to hospital in serious condition. Kuhmayer says semi trucks

regularly drive through Glaslyn. "It's a 50 kilometre zone, and they're going 75 kilometres an hour past my store," he said. Kuhmayer would like to see more traffic enforcement in the area. "It's been an ongoing problem, entering Glaslyn," says Kuhmayer. "Wally, the owner of the tire shop, has phoned in numerous times about semis speeding through Glaslyn into town." Police say the 43-year-old semi driver was taken to hospital, and is in serious but stable condition. People say it was fortunate no one was in the coffee shop at the time of the crash. There was a fire in a storage building, which was put out by the Glaslyn and Turtleford Fire departments. RCMP said the driver, a 43-year-old man from Edmonton was in serious but stable condition in hospital.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/semi-crash-destroys-gas-station-tire-shop-1.2597631>

UK, WALES, PEMBROKESHIRE, APRIL 5 2014. MILFORD HAVEN REFINERY FACES CLOSURE WITH 520 JOBS AT RISK

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One of Britain's seven remaining oil refineries could close within months after a four-year search for a buyer failed. Milford Haven oil refinery faces the threat of imminent closure with more than 500 jobs at risk, after a four-year sale process failed to find a buyer. The Pembrokeshire site is one of just seven remaining UK refineries, down from a peak of 18 in the late 1970s. It processes 135,000 barrels of crude oil each day, contributing about a tenth of the UK's refined products output. Owner Murco on Thursday told staff they were beginning consultation for redundancy after exclusive talks with private equity firm Greybull Capital over a \$500m sale ended with no deal. The site employs 370 full-time staff and up to 150 contractors could also be affected. Tom McKinlay, Murco's managing director, told the Telegraph that closure of Milford Haven should not have any "immediate short term price impact" on UK fuels because there was so much spare capacity in the European refining market. But he warned that ministers must consider the longer-term energy security implications of Britain becoming ever more dependent on imports for its fuels. "If you're looking for a long-term energy policy, anything that detracts from your own infrastructure has to be fully considered by those responsible," he said. Mr McKinlay said Milford Haven made a "significant" loss last year and had lost tens of millions of pounds in recent months in the tough refining market. European refiners are facing a long-term problem of overcapacity as petrol production outstrips demand at the pumps, due to a combination of more efficient cars, increased use of biofuels and the growing popularity of diesel. Refiners struggle to find buyers for surplus European petrol production, which has to compete with output from modern, efficient refineries with cheaper running costs elsewhere in the world. "You have the advent of super-refineries in Asia and the Far East, combined with the shale gas and oil boom in the US, which means that US refineries have very cheap sources of crude and low energy costs because of the gas," Mr McKinlay said. Since July 2010 the company has spoken to "dozens" of buyers without success. To date it has been seeking a buyer to take on the refinery as a going concern. "If that's not possible then that's what we have to face today," Mr McKinlay said. One of the options would now be to turn the site into a fuel import and storage terminal, as is happening to Petroplus's Coryton refinery in Essex, which closed in 2012. Andy Richards, Unite the union's Welsh secretary, said: "Jobs, the economy and the UK's security of supply are all at stake. "The UK government cannot repeat the mistake of Coryton and



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allow another of the UK's oil refineries to close. It needs to do everything possible to maintain refining capacity at Milford Haven to meet the nation's energy needs and save the hundreds of jobs at the site."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/newsbysector/energy/10741710/Milford-Haven-refinery-faces-closure-with-520-jobs-at-risk.html>

USA, MI, TUSCOLA COUNTY, APRIL 5 2014. MAN KILLED IN TANKER EXPLOSION ID'D

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Investigators have released the name of the man killed in the Tuscola County tanker explosion this week. The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department identified him as Travis Bielat, 26, from Allen Park, near Detroit. Officials say he was transferring a load of ethanol from the Poet Refinery in Caro to a plant in Flint when the accident occurred. Tracks at the scene indicated the vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree, causing flames to shoot 150 to 200 feet in the air. The company that the man was driving the truck for is called Petroleum Transport, based out of Romulus, MI. Richville Fire Chief Eric Brown said the truck was carrying about 13,000 gallons of fuel. "When we got here, the flames were so

bad and the truck was so badly burnt, we didn't know what it was to start with," says Brown. Brown says firefighters arrived and assessed the environmental impact of putting out the blaze, making the decision to let it burn out. Once crews identified the fire as coming from a fuel tank, they realized the hazards to the surrounding environment had the potential to be an even bigger disaster. The Department of Environmental Quality visited the scene and said the first responders handled the situation the best they could have done. The flames continued for nearly seven hours.

<http://www.wnem.com/story/25163049/man-killed-in-tanker-explosion-idd>

USA, MS, ST LOUIS, APRIL 5 2014. OVERTURNED FUEL TRUCK CAUSES ROAD CLOSURE IN THE METRO EAS

dan greenwald

 **Photo's [7]** [Overtaken Fuel Truck Causes Road Closure](#)

HazMat crews were investigating after a fuel tanker trucker crashed in the Metro East on Friday. Authorities say the truck overturned on Jefferson Street in East St. Louis. Both the Brooklyn and Venice Fire Department responded to the scene and called in the HazMat crews to investigate a possible chemical leak. Authorities urged drivers to avoid the area while crews worked to clean up the street. Other details were not immediately known.

<http://www.kmov.com/news/mobile/Firefighters-Overtaken-fuel-truck-causes-road-closure-in-the-Metro-East-253906381.html>

USA, N.Y, ALBANY. RIL 5 2014. GAS STATIONS STATEWIDE TO ADD BACK-UP POWER

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About 250 upstate gas stations can receive federal funding to equip themselves with back-up power capacity in case of emergencies. The funding was included in the state budget approved Monday. Gov. Andrew Cuomo in recent years pushed downstate gas stations to have back-up power after Superstorm Sandy in October 2012 led to a major fuel shortages in the New York City area. Cuomo signed a law last year that would require half of all gas stations in New York City, Long Island and Westchester and Rockland counties to have back-up power in the event of an emergency. The gas stations affected need to be within a half-mile of a highway exit or hurricane evacuation route. The state budget this year includes language that would create a voluntary program for upstate gas stations within a half-mile of a highway exit. They include gas stations north of Rockland and include those near Route 17 through the Catskills and Southern Tier; the state Thruway; Interstate 84 in the Hudson Valley; Interstate 390 near Rochester; Interstate 81 near Syracuse and Interstate 190 near Buffalo. While the selected downstate gas stations were required by law to be equipped with back-up power capacity, the upstate gas stations can voluntarily opt into the program until April 1, 2015, or until available funds run out. James Calvin, president of the New York Association of Convenience Stores, lauded the program. "This plan will provide incentives to gas station on, or within a half mile of exits of, interstate highways to voluntarily equip their facilities to remain capable of pumping fuel in the event of a prolonged power outage," Calvin said in a statement. "NYACS supported the concept of backup power program expansion as long as it was limited in scope, recognized regional differences in vulnerability of supply and enabled gas station owners to recover costs." The state Energy and Development Authority will reimburse either \$10,000 to offset the cost of a transfer switch to connect portable generators when the need arises or \$13,000 toward the cost of both a transfer switch and



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permanent generator to participating gas stations. About \$3.1 million will be available to the state through federal funding related to Superstorm Sandy. The state said a list of the specific gas stations that would be eligible is still being developed, but estimated it would include about 250 stores. Gas station owners can apply for a grant here: <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/fuel-ny>
<http://www.wgrz.com/story/news/2014/04/03/gas-stations-to-add-back-up-power/7284827/>

BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, APRIL 5 2014. CHEVRON BRAZIL FACES CRIMINAL OIL-SPILL CHARGES, REINSTATED ON APPEAL

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- Charges had been dropped in 2013 after a settlement
- Chevron, 11 employees the subject of reopened case
- Oil agency approves Chevron restart of offshore wells

Brazilian judges ordered a criminal prosecution of Chevron Corp. and 11 employees over an oil spill in Nov. 2011, in a process reinstated more than a year after being thrown out following a settlement with the government. An appeals panel made the 2-to-1 decision in October, but kept it quiet as judges reviewed Chevron's challenges to their ruling, Brazil's public prosecutor's office, which opposed the dismissal, said on Wednesday. Chevron confirmed the ruling late on Thursday. The case is likely to revive concern over the speed and security of Brazilian legal rulings. The same prosecutor's office that drew up a settlement to help get the charges dropped is now working to re-open the criminal part of the case. Similar, and even larger, spills by other companies in Brazil have not led to criminal charges. "The prosecutors are trying to show that the defendants' arguments that there is no proof of an environmental crime are wrong," the prosecutors said in a statement. Prosecutors say their evidence shows the defendants are responsible for environmental pollution. These pollution routes include the spilling of residues, unauthorized extraction of mineral resources, irregular operations with the potential to pollute, damage to public assets and other crimes, prosecutors said in their statement. Chevron "continues to believe that the complaint is without merit," the San Ramon, California-based company said in an e-mail, adding that it intended to fight the ruling. The prosecutors are not trying to reinstate charges against employees of Chevron's drilling contractor Transocean Ltd, who were named in the original indictment. From the beginning Chevron has said it took full responsibility for the accident. The defendants face up to three decades in jail if convicted. The case now returns to the 10th Federal Criminal Court in Rio de Janeiro. That court threw out the case in January 2013 shortly after Chevron agreed to about \$150 million in remedial actions and signed an adjustment-of-conduct accord with prosecutors and Brazil's environment agency over the spill. The spill in the Frade field northeast of Rio de Janeiro leaked an estimated 4,600 barrels of oil into the ocean, less than 1 percent of the giant and deadly Deepwater Horizon spill in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010. The spill that Brazil's petroleum regulator said had caused no discernible environmental damage, injuries or deaths was also the subject of a controversial civil lawsuit seeking nearly \$20 billion in damages. Prosecutors dropped that case in October. Chevron and its partners in Frade had to stop producing for about a year and a half. Brazilian petroleum regulator ANP fined Chevron for failing to follow drilling plans, but absolved it of negligence. "We are confident that once all the facts are fully examined, they will demonstrate that the company responded appropriately and responsibly to the incident and that there is no damage to the environment or risk to human health associated with the incident," Chevron said in the statement. The ANP agreed on March 31 to let Chevron restart all its production wells at Frade, Chevron said in a statement. A year ago, the ANP authorized Chevron to start four wells, from which its daily production in February stood at 17,279 barrels of oil and natural gas, about a quarter of 2011 peak output before the spill. Chevron officials were not immediately available to say how many production wells the company has at Frade. Chevron is still barred from operating water-injection wells at Frade, which are used to boost reservoir production. The ANP fears such wells may cause oil leaks through seabed fissures. Chevron owns 52 percent of Frade. Brazil's state-run Petroleo Brasileiro SA owns 30 percent and Frade Japao, a joint venture between Japanese trading houses Inpex Corp and Sojitz Corp, owns 18 percent.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/04/chevron-brazil-idUSL1N0MW05720140404>

SOUTH KOREA, SEOUL, APRIL 4 2014. OIL LEAK FROM S.KOREA'S S-OIL CRUDE TANK DUE TO CRACK - REPORT

An oil leak from a crude tank owned by South Korea's S-Oil Corp was reported on Friday due to a crack in the tank although the exact leaked amount and the damage are not known yet, Yonhap News agency and the refiner said. The leak occurred at 3:40 pm (0640 GMT) in Onsan, Ulsan city, about 380 km (236 miles) southeast of Seoul, as a crack in the tank was found. The tank has a capacity of 750,000 barrels, according to Yonhap. The exact leaked volumes and the impact on supply are not immediately available, a spokesman at S-Oil said adding they are looking into details of the accident. S-Oil, South Korea's third largest refiner, is owned by Aramco Overseas Co B.V., a unit of Saudi Arabian Oil Company, with a 35 percent stake.



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Earlier this year, South Korea's No.2 refiner GS Caltex, with a 775,000-barrels-per-day (bpd) capacity, also suffered from an oil spill accident that leaked 164,000 litres of oil off South Korea's southern coast. In November 2013, a small amount of oil leaked into the sea east of South Korea from a cracked pipeline run by the country's top refiner, SK Energy, owned by SK Innovation.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/commoditiesNews/idAFL4N0MW2EJ20140404>

USA, OH, MARION, APRIL 5 2014. CRESTLINE MAN DEAD AFTER CRASH WITH TANKER >> STATE EPA, OTHERS ASSISTED IN DIESEL FUEL SPILL CLEANUP

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The driver of a four-door passenger car was killed when the vehicle he was driving collided head on with a tanker truck on Ohio 309, just west of Caledonia. The crash closed down the road in both directions for several hours. A Crestline man died after he drove head-on into a tanker truck Friday afternoon on Ohio 309 East. The Ohio Highway Patrol is still investigating the crash. Sgt. Todd Cunningham said Gayle Callahan, 68, was the sole passenger in a red Kia that traveled left of center before striking an oncoming Freightliner truck going eastbound. Callahan was pronounced dead at the scene. Cunningham said he does not yet know why Callahan drove over the center line. The truck driver, 62-year-old Lorie Reed of Hammond, Ind., was not injured. The crash occurred around 12:38 p.m. in the 5600 block of the highway, between Nesbitt Road and Ohio 746. Harry Burdick, director of the

city and county emergency management agency, said several hundred gallons of diesel fuel spilled. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and a cleanup crew from Findlay were on hand to assess the damage and help with removing the spill. Burdick said the spill was cleaned up by Friday evening. "It was diesel fuel and a lot of hydraulic and oil spill from the car and the tractor trailer," he said. Burdick said there should not be any problems with fuel seepage into the soil. One lane was open by 3:15 p.m., and traffic was moving normally by rush hour.

http://www.marionstar.com/article/20140404/NEWS01/304040012/Crestline-man-dead-after-collision-tanker?nclck_check=1

PAKISTAN, ISLAMABAD, APRIL 5 2014. TWO DIE AS OIL TANKER CATCHES FIRE

The driver and the conductor of an oil tanker died when it caught fire during a maintenance process at a gas station in Tarnol on Wednesday. According to a police spokesperson, the loaded oil tanker caught fire during the welding work. The bodies of the deceased, identified as Zafar and Balawal Rasheed, were shifted to the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences

<http://paktribune.com/news/Two-die-as-oil-tanker-catches-fire-268048.html>

USA, N.D, WILLISTON, APRIL 5 2014. EXPLOSIVE QUESTIONS: STUDY OF OIL FROM DEADLY QUEBEC DERAILMENT POINTS TO BAKKEN CRUDE'S VOLATILITY

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Last July 6, a train carrying crude oil from North Dakota to a refinery in eastern Canada was left parked on a hillside in Quebec. It rolled backward down the hill, derailling and crashing into a small town, with railcars bursting into flames, killing 47 people.

The Lac-Megantic, Quebec, derailment disaster that killed 47 people occurred after a single engineer parked his train for the night on a main line uphill from Lac-Megantic. The train of oil tankers carrying Bakken started rolling and eventually derailed, exploding into balls of fire and flattening the center of the town. Last July 6, a train carrying crude oil from North Dakota to a refinery in eastern Canada was left parked on a hillside in Quebec. It rolled backward

down the hill, derailling and crashing into a small town, with railcars bursting into flames, killing 47 people. While investigators pointed early on to the train's brakes, the violent explosions prompted Canadian officials to question the volatility of the Bakken crude. The crude oil that train carried had volatility similar to gasoline, said Sylvie Dionne, author of the Transportation Safety Board of Canada's laboratory report published last month on samples taken from the train. The oil had a low flash point, which



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indicates it would ignite at low temperatures, and a high vapor pressure, which indicates how readily the oil would ignite at the temperature that was prevailing at the time of the derailment, Dionne said. "Those two conditions together explain why it caught fire so easily," said Dionne, manager for materials analysis and structures at the TSB. "The large amounts of it, because there were many tank cars and some of them released product, that explains why the fireball is so large." Other factors that contributed to the fireball were the rapid rate of release and the oil's low viscosity, the report found. The crude oil tested also had a low boiling point, the report said. The low flash point, low boiling point and high vapor pressure suggest the samples contained very light hydrocarbons, the report said. "The lighter the hydrocarbons that are present in the crude, the more volatile it's going to be," Dionne said. Questions about the volatility of the Bakken crude would come up again with other explosive derailments, including the one near Casselton on Dec. 30. "We had no idea it was this volatile," Casselton Fire Chief Tim McClean said in an interview last month, the same day he testified to a congressional committee about responding to the fiery derailment. A federal study and a study commissioned by the North Dakota Petroleum Council are underway to analyze the characteristics of Bakken crude, but the results are not yet available. "Bakken crude is comparable to other light sweet crudes according to all the information we have to date, but we know that some have questioned whether it is somehow different," said Kari Cutting, vice president for the NDPC. "This study will provide a thorough third-party analysis to help regulators and industry determine the facts so we can make decisions based on sound science."

Canadian Investigation

The Canadian report may underestimate the volatility of the crude oil because some of the light hydrocarbons may have evaporated, Dionne said. The engineering laboratory report analyzed samples from nine non-derailed tank at the end of the train and two tank cars from a different unit train that was transporting crude oil from the same origin in the Bakken.

Other Findings Include:

- There were multiple sources of ignition at the derailment site, such as damaged power lines.
- The Bakken crude analyzed had characteristics similar to other light, sweet crude oils.
- There was no indication that chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing affected the crude oil.
- The crude had a low sulfur content. Portable detectors used to measure hydrogen sulfide gas during the response did not detect the gas, which is extremely flammable and toxic.

While the report tests many characteristics of the Bakken crude, its scope was limited to the derailment and the Lac-Megantic investigation. "It's only applicable to the Bakken crude that was on that train," Dionne said. The Transportation Safety Board's final investigative report on the derailment is still pending.

Industry Study

The North Dakota Petroleum Council recently announced it is doing its own study, a Bakken quality assurance study, to help ensure public safety and consistent product quality. The industry group is working with Dallas-based consultant Turner, Mason & Company and an independent commercial laboratory to study the range and variability of Bakken crude oil qualities. "There's a lot of independent sampling going on right now," said Ron Ness, president of the Petroleum Council. "You need to do it across the entire specific areas of the Bakken, so it's not just a point A or point B." The consultant will take multiple samples from 12 locations and six rail depots in North Dakota and Montana, including samples from newer wells and more mature wells. "We haven't done this particular type of study and I don't know that anybody has to be honest with you," John Auers, executive vice president of Turner, Mason and Co. and head of the study, said in a recent interview. A progress report on the study will be given in May at the Williston Basin Petroleum Conference, and results of the study will be shared with PHMSA and the American Petroleum Institute. "This whole issue of rail and crude has brought that out," Auers said. "In reality, Bakken isn't a whole lot different than a lot of other light crudes."

Federal Response

Days after the train carrying Bakken crude derailed and exploded near Casselton, the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration issued a safety alert indicating that Bakken crude may be more flammable than other types of oil. Inspectors from PHMSA and the Federal Railroad Administration have been examining the chemical properties of Bakken crude through unannounced spot inspections and data collections. Based on preliminary findings, PHMSA and FRA expanded the investigation to include bottom sediment and water, true vapor pressure, hydrogen sulfide, concentration limits of flammability and corrosiveness to steel and aluminum. The results have not yet been released. PHMSA issued an emergency order that requires crude oil shipments to be designated as Packing Group I or II, requiring the oil to be shipped in stronger rail cars. PHMSA has proposed \$93,000 in fines against three companies the agency says failed to properly classify Bakken crude. The agency's legal counsel is reviewing responses from the three companies, a PHMSA spokesman said. In January, the National Transportation Safety Board, which investigated the Casselton derailment, issued recommendations to PHMSA



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and the FRA. One recommendation would require trying to avoid shipping hazardous materials through populated and sensitive areas. A second recommendation is to ensure rail carriers can handle the worst-case scenarios of a hazardous materials accident. A third recommendation called for checking on shippers and rail carriers to ensure they are properly classifying hazardous materials and have adequate safety and security plans. "If unit trains of flammable liquids are going to be part of our nation's energy future, we need to make sure the hazardous materials classification is accurate, the route is well planned, and the tank cars are as robust as possible," NTSB chairwoman Deborah Hersman said at the time. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., said it's important to get the results of the PHMSA study to inform regulations. While many are now saying that Bakken crude is more flammable, Heitkamp said she wants to see the results of the study. "I suspect that might be true, but until I see test results, I'm going to withhold judgment," she said. Heitkamp said she wants the PHMSA study to be thorough, but hopes to see results within weeks. "We need to move forward on regulation," she said.

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USA, N.C, CHARLOTTE, APRIL 5 2014. TOXIC SLUDGE CLEANUP COSTLY TO TAXPAYERS



Chopper 9 over illegal chemical dumping investigation

Cancer-causing chemicals have been illegally dumped in Charlotte for the third time, officials said. There are new concerns that someone started pumping PCBs into the city's water system months before it was first discovered. The cleanup of the toxic sludge is a major cost to taxpayers. Read our past coverage of the illegal dumping: [Mayor on illegal dumping: 'Anything coming out of your faucet is safe'](#). There is an investigation that started in February when the dangerous chemical was found in the city's sewer system. Utility workers made the latest discovery over the past few weeks. They said the dangerous chemical started showing up in sludge at a waste water treatment plant. Now city leaders

said it could cost more than \$1 million to fix the problem. The city would normally ship out sludge to treat area farmland but they'll have to send the contaminated batch to a special facility and the cost is adding up. "We're anticipating that this could cost easily a million dollars and more than that," said Barry Gullet, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Director. They said someone did the same thing in the Greenville area last fall. In February someone dumped the chemical into a manhole behind a Charlotte business. Later that month utility workers discovered a similar incident. "We believe people doing dumping are doing it under the cover of a legitimate grease hauler," Gullet said. Police have been unable to find those responsible and they increased their reward for information leading to an arrest to \$10,000. "It needs to be stopped," he said. Utility workers said the water that's treated at the plant is shipped back out into the creek. They've been testing it and say it is safe. Also they said this facility only treats wastewater, so drinking water is not at risk. Environmental experts said PCBs are dangerous because the chemical never goes away. It was banned in the 1970s because it was linked to health issues, including cancer. A multi-agency criminal task force led by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department continues following up on any and all leads, and asks anyone with information leading to an arrest on these cases of illegal sewer system dumping to contact the Crimestoppers Hotline at 704-334-1600. Drinking water in Charlotte and other water systems downstream of Charlotte was and is not affected by this incident.

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ETHIOPIA, OROMIA, SHEIK HUSSAINPET, APRIL 6 2014. CLOSE SHAVE AS LPG LEAKS AFTER ACCIDENT

A major tragedy was averted at Sheik Hussainpet near the Ulundurpet highway here of Friday thanks to the presence of mind of a tanker driver. A bus, carrying 40 passengers, had rear-ended the tanker, which was carrying 18 tonnes of Liquefied Petroleum Gas. Under the impact, the valves in the tanker got damaged and the gas started leaking into the bus. On seeing this, tanker driver Irudhayaraj broke the windshield of the bus and helped the screaming passengers get out, thereby averting a disaster. The tanker driver alerted the Fire and Rescue Services at Ulundurpet. Lakshmanan (27) of Ramanathapuram was driving the private bus plying to Sayalgudi near Ramanathapuram.

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