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### USA, OK, KINGFISHER CO, , NOVEMBER 20 2014. 6 INVESTIGATES: OKLAHOMA'S 'LARGEST OIL AND GAS DRILLING SPILL OF ITS KIND'

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This summer Oklahoma experienced what regulators think is the largest oil and gas drilling spill of its kind, when more than 21,000 gallons of hydrochloric acid spilled into a farmer's alfalfa field. In a hearing later this week, state regulators will hear from the companies they believe are responsible for the pollution. We wanted to know how often spills like this happen in Oklahoma and found it's less often than you may think. There are a number of spills reported every day in Oklahoma, but very few of that size. The spill near Hennessey happened just as crews were about to hydraulically fracture a well. A state report says a valve was left open at the start of the frac job causing the spill, and no one noticed until 480 barrels worth were on the ground. To Jason Hawk and his wife, it's more than a spill; it's

the devastation of their alfalfa crop and an uncertain future for their soil, land and water where they had hoped to one day build a home. "I don't foresee that happening. Because at one point, you wake up in the morning and you're not going to have anything left because they're going to have it all tore up," Hawk said. Blake Production Company, based out of Oklahoma City, is the driller on Hawk's land. The company will have to pay for the cleanup, which involves removing all of the impacted soil - in this case 267 truckloads - and replacing it with new soil. According to state records, Blake Production Company was responsible for seven spills and leaks at various wells in the eight months prior to the spill. But this is the only "Summons and Notice of Citation for Contempt," showing regulators at the Corporation Commission never tried to fine the company until the acid spill on the Hawks' land. Tim Baker is the head of the oil and gas division at the Corporation Commission. He said the state tries to work with companies first, issuing several warnings before filing contempt charges and ultimately fining them. "If an operator keeps having the same problem over and over again, well, obviously we're not getting his attention and need to take it up a notch and go the legal route to see if we can get their attention," Baker said. In Oklahoma there are 170,000 active oil and gas wells. In 2013 there were 860 confirmed spills - that's less than one percent. State regulators only issued fines for 96 of those spills, which is about 11 percent. "From time to time we are going to have spills, so I don't see it as an exorbitant problem in Oklahoma," he said. Baker adds that acid spills are pretty rare; in fact, there were just four much smaller acid spills, last year. Produced water or salt water spills are the most common, making up about 82 percent of the state's largest spills. "Salt water can be more expensive to clean up if you have numerous spills in the same spot. It destroys the topsoil. The topsoil will literally blow away. There won't be any top soil," Baker said. He said his agency has added more inspectors to keep up with growth in oil and gas drilling and said spills are just part of the industry. After several delays, the Corporation Commission will hear from both sides of the Hennessey case on Friday.

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<http://www.newson6.com/story/27421166/6-investigates-oklahomas-largest-oil-and-gas-drilling-spill-of-its-kind>

### USA, VA, RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 20 2014. DEQ CONSIDERING CHANGING TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR HOME HEATING OIL TANK CLEANUPS

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The state's environment agency is considering changing technical requirements for home heating oil tank cleanups. "At some point in the future, we may make changes to the procedures we use," said Bill Hayden, spokesman for the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. Virginia has about 400,000 home heating oil tanks. The DEQ's Tank Program is in the process of revising the heating oil guidance section of the department's Storage Tank Program Technical Manual. DEQ periodically updates its guidance to ensure the best ways to implement environmental regulations, Hayden said. The agency wants to make the guidance more consistent with its risk-based approach for petroleum cleanups, he said. "You determine what potential risk there is to the environment or people's health, and you base your cleanup on that potential." "We're trying to get to the heart of cleanups that are doable," he said. "In a number of cases, we find that the contamination is not doing any harm. We're not able to detect any threat to the environment. There may be cases where it's just not be feasible to dig it all up." "We're not cutting corners. We're not taking any actions that will harm the environment," Hayden said. "We're really looking at what's the most efficient, practical way to get these situations cleaned up." Since the present guidance became effective in March 2007, the department has evaluated more than 9,000 heating oil discharges. Interested parties met Tuesday at the



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agency's regional office in western Henrico County to discuss proposed changes to DEQ's guidance on assessment and remediation of releases from heating oil tanks. The department does not regulate small heating oil tanks, those with a capacity of 1,000 gallons or less, unless they are discovered to be leaking oil. Most home heating oil tanks have a capacity of 550 gallons or less. State law prohibits oil discharges, which must be reported immediately to the DEQ. "Over the last several years, the number of reported leaking heating oil tanks has increased noticeably," the department said, but these leaking heating oil tanks often do not affect drinking water wells or streams, and have minimal impact on the environment. After an oil release is reported, DEQ's staff work with the tank holder to clean up the release. The Virginia Petroleum Storage Tank Fund can provide reimbursement to eligible tank owners or operators for part of the potentially high costs of mitigating the public health and environmental risks from a petroleum storage-tank release. The fund pays out about \$35 million annually, according to the DEQ, with the typical claim being under \$10,000. The fund's primary revenue source is a fee on petroleum products, including heating oil, sold in Virginia. DEQ will collect comments for the next month on the proposed guidance, post them on its website and respond to comments before deciding on the changes. The agency expects to issue the new guidance in early 2015.

**PDF Document** [Draft DEQ Guidance: The Draft Guidance on the Investigation & Characterization of Discharges from Heating Oil Tanks](#)

[http://www.timesdispatch.com/business/energy/deq-considering-changing-technical-requirements-for-home-heating-oil-tank/article\\_898e9256-ea5c-52b4-8fed-6697f278eca7.html](http://www.timesdispatch.com/business/energy/deq-considering-changing-technical-requirements-for-home-heating-oil-tank/article_898e9256-ea5c-52b4-8fed-6697f278eca7.html)

### USA, TX, LA PORTE, NOVEMBER 20 2014. CAUSE OF DEATH FOR DUPONT WORKERS KILLED IN CHEMICAL LEAK RELEASED

*matt aufdenspring*

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- [Calls of Deadly DuPont Chemical Leak](#)
- [Family Coping with Workers' Deaths](#)
- [Widow of Worker Killed in Dupont Chemical Leak Files Wrongful Death Lawsuit](#)
- [4 People Dead after Spill at Dupont Facility in La Porte](#)



According to a preliminary coroner's report, the four workers killed in a chemical leak at the DuPont plant near La Porte died from accidental asphyxiation. The industrial accident happened Saturday, killing brothers Gilbert Tisnado and Bobby Tisnado, Crystle Wise and Wade Baker. The full report has not yet been released. The wife of Gilbert Tisnado filed a wrongful death lawsuit Tuesday claiming DuPont failed to maintain its equipment and knew there were problems. She also filed a temporary restraining order against the company, a day after Wise's daughter did. A 911 call made public after the deaths appears to show that the plant supervisor wasn't clear about the nature of the

emergency, and investigators said there are many questions to be answered. Gibby Tisnado, 49, was a husband, father and grandfather. Bobby Tisnado was the youngest of four children. He was 38 years old and married with three kids. A public service will be held at the Grand View Funeral Home on Spencer Highway in Pasadena at 2:30 p.m. Friday for both Robert and Gilbert Tisnado. Wise, 48, was a mother and grandmother. She had only been at the plant eight months after transferring from a facility in Orange, Texas. Friends said Wise moved to be closer to her daughter and grandson, who live in Houston. No details of her funeral service have been released. Friends of Wade Baker told Local 2 he was a good family man, very active in his church La Porte. He worked at DuPont for the last 40 years. A public service for Baker will be held at the Grand View Funeral Home on Spencer Highway in Pasadena at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. A fifth person was exposed to the chemical and taken to the hospital for treatment. He has since been released, but his identity has not been revealed.

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[4 Dupont Employees Dead after Spill at La Porte Facility](#)

<http://www.click2houston.com/news/cause-of-death-for-dupont-workers-in-chemical-leak-released/29820190>



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#### USA, CO, SUMMIT CO, NOVEMBER 21 2014. SUMMIT COUNTY EMERGENCY CREWS DON HAZMAT SUITS TO RESPOND TO FRISCO SUICIDE

On Monday, Nov. 17, Summit County emergency personnel responded to the scene of a suicide in Frisco. A 60-year-old second-home owner had inhaled hydrogen sulfide, a toxic combination of chemicals he mixed in his car, outside his house at 91 Stellar Jay Road in the Bill's Ranch neighborhood. On the outside of his car, the man had posted several signs warning anyone who approached of danger. Hydrogen sulfide is colorless, highly flammable and explosive, and smells like rotten eggs, though the odor doesn't always provide enough warning of high concentrations that can be deadly to inhale. County Coroner Tim Keeling said the situation created a potentially serious health threat and a challenge for the first responders, including employees from Lake Dillon Fire-Rescue, the Frisco Police Department, the Summit County Sheriff's Office and the High Country Training Center's hazardous-materials team. "Whenever you don't know what you're dealing with, you always think safety first," Keeling said, and "not just our safety but the community's safety." Led by Red White and Blue Fire District battalion chief Ryan Roberts, the response team ensured that no nearby residents were exposed to any residues or gases. "They were putting yellow tape everywhere," said Charlotte Clarke, a next-door neighbor. The responders donned protective suits and breathing equipment to recover and conduct a preliminary decontamination of the body at St. Anthony Summit Medical Center, and a chemical cleanup company was brought in from Denver to decontaminate the vehicle. Roberts said responders were called around 2 p.m. and had cleared the scene by about 6. "At no point was the public endangered, and the crews did an excellent job of containing the hazardous materials and eliminating the threat," said Dave Parmley, Lake Dillon Fire chief. "I was very pleased to see how everyone worked together and dealt with this unusual situation and did so with safety first and foremost in mind."

<http://www.summitdaily.com/news/13876401-113/county-summit-frisco-safety>

#### USA, WI, LA CROSSE, NOVEMBER 21 2014. LA CROSSE FIRE DEPT. INVESTIGATING CAUSE OF EXPLOSION IN LA CROSSE >> 1 PERSON INJURED IN EXPLOSION; SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER CANCELED

 **Photo's [9]** [Fire Dept. Investigating Cause of Tank Explosion](#)

##### Key Points:

- 8 people were working at the time of the explosion
- 3 of the 7 tanks on the ground were empty
- The tank that exploded was a 132,000 gallon tank, about 40 feet high and 24-feet in diameter.
- The tank that exploded had 7,000 gallons of asphalt that is stored at 200-degrees to keep it liquid,
- The roof blew off of the exploding tank and landed on the northside of Midwest Fuels' grounds.



*Rick Hutschenreuter took this picture. He said he was impressed with by the response from the La Crosse Fire Dept.*

The cause of an early Wednesday morning explosion at Midwest Fuels on Sumner St., near Copeland Park in La Crosse is under investigation. The explosion happened just before 7 a.m. La Crosse residents around the area told News 8 it shook their homes. Emergency crews contained the fire at about 8:30 a.m. and a Shelter in Place order that had been issued was canceled. Tri-State Ambulance said one person was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. La Crosse firefighters told News 8 male worker, who has not been identified, was treated and released for burn related injuries. Firefighters were not injured. When crews arrived on scene, they found one fuel tank completely engulfed and were worried it would spread to other tanks. "Not only are we going to deal with the situation that is at hand right here, but we

have to think about step two, step three and what could possibly happen if things get worse," said Chief Gregg Cleveland with the La Crosse Fire Department. Cleveland put his action plan into place by calling in emergency crews from surrounding areas. Cleveland said it was important to stay one step ahead of the disaster. "We don't want to get behind the eight ball on these types of things because it's very critical to have a planning section set up and to make sure we anticipate what might happen," said Cleveland. With 26 firefighters, 12 responding units and three supporting agencies, it took crews about an hour and a half to get the explosion under control. Cleveland said first responders and the public played major roles in helping distinguish the fire in a safe manner. "We do have a pretty good network and good communications. Logistically we were in



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pretty good shape," said Cleveland. At a late-morning news conference, Midwest Fuels said eight people were working at the time of the explosion. Three of the seven tanks on the ground were empty. The one tank that exploded was about 40 feet high and 24-feet in diameter. It was a 132,000 gallon tank, but only had 7,000 gallons of asphalt that is stored at 200-degrees to keep it liquid, Midwest Fuels told News 8. The roof blew off of the tank and landed on the northside of Midwest Fuels' grounds. The company has a crew that is taking care of the cleanup from the explosion. The La Crosse Fire Department said firefighters at Station 2 noticed thick black smoke northwest of the station and self-dispatched to the area. La Crosse Fire Chief Gregg Cleveland said crews were able to stop the runoff of chemicals and contain it to one tank. He said the tank had a mixture of 70-percent asphalt and 30-percent diesel. Midwest Fuels said an environmental specialist that they work with said except for the possibility of runoff of water used to put out the fire, there is no cause for concern about long-term environmental impact. People may have a slight headache or sore throat because of the fumes, but nothing long-lasting. The 600 and 700 block of Sumner St. and the 300 blocks of Hagar St. were closed to traffic for most of the day. The La Crosse Fire Department had issued a "Shelter in Place" order in the area between the La Crosse River north to Clinton Street, and from the Black River east to George Street. At about 8:20 a.m., La Crosse County Dispatch said the Shelter in Place order was canceled. The La Crosse Fire Department said a "Shelter in Place" order means: "A warning of an event where the public is recommended to shelter in place (go inside, close doors and windows, turn off air conditioning or heating systems, and turn on the radio or TV for more information). Examples include the release of hazardous materials where toxic fumes or radioactivity may affect designated areas." In an email to parents in the School District of La Crosse, Superintendent Randy Nelson said district administrators were "working diligently to monitor and address potential safety issues for our staff and students" after the explosion was reported. School will go on as scheduled and children are safe. "As a continued precaution, however, we will be limiting outdoor activity today at Northside Elementary, Summit Elementary, and Logan Middle School," Nelson wrote.

### Related Content

- [special Coverage: Explosion at Midwest Fuels in La Crosse](#)
- [911 calls released on explosion in La Crosse](#)

<http://www.news8000.com/news/explosion-at-la-crosse-chemical-plant/29816124>

### USA, VA, GREAT FALLS, NOVEMBER 21 2014. GREAT FALLS RESIDENTS GET UPDATE ON TOXIC PLUME >> ONLY ONE OF THE THREE REQUESTED PUMPS TO BE INSTALLED FOR NOW.

Residents got an update about the methyl tert-butyl ether [MTBE] plume below the Georgetown Pike and Walker Road intersection last week. Officials from Kleinfelder and the Department of Environmental Quality talked about the removal of the toxic plume so far, assuring residents that their well water will remain clean throughout the cleanup efforts during a Great Falls Citizens Association Town Hall meeting on Nov. 11. "We have a zero tolerance policy for any petroleum constituents in well water," DEQ Senior geologist Randy Chapman said. If there is one thing in there, other things may not be far behind." The reason for the meeting was that the citizen's association requested representatives from Kleinfelder and Fairfax Petroleum Company for an alternate plan to accommodate for the side of the plume reaching Oliver Estates to be presented. The letter asked for several additional extraction pumps to speed up the removal process. According to Kleinfelder Geologist Nathan Stevens there is one pump that was recently installed that will be working soon. Adding another pump, however, may draw water away from wells. What could not be promised was that the site would be completely clean when Kleinfelder was eventually done pumping MTBE out of the ground. MTBE eventually degrades into Tert-Butyl Alcohol, of which the effects are unknown. #The reason many of these residents came to the town hall meeting is because about 80 percent of homes in Great Falls run on a well-water system. The plume that originated from the former Exxon gas station on Georgetown Pike has begun heading towards a group of homes known as Oliver Estates. "Our skepticism comes from the concern for our drinking water," said GFCA Groundwater Contamination co-chair Glen Sjoblom. Dranesville Supervisor John Foust came to the meeting to show his support. "I thought the meeting went very well," he said. "I thought the consultants and the DEQ made a very good presentation." He said that although he liked what he heard from the consultants about the rate they will be pumping MTBE out of the ground, there were still some questions as to how exactly that was going to be done and that remediation issues still need to be addressed. GFCA president Eric Knudsen noted he recently found that his well water had trace amounts of MTBE. The DEQ's "no tolerance" policy starts if there is one part per billion of MTBE in the water. Any less of it is considered a trace amount and could possibly be a fluke. Kleinfelder Program Manager Mark Steele said that MTBE was officially phased out of gasoline in 2006, so there was no risk of the particle being found in the current Exxon station, adding to the plume that is currently forcing its way through rock fissures in its journey towards Oliver Estates.

<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2014/nov/20/great-falls-residents-get-update-toxic-plume/>



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### USA, N.Y, QUEENS, NOVEMBER 21 2014. JUDGE BLOCKS ORDER TO FORCE EXXON MOBIL TO CLEAN GAS SPILL UNDER QUEENS BUILDING

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*A judge said there's not enough evidence to show that the gas spill under this building in Long Island City is in danger of exploding. The judge sided with Exxon Mobil lawyers who argued that the situation is being monitored and the risk of an explosion is merely speculation. Phoenix Beverage, which operates a warehouse in Long Island City, wanted the judge to order the oil company to clean the methane gas spill leaking from waste oil under a nearby building.*

A federal judge is not convinced that the methane gas leaking from waste oil underneath a Queens building is a ticking time bomb ready to explode. Brooklyn Judge Pamela Chen rejected a demand by Phoenix Beverage — which operates a large warehouse in Long Island City — to order Exxon Mobil to launch an immediate cleanup. "There's not enough evidence that there is an imminent threat of an explosion," Chen said Wednesday. "I, of course, hope it

does not come to pass." Lawyers for Phoenix Beverage claim a plume of methane fumes underneath an adjacent building at 37-80 Review Ave. in Long Island City is migrating from a large pool of underground waste oil that dates back to an oil refinery on the site in the 1970s and 1980s. Assistant Brooklyn U.S. Attorney Kevan Cleary made an impassioned argument that Exxon Mobil could voluntarily take remedial steps like installing methane detectors and a venting system at an inconsequential cost to a company that is "bigger than all the Googles and dot coms put together." But Chen sided with the Exxon Mobil lawyers who argued that the situation is being monitored and the risk of an explosion is merely speculation. Both sides have been litigating the case for years and Chen will ultimately have to decide who is responsible for cleaning up the boatloads of underground waste oil.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/judge-sides-exxon-mobil-gas-spill-cleanup-queens-article-1.2018645>

### CANADA, SK, REGINA, NOVEMBER 21 2014. UPDATE: LEAK FOUND AT CO-OP REFINERY IN REGINA >> SECTION 2 SHUT DOWN ON WEDNESDAY

A leak at the Consumers Co-op Refinery in Regina caused a few tense moments Wednesday afternoon. Brad DeLorey with the refinery says at around 1:45 p.m., a flange connector of a pipe was discovered to be leaking. "We immediately activated a stage-one alarm as a precautionary safety procedure in order to gather all the contractors at their muster points." DeLorey says the area surrounding the leak was considered to be safe at 3:30 p.m. The coker unit in section two was brought into a controlled shut down, but will be back up and running Friday morning at the earliest. DeLorey says no one was hurt by the leak. Since 2011 there have been four fires at the refinery, including an [explosion last Christmas Eve](#) and [one that sent eight workers to hospital in 2011](#).

<http://ckom.com/story/update-leak-found-co-op-refinery-regina/457820>

### USA, TX, LA PORTE, NOVEMBER 21 2014. DUPONT TRAGEDY ONE OF MANY TOXIC GAS RELEASES

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A Saturday morning tragedy introduced Texans to an invisible killer. Methyl mercaptan, a foul-smelling gas, overwhelmed five workers at the DuPont chemical plant in La Porte on Nov. 15, killing four — including two brothers — and sending another to the hospital. Such rapid deaths from toxic chemical exposure are rare, experts say. But dozens of times in the past two years, a Texas Tribune analysis shows, plants across Texas have reported accidentally releasing gases that can be deadly in relatively small amounts. Thousands — and even millions — of pounds of toxic chemicals beyond what permits allow have spewed from facilities. While companies considered many of those events "close calls" that prompted evacuations at worst, some triggered deadly explosions that, in turn, caused even more gas to be released. "The bounty that we get from all this business has got kind of a dark side," said Rock Owens, an environmental attorney for Harris County, home to the Houston Ship Channel, whose oil refineries make up 12 percent of the nation's refining capacity. "We have a very high concentration of dangerous industry here, and I don't think the state has the resources to address it." The Tribune analyzed an Texas Commission on Environmental Quality inventory of chemical releases higher than what the law allows. The data relies on industry reporting. Since 2009, Texas chemical manufacturers have reported at least 19 other unauthorized releases of methyl mercaptan, the analysis found. Methyl mercaptan can cause nausea, vomiting and fluid buildup in the lungs. Its rotten-egg smell wafted over



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La Porte for at least 24 hours, but county health experts said the leak posed little risk to the community because even trace amounts carry the smell. DuPont's was the only methyl mercaptan release that killed or injured workers in the past five years, according to state and federal data. The gas, however, is among hundreds of dangerous chemicals plants spew across Texas. "There are a lot of compounds where you wouldn't necessarily have four or five people die, but that doesn't mean that those releases aren't harmful," said Elena Craft, a health scientist who specializes in air pollution at the Environmental Defense Fund, an advocacy group. "We need to limit these massive amounts of release. I mean, they're highly toxic compounds." Industry officials say Texas plants have grown safer in recent decades as companies pour millions of dollars into training and protective gear. They say the toxic releases need context. After all, Texas is huge – and so are its chemical manufacturers. "Our industry takes every process safety incident very seriously," Hector Rivero, president and CEO of the Texas Chemical Council, said in a page-long statement that offered "deepest sympathies," to those affected by the DuPont leak. He also said the industry's record is improving on several safety measures, but did not provide a source for the data. Alex Cuculis, a researcher in Houston who used to work for Shell, agreed. "I think most petrochem workers, myself included, felt that we were much more likely to be killed in an accident driving to work than from a plant explosion," Cuculis said. "I think the stats support that pretty well." Still, critics worry safety culture at plants can shrivel after just a few months of smooth operations and "near misses." The results, they say, can mirror what happened at DuPont. "You'll have a company who will have a good run, but then something like this will happen," said Robert Morse, a Houston lawyer who has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in industrial accident cases. "It's been my experience that DuPont probably runs a better shop than most companies, but they clearly dropped the ball here." Texas' hands-off regulatory philosophy doesn't help, Morse and others say. "The penalty structure here for an event like this – depending on how many violations you can carve out of a horrible incident like this – would range from \$50 per day per violation to \$25,000 per day per violation," Owens said. "If you're a major company, that's not even as significant as a parking ticket is to deal with for a normal household." In the past two years, several industrial plants reported dozens of unauthorized releases of hydrogen cyanide, a chemical that interferes with organs' oxygen use and is [deadly](#) in high concentrations. And in at least 10 instances, plants released 65 pounds or more of the gas. That was [enough](#) to send six workers to the hospital after an industrial plant leak on Texas' Gulf Coast last February. In that case, Alvin-based Ascend Performance Materials, a producer of carpet and textile fibers, reported a venting issue that [released](#) 65 pounds of hydrogen cyanide. That prompted a "shelter in place order," and the hospitalizations, according to a federal [incident report](#). The Occupational Safety and Health Administration [fined](#) Ascend \$37,000, which the company is appealing. Not all information on TCEQ enforcement is readily available, but agency records show that Ascend [paid](#) the agency a \$6,120 for leaking 178 pounds of hydrogen cyanide in 2011 — three years before six workers were hospitalized. The company told regulators it had replaced some electrical equipment and started a maintenance inspection program. In 2012, Invista, an Orange County fiber producer, [released](#) at least 14 pounds of hydrogen cyanide from a leaky valve. That prompted an evacuation and sent one person to the hospital, federal [reports](#) show. About a year later, workers fled the plant after [another](#) such leak. A few months after that, regulators [fined](#) the company \$5,251 for the 2012 incident and asked for an additional \$5,000 that would go toward a state energy efficiency program. When it comes to leaks of toxic chemicals like volatile organic compounds — which can cause cancer due to long-term exposure or cause dizziness, throat and eye irritation, or other impacts upon short-term exposure — hospitalizations are less likely. But they have happened in at least a few instances, federal data show. In May, loose bolts on a gasoline pump suction strainer at a BASF chemical manufacturing plant in Port Arthur [released](#) a number of different volatile organic compounds, or toxic chemicals that also contribute to ozone pollution, the company reported. A federal incident report shows that [one person](#) went to the hospital. Acute short-term exposure to one of the compounds, [toluene](#), can affect the central nervous system. The plant also released [benzene](#), a known carcinogen and occupational hazard. Those weren't the first such releases at the plant. In the two years prior to that incident, BASF reported unauthorized emissions of benzene and other volatile organic compounds at least five other times. That included [one release](#) of more than 1,500 pounds of benzene in August 2013 after pressure gauges ruptured and caused a leak. It [appears](#) that the TCEQ fined the company for such emissions around that time, but specific records were not immediately available. In one of the larger events reported in recent years, Shell Oil's Deer Park refinery [released](#) close to 40,000 pounds of benzene in January 2013. Along with other volatile organic compounds, the substance vented out of an improperly operated valve for 15 days before a plant worker noticed. It [paid](#) the TCEQ \$200,000 for that and other related emissions violations, along with contributing money to a Houston-area air-monitoring project. Repeated events like that one impact public health, Craft said. "You've got folks that are getting routine exposure to benzene, and after some certain number of years there's a chance they're going to end up with cancer," she said. "It all adds up." For their part, Texas regulators say they swiftly respond to chemical leaks — within their power. "In emergency response events, TCEQ's role is to rapidly provide personnel, expertise,



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and equipment, as necessary, to assess the extent of public exposure to hazardous materials, such as monitoring offsite air quality," Terry Clawson, a TCEQ spokesman, said in an email. Clawson added that this past year, the agency found that 98 percent of all facilities that emit air pollutants that it inspected were in compliance.

**PDF Document** Texas Chemical Council Statement to Texas Tribune [PDF \(101.6 KB\)](#) [download](#)

<http://www.texastribune.org/2014/11/20/gas-killed-dupont-workers-not-rare-texas/>

### CANADA, ONT, SARNIA, NOVEMBER 21 2014. SHELL ISSUES HAZMAT LEAK ALERT AT SARNIA, ONTARIO SITE

Royal Dutch Shell has issued an alert on a leak at its facility at Corunna in Sarnia, Ontario, according to a notice from the Sarnia-Lambton community alerting system. Shell operates a 75,000-barrel-per-day refinery in Sarnia. "The site emergency warning system has been activated and Shell personnel are currently responding," the notification added. The notice did not specify if the fire affected refinery operations.

<https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/shell-issues-hazmat-leak-alert-192504174.html>

### USA, ILL, EDWARDSVILLE, NOVEMBER 21 2014. MAN GETS \$7.5M IN BOAT EXPLOSION SETTLEMENT

A Puerto Rican man has been awarded a record \$7.5 million settlement for injuries sustained in an explosion as he worked to repair a boat in Alton. On Tuesday, Edward Perez-Mossetty of Cayey, Puerto Rico, and defendants American Tugs, Inc. and a confidential Alton Illinois boat company reached the settlement in a Jones Act lawsuit filed in Madison County in 2010. This is a record Illinois Jones Act recovery, according to John Kirkton, editor of the Illinois Jury Verdict Reporter. According to a release, Perez-Mossetty, then 37, suffered serious neck and back injuries in an explosion aboard the MV Alejandro in 2009 while it was docked for restoration and repairs in Alton. Perez-Mossetty was in the engine room of the boat when the air tank exploded. He was thrown into the air and landed on his neck. The lawsuit alleged that American Tugs and the confidential Alton boat company were liable for Perez-Mossetty's injuries under the Jones Act, general maritime law and common law negligence. The lawsuit alleged that the air accumulator tank that exploded aboard the Alejandro was being operated without a pressure relief valve or a working drain valve on the day of the explosion. Investigations by the Coast Guard, OSHA and the Illinois Boiler Inspector revealed that the tank was being operated without a working pressure relief valve and had thinned and pitted due to rusting caused by water accumulation. These agencies later cited the defendant American Tugs. The suit further alleged that the faulty tank was installed in the Alejandro several years prior to the accident, providing the defendants with ample notice and opportunity to place pressure relief and drain valves. The regulatory agencies also found that on the day of the accident, employees were operating the tank on manual because the compressor kept shutting off. When running on automatic, the compressor would shut off at a certain pressure to avoid overloading the tank with compressed air. However on manual, pressure was allowed to build-up with no relief and eventually exploded, similar to blowing up a balloon until it pops. the release said. "Edward's tragic injuries were a result of unsafe conditions and negligence on the part of the boat owner and its employees," said John Perconti, of Levin & Perconti in Chicago, who co-represented Perez-Mossetty. "As a result of the injuries he sustained in the accident, Edward suffered a neck injury causing him to suffer partial paralysis with serious motor and sensory impairments," said Michael Bonamarte, who also represented . "This means that he has limited feeling and movement. He underwent surgery and extensive rehabilitation for months, neither of which were able to rehabilitate or restore him to his prior condition. "Today, Edward requires assistance to walk," added Margaret. "He is dependent upon others for assistance with daily activities. In addition to losing his independence, Edward is in constant pain and will never work again. Edward will require medical care and treatment and assistive devices for the rest of his life, along with physical and occupational therapy. The \$7.5 million settlement will allow Edward to receive these necessary services and care, and will also provide for him and his family since he can no longer earn an income."

[http://www.thetelegraph.com/news/news/50719372/Man-gets-\\$7.5M-in-boat-explosion-settlement](http://www.thetelegraph.com/news/news/50719372/Man-gets-$7.5M-in-boat-explosion-settlement)

### ENGLAND, SALISBURY, NOVEMBER 22 2014. EIGHT INJURED BY STRAY FIREWORK AT CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

Eight people have been injured by a stray firework that fell in to the crowd during a display to switch on the Christmas lights in Salisbury. One person was taken to Salisbury District Hospital by ambulance but is not believed to be seriously hurt. Brett Bowles, who was also injured, said it was like he had been "hit by a bottle". Salisbury City Council said it appeared that a "firework malfunctioned" but it was "investigating further". Mr Bowles said: "I was stood with my daughter in my arms watching the fireworks. "The first few had gone over and then it felt like someone had thrown a bottle, which hit me in the side of the head. "Then I looked down on the floor and there were some old firework remains there and the blood just pouring down my



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head." A Salisbury City Council spokesman, said the authority "apologises for any distress this incident has caused". "The council are currently carrying out a full and thorough investigation with all those involved," he said.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-wiltshire-30141706>

### **USA, OK, GUYMON, NOVEMBER 22 2014. 2 WORKERS CRITICALLY BURNED AT A COMPRESSOR STATION IN GUYMON GAS PLANT EXPLOSION**

Two men were critically injured in an explosion at the DCP Straight Compressor station near Guymon, Oklahoma. According to the Guymon Fire Department, at about 3:20 p.m. Thursday, crews responded to the report of an explosion at the DCP Straight Compressor station, located at mile 32N and County Rd. 7. The station is located about 13 miles northeast of Guymon. Crews quickly located a worker on site who could give firefighters account of the incident. According to that worker, four DCP workers were at the site when the building that housed drying operations suddenly exploded. Two of the workers were in the building at the time of the explosion and escaped out an exit. Another worker outside the building extinguished both men, who were still on fire as they got out of the building, according to fire officials. Both burn victims were placed in a company vehicle and transported to Memorial Hospital of Texas County before Fire and EMS arrived on scene. Both victims were later transferred in critical condition to the Burn Unit in Lubbock, Texas. "Cause of the explosion and fire is unknown at the time and being investigated by DCP Officials", said Assistant Chief Wadley. Firefighters allowed the fire to burn itself out. DCP officials were able to isolate the building and its contents from the rest of the plant site. The Straight Elementary School was quickly evacuated for precautionary measures at the time of the explosion. No children or school officials were injured. Emergency Services Departments that responded included the Guymon Fire Department with EMS, Hooker Fire Department, Hooker EMS, Texas County Sheriff Office, OHP, Texas County District #1 and #2, and Texas County Emergency Management. Units remained on scene for over an hour as DCP continued to isolate and investigate this incident. Authorities have not identified the two burn victims at this time. Two workers were critically burned following an explosion at a Guymon gas plant Thursday. According to Guymon Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Grant Wadley, around 3:30 p.m. Thursday Guymon Fire responded to an explosion call at the DCP Gas Plant at Straight. "Upon emergency services arrival, found an isolated building on site with fire and smoke coming from inside," Wadley said. Emergency responders found a DCP worker on site who said four DCP employees were on site when the building that housed drying operations suddenly exploded. Two workers were inside the building when it exploded and were able to escape out an exit. Wadley says the two workers escaped the plant but were on fire. The employees were quickly extinguished by another employee. The two burned men were placed inside a company vehicle and transported to Memorial Hospital of Texas County before emergency crews arrived on scene. The men were later transferred in critical condition to the burn unit in Lubbock. Wadley says the cause of the explosion and fire is currently being investigated by DCP officials. Crews allowed the fire to burn itself out. Wadley says Straight elementary School was quickly evacuated following the explosion as a precautionary measure. The plant is located approximately 13 miles northeast of Guymon.

<http://metroforensics.blogspot.com.au/2014/11/2-workers-critically-burned-at.html>

### **USA, LA, NEW ORLEANS, NOVEMBER 22 2014. 1 KILLED, 3 INJURED IN OIL RIG EXPLOSION IN GULF OF MEXICO**

One person was killed and three others were injured in an explosion on an Oil Rig in the Gulf of Mexico yesterday according to the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE). The explosion happened about 4 p.m. on board an oil rig roughly 12 miles off the coast of New Orleans. The three injured workers were undergoing treatment in a medical facility on the rig, said the BSEE. Their conditions weren't immediately released. The oil rig is owned by Houston-based Fieldwood Energy, which reported the explosion. The rig wasn't in production at the time of the explosion, said the BSEE. The damage was limited to the explosion area and no pollution was reported. It was unclear what caused the explosion. The BSEE was investigating.

<http://www.oilandgaspeople.com/news/1181/1-killed-3-injured-in-oil-rig-explosion-in-gulf-of-mexico/>

### **USA, ILL, CHICAGO, NOVEMBER 22 2014. 4 INJURED IN AEROSOL BLAST AT MACY'S IN CHICAGO'S LOOP >> AEROSOL CAN RUPTURED IN THE KITCHEN DEMO AREA, OFFICIALS SAID**

*anthony ponce*

Four employees were injured Friday morning when an aerosol can ruptured during preparations for an employee breakfast at Macy's in Chicago's Loop, fire officials said. Four employees were injured Friday morning when an aerosol can ruptured during preparations for an employee breakfast at Macy's in Chicago's Loop, fire officials said. The can got too close to a heating



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element at the store at 111 N. State St. and exploded, Field Chief Elliott Belez said. The store had not opened yet, and there were no customers in the building. "The can apparently overheated and it exploded," Belez said. A woman was taken to John H Stroger Jr. Hospital with facial burns, and three men were transported to Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Three of the employees were later released and "are doing fine," according to a Macy's spokeswoman. "An accident happened where an aerosol can ruptured," store spokeswoman Andrea Schwartz said in a statement. "No harm has been done to the building and the store is operating normally." Fire officials initially cited a "cooking incident with propane" but later clarified that no propane was involved. The woman was seen being taken from the store with towels on her face. Schwartz confirmed the incident occurred in the lower-level demonstration kitchen. "Four associates were injured in an accident related to a cooking event on the lower level pre-store opening," Schwartz said. "The accident is currently under investigation. No customers were injured as the store was not open at the time. The store is open and operating normally." The Chicago Fire Department cited Macy's for violating safety protocols.

<http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/Propane-Chicago-Loop-Injuries-283488831.html>

### USA, MI, LINDEN, NOVEMBER 22 2014. GASOLINE LEAK CONTAMINATING GROUNDWATER, LACK OF CORRECTIVE ACTION HAS LINDEN RESIDENTS FUMING

*molly young*



*Beacon & Bridge on Friday, Nov. 21, 2014 in downtown Linden.*

Above the surface, Linden looks like a quaint, snow-topped town with historical buildings and homes positioned around the picturesque Shiawassee River that flows through it. But below the surface of city's streets is a gasoline leak that continues to contaminate groundwater and has residents fuming. The City Council Chambers in the Linden Mills Building in downtown Linden was standing-room only Friday morning, Nov. 21, when more than 50 residents attended an informational public meeting held by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to detail the leak investigation. Complaints of gasoline odors by home and business owners kick-started an investigation by the DEQ and EPA in July that revealed gasoline was leaking under the town, and had been for years. Storm and

sanitary sewers, air quality, and soil quality using bores were tested. The tests allowed officials to outline the contaminated area, which is estimated to encompass a 15,000-square-foot area that stretches from the gas station on the southeast corner of Silver Lake Road and South Bridge Street about 150 feet north under a lot on North Bridge Street. At this point, no one's sure exactly how long gas has been leaking, or at what rate, but they do know that at the time the tests were done, drinking water, ecosystems and the river were not compromised, thanks to the shallowness of the aquifer that was contaminated and the clay soil that surrounds it, said Marjorie Frisch, environmental quality analyst with the DEQ. Government officials do not expect the river or drinking water to ever become contaminated from the leak. But that doesn't mean it isn't affecting the community. Kevin Begola has owned and operated a business at 109 N. Bridge for the past year and a half, and said he started smelling gasoline when they started doing renovations just over a year ago. "Initially, we thought it was an old, musty smell or maybe an old fuel oil smell. As time went on, we tried to mask it with painting and stuff like that, trying to figure out what it was. No one seemed to know what it was. I did a lot of independent study on my own to try and figure out what it was." It was after the EPA and DEQ responded to another report of a strong gasoline odor coming from a manhole down the street that testing revealed the stench in Begola's building was caused by gasoline backing up into his sump. His business tested highest in the area for volatile chemicals commonly found in gasoline. "What they found was pretty shocking to me, because what they found was benzene, and benzene is a carcinogen," Begola said. "And that opened up a bunch of testing. I basically had someone at my place every week. The last four months have been very stressful." A temporary ventilation system was put in place that seals the sump and gasoline in it, and vents the fumes out of the building and above the rooftop. Beacon and Bridge's attorney, Clifford Knaggs, was at the meeting and said the business is already taking steps to assess the leak and stop it, even though its own monitoring systems never detected a leak. "B and B takes their responsibility very seriously," Knaggs said. "They're members of the community. If you look at their marketing, they're small, hometown convenience store gas stations. When the release was filed, they immediately undertook all their obligations." They are required by law to eliminate immediate risk to public health and safety and to the environment. On Thursday, Nov. 20, Beacon and Bridge had a tank tightness test done to confirm the leak and try to pinpoint what is causing it, and now they are waiting



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for the results before proceeding. Frisch said they have 24 hours to start investigating and 180 days to identify and remove immediate threats to public health, safety and welfare, or to the environment. Within a year, they need to have a plan that outlines the extent of the problem and corrective action they need to take. For Begola, it's not enough. "They should close down until they figure out where the leak is coming from and until they stop the leak," he said. "It's frustrating as a business owner to see people keep getting affected by this while the gas station is still operational. It just makes you wonder how bad they're going to let it get before they fix it."

[http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2014/11/gasoline\\_leak\\_contaminating\\_gr.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2014/11/gasoline_leak_contaminating_gr.html)

### USA, TX, COMANCHE, NOVEMBER 22 2014. INVESTIGATION WRAPS UP ON DEADLY COMANCHE FIREWORKS EXPLOSION

*gabriella hernandez*

cause of the firework explosion that killed one in Comanche in July has been ruled undetermined. According to Texas Fire Marshal's Office spokesperson Rachel Moreno, two factors could not be ruled out in the July explosion, including the possibilities of an electric match or friction igniting the July 3 blast. Dr. Russell Reynolds, a local chiropractor, was killed and three others were injured as they were helping set up the town's 24th annual fireworks display, "Every time he walked in here he had a smile," said local waitress Sylvia Aldepa. The rest of the town refuses to let his legacy go. A Christmas light show that Reynolds helped begin is being prepared at the courthouse. The show will light up on the 28th and run through Christmas.

#### Related Stories

- [Scholarship at Comanche High School to honor explosion](#)
- [A day of mourning for the city of Comanche](#)
- [Comanche Fireworks Explosion: 1 killed, 3 injured](#)

<http://www.ktxs.com/news/investigation-wraps-up-on-firework-explosion-in-comanche-that-killed-one/29861054>

### USA, TX, SAN ANTONIO, NOVEMBER 22 2014. MAN KILLED IN CRASH WITH TANKER TRUCK >> PICKUP TRUCK STRUCK BY GAS TANKER TRUCK ON SE LOOP 410

A man died late Thursday night when his pickup truck was T-boned by a tanker truck on the far Southeast Side. San Antonio police said the crash occurred must before 11 p.m. on Southeast Loop 410 between Rigsby Avenue and E. Southcross Boulevard. Police said the truck was traveling in the fast lane when it veered to the right and crossed all three lanes. It was then T-boned by a loaded gas tanker truck, police said. The victim lost control of the truck crashed into the a grassy median. Paramedics responded, but the driver was pronounced dead at the scene. Police are not sure why the victim crossed all three lanes on 410. Police believe the man was in his mid 30s. His name has not been released.

<http://www.ksat.com/content/pns/ksat/news/2014/11/21/man-killed-in-crash-with-tanker-truck.html>

### USA, CA, RANCHO CUCAMONGA, NOVEMBER 22 2014. 4 FIREFIGHTERS INJURED IN 210 FREEWAY CRASH IN RANCHO CUCAMONGA

Four firefighters were injured in a crash on the 210 Freeway in Rancho Cucamonga early Friday morning. Two cars collided on the westbound lanes at Haven Avenue around 12:26 a.m. While the California Highway Patrol and firefighters were helping, a tanker truck plowed into their vehicles. Four firefighters were transported with minor injuries. No one was injured in the first crash. Both crashes remain under investigation.

<http://abc7.com/news/4-firefighters-injured-in-210-freeway-crash/405178/>

### INDIA, BIHAR, NAWADA, NOVEMBER 22 2014. FOUR KILLED, THREE INJURED IN TANKER-VAN COLLISION

Four persons of a family were killed on the spot, while three others sustained severe injuries today when the van they were travelling in collided head-on with a tanker in Nawada district of Bihar. Police officers said the accident happened on National Highway-31 near Chitrakoli village under Rajauli police station in the district and the victims were local residents of the Dibour Ghati village. "The collision was so severe that the van was badly crushed. The four seem to have died instantaneously, while the three in critical condition have been admitted to a Primary Health Centre (PHC) in the area," said Rajauli Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Sarfur Rehman. The police said the tanker was coming at high speed from [Jharkhand](#) and was also damaged in the collision. Its driver has been arrested and the bodies have been sent for post mortem.

[http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/four-killed-three-injured-in-tanker-van-collision-114112200532\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/four-killed-three-injured-in-tanker-van-collision-114112200532_1.html)



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### JORDON, AMMAN, NOV. 22 2014. FUEL TRUCK CRASHES, CATCHES FIRE NEAR AQABA

A fuel truck driver was injured, and suffered bruises all over his body on Saturday when his vehicle overturned and caught fire in Wadi Al-Yutm on the road to the port city of Aqaba, the Civil Defence Department (CDD) reported. The CDD media centre said that the tanker truck was laden with 40 tons of diesel when it crashed, and that fire department personnel and medics rushed to the scene and put out the blaze. The medics administered first aid to the driver before he was transferred to the Prince

[http://petra.gov.jo/Public\\_News/Nws\\_NewsDetails.aspx?Site\\_Id=1&lang=2&NewsID=173347&CatID=13&Type=Home&GType=1](http://petra.gov.jo/Public_News/Nws_NewsDetails.aspx?Site_Id=1&lang=2&NewsID=173347&CatID=13&Type=Home&GType=1)

### USA, MS, D'IBERVILLE, NOVEMBER 23 2014. AUTHORITIES WORKING TO CLEAN GASOLINE SPILL IN D'IBERVILLE

*christina garcia*

Authorities are on the scene of a gasoline spill at the Harrison County Barn on Rodriguez Street and Doris Deno Avenue in D'Iberville. According to D'Iberville Fire Chief Gerald Smith the spill occurred around 2 Friday afternoon. Smith said a gas company over-filled the county's underground fuel storage tanks, which provide gas to county vehicles. That gasoline ended up on the parking lot. It also spilled onto part of Doris Deno Avenue and some of it got into a storm drain. Smith said an estimated 100 to 110 gallons of gas spilled out. US Environmental out of Mobile, AL is headed to the scene to clean up the gas. Vehicles that were parked in the impacted area have been moved. Part of Doris Deno Avenue is closed while clean-up is underway. Everything is expected to be cleaned up in about 2 to 3 hours. "Were not sure how much gas is in the storm drain," said Smith. US Environmental will be cleaning that storm drain to get all gas out. WLOX will update this story as more information becomes available.

<http://www.wlox.com/story/27452751/authorities-working-to-clean-gasoline-spill-in-diberville>

### CANADA, ALBA, CALGARY, NOVEMBER 23 2014. ENMAX PLANT HYDROCHLORIC ACID SPILL SENDS MAN TO HOSPITAL >> SPILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

A man in his 40s was sent to hospital Friday with burns following a hydrochloric acid spill at the Enmax plant in northeast Calgary. Workers were transferring the material around 11 a.m. MT when 500 litres spilled and one of them was sprayed in the face. The man was taken to an emergency shower and then rushed to hospital. Three others were also taken to hospital as a precaution. HazMat crews cordoned off the area while they worked to neutralize the acid. The cause of the spill is still under investigation. Provincial officials were made aware of the incident.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/enmax-plant-hydrochloric-acid-spill-sends-man-to-hospital-1.2845118>

### USA, NE, LINCOLN, NOVEMBER 22 2014. DIESEL CLEANUP AROUND PINNACLE BANK ARENA TO TAKE AT LEAST 2 MORE YEARS

Lincoln city officials say the cleanup of diesel contamination in the ground near Pinnacle BANK Arena is expected to take at least two more years. The Lincoln Journal Star reports that the city has continued to find diesel fuel in the area — a former RAIL yard, where the contamination was first found. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency has extended the contract with Alfred Benesch & Co. For another year to continue cleaning up the diesel plume north of O Street and to remove contaminants.

[http://www.omaha.com/news/nebraska/diesel-cleanup-around-pinnacle-bank-arena-to-take-at-least/article\\_a9e61782-72af-11e4-a541-37a7a034a0ee.html](http://www.omaha.com/news/nebraska/diesel-cleanup-around-pinnacle-bank-arena-to-take-at-least/article_a9e61782-72af-11e4-a541-37a7a034a0ee.html)

### AUSTRALIA, VIDTORIA, WEDDERBURN, NOVEMBER 24 2014. VIC PETROL STATION FINED \$123,000 AFTER SHOWING 'NO CONTRITION' FOR UNDERPAYMENTS

A Victorian petrol station operator has shown no contrition for underpaying two console operators as little as \$10 an hour, resulting in them needing to seek additional income to meet living expenses. The operator, Wedderburn Petroleum Pty Ltd, has been fined \$123,915 in the federal Circuit Court for the underpayments. The company formerly operated a petrol station at 117 High Street, Wedderburn, north-west of Bendigo. It underpaid the employees — one aged in her late 20s and the other in her 50s — amounts of \$21,637 and \$25,621 respectively between 2008 and 2013 as a result of paying them flat hourly rates ranging from \$10 to \$15.96 for all hours worked. This resulted in underpayment of their minimum hourly rates, casual loadings, annual leave entitlements and penalty rates for weekend, public holiday and overtime work. The company also contravened record-keeping and pay slip laws. The Fair Work Ombudsman commenced an investigation when the employees lodged



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complaints. After Wedderburn Petroleum refused to co-operate and back-pay the employees, the Fair Work Ombudsman launched legal action. In his judgment on the case, Judge Frank Turner found that the Fair Work Ombudsman informed the company of the need to pay lawful minimum pay rates in 2010 but the company chose to deliberately underpay the two employees. "The breaches were extensive and resulted in proportionately significant underpayments to each employee," Judge Turner said. "The failure to provide pay slips affected the employees' ability to obtain finance. "The employees were on low income and needed to seek additional income to enable them to meet their living expenses." One employee gave evidence that the need to secure a second job resulted in her working long hours, making it difficult for her to spend time with her husband and young children. Judge Turner said significant factors in determining the appropriate penalty included that Wedderburn Petroleum had made "no effort to co-operate with the Fair Work Ombudsman", had "shown no contrition" and had shown "flagrant disregard" for Court Orders made earlier this year to back-pay the workers in full. Judge Turner found that there was a "clear need for specific deterrence" of the company, as well as a need to impose a penalty to deter others from contravening workplace laws. Fair Work Ombudsman Natalie James says the Court's decision sends a message that deliberately underpaying employees and then refusing to promptly rectify the matter is very serious conduct that will not be tolerated. "We will not hesitate to take action to ensure employees receive their basic minimum entitlements," Ms James said. "Successful litigations such as this also benefit employers who are complying with workplace laws, because it helps them to compete on a level playing field." Ms James says the Fair Work Ombudsman can assist employers with accurate, reliable information and encouraged businesses to access the Agency's free tools and resources. Online tools available at [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au) include PayCheck Plus to determine the correct award and minimum wages for employees, templates for pay slips and time-and-wages records and a range of Best Practice Guides.

<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2014-media-releases/november-2014/20141124-wedderburn-penalty>

### USA, CA, SACRAMENTO, NOVEMBER 24 2014. 3 BILLION GALLONS OF HIGHLY-TOXIC FRACKING WASTE DUMPED INTO CALIFORNIA DRINKING WATER SUPPLY >> CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN FRACKED

We've [warned](#) for [years](#) that fracking pollutes our scarce drinking water. As the Emmy-winning documentary Gasland demonstrates, fracking is [polluting water all over the country](#). A study published in the journal Ground Water predicts that the highly-toxic fluids used in fracking can migrate to aquifers [within a few short years](#). NBC Bay Area news [reported](#) last week that 3 billion gallons of highly-toxic fracking waste was injected into California's aquifers: In a time when California faces an historic drought, the NBC Bay Area Investigative Unit has uncovered that state officials allowed oil and gas companies to pump billions of gallons of waste water into protected aquifers. State officials allowed oil and gas companies to pump nearly three billion gallons of waste water into underground aquifers that could have been used for drinking water or irrigation. Those aquifers are supposed to be off-limits to that kind of activity, protected by the EPA. California's Department of Conservation's Chief Deputy Director, Jason Marshall, told NBC Bay Area, "In multiple different places of the permitting process an error could have been made." California's Department of Conservation's Chief Deputy Director, Jason Marshall, told NBC Bay Area, "In multiple different places of the permitting process an error could have been made." "This is something that is going to slowly contaminate everything we know around here," said fourth-generation Kern County almond grower Tom Frantz, who lives down the road from several of the injection wells in question. According to state records, as many as 40 water supply wells, including domestic drinking wells, are located within one mile of a single well that's been injecting into non-exempt aquifers. "That's a huge concern and communities who rely on water supply wells near these injection wells have a lot of reason to be concerned that they're finding high levels of arsenic and thallium and other chemicals nearby where these injection wells have been allowed to operate," said Kretzmann.

#### Fracking Pumps Out Huge Quantities of Methane

Scientists found that fracking pumps out a lot of methane ... into both [our drinking water](#) and [the environment](#). Indeed, a study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences finds that fracking puts [between 100 and 1,000 times more methane](#) into the atmosphere than the EPA assumed. For those worried about global warming, you should note that methane is a powerful greenhouse gas: [72 times](#) more potent as a warming source than CO2. As such, fracking won't decrease global warming ... if anything, it will [increase it](#).

#### Fracking Causes Earthquakes

Scientists have concluded that fracking [actually causes earthquakes](#). Some fracking companies now [admit](#) this fact. And yet is allowed [within 500 feet](#) of nuclear power plants. That's a recipe for disaster.

#### Fracking Is a Ponzi Scheme



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Shale fracking is a [ponzi scheme](#), which has a lot in common with the subprime mortgage scam.

#### Fracking our Liberties

A [law](#) passed in Pennsylvania allows doctors to access information about chemicals used in fracking, but will restrict them from sharing that information with their patients. See the writeups by [Mother Jones](#) and [Truthout](#). The director of the Emmy-award winning documentary on fracking – Gasland – was [arrested for attempting to film a Congressional hearing on fracking](#). Actor Mark Ruffalo was [put on a terror watch list after he organized showings of Gasland](#). The Washington Post reported in March that the FBI is investigating anti-fracking activists as [potential terrorists](#). The state of Pennsylvania hired an Israeli-American company with extensive military and intelligence ties to put out “terror” alerts. The company – ITRR – [describes](#) itself as: The preeminent Israeli/American security firm providing training, intelligence and education to clients across the globe.

#### ITRR Explains:

The Institute of Terrorism Research and Response's research and analysis center, known as the Targeted Actionable Monitoring Center (TAM-C), is located in Israel. The Targeted Actionable Monitoring Center is staffed with former law enforcement, military, and intelligence professionals experienced in the production and utilization of intelligence products. ITRR [considered](#) opponents of fracking to be potential terrorists. Fracking companies are also using [military psychological operations techniques to discredit opponents](#) (and [see this](#)).

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/3-billion-gallons-of-highly-toxic-fracking-waste-dumped-into-california-drinking-water-supply/5415646>

#### USA, TX, LA PORTE, NOVEMBER 24 2014. Report: Plant spill's toxic chemicals downplayed in 911 call

Four workers killed by poisonous gas during a recent chemical leak were trapped inside the Texas pesticide plant for an hour before anyone called 911, and no one told dispatchers what substances were inside. The DuPont plant in La Porte typically housed as much as 250 tons of highly flammable methyl mercaptan, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday. But it also contained at least some methyl isocyanate. That's the same chemical that escaped a Bhopal, India, pesticide plant in 1984, killing more than 2,200 people in the world's worst industrial accident. On Nov. 15, DuPont's shift supervisor Jody Knowles gave no details about the presence of methyl isocyanate and methyl mercaptan, an ingredient of insecticides and fungicides and an odorant for natural gas, in a 911 call to the fire department. Knowles also attempted to downplay risk to the general public. After he told the dispatcher about anticipated casualties, the dispatcher asked: “Can you tell me is this any risk to the public? Is it gonna be a possible escaping from your premises?” “No ma'am, it is not,” Knowles responded. The plant covers 600 acres along the Houston Ship Channel in LaPorte and has operated since 1956. Federal officials are investigating the accident. However, emergency management officials say it's already clear that the response to the leak was inadequate and slow, especially given the scope of the disaster. The accident site had been plagued with recurring maintenance problems, and workers lacked quick access to breathing equipment that would have given them a better chance at survival. No DuPont official contacted a special emergency industrial response network called the Channel Industries Mutual Aide, a nonprofit formed to deal with potentially deadly disasters. It was hours before DuPont verified that anyone had died. DuPont has refused to clarify how many pounds of toxins were released. Officials said a valve failed on a container of methyl mercaptan and the four were killed after inhaling too much gas. The incident is the worst loss of life in an industrial accident at the world's biggest petrochemical complex since 2005, when a refinery explosion killed 15 workers in Texas City.

<http://www.statesman.com/news/news/state-regional/report-plant-spills-toxic-chemicals-downplayed-in-/njDp2/>

#### NIGERIA, YENAGOA, NOVEMBER 24 2014. OIL SPILL - SHELL ORDERED TO PAY N75 MILLION COMPENSATION TO IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

*Samuel Oyadonga*

Bayelsa State Government and National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency, NOSDRA, have ordered Shell Petroleum Development Company, SPDC, to pay N75 million compensation to Biseni communities in Yenagoa Local Government Area impacted by the Adibawa North East 6" Test Line oil spill. The government and the regulatory agency threatened more severe sanction should the company fail to pay up before November 30 and also engage an independent team of experts to undertake a comprehensive technical assessment of the impacted area. It was learnt that the government's tough posture followed Shell's alleged refusal to attend a meeting summoned to resolve the protracted issue of the spill. The state government, through the Environment Commissioner, Mr. Inuiro Wills, accused Shell of impunity and refusal to attend series of meetings scheduled to resolve the contentious issues bordering on oil spillages and community protests that had shut down oil exploration activities in the area. Wills, in a statement in Yenagoa, said the refusal by Shell's management to send a



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delegation to the series of peace meetings on the oil spillage had heightened tension in the area and was capable of threatening peace and security of the area. According to him, the state government had resolved that a thorough clean-up of the impacted area, in line with international best practices, be conducted immediately by a competent firm approved and accredited by the state government and NOSDRA. Also resolved against Shell, was the payment of N75 million compensation to the impacted communities as earlier decided not later than November 30, 2014 and should Shell fail to meet the deadline, a comprehensive technical assessment of the impacted area would be undertaken by an independent team of experts. "After a joint pre-assessment visit conducted on October 34, 2014, a meeting was proposed for October 30, 2014. In response to the letter, Shell requested for the rescheduling of the proposed meeting of October 30, on the ground of non-availability of key personnel required for the discussion. As a show of respect, we obliged by rescheduling the meeting to November 18, 2014, about three weeks from the earlier date. "To our dismay, Shell was the only party that did not turn up for the meeting, with convincing reason for the failure to attend a meeting that was rescheduled at their instance. The team from NOSDRA and various communities representatives all travelled in for the meeting."

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201411240601.html>

### CANADA, ALBA, AIDRIE, NOVEMBER 24 2014. AIRDRIE SOUR GAS LEAK EMERGENCY ALERT ENDS >> EMERGENCY CREWS SAY ROTTEN EGG ODOUR MAY BE BOTHERSOME BUT IS NOT HARMFUL

The Alberta Emergency Alert issued over a sour gas leak near Airdrie has ended. According to the website, the gas is no longer being released and residents who had been evacuated will be allowed to return home as the utilities are restored. Kallisto Energy Corporation says an equipment failure caused the leak at about 6:30 p.m. Saturday at a well roughly two kilometres southwest of Airdrie. Residents from about a dozen nearby acreages were told to leave the area and crews quickly shut off power and gas. The Alberta Energy website states sour gas is toxic to humans at very low concentrations but emergency crews and Kallisto Energy Corporation have said there is no danger to the public from this gas leak.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/airdrie-sour-gas-leak-emergency-alert-ends-1.2846248>

### ENGLAND, HAMPSHIRE, NOVEMBER 24 2014. ROWNHAMS SERVICES CLOSED FOR A SECOND DAY FOLLOWING A LARGE DIESEL SPILL

*rory mckeown*

A large fuel spillage has closed a Hampshire motorway service station for a second day. The service station area and slip road into Rownhams Services on the M27 eastbound, between junctions three and four, is closed for resurfacing work. The large diesel spill occurred on Friday evening. The services are not expected to reopen before Monday morning.

[http://www.dailyecho.co.uk/NEWS/11620519.Fuel\\_spill\\_closes\\_service\\_station\\_for\\_a\\_second\\_day/](http://www.dailyecho.co.uk/NEWS/11620519.Fuel_spill_closes_service_station_for_a_second_day/)

### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, BOGAN GATE, NOVEMBER 24 2014. EXPLOSION AT FIREWORKS FACTORY AT BOGAN GATE IN NSW SPARKS GRASS FIRE

 **Map:** [Bogan Gate 2876](#)

A large explosion at a fireworks factory has caused a fire at Bogan Gate in Central Western New South Wales. A number of buildings and nearby grass are on fire at the facility on Condobolin Road. Several homes were being evacuated but there have been no reported injuries. Fire crews are not able to reach the fire because of dangerous conditions but the Rural Fire Service (RFS) said no properties were under threat.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-11-23/explosion-at-fireworks-factory-sparks-grass-fire/5912372>

### AUSTRALIA, A.C.T, CANBERRA, NOVEMBER 24 2014. HEAT THOUGHT TO HAVE IGNITED FIREWORKS IN ROOF OF CANBERRA HOME

 **Map:** [Mawson 2607](#)

A blaze in the roof cavity of a home at Mawson in Canberra's south is thought to have been started when fireworks ignited in the heat. A person in the house at the time was assessed by intensive care paramedics, who reported no injuries. Authorities said the fire was now under control but it continued to smoulder at 3.30pm. It came as the ACT sweltered through temperatures of up to 39C. An Emergency Services Agency spokeswoman said it was believed the heat ignited the fireworks, which had been stored in the ceiling. The fire danger rating for Sunday was set at very high.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-11-23/heat-thought-to-have-ignited-fireworks-in-roof-of-home/5912278>



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### BANGLADESH, DHAKA, TEJGAON, NOVEMBER 24 2014. TEJGAON OIL TANKER FIRE DOUSED

 **Watch the Video** [Tejgaon Oil Tanker Fire Doused](#)



*The fire on an oil tanker next to a petrol pump at Tejgaon has been doused after an hour.*

Several explosions were heard after the vehicle carrying octane caught fire at the pump near Tibet intersection around 7pm Sunday. Seven units worked frantically to extinguish the flames around 8pm, said Fire Service Control Room official Nilufar Yasmin. People in the neighbourhood who had come down to the street in fear were seen clapping and cheering after the fire was finally put out. Smoke was billowing from the vehicle's ruins and police and fire workers were not allowing anyone access to the site. Traffic was halted on the Moghbazar-bound road from Mohakhali Bus terminal to Tejgaon intersection. The lorry had several thousand liters of octane, officials have said. Fire-fighters could not get much

near the vehicle due to the raging flames. Electricity lines were damaged by the burning tanker causing power supply to be turned off in the area. The cause of the fire and extent of the damage could not be determined immediately.

<http://bdnews24.com/bangladesh/2014/11/23/tejgaon-oil-tanker-fire-doused>

### USA, LA, BATON ROUGE, NOVEMBER 24 2014. LOUISIANA BUCKET BRIGADE RELEASES STATEWIDE REFINERY ACCIDENT FIGURES FOR 2013

renita d. young



*ExxonMobil reported 32 accidents in 2013, less than the 52 reported in 2012.*

Although there were fewer accidents reported by ExxonMobil refinery in Baton Rouge in 2013 compared to the previous year, local environmental advocates say the numbers could be skewed, since the company self-reports the information. The Louisiana Bucket Brigade and the Green Army released Saturday (Nov. 22) the number of refinery accidents statewide in 2013. ExxonMobil reported 32 accidents in 2013, less than the 52 reported in 2012. The Louisiana Bucket Brigade's figures are based off of accident reports filed with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality by each of the state's 17 oil refineries.

However since the reports are self-reported, and refineries are required by law to report only quantities above a certain figure, the Louisiana Bucket Brigade claims pollution totals are likely underestimated. There were 331 accidents reported by in the state in 2013, an average of six per week, just a few more than in 2012, when there were 327 reported accidents. "These accidents released over two million pounds and over 62,000 gallons of pollution in 2013, and residents are rarely notified during these accidents," said Anne Rolfes, founding director of the environmental advocacy group headquartered out of New Orleans. The Bucket Brigade released the figures during a Saturday morning breakfast at a church just across from ExxonMobil, alongside Green Army leader retired Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré. The groups claim that by the time residents get word of the reports, it's too late for them to take any kind of action. Furthermore, they say some incidents that released substances higher than the reportable quantities, were not reported properly. In order to protect residents from any long-term effects of being exposed to pollutants, Honoré called for local refineries to adopt 21st-century style monitoring systems. Honoré says such reporting systems, available in other states, tend to include air monitors that reads air quality continuously, and sends automatic alerts to residents whenever it detects problems. "The fact that we're the second poorest state and the (fourth) largest energy producer is a shame," Honoré said. Honoré said there's no denying the oil and gas industry's investment in the community, with the recently-announced Sasol project bringing in thousands alone to the neighborhood. However, he said whenever companies release pollution, they and other agencies, most likely say the material didn't have any impact beyond the fence line of the facility. "How do you stop gas from going beyond a chain link fence," he asks. He said what he'd like most is for residents to have better access to reporting tools so they'd be able to control their exposure to any pollution. Petrochemical companies included in the annual report and local business organizations have continuously disputed the Louisiana Bucket Brigade's figures, claiming the organization includes incidents that are not under regulations mandated by the Clean Air Act to be reported, and material that's burned off through flares. Companies also say the report doesn't take into account the increasing air quality and decline in emissions some companies have reported. "I think that it might be missing the forest for the trees of what is most important here," said Adam Knapp, president and CEO of the Baton Rouge Area



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Chamber. "The broader commentary and observation that we've had is that air quality has been continually improving in the Baton Rouge area since the Clean Air Act. After viewing the report, Matt Dempsey of pro-oil-and-gas group Energize LA said, "once again, the Bucket Brigade dishonestly fails to mention that the air quality in Louisiana is the cleanest it's been in decades and meets state and federal air quality standards. In fact, air quality continues to improve while energy development in the state booms, providing economic growth and good paying jobs." ExxonMobil Baton Rouge's officials say overall pollution releases at the refinery and chemical plant have declined by more than 40 percent since 1990. Stephanie Cargile, public and government affairs manager with ExxonMobil Baton Rouge, said the company would be looking at the Louisiana Bucket Brigade report in detail. "ExxonMobil Baton Rouge continually strives to reduce emissions and reduce the number and severity of incidents. In fact, 2013 was a record year for environmental performance. The refinery experienced its best-ever reliability performance last year, including reductions in spills and flaring," she Cargile said.

[http://www.nola.com/business/baton-rouge/index.ssf/2014/11/louisiana\\_bucket\\_brigade\\_relea.html](http://www.nola.com/business/baton-rouge/index.ssf/2014/11/louisiana_bucket_brigade_relea.html)

### USA, PA, PLUMSTEADVILLE, NOVEMBER 25 2014. HAZMAT IN PLUMSTEAD PROMPTS EVACUATION, STREET CLOSURE

marion callahan

 **Watch the Video** [Hazmat in Plumstead Prompts Evacuation](#)

 **Watch the Video** [Hazmat Incident in Plumstead](#)



*Plumstead Hazmat: A member of the Hazmat team gets help getting dressed to check out a gas leak at the Air Liquide Co on Easton Rd in Plumstead Twp on Monday morning.*

At least 100 employees from Air Liquide in Plumstead were evacuated during a hazardous materials emergency that shut down Route 611 north of Stump Road Monday morning. Plumsteadville Fire Chief Brian DuBree said no one was injured, and the Bucks County Hazmat team was called to the scene to secure the building at 6141 Easton Road. A worker on the scene said the company is a manufacturer of industrial, medical and specialty gases. Employees noticed the leak shortly after 9:30 a.m. and emergency personnel were called to the scene, said Heather Brown, spokeswoman for the Plumstead company. "Our first priority was to make sure the scene was secure, evacuated and safe," said Brown, who added more details on the type of chemical released would be

disclosed later. DuBree reported that it was some kind of liquid chlorine gas leak. Brown confirmed that it was "an apparent release from a single onsite cylinder." In a company statement, she said: "Emergency protocol was immediately followed which resulted in notification to first responders and evacuation of the site. Air quality is also being monitored. No injuries have been reported and all employees are accounted for."

[http://www.buckscountycouriertimes.com/news/local/hazmat-in-plumstead-prompts-evacuation-street-closure/article\\_692479f1-d1a0-5e48-9f94-3a409dda0947.html](http://www.buckscountycouriertimes.com/news/local/hazmat-in-plumstead-prompts-evacuation-street-closure/article_692479f1-d1a0-5e48-9f94-3a409dda0947.html)

### USA, CA, NOVEMBER 25 2014. PETALUMA GAS STATION OWNER FINED \$50,000 FOR VIOLATIONS

paul payne

The owner of a North Coast gas station chain will pay almost \$50,000 in civil penalties for violations of underground storage tank laws at his Petaluma station, the District Attorney's Office said Monday. The violations against Arash Salkhi, who owns Santa Rosa Grand Petroleum, were found in a December inspection of his Valero station at 532 E. Washington Blvd., prosecutor Ann Gallagher White said. Inspectors from the Petaluma Fire Department determined he did not have records showing he was monitoring tank alarms and the tanks were not working properly, White said. Also, Salkhi failed to test secondary containment systems that would protect groundwater, she said. The station was red-tagged and closed until necessary repairs could be made. White, who is part of a consumer and environmental law prosecution team, brought civil enforcement proceedings. Of the total penalty, about \$36,000 will go to Petaluma fire for investigative costs and training. The balance will go to the District Attorney's Office and the county's general fund, White said.

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/3159437-181/gas-station-owner-fined-50000>



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### CHINA, HUNAN, ZHANGJIAJIE, NOVEMBER 25 2014. CESSPOOL EXCREMENT EXPLOSION DESTROYS CHINESE BUILDING

Fifteen people injured in blast apparently caused when methane gas from pit ignited. A cesspool filled with excrement has exploded in central China, injuring 15 people and knocking down a building, state-run media reported. The blast was apparently sparked by a local man burning waste close to the cesspool, igniting methane gas which was emanating from the pit, the Xinhua news agency said late on Sunday. The incident in Zhangjiajie city, in the central province of Hunan, caused a residential building to collapse and three of the injured were taken to hospital, Xinhua said. China's urban infrastructure has often been hastily built with little regard for safety, as hundreds of millions of people have moved from the countryside to cities in recent decades. In another excrement-related incident, a man and his mother both died trying to retrieve his wife's new mobile phone – worth 2,000 yuan (£210) – from a toilet septic tank, reports said in May. The man jumped in to try to locate the phone but was overcome by fumes and passed out, according to Dahe, a web portal run by the provincial government in central Henan province.

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/nov/24/cesspool-excrement-explosion-destroys-chinese-building>

### USA, ME, NORTH YARMOUTH, NOVEMBER 25 2014. MAINE DEP FINES NORTH YARMOUTH FURNITURE SHOP \$16K FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE VIOLATIONS

*alex lear*

A Sligo Road furniture restoration business has been fined \$16,000 by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for violating hazardous waste standards. Marc Carlson, owner and operator of Finely Restored – which according to its website has been refinishing, restoring and repairing furniture for three decades – was found to be in violation after a DEP inspection last year. The 649 Sligo Road business generates hazardous waste that includes ignitable and corrosive wastes, as well as "wastes contaminated with 'f-listed' constituents and heavy metals resulting from furniture stripping and refinishing," according to a recent DEP administrative consent agreement. Consequently the business is subject to the state's Hazardous Waste, Septage and Solid Waste Management Act, along with DEP's hazardous waste management rules. According to DEP's enforcement report, Carlson's violations included failure to determine whether generated wastes were hazardous, failure to mark hazardous waste containers with the words "hazardous waste" along with the start date of its accumulation, not keeping the containers closed, and storing them in an underground tank. The business also discharged hazardous waste without a licence to do so, failed to immediately report waste discharges, and failure to remove the discharges, the report stated. Once DEP became involved, the business hired a contractor to remove the wastes and do sampling and analysis of the underground tank's contents. It also submitted both a subsurface investigation report to DEP concerning groundwater and soils around the tank, and a written response to DEP that outlines the corrective measures taken. Finely Restored agreed to pay a civil fine of \$16,000, and agreed to prevent hazardous waste from entering the site's underground holding tanks, according to DEP. Now, "everything is perfectly fine, absolutely," Carlson said Nov. 18. "I had to mark a couple of things better. ... If I take paint off something, I'll scrape it off and put it into a one-gallon can. I can't let that sit there without a cover, apparently; I didn't know that." DEP also issued the business a notice of violation in 2004, but no penalty was associated with that notice, according to the department.

<http://www.theforecaster.net/news/print/2014/11/24/maine-dep-fines-north-yarmouth-furniture-shop-16k/217813>

### NEW ZEALAND, CHRISTCHURCH, NOVEMBER 25 2014. PETROL EXPLOSION AT WRECKING YARD

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Workers at a Christchurch wrecking yard were lucky to escape injury following a "petrol explosion". A Fire Service spokesman said firefighters were called at 4.23pm after a fire was reported at the Hornby Auto Parts workshop on Cranford St. The fire had been caused by a "petrol explosion", he said. Most of the fire was extinguished by the workshop's sprinkler system before firefighters arrived. Two firefighters wearing breathing apparatus entered the building and were able to put out the rest of the fire using a high pressure hose. Hornby Auto Parts owner Abdul Qurbanzada said one worker had been emptying a petrol container while another was cutting metal with a saw nearby. A spark from the tool hit the petrol, causing the fire. No one was injured and the fire did not cause much damage, he said. The workers evacuated the building and called emergency services, although most of the fire was put out by the sprinkler system. "It wasn't that bad because we had the sprinklers." Qurbanzada said the workers would "clean up and be good to go" tomorrow morning.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/63490983/Petrol-explosion-at-wrecking-yard>



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### IRELAND, DUBLIN, NOVEMBER 25 2014. COST OF ILLEGAL PETROL-STRETCHING MORE THAN €3M THIS YEAR

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The combined cost to victims of illegal petrol-stretching operations could be more than €3m this year alone, according to figures obtained by the Irish Examiner. The Society of the Irish Motor Industry said it received more than 800 reports of petrol stretching this year, the majority of these reported in the second half of 2014. Average repair costs are between €2,500 and €4,000 per car, indicating national figures of between €2m and €3m so far this year. The cost of repairs ranges from around €1,000 to as much as €7,000, depending on factors such as the percentage of kerosene in the petrol and the age of the car. Figures from individual insurance companies reveal almost 400 people have made claims on their car insurance in relation to contaminated fuel in the last few months. Tom Cullen, director of SIMI, said the discrepancy between their figures and those received from the insurance companies is because half of people would not be eligible to make a claim. "Some insurance policies will specifically exclude cover for repair work carried out as a result of damage caused by contaminated fuel," said Mr Cullen. "The customer will have little chance of recovering the costs unless they can prove the fuel that damaged the vehicle was purchased in a particular filling station." Only motorists with comprehensive insurance are covered. Last month, Revenue announced they had received 90 complaints in relation to petrol stretching this year. The recent figures obtained from both the SIMI and insurance companies reveal the extent of the problem is much bigger than Revenue is aware of. It also suggests victims are not taking the extra step of reporting cases to Revenue, who are currently working a joint operation with gardaí to investigate the illegal practice. Gardai, however, remain unable to provide figures for individual petrol-stretching cases because of how such cases are recorded. A spokesman for the Garda Press Office said cases of contaminated fuel are put down in the Pulse system as 'fraud' and, as such, an overall figure for the amount of motorists affected by contaminated fuel cannot be determined. Petrol stretching is where kerosene, a diesel-based substance, is mixed with petrol before it is sold to drivers. After a couple of weeks, the engines begin to fail. Kerosene, used as a fuel for heating, is available for as little as 80c per litre, as opposed to petrol, which is close to double that at €1.55. Contaminated petrol can be up to 20% kerosene, sometimes with a further 5% of methanol. The practice does serious damage to cars to the extent that engine pistons melt and end up coated in carbon. Finance Minister Michael Noonan described it as a "matter of serious concern" and urged people to report suspicions concerning adulterated petrol to Revenue. He said the practice poses risks to the exchequer, threatens legitimate businesses and damages the vehicles of unsuspecting purchasers of adulterated fuel. Petrol stretching is an offence under the Finance Act and carries a penalty on summary conviction of €5,000 and/or up to 12 months in jail. If convicted on indictment, the fine is a maximum of €126,970 and/or up to five years' jail.

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/cost-of-illegal-petrol-stretching-more-than-euro3m-this-year-299194.html>

### USA, OH, LIMA, NOVEMBER 26 2014. OIL LEAKS INTO OTTAWA RIVER FROM HUSKY

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*Husky Lima Refinery and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency deployed booms along the Ottawa River to capture oil that leaked from the refinery Monday.*

Repairs over the weekend at Husky Lima Refinery may have led to a "trace amount" of substance to leak into the Ottawa River, a company spokesman said. The wastewater treatment system underwent repairs, said Mel Duvall, spokesman for the refinery, to repair a "malfunction" with the system. Within the wastewater treatment system, a device that separates oil from the wastewater malfunctioned, said Dina Pierce, media coordinator with the Ohio EPA. An on-scene coordinator for the Ohio EPA said the oil that is pulled from the wastewater is usually stored in a tank on the plant's property. Because of the malfunction, the oil was instead filtered back into the refinery's system and into a retention pond. The retention pond flows into the Ottawa River, Pierce said, and

a small amount of oil was released into the river. People noticed a sheen on the surface of the Ottawa River Monday morning, and Husky's containment team was activated, Duvall said. Allen County Emergency Management Agency Director Russ Decker said his team helped direct traffic on Allentown Road. Pierce said Husky workers are monitoring petroleum odors from the retention pond downwind in Lima. Working with the Ohio EPA, Husky deployed three booms to contain the oil. Pierce said booms are designed to float on top of the water with a draft of about an inch. The devices are designed to "block migration of contaminants further downstream," she said. Pierce said the devices can absorb small amounts of the substance, but are



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designed to stop the substance from spreading. "We do have systems in place for this," Duvall said. "This is something that we train for regularly. Not only do we have systems in place, but we do have third-party companies that we work with for events like this. This is something that we're well trained for, and of course we took action immediately and that includes notifying the regulatory authorities." Pierce said this is the first incident of this nature she recalls from Husky. Periodically, the refinery will have "small upsets" regarding air pollution. When the oil was noticed, the wastewater treatment system stopped operation completely, Duvall said. The call about the incident came in around 10 a.m. Monday, Duvall said. Duvall said this type of incident is uncommon at the refinery. Pierce said there was no environmental damage.

[http://www.limaohio.com/news/home\\_top-news/50746334/Oil-leaks-into-Ottawa-River-from-Husky](http://www.limaohio.com/news/home_top-news/50746334/Oil-leaks-into-Ottawa-River-from-Husky)

### GHANA, ACCRA, NOVEMBER 26 2014. PETROL TANKER EXPLODES AT POKUASE



A fuel tanker travelling from Accra towards Nsawam has exploded at Pokuase after catching fire Monday. According to reports, there was a spillage of oil as a result of the impact of the accident, which caused the explosion. However, there is no reported case of fatality. Adom FM's driver Kwame Twum, who was at the scene, said about seven cars going to Nsawam caught in the inferno have been burnt to ashes. He said explosion created massive vehicular traffic on the road. The police and fire service had not reported to the scene at the time of filing this report.

<http://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/artikel.php?ID=336396>

### NETHERLAND,KS AMSTERDAM, NOVEMBER 26 2014. POLICE FIND 1300 KG OF FIREWORKS IN AMSTERDAM APARTMENT

janene van jaarsveldt

Last week the police found a large quantity of heavy fireworks in a building in Oud-West, Amsterdam. The more than 1,300 kilograms of fireworks, that was not mainly for private use, was found in a room under several homes. Storing this amount of dangerous fireworks under housing could lead to a disaster should there be a fire. After some investigation, a 65 year old suspect was arrested and interrogated. He has since been released, but remains a suspect. The fireworks are being examined in a safe place, stored and will be made unusable elsewhere. The investigation continues.

<http://www.nltimes.nl/2014/11/24/police-find-1300-kg-fireworks-amsterdam-apartment/>

### USA, CT, WINDSOR LOCKS, NOVEMBER 26 2014. TANKER CRASH CAUSES "SIGNIFICANT" FUEL SPILL AT BRADLEY AIRPORT

A "significant" amount of airline fuel spilled at Bradley International Airport after a fueling tanker was struck by another vehicle at the gate, according to the state Department of Emergency Protection and the Connecticut Airport Authority. Airport Authority Executive Director and CEO Kevin Dillon said the tanker was struck at Gate 29 around 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. According to the DEEP, well over 50 gallons of airline fuel spilled when the tank ruptured. The Bradley Airport Fire Department, Airport Operations Center, DEEP and fueling company were called to the scene. Dillon said the fueling company is responsible for cleaning up the spill. No flight delays are expected as a result. Dillon said the situation is being treated as accidental.

<http://www.necn.com/news/new-england/Fueling-Tanker-Struck-at-Bradley-Airport-283893031.html>

### USA, CT, MILFORD, NOVEMBER 26 2014. TANKER ROLLS IN MILFORD AFFECTED MORNING COMMUTE

A diesel refueling tanker rolled over on Interstate 95 South in Milford this morning, causing some traffic delays during the early morning commute. State police said the tanker was refueling construction vehicles parked in the center median at a



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construction zone near the Moses Wheeler Bridge. The cleanup effort required pumping fuel out of the tanker and cleaning up what spilled onto the ground. It's not clear if the driver was injured.

<http://www.nbccconnecticut.com/news/local/Tanker-Rollover-Causes-Delays-on-I-95-South-in-Milford-283809501.html>

### **NIGERIA, ABUJA, NOVEMBER 27 2014. NIGERIA'S PARLIAMENT SAYS SHELL SHOULD PAY \$4 BILLION FOR 2011 OIL SPILL**



*A view of the shore of the Atlantic ocean at Orobiri village, days after Royal Dutch Shell's Bonga off-shore oil spill, in Nigeria's delta state December 31, 2011.*

Nigeria's National Assembly said on Wednesday oil major Shell should pay \$3.96 billion for a 2011 spill at its offshore Bonga oilfield in the latest assessment of damage to the environment. The non-binding decision comes after years of analysis by various Nigerian state agencies, which have proposed a range of fines as high as \$11.5 billion. The parliament finally reached a decision based on the report of the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), which previously recommended a fine of \$5 billion. Shell declined to comment. The company has previously said it took responsibility for the spill and had cleaned the area. The parliament's decision is non-binding as it only has the power to recommend fines to the government and cannot enforce them.

NOSDRA estimated that around 40,000 barrels were spilled when a tanker was loading crude at the offshore platform operated by Shell's subsidiary SNEPCO. The Bonga field was producing 200,000 barrels per day at the time. NOSDRA has previously said the spill had hurt locals in the area who rely on fishing for their livelihoods as the slick covered an area of around 950 square km. "Since all efforts by this committee were tactfully rebuffed by SNEPCO, (it) has decided to adopt the damage assessment report submitted by NOSDRA as the lead agency in all oil spill management," Uche Ekwunife, chairman of the environmental committee told the assembly. Shell is also being pursued in a class action case for two other spills in the Niger Delta in 2008. In June, it offered 30 million pounds (\$51 million) in compensation to 15,000 residents in the Bodo Community but this was rejected. The [United Nations](#) Environment Programme has criticised Shell in the past for not doing enough to clean up spills and maintain infrastructure. Nigeria is Africa's largest oil exporter and an OPEC member but the environmental toll has been huge. The mangrove creeks of the delta region are heavily polluted mainly due to leaks from illegal pipeline tapping and sabotage. Foreign companies have been selling their stakes in onshore oilfields after becoming frustrated with industrial scale theft and resulting spills, which show no signs of abating. On Monday, Shell had to shut down a pipeline as a result of a new leak close to where it was removing oil taps.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/26/us-nigeria-oil-shell-idUSKCN0JA23Z20141126>

### **USA, VA, RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 27 2014. CHEMICAL SPILL APPARENTLY CAUSED HOPEWELL FISH KILL**

A chemical spill at Honeywell International Inc.'s plant in Hopewell apparently caused the deaths of hundreds of fish, a spokesman for the state's environmental agency said Wednesday. "We can't say conclusively, but there does appear to be a connection," said Bill Hayden of the Department of Environmental Quality. About 5,500 pounds of a chemical called ammonium carbonate, which was dissolved in water, spilled at the plant, Hayden said. Honeywell officials said the spill occurred Monday night. While most of the spill was contained in a treatment lagoon, about 600 pounds of the chemical flowed into Gravelly Run, a stream that eventually leads to the James River, Hayden said. Several hundred fish, mainly blue catfish, were found dead in the stream Tuesday. Ammonium carbonate is used to produce caprolactam, the Hopewell plant's main product, Honeywell said. Caprolactam is used to make nylon. A DEQ inspector took water samples Tuesday, and it will take more than a week to get results, Hayden said. If the samples show that water in the stream was high in ammonia, that would be further evidence that the chemical spill killed the fish. Ammonia is produced when ammonium carbonate hits water, Hayden said. Honeywell said in a statement Wednesday that it is still investigating the cause of the spill. "We regret the incident and are doing everything we can to determine if plant operations may have contributed to the loss of fish," the statement said. "The plant invests significantly in equipment upgrades, safety controls, processes and operator training to minimize environmental excursions and to mitigate them if they happen." Hayden said the precise cause of the spill, and whether the incident will result in a state enforcement action, are under investigation.

[http://www.timesdispatch.com/news/chemical-spill-apparently-caused-hopewell-fish-kill/article\\_f6313641-505d-5caa-ba29-4ac1d3717ffb.html](http://www.timesdispatch.com/news/chemical-spill-apparently-caused-hopewell-fish-kill/article_f6313641-505d-5caa-ba29-4ac1d3717ffb.html)



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