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### CHINA, SHANDONG PROVINCE, WEIFANG, JANUARY 8 2014. FUEL SPILL CLOSES SECTION OF QINGYIN HIGHWAY

*wang fan*

A fuel spill forced the closure of the north and south service areas of Qingyin Highway in Weifang, Shandong province, on Sunday morning, Qilu Evening News reported. The spill happened on Saturday after a tanker deposited about 10 metric tons of fuel into a Sinopec gas station. Some hours later a fuel line from the tank storing the fuel ruptured and members of staff immediately contacted the emergency services. The gas station was closed and road barriers were set up at the entrance of the service areas. The area has been evacuated. The incident is being investigated and no date has been set for the station to reopen.

<http://www.ecns.cn/2014/01-07/95741.shtml>

### ENGLAND, LONDON, JANUARY 8 2014. IRELAND COULD SUE BRITISH NUCLEAR OPERATORS OVER CONTAMINATION

*james martin*



*Sellafield nuclear site in Cumbria.*

British nuclear operators could face being sued for billions of pounds by potential Irish victims of radioactive damage following legal changes to be introduced this year. Irish politicians and campaigners have long complained about the effects Britain's civil nuclear programme is having on its shores – in particular on the safety record of Sellafield. The Cumbria site is located less than 100 miles from the Irish coast with Greenpeace claiming that the dumping of liquid waste from Sellafield has made the Irish Sea among the most contaminated waters in the world. Irish fishermen have also complained of catches of mutated fish. However, Ireland has struggled, legally, to clampdown on Britain's nuclear plant with a 2006

bid to force the closure of the nuclear site blocked by the European Union. Now, however, legal experts say that Ireland's case will be hugely strengthened when amendments to the Paris Convention on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy come into force this year, having been originally proposed in 2004. Ian Salter, an international legal expert in nuclear issues at the law company Burges Salmon, told the Independent: "If a country has no nuclear installations in it, then they will benefit from the changes. Someone in Ireland could bring a claim to a court in the UK in a way that they couldn't before. "It is a much more straightforward process. This makes the situation much simpler for the victim and [it] could be used by a national state." Irish anti-nuclear campaigner Brian Greene said: "These changes sound interesting and I would think that our government would be pursuing them." Meanwhile Britain's nuclear activity is set to be expanded, with a new fleet of power plants starting with Hinkley Point C in Somerset.

<http://www.irishpost.co.uk/news/ireland-sue-british-nuclear-operators-contamination>

### USA, GA, POOLER, JANUARY 8 2-14. POOLER MAYOR SAYS HE WAS UNAWARE OF GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION

*marcus e. howard*



*The Pooler City Council is considering a contract to clean up contamination at a former Texaco gas station on U.S. 80, where it plans to build a new government office complex.*

Pooler Mayor Mike Lamb says he was unaware that groundwater had been contaminated by leaking gasoline storage tanks beneath the future site of the new City Hall and government office complex. The City Council was scheduled Monday night to consider a contract to clean up the contamination, but council members tabled the matter without discussion. Neither the Georgia Environmental Protection Division nor Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, the engineering firm that proposed the contract, returned calls by press time from the Savannah Morning News to address the project though both had agreed earlier to do so. In its proposal, HGBD agreed to assist in transferring ownership of the tanks to the city, remediate the contamination and monitor the site as part of a



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proposed \$349,925 contract with the city to oversee the project. Underground gasoline tanks have contaminated groundwater, according to an Oct. 15, 2013, letter to the city from the company, at the defunct Texaco gas station off U.S. 80 behind City Hall. Three gasoline tanks are reportedly located at the site. But Lamb said Monday following the council meeting that he did not know contamination had occurred to groundwater. The first time he learned of it, Lamb said, was reading about it in a [previously published story](#) in the Savannah Morning News. "I hadn't heard that," Lamb said. "(Because) we know there's some leakage — maybe a very, very small amount." He said the city needed to table the matter in order to make sure the proposed contract accurately reflected the work that will be done. The city needs the state Environmental Protection Division's approval before it can begin to prepare the site for construction. The contamination remediation process is projected by HGBD to take approximately a year to complete before the state EPD decides whether the site has been adequately decontaminated.

<http://savannahnow.com/news/2014-01-06/pooler-mayor-says-he-was-unaware-groundwater-contamination#.Us0oBdjxvX4>

#### INDIA, CHENNAI, JANUARY 8 2014. IIT FINDS NO DIP IN NORTH CHENNAI OIL CONTAMINATION

*Julie Mariappan*

A detailed environmental assessment by IIT-Madras found that despite the cleanup by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) in north Chennai, the volume of oil contaminating drinking water has not decreased significantly. Since July 2013, 947 barrels of oil-water have been pumped out in Tondiarpet. The study follows complaints from residents of Varadaraja Perumal Koil Street of contamination of borewell water. V P Krishnamoorthy, a resident of Tondiarpet, moved the southern bench of the National Green Tribunal, alleging that oil leaks from pipelines transporting petroleum products to terminals located in north Chennai posed a health threat. A draft final report submitted by IIT experts Indumathi M Nambi and R Ravikrishna to the tribunal on Monday said, "A large volume of oil is floating on top of the groundwater table as a light non-aqueous phase liquid (not soluble) and a significant volume of oil is entrapped in the soil as blobs in the vicinity of water table, both above and below the unsaturated and saturated layer. Although plume (boundary of contamination) is confined to a limited area, it has spread to the southern side due to continuous abstraction of groundwater by residents," the report said. The IIT report suggests maximum concentration of benzene and toluene, a potential neurotoxin, of 23 ppm and 108ppm respectively in groundwater. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has said benzene is carcinogenic. The expert team called for in situ treatment of groundwater and removal of the oil blobs. Counsel for the petitioner A Yogeshwaran said the spreading of contamination was indicative of the fact that there was no major clean-up as claimed by the agencies concerned. "Seven months lapsed since the oil leak was reported. The oil companies talk about short-term and long-term measures and nothing about continuing contamination," he said. The petroleum compound is observed in 18 newly drilled exploratory borewells and depth of soil contamination begins from 19ft in all regions. The oil companies rejected an offer by Ennore Tank Terminal Private Limited to use its 'common user marine liquid' terminal inside Ennore Port, a readymade solution for the delay in shifting pipelines from Tondiarpet. [BPCL](#) said the move would spoil its chance of getting 100 acres of salt pan lands in Attipattu village near Ennore to set up its own terminal. Indian Oil Corporation too objected. The tribunal will decide on the application in its next hearing on January 24.

#### Sticky Affair

Nearly 1,000 barrels of oil have been pumped out in Tondiarpet since July but environmental assessment by IIT-M found that volume of oil has not gone down. Here's what the study revealed: Area of contamination is approximately 9,500 square metres. Contamination has spread to the south as residents are continuously drawing groundwater. 18 newly-drilled exploratory borewells in Tondiarpet have shown presence of oil. Soil contamination starts from about 20ft below the surface, except in zones directly below the pipeline where contamination is shallower.

[http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2014-01-07/chennai/45954186\\_1\\_indumathi-m-nambi-varadaraja-perumal-koil-street-v-p-krishnamoorthy](http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2014-01-07/chennai/45954186_1_indumathi-m-nambi-varadaraja-perumal-koil-street-v-p-krishnamoorthy)

#### USA, WA, ANACORTES, JANUARY 8 2014. CSB TO CONVENE PUBLIC MEETING ON JANUARY 30 IN ANACORTES, WA TO RELEASE REPORT INTO FATAL TESORO ACCIDENT



#### Sunshine Act Meeting

**Time & Date:** January 30, 2014, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. PST

**Place:** Brodriak Auditorium, Anacortes High School; 1600 20th St. Anacortes, WA 98221

The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) will convene a public meeting on January 30, 2014, starting at 6:30 p.m. PST at the Brodriak Auditorium, Anacortes High School, 1600 20th St., Anacortes, WA 98221. At the public



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meeting, the Board will consider and vote on the final investigation report into the April 2, 2010, explosion and fire that fatally injured seven employees. The CSB's investigation found that at the time of the incident a bank of heat exchangers was being brought online in the refinery's naphtha hydrotreater unit when another heat exchanger in a parallel bank catastrophically failed, spewing highly flammable hydrogen and naphtha which ignited. Seven Tesoro workers who were nearby, assisting with the heat exchanger startup, were fatally burned. The accident at Tesoro was the most deadly U.S. refinery incident since the 2005 explosion at BP Texas City that killed 15 workers and injured 180 others. At the meeting, CSB staff will present to the Board the results of the investigation's findings and safety recommendations. Following the staff presentation on proposed findings and safety recommendations, the Board will hear comments from the public. Following the conclusion of the public comment period, the Board will consider whether to approve the final report and recommendations. All staff presentations are preliminary and are intended solely to allow the Board to consider in a public forum the issues and factors involved in this case. No factual analyses, conclusions, or findings presented by staff should be considered final. Only after the Board has considered the staff presentations, listened to public comments, and adopted a final investigation report and recommendations will there be an approved final record of the CSB investigation of this incident.

#### Additional Information

The meeting is free and open to the public. If you require a translator or interpreter, please notify the individual listed below as the "Contact Person for Further Information," at least five business days prior to the meeting. The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating accidents and hazards that result, or may result, in the catastrophic release of extremely hazardous substances. The agency's Board Members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. CSB investigations look into all aspects of chemical accidents and hazards, including physical causes such as equipment failure as well as inadequacies in regulations, industry standards, and safety management systems.

#### Public Comment

Members of the public are invited to make brief statements to the Board at the conclusion of the staff presentation. The time provided for public statements will depend upon the number of people who wish to speak. Speakers should assume that their presentations will be limited to five minutes or less, and may submit written statements for the record.

#### Contact Person for further Information

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### CANADA, N.B, PLASTER ROCK, JANUARY 8 2014. CN TRAIN CARRYING CRUDE OIL DERAILED, ON FIRE NEAR PLASTER ROCK >> WITNESS SAW 'BIG CLOUD OF ORANGE SMOKE'

 **Watch the Video** [CN Train Carrying Crude Oil Derailed, on Fire near Plaster Rock](#)



- Emergency crews have blocked off roads leading to the scene of a train derailment in northwestern New Brunswick.
- CN Rail says 16 cars derailed, 8 carrying dangerous goods and one locomotive
- First responders unable to approach the fire amid safety concerns
- Hazardous material responders expected to arrive overnight
- No injuries reported

A CN freight train carrying dangerous goods has derailed and caught fire in northwest New Brunswick, not far from the U.S. border. Jim Feeny, director of public and government affairs for CN Rail, said 16 cars are believed to have derailed, including four carrying propane and four carrying crude oil. The train derailment happened just after 7 p.m. AT about five kilometres outside of Plaster Rock in Wapske, N.B. Feeny said the train was coming from central Canada and heading to Moncton. "There is a fire burning in the area, but we have not confirmed if those cars are actually involved in the fire," he said. "The reason we haven't been able to confirm is because of the fire, and the caution being expressed by first responders. They can't approach too closely at this point." The derailed cars include one at the front, and 15 at the back. The 15 include the hazardous goods and a locomotive. A large red glow could be seen a significant distance away as the fire burned. First responders were forced to stay a safe distance back. A two-kilometre radius around the fire has been evacuated. Feeny said that includes 45 households. There's no time frame for when crews will be able to move in. CN hazardous material experts were flying in from Moncton, Montreal and Toronto overnight. Feeny said senior managers were also en route to direct the operation. He said the safety of the public is the top priority. Feeny said it's too early to determine what caused the derailment.



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He said none of the train's crew was injured. There's been no word of other injuries at this time. Meanwhile, RCMP Cpl. Marty Van Dijk said emergency crews are working with the train's conductor to identify the cars and determine whether they contain hazardous materials. Van Dijk said a hazardous materials team is en route. The Transportation Safety Board of Canada is also deploying a team to the site to gather information and assess the situation. There were 122 cars on the train.

#### 'I Saw a Great Big Cloud of Orange Smoke'

J.D. Saddler and his girlfriend were at her grandmother's house, next to the train tracks in Plaster Rock. "After we left her house, we were driving across the river over to Wapske and that's where the train derailed. And as we were driving to Wapske, I saw a great big cloud of orange smoke and the flames were really high in the air, the smoke was really high in the air," he said. Saddler said they went home. About an hour later, he drove back and the route was blocked off. People were being removed from the area. "I think probably a lot of people are scrambling right now," he said. Saddler's father owns a sawmill located not far from where the train derailed happened. "We were a little concerned because our place of business is located half a mile from where the [derailment] happened but our place wasn't affected," he said. "There's about 10 or 12 homes along the road where the train derailed." A woman who lives in nearby Wapske said she was asked to evacuate her home, located about two kilometres away. She said she can't see any fire from her house. She said there are about eight homes located near the site. An evacuation centre is open at the Tobique Plex in Plaster Rock. The Canadian Red Cross has dispatched supplies and a team of eight disaster volunteers to assist local authorities at the evacuation centre. This is a precautionary step as the area outside of Plaster Rock where the derailment occurred is sparsely populated so the number of people impacted by evacuation is small and most of them will likely choose to stay temporarily with family or friends elsewhere in the community," said Bill Lawlor, Canadian Red Cross director of disaster management for New Brunswick. "However, should any residents require a place to stay including through the night, or should circumstances change unexpectedly, our team is bringing cots, blankets and other essentials to properly manage a shelter."

#### Not the First CN Derailment in Plaster Rock

A [CBC investigation](#) into rail safety revealed that CN Rail did not report to authorities more than 1,800 derailments and accidents, including 44 on key rail arteries. One of those derailments occurred in Plaster Rock, which was one of two incidents that prompted the TSB to seek a summons ordering CN to turn over all accident records.

#### Related Stories

- [Train carrying oil and gas derails in New Brunswick, prompting evacuations](#)
- [Derailed train in NB carrying dangerous goods](#)
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- [CN Freight train derailment 30 miles east from Maine border](#)
- [CN freight train derails, catches fire in New Brunswick](#)
- [Fiery train derailment in New Brunswick](#)
- [TSB deploys a team to the site of a CN train derailment near Plaster Rock, New ...](#)

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/cn-train-carrying-crude-oil-derailed-on-fire-near-plaster-rock-1.2487977>

#### USA, MN, ST PAUL, JANUARY 8 2014. DAYTON DECLARES A STATE OF EMERGENCY



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"A state of emergency exists in Minnesota," reads an executive order from Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton, given this morning. The order, it appears, is designed to give drivers and companies the means with which to deliver fuel to disaster relief quickly, without overburdening their drivers if they need rest. As a result of the order, drivers transporting fuel oil, gasoline, diesel fuel, ethanol and biodiesel are exempted from regulations pertaining to hours of service. This is because, according to the order, these products are needed for emergency

service vehicles, buses, generators and heating. However, the order also clarifies that: "No motor carrier or driver (of this category) shall require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a motor vehicle. Any driver who informs a carrier that he or she needs immediate rest shall be given at least ten consecutive off-duty hours before the driver is required to return to



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service." The order also states that once a driver is no longer needed to provide direct assistance to the emergency relief effort, they must be given at least thirty-four consecutive hours of rest.

 **Related Stories** [Cold weather: Gov. Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order](#)

<http://www.montenews.com/article/20140107/NEWS/140109829/-1/sports>

#### CANADA, N.L., CHANGE ISLANDS, JANUARY 9 2014. PUBLIC CONCERN FOR OIL SPILL

christy boyd



*The Manolis L. as it sunk off the coast of Change Islands in 1985.*

Residents of Change Islands have expressed concern over the situation with the Manolis L. since the first appearance of an oil sheen in March of 2013. Many of them can remember back in 1985 when the vessel came aground and sank. It's estimated that the ship was carrying between 400 and 500 tonnes of bunker oil and over 100 tonnes of light diesel. Change Islands native Carolyn R. Parsons created a Facebook page — Manolis L Oil Spill Cleanup Effort — on Dec. 21 to help share information with concerned citizens. She said, "The page is a hub to share information and ideas on how we can raise awareness of what is happening. This is not an attack page, but rather a place where all information can be found in one place." The Facebook page is a combined effort of individuals from Twillingate, New World Island and Fogo Island. As Ms.

Parsons noted, this problem is not limited to Change Islands. With the water currents and the wind, the oil leaking from the Manolis L. will likely travel to other parts of the region. Bonavista, Gander, Grand Falls-Windsor MP Scott Simms said in an interview with the Pilot regarding a long-term plan, "Back in the spring when we inquired about it, I posed the question to the Minister of Fisheries or Canadian Coast Guard (CCG), but the answer came from the Minister of Environment and Conservation, which was a good sign. It led me to believe that it was serious enough that the long-term planning was taking place." MP Simms noted the CCG is doing what they can with the neoprene seals and the surveillance. Recently MP Simms wrote a letter to the Environment Minister as a follow-up to his response last spring. He said, "The new Minister of Environment, Leona Aglukkaq basically threw it over to the CCG. The CCG doesn't do the long-term planning. They do some of it, but they are a support mechanism for that. The money needs to be there, so my understanding that there was a submission in front of the Treasury Board to get the money but I don't know the status of that and if its final. Word has it that they have done some research to see which company can take the oil out of the water, all 500 tonnes of it." MP Simms continued by saying, "What government needs to answer is when the weather breaks come spring what is to be done? Does the government have a plan to get that oil out of the water at that time? We already missed last summer and if we miss another summer this could be even worse for next fall and winter." "There's currently a process on the west coast in British Columbia to get the oil out of a ship that sank in the 1940's. There was a large public campaign about that too. So I think we should also wage a large public campaign to bring some attention to it. Considering where it is and the currents in the area this is going to be very devastating if 500 tonnes or even a fraction of it gets out into the water." Ms. Parsons and the Facebook group is starting a letter writing campaign to Minister Aglukkaq to ask for assistance in reaching the Treasury Board for funding to remove the oil from the sunken Manolis L. and information regarding where to send letters can be found on the Facebook page. The Pilot also spoke with The Isles of Notre Dame MHA and Natural Resources Minister Derrick Dalley has been in close contact with the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture regarding the issue of the Manolis L. Until recently he was also involved as the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture. He noted that although the Federal Government and the CCG are lead on this issue, the province is still engaged. "There is a science table set up where we have fairly regular conference calls to discuss this issue and receive regular updates," said Minister Dalley. "The Provincial Government sits at that table with representatives from the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Department of Environment and Conservation." He has requested a meeting with the head of the CCG for an update on the immediate short-term work being done from a district perspective. As well, he has planned to meet with the Federal Minister Responsible for Newfoundland and Labrador, Rob Moore early in the new year to discuss long-term plans. As for individuals involved in the clean-up effort Ms. Parsons said, "We have to continue to put the pressure on government to ensure the oil is cleaned up and a long-term solution found before it becomes an environmental disaster."

<http://www.thelabradorian.ca/News/Local/2014-01-08/article-3568086/Manolis-L-continues-to-stir-up-trouble/1>



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### **NIGERIA, LAGOS, OLODI APAPA, JANUARY 9 2014. TANKER CRASH, FIRE KILLS 15 IN LAGOS: RESCUE AGENCY**



Fifteen people were killed in Nigeria's financial hub Lagos when a tanker loaded with fuel overturned and burst into flames, a rescue agency said on Wednesday. National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) spokesman Ibrahim Farinloye told AFP initially that nine people had died in the accident, which happened just before midnight (2300 GMT) on Tuesday. "The fire service have since picked up six more bodies," he later added, taking the death toll to 15. The assistant comptroller of the Federal Fire Service, Ganiyu Olayiwola, also confirmed 15 deaths. "The cause of the accident was due to a brake failure as the tanker lorry was trying to manoeuvre," he added. Four houses, four buses and more than 60 shops were destroyed by the fire, which was extinguished shortly after 1:00 am local time on Wednesday, said Farinloye. The accident happened on the Apapa-Oshodi expressway, which links the city's international airport with the seaport, and caused long delays to traffic on the route, which is one of the city's busiest. The head of Lagos fire service, Rasaq Fadipe, said in an interview on Channels television that the driver of the lorry was among the dead. Several people were also injured, he added, without specifying a figure. According to Nigeria's Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), excessive speeding, poor road and vehicle maintenance, indiscipline and drunk-driving are the main causes of road crashes in Nigeria. A total of 4,246 people were killed while 20,709 were injured in 6,274 road crashes across Nigeria in 2012, FRSC spokesman Jonas Agwu said in a statement sent to AFP. The figures for 2013 are still being prepared, he said. "Commercial vehicles account for 30 percent of road accidents and 40 percent of deaths on Nigerian roads," said Agwu. The FRSC last year adopted the slogan "attitude change" as part of its campaign to reduce road carnage, which claims thousands of lives every year in Africa's most populous nation.

#### **Related Stories**

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- [Olodi Apapa: 15 Feared Dead in Tanker Explosion](#)
- [Explosion kills 5, burn houses In Lagos](#)
- [Petrol Tanker Kills 9, Destroys Building, Buses In Lagos](#)

<http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/afp/140108/tanker-crash-fire-kills-15-lagos-rescue-agency-1>

### **AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE, JANUARY 9 2014. EXXONMOBIL AND 7-ELEVEN SIGN AGREEMENT TO RETURN MOBIL BRAND TO 7-ELEVEN NETWORK IN AUSTRALIA**

- ExxonMobil exclusive supplier to 7-Eleven in Australia
- Mobil brand returns to Australian east coast metropolitan markets
- Rollout will take place through 2014



#### *Returning to a 7-Eleven near you.*

Melbourne, Australia – Mobil Oil Australia Pty Ltd (Mobil), a subsidiary of ExxonMobil Australia Pty Ltd ([ExxonMobil Australia](#)), has signed a long-term agreement for the sale of Mobil branded fuels at [7-Eleven Australia](#)'s convenience stores. The long-term deal will see the [Mobil brand](#) returning to Australian east coast metropolitan markets for the first time since the sale of ExxonMobil's retail assets to 7-Eleven in 2010. ExxonMobil Australia Chairman Richard Owen said that Mobil's reputation for quality fuels is longstanding, built on more than a century of proven reliability and technological advancements. "In addition, this important agreement returns the Mobil fuel brand to service

stations across Australian east coast metropolitan markets and also highlights ExxonMobil's commitment to downstream operations. "ExxonMobil has been the exclusive supplier of fuel to 7-Eleven service stations since 2012 and the new strategic partnership provides a platform for future growth. 7-Eleven is the leading Australian convenience retailer and has also



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established a well recognised position in the retail fuels market in Australia over the last decade," he said. 7-Eleven Australia's CEO, Warren Wilmot, said the company was pleased to extend its relationship with ExxonMobil. "7-Eleven has been selling quality Mobil fuels in our 400+ fuel sites for some time. We are excited about the benefits this long term strategic partnership brings to our business, and most importantly to our customers. "As Australia's first choice in convenience, we are always focused on providing customers with a market leading offer. Being able to communicate we sell quality Mobil fuel products, will ensure we can provide an outstanding offer to our customers," Mr. Wilmot said. The rollout of Mobil branding across 7-Eleven stores will take place throughout 2014.

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### USA, W.VA, CHARLESTON, JANUARY 9 2014. WV DEP ORDERS JAY-BEE OIL & GAS TO CEASE OPERATIONS AT TYLER COUNTY WELL SITE

kim freda

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The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Office of Oil and Gas has ordered Jay-Bee Oil & Gas to cease operations at the company's Lisby gas well pad in Tyler County. A tank ruptured and leaked fluids to surrounding grounds on the well site on Jan. 2, said Thomas Aluise, DEP spokesman. One worker was injured as a result of the incident. The W.Va. DEP issued a notice of violation, in addition to the cease operation order. Jay-Bee Oil & Gas is required to submit a report to the Office of Oil and Gas on or before Jan. 14 that demonstrates knowledge and understanding of the cause of the tank

rupture, including Jay-Bee's ability to safely resume operations and outline future preventative measures. The order also requires Jay-Bee to provide an analysis of the fluids in the ruptured tank, submit a proposal for soil sampling and a remediation plan to remove and dispose of contaminated soil, submit a proposal for water sampling, and provide an after-action report that details Jay-Bee's resting and remediation activity. <http://www.statejournal.com/story/24395878/wv-dep-orders-jay-bee-oil-gas-to-cease-operations-at-tyler-county-well-site>

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### USA, MA, MEDFORD, JANUARY 9 2014. OIL SPILL IN MYSTIC RIVER

chris orchard

A truck on Boston Avenue in Medford, near Somerville, leaked oil into the river through Medford's storm drain system, a local conservation group said. On Monday, a truck spilled oil into the Mystic River in nearby Medford, according to a [Facebook post by the Mystic River Watershed Association](#). The post says a truck on Boston Avenue in Medford suffered from a frozen flange



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due to cold weather, and that oil from the truck "flowed through the storm drains toward the Mystic River." Here's what the Mystic River Watershed Association, posting on Wednesday afternoon, said on Facebook:

- "Oil Spill to the Mystic River in Medford on Boston Ave. on Monday. The truck was holding 1,449 gallons of diesel fuel winter blend. It is reported that a flange at the bottom of the tank froze during the recent frigid weather. The fuel impacted the truck yard and the city's storm drainage system - oil flowed through the storm drains toward the Mystic River. Cleanup efforts are underway and being monitored by MassDEP and the City of Medford. Updates will be posted as we receive information at [www.mysticriver.org](http://www.mysticriver.org)."

### More:

According to the [Mystic River Water Association's website](http://www.mysticriver.org), the oil spill happened at the Erickson Fuel Company at [600 Boston Ave.](http://www.mysticriver.org), close to Tufts University and Somerville's Powder House Square. MassDEP and the Medford Fire Department, Department of Public Works and Environment Office responded to the spill, the website says. The truck was carrying 1,449 gallons of diesel fuel winter blend, which is cut with kerosene to keep the fuel liquid enough to pump, according to the Mystic River Watershed Association's website.

<http://somerville.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/oil-spill-in-mystic-river>

### KYRGYZSTAN, LAKE ISSYK-KUL, JANUARY 9 2014. : SLOW-MOTION OIL SPILL THREATENS ISSYK-KUL

A slow-motion ecological calamity is unfolding at Lake Issyk-Kul in Kyrgyzstan. An underground plume of refined oil products – the result of a spill back in the 1990s – is migrating toward the lake and, today, it's only a few meters away from hitting water. During the Soviet era, a diesel and benzene storage depot sat in Balykchy, a once-bustling railhead at the western tip of Issyk-Kul that has succumbed to industrial blight over the past two decades. Following Communism's demise, the depot's infrastructure quickly decayed, and at some point in the mid-1990s oil products started seeping into the ground. Experts believe that nearly 600 tons of oil products, or the equivalent of roughly 4,400 barrels, have contaminated an area roughly one hectare in size, situated not far from the shore. Due to a lack of records, environmentalists studying the problem say, it is impossible to find out who was responsible for the spill, and when exactly it started. Attracted by the alpine lake's pristine waters, Alexander Sadykov moved to Balykchy over 20 years ago. On a recent walk through nearby steppe, Sadykov, who heads a local non-governmental organization working to spotlight the spill, points at a withered tree trunk. "This one was still alive last spring. And now look what's happened. Even grass doesn't grow here anymore," he said. Today, it's less important to apportion blame for the spill than it is to contain the underground plume before it reaches the lake, said Evgeniia Postnova, national coordinator at the Global Environment Facility, a UN-funded project working to estimate the scope of the damage. "This is not a simple project," she told EurasiaNet.org. Tinatin Doolotkeldieva, a soil microbiologist at the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, says the plume is now just 30 meters from the lake and could begin to seep into the water within one or two years. "This lake is our pearl," Doolotkeldieva told EurasiaNet.org. "The consequences will be terrifying. We can't let this happen." Since 2006, authorities in Balykchy have been pushing central government officials in Bishkek to help with a cleanup initiative, as well as implement a plan to move the depot further from the lake. But not much has been accomplished to date: the city lacks resources to move ahead with its plans, and is having trouble attracting the central government's attention, according to Begaim Algozhoeva, Balykchy's deputy mayor. Algozhoeva added that Russian energy giant Gazprom, which currently operates the depot, has helped repair local pipelines and equipment, "but this is not enough to cope with the consequences" of the spill. Central government foot-dragging is difficult for many locals to understand. When a truck carrying cyanide to the Kumtor gold mine spilled into a tributary on the far side of the lake 1998, it became a national issue that is still hotly discussed. But the Canadian-owned Kumtor is a political football that national politicians use to make a name for themselves. Though Issyk-Kul is a protected bio reserve – described by UNESCO as "home to many ecosystems of global importance" with "a wide variety of endemic species of wild fauna and flora," including some endangered birds – without someone to blame for the slick, politicians seem indifferent to getting involved in the cleanup. While the amount of oil products threatening the lake is relatively modest when measuring the Balykchy situation against other mishaps around the globe in recent years, the reputational risk for Issyk-Kul is enormous. Tourism is a major source of income for local residents, who already suffered last year when visits dropped due to Kumtor-related political unrest. Even if a comparatively small amount of oil starts polluting the waters, the news could keep vacationers away for years to come. One cleanup option that local researchers are exploring is bioremediation, a process in which microorganisms that feed on petroleum products are introduced into the soil. Postnova, the coordinator at the Global Environment Facility, says this option is likely to be recommended by her team. Manas University is ready to help supply bacteria (such as *Pseudomonas*, *Arthrobacter*, *Rhodococcus*, and *Streptomyces*) as an "emergency" measure before planting trees and other vegetation to help clean the



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soil, said Doolotkeldieva. She has carried out tests with soil from the affected area that she says have been successful. The process is expensive and would require financing, but could neutralize the contamination within six months, Doolotkeldieva says. Some scientists are skeptical. William Mohn of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of British Columbia explains that while bioremediation has worked in some cases, success depends on a variety of factors, such as type of petroleum product, type of soil, and other environmental conditions. "Microorganisms are an attractive product for companies to market ... but have not been rigorously shown to be effective," Mohn said. Back on the sandy shores of Issyk-Kul, Sadykov is worried that time is running out. "What will we leave behind for our sons? Deserted land? We need to save what we have today, to save nature," he said.

<http://eng.24.kg/digest/918/>

### USA, N.Y, NEW YORK, JANUARY 9 2014. HESS FILES FOR TAX-FREE SPOFF OF GASOLINE-STATION NETWORK

*jim polson*



*Cars pull in to refuel at a Hess Corp. gas station in the Brooklyn borough of New York.*

Hess Corp. the U.S. oil producer that came under pressure from activist investor Paul Singer to streamline operations last year, filed paperwork for the spinoff of its gasoline stations. The separation would be tax free and distribute all shares in newly formed Hess Retail Corp. to holders of Hess Corp., according to a filing by the New York-based company today. Hess will continue to seek a buyer for the unit while pursuing the spinoff, which may occur this year, said Dennis Moynihan, a company spokesman. Hess is the largest owner of convenience stores along the East Coast with operations in 15 states and the District of Columbia, according to today's filing. The stores are known for selling company-branded toy trucks at Christmas time. Hess announced last year it would close

or sell its refineries and divest the retail business to focus on oil production and exploration after criticism from Singer's Elliott Management Corp. "I, for one, am in favor of a spin because it will keep the Hess brand name which has some value and the company won't pay any taxes," Fadel Gheit, a New York-based analyst for Oppenheimer & Co., said today in a phone interview. The business may be worth \$2 billion, although a competitor seeking to re-brand the outlets might pay less, said Gheit, who rates Hess shares a buy and owns none.

#### Dunkin' Franchisee

The filing leaves undetermined the amount of stock each Hess holder would receive in Hess Retail, which would trade on the New York Stock Exchange as HRE. It also doesn't specify a date for the spin. No shareholder vote is needed to approve the action. Hess operates 1,258 fuel and food outlets from Florida to New Hampshire and is the largest Dunkin' Donuts Inc. franchisee by number of sites, according to the filing. The business includes 81 travel plazas, including interstate highway stops that are as large as 10,700 square feet. The company had \$943 million invested in the retail business as of Sept. 30, according to the filing. Hess outlets are branded as Hess, Hess Express and Wilco Travel Plaza. The company agreed last month to pay \$290 million to buy out its partners in Hess Wilco Holdings, in which it held a 44 percent stake. The spinoff filing was issued before the start of regular trading in New York. Hess rose 1 percent to \$81.69 at the close in New York. The shares have gained 47 percent in the past year.

#### Asset Sales

The company has been selling assets and streamlining operations and in May added new board members to head off a proxy fight with Elliott Management, its second-largest shareholder, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. Hess raised \$6.5 billion from asset sales last year, Chief Executive Officer John Hess said in November, which doesn't include a December agreement to sell Indonesia offshore assets for \$1.3 billion. Other energy companies, including ConocoPhillips and Marathon Oil Corp. have spun off retail stations as part of splitting refining operations from oil production. "They have one of the best-looking systems on the East Coast," Gary Heminger, chief executive officer of Marathon Petroleum Corp. said on an Oct. 31 earnings conference call. "It would be an excellent fit with Speedway," the refining company's retail brand, he said.

#### Toy Maker

Acquisition of the Hess operations for about \$2 billion would be "accretive and positive" for Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc., the largest pure-play convenience store operator in North America behind 7-Eleven Inc., Peter Sklar, a Toronto-based analyst for BMO Capital Markets wrote today in a note to clients. Hess supplies all the motor fuel for its branded stations. After the



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separation, the unit would buy 75 to 80 percent of its fuel from third parties under long-term contracts, with the rest bought on spot markets. The company, which is run by the son of founder Leon Hess, makes toys it has sold annually at its gasoline stations since 1964. After the spinoff, the stations would continue to sell the toys, which would be designed and manufactured by the former parent company under a planned agreement, according to the filing. The green-and-white models have ranged from tanker-trailers to equipment haulers.

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2014-01-08/hess-files-papers-for-tax-free-spinoff-of-gas-station-network>

### NIGERIA, ZAMFARA STATE, GUSAU, JANUARY 9 2014. PANIC IN GUSAU AS FUEL TANKER EXPLODES IN FIERY FIREBALL

 **Photo's [15]** [Fuel Tanker Explodes in Fiery Fireball](#)



There was pandemonium in Gusau, Zamfara State early this morning as a petrol tanker exploded along Igala Quarters by-pass instantly killing three people. The tanker which belong to Conoil was negotiating a sharp bend opposite NNPC mega station when it skidded off the road and somersaulted several times before exploding into a huge fireball. An eyewitness said that the driver and two other occupants of the tanker were killed instantly in the inferno. "The tanker loaded with petrol was on high speed and fell at this corner and went up in flames immediately. The driver lost control of the vehicle because of the high speed", said the eyewitness. Fire fighters were seen on the scene of the incident battling to put off the fire as time of this report. Many residents earlier believed it was a bomb attack when a huge smoke billowed the sky.

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=144305>

### USA, CA, RICHMOND, JANUARY 9 2014. FOUR ESCAPE AFTER TANKER EXPLODES INSIDE BUILDING

*rick hurd*

 **Watch the Video** [Spark Ignites Gas Tanker Explosion in Richmond](#)

Four men emerged uninjured after escaping a building just before a tanker with gas fumes exploded inside of it Wednesday, a battalion chief said. The explosion around 11:35 a.m. rocked QualaWash, located at 2750 Goodrick Avenue near the Richmond Parkway, and blew a 10-foot hole in the building's steel roof, Richmond fire Battalion Chief Merlin Turner said. The company offers cleaning services for tankers, and the men were treating a double-tanker that carries gas, Turner said. Another truck, designed to contain liquid asphalt, was idling as part of its cleaning process, and let out a spark, Turner said. That spark caused the gas tanker to heat up and explode, he said. "All four of the people heard a whistling sound in the tank, and realized what was happening," Turner said of the sound the gas fumes made just before the explosion. "So they dropped everything and ran out of the building. Very lucky." Both of the tankers were destroyed. "You know a soda can when it explodes, how it bends every sort of way?" Turner said. "Well, that's what these trucks looked like." Turner said the explosion lifted both trucks off the ground and also damaged some plumbing drains inside the building. Crews brought the fire under control in about 20 minutes by "aggressively attacking the flames with foam," Turner said. He said investigators are trying to determine what caused the sequence of events that led to the explosion.

[http://www.contracostatimes.com/breaking-news/ci\\_24871749/richmond-four-escape-after-tanker-explodes-inside-building](http://www.contracostatimes.com/breaking-news/ci_24871749/richmond-four-escape-after-tanker-explodes-inside-building)

### USA, ID, BOISE, JANUARY 9 2014. JACKSONS, STATE SAY TAINTED GAS ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED

Diesel fuel mistakenly mixed with unleaded gas caused problems for motorists who fueled up over the weekend at four Treasure Valley Jacksons stores, but company and state officials said Tuesday the issue has been resolved. In a written statement, Jacksons Food Stores said the company will cover mechanical problems caused by the problem fuel, and anyone with issues should call the corporate office at 888-6061. Kevin Merritt, section manager for the Idaho Bureau of Weights and Measures, said gas from the Meridian Jacksons at Fairview and Locust Grove — the first location where problem fuel was reported — passed preliminary tests Monday, and samples from the other three stations — two at Nampa's Garrity Boulevard and Northside Boulevard Interstate 84 interchanges and one just off I-84 on Boise's Orchard Avenue — were tested with positive results Tuesday morning. The fuel samples will be sent to a lab in Utah for more advanced testing, Merritt said, but the preliminary tests detect the fuel's octane level, and mixing diesel in would throw the octane off. "That's what makes me think



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this fuel is going to test out fine," Merritt said. All four stations were serviced by the same fuel truck, and Jacksons reports that the problem was caused by "several instances of human errors." All of the affected gas has been removed, the company said, and company policies and procedures have been changed to prevent similar issues in the future. Merritt said he hopes the affected fuel will be sent back to a refinery so it doesn't end up back in circulation. Jacksons officials did not respond Tuesday to questions about what will happen to that fuel.

<http://www.idahostatesman.com/2014/01/08/2963288/jacksons-state-say-tainted-gas.html>

### AUSTRALIA, N.S.W, NEWCASTLE, JANUARY 9 2014. TUGBOAT BLAMED FOR NEWCASTLE PORT SPILL

*matt carr*



*A tugboat sprays in Newcastle Harbour on Tuesday.*

A Tugboat may be responsible for a diesel spill in Carrington Basin, the Newcastle Port Corporation believes. Preliminary investigations have revealed the boat may have been responsible, a spokeswoman said. Booms are in place as a precaution to contain the spill. "Newcastle Port Corporation is not aware of any environmental damage resulting from the spill," the spokeswoman said. The clean-up is continuing including mechanical agitation, booming and visual inspections. The spokeswoman said further action would be considered when the investigation was complete. The spill has not resulted in any delays at the port.

<http://www.theherald.com.au/story/2011449/tugboat-blamed-for-newcastle-port-spill/?cs=305>

### CANADA, OBNT, OTTAWA, JANUARY 10 2014. A LIST OF RECENT RAILWAY ACCIDENTS INVOLVING OIL-LADEN TANK CARS

A list of railway accidents involving oil-laden tank cars since the Lac-Mégantic, Que., disaster last July:

- January: Seventeen cars on a 122-car train in northwestern New Brunswick come off the tracks, resulting in a fire and evacuation of about 150 people.
- December: Eighteen cars on a 106-car oil train derail in southeastern North Dakota, resulting in fires and the evacuation of many residents of nearby Casselton;
- November: Twenty-five of 90 cars on a train carrying oil that originally came from North Dakota derail in Alabama, igniting fires;
- October: Thirteen cars — four carrying petroleum crude oil and nine carrying liquefied petroleum gas — come off the tracks in tiny Gainford, Alta., sparking a huge fireball and evacuation of about 100 people;
- September: Seventeen cars, including three carrying non-flammable lubricating oil and one with ethanol, derail near Landis, Sask., as a train heads to Edmonton from Winnipeg, causing the oil to spill onto farmland.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/national/list+recent+railway+accidents+involving+oil+laden+tank+cars/9364847/story.html>

### KENYA, NAIROBI, JANUARY 10 2014. KENYA TIGHTENS TRANSPORT RULES TO CURB OIL TANKER ACCIDENTS

In an effort to bolster safety and reduce the risk to life and property, Kenya's Energy Regulations Commission (ERC) has drafted new regulations, which are scheduled to be enacted by the end of February, to govern the ground transportation of petroleum. The regulations require special training for new and existing truck drivers of hazardous materials who after passing the programme will be issued ERC certificates that must be renewed annually. Under previous regulations, anyone with a heavy commercial vehicle driving license could drive an oil tanker. "These new stringent measures will definitely increase the safety of transportation of dangerous goods on our roads," Linus Gitonga, the ERC's director of petroleum, told Sabahi. "We are confident that the protective directives will offer much-needed sobriety in the industry." The annual renewal requirement is meant to help authorities keep tabs on errant drivers, as opposed to previous regulations that allowed for a three-year license. To obtain this new certification, drivers must complete training at an ERC accredited driving school with an approved curriculum. The training includes comprehensive education on petroleum products, defensive driving and emergency preparedness, such as fire containment skills. Currently the only schools accredited are located in Nairobi while other institutions around the country have pending accreditation applications, Gitonga said. Among the accredited schools are: Kenya Institute of Highway & Building Technology, Driver Training School, Automobile Association Kenya Driving School, and



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Glen Edmunds Performance Driving School. In addition, the government is also working to develop a single training curriculum to be used in all driving schools, public or private. "Driving a fuel transport tanker is a highly specialised field that calls for critical knowledge on handling highly flammable and explosive products. This takes extra hours of training and commitment," Gitonga added. The standardised curriculum will produce a class of drivers who not only understand the chemistry of the petroleum cargo, but also how it reacts to temperature, Gitonga said. "We have had too many petroleum-related accidents by reckless tanker drivers. We must put brakes on this runaway mayhem," Gitonga said. "A driver will have to meet a minimum driving experience and undergo medical examination for fitness and vision to drive an oil tanker." The new rules are seen as an important step for safety, since the bulk of petroleum products in Kenya are transported on roads, either destined for the local market or the Great Lakes region. A growing list of petroleum tanker accidents The country has only one oil pipeline with limited capacity, thus necessitating heavy dependence on petroleum tankers. This in turn has left a trail of disasters in Kenya after tankers have overturned and subsequently exploded. For instance, about 150 people burned to death and more than 200 were injured when an overturned oil tanker, one in which the people were trying to siphon oil from, caught fire and exploded in the Molo district's Sachangwan village in January 2009, about 200 kilometres from Nairobi. Five months later, four people died and 44 were injured when an oil tanker they were siphoning oil from exploded in Kericho. In September 2011, four people died and 37 were injured in Busia County when an overturned petrol tanker exploded into flames while residents were siphoning fuel. More recently, in September 2013, seven people burned to death after an oil tanker hit a matatu and a private vehicle in Meru County. Last month, six people succumbed to injuries after a bus and a fuel tanker collided in Mariakani, Mombasa. "All these accidents illustrate how unacceptably low our safety standards are, and how dangerous transportation of petroleum can be to both the driver and innocent people. That is why we are rolling out [this set] of safety regulations and measures," said Lee Kinyanjui, chairman of the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA). Kinyanjui added that possession of an ordinary driving license and basic training will not be adequate to qualify someone to haul hazardous cargo. "An ERC permit will act as a proof that petroleum drivers meet specifications set by the Kenya Bureau of Standards," Kinyanjui said. "It is possible to safely transport refined oil products if due diligence is observed. Most petrol tanker accidents are caused by reckless drivers and the poor condition of tankers. We can rectify these." Due to their size, weight and high centre of gravity, it is challenging for an inexperienced driver to manoeuvre a tanker when speeding or when the driver has failed to maintain a mandatory safe distance from other drivers, Kinyanjui added. Nicholas Bundi, a 28-year-old city motorist, welcomes the new regulations, but said he would prefer the trucks be restricted from using roads at peak hours. "I still feel insecure driving alongside these monster trucks. I would prefer if they operated at night time when the roads are not congested," he said. Mwenda Nyaga, chief executive officer of Nairobi consulting firm Oil & Energy Services Limited, said casualties would be greatly reduced if NTSA and ERC carried out nationwide public safety awareness campaigns to discourage citizens from attempting to siphon oil after a tanker has had an accident. "It is good to target tanker drivers but the public will also solve the problem after civic education is done on dangers of lingering around an overturned and petrol-leaking tanker or the dangers of smoking nearby," Nyaga said. Traffic Commandant Samuel Kimaru said when there is an oil tanker accident, police have a hard time keeping away the public from flocking to the scene. "You recall the deadly Sachangwan accident? We lost more than 200 people after an oil tanker exploded and burst in flames, burning all who were scrambling to siphon the spilling oil," he said. "Since then, police have averted similar incidents after arriving at a tanker accident scene on time to disperse the surging crowd."

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201401090099.html?viewall=1>

#### **QATAR, JANUARY 10 2014. WATER TANKER USED TO TRANSPORT DIESEL SEIZED**



*The water tanker that was used to smuggle diesel.*

The Environment Protection Department at the Ministry of Environment has seized a water tanker used to transport diesel from a fuel station on the Shamal road. According to a release issued by the ministry, the inspectors of the department found the tanker parked in a petrol station and approached it for investigation. "Upon seeing the officials, the driver abandoned the tanker and fled, leaving the ignition key behind," the statement said. "After the tanker was found carrying diesel, the inspectors co-ordinated with the Shamal Security Department and handed it over to them to complete the legal procedures."

<http://www.gulf-times.com/qatar/178/details/377331/water-tanker-used-to-transport-diesel-seized>



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#### AUSTRALIA, N.S.W, BYRON BAY, JANUARY 10 2014. MAN DECONTAMINATED AT BYRON BAY HOSPITAL



**Map:**

[Byron Bay 2481](#)

A man had to be decontaminated outside the Byron Bay hospital yesterday before he could be treated at the hospital for poisoning. Fire NSW said the man was spraying cattle on a property in the Byron Shire when he was exposed to an organophosphate and became ill. Fire and HAZMAT officers were called just after 9 am Wednesday morning and treated the man outside the hospital before he could be let into the building. The area health service has confirmed the 38 year old man is now in a stable condition.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-01-09/farm-poison/5191694>

#### USA, FLA, BOWLING GREEN, JANUARY 10 2014. TANKER CRASH FORCES HARDEE RESIDENTS FROM HOMES

 **Watch the Video's:**

- [3] [Fuel Tanker Explodes in Bowling Green](#)
- [Residents evacuate after tanker explosion in Bowling Green](#)
- [Tanker Crash Forces Hardee Residents from Homes](#)



**Photo's [6]** [Tanker Crash Forces Hardee Residents from Homes](#)



**Photo's [9]** [Driver Killed in Tanker Fire on State Road 62 in Hardee County](#)



Officials said a truck carrying 7,200 gallons of unleaded gas and 2,300 gallons of premium gas caught fire in the area of Florida 62 and Moye Road.

A tanker truck crashed at a rural Hardee County intersection this afternoon, igniting a large blaze that has prompted an evacuation warning. It was around 2 p.m. when the tanker -- carrying 7,200 gallons of unleaded fuel and 1,300 gallons of premium unleaded -- crashed on State Road 62 at Moye Road. That's a few miles west of Bowling Green and Wauchula. The load of fuel caught fire, sending black smoke billowing into the sky. Residents within a half-mile of the crash were evacuated as a precaution. There was no immediate word about the condition of the driver, and the cause of the crash was not clear. "This is still a working fire scene and an investigation will be done once the fire is out," county spokesperson Alyssa Henderson stated. By 4:30 p.m., the fire was mostly out. The view from SkyFOX showed the truck was a barely recognizable charred mass of twisted metal, while several nearby trees were also burned. State Road 62 will be closed until the scene can be cleaned up.

<http://www.myfoxtampabay.com/story/24409098/2014/01/09/tanker-crash-forces-hardee-residents-from-homes>

#### MALAYSIA, PERAK STATE, IPOH, JANUARY 10 2014. FOUR INJURED AS CHEMICAL TANKER OVERTURNS

Members of the Hazmat team cleaning up the area where the tanker lorry transporting industrial chemical believed to contain formaldehyde overturned on a south-bound lane of the North-South Expressway on Thursday.



A tanker lorry transporting industrial chemical believed to contain formaldehyde overturned on a south-bound lane of the North-South Expressway here, forcing temporary closure of that stretch on the highway. Ipoh Fire and Rescue Station chief P. Sumasivam said two cars collided into the overturned tanker and four people, one of them the lorry driver, were injured in the accident at KM269.8, some three kilometres from the Jelapang toll plaza at 7.20am Thursday. The injured people were sent to the Raja Permaisuri Bainun Hospital, he told reporters at the scene. He said traffic was diverted to the federal road as the stretch of the highway was expected to remain closed until 1pm as a Hazmat (Hazardous Materials) Unit team from the Pasir Puteh Fire and Rescue Station

cleaned up the spot. Sumasivam said the lorry was carrying 23 tonnes of industrial chemical from Prai, Penang, to Kuantan when the accident happened.

<http://www.thestar.com.my/News/Nation/2014/01/09/lorry-carrying-formaldehyde-overturms/>



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### USA, ILL, WHEELING, DECEMBER 10 2014. "CATASTROPHIC" EXPLOSION AVOIDED IN WHEELING INDUSTRIAL PARK FIRE

joe lewnard & charles keeshan



Wheeling firefighters responded to a potentially "catastrophic" situation Thursday morning when a fire broke out near six large propane storage tanks at a village industrial park. Because of the risk of explosion, authorities evacuated a nearby elementary school and six businesses. Authorities evacuated six nearby businesses Thursday morning after a fire broke out near six large propane storage tanks at a Wheeling industrial park. The fire, caused when cold weather led a rupture under one of the tanks, led to a dangerous situation at the site in the 400 block of Denniston Court, said Wheeling Fire Chief Keith MacIassac. "If the tanks would have exploded, it would have been very catastrophic," MacIassac said. "This is something we prepare for, we train for, and we're aware of this facility." The fire occurred outside Penray

Companies, a manufacturer of aerosol spray cans used in the automotive industry. Firefighters called to the scene at 8:02 a.m. began a water stream to keep the storage tanks cool, MacIassac said. Because of the risk, officials evacuated six businesses and took extra safety precautions at Mark Twain Elementary School, moving children to a safe area away from windows, while firefighters worked to put out the flames. Their efforts initially were hampered because private snow removal contractors had buried nearby fire hydrants under snow, MacIassac said. "Crews had to dig out the hydrants in order for us to use them," MacIassac said. Eventually, crews were able to access a supply line and shut off the fuel, putting out the fire. Students from Mark Twain and workers at the evacuated businesses were able to return to their buildings a short time later. In all, about 45 firefighters from 11 departments responded to the scene.

<http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20140109/news/701099891/>

### USA, N.Y, NEW YORK, JANUARY 10 2014, USCG WARNS OF TANK SAMPLING DANGERS



This Safety Alert serves as a reminder to Coast Guard (CG) personnel and the maritime community of potential dangers during sampling of cargo tanks. During a recent Port State Control (PSC) tank vessel examination, a CG member was exposed to a dangerous concentration of Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) gas and suffered a serious injury. The exposure occurred during a tank vessel exam onboard a tank vessel carrying Grade E Sour Crude. A PSC team requested a ship's crew member check cargo tank oxygen levels using the ship's portable gas meter. The crew member accessed the cargo tank via a deck sounding valve similar to the adjacent photo. When the valve was opened the pressurized cargo tank atmosphere escaped releasing inert gas and H<sub>2</sub>S vapors. During the evolution the personal gas meters of two individuals involved (one CG and one crew) alarmed for H<sub>2</sub>S. The CG officer whose alarm sounded was standing 1-2 feet downwind from the sounding valve. Within days the CG officer developed severe exposure symptoms consistent with H<sub>2</sub>S exposure. The other two CG officers involved were standing upwind. Afterward, one reported experiencing a minor headache. OSHA notes that H<sub>2</sub>S is a colorless, flammable gas with a "rotten egg" smell that occurs naturally in crude petroleum. Even at low concentrations this heavier-than-air gas can irritate the eyes, nose, throat and respiratory system with effects delayed for hours or days. At higher concentrations, nausea, vomiting, headaches, dizziness, unconsciousness or death may

occur. While the initial "rotten egg" odor is present, an individual may lose the ability to smell that gas after becoming exposed. Personal monitoring equipment is, therefore, vital to protect against exposure. An alarm on H<sub>2</sub>S constitutes an acute exposure and should trigger immediate evacuation and initiation of acute exposure procedures including medical attention. Prior to using portable gas monitoring equipment, personnel should familiarize themselves with ISGOTT Section 11.8 and safe work practices for conducting or witnessing these tests. ISGOTT recommends when sampling tanks personnel should stand perpendicular to the wind to avoid being downwind or upwind and creating eddies. When monitoring cargo tank atmospheres, all personnel should exercise diligence and great care. In all cases, personnel should completely assess the risks, to include the cargo type, tank pressure, venting arrangements, wind direction/speed and condition of the testing equipment. When H<sub>2</sub>S is suspected to be present, ISGOTT Section 2.3.6.5 recommends that a self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) be worn if



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it is necessary to breach the integrity of the cargo system and if a vapor free atmosphere cannot be guaranteed. The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists recently reduced the H<sub>2</sub>S dangerous Threshold Limit Value from 2 parts per million (ppm) to 1 ppm. As a result the Coast Guard strongly recommends that those involved in cargo tank sampling or atmosphere testing:

- Be familiar with and adhere to ISGOTT safe work practices.
- Assess personnel risks.
- Don appropriate personal protection equipment including gas monitoring detectors, respirator or SCBA.
- If gas monitoring detectors are used ensure:
  - detectors are maintained and properly calibrated

alarm settings values are properly set

Be aware and familiar with the hazards of the cargos involved as well as exposure indicators and emergency response procedures.

<http://www.marinelink.com/news/sampling-dangers-warns362776.aspx>

### USA, CA, THOUSAND OAKS, JANUARY 10 2014. LATEST TALLY: 3 INJURED, LAB DAMAGED IN AMGEN EXPLOSION

dave colby

 **Watch the Video's:**

[Amgen Lab Explosion Injures 2 in San Francisco](#)

[Lab Explosion at Amgen Facility Injures 2](#)



3 people were injured in a "minor" laboratory explosion at biotech firm Amgen's facility in South San Francisco, Calif., a fire marshal confirmed on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 8, 2013.

Three employees were injured in an explosion and fire that occurred at an [Amgen Inc.](#) laboratory in South San Francisco Wednesday afternoon, a state workplace safety agency spokesman said. [California Division of Occupational Safety and Health](#) spokesman Peter Melton said safety inspectors were sent to the biotechnology company building located at 1120 Veterans Blvd. after the explosion was reported at about 3:30 p.m. The incident apparently started when cleaning solvents used to sterilize equipment caused a chemical reaction that created a flash fire, South San Francisco fire officials said. The building was evacuated and a hazardous materials response deployed but fire officials later determined that no chemicals were released into the atmosphere. Melton said three employees were in the lab when the explosion happened and two of the three were taken to a hospital where they were treated for their injuries and released. The third employee only suffered a bruise to her leg, he said. The explosion and a subsequent fire caused extensive damage to the lab, including blowing out the windows, Melton said. The lab has since been sealed by county authorities with no one allowed to enter the area until it has been decontaminated, Melton said. Further inspection and investigation will continue once the area has been deemed safe to enter, he said. The cause of the explosion is under investigation. Sandra Young, a spokeswoman for Amgen Inc., said the company was working with the fire department to "address the situation." She said there is an investigation under way to determine the cause of the incident. She said safety is the company's priority. The explosion is the second incident to occur at the biotech company in the past year. Last May, a worker at the Amgen building was injured after flammable liquid caused a flash fire. Cal/OSHA cited Amgen and two other companies after the May 15 incident for improper storage of hazardous substances. Amgen Inc. was levied a \$5,400 fine. Melton said the May incident is considered a separate case from Wednesday's explosion.

<http://southsanfrancisco.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/latest-tally-3-injured-lab-damaged-in-amgen-explosion>

### USA, S.C, ROCK HILL, JANUARY 10 2014. DHEC: ROCK HILL KEROSENE SPILL CAME FROM STORAGE TANK

anna douglas

It could take up to two weeks for environmental cleanup workers to rid a small creek of contaminants from a kerosene spill near Rock Hill's Confederate Park. State environmental officials and the federal Environmental Protection Agency will oversee cleanup of the spill at Wilkerson Fuel Co. on Pendleton Street. A contractor, Highlands Environmental Solutions, is expected to



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monitor affected soil and water for up to three months. Highlands Environmental Solutions is based in Raleigh, N.C. Few details have been released about what caused the spill on Sunday. The Herald could not reach Wilkerson Fuel officials on Tuesday. An employee who answered the phone on Tuesday afternoon said the company was "not interested" in commenting. The kerosene spill apparently originated from an above-ground storage tank, said Jim Beasley, spokesman for the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. Company officials believe about 1,500 gallons were released on Sunday, he said. Rock Hill police and firefighters responded to the spill. Traffic was blocked for several hours along Pendleton Street, from Annafrel to Confederate streets. On Monday, contractors arrived to begin cleanup. The work continued on Tuesday around the creek and the Confederate Park area. Wilkerson Fuel is located about one block from Confederate Park. Federal laws require that the "responsible party" notify DHEC when any spill impacts waterways, Beasley said. In this case, Highlands Environmental Solutions notified environmental officials on Wilkerson's behalf.

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/01/08/3195117/dhec-rock-hill-kerosene-spill.html>

### USA, FLA, ESCAMBIA CO, JANUARY 10 2014. CRUDE OIL SPILL IN ESCAMBIA RIVER

 **Watch the Video** [Crude Oil Spill in Escambia River](#)



Over 100 gallons of crude oil was spilled into a creek that flows into the Escambia River Thursday morning from Quantum Resource Management's processing facility near Jay.

**Updated: Thursday, January 9 2014, 09:42 PM CST**

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is investigating a crude oil spill in a creek that connects to the Escambia River. It happened early Thursday morning in North Santa Rosa County. DEP was notified of the spill by Quantum Energy's Jay plant around 5:00 a.m., according to Escambia County Emergency Management Director John Dosh. Dosh says he was told the spill released about 120 gallons of crude. Santa Rosa County Emergency Management Director Brad

Baker says an incident report from the state indicates the material overflowed a holding pond and got into a creek that is a tributary of the river. He says the report states the company put out booms at the spill site and had a contractor cleaning up. A viewer, who was at Fisher's Landing near the Escambia River Bridge first called Channel Three this morning, saying he could see and smell the substance in the river there. The DEP's Bureau of Response is investigating according to Florida Wildlife Commission spokesperson Stan Kirkland. Kirkland says he was told a pump failure caused the spill. Kirkland says any cleanup would be decided by the DEP, while it would be up to the Florida Department of Health whether any fish or wildlife advisories are necessary. Channel Three has calls into both agencies and will continue to follow this story. DEP says the company has hired three contractors who are performing the clean-up. The clean-up is not only on site, but includes the creek and the Escambia River where booms are in the water. The pump failure was due to cold weather according to DEP as the pump froze up. The DEP says an investigation will determine if any fines are appropriate.

**Quantum Statement - Jay, FL Official Statement:**

At Quantum, protection of the environment is important to us. The recent unprecedented cold snap damaged some of our equipment at the Jay Plant, which led to a release of approximately 3 barrels of oil. The release was discovered around 3:30 this morning. Immediately upon discovery of this situation, we activated our response plan and responded with all available means to contain and recover this oil. The source of the release is now under control. Recovery efforts continue at this time in coordination with local and state agencies. We do not believe this situation presents a threat to the public or the environment. Crude oil spill in Escambia River

<http://www.wear.tv.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/crude-oil-spill-escambia-river-40180.shtml>

### USA, CA, SAN FRANCISCO, JANUARY 10 2014. REFINERY OPERATOR AGREES TO PENALTIES FOR AIR QUALITY VIOLATIONS

*alex gronke*

Tesoro Corporation will pay \$472,000 in penalties to the [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) for 35 violations recorded over a span of two years at the company's Martinez refinery. The air quality violations, which range from power failures that prompted shelter in place warnings to fires at the Golden Eagle refinery, happened between 2009 and 2011. "Heavy industrial facilities, like refineries, must take responsibility for all aspects of their processes as the Air District and the public have no tolerance for pollution problems," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District in a press release. "This settlement



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will ensure Tesoro takes responsibility for all systems within its refining process to ensure they do not jeopardize air quality and comply with Air District regulations." Tesoro could not be reached for comment on Wednesday. The San Antonio-based company operates six refineries in the western United States. The [Martinez refinery](#) has a crude oil capacity of 166,000 barrels per day and employs 700 full-time workers, according to the company website. Tesoro Corp. [posted net income of \\$99 million](#) for the third quarter in Nov. 2013.

<http://martinez.patch.com/groups/politics-and-elections/p/refinery-operator-agrees-to-penalties-for-air-quality-violations>

#### JAMAICA, ST ANDREW, JANUARY 10 2014. TANKER EXPLODES ON MONA ROAD

 **Watch the Video** [Gas Tanker Fire](#)



*A tanker exploded along Mona Road in St Andrew yesterday evening sending persons, including several students and teachers at the nearby Mona High School, scampering for cover. There were no reports of injury.*

The police are heaping praise on Dennis Mutler, driver of the tanker full of petrol that exploded near to an upscale residential and school community yesterday evening. They said the action he took when he heard the first explosion prevented what could have been a major disaster. "Where the explosion took place is in a heavily populated area, so he took it to an area where it was less populated. If he had not done this, it could have been catastrophic," Steve Brown, deputy superintendent and head of the Constabulary Communication Network, said. The explosion caused damage to sections of a house and a motor vehicle and resulted in several students and teachers at the Mona High School along Mona Road in St Andrew scampering for cover. There is no report of any injury.

#### Massive Clouds of Smoke

The explosion, which happened shortly before 4 p.m., caused massive clouds of smoke to billow into the air, which could be seen from as far as Parade in downtown, Kingston. Traffic had to be diverted from the scene and curious onlookers thronged to the police cordon with cell phones in hand in an attempt to get pictures of the fiery scene. It took approximately seven units from the Half-Way Tree, Rollington Town and York Park fire stations to extinguish the blaze. Mutler explained that he was heading towards the Total Service Station along Mona Road to deliver petrol when he heard a number of explosions to the cab of the vehicle. "I tried to out it with an extinguisher that we normally carry in the truck for minor fires. "Seeing the house, I had to move it to the best possible area. I tried to out it, but then it burst into flames. I heard the explosion once and then I saw smoke coming. I knew it was fire because I felt the heat," Mutler said. Exploded transformers also resulted in power being lost in the area.

<http://jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20140110/lead/lead3.html>

#### USA, W. VA, CHARLESTON, JANUARY 10 2014, CHEMICAL SPILL IN WEST VIRGINIA CUTS WATER FOR 300,000 HOMES



*Crews clean up a chemical spill along the Elk River in Charleston, W.Va., which compromised the public water supply of eight counties on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014.*

The company's do-not-use advisory now includes the counties of Kanawha, Boone, Cabell, Clay, Jackson, Lincoln, Logan, Putnam and Roane. A chemical spill along a [West Virginia](#) river on Thursday has resulted in a tap water ban for as many as 300,000 people, shutting down bars and restaurants and forcing residents to line up for bottled water at stores. Governor [Earl Ray Tomblin](#) declared a state of emergency for nine counties as a result of the spill of 4-Methylcyclohexane Methanol, a chemical used in the coal industry. The spill occurred along the Elk River in [Charleston](#), the capital and largest city of the eastern U.S. state. Health officials were advising residents to use the water only

for flushing toilets and fighting fires. "West Virginians in the affected service areas are urged not to use tap water for drinking, cooking, washing or bathing," Gov. Tomblin said in a statement. "Right now, our priorities are our hospitals, nursing homes, and schools." Local media showed pictures of [West Virginia](#) residents lining up at stores for bottled water, and store shelves



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that had been emptied of their supplies. Dr. Rahul Gupta, health officer for the Kanawha-Charleston and the Putnam County Health Departments, ordered closed all restaurants, body art parlors and schools that receive water from the West Virginia American Water company. "You can't have schools without water," said Tomblin's spokeswoman, Amy Shuler Goodwin. She did not know when the ban would be lifted. Tomblin said his office was working with the National Guard and the state's Office of Emergency Services to provide water and supplies through county emergency services offices as quickly as possible. The spill originated with Freedom Industries, a Charleston company, according to Laura Jordan, external affairs manager for West Virginia American Water. It occurred right above the intake of the Kanawha Valley water treatment plant in Charleston - the largest in West Virginia - and affects 100,000 homes and businesses, or 250,000 to 300,000 people, Jordan said. "It could be potentially harmful if swallowed and could potentially cause skin and eye irritation," Jordan said. Shuler Goodwin said that Thursday morning the West Virginia Department of Environment Protection got a report of an odor - described in local media as resembling black licorice - and visited the Freedom Industries site. There, officials found a leaking storage unit. Jordan said the water company and state environmental officials were conducting tests on the water. The company is working with state and federal authorities to get residents access to bottled water, and water distribution sites will be announced through local media, Jordan said. A representative for Freedom Industries was not immediately available for comment. The company says on its website it is a producer of specialty chemicals for the mining, steel and cement industries.

<http://www.independent.ie/world-news/americas/chemical-spill-in-west-virginia-cuts-water-for-300000-homes-29904322.html>

### USA, MI, WATERTOWN, JANUARY 10 2014. CREWS WORK TO CLEAN UP GASOLINE LEAK NEAR LANSING AIRPORT



Crews worked Thursday evening to clean up a gasoline leak at the Marathon Petroleum plant. It happened around 4:15p.m. in the 6000 block of West Grand Ravier Avenue near Lansing, which is near the Capital Region International Airport. Several fire trucks and the Metro Lansing Haz-Mat team were all called to the scene. Teams found a large gas tank with 400,000 gallons of gasoline with a small leak. There is still no report on exactly how many gallons spilled, but it was taken to an unaffected tank. Officials say no one was evacuated and no one was hurt. They say there's no current threat of any danger to the surrounding areas.

<http://www.wlns.com/story/24410973/report-possible-gas-leak-near-lansing-airport>

### CHINA, BEIJING, JANUARY 10 2014, CHINA CITES LAPSES IN SINOPEC PIPELINE BLASTS >> SAFETY OFFICIALS BLAME COMPANY, LOCAL OFFICIALS OVER DEADLY EXPLOSIONS

olivia geng



*Workers clean up leaked oil in November after oil pipeline explosions in Qingdao. Reuters*

China's work safety agency on Thursday blamed the country's largest refining company and local officials in the city of Qingdao for pipeline explosions in November that killed 62 people and left 136 more injured. Huang Yi, a spokesman for the State Administration of Work Safety said at a news conference that the initial oil leak at the pipeline wasn't properly inspected and that both the pipeline's operator and local government departments bore responsibility for the explosions. Mr. Huang said the initial emergency response was "inadequate" and that workers on the scene failed to detect lingering oil and gas in the eight-hour period between the initial leak and the explosions. The pipeline is owned by China Petrochemical Corp., known as Sinopec Group. The transcript of the news conference released

by the safety agency didn't mention Sinopec by name, but the official Xinhua news agency said the regulator blamed both Sinopec and local officials. A Sinopec spokeswoman declined to comment, pending release of the full report. Mr. Huang said



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the report would be made available to the public after being reviewed by China's State Council, or cabinet. A representative for the Qingdao government, Su Wenjie, said the city didn't have an immediate comment and learned the results of the report only on Thursday. In November, Chinese police detained nine people, including seven Sinopec employees and two government personnel after the explosions. Authorities in China often detain witnesses as well as suspects. Mr. Huang said the accident caused a "direct economic loss" of 750 million yuan (\$124.9 million) and added that pipeline corrosion allowed oil to leak into the sewage network under one area of the eastern Chinese city. He also said workers on the day of the incident were using a hydraulic hammer that wasn't explosion-proof, resulting in sparks that triggered the blasts. Mr. Huang also cited the city's municipal design, saying that the oil pipeline was intertwined with the local sewage system and installed too close to nearby buildings. Mr. Huang added that China currently has 655 pipelines spanning 102,000 kilometers. Some of the pipelines have been operating for as long as 40 years and are becoming corroded and brittle, he said. The safety watchdog is concerned about the "hidden dangers" posed by some oil pipelines that overlap with underground cable and sewage systems, he added. In the past, Sinopec had said the area around the pipeline wasn't as populated when it was built nearly three decades ago. It also said authorities in another city who had authority over the pipeline didn't sign off on a previous effort to overhaul it. The explosions upended cars and sidewalks and sent a massive plume of smoke into the air when it occurred on Nov. 22.

<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304347904579309763150384946>

### USA, VA, POWHATAN, JANUARY 10 2014. WOMAN ESCAPE MASSIVE FIRE AT A GAS STATION

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A massive fire at a gas station in Powhatan - a car goes up in flames and the driver survives unharmed. This happened at the CITGO at the 3200 block of Genito Road. Authorities are leaning towards static electricity as the cause of this fire. Authorities on scene say the driver had just finished filling up - she was taking the nozzle out of her car when the fire started. The driver, Kirsten Price said she is happy no one was hurt. "I pulled the gas nozzle out of the tank, and it just lit on fire in my hand, and I was kind of dumb founded, and thinking oh maybe there is an extinguisher here somewhere but I didn't think about it too long," said Price. Price said she then ran in the store, along with several employees who saw the fire ignite and the group hid in the back until it was safe to come out. "The driver of the vehicle could have been badly burnt and we also could have had a store fire we had occupants inside the store so they would have been trapped inside the store," said Chief Don Houtsma of Powhatan Fire

Department. Fire officials say so much could have gone wrong and the fire could have been worse. "Fortunately they have emergency shutoffs, so the clerk was able to shut off the gas pumps right away when he saw the flame and that's what saved us from a real bad problem we could have had an explosion we have propane tanks in front of the building that could have extended and caught on fire so we were very lucky," said Houtsma. In all, 25 firefighters were called out to battle the blaze. The owner of the store said they have video of the fire starting but will have to hand it over to authorities first.

<http://www.nbc12.com/story/24412304/woman-escape-massive-fire-at-a-gas-station>

### NIGERIA, LAGOS, JANUARY 10 2014. LAGOS TANKER FIRE - STAKEHOLDERS WANT TANK FARMS RELOCATED



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Victims of last Tuesday's inferno in Apapa area of Lagos State where 15 people were burnt to death, have called on the government to relocate the fuel tank farms from their present location in Apapa, saying the number of casualties arising from tanker-related accidents in the area was on the increase. Also, the victims want the government to assist them get back on their businesses. A victim, Mr. Daniel Apere, lamented that he lost goods worth more than N5 million to the inferno. "I don't know where to start from, I watched all my life earnings



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totalling more than N5 million being consumed by the raging fire. Also, my elder brother lost over N30 million to the fire." Apere appealed to the Federal Government to relocate the tank farms from Apapa, saying: "The number of casualties from tanker-related accidents is increasing daily, as a result the tank farms should be removed from Apapa and environs." It would be recalled that Governor Babatunde Fashola of Lagos State, while assessing the extent of damage caused by the explosion at the MRS tank farm, last year, urged the Federal Government, in the interest of the masses, to relocate the tank farms from the area. Another victim, Collins Okafor, said: "All my goods were completely burnt and I could not salvage anything. For the past four months, we have been experiencing fire disasters around here but this is the greatest of all. An orange seller lost her son to the inferno and she also got burnt in the process, in her bid to rescue her son." Mr. Oke Udeagbara, President of the Berger Business Community, lamented the loss of his members. He said: "The loss was unimaginable. We lost over N1 billion on that day. One can imagine all the shops loaded with engines and the least of the truck engines costs N800,000. The explosion occurred at a time some of our members had just stocked their shops with new arrivals." Mr. Moses Okolie, chairman, Board of Trustees of the traders, said five of the traders who had rushed to the scene to salvage their property were injured in the process. Mr. Arinze Okolie, manager, Berger Suya car park, said: "The fire started at about 10:00 pm and immediately spread to nearby buildings, burning several people to death." Okolie, who attributed the incident to negligence on the part of the tanker driver, said: "The fuel-laden tanker experienced brake failure and rammed into the Police post at the bus stop. Its content spilled on the road caught fire. The driver should have checked the brake system and other parts of the vehicle before setting out on the journey."

### Govt Should Rehabilitate our Roads --Residents

Residents of Osho Drive, the closest community to the scene of the incident, yesterday, expressed disappointment with the state of Kirikiri-Ajegunle road and called on government to rehabilitate its and save them from incessant tragedies. Chairman, Osho Drive Community Development Association, Mr. Nwogu Emmanuel, who spoke to Vanguard said the road was an eyesore. He said: "May I state categorically that the tragedy was aggravated by the bad road. The tanker driver would have been able to handle the situation if not for the deplorable condition of the road. The bus-stop is prone to gridlocks as a result of the bad road, the number of casualties would have increased if there was gridlock on that day." The CDA chairman, however, affirmed that many of the victims were non-residents of the community.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201401100352.html>

### JAPAN, MIE PREFECTURE, YOKKAICHI, JANUARY 10 2014. AT LEAST 5 KILLED IN JAPAN PLANT EXPLOSION: POLICE



*Workers gather near an explosion site at a plant of the Japanese chemical company Mitsubishi Materials in Yokkaichi in Mie prefecture, central Japan on January 9, 2014 following an explosion that killed at least five people and injured a dozen more. The blast happened in the early afternoon at the plant in the central city of Yokkaichi, when maintenance crews were working on a heat exchanger used in the production of silicon products, a plant spokesman told AFP.*

An explosion at a chemical factory in Japan killed at least five people and injured a dozen more Thursday, police said. The blast happened in the early afternoon at the plant in Yokkaichi, central Japan, when maintenance crews were working on a heat exchanger used in the production of silicon products, a plant spokesman told AFP. Initial reports put the death toll at two, but they were quickly revised upwards. "Five people are dead. 12 people have been injured, of whom nine sustained only minor injuries," said a spokeswoman at Mie prefectural police. A separate police spokesman told AFP the plant, run by Mitsubishi Materials, makes parts for solar panels and automobiles, dealing with polymers made from silicone, hydrogen and chlorine. "The explosion occurred but there is no fire. We received an emergency call at 2:09 pm (0509 GMT)...and at 2:21 pm the incident appeared to have calmed down," he said. Hiroki Morofuji, an official at the plant, said the incident had involved maintenance workers at the plant, sited in a heavily industrialised region. Mitsubishi Materials, headquartered in the Japanese capital, makes a range of products including auto parts, silicon wafers for memory chips used in consumer electronics, and cement for road and bridge construction. The company, which reported sales of about \$12.2 billion in its latest fiscal year, has over 22,000 employees and operations across the globe including in the United States, Brazil, Germany and India, according to its website.

<http://www.timesofoman.com/News/Article-27976.aspx>



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