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### PHILIPPINES. MANILA, DECEMBER 29 2013. BOY LOSES HAND, 160 HURT DUE TO FIREWORKS

More than 160 people have been injured by fireworks in the Philippines as they prepared to welcome the New Year, the government said Saturday, December 28. A 14-year-old boy who lost his right hand and an elderly man with a ruptured eyeball were among the worst injured so far, Assistant Health Secretary Eric Tayag said. He tweeted that a 5-year-old had also lost his right index finger from using fireworks. The Asian nation of 100 million people traditionally greets the New Year by making noise in the belief it will drive bad spirits away. Households start stockpiling fireworks around Christmas and start using them days before New Year's Eve. Tayag said government hospitals had tallied 164 firework injuries in the run-up to New Year's Eve, plus one case of a firecracker being swallowed. "Active fireworks users (are) up by 8% this year compared to 2012," he said, without giving figures.

<http://www.rappler.com/nation/46786-fireworks-injuries-new-year-doh-december-28>

### PERU, LIMA, DECEMBER 29 2013. CHRISTMAS FIREWORKS CAUSE AIR POLLUTION IN PERU CAPITAL TO RISE 24%



Setting off fireworks to celebrate the arrival of Christmas boosted air pollution in Lima by 24 percent over the maximum allowed limit, a spokesman for the Peruvian Health Ministry said Saturday. The executive director of Ecology and Environmental Protection at the Health Ministry, Elmer Quinchiz, said the maximum limit of particulate material allowed in the air is 150 micrograms per cubic meter, but the measurement during Christmas at the Santa Luzmila police station in Lima showed that it had reached 186.3 micrograms. "With 186.3 we're talking about real air pollution," Quinchiz said, after explaining that the measurement was taken continuously over a 24-hour period. The Santa Luzmila station said that the hour of greatest environmental pollution was at 1:00 a.m. on Dec. 25 when it rose to 186.3 micrograms per cubic meter, the state news agency Andina reported. The second-highest hour was at noon on Christmas

Day, when particulate matter in the air reached 154.6 micrograms per cubic meter. Quinchiz said in an interview with Andina that the chief health problems caused by the igniting of fireworks are allergies in the respiratory tract, as well as eye irritation and blindness because the sulfur, carbon and coloring of the fireworks are harmful to the sight. He also warned that "the ear can tolerate between 60 and 70 decibels of sound, but many fireworks are louder than 120, which can cause hearing problems." Local governments have limited the sale of these articles to authorized centers, but the clandestine trade continues and police have confiscated these products in a number of regions throughout Peru.

<http://www.laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=1393598&CategoryId=14095>

### USA, N.C, ASHEVILLE, DECEMBER 29 2013. LEICESTER MAN CRITICAL AFTER GAS PUMP COLLISION

barbara blake

 [Watch the Video Burn Victim Identified](#)

A Leicester man is in critical condition at the Baptist Medical Center burn unit in Winston-Salem after his vehicle struck a gas pump and erupted in flames this morning. He was taken to Mission Hospital and then flown to the burn center. Asheville police said Anthony Severino, 38, was driving a 2011 Chevrolet Aveo south on New Leicester Highway about 8:45 a.m. when his car left the road and collided with a gas pump at the Hot Spot at 103 New Leicester Highway. "At this point it is unknown why he swerved off the road and into the parking lot, but he collided with a gas pump, knocking it off its foundation," Sgt. Scott Lunsford said. "That pump hit another pump and another vehicle, a white van which also caught fire, which was occupied by a passenger who got out and wasn't injured." Lunsford said he saw a video clip of the collision and that the fire around the Chevy "was almost instantaneous." "The staff there at the Hot Spot, with quick thinking, shut off the gas flow from the pumps, which prevented the fire from spreading or it becoming a more serious situation," he said. Lunsford said first responders arrived within three to four minutes and removed the victim from the burning vehicle. "Based on what I've been told and looking at the videotape, they were there pretty quickly," he said. Traffic was rerouted along Old County Home Road for about an hour after the accident, officials said. Ernie Rice, manager of the Hot Spot, said he didn't know how long the pumps would be inoperable, and that the convenience store is continuing to operate. In response to Lunsford's comments about the quick thinking of the staff, he said, "We have emergency procedures for that kind of stuff, and it worked."

<http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20131228/NEWS/312280042/>



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### NORWAY, OSLO, DECEMBER 29 2013. NORTH SEA OIL PLATFORM EVACUATED AFTER OIL LEAK



Statoil employees working on a North Sea oil platform were evacuated on Saturday following an indication of gas leakage, the Norwegian news agency NTB reported. "We did notice an indication of a gas leak" on the nearby Statfjord A Platform at 17:40 local time (1640) and the number of workers on it was reduced subsequently, said Andreas Bull, chief of the Rescue Coordination Center for South Norway. There were 168 people on the platform when the leaking was reported, said Kjetil Visnes, a spokesman for the Norwegian energy giant Statoil. Half of those on duty on the Statfjord A platform were shifted to the Statfjord B and C platforms after the leak was located and isolated at the oil cooler on a module on the platform. "This is not about a big leaking," Visnes was quoted as saying. The situation was under control, said the Norwegian broadcasting company NRK. The production has stopped and it is not clear when it will resume, said Visnes.

<http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/834661.shtml>

### USA, OH, NEW LONDON, DECEMBER 29 2013. PETROLEUM LEAKS UNDER INVESTIGATION >> SAFETY OF SURROUNDING AREA A CONCERN.

heather chapin-fowler



The New London Mickey Mart underground storage tank has leaked a "significant" amount of gasoline under the property. How this release of gas will impact the health and safety of the surrounding area remains under investigation. The release was reported on Dec. 26, 2012, the second at the property since the first one which occurred in May of 1998, according to Michael Duchesne, public information officer for the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal's Reynoldsburg office. The white trailer on the south side of the Mickey Mart station, on North Main Street, is being used to recover the product underground and at this point, officials don't know how long the recovery process will take. As of Nov. 13, Flynn Environmental Inc., of North Canton, recovered approximately 1,451 gallons of gas. But, officials with the Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks and State Fire Marshal's office say it is "unknown" how much product has actually been lost. Mick Coles, the contact for Coles Energy, of Milan, who is listed as the contact for the business, did not return calls to clarify how much gasoline has been delivered during the period

when the tanks were leaking and how much could have been lost. While officials believe the gas could contaminate the storm and sanitary sewers, they also believe the lost product could be contained to the tank cavity and the surrounding recovery walls, Duchesne said. Coles Energy to date has not been fined nor has it had to pick up the bill for cleanup because "as of this date the facility is in compliance with all corrective actions regulations," Duchesne said. Duchesne said doesn't anticipate Cole will be fined. The gas station was allowed to remain open for business because the corrective measures took place shortly after the leak was discovered, Duchesne said. While the problem appears to be under control, Duchesne said "further investigation and evaluation of the petroleum release is necessary to fully define the extent of the release." "Based on current available information, the identified petroleum release has several potential exposure pathways that need to be evaluated to determine if there are any health and safety concerns. The report detailing some of these pathways is being compiled," Duchesne said. Another release was reported by a now defunct petroleum dealer, Kelly Oil Co., owned by Norfolk Southern Railway Company, of Virginia. The site reportedly had a similar release in October 1988, according to Duchesne. Clean-up continues on that property, which is located just east of Mickey Mart. While all "free product" has been removed from the Kelly Oil site, early next year a remedial plan is scheduled to resolve any possible threat to the "use of the groundwater as a drinking



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water source," Duschesne said. The Kelly Oil site released gasoline, kerosene and diesel fuel and was also considered a "significant release," according to Duschesne. The site has been "under active remediation since the initial release approximately 25 years ago," Duschesne said. As of December 2002, a total of 2,265 gallons "of free product" was recovered from the Kelly Oil site and no further free product has been reported at the site since 2002. A Pennsylvania company, AECOM, was hired to clean up the Kelly Oil site. Cole Energy owns and operates a number of Mickey Mart gas stations throughout the state, according to state records provided by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

<http://www.norwalkreflector.com/article/3950761>

### USA, UT, WILLARD, DECEMBER 29 2013. HEROES OF THE WILLARD BAY CALAMITY VICTIMIZED AGAIN

mark saal

 **Watch the Video** [Willard Bay Defenders Fight for Chevron Settlement Funds](#)



*A ditch is pumped out in an area affected by the diesel spill in Willard Bay, Thursday March 28, 2013.*

But who will speak for the beavers? Remember that diesel fuel spill near Willard Bay State Park last March? Earlier this month, the state of Utah negotiated a \$5.35 million draft settlement agreement with Chevron Pipe Line Co. over the incident, which occurred when yet another of the company's pipelines ruptured. For those keeping score, that makes three spills in as many years. This latest leak resulted in the discharge of more than 20,000 gallons of diesel fuel near Willard Bay. And now that the parties involved have reached a tentative settlement, everybody's happy, right?

#### **Not So Fast.**

What about the party that worked its big, flat tails off to mitigate the effects of this ecological disaster, hmmm? The impact of the spill could have been much, much worse, if not for a beaver dam in the area that contained the fuel and kept it from reaching Willard Bay. Six fuel-covered beavers were rescued in the aftermath, and it wasn't long before the media began referring to these furry environmental

saviors as "beaver heroes" -- or, as many of us have taken to calling them, "beaveroes" (pronounced "bee-VEER-ohs"). So now the state's going to get a pile of money, and just how much of that settlement do you suppose our beloved beaveroes will see? That's right. Zip. Zero. Zilch. Nada. Under the terms of the draft agreement, Chevron did agree to pay:

- A \$350,000 civil penalty to the Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Quality
- Nearly \$4.5 million to fund projects aimed at improvements in related waterways and facilities
- And more than half a million dollars to the Department of Natural Resources Division of Utah State Parks and Recreation for lost use damages at Willard Bay State Park.

Nowhere in the settlement, you will note, are the beavers even mentioned; not a penny to the one group that proved to be both hero and victim in this sad tale. No brand new "trophy lodges" for them to winter in. No funky gold grills for their impressive front teeth. Not even so much as a complementary buffet at the local lumber yard. Indeed, as it turns out, what our heroic *Castor canadensis* did get for its trouble was placement in the Division of Wildlife Resources' witness protection program. The beaveroes have since been relocated to the north slope of the Uinta Mountains, where, apparently, there are plenty of leaky Chevron pipelines for them to keep an eye on. Humph. Some reward. But, I suppose, things could have turned out much worse for our fur-bearing friends. Indeed, in the aftermath of the spill, this Standard-Examiner columnist broke the rumor that the beavers may have been targeted for elimination prior to the incident -- because they were supposedly wreaking havoc near Willard Bay by cutting down trees for their damn dam. And, there were even hints of a whisper campaign aimed at discrediting these beavers. Rumors of large teeth marks on the pipeline led some to allege that the large rodents may have actually staged the spill themselves -- all so they could subsequently swoop in and appear to save the day. None of this, of course, can be proven, but that hasn't stopped the state from trying to deny the beavers their \$5 million inheritance. Ah, but the state's troubles are just beginning. Because, even if officials were able to buy the silence of one group of animals, others are waiting in the wings. You see, our brave beaveroes weren't the only wildlife affected by the spill. Also contaminated were muskrats, fish, frogs, and even some birds. Which sounds like a class-action lawsuit to me.

<http://www.standard.net/stories/2013/12/28/heroes-willard-bay-calamity-victimized-again>



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#### SAUDI ARABIA, JEDDAH, DECEMBER 29 2013. TANKER DRIVER KILLED IN RABIGH CRASH



*Rescue workers try to remove the mangled wreck from the accident site.*

The driver of an LPG tanker was killed when his vehicle collided with a tipper truck in Rabigh on Saturday. Following the accident, the Civil Defense, in coordination with the Road Security Force, closed the road to traffic while several rescue and firefighting teams were sent to the location, a Civil Defense source said. The rescue teams used metal-cutters to extricate the body of the driver from the cabin. The tanker was emptied of the LPG to avoid the possibility of a blast. In another incident, the Civil Defense evacuated a rented apartment building following a fire that gutted an apartment on the second floor. Rescue teams had to use force to remove the residents of a number of apartments who refused to leave their apartments, arguing that their apartments were not

affected. The Civil Defense did not want to take chances. Eight rescue and firefighting teams participated in the evacuation of the entire building and other rescue operations. All the residents were taken to the roof and the power supply was switched off before the firefighters extinguished the fire. Later electricity connection was restored, except for the affected second floor.

<http://www.arabnews.com/news/500216>

#### INDIA, MUMBAI, DECEMBER 29 2013. TWO YOUTHS KILLED AS TANKER CATCHES FIRE ON NH-8

Two youths were killed when the LPG tanker in which they were travelling caught fire on the [Mumbai-Ahmedabad](#) highway last evening, police said today. Bilal police said the tanker was on its way from [Gujarat](#) to Mumbai. At Talwada, on Maharashtra-Gujarat border, the tanker overturned while trying to avoid hitting a scooter-rider in the front, and caught fire. Govind Dhanade (25) of Patilpada and Deepak Valvi (21) of Paraspada in the district were trapped inside the driver's cabin and were killed. The driver managed to jump out and ran away, police said.

[http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/two-youths-killed-as-tanker-catches-fire-on-nh-8-113122800508\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/two-youths-killed-as-tanker-catches-fire-on-nh-8-113122800508_1.html)

#### USA, TX, CUERO, DECEMBER 29 2013. ANOTHER TANKER ACCIDENT ON HWY. 119



At approximately 2:30 p.m. on Highway 119 one mile south of the community of New Davey there was another tractor trailer accident. The driver, Richard Boyd, 52 years old of Mathis, working for Texas Energy Service, was traveling south on Highway 119. He ran off the road to his right. While turning to the left he overcorrected and lost control. The trailer, a 2006 Dragon, carrying salt water rolled one and one half times. Boyd, driving a 2012 Mac truck tractor was ejected out of his vehicle while the truck was spinning. Boyd landed nearly 40 feet from the cab. The truck rolled one time. Boyd was in critical condition and was air lifted by THI to the University Hospital in San Antonio. Yorktown police,

DeWitt County Sheriff's office and the Department of Highway Patrol were at the scene along with Yorktown Voluntary Fire Department and Yorktown Emergency Medical Service. Trooper Elizabeth Tolbert worked the scene.

<http://www.cuerorecord.com/articles/2013/12/27/another-tanker-accident-hwy-119>

#### USA, N.C, MOUNT AIREY, DECEMBER 29 2013. MOST OF TAINTED KEROSENE NOW ACCOUNTED FOR

*tom joyce*

It's been a tough week for officials at Mount Airy Oil Co. since a discovery that thousands of gallons of kerosene containing gasoline was sold by a store it operates, but they hope the potential for injury or loss of life has been averted. Horace P. Bondurant, the president of Mount Airy Oil Co., said Thursday that all but 58 gallons of the volatile mixture had been accounted for after a massive community-notification effort. Mount Airy Oil Co. learned last Friday morning of the problem, centered at the Shell convenience store near Food Lion in Westwood Shopping Center at 1225 W. Lebanon St. It stemmed from a delivery there earlier in the month by a tanker driver employed by a trucking company. He mistakenly pumped 1,542 gallons of gasoline into a kerosene tank containing 2,813 gallons, despite tanks at the business being color-coded. This resulted in a kerosene-gasoline mixture totaling about 4,350 gallons. "The driver just messed up," said Bondurant, who added Thursday that he did not know if the driver — who had been on the job for only a few months — was still employed. The company found out about the problem when a man who lives on Franklin Road reported that his heater had exploded after he



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used the tainted fuel. That triggered a widespread notification effort last Friday that included reverse 911 calls to 7,800 homes within a five-mile radius of the store alerting residents to the dangerous kerosene mixture sold there from Dec. 8-19. Mount Airy Oil Co. also established a recorded message on its telephone line for affected consumers to call for instructions. A flurry of contacts was received initially and continued into this week. "On Sunday, we got two or three more calls," Bondurant said, "and then on Monday we got a couple more." On Tuesday, another call came from Lambsburg, Va. To mitigate the situation, Mount Airy Oil Co. has been replacing the contaminated kerosene with the pure variety, and replacing customers' heating units damaged by the gasoline-kerosene mix. "I think so far we have replaced 10 or 11 heaters," Bondurant said, along with supplying the new kerosene. That has amounted to a price tag of about \$10,000, which also includes damages caused at the Franklin Road residence and at a mobile home on Parker Road, where tainted kerosene is suspected in a blaze that damaged drapes and carpeting. "It's a small drop in the bucket compared to what it could have been," Bondurant said of the loss. The gas-kerosene combination can cause a dangerous explosion or fire if used in any heater, but it is thought that some of the nearly 60 gallons still unaccounted for could have been burned without incident. The Mount Airy Oil Co. official reiterated Thursday that the main concern throughout the ordeal has been public safety. "I would say if we don't hear anything in another week, maybe we're home free."

<http://www.mtairynews.com/news/news/2905578/Most-of-tainted-kerosene-now-accounted-for>

#### SAUDI ARABIA, DHAHRAN, DECEMBER 29 2013. BODIES OF ARAMCO WORKERS RETRIEVED

The Coast Guard has found the bodies of three Asian workers at sea after they went missing when Saudi Aramco's offshore platform sank. "They were all found. We found two of them late Friday and another one on Saturday morning," Eastern Province Coast Guard spokesman Col. Khaled Alarqubi said. The platform was being used to carry out maintenance work at an oil well in Safaniya, the world's largest offshore oilfield about 265 km north of Dhahran. Saudi Aramco conveyed its condolences to the relatives of the three workers — two Indians and a Bangladeshi. Saudi Aramco's Rapid Response Team began searching for the three missing workers immediately after the maintenance platform sank. The bodies have been handed to the authorities, a statement from Saudi Aramco said Saturday. The moment the accident was reported, the Rapid Response Team launched a massive search operation with the help of helicopters, boats, specialized diving teams and evacuation teams. They retrieved the sinking vessel and minimized the casualties by rescuing 24 workers on board the platform. Some of them are being treated for their injuries.

<http://www.arabnews.com/news/500226>

#### BENGUET, CAMP DANGWA, DECEMBER 29 2013. 7 PERSONS INJURED IN FIRECRACKER EXPLOSIONS IN CAR; 1 HIT BY STRAY BULLET



*Policeman inspects confiscated firecrackers.*

Seven young persons have been injured due to firecracker blasts in Baguio City, Benguet, and Abra as the celebration of the New Year 2014 approaches. This was confirmed on Saturday by Police Supt. Dave Limmong, public information officer of the Police Regional Office Cordillera (PROCOR) who cited an official report to their headquarters by the Department of Health-Cordillera regional office. "The DOH report confirmed our field reports that there were already seven persons who were victims of firecracker explosions in Baguio City and the provinces of Benguet and Abra. We learned that there were already three victims in Baguio City; one in Bangued, Abra; and one each from the following towns of Benguet province: Bakun, Mankayan, and Sagada. The victims' age range from two to 16, and they are all males," he said. The reports, however, did not state the identities of the victims, he added. Limmong also confirmed that there was already one victim of stray bullet in Itogon, Benguet. "Our investigators recovered one deformed slug...The victim is a male person. We are trying to establish the kind of gun used and identity of the culprit," he said. "To the gun holder as well as those in the police and military service: we ask you to refrain from firing your guns to celebrate the New Year. We also ask the civilians not to fire their guns in the air nor light their firecrackers carelessly to celebrate the holidays," the police official said. Limmong said that among the firecrackers used by the victims were piccolo, pla-pla, and kwitis (rockets). In Baguio City, Mayor Mauricio Domogan warned that those selling firecrackers in the barangays or villages can be prosecuted for the appropriate violations in view of the total ban on the sale of firecrackers in the mountain resort.

<http://www.interaksyon.com/article/77655/7-persons-injured-in-firecracker-explosions-in-car-1-hit-by-stray-bullet>



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#### CHINA, GUANDONG, XINGNING CITY, DECEMBER 29 2013. GIANT FIREWORK EXPLOSION IN GUANGDONG KILLS SIX PEOPLE

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 **Photo's [4]** [Giant Firework Explosion in Guangdong Kills 6 People](#)


A giant firework explosion in Xingning city, Guangdong province on Thursday killed six people, including three children, authorities said yesterday. Three others were injured during the explosion. Deadly firework explosions are not uncommon in the months approaching the New Year holiday. Earlier this year in May, [a truck carrying fireworks exploded](#) on an elevated section of a highway in Henan killing 10 people and injuring another 11.

<http://shanghaiist.com/2013/12/28/firework-explosion-guangdong.php>

#### SOUTH KOREA, BUSAN, DECEMBER 30 2014. HONG KONG TANKER CATCHES FIRE AFTER CRASH OFF BUSAN; 91 RESCUED

johnny tam

- About 4,000 tons of paraxylene and acrylonitrile were lost from burning

 **Watch the Video** [Chemical Tanker & Freighter Collide in Waters off Korea](#)



*The blaze on oil tanker Maritime Maisie.*

A Hong Kong-registered oil tanker was reported to have caught fire after it collided with a cargo ship in waters off Busan, South Korea, early yesterday morning. At about 2.15am, South Korean time, oil tanker Maritime Maisie, which weighs more than 29,000 tonnes, collided with the 55,000-tonne freighter Gravity Highway. The Gravity Highway was on a test run in waters about 9.2 nautical miles off the southeastern port city of Busan. According to South Korea's Yonhap news agency, the impact caused two of the 20 chemical containers on board the tanker to go up in flames. The South Korean authorities deployed 16 coastguard boats, some navy vessels and helicopters to the scene for rescue. Firefighters brought the blaze under control at about 10am. About 4,000 tonnes of the

chemicals paraxylene and acrylonitrile were lost in the blaze. All 27 crew members on the tanker were rescued by the South Korean coastguard. Some sustained light burns or abrasions, but none were seriously injured. The cargo vessel, which had 64 crew members on board, also caught fire, but it was quickly extinguished. The vessel was then towed to a nearby shipyard. Yonhap quoted South Korean officials as saying the coastguard would move the rest of the chemicals and fuel from the tanker to another vessel before towing it. They said there is a risk it will split in two and sink as the crash left an eight-metre hole on one side and it is tilting at a 20-degree angle. South Korean officials said they were investigating the cause of the crash. A spokesman for Hong Kong's Marine Department confirmed that the locally registered ocean-going tanker was loaded with chemicals while sailing to Ningbo from Busan. All 27 people on the vessel were rescued, he added.

#### Related Stories

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- [Cargo ship collides with chemical tanker near South Korea; 91 rescued](#)

<http://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/article/1392664/hong-kong-tanker-catches-fire-after-crash-busan-91-rescued>

#### PAKISTAN, PESHAWAR/HANGU, DECEMBER 30 2013. FLAMMABLE: GAS LEAK EXPLOSION INJURES FOUR IN PESHAWAR

At least eight people were injured in separate gas explosions in Peshawar and Hangu on Sunday.

##### The Gas Leak

Four of a family were severely injured when a gas leak caused a fire inside a house in Qazi Kallay, Peshawar. According to a rescue official, the incident occurred in the early hours of Sunday morning. Home owner Walladin said he heard a blast in the house and rushed inside to find a room on fire. One of the family members was attempting to light a gas heater when an explosion occurred due to a leak. A number of locals rushed to the house to help extinguish the blaze, and shifted the injured to Khyber Teaching Hospital. Walladin's son 10-year-old Sultan, his wife and wives of brothers Janan and Farman are said to be in critical condition.



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#### In Hangu

A family of four sustained severe burn injuries when a gas cylinder exploded inside a room in Mohallah Anzar Khel, Thal tehsil of Hangu. Thal police official Farid Khan said he was informed by Mohallah Anzar Khel residents that an explosion had occurred inside a house. The police rushed to the spot; Farid explained the blast occurred in Haji Akbar Ali's residence. According to the house owner Ali, he and his family, including three-year-old Zainab and four-year-old Ahad, were sitting in a room when they decided to light the gas cylinder for warmth. However, an explosion occurred when the match was lit as the heater had a leak. Neighbours rushed to help and shifted the injured to Thal Hospital from where they were referred to the burn unit in Wah Cantt because of their sensitive condition.

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/652444/flammable-gas-leak-explosion-injures-four-in-peshawar/>

#### AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, BURRUP PENINSULA, DECEMBER 30 2013. EXPLOSIVES PLANT TAKES SHAPE

*peter klinger*



Away from the spotlight on Pilbara mega-resources projects Gorgon and Wheatstone, the consortium developing one of WA's rare examples of a value-adding industry has quietly passed the halfway mark. Construction of Yara Pilbara's US\$800 million (\$898.3 million) technical ammonium nitrate plant is 58 per cent complete. First modules have arrived and been installed at the Burrup Peninsula site. Located next to the Yara Pilbara Fertilisers plant, the TAN plant is being developed by Norway's Yara (45 per cent), Orica (45 per cent) and Apache (10 per cent). Yara, which came up with the concept of a TAN plant with its erstwhile partner Pankaj Oswal, will operate the plant while Orica will market the product to the mining industry. Apache is in the consortium as part of its gas supply deal to the fertiliser plant, which produces ammonia that is sold to fertiliser makers but will also supply the TAN plant. Apache owns 49 per cent of the ammonia plant. It is widely expected, however, that Apache will sell its stake in both projects once construction of the TAN plant is completed in late 2015. Despite the abundance of natural resources in WA, the State has few value-adding operations aside from Alcoa and BHP Billiton's alumina operations and Yara's ammonia plant. The TAN plant will be capable of producing 350,000t a year of the basic component of ammonia nitrate fuel oil, which is used to make explosives.


<http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/business/a/20534114/explosives-plant-takes-shape/>

#### USA, N.D, CASSELTON, DECEMBER 31 2013. AS OIL TRAIN BURNS, 2,300 RESIDENTS OF CASSELTON, N.D., TOLD TO FLEE, AUTHORITIES SAY NO CREW MEMBERS WERE HURT DURING THE ACCIDENT.

*david shaffer*

 **Watch the Video's:**

- [County Sheriff's Office recommending Evacuation of Casselton](#)
- [Train Wreck in North Dakota](#)
- [Massive Explosion follows North Dakota Train Derailment, Collision](#)
- [Fiery Video of North Dakota Train Derailment](#)

 **Photo's [10]** [County Sheriff's Office recommending Evacuation of Casselton](#)



*Witness filmed burning rail cars after accident near the town of Casselton.*

Officials on Monday night were calling for the evacuation of the entire town of Casselton, N.D., after a BNSF grain train derailed and crashed into a crude oil train in North Dakota on Monday afternoon, causing tank cars to explode in towering mushroom-cloud flames. No one was injured in the accident that happened about 2:10 p.m. near Casselton, about 25 miles west of Fargo, but smoke billowed for hours. Monday night, however, the Cass County Sheriff's Office was "strongly recommending" that the town's 2,300 residents were leave immediately. Those who lived with five miles south and east of the city also were told to leave. "Information from the National Weather Service indicates a shift in the weather resulting in a high pressure system that will push the plume



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of smoke down increasing the risk of potential health hazards," the sheriff's office said in a news release. Amy McBeth, a spokeswoman for BNSF, said a grain train derailed on a track parallel to an eastbound crude oil train with 106 tank cars, striking some of the tanks and triggering explosions. It was not clear how many tank cars were struck, nor how many were burning, she said. "It was black smoke and then there were probably four explosions in the next hour to hour and a half," said Eva Fercho, a Casselton resident who saw the fiery aftermath. An estimated 11 to 12 crude oil unit trains depart daily from the oil region in western North Dakota. Lacking sufficient pipelines, 69 percent of the state's oil is currently shipped to market by rail. The main railroads, BNSF and Canadian Pacific, have tracks through the Twin Cities. Fercho said the BNSF main line runs right through Casselton, and just two blocks from her home. "We are very thankful it didn't happen in the city limits," she said. The accident also spared the Tharaldson Ethanol plant, west of Casselton. Plant Manager Ryan Carter said the accident was about 2 miles away from the plant, but the burning tank cars were visible from there. "It was pretty much flames and smoke," said Carter, who estimated that about 30 tank cars were involved. Carter Hackmann, who lives about a mile away from the site of the wreck, said he heard at least three explosions, and took photographs from his house of billowing flames and smoke that resembled a mushroom cloud. The city sent out e-mail alerts warning people to stay indoors. North Dakota officials have said that even more crude oil is expected to move by rail in 2014. The state is approaching 1 million barrels per day in output, and trails only Texas and the separately counted Gulf of Mexico in U.S. oil production. In July, a runaway train loaded with North Dakota crude oil crashed in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, killing 47 people and destroying that city's downtown as tank cars exploded and burned.

<http://www.startribune.com/local/238070771.html>

#### USA, KY, CARTER CO, DECEMBER 31 2013. PROPANE TANKER ROLLS OVER ON ROUTE 19



*Tow trucks are in place to right the propane tanker on Route 19 near Route 20 in Pavilion.*

A portion of Route 19 remained shut down this afternoon due to a propane tanker rollover. The incident occurred about 1:30 p.m. south of Route 20. The six-wheeler was on its side, and initial reports said propane was leaking. Emergency responders have since said the truck's tank is intact. The driver had reportedly finished his deliveries before the accident and the truck was described as empty. A response by the Genesee County's Emergency Support Unit was canceled soon afterward. The driver suffered minor injuries, according to emergency transmissions from the scene. The truck was being turned upright as of 2:30 p.m.

[http://thedailynewsonline.com/news/article\\_8b545c6e-7181-11e3-9676-0019bb2963f4.html](http://thedailynewsonline.com/news/article_8b545c6e-7181-11e3-9676-0019bb2963f4.html)

#### AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, ADELAIDE, DECEMBER 31 2013. BAN ON DISCOUNT FUEL PRICE DISPLAYS FOR SA SERVICE STATIONS TO COME INTO EFFECT FROM NEW YEAR'S DAY

South Australia's peak motoring body says petrol stations are ready for changes forcing them to advertise actual pump prices, not discounts only available to those with vouchers. The ban on discount displays on price boards was flagged earlier this year and will come into effect after a grace period from January 1. Petrol stations that do not comply will face fines of up to \$6000. Liam Hunt from the Motor Trade Association says shopper docket discounts have led to misleading prices being advertised and made it more difficult for independent outlets to compete. "Having transparent pricing on price boards will mean that consumers can make a real decision, rather than on the hope that their shopper docket will work," he said. "A lot of the time the independent is actually cheaper on the real retail price compared to the big corporations so it's good to see that these regulations have come in. "We will be watching to make sure that the big end of town do comply with that." The State Government introduced the changes, and Acting Premier John Rau says they will end sham competition. "People will still be able to get a discount with a shopper docket if that discount is offered by the retailers but the price which will be advertised for motorists driving by will be the price on the pump," he said. "All motorists will be able to compare apples with apples from each service station to see where the best price is." South Australia is following the lead of [New South Wales](#), where fines of up to \$110,000 have already been introduced.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-12-30/end-to-misleading-petrol-prices/5178278>



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### USA, GA, CORDELE, DECEMBER 31 2013. GAS STATION PUMPS TEST POSITIVE FOR CONTAMINATION

Jessica Fairley



Gasoline problems at the 7th Street S&S Food Mart in Cordele are under investigation after the Cordele Police Department received complaints on Friday. The Georgia Department of Transportation went out and closed the pumps on Friday after the gasoline failed a visual test. Samples of three grades of gasoline were sent to a Tifton lab. Rich Lewis with the Georgia Department of Agriculture says that he received notice Monday morning that all three samples tested positive for contamination. The regular unleaded gas sample tested positive for an unknown substance. The mid-grade unleaded type was also contaminated, and super premium gas was contaminated with water. Lewis says that at least four customers complained about the gasoline. The pumps will be closed at the Food Mart until the issue is resolved which could take one or more weeks.

<http://www.mysouthwestga.com/news/story.aspx?id=988517>

### USA, N.M. ALBUQUERQUE, DECEMBER 31 2013. JET FUEL CLEANUP BEHIND SCHEDULE >> VACUUM SYSTEM AT THE KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE CONTINUES TO FALL SHORT OF DESIGN GOALS.

John Fleck

A large vacuum system completed earlier this year to suck contamination from the ground beneath a multimillion gallon jet fuel spill at the Kirtland Air Force Base fuel loading area continues to fall short of design goals, according to documents exchanged earlier this month between the Air Force and the New Mexico Environment Department. According to a Dec. 20 NMED memo, the "soil vapor extraction" system was designed to remove 90 pounds per hour of contamination from the soil but is only removing 55 pounds per hour. Despite the problems, environment department in its Dec. 20 memo gave its formal approval for the soil vapor extraction system, one of a number of interim steps the state has mandated to try to deal with the fuel spill. "I'm satisfied with the performance of the equipment that they have out there," Tom Blaine, director of the Environment Department's Environmental Health Division, said in an interview Friday. University of New Mexico engineering professor Bruce Thomson, a water quality expert recently appointed to Kirtland's Citizens Advisory Board, called the machine's problems "just another in a long series of missed deadlines and under-performance." "For 12, 13 years they've been dragging their feet," Thomson said in an interview. Despite the problems, NMED and the Air Force are pushing ahead with plans to expand the work, but that process is also delayed. The original state deadline for the Air Force to submit its expansion plan was Dec. 31, but the Air Force two weeks ago asked the state for an extra month. Blaine said the state plans to grant the extension, and said he did not believe it would delay actual cleanup work. Despite the vapor removal machine's current problems, Blaine believes Air Force and its state regulators have learned enough to expand the system. The Air Force discovered in 1999 that fuel had been leaking, likely for decades, from underground pipes at its Kirtland aircraft fueling station. A New Mexico Environment Department scientist later estimated that as much as 24 million gallons may have spilled over the years. In 2007, Air Force environmental workers found fuel floating on the water table some 500 feet beneath the base, and in subsequent years workers have found contaminated groundwater beneath southeast Albuquerque neighborhoods, a mile from the spill's source and moving in the direction of Albuquerque drinking water wells. The New Mexico Environment Department recently estimated the spill is within 5 to 7 years of reaching the nearest drinking water well. An independent review by scientists with the federal Centers for Disease Control last summer concluded that the risk to public health is low, but that the only way to prevent exposure might be to shut down some Albuquerque drinking water wells. The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority is currently in the midst of developing a contingency plan to either treat the contaminated drinking water or replace it should the fuel spill reach the nearest drinking water well. The "soil vapor extraction" system was never intended to attack the main problem -- contamination already in the water. Its purpose was to help keep the problem from getting worse by removing fuel still in the soil that has not yet reached the aquifer. As yet, there is no plan to remove contamination from the water. Kirtland officials revealed the soil vapor system's performance problems in a Dec. 4 memo to the state Environment Department. An Air Force spokesman said the machine's problems resulted from silica dust contaminating a catalyst used in combination with an oven to destroy the contaminants after they are sucked from the ground. Its performance problems date to April, and repairs have thus far been unsuccessful, base spokesman John Cochran said in an emailed statement in



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response to Journal questions. Cochran said it is not clear when repairs will be completed and the machine restored to full performance.

<http://www.aviationpros.com/news/11287179/jet-fuel-cleanup-behind-schedule>

#### USA, MN, ALBERT LEA, DECEMBER 31 2013. VAPORIZER EXPLODES OUTSIDE AREA BUSINESS

sarah stultz/



*A vaporizer on the north end of Streater in Albert Lea exploded Sunday night. The State Fire Marshal's Office has been called in to investigate.*

A vaporizer next to an LP tank exploded outside Streater Inc. Sunday night with a boom that could be heard and felt several blocks away. No one was injured. Albert Lea Police Chief Dwaine Winkels said shortly after 9 p.m. gas vapors from an LP tank on the north side of the building ignited the vaporizer, which was about 15 to 20 feet away. The LP tank itself did not get hot enough to explode. "Had that happened, this would be a different story," Winkels said. Albert Lea firefighters were dispatched to the business, at 411 S. First Ave. He said after the explosion, "calls came in frantically" to dispatchers from nearby residents.

One of those calls was from a person who stated that a vehicle had hit a house on First Avenue and that the car and house were on fire. A second crew was dispatched to that call but found it to be unfounded and related to the explosion. Winkels said police blocked Main Street on the north side of the building near the viaduct for about a half hour as firefighters responded to the scene. Neighbors took to social media outlets to post about their experiences and to find out any information about what had happened. Information was limited until this morning. Winkels said the damage was limited to the equipment at the site, and no one was working when the explosion occurred, he said. The vaporizer was the size of a small shed. Kevin Davis, Streater management spokesman, said the company used the LP gas in the case of a break in Alliant Energy service. Davis said the company is thankful for the quick response by Albert Lea firefighters and police and that no one was hurt. He said the gas in the tank has been stabilized and will be removed as quickly as possible. Employees at the plant were already on a pre-scheduled holiday break and are not expected to return to work until Thursday. Streater, which began in 1917, manufactures shelving displays. Davis said the state fire marshal's office has been called to investigate.

<http://www.austindailyherald.com/2013/12/vaporizer-explodes-outside-streater-in-albert-lea/>

#### USA, N.Y, EAST HAMPTON, JANUARY 01 2013. DEC DATABASE EXPANSION GIVES A VIEW INTO EAST END CONTAMINATION

beth young

East End environmental advocates have been pressuring the state Department of Environmental Conservation to provide easy public access to data on contaminated sites throughout the state for three years, and this winter they got their wish. In mid-November, the DEC added information on 1,950 contaminated sites throughout the state to its database, which already contained records on 2,500 contaminated sites. The Group for the East End has been working with State Assemblyman Fred Thiele for three years on a state bill to require the sites be posted on the DEC's online registry, in order to increase transparency and awareness of sites the DEC is investigating. "We believe the earlier the public and municipalities are knowledgeable about contamination, the more capable we all are of making informed decisions about protecting ourselves and the environment," said Jennifer Hartnagel, an environmental advocate at Group for the East End. The database is available online [here](#). It includes 278 records in Suffolk County, 56 of which are on the East End. Some, like the Speonk Solvent Plume and other contaminated sites in Speonk, the Rowe Industries Superfund site and the Bulova Watchcase Factory in Sag Harbor, dry cleaners and print shops, contamination at the former Grumman plant in Calverton and contaminated groundwater below nearly every landfill on the East End, have long been documented. Others, like the Hortonsphere site on Railroad Avenue in East Hampton, are currently being remediated. The Hortonsphere, a large blue ball once used to store natural gas, is the last blue ball of its kind in the state. Sag Harbor's blue ball, long a navigational landmark for sailors approaching the port, was dismantled about a decade ago in order to remove contaminated soil below the site. The site of the East Hampton Hortonsphere, which is being dismantled by workers from National Grid, had long suffered from large deposits of lead in the soil, which were removed earlier this year, according to the DEC website. Other, smaller sites may take East Enders by surprise. Included in the database is a small cluster of private homes in the depths of East Hampton's Northwest Woods, whose wells tested positive for PCE and chloroform in the mid-1990s. The source of the pollution was never found, due to the



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complex geology beneath the site, but the Suffolk County Water Authority has since brought public water to the area. The database includes a number of sites designated "PR", which the DEC is quick to point out means they are sites that are potentially in need of remediation, but are in very preliminary stages of investigation. "Significant conclusions or decisions should not be based solely upon this summary," they caution. Other sites, labeled with an "N," contain information that is many years old and may not have been updated for quite some time. Among the "N" designated sites are the former Department of Defense bombing range at Cartwright Island off the coast of Gardiners Island, known by fishermen and sailors as "the Ruins." According to the database, "no evidence of munitions of explosive concern or munitions debris were found on the island during the March 2009 Qualitative Site Reconnaissance. There was no evidence of target or range-related activities. The Department issued a no further action letter in August 2009." A smattering of sites on the North Fork, including solvents and gasoline additives at Mitchell Park in Greenport and the Mattituck Airport, include histories of clean-up efforts that have proved successful. At Sag Harbor's Bulova Watchcase Factory, currently under redevelopment as a condominium complex, the DEC database makes no mention of any remediation action taken after 2009. The site, which had been contaminated with solvents, chromium, lead and mercury, has long suffered from vapors in the soil, and the DEC says barriers must be put in place to prevent the vapors from intruding into the building, while making no mention of whether that work has been done. Other sites, like the former air force station at Camp Hero in Montauk, are still cloaked in mystery. The website says that hazardous, toxic and radioactive waste were removed from Camp Hero in 1994 and ordnance and explosive waste were removed from the site in 2003, but the long-term management of the clean-up there by the Army Corps of Engineers is expected to continue for 15 years. It is considered a state Superfund site.

<http://www.eastendbeacon.com/2013/12/30/dec-database-expansion-gives-a-view-into-east-end-contamination/>

### USA, N.C, LENOIR, JANUARY 1 2014. OVERTURNED TANKER TURNED TEMPORARILY CLOSED PORTION OF HIGHWAY



An overturned tanker truck temporarily closed a portion of N.C. 268 near Lenoir in Caldwell County. The tanker truck was traveling on N.C. 268 near Yadkin River Road when it flipped and spilled kerosene, transportation officials told WBTV. The road was closed in both directions. WBTV has learned that the driver attempted to pull to the side as another truck was headed towards him. The wheel of the tanker went off the road. The driver attempted to correct, but couldn't, and went off the road and overturned. Officials told WBTV the driver was okay after the wreck. The road was expected to re-open at 3 p.m. after emergency crews clear the scene.

<http://www.wbvtv.com/story/24337352/overturned-tanker-turned-temporarily-closed-portion-of-highway>

### USA, CA, WILMINGTON, JANUARY 1 2-14. PHILLIPS 66 REFINERY LEAK TRIGGERS HAZMAT SITUATION IN WILMINGTON



*Firefighters respond to the scene of a hazmat situation at the Phillips 66 refinery on the 1660 block of West Anaheim Street in Wilmington Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013.*

Hazmat crews were investigating a sulfur dioxide leak at the Phillips 66 refinery in Wilmington Tuesday. The leak was reported on the 1660 block of West Anaheim Street around 10:15 a.m. According to Los Angeles City firefighters, at least 11 employees were transported in fair condition to local area hospitals for minor respiratory issues. Other workers were told to shelter-in-place inside buildings. The problem was localized within the grounds of the refinery around 11 a.m. LAFD officials said there was no active leak and that the incident did not pose

immediate danger to the surrounding community. Air monitoring showed no health threat shortly after the accident, and none of the workers were admitted into a hospital. "All other refinery employees and contract workers have been accounted for and



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are safe. The area has been secured and the refinery is running under normal operations," said Phillips 66 spokesman Rich Johnson.

[http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/los\\_angeles&id=9377179](http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/los_angeles&id=9377179)

### USA, MA, WAKEFIELD, JANUARY 1 2014. UNDERGROUND OIL TANKS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND THEIR AFFECT ON HOME SALES

tom johnson



#### *Underground Oil Tank Removal MA.*

Many potential Massachusetts home buyers frown upon a buying a home once they discover that there is an underground oil tank on the property. Underground storage tanks can have a negative impact on the sale of Massachusetts residential property. Many buyers in the market for a home consider an underground oil tank on the premise a serious obstacle to buying the property because of the potential problems associated with leakage. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection estimates that every year approx several hundred homes with underground tanks experience such a leak. Oil leaks become much more likely for equipment as it begins to age beyond 10-15 years underground. Many realtors report difficulty selling a home with an underground storage tank. Some lenders are hesitant to fund a mortgage on a home with an underground storage tank, and if the home inspection turns up an abandoned underground storage tank, the prospective buyer may learn that financing isn't likely with such a liability on the property. As a home seller, having the underground tank removed before placing the home on the market for sale is the least expensive and best insurance policy against having a home that's difficult to sell. When an oil tank leaks, it contaminates the soil around it. The oil can spread throughout the property and can even spread to another neighboring property. Eventually the oil could seep into the water table, contaminating the groundwater supply. A leaking tank has the potential to become a major environmental hazard and a very expensive problem to fix. If you know or suspect you have an abandoned tank on a property you want to sell, having it removed can hasten the sale of your property and avert the hazards and

costs associated with an oil spill. Comm Tank, Inc. of Wakefield, MA, a professional underground tank removal contractor states "Whether you own a residential or commercial property, it's important to know that most underground storage tanks will last between 10 and 50 years depending on site conditions, tank material, and maintenance. They may eventually leak if left in place or are improperly maintained, which could contaminate the property and cost thousands to clean up." Homeowners who knowingly have an underground oil tank are encouraged to have it removed before it starts to leak. The removal process is fairly simple. Hire a contractor that understands the state regulations, is insured to perform this work, can provide a written contract with prices and is able to inspect the tank for leaks. Depending on the size of the oil tank and its condition, removal contractors will generally charge anywhere from \$1,500 to \$2,500. Those tanks that have oil leaking into the ground have much higher removal costs, sometimes reaching \$100,000. When oil contaminates the soil, the soil has to be completely removed and hauled to a hazardous waste disposal site where it's burned to remove the fuel. "Underground oil tank removals in Massachusetts require knowledge of the fuel type in the tank, and proper handling of the tank's vapors because they may be highly flammable" says a Comm Tank ([www.commtank.com](http://www.commtank.com)) spokesperson. For safety reasons. "prior to removing your underground storage tank, our licensed, knowledgeable technicians will inspect your property to determine what's needed to prepare the site. If necessary, we obtain permits from your local fire department to make sure the property is "dig-safe," since underground oil tank removals in Massachusetts typically involve uncovering and removing the tanks with excavation equipment." Decontaminating the soil also involves the Department of Environmental Protection who also charges fees for processing the action and will issue a letter to the homeowner stating that the cleanup was completed satisfactorily. The best way to make a property with underground storage tanks in Massachusetts attractive without tank removal is to obtain an insurance policy from the company who provided or still provides the heating oil. If the policy is transferrable, the new owners can use it in the event they want the tank removed. The upward limit on the policy is likely to cover the cost of removal and soil cleanup.

<http://www.newswire.net/newsroom/financial/00079273-underground-storage-tanks-ma.html>



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### AUSTRIA, DEUTSCH WAGRAM, JANUARY 1 2014. MAN DIES FROM FIREWORKS EXPLOSION

A man died in a fireworks explosion during New Year's Eve festivities near Vienna on Tuesday, police reported. The 53-year old Austrian tried to fire a pyrotechnical shell in Deutsch Wagram, a town bordering the Austrian capital. When it did not go off, he went to have a look. As he bowed over the shell it exploded. He died on the scene from serious injuries to his head. The man had bought the fireworks over the internet. The explosive did not have an official licence mark, and the man was not the licensed to fire pyrotechnics of this size, the police added.

<http://ewn.co.za/2014/01/01/Man-dies-from-fireworks-explosions>

### AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, LAVERTON, JANUARY 2 2014. FIREFIGHTERS CONTROL CHEMICAL SPILL IN MELBOURNE'S WEST

Firefighters have controlled a large chemical spill that occurred at a food crate manufacturing site in Melbourne's west yesterday. The MFB issued the all clear this morning, reopening roads around the factory on William Angliss Drive in Laverton North. Crews were called to the scene just after 4pm yesterday to deal with 700 litres of toxic sanitising agent Oxyzan ZS which had seeped through a leaking pump on a 1000 litre container. Thirty-five firefighters donned breathing apparatuses and protective clothing as they worked to neutralise the chemical using absorbent material to allow it to be removed safely. Paramedics remained on standby at the scene in case anyone came into contact with the toxic chemicals.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/firefighters-control-chemical-spill-in-melbournes-west/story-fni0fit3-1226793339733>

### MOROCCO, TAN TAN, JANUARY 2 2014. MOROCCO BEGINS EMPTYING BEACHED OIL TANKER



*The fuel was being pumped into trucks, with the operation to last between five and seven days depending on the weather, M'Hammed Atmani, police chief at the national ports agency, was quoted as saying by the official MAP news agency late on Tuesday.*

Morocco has launched an operation to empty an oil tanker that ran aground during a storm near the southern port of Tan Tan with 5,000 tonnes of fuel on board, an official said. The fuel was being pumped into trucks, with the operation to last between five and seven days depending on the weather, M'Hammed Atmani, police chief at the national ports agency, was quoted as saying by the official MAP news agency late on Tuesday. The ship was

travelling from the Canary Islands when it ran aground last week, with heavy waves dragging it towards a rocky area, sparking fears of an oil slick on Morocco's Atlantic coast. No major leaks from the ship have been reported, with a source at the environment ministry saying the cold sea temperatures had thickened the fuel, reducing the risk of any leakage. Rabat had dispatched tug boats and appealed to Spain for assistance in refloating the tanker, but the rescue efforts were unsuccessful. The fuel was being transported to a power station in Tan Tan, which lies close to the Western Sahara, around 300 kilometres (190 miles) south of the Moroccan resort town of Agadir.

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/business/energy/2014/01/01/Morocco-begins-emptying-beached-oil-tanker-.html>

### USA, KY, ADAIR CO, JANUARY 2 2014. ADAIR COUNTY SECOND GRADER SUFFERS SEVERE BURNS IN FIRE

 **Watch the Video** [Second Grader Suffers Severe Burns In Fire](#)

An Adair County child suffered severe burns in a garage fire over the weekend. Preliminary reports indicate a fuel tank was being removed from a vehicle when it found an ignition source and ignited. The fire quickly engulfed the van and the child, police said. Police said Jerry Ford, Chris Karnes and Ford's 9-year-old grandson Dawson Fisher, were in a shop around 6:30 p.m. Saturday working on the vehicle when it caught fire. Officials said Ford and Karnes tried to put out the fire on the child who suffered severe burns. Air Evac couldn't take the child to Westlake Regional Hospital due to the weather, according to officials. All three victims were transported by Adair County EMS to the University of Kentucky Burn center. The child was later transferred to Cincinnati Shriners Children's Hospital to a specialized burn unit where he is listed in critical condition. Dawson is a second grade student at Adair County Primary Center. The staff at ACPC are accepting donations to assist Dawson's family during his time in the hospital in Cincinnati, and beyond. If you want to help, you can write a check payable to the ACPC Social Fund. All funds collected will be converted into gas and food cards for the family. A [Facebook page](#) has also been set up for Dawson. According to a post on the page, Dawson will be in surgery until 6 p.m. Tuesday, at the latest.

<http://www.lex18.com/news/adair-county-second-grader-suffers-severe-burns-in-fire>



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### USA, CO, GLENWOOD SPRINGS, JANUARY 2 2014. PARACHUTE CREEK 'PLUME' SPILLS HYDROCARBONS INTO ENVIRONMENT

In mid-March state and industry officials confirmed that a hydrocarbon spill had taken place about four miles north of Parachute on Parachute Creek, leaking an unknown amount of natural gas drilling byproducts onto the ground. By late March, Williams Midstream work crews announced they believed they had located the leak in an above-ground valve in a 4-inch pipeline attached to a nearby gas processing plant. By the end of March, officials detected benzene in the spreading plume of chemical compounds at the spill site. In high enough concentrations, benzene is considered carcinogenic. In early April, tests had found benzene in monitoring wells 10 feet from the leak site. Officials revealed on April 8 that tests had shown contamination from the leaking valve had been detected on both sides of Parachute Creek below the spill site. The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration was reported to be looking into reports that some of the workers believed they had been contaminated by working without proper protective gear at the spill site. It also was revealed that trace amounts of benzene had been detected in the creek. During the ensuing weeks, as Williams worked to excavate and remove the contaminated soils, reports from monitoring agencies including the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission showed that concentrations of benzene in the ground and the water were declining. On Sept. 18, state regulators announced a finding that Bargath LLC, a pipeline company working with Williams Midstream, violated environmental regulations by releasing hazardous materials into the environment without a permit. Regulators decided that about 10,000 gallons of the compounds had reached the ground as a result of the spill. No fines were assessed against Bargath, though the company was ordered to pay \$8,400 to reimburse COGCC staff for time spent working on the matter.

<http://www.postindependent.com/news/9508940-113/benzene-creek-parachute-spill>

### MEXICO, MEXICO CITY, JANUARY 2 2014. MEXICAN COMMUNITIES ON GUARD AGAINST THIRST FOR OIL

*emilio godoy*

The Terra 123 oil and gas well in the southeastern Mexican state of Tabasco was in flames since late October, just 1.5 km from a community of 1,500 Oxiacaque indigenous villagers, who were never evacuated. The gas leak, which Pemex only managed to get under control on Dec. 21, caused irreversible damage, said Hugo Ireta, an activist with the Santo Tomás Ecological Association, dedicated to working with local populations in Tabasco that have suffered environmental, health and economic impacts of the state-run oil company's operations. The reform of articles 25, 27 and 28 of the constitution, approved by Congress in December, paved the way for private national and foreign investment in the oil industry. The government will now be able to grant private companies permits for prospecting and drilling – a mechanism used in several countries of Latin America, such as Argentina, Ecuador and Peru, where conflicts with local communities are frequent. "If it has been difficult with Pemex, with the private companies it's going to be sheer anarchy; the companies are going to be in paradise. Nigeria has serious problems, and the same thing is going to happen to us," Ireta told IPS, alluding to the armed groups that siphon oil from pipelines to sell on the black market in that West African country. The Association and local populations affected in Tabasco will file legal charges against Pemex for damage to property in 2014. An analysis of samples taken in May, August and September for the future lawsuit found lead, cadmium and aluminium in the water at the Chilapa drinking water plant, which operates in the Tabasco municipality of Centla and serves 21 communities. Residents of the villages of Cunduacán and Huimanguillo brought a collective lawsuit against Pemex in June. There is oil activity in 13 of the 17 Tabasco municipalities, where daily output amounts to 500,000 barrels per day. The number of oil spills has been on the rise since 2008. Between 2000 and 2012 more than 26,000 barrels of oil were spilled in Veracruz, and more than 28,000 in Tabasco, according to the government's National Hydrocarbons Commission. Hidalgo in the east and Puebla in the southeast, as well as the roads leading to Mexico City, are also vulnerable to damage caused by the oil industry. The industry releases into the environment heavy metals, ozone, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, volatile organic compounds, hydrogen, hydrogen sulfide, salts, ammonium, cadmium and acids. "The communities have fought for reparations and Pemex says there has been no damage, even though the impact has been documented," Ireta said. "The environmental problems generate social problems, and the authorities aren't responding to society's demand for a healthy environment." Now that Mexico has opened up its oil industry to private foreign capital, there is a risk that these kinds of problems will mushroom, while pressure on water, large amounts of which are needed to extract shale gas, will mount. "The government does not have the technical or human capacity to stand up to transnational corporations," said Waldo Carrillo, a veterinarian who raises livestock and hunts white-tail deer on his ranch in Piedras Negras, in the northern state of Coahuila. "The populace has no idea about what shale gas is or the impacts of extracting it." In that area lies the Cuenca de Burgos, a gas deposit that also extends to the states of Nuevo León and Tamaulipas, and which includes shale gas.[related\_articles] "What we want is to inform society from another perspective. We



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want to warn people of the risks," said Carrillo, one of the founders of the environmental organisation Amigos del Río San Rodrigo, which is fighting to preserve the ecosystem of the San Rodrigo river. "The government talks about jobs, investment and growth, but it isn't seeing things from that other side. It basically has an optimistic discourse," he said. The state-run Mexican Petroleum Institute acknowledges that the public has a negative image of shale gas, which it attributes to "limited or poorly handled information." Since 2011, PEMEX has drilled at least six wells for shale gas in the northern states of Nuevo León and Coahuila. And it is preparing for further exploration in the southeastern state of Veracruz. It also plans to drill 20 wells by 2016, with an investment of over two billion dollars. Foreign oil companies have their eyes on the new wells. Enormous quantities of water and a broad range of chemicals are required in the hydraulic fracturing or fracking process used to extract shale gas. In Coahuila, water is not abundant. In 2010 the state suffered an intense drought. The groundwater recharge volume is 1.6 billion cubic metres per year, but groundwater consumption is 1.9 billion cubic metres per year, according to the state government. In nine of the 28 aquifers in Coahuila extraction exceeds recharge, the National Water Commission reported. "People need more information," said Carrillo, whose organisation is preparing an intense awareness-raising campaign on shale gas and fracking for 2014.

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2013/12/mexican-communities-guard-thirst-oil/>

### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, MACKAY, JANUARY 2 2014. GAS LEAK FOUND AT CITY GATES SERVICE STATION

People were evacuated from a service station in City Gates in Mackay earlier today after a gas leak was found. Queensland Fire and Rescue were called to the service station on the Bruce Hwy at about 11.30am.

Crews made the area safe and worked with gas experts to find the leak and stop it. A spokesman said they were at the scene for about an hour.

<http://www.whitsundaytimes.com.au/news/gas-leak-found-city-gates-service-station/2128447/>

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### USA, OK, OKLAHOMA CITY, JANUARY 2 2014. NEW DISCLOSURE RULES TARGET CHEMICALS USED IN FRACKING

*adam wilmoth*



A hydraulic fracturing crew works to complete a Devon Energy Corp. well in 2009. Beginning Wednesday, all oil and natural gas producers in Oklahoma must report the chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing. More information is now available on oil and natural gas wells drilled throughout Oklahoma. Beginning Wednesday, operators of all oil and gas wells in the state must report the chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing either directly to the website FracFocus.org or to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, which will add the information to the FracFocus database. The new regulation is an extension of a rule that required operators of horizontal wells in the state to disclose the makeup of their fracking fluids beginning in 2013. The rules initially targeted only horizontal wells because that category represents most of the larger operators and about three-quarters of the wells drilled in Oklahoma in 2013, Corporation Commissioner Dana Murphy said. "It's important to go ahead and include all

wells because we want to treat all operators the same, but you have to focus where most of the activity is first," Murphy said. Corporation Commission rules for many years have required operators to report the chemicals used in drilling operation only if the commission asked for it. Many operators began reporting their fracking fluid voluntarily in 2011 when FracFocus.org became operational. "The issue is the public's desire to get the information," Murphy said. "The new rule gives them confidence that we're doing our jobs as regulators and the industry is doing its job as well." Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is the process of using water, sand and chemicals to shatter rock deep below the surface and allow oil and natural gas to more



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easily flow to the well. Oil and natural gas companies have been using hydraulic fracturing in Oklahoma for more than 60 years, but the process has become much more popular — and controversial — over the past decade as fracking has been combined with horizontal drilling and other improvements to let companies produce oil and gas from shale and other dense rock.

<http://newsok.com/new-disclosure-rules-target-chemicals-used-in-fracking/article/3919475>

### USA, TX, LA PORTE, JANUARY 2 2014. CREWS EXTINGUISH FIRE AT PIPELINE FACILITY IN LA PORTE



**Map:** [La Porte Facility](#)

**Watch the Video** [Crews battling fire at pipeline facility in La Porte](#)



**Photo's [4]** [Fire at pipeline facility in La Porte](#)



Fire crews have extinguished a large fire that broke out Tuesday morning at a pipeline facility in La Porte. According to Jeff Suggs from La Porte Emergency Management, the blaze broke at around 10:15 a.m. after a liquefied petroleum gas product ruptured and caught fire. The facility, Enterprise Products, is located on North Broadway Street near the Fred Hartman Bridge. No serious injuries were reported, but emergency responders said two contract workers were treated at the scene and released. Emergency responders said there was never a shelter-in-place, but some workers were evacuated from the area of the fire. The large blaze had some passersby fearing the worst had happened. "That this plant had exploded, 'cause we were listening on the CB (radio) and

guys was talking about smoke. That's all we could see from back there. Then we got here and saw the huge flames," Olen Manning, a truck driver, said. Company officials declined to comment about the incident. The company did say the pipe holds small amounts of liquefied petroleum, and that it's part of a system measuring how much gas gets onto barges. All work at the facility stopped so investigators can try to find out what sparked this fire.

<http://www.khou.com/news/local/Fire-reported-at-plant-in-La-Porte-238265291.html>

### USA, KY, MADISONVILLE, JANUARY 2 2014. MFD ASSISTS CLEAN UP AT STAGECOACH ROAD CRUDE OIL LEAK

*chief steve stolz*

The Madisonville Fire Department ended the new year not with a fire but with an oil spill. Firefighters with haz-mat equipment assisted the Hopkins County Emergency Management Agency halt the oil leaking into a ditch at Stagecoach Road and J.D. Buchanan Road for nearly two hours. The crew was alerted to the situation at about 1:21 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. Firefighters found crude oil leaking from an underground pipe that was exposed as it entered into the creek. They determined the cause of the leak was most likely from freezing and thawing that had caused the pipe to rupture in the bank of the creek. That caused the bank of the ditch to become saturated with oil, which was leaching out of the bank and into the creek bed. Oil absorbent booms and pads were placed across the creek at multiple locations to halt the spread of oil. A dike was constructed at the spill area to contain additional leakage. Overall, an estimated 35 to 100 gallons of crude oil had escaped. Fire department personnel used six oil absorbent booms across the creek, 86 absorbent pads, four 50 pound bags of oil dry and rope during the clean up.

<http://surfky.com/index.php/news/local/hopkins/43042-mfd-assists-clean-up-at-stagecoach-road-crude-oil-leak>

### USA, N.Y, ADAMS, JANUARY 3 2014. MAN KILLED IN ADAMS HAZMAT ACCIDENT

*craig fox*

A co-owner of Berry Bros. Lumber Co. on Route 11 died Wednesday night as a result of a chemical reaction in a hazardous materials incident at the site. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department confirmed early today that Gary J. Berry, 54, of Adams, died at Samaritan Medical Center, Watertown, after the accident, which occurred about 5:30 p.m. Emergency crews shut down Route 11 for five hours Wednesday night as they tried to determine what happened and what chemicals were involved. An employee and Mr. Berry were working about 200 feet behind a building on the property at 9124 Route 11 in the town of Lorraine when chemicals came in contact with each other in a 55-gallon plastic drum, said Robert D. Simpson, Jefferson County deputy fire coordinator. Talking to reporters about 9 p.m., Mr. Simpson, who also serves as the public information officer for the Adams Fire Department, said the Jefferson County Hazardous Materials Response Team still did not know what chemicals were involved in the accident, what caused it or exactly what the responders were dealing with. "The



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operation, I believe, was just about to begin," Mr. Simpson said during an impromptu press conference down the road from the former lumber yard. A section of Route 11, between F.M. Clark Drive and Grove Street, was closed while the hazmat team cleaned up the chemicals, Mr. Simpson said. As a precaution, neighbors were told to stay inside Wednesday night, he said. The fatality struck a business, owned by Mr. Berry and his brother, Lee D. Berry, that has been plagued by misfortune. The company, which now makes animal bedding, was heavily damaged by a massive fire in April. Another fire in June 2008 destroyed the entire work site. On Wednesday night, it appeared Mr. Berry and the unidentified employee were emptying the chemical remnants from one 55-gallon drum into another when the chemical reaction occurred outdoors, Mr. Simpson said. The company obtains the recycled plastic drums through various sources, so the previous contents may not have been known, he said. "We still don't really know what happened," he said, adding that officials were talking to the employee to ascertain what led to the accident. The employee called 911 for what authorities initially thought was a medical emergency, but it was quickly determined to be a hazmat situation after ambulance and first responders arrived, Mr. Simpson said. With subzero temperatures Wednesday night, the hazmat team was expected to have a difficult night because it works mainly with water to decontaminate the site, Mr. Simpson said. It also makes it more dangerous working in such low temperatures, he said. It entails two members of the team working "in the hot zone," which consists of about 200 feet, and two others "in the warm zone" who decontaminate them after they come out, Mr. Simpson said. Even though it was New Year's Day, it's "an everyday operation," with some kind of work occurring on a daily basis, Mr. Simpson said. The Lorraine and Adams fire departments, South Jefferson Ambulance, state police and Watertown City Fire Department also responded.

<http://www.watertowndailytimes.com/article/20140102/NEWS07/701029819>

#### USA, MI, GENESEE COUNTY, JANUARY 3 2014. SEMI CRASH CAUSES EXPLOSION, HOMES TEMPORARILY EVACUATED

tom plahutnik

 **Watch the Video** [Semi Tanker Crash Causes Explosion](#)

 **Photo's [15]** [Semi Hauling Hazardous Materials Crashes, Explodes](#)



A major crash in Genesee County's Davison Township forced authorities to close I-69 between Irish and Belsay roads in each direction. Rescue crews responded to the scene of a semi-truck that went over an I-69 guard rail, crashed onto Irish Road and then exploded. That crash happened around 11 a.m. Thursday not far from Belsay Road. HAZMAT crews responded to the scene after it was learned the truck was carrying tens of thousands of pounds of crude oil. The crash caused a fire which meant toxic fumes were released. Authorities say I-69 will remain shut down in both directions between Belsay and M-15 until the bridge can be inspected for structural integrity. Due to the winds in the area, many of the businesses and homes located southwest of the crash were

evacuated, including a Meijer store and a gas station. The evacuation order was lifted around 1:15 p.m. Thursday. Officials had urged residents to stay indoors for their safety. The driver was able to walk away from the scene of the explosion with only minor injuries. Drivers are being strongly urged to avoid the entire area until further notice.

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<http://www.wnem.com/story/24347652/report-semi-truck-crash-causes-explosion-hazmat-called-in>

#### USA, OH, CHILLICOTHE. JANUARY 3 21-4. OFFICER WITNESSES CRASH INTO GAS PUMP

 **Watch the Video** [Officer Witnesses Crash into Gas Pump](#)

A medical condition may have led a Kingston man to crash into a gas pump New Year's morning. Larry E. Vest Sr., 72, lost control of his Ford Explorer while traveling south on North Bridge Street and crossed all lanes of traffic, over a curb and into a gas pump at the Certified station about 8:15 a.m., according to Chillicothe Police. Police Sgt. Tim Gay had been sitting along North Bridge Street when he spotted Vest's vehicle starting to veer into other lanes, prompting him to follow. Video from the cruiser revealed Vest's vehicle nearly collided with a northbound vehicle before traveling into the Certified station lot. Gay pulled Vest from the vehicle, which had come to rest at an angle against the partially knocked over gas pump. Gay found Vest was unresponsive due to a medical condition, according to a news release. Chillicothe Fire Department ensured the safety of the scene and took Vest to Adena Medical Center for treatment. He has since been transferred to Wexner Medical Center at



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Ohio State University. His condition wasn't immediately available. The crash remains under investigation. The police video can be viewed with the story online at [www.ChillicotheGazette.com](http://www.ChillicotheGazette.com).

<http://www.lancasterrealeaglegazette.com/article/20140102/NEWS01/301020011/Officer-witnesses-crash-into-gas-pump>

### USA, KY, BATH CO, JANUARY 3 2014. I-64 STILL CLOSED AFTER BATH COUNTY COLLISION

christine winter



State Police say one lane of eastbound I-64 in Bath County is now open to traffic. That's as crews cleanup debris from a weather-related collision. Troopers say an SUV collided with a tanker truck. Investigators say the SUV was headed west near mile marker 115 when it slid on the slick road, crossed the median and collided with the semi headed east. Troopers say the SUV then went under the tanker's trailer before spinning back into the median. According to State Police, the driver was ejected. Now crews are working to remove the tanker from the road. Traffic is being diverted using Highway 60 at mile marker 13. Troopers say the SUV driver was flown to UK Hospital. The semi driver was not hurt.

<http://www.wtvq.com/content/localnews/story/Part-Of-I-64-Still-Closed-After-Collision/M3hITFhq7km8bCA5tqipsQ.csp>

### USA, MI, DAVISON TWP, JANUARY 3 2014. TANKER EXPLODES ON I-69, HALF-MILE EVACUATED

In Genessee County, a semi-tanker hauling flammable gas crashed and exploded on a snowy westbound I-69 — causing some scary moments for motorists and area residents. It happened shortly before 11 a.m. Thursday in Davison Township, at the Irish Road entrance, near Flint. As a precaution, there was a brief evacuation covering a half-mile radius; but residents were allowed to return home a short time later. The driver received minor injuries, and no other vehicles were involved. Area roads were slick and snow-covered at the time of the incident, but there was no information immediately available about what exactly led to the explosion. MLive.com reported the truck was carrying hydrogen sulfide, a colorless, flammable gas with a rotten egg smell. Department spokeswoman Anita Richardson said I-69 could be closed up to 12 hours. Drivers were advised to avoid the area.

<http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2014/01/02/tanker-explodes-on-i-69-half-mile-evacuated/>

### USA, MN, DULUTH, JANUARY 4 2014. ONE INJURED IN CRASH INVOLVING PICKUP TRUCK, FUEL TANKER NORTH OF DULUTH



Firefighters investigate the scene where a tanker carrying fuel and a pickup truck were involved in an accident in the 5700 block of Rice Lake Road north of Duluth on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 2, 2014. The tank holding the fuel remained intact.

A 32-year-old Duluth man was injured in a collision between a pickup truck and tractor-trailer carrying fuel Thursday afternoon on Rice Lake Road north of Duluth. The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office reported that Ryan Youngblom of Duluth was traveling north just after 2 p.m. when he struck the rear of a northbound tanker turning right into a business at 5776 Rice Lake Road, between Schultz and Lismore roads. Youngblom was transported by ambulance to St. Luke's hospital with a broken leg and other non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the tanker, 39-year-old Travis Gergen of Hermantown, was not injured. No fuel spilled from the tanker, officials said. The crash remains under investigation.

In addition to the sheriff's office, other agencies at the scene included the Rice Lake, Gnesen and Duluth Air National Guard fire departments; Minnesota State Patrol; and the St. Louis County Rescue Squad.

<http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/event/article/id/287685/>



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### USA, MD, JOPPA, JANUARY 4 2014. TANKER, SUV ACCIDENT BACKS UP TRAFFIC AT ROUTE 152 AND I-95 IN JOPPA



*Traffic was backed up on Route 152 in Joppa Friday morning following a collision between a tanker truck and SUV at the I-95 North exit ramp.*

Traffic was backed up on Route 152 near the I-95 northbound exit ramp in Joppa for several hours Friday morning following a collision between a tanker truck and an SUV. Andy Doyle, public information officer for the Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company, said the call for the motor vehicle accident was received by the fire company around 9:08 a.m. Doyle said three fire engines and one paramedic responded to the crash. [Maryland State Police](#) from the Bel Air Barrack investigated the accident and handled traffic control at the scene. The accident forced the closure of Route 152 for almost three hours. Shortly before noon, State Police said the road was open and traffic was moving the area without delay. The tanker truck, carrying motor fuel, was exiting northbound I-95 at Route 152 when it collided with the SUV, which was traveling south on Route 152, Doyle said. The driver of the SUV suffered minor injuries and refused to be transported to the hospital, Doyle said. The driver of the tanker truck did not require medical attention. As of 10:30 a.m. no gasoline was believed to be leaking from the truck, but officers from the [Harford County's](#) Hazmat Team have been called to the scene to help with transportation of the tanker truck, Doyle said. "There is no active leak, but the Hazmat Team is going to oversee the operation to ensure that it stays that way," Doyle said. Doyle said traffic was detoured to Old Mountain Road South to get around the accident.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/harford/fallston-joppa/ph-ag-md152-accident-0103-20140103.0,3641785.story>

### USA, MI, DAVISON TWP, JANUARY 4 2014. I-69 REOPENS AFTER YESTERDAY'S TANKER EXPLOSION; NORTHBOUND IRISH ROAD REMAINS CLOSED

 **Watch the Video** [I-69 Reopens after Yesterday's Tanker Explosion](#)

 **Photo's [22]** [Westbound I-69 Re-Opened in Davison Township. Eastbound Lanes & Irish Road Remain Closed](#)



Officials tell NBC25 that northbound Irish Road is closed indefinitely. Southbound Irish Road has been reopened. Hazmat crews are still on the scene. Irish Road had recently undergone a \$2 million dollar renovation. Watch the video above to see NBC25 reporter Walter Smith-Randolph interview Greg Brunner of the Michigan Department of Transportation.

\*\*\* End Update \*\*\*

Interstate 69 east-and westbound has reopened after yesterday's tanker explosion had shut down the expressway as well as surrounding roads, though some lanes remain closed. Yesterday morning a tanker truck carrying 120,000 pounds of crude oil went off of the I-69 overpass and crashed to the road below. The tanker truck then exploded. There were no major injuries as a result of the crash, with even the driver of the tanker only treated for minor injuries. I-

69 was then closed in both directions, as well as Irish Road, while HAZMAT crews went through the cleanup process. At first, authorities evacuated an area of one-mile around the tanker accident. Later, the evacuation order was rescinded, but people were asked to shelter-in-place. The explosion was felt for some distance, [with witnesses a mile-and-a-half away saying they saw bottles shake on shelves](#). The tanker truck was out of St. Louis, Michigan and was on its way to Marysville. Neither the driver nor the trucking company have been identified by authorities at this time

<http://www.minbcnews.com/news/story.aspx?id=989831#.Usk3KNjxvX4>

### USA, N.Y, NEW YORK, JANUARY 4 2014. STATEMENT FROM CSB CHAIRPERSON RAFAEL MOURE ERASO ON YESTERDAYS HIGH SCHOOL LABORATORY FIRE IN NEW YORK CITY

I was distressed to learn once again of a serious high school laboratory accident, this one occurring yesterday at a New York City High School. According to media reports, a flash fire occurred during a demonstration in the high school's laboratory resulting in injuries to two 10th grade student, one severely. This accident is all too similar to the one we highlighted in a recent video safety message released by the CSB that specifically focused on potential dangers in high school chemistry



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laboratories. The CSB's safety message entitled "[After the Rainbow](#)," features accident survivor Calais Weber in her own words describing how at age 15 she was burned over 40 per cent of her body during a chemistry demonstration performed by her teacher at a prestigious boarding school she attended in Ohio. That accident occurred on January 23, 2006. Our chemical investigation screening process regrettably regularly reports similar accidents. Though information at this stage is very preliminary, media reports indicate the accident that occurred yesterday in Manhattan may have been similar to the type of demonstration that critically injured Ms. Weber in that it attempted to show how chemicals react in different ways giving off different colors. . The demonstration in the CSB video showed the use of highly flammable methanol to depict how various mineral salts produce different color flames when burned. The CSB believes that accidents in high school laboratories occur with alarming frequency. Yesterday's incident is yet another example of a preventable incident and a reminder of the need for exacting safety measures to protect students and school property. As Calais states in the safety message, her accident should never have occurred, and that with better attention to good safety practices, similar accidents can also be avoided. She says, "It feels with this type of injury that you've had so much taken away from you unnecessarily and to keep reading about other people who have had very similar experiences, it's tragic and shouldn't happen."

<http://www.csb.gov/statement-from-csb-chairperson-rafael-moure-eraso-on-yesterdays-high-school-laboratory-fire-in-new-york-city/>

### CANADA, NL, ST. JOHN'S, JANUARY 4 2014. OIL LEAK DISCOVERED AT HIBERNIA



Hibernia has scaled back production and stopped off-loading to tankers after discovering a leak from a valve in its northern offshore off-loading system. About 10 litres of crude was spilled from the hose-end valve. Dec. 18, according to a release from the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, prompting Hibernia to isolate the valve. The sea surface in the area was monitored for five days. No oil sheens were reported, but the board says heavy seas prevented a remotely operated vehicle from assessing the spill. On Dec. 27, a sheen was seen by the off-loading system, and calmer conditions allowed use of the vehicle to investigate the source of the sheen, and leakage from the hose-end valve was discovered. Hibernia Management and Development Co. is monitoring the surface, reporting estimated on-water volumes of between 0.009 litres and 0.8 litres of crude. As soon as weather conditions allow, the company will repair the leak. In the meantime, off-loading to tankers has been suspended, and production at Hibernia has been "cut back significantly," according to the release from the board, which said no wildlife has been observed in the area. Margot Bruce-O'Connell, public affairs for Hibernia, said Friday there isn't an estimate yet for how much crude may have leaked from the valve. "What I can tell you, though, is that the sheen was not visible this morning," she said. "We have reduced production. We're still producing, but we've reduced the production levels, because we're not planning at this point to transfer from that system at this time." The total volume of crude contained in the affected part of the loading system is about 16,000 litres, according to the board.

<http://www.thetelegram.com/News/Local/2014-01-04/article-3563705/Oil-leak-discovered-at-Hibernia/1>

### USA, OH, ELYRIA, JANUARY 4 2014. WOMAN ACCIDENTALLY LEAVES GAS STATION WITH FUEL HOSE IN ELYRIA

A woman called police Wednesday because she wanted to return a gas pump hose to its rightful owner. When officers arrived, Kaitlyn Sanchez, 22, told the responding officer she had put gas into her 1998 Honda Accord earlier when she stopped at a Sunoco gas station on East Avenue. After pumping gas, Sanchez said she pulled out of the gas station, when she heard a strange sound coming from the driver's side of her vehicle, according to a report. Sanchez said when she looked in her driver's side mirror she saw the gas pump hose hanging from the side of her Honda. The woman said she then quickly pulled down a side street, removed the hose from her vehicle and contacted the police. She told the officer she was embarrassed, and did not want to go back to the station to return it, the report stated. The officer advised Sanchez that he would file a report and return the hose to the gas station. He advised her that she might be responsible for the damages done to the pump, which she understood.

<http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20140103/woman-accidentally-leaves-gas-station-with-fuel-hose-in-elyria>



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