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NIGERIA, CROSS RIVER STATE, CALABAR, JANUARY 10 2014. ARMY DESTROYS 36 PETROL TANKERS, SIX BOATS IN CROSS RIVER

The Nigerian Army on Wednesday in Calabar said it destroyed 36 petroleum tankers and six "Cotonou" boats allegedly used for illegal bunkering in Cross River. The outgoing Commander of 13 Brigade, Nigerian Army, Brig.-Gen. Okwudili Azinta, announced this while presenting a scorecard of his command activities in 2013. Azinta said that the tankers and boats were destroyed at different locations in the state by members of the Joint Task Force (JTF). According to him, oil theft in Cross River has reduced while most creeks that are being used to refine stolen petroleum products have also been destroyed. "With the combined efforts of the JTF in Cross River, sea robbery and piracy have also been reduced in the waterways of Cross River and Akwa Ibom. "Also, there is no militant camp in Cross River; the Efut Esighi militant and shrine camps in Akpabuyo Local Government Area of Cross River have been destroyed by the Nigerian Army. "All these were made possible by the zero tolerance to illegal oil bunkering in the state," he said. He said that the command under his leadership had trained 40 officers on intelligence information gathering. "The army needs appropriate and timely information to strengthen its operational network. "The Army also needs expertise to collate, gather and make information analysis which can be used to arrest crisis before it escalates. "The idea of the training was nursed from the fact that the military needed such training on warfare in the present 21st century, " he said. The commander also said that the brigade, under his command, hosted and won the 82 Division Inter-Brigade Proficiency Combat Competition. The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the command is executing some projects in the barracks which include the renovation of the old residence of the former Governor-General of Southern Nigeria. Others are single officers' accommodation, 13 Brigade Urban Communication masts, and a block of 30 flats for soldiers and others. Azinta has been transferred to 4 Brigade Nigerian Army, Benin, as the new commander. Azinta advised officers and men of the command to key into his leadership style in building the Nigerian Army worthy of emulation. (NAN)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201401090975.html>

USA, UT, SALT LAKE CITY, JANUARY 10 2014. ACCUSED OF BILKING CLEANUP FUND, PHILLIPS 66 PAYS UTAH \$2 MILLION >> STATE SAYS OIL FIRMS HAVE BEEN "DOUBLE-DIPPING" INTO FUND.

brian maffly



Phillips 66 has paid Utah \$2 million to resolve allegations that the oil company or predecessor ConocoPhillips defrauded a state fund to the tune of \$25 million for cleanups associated with leaking underground tanks. Phillips 66 is among three major oil companies the state has accused of "double-dipping" the fund by winning reimbursements for cleanups covered by private insurance. Regulators have already extracted \$1.8 million from Chevron in an out-of-court settlement, while a lawsuit remains pending against BP Amoco, which allegedly misappropriated \$1.5 million. money was paid out of the state [Petroleum Storage Tank Fund](#), which lawmakers created in 1989 to help gas stations and other tank operators meet federal financial requirements. More than 4,500 tanks have been

cleaned up, many with the fund's help, but the fund remains plagued with financial trouble. Many low-risk operators have opted out of the program, leaving the fund responsible for mostly higher risk tanks. According to a recent report to the Department of Environmental Quality, the fund faces a \$15 million "negative equity balance." This means its current \$12 million balance is insufficient to cover the \$27 million in payouts that an actuarial analysis says the fund could face. Even so, legislative requirements prevent the settlement from Phillips 66 and other double dippers from being returned to the trust fund. Instead, it will go to a related cleanup fund. "The money recovered will be used for cleaning up sites and that's a benefit to the environment," said Brent Everett, director of the state [Division of Environmental Response](#) and Remediation. In its [lawsuit filed in 2012](#), the division alleged ConocoPhillips collected \$25 million in payouts to cover cleanups at 82 service stations by falsely reporting that these sites were not covered by independent insurance. The suit sought to recover this money, plus punitive damages and fines totalling \$10,000 for every day ConocoPhillips violated the law. But as lawyers gathered evidence it became apparent some of the claims were not that strong, Everett said. Officials said they are satisfied with the \$2 million settlement, which amounts to less than 10 percent of what they originally claimed was misappropriated.

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/politics/57344354-90/fund-million-phillips-state.html.csp>



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AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA, JANUARY 10 2014. MOBIL RETURNS TO PETROL STATIONS ALONG THE EAST COAST OF AUSTRALIA

john dagge



The Mobil brand is returning to Australia.

The Mobil brand will return to petrol stations in the latest shake-up to hit the nation's petroleum industry. The deal to reintroduce Mobil branding to 7-Eleven petrol stations along the east coast of Australia comes as the \$3 billion battle for Shell's 900 stations and refinery heats up with three bidders vying for the prize, according to market speculation. The Mobil name and colours all but disappeared from petrol stations after convenience store operator 7-Eleven bought the oil giant's 295 outlets in May 2010. They will be resurrected, however, as part of a 10-year deal, under which Mobil will officially become the sole supplier of fuels to 7-Eleven stations. Mobil Oil Australia, a subsidiary of global energy giant ExxonMobil, had been supplying fuel to 7-Eleven outlets but the new deal cements the relationship. Both companies declined to provide further details of the deal however it is understood 7-Eleven, the nation's largest independent fuel retailer, will pay Mobil to use its branding. 7-Eleven Australia chief executive Warren Wilmot said the branding would be rolled out throughout the year. "Being able to communicate we sell quality Mobil fuel products will ensure we can provide an outstanding offer to our customers," he said. ExxonMobil Australia chairman Richard Owen said the deal underpinned the company's commitment to downstream operations - refining and fuel retailing - in Australia. "The new strategic partnership provides a platform for future growth," he said. Mr Owen's comments come as market speculation intensifies that Shell and BP are looking to exit the downstream side of their businesses, selling more than 1100 fuels stations and three refineries in Victoria, Queensland and

Western Australia between them. Mooted buyers from Shell's station and Geelong refinery include a consortium led by investment bank Macquarie plus a rival group involving US private equity firm TPG, a major Canadian pension fund and a large sovereign wealth fund from the Middle East. Shell sold its 226 petrol stations in New Zealand in 2010 and they have since been rebranded Z Energy.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/business/mobil-returns-to-petrol-stations-along-the-east-coast-of-australia/story-fni0dcne-1226798541242>

USA, ILL, EDWARDSVILLE, DECEMBER 10 2014. EX-PIPEFITTER SUES OVER BENZENE EXPOSURE> CHEMICAL CAUSED BONE MARROW DISEASE, PLAINTIFF SAYS

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A man who once worked as a pipefitter at several locations, including local refineries, has filed suit in circuit court against the companies, claiming benzene from the manufacturing plants caused an unusual form of bone marrow cancer. Joseph Cecchini and his wife, Cynthia Cecchini, named BP Amoco, ConocoPhillips, Olin Corp., Shell and Tosco, among other manufacturers, claiming the chemical caused myelofibrosis, a disease of the bone marrow. The suit claims Cecchini worked at a number of companies. In addition to the refiners, who have often been accused of leaking benzene, the suit names Ameren Illinois, Olin Corp., Armor All Products, Radiator Speciality, Turtle Wax Inc., United States Steel Co. and WD-40 Co. The suit also claims the defendants conspired and agreed, through trade groups such as the American Petroleum Institute, to "suppress or minimize knowledge of the hazards of benzene and benzene-containing products." Myelofibrosis is a rare bone marrow cancer, one of several related cancers. Several residents have filed suits against local refiners, claiming benzene leaks and spills have caused blood cancers. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society website says myelofibrosis is caused by a blood mutation, the cause of which is unknown. Several websites list benzene exposure as a risk factor in the disease but there are also other risk factors, such as age. The only known cure is a stem cell transplant, according to several sources. Cecchini was diagnosed with myelofibrosis in March 2013. He worked as a pipefitter from 1977 through 2003 at locations throughout the country, the suit states. The manufacturers all used benzene, and Cecchini worked around the chemical, the suit alleges. He is suing for medical costs, suffering, disability and other alleged results of the disease. His wife is suing for



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loss of his support, both emotional and material. The 16-count suit is asking for at least \$50,000 in each count. The suit claims the defendants failed to give adequate warnings, failed to give instructions on how to avoid inhaling or ingesting benzene, improperly and illegal dumped or disposed of the chemical and other allegations. In addition to the allegations of exposing the plaintiff to benzene, the defendants used industry trade organizations for the purpose of misleading the government, workers and the public of the hazards of benzene. Benzene has been used in gasoline. Previous suits claim Shell allowed a leak of a large amount of benzene in the 1980s, and the chemical has leaked into the groundwater. A few houses along the fence line of the former Shell plant have been evacuated as a safety precaution. None of the refineries have responded to the allegations in newspaper stories, but they have denied the allegations in formal documents filed in many of the lawsuits. ConocoPhillips has pointed out that the large benzene spill occurred before that firm owned the refinery in Roxana.

<http://www.thetelegraph.com/news/news/660666/Ex-pipefitter-sues-over-benzene-exposure>

GERMANY, COLOGNE, GODORF, JANUARY 11 2014. FIRE PUT OUT AT SHELL'S GERMAN GODORF REFINERY

A fire at a chemical tank at Shell's 195,000 barrel per day Rheinland refinery in Godorf, Cologne in Germany was put out at 1515 GMT on Thursday, just over an hour after it started, the company said. "The plant's and the external fire brigades and the police are present and extinguished the fire," it said, adding that its initial assessments found no sign that dangerous substances had been emitted. In an earlier statement, Shell said that a tank of toluene, a solvent and a feedstock for the manufacture of other petrochemicals, had caught fire. Dark smoke hung over the plant, and local residents were asked to close doors and windows and stay indoors. A police spokesman said no one was injured. An accident at the same site injured two people in November.

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2014/01/09/germany-refinery-fire-idINL6N0KJ3EG20140109>

CANADA, SASKATCHEWAN, REGINA, JANUARY 11 2014. REGINA REFINERY VALVE LEAK LEADS TO OILY CARS NEARBY >> REFINERY SAYS THEY'LL BE PAYING FOR CAR WASHES

courtney mintenko



Coop Oil Refinery Complex opens Section 5 expansion.

The Co-op Refinery is cleaning up a small but dirty mess after a valve leak sent a mist of oil into the air. A mechanical failure led to a small oil leak on Dec. 20 that was quickly contained according to spokesperson Daryl Oshanek. However due to some wind that day, the air-borne oil wasn't all contained. "A small plume, a mist developed and was carried a short distance," Oshanek explained. "Most of that plume stayed within the refinery proper. But some of it did just go outside of the boundaries and affected some of the vehicles that were in the neighbouring area." Oshanek said a response team quickly got in touch with people in that area to make them aware of what happened. Although no homes have been reported to have oil on them, some vehicles were left with specks of oil from the mist. "We went out to the area around the refinery letting people know if they saw any oil droplets that had come upon their vehicle, we would

provide them with the name of some car cleaners that we deal with and we would be paying for the cost of any washing that would be done," he said. Oshanek wasn't sure, at this point, how many people have taken advantage of the offer. He noted that incidents like this are very rare, with the most-recent one happening some 20 years ago.

<http://ckom.com/story/regina-refinery-valve-leak-leads-oily-cars-nearby/216811>

CHINA, BEIJING, JANUARY 11 2014. NATION'S OIL PIPELINES RIDDLED WITH DEFECTS, WATCHDOG SAYS

xu wei

A nationwide overhaul of oil pipelines launched after a fatal explosion in Qingdao, Shandong province, has found hazards in many areas that could lead to similar incidents, according to the country's top work safety watchdog. The overhaul was launched after oil leaked into sewage pipes where it exploded to kill 62 people in Qingdao on Nov 22, and has detected faults such as aging pipes and overlapping pipelines for oil and sewage, said Huang Yi, spokesman for the State Administration of Work Safety. "Some of the problems are staggering and some hazards are found everywhere," he said, adding that many oil pipelines are more than 40 years old and suffer from erosion and weakening. The country currently has more than 655 oil lines in service, measuring 102,000 kilometers in total. Wang Haoshui, an inspector with the watchdog who is in charge of



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petrochemical work safety, said the inspection covered nearly 3,000 petrochemical companies and oil storage facilities and has revealed nearly 20,000 potential hazards. The watchdog has ordered all the potential dangers to be rectified, he said. Huang said an official inquiry into the oil pipeline explosion has found the State-owned oil giant Sinopec and local government both liable for the accident for failing to conduct proper safety checks and overhauls in the section that led to the explosion. Huang said the inquiry has identified the explosion as a "responsibility accident" and the results will be made public after a review by the State Council. The explosion occurred after oil leaked from a corroded pipe into the urban sewage network. The crude oil became mixed with the air inside the sewage system and the resulting gas quickly spread to other sections of the sewage network. Meanwhile, emergency workers failed to identify the potential for an explosion and used a hydraulic hammer that wasn't explosion-proof, producing the sparks that triggered the blasts. More than eight hours after the oil leak, both the company and the government failed to identify the potential danger and failed to block roads and evacuate people from the area, Huang said. The inquiry also found that urban planning in the explosion area was "very chaotic", with the oil pipeline located "too close to the residential areas" and the pipelines overlapping the urban sewage pipes. "Both the urban planning and the urban administration authority must be held responsible," he said. Huang said the watchdog will also step up supervision of State-owned enterprises this year in response to the large number of safety accidents that occurred in SOEs last year. "There are still problems in the way SOEs manage their companies that operate at lower levels. There are also many hierarchies within the SOEs, which means there is more subcontracting of projects, which makes safety supervision more difficult," he said.

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2014-01/10/content_17227352.htm

CANADA, N.B, PLASTER ROCK, JANUARY 11 2014. FIREBALL SHOOTS INTO SKY FROM DERAILMENT SITE AFTER CONTROLLED EXPLOSION

kevin bissett



A large fireball rises from the site of a train derailment in New Brunswick Friday, Jan. 10, 2014 as officials used a controlled explosion to blast holes in three tanker cars. CN spokesman Jim Feeny says the procedure they used is known as vent and burn, and preliminary indications are that it went according to plan.

A large fireball shot into the sky and a boom resounded Friday from the site of a train derailment in New Brunswick as officials carried out a controlled explosion to blast holes in three tanker cars carrying liquefied petroleum gas. Thick plumes of black smoke billowed from the wreckage site in Wapske after crews detonated explosive charges placed on the hulls of the cars in order to allow vapour and gas to burn off in a wooded area. CN spokesman Jim Feeny said the explosion was carried out by the rail company and a crew from Louisiana with expertise in cleaning up derailed tankers. The procedure, known as a vent and burn, was used on two tanker cars carrying liquefied petroleum gas that were burning prior to the explosion and a third one with the gas in it that was not on fire. Feeny said the fire from the explosion was still burning more than four hours after it started, but added the experts overseeing the operation said it was progressing as planned. Feeny said the intent behind the explosion was to allow crews to move cars safely. It's the same type of explosion that was used following a CN train derailment in Gainford, Alta., in October. Crews would work through the night, he

said, to begin the clean up of the site, including work to rebuild the track, and arranging to move what's in the cars. "The next step will be a transfer of product," Feeny added. "There are other cars that were never involved in the fire that are containing products that will have to be transferred from one car to another or to a truck so those products can be removed." Some tanker cars that derailed from the CN (TSX:CNR) freight train have been burning since Tuesday night at the scene of the derailment, near Plaster Rock. Feeny said fires from diesel fuel in a locomotive that derailed and a tanker car that was loaded with crude oil were no longer burning. An evacuation of the area has affected about 150 people since the derailment of 19 rail cars in the 122-car train, and there is no definitive word on when they might be allowed to return to their homes. A resident who attended a public meeting Friday night said they were told it's possible they could go home this weekend. "Basically that we might be back in our houses this weekend, might be," said Lyla Bear-Tatlock. "It's according to how everything goes with the clean up overnight and tomorrow." Some of the evacuees have been allowed to temporarily return to their houses to check on their



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property and pets. Laurie Beaulieu, another evacuee, said she was not overly frustrated from being away from home and appreciates the work crews have to do. "They have a job to do and I'd rather go home when it's safe than go back too soon and have to leave again," said Beaulieu, 41. A senior investigator with the federal Transportation Safety Board said Thursday that they found a cracked wheel and broken rail at the scene of the derailment, but cautioned that it's too early to determine the exact cause. Feeny has said that based on its preliminary investigation, the company believes a wheel and possibly an axle failure caused the derailment. The province's Health Department said as a precaution, people in the area with private wells should not drink their water until after they have been tested. Feeny said CN will cover the costs of the cleanup and compensate those whose properties have been damaged and incurred expenses as a result of the evacuation.

Related Stories

- [Explosion used to fight Canada oil-train fire](#)
- ['Vent and burn' done to put out fire following NB derailment](#)
- [Fireball shoots into sky from derailment site after controlled explosion](#)
- [CN Rail derailment site the scene of controlled burn today](#)
- [Large flare of fire seen from derailment site as CN planned controlled explosion](#)

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/business/Officials+hope+tackle+train+fire+after+removing+several+cars/9371673/story.html>

USA, WI, MADISON, JANUARY 11 2014. WORKERS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL AFTER EXPOSURE TO CHEMICAL

Barry Adams

Three people were taken to UW Hospital on Thursday after they inhaled fumes from the chemical chlorine dioxide at Mentor Biologics on Madison's West Side. Madison fire and HazMat crews were called to Mentor Biologics, 535 Science Drive, just before 5:45 p.m. for a chemical spill, said Fire Department spokeswoman Bernadette Galvez. Chlorine dioxide is highly toxic and highly flammable, Galvez said. Before crews arrived, Mentor Biologics employees shut down the HVAC or air handling unit, isolated the chemical and placed those who had inhaled the chemical in an isolated area, she said. Those exposed to the chemical were alert and able to speak to paramedics. The HazMat team stayed to ensure that the chemical was contained and the building was safe for the employees to return, Galvez said. Division Chief Art Price said the release of chemicals was small and contained. The ventilation system in the building would take care of the problem, he said. There was no danger to the public, Price said. Mentor Biologics moved into University Research Park in 2004. It makes a form of the botulinum toxin designed to compete with the popular Botox.

http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/workers-taken-to-the-hospital-after-exposure-to-chemical/article_6750306a-0cca-5bf4-b597-980cba7cbbab.html

USA, S.C, SAVANNAH RIVER, JANUARY 11 2014. NEW CRACK FOUND IN SRS WASTE TANK



SRR workers finished closing Tanks 4 and 5 last month.

A new crack in one of the liquid waste tanks at the Savannah River Site has been discovered, but no waste has been released into the environment, according to Savannah River Remediation officials. While representatives say it poses no immediate threat, the tank still contains what is heralded as some of the most dangerous nuclear waste in the state. According to Rick Kelley with Savannah River Remediation public affairs, the tank in question is Tank 4. The crack is a hairline fracture, and it was discovered during annual inspections in September. He said the crack is in the upper wall of the tank and is located above the nuclear waste level in the tank. "The waste level hasn't changed in 20

years," Kelley said. "The crack sits about seven feet above waste level, which means there's no impact on environmental risk." According to Kelley, Tank 4 is one of the remaining 18 tanks on schedule to be operationally closed in the future. "There's no impact on safety or operations, and there's been no release of waste to the environment," he added. "SRR conducted an engineering evaluation after the crack was discovered and made sure the tank was environmentally sound." Kelley said the crack likely will not make shutting down Tank 4 a higher priority. "I think we will remain on the schedule we have for Tank 4. A lot of things go into which tanks are operationally closed, and we're working on a new system plan for the rest of the tanks now," he said. The operational closing of the waste tanks has been a controversial issue for a number of years. Last August, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control formally reminded the Department of Energy that it could impose a fine of \$150 million if milestones at the Site are not met. Among those milestones are the closing of the waste tanks.



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S.C. DHEC liaison Shelly Wilson said the crack underscores the importance of meeting future milestones for tank closure. "Meeting the tank closure milestones drives down risk from highly radioactive and toxic liquid waste in the aging system," Wilson wrote in an email. "It is imperative that DOE seek the funding for tank closure by the agreed upon closure dates." Since taking over as the liquid waste contractor, Savannah River Remediation has operationally closed six waste tanks. Most recently, SRR closed Tanks 5 and 6 in December.

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140110/AIK0101/140119995/1083/new-crack-found-in-srs-waste-tank>

USA, ORE, PORTLAND, JANUARY 11 2014. DEQ FINES ECO CAR WASH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS

Eco Car Wash may not be so eco-minded. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality issued a \$6,415 penalty to Joseph Hannah, who operates Eco Car Wash on 5020 S.E. 82nd Ave. in Portland, for violating state underground storage tank regulations. DEQ found during a November 2011 inspection that Hannah didn't have a method for detecting leaks in his underground tank system. A few months earlier, Hannah had received a temporary closure certificate, but that expired in mid-2012 and Hannah didn't provide documentation that he ever properly decommissioned the tanks. DEQ returned to the car wash last August and found the tanks hadn't been used since 2011, but still contained fuel. DEQ also discovered a hole in a spill bucket, indicating the potential for release of contaminants. DEQ ordered Hannah to pump all remaining fuel out of the tanks by Jan. 8.

 Document [Water containment, detailers and the EPA](#)

<http://portlandtribune.com/sl/207102-64037-deq-fines-eco-car-wash-for-environmental-violations->

USA, CA, VERNON, JANUARY 11 2014. EXIDE RECYCLING PLANT EXCEEDS LEAD LIMITS AGAIN, OFFICIALS SAY

jessica garrison & kim christensen

Amid air quality regulators' efforts to temporarily shut down the Vernon plant, production is cut due to lead emission violations. A Vernon battery recycler has once again exceeded South Coast Air Quality Management District lead limits, officials said Thursday. Officials at [Exide Technologies](#), one of the world's leading makers and recyclers of lead-acid batteries, told air district officials Wednesday evening that an air monitor had picked up elevated lead readings late last week. The plant cut production starting Thursday morning. The latest problems with lead, the third such violation in the last 12 months, come as Exide is fighting an attempt by air district officials to temporarily shut down the plant until its air pollution control systems are improved and deemed adequate to control toxic emissions. Last year, the air district released a study that showed the plant's arsenic emissions were posing an elevated cancer risk to 110,000 people living from Boyle Heights to Huntington Park. But Exide officials say the plant's arsenic emissions have been drastically reduced and argue there is no cause for the air district's abatement order. On Tuesday, the day before Exide informed air district officials of the lead emission violations, the company put out a press release touting a 95% drop in arsenic emissions. The release also said the plant was "meeting [the air district's] toxic air contaminant rule limits." Barry Wallerstein, the air district's executive officer, called the latest issues at the plant "more than concerning." "It's been a history of one thing right after another," he said of the plant's struggles to control its emissions, ticking off violations and a fire over the summer. "That leads to impacts on the community that just remain unacceptable." Exide officials said they are investigating what caused the latest spike in lead emissions, and preliminary information suggests that it could be related to a one-time construction project at the facility that may have stirred up lead dust. "Exide moved immediately to identify the issue and it currently appears to be a one-time, construction related incident," plant manager John Hogarth said in a statement. He added that Exide is "committed to complying with environmental regulations, protecting public health and operating a premier recycling facility." Under air district rules, Exide's lead emissions cannot cause the outdoor air concentration of lead to exceed 0.15 micrograms per cubic meter based on a 30-day average. On Jan. 3, an air monitor on the north side of the property measured .3 micrograms, which put the 30-day average at .16 micrograms. Exide has been the focus of intense attention from elected leaders, residents and officials in the nine months since the health risk assessment showed the elevated cancer risk posed by the plant. Last April, the state Department of Toxic Substances Control moved to shut the plant down temporarily, citing health risks. But Exide appealed and a judge allowed the plant to resume operations. The state toxics department entered into an agreement with the company that required Exide to spend \$7.7 million for a new storm-water runoff system and improvements to reduce arsenic emissions, among other things. In December, the toxics department released reports showing that lead and arsenic had been detected in several locations in residential areas around the plant. The state also said that dust and soil samples with metals in concentrations at or near hazardous waste levels had been found nearer the facility, and must be cleaned up by Jan. 31. In a statement released Thursday, state officials said they will "continue to work closely with [the air district] to ensure Exide operates safely." But Huntington Park



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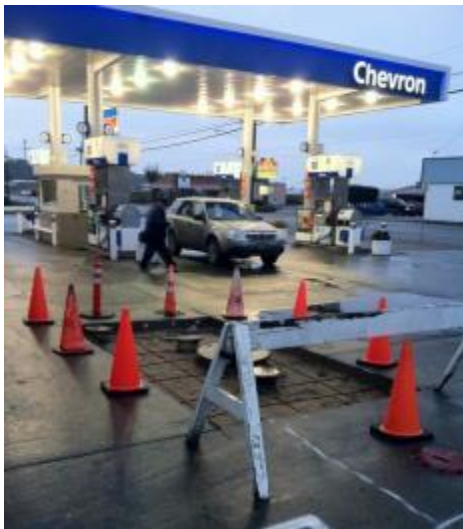
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Councilwoman Karina Macias, who represents residents affected by the emissions, said the latest news left her "discouraged and mad." "We need some type of action to be taken already, because this is past being acceptable," she said. On Friday, the air district's governing board is scheduled to vote on stricter limits for arsenic, benzene and 1,3-butadiene for lead battery smelters. A separate hearing board for the air district is also considering the petition to temporarily suspend operations at the plant, with more testimony scheduled later this month.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/la-me-exide-20140110.0.6309451.story?track=rss#axzz2q63CD95y>

USA, ORE, NORTH BEND, JANUARY 11 2014. WATER CONTAMINATES CHEVRON FUEL TANKS

chelsea davis



Crews are repairing a fuel tank at the Chevron gas station on Virginia Avenue in North Bend after seven customers reported water in their gas tanks.

One local repair shop is finding water in several drivers' gas tanks who fueled up at Chevron's North Bend station in the last week. Bayshore Auto manager Russ Blean said so far two customers have come to the shop with the same problem. Marti Sharp, general counsel and compliance officer for Carson Oil Company, which manages and operates the Chevron station on Virginia Avenue in North Bend, said seven vehicles were impacted and all will be reimbursed by Carson Oil for repairs. "Think of it like a milk jug and the lid wasn't on tight," Sharp said of the malfunctioning equipment. "We discovered through our tank monitoring system that we might have an issue with one particular tank at that Chevron station." As soon as the monitoring system detected an issue, the tank shut down, she said. Crews excavated concrete and soil surrounding the tank and found one of its fittings had malfunctioned following a recent water main break. "The problem was ... so much water flowed over the top of the tank and this faulty component had never been flooded before," she said. The fitting was replaced and crews will inspect the tank next week before it's put back in service. In the meantime, Sharp said customers can still fill up their cars since the remaining tanks were not impacted. "The first customer had at least 50 percent water (in her tank)," Blean said. "The one yesterday got fuel and didn't put the two together, because his car started running really rough. It was full of water, too." Drivers will notice their cars running poorly if there's water in the gas tank, he said. "Water (doesn't) burn so it causes misfires and it can also damage the fuel injector because they aren't made to pass water as fuel," he said. "And it plugs up the fuel filter, so we have to replace that. As far as major damage, I don't think they'd be able to drive it far enough to cause major damage because it just runs so rough." Each customer had to shell out \$160 to \$200 to fix the problem, Blean said.

http://theworldlink.com/news/local/water-contaminates-chevron-fuel-tanks/article_4e4d26e4-7a1d-11e3-87c1-0019bb2963f4.html?comment_form=true

USA, MN, CROOKSTON, JANUARY 11 2014. POLK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER: WHAT TO DO WITH 4,500 GALLONS OF 45-YEAR OLD FUEL IN TANK? >> COUNTY BOARD PONDERES POSSIBILITY OF BURNING IT

jess bengtson

Polk County Administrator Chuck Whiting and Building and Grounds Director Mark Dietz approached the Polk County Commissioners Board this week to discuss their options with the Government Center fuel tank. The tank, still the original from when the original Polk County Courthouse was built in the 1960s, contains 4,500 gallons of fuel that is almost 45 years old. The fuel was purchased in 1969 for a back-up tank and throughout the years, water has collected at the bottom of the tank. Some members of the board were worried the tank might leak if they decide to burn it. "If you start to burn that old fuel, you could run into nozzle troubles," said District 4 Commissioner Warren Affeldt. Whiting replied with, "There has been some testing done and the fuel is burnable." Dietz, Whiting and the board held a lengthy discussion about the tank and the center's heating options. They even took a mini field trip to the boiler room to get a closer look. "We have some short term options and some long term options," Whiting told the Times. "The fuel can be burned with additives and would be closely monitored by myself and Mark if we decide to go that route. We will discuss more on all our options at a later time."

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NIGERIA, LAGOS, JANUARY 12 2014. AGAIN, FUEL TANKER GUTS FIRE IN LAGOS

lara adejoro

Another fuel tanker fully laden with 33,000 litres of PMS guts fire at Ajasa bus-stop, command Ekoro in Lagos. The Director, Lagos State Fire Service, Mr. Rasaq Fadipe told Daily Times that the incident occurred at about 05:50 hours on Saturday, January 11. Fadipe said, "the fuel tanker lost control while on motion and fell into a gutter. Fire Service is on ground managing the incident. This makes it the fourth tanker incident and one open back trailer on fire this week alone." He said, "the tanker was trying to descend in a slopping area and lost control. Though, it hit a bus but there was no passenger in the bus and there was no serious injury." Earlier, Daily Times reported that a fire outbreak gutted the Nigeria Printing and Minting Staff Hospital, Yaba, Lagos State on Thursday, January 9 and another fuel tanker laden with 33,000 litres of PMS on Tuesday, January 7 at cement bus stop, along mile 2 express road, Apapa, Lagos; killing 15 persons.

<http://www.dailytimes.com.ng/article/again-fuel-tanker-guts-fire-lagos>

USA, KS, TOPEKA, JANUARY 12 2014. DIESEL FUEL CLEANUP IN CREEK DEPENDS ON ICE THAWING

 **Watch the Video** [Diesel Fuel Cleanup in Shunganunga Creek Continues](#)

Clean-up efforts continue over the weekend after a diesel fuel spill in Shunganunga Creek on January 2. Crews are breaking the ice on the creek around 15th and Adams to remove diesel fuel that leaked from a tanker sitting at Haag Oil Company about 100 yards away. They say the ice is the hardest part about clean-up, although it helped keep the fuel from running further downstream. Hazmat crews were doing what they could to vacuum up some of the fuel that spilled on top of the ice. Geologist for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Tom Winn told 13 News Saturday they're depending on absorbent booms placed in the creek to do most of the work until the ice thaws. "It's going to try to keep it from migrating further downstream and it does absorb the material also. We can change out the booms and recover the product at the same time. We're just waiting on the elements." The ice is 10 inches thick in some parts of the creek, and Winn said clean-up will take "a while," and hopes for more warmer winter temperatures to speed the process along. Crews will continue to break the ice to put in more booms. Winn said so far crews have recovered about 1,000 gallons of fuel from the creek. The tanker in which the fuel spilled from held 2,500 gallons, but some of it was water, so Winn isn't sure exactly how many gallons leaked into the creek. Winn also said that this leak poses no threat to human or the ecosystem's health.

<http://www.wibw.com/home/headlines/Diesel-Fuel-Cleanup-In-Creek-Depends-On-Ice-Thawing-239756801.html>

USA, USA, WASHINGTON DC, JANUARY 11 2014. CSB DEPLOYS TO CHEMICAL SPILL IN CHARLESTON, WV



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An independent federal agency investigating chemical accidents to protect workers, the public, and the environment.

At Freedom Industries – the leak of unknown quantity has left hundreds of thousands of West Virginia residents without clean drinking water. CSB Chairperson Rafael Moure-Eraso said, "This incident continues to impact the people of West Virginia – our goal is to find out what happened to allow a leak of such magnitude to occur and to ensure that the proper safeguards are in place to prevent a similar incident from occurring." The investigative team will be led by Supervisory Investigator Johnnie Banks and is scheduled to arrive in West Virginia on Monday morning.

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An investigative team from the U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) is deploying to the scene of a massive spill into the Elk River in Charleston, WV. According to local authorities the leak originated from a storage tank

USA, VA, RICHMOND, JANUARY 12 2014. DRIVER ESCAPES GAS PUMP FIRE, STATIC ELECTRICITY MAY BE TO BLAME

jessica jaglois

 **Watch the Video** [Gas Pump Fire....Static Electricity](#)

Static electricity is being blamed for causing a fire at a gas station in Powhatan. Now, officials want to make sure you're being careful at the pump. Kristin Price says after gassing up Thursday, she reached for the nozzle. "I pulled the gas nozzle out of the tank and it just lit on fire in my hand," said Price. "I was kind of dumb founded." Luckily, Price wasn't burned and a clerk stopped the fire from spreading by using the station's emergency shut off system, which immediately turned off the gas pumps. This isn't the first time a fire like this has happened in our area, which is why fire officials are urging folks to be vigilant when refueling. In 2009, a 10-year-old Chesterfield boy was severely burned while he was helping his mother pump gas. Static electricity was the cause of the fire. "It's not something that happens very often but it's something people need to be aware of



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especially when it's cold and dry," said AAA spokeswoman Tammy Gobert. Before fueling up, turn off your engine. Then get rid of your static electricity by touching a metal surface, like the car door. If a fire does start, leave the nozzle where it is, slowly back away and tell an attendant. What is more, AAA Mid-Atlantic also recommends that motorists actively monitor the nozzle at all times by keeping their hand on the dispenser and not using the automatic latching device. This will prevent them from driving off with the nozzle in their tank and/or the gas from overflowing if there is a problem with the device etc. This will also ensure that the motorist does not accidentally drive off with the nozzle still in the vehicle.

<http://www.nbc12.com/story/24421789/driver-escapes-fire-in-powhatan-static-electricity-may-be-to-blame>

CHINA, BEIJING, JANUARY 12 2014. CHINA UNVEILS REPORT ON DEADLY PIPELINE BLAST



A broken pipeline is marked in a red circle on the photo taken at the explosion site after a leaking pipeline caught fire and exploded in the Huangdao District of Qingdao, a coastal city in east China's Shandong Province, Nov. 25, 2013.

China's top work safety watchdog on Saturday unveiled a full investigation report on a fatal pipeline blast that claimed 62 lives in the eastern city of Qingdao on Nov. 22. The direct reason for the accident was repair staffs' drilling operations that produced sparks and caused an explosion fuelled by oil leaked from a pipeline owned by a subsidiary of Sinopec, the country's largest oil refiner, according to the investigation report. The blast killed 62 people, injured another 136 and caused a direct economic loss of 751.72 million yuan (about 123 million U.S. dollars), according to the report, which was compiled by a special investigation group set up by the State Council, or the Cabinet. A total of 63

people will be penalized, with 48 of them to receive punishments for violating Party and administrative disciplines and 15 others having been transferred to judicial organs for their alleged crimes, the report said. It urged related companies and local authorities to learn lessons from the accident and stick to the path of safe development. The country should decisively rectify the mechanism of evaluating government officials merely by economic growth rates and raise the weight of work safety in the evaluation of officials, it added. The report also suggested thorough inspections of potential safety hazards, enhanced government supervision on pipeline safety, scientific city planning and improvements to emergency response mechanisms.

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CANADA, AB, HINTON, JANUARY 12 2014. STATIC ELECTRICITY CAN IGNITE FUEL SPILLS, SAYS PROVINCIAL FIRE RESCUE OFFICER [@](#)

martin wissmath

Fuel spills most commonly happen when filling up at a gas station, and it can easily cause a fire, says Ross Bennett, fire rescue officer with the provincial office of the fire commissioner. "Static electricity off of your body is strong enough to ignite that," Bennett said. "It's got a big enough spark." Each of us carries around static electricity all the time, he added. "The pumps and everything are all bonded and grounded," he said. "Every now and then you get just the perfect set of factors that causes all the static." Fuel spills often occur when people use the fuel cap from their gas tank to hold the handle of the nozzle in place. "They prop it open with their gas cap and then go wash the windows...and you have fuel all over the place." If there is a spill, Bennett said it's not safe to get back into the vehicle and drive away, but employees at the gas station should be told about the situation. "By law they're supposed to have a spill kit. And they would put the sand or absorbent on it." Larger-scale spills involving semi-trailer trucks on the highway or trains on the railway would be the responsibility of the companies involved, Bennett said; but the Alberta Environment Support and Emergency Response Team (ASERT) could get involved to provide advisory assistance. Trucks are required to carry spill kits for smaller spills, and the companies must have an emergency plan in case of a rollover. Fire departments can and do respond to spills, but it's not up to them to clean. "Most fire departments in Alberta are not equipped to handle large spills, they don't have the resources at all," Bennett noted. Firefighters can try to contain a spill and check for injuries to people on site, but it's the task of private agencies to clean it up. Hinton Fire Chief Peter



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Ensor said spills are also a concern where there is a motor vehicle accident. The risk of explosion depends on the type of product, how big the spill is and any potential sources of ignition on the site. Ensor said the local fire department responds to hazardous materials calls. "We're going to cordon off the area and deny entry," he said. Firefighters would wait for the appropriate personnel to arrive to handle the situation in cases of large spills. The fire department responded to a smaller spill last month on Gregg Avenue when a vehicle with an overfilled fuel tank leaked gasoline onto the road. A tanker truck spilled 9,000 litres of diesel last year when it rolled over on Highway 40, about 45 kilometres north of Hinton. The diesel leaked into a small creek. The fire department built a dam about 400 metres downstream with dirt and absorbent booms to contain the spill until response companies arrived to begin cleaning. It took three days to recover all of the diesel-contaminated water. Ensor said it was the only large-scale spill he'd seen as fire chief here. "Touch wood, that's the last one," he said.

<http://www.hintonparklander.com/2014/01/11/static-electricity-can-ignite-fuel-spills-says-provincial-fire-rescue-officer>

USA, OH, BELPRE, JANUARY 12 2014. LOCAL KRATON POLYMERS PLANT EXPERIENCES A SECOND MINOR LEAK ON FRIDAY

evan bevins

Kraton's Belpre plant experienced a second leak Friday morning as company and federal environmental officials were responding to another one that sent solvents into nearby Davis Creek on Thursday. The second leak occurred around 10:30 a.m. Friday, said Kraton spokesman Mike White. "This was a vapor leak of process solvents in an operating area that was not in service," White said in an emailed statement. "The leak was contained within the plant and treated with the plant's water suppression system." At this time, it does not appear the leak will impact Davis Creek or the Ohio River, into which it feeds. The solvents are used to cool equipment at the plant. Officials with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency were on the scene already, responding, at the request of the Ohio EPA, to a leak of diethyl ether and cyclohexane that happened around 3:15 a.m. Thursday, according to an email from the agency. "Kraton has deployed booms into the nearby Davis Creek," the EPA said in an emailed statement. "Aeration is being used to treat the diethyl ether and a boom to recuperate the cyclohexane." It's too early to determine the size of the leak or the potential cost and duration of the cleanup, according to the EPA. White said it's likely cold weather is responsible for both leaks. "We believe the events are related to recent extreme cold weather, but we are conducting an in-depth investigation so we can determine with certainty the cause," he said. "We remain fully committed to the safety of the local community and our employees and to minimizing the impact to the local environment." Belpre Mayor Mike Lorentz said Thursday's spill would have no effect on drinking water in the city. "We've got a well field, and it's all away from the river," he said. Thursday's spill did result in a fish kill, but the extent wasn't known Friday. The EPA will continue monitoring chemical levels in Davis Creek and the Ohio River. White said that when those levels return to normal, a determination will be made about when

<http://www.mariettatimes.com/page/content.detail/id/556326/Local-Kraton-plant-experiences-a---.html>

USA, W.VA, CHARLESTON, JANUARY 12 2014. COMPANY PRESIDENT TELLS DIFFERENT LEAK STORY THAN DEP



Freedom Industry president Gary Southern held a briefing Friday night in Charleston, the first public Q&A since a chemical leak contaminated the Elk River.

An executive with Freedom Industries apologized Friday night for a chemical leak that prompted a do-not-use water order in nine counties. However, his timetable of the contamination differed from one offered by the state Department of Environmental Protection. "Our friends and our neighbors, this incident is extremely unfortunate, unanticipated and we are very, very sorry for the disruption to everyone's daily life that this incident has caused," said Gary Southern, president of Freedom Industries, during a contentious Friday night news conference in Charleston. Freedom Industries operates the source site of a chemical leak that has made water usage unsafe for West Virginia American Water Company customers in nine counties. Reporters fired questions at Southern as he repeatedly tried to end the event. "Our intention is to be absolutely transparent," he said. "We'll tell you what we know and, as much as

we know, to date, is we've had this release. Unfortunately, it appears some of the material did get into the river and potentially or has impacted the water supply in Charleston." As of Friday evening, almost 30 hours after WVAV officials said they were



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first notified of the leak, Southern could not confirm how much 4-methylcyclohexane methane had actually leaked from a storage tank into the Elk River. The 4-methylcyclohexane methane was described as a low-toxicity chemical used to scrub coal. "We don't believe a great deal of material left the facility and, at this time, we're not in a position to give you a number in terms of how much volume is left. We simply don't know yet. We will know that in the next couple of days," said Southern. Officials with the state Department of Environmental Protection estimated between 2,000 gallons and 5,000 gallons leaked from the tank. However, they could not say how many gallons of that total made it into the Elk River and, later, to WVAV's Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant. Southern said company officials first became aware of the leak at 10:30 a.m. Thursday when two employees spotted the leak in a dike area behind the plant. He said once the chemical was found to be leaking from the bottom of the 35,000-gallon storage tank and collecting on the far side of a containment dike, the matter was reported to authorities and containment began "immediately." However, DEP officials provided a differing account of the leak's discovery in the citations issued against Freedom Industries for violations of the state's water and air pollution acts. State officials said they started looking for the source of a "licorice" odor Charleston residents were reporting as early as 8 a.m. Thursday morning and traced the odor to Freedom Industries. At that point, they said the company had not reported any leak. More than three hours later, DEP officials said no containment measures had yet been launched even though the containment pool was also leaking. Southern said the problem tank had been emptied by Friday evening and its contents were moved off site. The next step in remediation, he said, would be to remove dirt that may be contaminated from the property. On Friday, Kanawha County Commission President Kent Carper called on the U.S. Chemical Safety Board to investigate the leak. Carper said it's a necessary step following a cease operations order for the company from the DEP. "Based on this recent information, and DEP stating this was an air quality issue, I am requesting the U.S. Chemical Safety Board begin investigating this leak and its effect on Kanawha County, he said. The site for Freedom Industries in Charleston operates as a terminal for products that are shipped across the United States.

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INDIA, UTTAR PRADESH, CHAKERI, JANUARY 12 2014. ACID-LADEN TANKER TURNS TURTLE IN CHAKERI AREA

Panic gripped Ahirwan area of Chakeri after a tanker loaded with acid turned turtle on Friday. Owing to the mishap, acid spilled on the road. The fumes emanating from the acid led to burning sensation in the eyes. Many even complained of suffocation. The police said that the acid-laden tanker was headed to a private unit in the city from Renukoot area of Sonbhadra. "As the tanker reached Chakeri Turn near Ahirwan, a tempo came in its way. In an attempt to avoid collision, the driver lost control over the wheels and the tanker turned turtle," a police official said. As the pungent smell spread across the area, locals rushed to the spot and found the acid leaking from the tanker. They alerted the police who in turn informed the fire brigade. Six fire tenders were immediately rushed to the area. Firemen sprinkled water on the tanker's valve and the acid spilled on the road. A local resident, Kanhaiyya, said, "My nephew complained of burning sensation in eyes soon after returning from the spot. We too rushed to the spot and found a huge crowd at the site. They all had covered their eyes and nose to avoid the pungent smell." The mishap led to major traffic snarl in the area which continued for an hour. Later, locals joined the police attempt to manage the traffic. Driver of the tanker Kripal Singh and his assistant Indra Singh were reported to be safe.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kanpur/Acid-laden-tanker-turns-turtle-in-Chakeri-area/articleshow/28671410.cms>

ENGLAND, DEVON, JANUARY 12 2014. HONITON FIREFIGHTERS TACKLE A35 PETROL STATION LORRY FIRE

Honiton fire crews raced to deal with a lorry that was on fire at a petrol station just outside the town in the early hours of this morning. Two engines attended the BP garage on the A35 at 2.15am following reports that a lorry was on fire there. Firefighters arrived to find an artic tractor unit well alight and managed to put out the blaze using two hose reel jets and a compressed air foam branch. Crews then requested a further appliance to provide more water from Axminster.

<http://www.exeterexpressandecho.co.uk/Honiton-firefighters-tackle-A35-petrol-station/story-20430922-detail/story.html>



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USA, CA, COMPTON, JANUARY 12 2014. COMPTON DEPUTIES BUST ALLEGED GAS THIEVES AFTER SPOTTING VAN FILLED WITH 55-GALLON DRUMS



Sheriff's Deputies busted this van allegedly filled with stolen diesel.

Sheriff's Deputies in Compton were on patrol Tuesday when they reportedly saw a suspicious blue van parked over a gas station's underground fuel storage tank. The tank is located at 4351 E. Rosecrans Avenue. Deputies with the Compton Sheriff's Station Special Assignment Team reportedly saw a hand protrude out from the center floorboard of the van, pull-out a hose from the underground tank and close the metal cover lid. The van then drove out of the gas station. The deputies conducted a traffic stop believing the occupants of the van had just committed a gasoline theft. During the stop, deputies discovered five filled 55-gallon tanks inside the van, as well as a pump and a water hose.

All five tanks contained diesel fuel, totalling approximately 275 gallons. The three males were arrested for grand theft of diesel fuel. The three were booked at the Century Regional Detention Facility with bail set at \$20,000. Transporting fuel in this manner and quantity is extremely dangerous, said officials with the Sheriff's department. Compton Firefighters assisted in rendering the diesel safe. Authorities would like to ask the public to report any suspicious fuel transportation. They also said, if safe to do so, to record the vehicle's license number, suspect description and to call 911 immediately.

<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2014/01/11/compton-deputies-bust-alleged-gas-thieves-after-spotting-van-filled-with-55-gallon-drums/>

USA, NV, RENO, JANUARY 12 2014. TANK CONDITIONS BLAMED FOR REFINERY BLAST >> EMPLOYEE BURNED BY EXPLOSION SAID TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION

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Smoke billows from tanks at the Bango Oil refinery plant west of Fallon on Monday Dec. 9, 2013.

Pressurized and overfilled tanks have been blamed for the explosion at an oil plant near Fallon that left one employee hospitalized in early December. The tops of three tanks at the Bango Oil Recycling Co. blew off, Fred Rogne, chief of the Fallon/Churchill Volunteer Fire Department, said on Dec. 9, the day of the explosion. Both the Churchill Fire Department and the Nevada State Fire Marshal Division were investigating the cause. One of the hot asphalt tanks was overfilled and overpressurized, State Fire Marshal Peter Mulvihill said. The cause for the pressure that led to the explosion is still under investigation, he said. The explosion left one employee, Daniel Snodgrass, severely burned. He had been flown to the University of California, Davis Medical Center via Care Flight, authorities said. Snodgrass, 24, is in a good condition, the UC-Davis nursing supervisor said. "He's had some good days and some bad days, but more bad days than good," Ron Bell, plant manager, said. "He's got a long road ahead of him." Snodgrass had been warming the pipes near the tank with an open-flame burner, Mulvihill said. "The hot asphalt overflowed from the top of the tank," he said. "The employee was at the bottom and was splashed by the hot asphalt." The asphalt was at 500 degrees, which is normal for the plant's tank farm, he said. The explosion damaged three other tanks adjacent to the one that

exploded. The boiling liquid was contained to the area near the tanks, Mulvihill said. "The local fire department did a fantastic job containing the fire to those four tanks," he said, meaning there was no environmental damage. The plant remains closed and is being cleaned and prepped for reconstruction, Bell said. "We still don't have an initial cause," Bell said. Both the oil plant and the Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Administration are still investigating, according to Bell and Teri Williams, spokeswoman for the the Nevada Department of Business and Industry. The refinery was cited for about a dozen Occupational Safety and Health Administration violations between 2007 and 2012. Four of those were serious. "That has nothing to do with what happened whatsoever," Bell said when asked if safety issues were related to the explosion.

<http://www.rqj.com/article/20140110/NEWS/301100065/Tank-conditions-blamed-refinery-blast>



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USA, CA, CROMPTON, JANUARY 13 2014. COMPTON DEPUTIES BUST ALLEGED GAS THIEVES AFTER SPOTTING VAN FILLED WITH 55-GALLON DRUMS



Sheriff's Deputies busted this van allegedly filled with stolen diesel. (credit: Los Angeles Sheriff's Department) Sheriff's Deputies in Compton were on patrol Tuesday when they reportedly saw a suspicious blue van parked over a gas station's underground fuel storage tank. The tank is located at 4351 E. Rosecrans Avenue. Deputies with the Compton Sheriff's Station Special Assignment Team reportedly saw a hand protrude out from the center floorboard of the van, pull-out a hose from the underground tank and close the metal cover lid. The van then drove out of the gas station. The deputies conducted a traffic stop believing the occupants of the van had just committed a gasoline theft. During the stop, deputies discovered five filled 55-gallon tanks

inside the van, as well as a pump and a water hose. All five tanks contained diesel fuel, totalling approximately 275 gallons. The three males were arrested for grand theft of diesel fuel. The three were booked at the Century Regional Detention Facility with bail set at \$20,000. Transporting fuel in this manner and quantity is extremely dangerous, said officials with the Sheriff's department. Compton Firefighters assisted in rendering the diesel safe. Authorities would like to ask the public to report any suspicious fuel transportation. They also said, if safe to do so, to record the vehicle's license number, suspect description and to call 911 immediately.

<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2014/01/11/compton-deputies-bust-alleged-gas-thieves-after-spotting-van-filled-with-55-gallon-drums/>

USA, MA, SAUGUS, JANUARY 13 2014. MINIVAN CRASHES INTO SAUGUS GAS STATION PUMPS



It was a close call at a Route 1 gas station Sunday afternoon when a minivan hit a fuel pump and the supporting beam to the gas station canopy. Saugus Fire says due to a quick-thinking attendant, the damage was minimized. The crash compromised the pump's fuel line and the auto shutoff, but the attendant quickly shut the gas lines down manually. Authorities say 15 to 20 gallons were spilled. The driver was taken to Union Hospital. There's no word on the driver's injuries or what led to the crash.

<http://boston.cbslocal.com/2014/01/12/minivan-crashes-into-saugus-gas-station-pumps/>

USA, KY, PARIS, JANUARY 13 2014. NITRIC ACID CAUSES FIRE INSIDE A BOURBON COUNTY BUSINESS

 **Watch the Video** [Nitric Acid causes Fire inside a Bourbon County Business](http://www.wkyt.com/news/headlines/Nitric-acid-causes-fire-inside-a-Bourbon-County-business-239829261.html)

The strong and sometimes dangerous chemical known as nitric acid is what officials say caused a fire at a business in Bourbon County on Sunday. On Sunday, it took firefighters several hours to clean up the aftermath of a chemical fire that happened at Avantor Performance Materials on Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard in Paris. It was just before 8:00 Sunday morning when a fire was reported in the manufacturing facility's warehouse area. The plant's fire alarm system was set off and thankfully the fire was extinguished by the on-site sprinkler system. At this time, employees tell us the fire was caused when a leaking container of nitric acid ignited inside of the case it was being stored in. Nitric acid is just one of many potentially dangerous chemicals held at the plant which is why company officials say they are putting appropriate safeguards in place to prevent a similar incident from happening in the future. Company leaders tell us that no employees were hurt in the fire.

<http://www.wkyt.com/news/headlines/Nitric-acid-causes-fire-inside-a-Bourbon-County-business-239829261.html>

INDIA, ANDHRA PRADESH, BALANAGAR, JANUARY 13 2014. ACID TANKER OVERTURNS IN BALANAGAR

Flames rose as smoke enveloped industrial area of Balanagar here on Saturday night when an acid tanker overturned. The tanker met with the accident when the driver lost control of the vehicle. As smoke began spreading in the neighbourhood, there was panic. In a similar mishap, ammonia gas began leaking from a tanker near Jakranpally bridge in Nizamabad on Saturday. In yet another fire mishap, flames and smoke filled the interior of a private bus on Saturday morning while it was on



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its way to Chennai at Obulavaripalle in Kadapa district. Before any damage could be done, the passengers got down from the bus.

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/hyderabad/Acid-Tanker-Overturns-in-Balanagar/2014/01/12/article1996338.ece>

USA, KS, KANSAS CITY, JANUARY 13 2014. GAS LEAKS FROM STORAGE TANK AT KCK FUEL DISTRIBUTION TERMINAL



Firefighters tend to a fuel spill at the Magellan Midstream Partners facility at 401 E. Donovan Road.

Emergency crews responded early Sunday afternoon to a large gasoline leak at a Kansas City, Kan., fuel distribution terminal. Authorities reporting to the Magellan Midstream Partners petroleum terminal at 401 E. Donovan Road requested a haz-mat crew upon arrival. The spilled gasoline was being controlled within a secondary containment area at the facility, said Bruce Heine, a Tulsa, Okla., spokesman for Magellan. There have been no injuries, he said. The company has reported a loss of 100 barrels of gasoline to regulatory agencies, Heine said, adding that the figure could be revised. The fuel leak occurred at a valve connected to an above-ground storage tank, Heine said. The cause of the leak is being investigated, and representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency have been notified, he said. Magellan's Kansas City terminal

provides distribution services for gasoline and other fuels. The company owns the longest refined petroleum products pipeline system in the country, according to its website. In June 2008, an apparent lightning strike on or near a petroleum tank at the Kansas City distribution terminal caused the tank to catch fire, sending a large plume of smoke across portions of the Kansas City metro area. The tank contained about 28,000 barrels of unleaded gasoline at the time. No injuries occurred, according to the company.

<http://www.kansascity.com/2014/01/12/4746883/gas-leaks-from-storage-tank-at.html>

IRELAND, CO CLARE, LOOP HEAD, JANUARY 13 2014. IRISH COASTGUARD ASSISTS STRICKEN TANKER

barry roche



The tanker, Hellesport Charger lost her main engines around 1pm today approximately 100 miles west of Loop Head and is drifting in Force 7 winds and six metre swells towards the Irish coast.

A Tanker with 15,000 tonnes of caustic soda drifts in heavy seas with crew of 22 on board. The Irish Coastguard has begun an operation to assist a stricken chemical tanker with 15,000 tonnes of caustic soda on board after the ship lost power off the West coast of [Ireland](#) this afternoon. The tanker, Hellesport Charger lost her main engines around 1pm today approximately 100 miles west of Loop Head and is drifting in Force 7 winds and six metre swells towards the

Irish coast. The ship which is registered in the [Marshall Islands](#) in the Pacific, was on its way from Corpus Christi in Texas in the western Gulf of Mexico to Aghinish in the [Shannon Estuary](#) when it lost power. The ship, which has a crew of 22 on board, raided for assistance and the Irish Coastguard at Valentia is co-ordinating an operation to assist the 12,000 tonne chemical tanker. An Irish Coastguard spokesman said that there is no immediate danger to either the crew or the ship but that it's hoped to get an ocean going tug out to assist the vessel as soon as possible. Meanwhile the Irish Coastguard is continuing to monitor the situation which is similar that which befell another tanker, the Abuk Lion when she lost power off the West Cork coast last month. The Abuk Lion, which was on its way from Aghinish to St Petersburg with a cargo of bauxite lost power off the Old of Head of Kinsale and had to be towed into Ringaskiddy in Cork Harbour.

Related Stories

- [Tug boat to assist vessel adrift off west coast](#)
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- [Tanker drifting off the coast of Clare after losing power](#)
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<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/irish-coastguard-assists-stricken-tanker-1.1652755>



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USA, WI, MADISON, JANUARY 13 2014. CITY CREWS RACE TO KEEP GASOLINE SPILL OUT OF LAKES

jeff glaze

A significant gasoline spill on the Near East Side Sunday night was contained before it could reach a lake, officials said. Around 8:21 p.m., about 40 gallons of gasoline was reported to have leaked into a sewer at the Madison Water Utility operations center on South Paterson Street, said Amy Barrilleaux, a spokeswoman for the utility. The operations center, about halfway between Lakes Monona and Mendota, is equipped with gas pumps to fill the utility's fleet. The spill occurred when an auto-stop mechanism on one of the pumps failed. A utility employee went inside the building and returned to discover the spill, Barrilleaux said. City Streets and Engineering crews worked with the utility to contain the spill in the sewers before it could reach an outlet into a lake, said Lori Wirth, a spokeswoman for Madison Fire Department.

http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/city-crews-race-to-keep-gas-spill-out-of-lake/article_9a0b9944-0684-5d31-8467-130afb5cc954.html

USA, MT, GREAT FALLS, JANUARY 14 2014. WINDS DAMAGE TANK AT CALUMET MONTANA REFINERY IN GREAT FALLS

cody proctor



High winds sweeping through Great Falls damaged one of the tanks at Calumet Montana Refining, collapsing the west side of the structure. Calumet says the tank was under construction and was not one that was in service. The dollar amount of damage and cost of repairs are unknown at this time. The Calumet facility is located along Smelter Avenue near the 9th Street Bridge. No injuries were reported. The powerful winds have caused trouble in several areas over the weekend, ranging from tipped semis to downed trees, and even forced the closure of the Bridger Bowl ski area on Saturday.

<http://www.krtv.com/news/winds-damage-tank-at-calumet-montana-refinery-in-great-falls/>

USA, MA, SAUGUS, JANUARY 14 2014. FUEL LEAK, TRAFFIC JAM FOLLOW CAR ACCIDENT AT GAS STATION

kait taylor

Saugus firefighters were forced to contact the Department of Environmental Protection when an accident at a Route 1 gas station caused a 20-gallon fuel leak, a traffic jam and unspecified injuries to a driver. The incident occurred Sunday around 4 p.m. when a vehicle driven by a 76-year-old woman drove off the roadway and struck a gas pump at the Sunoco station at 700 Broadway, according to Saugus Police Assistant Chief Ronald Giorgetti. The crash caused "extensive damage" to the front end of the vehicle and damaged the pump so that it leaked fuel onto the ground, said Giorgetti. He said the driver, whose name was not released, was taken to an area hospital. Her condition was unknown Sunday night. Saugus Fire Capt. Todd Nolan said the gas station's fuel attendant shut the fuel lines off in enough time that the leak was limited to the 20 gallons, but mandates require any leak over 10 gallons to be reported to the state. Nolan said if the attendant hadn't hit the switch "it would have been a lot more." Nolan reported that the fuel was contained to the gas station's property and kept out of sewer drains using dams. Crews also laid a foam blanket on top of the gasoline "to suppress vapors so that it doesn't ignite," said Nolan. "With that much gasoline, the main concern is fire." Saugus fire was on scene of the incident for about two hours, and a detail was called in afterward to stand by during cleanup by the DEP-approved Sunoco crew, said Nolan. During the incident, Lynn, Malden and Melrose covered the Saugus station. Neither Nolan nor Giorgetti could be sure that the gas station had reopened because a structure beam holding up the station's canopy had also been damaged in the accident. Nolan said traffic was only affected by the incident because of the "curiosity factor" of Route 1 drivers wondering what was going on at the station, which caused a traffic jam on Sunday afternoon.

http://www.itemlive.com/news/fuel-leak-traffic-jam-follow-car-accident-at-gas-station/article_5891b626-7c0f-11e3-971e-001a4bcf887a.html



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USA, N.D, WILLISTON, JANUARY 14 2016. HOUSTON COMPANY APPEALS BIG FINE IN N. DAKOTA

A Texas company is appealing a \$2.6 million fine for allegedly operating illegal temporary housing for its workers in the western North Dakota oil patch. Williams County late last year fined Houston-based Stallion Oilfield Services for failing to follow conditions of a permit. Zoning officials said Stallion was originally approved in 2011 for 25 housing units but placed more than twice that amount at its site. The company and the county differ in how housing units should be counted, the Williston Herald reported. The company considers several units connected together to be one unit, but the county disagrees with that method. "The real dispute here is a difference in counting," Stallion attorney Levi Anders said. Stallion attorney Robert Ryan said he also takes issue with the "massive" fine. Commissioner Dan Kalil said the county doesn't have to allow temporary housing of any kind and since it does allow it, officials expect companies to follow the rules. "We're allowing these guests to come here and live in an unconventional manner," he said, referring to the large, temporary crew camps that now dot the oil patch. The commission plans to decide on Tuesday whether to uphold the fine.

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2014/01/10/houston-company-appeals-big-fine-in-n-dakota/>

USA, N.M, ALBUQUERQUE, JANUARY 14 2014. REPORT: KIRTLAND FUEL SPILL COULD CONTAMINATE WATER IN 30 YEARS



It could be 30 years before a huge plume of contamination at Kirtland Air Force Base reaches the nearest drinking water wells in New Mexico's largest city. That finding is part of a draft report released Monday by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in response to a public records request filed by the watchdog group Citizen Action. The report's author, Scott Ellinger, modeled several scenarios in an effort to determine movement of the plume, which consists of jet fuel and a chemical called EDB. While it will likely be some time before the contamination reaches city wells, there's uncertainty around the speed at which it will reach a smaller well operated by Albuquerque's VA hospital. Ellinger says it would be prudent for officials to tackle the contamination sooner rather than later.

<http://www.kob.com/article/stories/S3280272.shtml#.UteWjtjvX4>

JAMAICA, KINGSTON, JANUARY 14 2014. OIL TANKERS ARE SAFE, DRIVERS INSIST

kimmo matthews

Four days after an oil tanker laden with fuel caught fire on Mona Road in St Andrew, calls are being made from sections of society for the authorities to implement laws governing when tankers hauling dangerous fuel are allowed to travel in public spaces. "There needs to be some laws put in place to govern how these operators are able to travel on the road," said a resident of Mona Heights situated just across the road from where the incident occurred. The woman made the call Monday after the trailer transporting gasoline burst into flames last Thursday damaging two houses and leaving more than 6,000 customers without electricity. "Can you imagine if the truck had caught fire while in traffic how many people would have lost their lives," said another resident. Other Kingston residents voiced similar concerns and raised questions about the time of day that tankers carrying fuel are allowed to travel on the roads in built-up areas. The calls have however been shot down tanker drivers responding that that safety measures are actually in place and the concerns are uninformed. "We believe the calls are being made by people who do not really understand the industry," said tanker driver Cleveland Guscott. According to Guscott in all other jurisdictions over the world oil tanker operators are allowed to travel at various times of day. "It is what obtains in developed society across the world," he insisted. Corton Palmer, another tanker driver agreed. "We believe it is a knee-jerk reaction from people who don't understand. There is room for calls to be made to limit the route tanker drivers are allowed to operator in populated areas but this would have to be done if steps are taken to improve the quality and the state of roads in Jamaica," Palmer contended. The drivers argued that what was needed was more dialogue between stakeholders regarding safety on the roads. "What should be done is for greater efforts to be made to educate the public and motorists on how they should operate on the road with trailer truck hauling these items. "Members of the public need to be informed, even the police themselves are not aware of the safety measures that should be adhered to when it comes to tanker drivers," Guscott said.

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<http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/latestnews/Oil-tankers-are-safe--drivers-insist>



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USA, TX, WEATHERFORD, JANUARY 14 2016. STEVE LIPSKY RESPONDS TO REPORT CLEARING EPA OF WRONGDOING IN FRACKING WATER CONTAMINATION STUDY

Julie Dermansky,

 **Watch the Video** [Steven Lipsky Speaks out about the Dangers Facing his Neighbors:](#)



Lipsky's well water set ablaze.

Steven Lipsky's phone was busy on the morning of Christmas Eve. The Environmental Protection Agency's [Inspector General](#) had just released its report concluding the EPA was justified in intervening to protect drinking water from hydraulic fracturing in Weatherford, Texas, despite assertions to the contrary from the oil and gas industry and Congressional Republicans. In 2010, Mr. Lipsky alerted the agency to his contaminated well water and the fact that he could light his water on fire. [An EPA investigation determined](#) that Range Resources' hydraulic fracturing activities caused the contamination. Republican senators had quickly [initiated an investigation](#) of the report, questioning the agency's motivation and the validity of its findings. According to the Associated Press, Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK) has dismissed the Inspector General's report confirming that the

EPA was justified in issuing an [Emergency Order to Range Resources](#), the drilling company. But others, including Sharon Wilson, Gulf Regional Organizer for environmental group [Earthworks](#), filmmaker [Josh Fox](#) and former [EPA Regional Administrator Al Armendariz](#) see the report as vindication of the EPA and Steven Lipsky. So does Mr. Lipsky feel vindicated? No, he does not, and he says he won't until the entire story is told and the truth is completely revealed. Additionally, Lipsky wants to see an end to the \$3 million defamation lawsuit filed by [Range Resources against him](#). When I spoke to Lipsky on Christmas day, he told me the findings in the Inspector General report are just the tip of the iceberg. His neighbors are still in a perilous situation and no specific actions are being taken to provide a remedy for [explosive contaminants](#) in their water.

<http://truth-out.org/news/item/21183-steve-lipsky-responds-to-report-clearing-epa-of-wrongdoing-in-fracking-water-contamination-study>

AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, PORT AUGUSTA, JANUARY 14 2014. QUICK ACTION AVERTS FUEL TANKER DISASTER AT PORT AUGUST TRUCK DEPOT

Quick action from the owner of a fuel tanker and fire fighters prevented more than 480,000 litres of highly-combustible fuel exploding at Port Augusta West last night. A looming disaster was averted after a leak in the tankers' fuel injection system caused an engine fire at a truck depot just before 9pm, the MFS said. The owner immediately grabbed a fire extinguisher to douse the flames on the tanker, which had 30,000lts of fuel on board, as Metropolitan Fire Service crews arrived at the Tarcoola Rd depot. The truck sat next to three ground tankers holding 270,000lts of fuel and five road tankers carrying a total of 186,000lts, any of which could have ignited. "The damage bill is approximately \$8000 with no injuries reported during this incredible save," an MFS spokeswoman said.

<http://www.news.com.au/national/south-australia/quick-action-averts-fuel-tanker-disaster-at-port-august-truck-depot/story-fnii5yv4-1226801211125>

USA, WI, MILTON, JANUARY 14 2016. FIRE CHIEF: SUNDAY BLAZE CAUSES 'EXTENSIVE' DAMAGE TO UNITED ETHANOL DRYING TOWER

Ethanol production has been suspended at the United Ethanol plant until damage from a Sunday fire is repaired, a company spokeswoman said. Damage estimates from Sunday's fire in the grain drying tower are not yet available, but Milton Fire Chief Loren Lippincott called damage "extensive." It was unclear Monday when ethanol production at the facility would resume. "No estimate has been confirmed, yet, as to how many days it will take to get ethanol production up and running again," United Ethanol spokeswoman Dori Lichty wrote in an email. Firefighters arrived at 1:10 p.m. Sunday at the ethanol plant, 1250 Chicago St., and found the grain drying tower "heavily involved in fire," Lippincott said. "The internal extinguishing system had partially controlled the fire, but fire was still visible," he said. The fire started in the ring dryer, a piece of equipment that dries distiller's grain, which is a byproduct of ethanol production, United Ethanol said in a prepared statement Monday. Ethanol and corn oil production had been suspended at the plant but would continue as soon as the plant replaces fire-damaged parts, the company said in a release Monday. The plant was still loading ethanol, loading distiller's grain and accepting and unloading corn, the company said. Firefighters from Milton, Janesville, Edgerton, Whitewater, Fort Atkinson and town of Beloit,



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extinguished the fire. Damage was contained to the four-story metal drying tower, Lippincott said. They remained on scene until 6:45 p.m., he said. It wasn't necessary to evacuate employees from a separate area of the facility, Lippincott said, but workers were sent home after the plant was shut down Sunday, he said. The department responded to a similar fire at the plant once before, Lippincott said. "This is nothing we haven't experienced before. But this one got bigger because we think there was a mechanical malfunction in the steam extinguisher," he said. The Milton Fire Department generally doesn't respond to fires at the ethanol plant because the plants has its own fire-extinguishing system, Lippincott said. "It never gets to the point where we're generally called," he said. "But this is the second fire we've been to in that dryer system."

<http://www.gazettextra.com/article/20140113/ARTICLES/140119928>

ENGLAND, QUIDENHAM, JANUARY 14 2014. TANKER IN DITCH IN QUIDENHAM

A tanker left the road and ended up in a ditch in Quidenham this morning. Emergency services responded to the incident just before 11am, where the vehicle was partially in a ditch and on the road in Quidenham Road. The junction near The New Eccles Hall School, and the Wilby Road junction, were both closed while recovery took place. There were no signs of a leak from the tanker, while no-one is reported to have been hurt. The tanker was cleared early this afternoon.

<http://www.dissexpress.co.uk/news/latest-news/tanker-in-ditch-in-quidenham-1-5804165>

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, TOOWOOMBA, JANUARY 14 2014. WOMAN REVERSES INTO PEDESTRIAN AT PETROL STATION

Accidentally reversing into a pedestrian at a Toowoomba petrol station has left a 37-year-old mother on a nine-month probation order. Toowoomba Magistrates Court heard Aimee Rebecca Bastow was angry that another driver had pushed in front of her at the bowlers at the Shell service station at the intersection of Bridge and Holberton Sts on October 31, last year. Police prosecutor Sergeant Tony Costa said Bastow reversed to another bowser without looking behind her and stuck a pedestrian, who received bruising from the slow impact. Defence solicitor Brad Skuse was successful in convincing Magistrate Damian Carroll that his client needed her licence to transport her children to school and attend medical appointments.

<http://www.thesatellite.com.au/news/woman-reverses-pedestrian-petrol-station/2138851/>

USA, TX, FREEPORT, JANUARY 14 2014. TANKER CLEANING COMPANY FINED FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE VIOLATIONS

A tanker cleaning company and facility manager were fined \$1.2 million for criminal hazardous waste violations relating to their operations in Freeport, TX. According to Travis County District Attorney's Office, Enterprise Logistic Services failed to use the flare system to control air contaminant emissions prior to cleaning chemicals out of tanker trailers. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requires the capture and abatement of hazardous pollutants inside tanker trailers prior to cleaning tanker trailers. Enterprise Logistic Services LLC paid fines totaling \$1 million and Schultz was placed on community supervision and paid fines totaling \$200,000.

<http://www.myfoxaustin.com/story/24436695/tanker-cleaning-company-fined-for-hazardous-waste-violations>

USA. OH, SPRINGFIELD, JANUARY 14 2014. FIRE CREWS: SUICIDE BY CHEMICALS FIRST IN REGION

 **Watch the Video** [Suicide By Chemicals First in Region](#)

A deadly new trend had not killed anyone in the Miami Valley until Monday. Suicide by chemicals combines a fatal mix of products. "He called and said 'I'm going to end it'," said the caller who dialed 911 concerned for his friend. "He says he's at the office, call a Hazmat team." When police arrived the man was slumped over the wheel, and he had a warning for police. "He had signs posted on his car that said 'Poison, danger, do not open'," Lt. Dave Aills with the Springfield Fire Department explained. Inside that car was hydrogen sulfide gas. Hazmat crews were called in to air the car out, so people at neighboring businesses were told to stay put. This so-called suicide by chemicals is the first any of these responders have heard of in the Miami Valley. "It originated in Japan and came over to the United States in the past few years," explained Aills who says the chemical recipes are readily available on the internet. That's why they were alerted to this suicide method recently. Because of the research they were able to do, they knew when the call came in, to tell the first responders to stay away. "The big concern about it is first responders, police officers or anyone else who wants to help... they come up to the vehicle, open the doors and will be overcome as well," Lt. Aills said.

http://www.abc22now.com/shared/news/top-stories/stories/wkef_vid_18113.shtml



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USA, W.VA, MORGANTOWN, JANUARY 14 2014. GAS SPILL TEMPORARILY SHUTS DOWN MORGANTOWN GAS STATION

krista baker

 **Watch the Video:** [Gas Spill Shuts Down Gas Station](#)

A gas spill shut down a Morgantown gas station for more than four hours this morning. A tanker making a delivery to the Shell Station on University Avenue sideswiped a gas pump and tore off two valves from the bottom of the truck. The secondary safety valve was not closed, and gasoline leaked onto the parking lot. The Morgantown Fire Department used almost 40 bags of clay absorbent to clean up the spill. An environmental clean up company disposed of the material.

<http://www.wboy.com/story/24437208/gas-spill-temporarily-shuts-down-morgantown-gas-station>

USA, GA, ATLANTA, JANUARY 14 2014. GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION MONITORING FUEL SPILL AT BEACON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX SITE



A reader submitted this photo of "spilled hydraulic oil" at the Beacon Hill site. Deputy City Manager Hugh Saxon said heavy rains over the weekend turned over a subcontractor's fuel tank, spilling diesel fuel. The state Environmental Protection Division is supervising the cleanup.

An environmentally-conscious reader did a little sleuthing over the weekend and discovered something awry at the construction site for the Beacon Hill Municipal Complex. The reader thought he smelled fuel in Peavine Creek near Vickers Drive, about two miles northwest of the Beacon Hill site in DeKalb County. The reader says that on Jan. 12 followed Peavine upstream, eventually finding his way to the Beacon Site where he photographed "spilled hydraulic oil." But our reader wasn't the only person who was looking into the Beacon Hill site over the weekend. Deputy Decatur City Manager Hugh Saxon said the Georgia Environmental Protection Division received a call from someone who smelled

fuel down stream of the project. Saxon said heavy rains on the morning on Jan. 11 turned over a fuel tank at the site, spilling diesel fuel. "EPD inspected the area and discovered the fuel tank," Saxon said. "(Potts Construction) and Reeves Contracting, the storm water subcontractor for the project, were contacted and HEPACO, an environmental cleanup company, was on-site Sunday addressing the spill. They were accompanied by representatives from the EPD and Potts Construction. A cleanup plan was put in place on Sunday night. It is my understanding that HEPACO installed booms downstream and began skimming fuel that had been released off-site. Contaminated water and soils are being collected and will continue until the EPD is satisfied that the spill has been cleaned up." Problem solved. Or is it? The reader mentioned that an unusual amount of sediment had been flowing down the creek for at least a month. Saxon said this incident is the only environmental incident on the Beacon site so far. "There's a number of construction projects that've been going on in downtown Decatur for the last several months that are upstream of Vickers Drive," Saxon said. "From a regulatory standpoint, the one we're responsible for is Beacon and we have a regular review process that takes place to monitor and to ensure that our storm water soil erosion controls are in place. We do that at least once a week and more often if necessary. We have a consultant looking at it as well."

<http://decaturish.com/2014/01/13/georgia-environmental-protection-division-monitoring-fuel-spill-at-beacon-municipal-complex-site/>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, MUDGEES, JANUARY 15 2014. EXPLOSION ROCKS STREET: ROADS CLOSED, OFFICES EVACUATED DURING FUEL SPILL



Spill: A diesel tanker overturned at the corner of Market and Douro Street yesterday, closing the Castlereagh Highway for hours.

An explosion marred clean up efforts for Mudgee's emergency services yesterday after an overturned diesel tanker blocked the Castlereagh Highway for several hours. After about three-and-a-half hours mopping the accident scene, an empty fuel tanker came to transfer and decant excess diesel. As the diesel transfer began an explosion rang out across Mudgee's CBD. Several nearby offices were evacuated, including Mid-Western Regional, the Mudgee Region Tourism Office and Mudgee Post Office. The explosion was believed to be a



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build up of static electricity. Local emergency services created a 200-metre exclusion zone around the accident scene at the intersection of Market and Dourou Streets. The perimeter was established as a precaution and affected streets were closed as residents were urged to avoid the area. The clean up began less than 10 minutes after the diesel tanker overturned, navigating the intersection's roundabout at about 7.20am. Diversions were made as emergency crews began clearing the accident and mopping spilt diesel. Thousands of litres of diesel spilled and NSW Fire and Rescue, along with a specialist HAZMAT crew placed mounds of soil at the bottom drain on Dourou Street to stem the flow. Mid-Western Regional Council placed booms in the Cudgegong River to stop fuel flowing downstream. The driver did not suffer major injuries and police conducted a roadside breath test at the scene. The tipped tanker was carrying about 11,000 litres of diesel at the time and had a trailer also carrying diesel. The tanker was allegedly travelling at about 40km/h.

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AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, JANUARY 15 2014. TRIO OF BIDDERS LINE UP FOR SHELL'S \$3B SELL-OFF



The battle for Royal Dutch Shell's Australian service stations is heating up, with three consortia involving global investors such as Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan and the Abu Dhabi - Investment Council in the final stages of a \$3 billion auction, reports The Australian Financial Review. It is believed private equity firm TPG has teamed up with Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan as well as the Kuwait Investment Authority. Vitol, the world's largest oil trader, and the Abu Dhabi Investment Council, are also working together. Macquarie Group and Thailand's PTT make up the third group. Sources close to Shell said a deal could be signed as early as next week. The Shell assets up for grabs include its refinery in Geelong, several import terminals and a network of 900 branded service stations. Supermarket operator Coles is Shell's retail partner in Australia and would be watching the negotiations closely. It is not clear whether a new owner of the assets would have to renegotiate petrol supply and lease agreements with Coles. BP is also mulling the sale of its downstream business in Australia as the oil majors seek to channel investment into higher-returning businesses in oil and gas production and bigger growth markets. BP's chief economist told The Australian Financial Review in February 2012 that the future of the refining industry was dire, with excess global capacity and the rise of alternative fuels sounding the death knell for many existing plants. Analysts have weighed in, pointing out that Australian refineries are smaller, older and less complex than their international peers, which can take a variety of crudes. The strong Australian dollar has added to the pain. Archer Capital got the ball rolling with the \$625 million-plus sale of petrol retailer and distributor Ausfuel in February to Trafigura's Puma Energy. Shell, BP, Macquarie and TPG

have declined to comment.

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USA, WI, HARSHAW, JANUARY 15 2014. UPDATE: NAMES RELEASED IN PROPANE TANKER CRASH IN ONEIDA COUNTY

We know now the names of three people who died after a propane tanker and a car collided on Highway 51 near Harshaw Tuesday afternoon. The Oneida County Sheriff's Department says Justine G. Ringberg, 22, of Bayfield and Raquel E. Nunez, age 22 of New York, New York were in the passenger car. The driver of the propane tanker was Jeremy J. Ritchie, age 22 of Minocqua. Traffic was blocked for hours in both directions of the highway. Just after one o'clock, the car hit the propane tanker near Highway 51 and Fernwood Road near Harshaw. An investigation by the Oneida County Sheriff's Office says the car was headed southbound and entered the northbound lane where it hit the propane tanker. The Oneida County Sheriff's Office and Oneida County Medical Examiner's Office are continuing their investigation into the events surrounding vehicle crash.

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