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### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, CAIRNS, JUNE 28 2014. MAN DIES IN QLD PETROL TANK EXPLOSION

A man has died and another is being treated for serious burns after a petrol tank exploded at a cattle station in Queensland's far north. THE men, aged 60 and 48, were welding the tank at the western Cape York property when it exploded on Thursday afternoon, police say. Both suffered serious burns and were airlifted to hospital in Cairns. The 60-year-old man died on Friday. The other is in a serious condition and being treated for extensive burns.

<http://www.news.com.au/national/breaking-news/man-dies-in-qld-petrol-tank-explosion/story-e6frku9-1226969786815>

### TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, LA BREA, JUNE 28 2014. DANGEROUS OIL SPILL REMNANTS STILL ON THE BEACH

*innis francis*

Fishermen and Friends of the Sea (FFOS) secretary Gary Aboud is calling on Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar to retract the statement she made four months ago that the oil spill in La Brea was under control. On Wednesday, Aboud visited Station Beach, La Brea, where areas were still covered by black oil residue and several dead fish. He claimed a lot of what covered the coastline was oil mixed with Corexit 9500, a chemical used in the clean-up of the oil spill which occurred last December in the Gulf of Paria, originating from State-owned Petrotrin. Aboud said the Government continued to ignore several appeals issued since the oil spill which residents, fishermen and the people of Trinidad and Tobago need answered. "Since January/February, there is a change in tidal movement ... a big influx of sand that came and covered up the Corexit oil that was abandoned on the beach and the shallow area. We are now in June, the waves have changed and are coming and removing the sand and it is being depleted and uncovering the oil and that oil is mixed with Corexit and washing into the sea," said Aboud. "We are calling on the EMA (Environmental Management Authority) to do what they have the authority to do and to command and force Petrotrin to dispatch crews to come in and clean it up." Aboud said the Prime Minister deployed a special Cabinet committee to investigate the oil spill to come up with remedial action. And six weeks ago, Environment and Water Resources Minister Ganga Singh announced the report on the oil spill by the emergency investigative unit was ready, but the public was not made aware of the findings. "Why did they not report it publicly? What does the report say about the Corexit ... and that our reading has shown it is highly toxic. Why is it being kept secret?" asked Aboud. He said because of the oil spill there was a decline in fishermen's catch from 40 to 80 per cent. And the beaches were unsafe for beach goers as the waters remain toxic. Since the spill, several dead dolphin, fish, crabs and birds have washed ashore. Aboud dismissed claims that only one species of fish was washing up dead, adding that along the beach on Wednesday dead catfish and moonshine were found.

<http://www.trinidadexpress.com/news/Aboud-Dangerous-oil-spill-remnants-still-on-the-beach--264835231.html>

### USA, VA, NORFOLK, JUNE 28 2014. 3,500 GALLONS OF DIESEL FUEL SPILLS AT HRT IN NORFOLK

 **Watch the Video** [Traffic Snarled on Monticello Avenue & Granby Street in Norfolk due to Fuel Leak](#)



Workers close the lid to a man hole after placing absorbent booms into the sewer along a closed area of Monticello Avenue on Friday, June 27, 2014, in Norfolk. Monticello was closed from Princess Anne Road to 21st Street after 3,500 gallons of diesel fuel leaked this morning in the 1600 block of Armistead Ave. at 17th Street near Monticello.

About 3,500 gallons of diesel fuel leaked this morning in the 1600 block of Armistead Ave. at 17th Street near Monticello. The spill happened about 7 a.m. at Hampton Roads Transit when a sensor called for No. 2 diesel fuel to be pumped to a generator that already had fuel, said HRT spokesman Tom Holden. Fuel spilled out of the tank, onto the ground and headed toward nearby city storm drains. The pump was shut down. No injuries were reported. Firefighters who specialize in hazardous materials were at the scene this

afternoon along with the Fire Marshal's Office, Department of Environmental Quality and a contractor to assess the extent of the spill and remove the fuel. Crews were checking storm drains and a three-block radius was closed to traffic to allow them to work, Holden said. Monticello Avenue was closed in both directions from Princess Anne Road to 18th Street, said Norfolk Fire-Rescue Battalion Chief Julian Williamson. About 3 p.m., a post on the city's Facebook page said all streets closed because of the spill were open again. No businesses are affected by the spill, Williamson said. "Right now, this doesn't appear to be a hazard to the community," Williamson said.

<http://hamptonroads.com/2014/06/firefighters-assessing-underground-leak-norfolk>



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### USA, MI, LANSING, JUNE 28 2014. CITY SEARCHES FOR SOURCE OF GRAND RIVER OIL SPILL, CLEAN UP CONTINUES

*nicole chadwick*

 **Watch the Video** [Spills becoming Common in River](#)

"We both got headaches...standing by the river and just smelling the fumes" Julie Powers, executive director of the Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council, spent hours at Turner park late Thursday night and early Friday morning breathing in the smell of gasoline and motor oil from the grand river. The spill was reported Thursday afternoon. City workers say it's extremely difficult to tell how much spilled into the river, or where it came from. "The problem that we've got here is that this seems to be a regular occurrence," Powers said. "And maybe it's completely coincidence that it seems to happen on a monthly basis." Powers says this is the fourth time in the past year she's seen an oil spill in the Grand River. She thinks it may be because of illegal dumping, and she wants to know who's responsible. Chad Gamble, Lansing Public Service Department Director, says this is nothing new. But because the oil spreads so quickly, it's difficult to find the source. "We're very active and take this very seriously," Gamble said. "And if we can't find the source, we do get some intelligence on it. We will make sure that we file that and use that in the future. Gamble says he will keep investigating until he finds the source.

 **On The Web** [Turner Park Map](#)


<http://www.wilx.com/home/headlines/Workers-Cleaning-Up-Grand-River-Oil-Spill-264944931.html?ref=931>

### INDIA, GUJARAT, BHAVNAGAR, JUNE 28 2014. FIVE KILLED IN BLAST AT ALANG SHIP BREAKING YARD

Five persons were killed on Saturday and seven others injured when a blast triggered by a suspected gas leak took place in a ship being dismantled at the Alang ship-breaking yard in Bhavnagar district of Gujarat. "Five persons were killed while seven others sustained injuries after a fire broke out following a blast in the ship which was being dismantled in plot number 140 at the yard," Police sub inspector (PSI) K J Rathod of Marine Police Station, Alang said. Prima facie, the blast occurred due to sudden gas leakage when ship-breaking activity was in progress, the officer said. The intensity of the blast claimed five lives on the spot while the injured were rushed to the nearest hospitals for treatment, he said.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Five-killed-in-blast-at-Alang-ship-breaking-yard/articleshow/37382768.cms>

### NIGERIA, PORT OF QUA IBOE OIL TERMINAL, JUNE 28 2014. FIRE GUTS EXXON-MOBIL'S TANK FARM

 **Map:** [Qua Iboe Terminal, Nigeria](#)



A crude oil storage facility belonging to Mobil Producing Nigeria (MPN), operator of NNPC/MPN joint venture at Qua Iboe Terminal in Ibeno Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom was gutted by fire in the early hours of Friday. The fire, Saturday Tribune learnt, was caused by leakage of crude oil from one of the ExxonMobil's Tank Farms, at about 9:00a.m. on Friday, but did not extend beyond the company's facility. According to eyewitnesses, "It was about 9:00a.m. on Friday that we received information that there is a fire outbreak in Mobil facility in QIT, Ibeno as a result of crude oil leakage that burnt a few barrels of crude oil." Though fire service department was said to have swung into action to put out the fire preventing it from escalating to other parts of the tank farm, some barrels of crude were said to have been destroyed. In a reaction to the report, Mr Akaninyene Esiere, the Manager, Public and

Government Affairs, QIT, in a telephone interaction with confirmed the incident, stating that the fire was caused by a strike of lightning even as the situation. According to him; "Mobil Producing Nigeria, operator of the NNPC/MPN Joint Venture, confirms a fire incident this morning at our storage tanks in Qua Iboe Terminal. "The fire was caused by a lightning strike and was safely extinguished by noon today (Friday). All personnel in the facility are accounted for and there are no injuries. No oil was released in the incident."

<http://www.tribune.com.ng/news/news-headlines/item/9226-fire-guts-exxon-mobil-s-tank-farm>

### USA, W.VA, CHARLESTON, JUNE 29 2014. BUREAU OF PUBLIC HEALTH RELEASES CHEMICAL SPILL DATA

*suzanne higgins*

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Public Health released Friday [information](#) from physicians who reported seeing patients outside of the ER for symptoms possibly associated with the Elk River Chemical Spill.



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The Bureau reached out to 800 health care providers across the 9 counties affected by the Jan. 9 chemical spill. Sixty three reports were submitted by physicians who documented seeing patients with complaints including itching and irritation followed by a rash, eye irritation or pain, vomiting, and coughing and wheezing. The bulk of the complaints came in the first two weeks following the spill, and were gathered through the end of May. The Commissioner for the Bureau for Public Health, Dr. Letitia Tierney, said in a news release that the information is consistent with what has been previously reported by the West Virginia Poison Center, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department. Tierney said the Bureau for Public Health is continuing to compile and review data to better understand the health impact of the chemical spill.

 **Related Stories** [DHHR release reports from doctors following chemical spill/water emergency](http://www.dhhr.org/newsroom/2014/06/03/dhhr-release-reports-from-doctors-following-chemical-spill-water-emergency)  
<http://wvpublic.org/post/bureau-public-health-releases-chemical-spill-data>

### USA, TX, SAN ANTONIO, JUNE 30 2014. STATE SENDS ENFORCEMENT NOTICE TO TRUCKING COMPANY FOR KARNES SPILL

*jennifer hiller*

Don't mess with Texas, even when it seems like no one's watching. The [Texas Commission on Environmental Quality](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/) has sent a notice of enforcement to a Falfurrias company, alleging that one of its trucks spilled 128 barrels — 5,376 gallons — of flowback water over 9 miles of roadway in Karnes County in the early-morning hours of March 10. The spill was caught on a game camera, but not before the state had to close much of FM 81 and FM 1144 for days for cleanup. The truck left the scene, and the cleanup cost the [Texas Department of Transportation](http://www.txdot.gov/) about \$228,000, according to records obtained under the Texas Public Information Act. FM 81 reopened after two days, and FM 1144 reopened after three days. The TCEQ investigation summary says that a truck owned by On [Point Services](http://www.onpointllc.com/) LLC spilled its load between a Marathon Oil site and a disposal well. It says that a review of electronic disposal logs show that one field ticket "had to be manually entered and that no actual disposal activity occurred at the facility for that ticket." The driver told a sheriff's deputy that the pressure release valve on the transport trailer was not closing completely at times, according to the summary. The TCEQ's notice of enforcement is part of a process that can ultimately lead to a fine. The [Texas Railroad Commission](http://www.texasrailroadcommission.com/), which regulates the oil and gas industry, also is evaluating enforcement action, an agency spokeswoman said by email. Flowback is the water that returns to the surface during and after hydraulic fracturing, the process of pumping water, chemicals and sand into shale rock so that it releases oil and gas. The spill happened between 4 and 4:30 a.m., according to the TCEQ, and local officials at first didn't think that they would find the responsible company. Deputies went door to door to ask people if they had seen anything related to the spill. "We had some angry, angry people in Karnes County because of that," Sheriff [Dwayne Villanueva](http://www.sheriffdwaynevillanueva.com/) has said. One property owner had a game camera that caught an image of the truck. Game cameras are common across South Texas' hunting ranches but also are used at ranch gates or homes for security. A phone message with On Point Services LLC was not returned. Karnes County is at the heart of the Eagle Ford Shale and is the state's top producer of crude oil, last year yielding more than 56 million barrels.

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/business/eagle-ford-energy/article/State-sends-enforcement-notice-to-trucking-5585607.php>

### USA, CA, SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 29 2014. HUNTERS POINT SHIPYARD TOUR A PEEK AT \$1 BILLION CLEANUP

*michael cabanatuan*

San Francisco has big plans for Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, closed in 1974 and being cleansed of contamination by the Navy since 1991, but the city's largest piece of developable land remains a mystery to most. About 45 curious folks got a close-up look at the deactivated shipyard Saturday on a bus tour offered by the Navy's environmental cleanup program. While the focus of the tour was the \$1.1 billion cleanup effort, the group also got a glimpse behind the locked gates and chain-link fences. During the nearly two-hour tour, they saw already cleansed hillsides, big pits where soil is being tested and fields where it's inspected. They rolled past massive dry docks once used to repair vessels as large as aircraft carriers and a 10-story barracks that was never inhabited. Tour-goers also got close-in views of the six-story glass periscope tower, the world's largest traveling movable gantry crane, the sound stage where "James and the [Giant Peach](http://www.giantpeach.com/)" was filmed - and a coyote trotting past an air-monitoring station. San Francisco plans to redevelop the shipyard, long used by the Navy for shipbuilding and repair. Some of the historic structures will stay, but most of the three-story ramshackle wooden buildings will be demolished and replaced with 12,000 new homes and apartments, shopping areas and office and manufacturing buildings, along with hundreds of acres of open space. But before the city can proceed, the Navy has to clean the 440-acre site of contaminants ranging from radium, arsenic, nickel and manganese to dioxins, PCBs and chlorinated solvent - and it's a big job, the biggest



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base cleanup in the world, according to the person in charge of the cleanup. "They call this the billion-dollar base," said [Keith Forman](#), the Navy's environmental coordinator for the shipyard and Saturday's tour guide. The Navy has spent about \$800 million on the cleanup, and expects to spend another \$300 million to \$400 million before it hands over the final pieces of land to the city in 2021. "It's just got a lot of contamination," he said. "Much of it is low-level contamination, but it is spread all over the base." The Navy has already turned over 25 acres to the city, and the first cluster of apartments and condominiums is under construction at the corner of Innes Avenue and Donahue Street. Much more land is expected to be cleaned up and transferred to the city in the next two years. While the extended cleanup and the development plans have generated controversy in the Bayview-Hunters Point community, there was no animosity or political bickering aboard the bus. The tour, which is held a couple of times a year, was open to the public and attracted mainly neighbors of the sprawling shipyard. They asked so many questions - ranging from the types of contaminants to the plans for the giant crane (undetermined) - that the tour leaders had to limit them so the bus could keep moving. Tour-goers applauded Forman and said they enjoyed the tour. "I didn't feel like we got a lot of political spiel," said [Christina Pavlov](#), who lives in the Bayview. "I had expected PR spin. But they answered everybody's questions." [Molly Bloom](#), who moved to the Bayview three years ago, said she took the tour to satisfy her curiosity about the shipyard. "It was great learning about what happened here and about what the Navy has been doing," she said. "I'm glad I got a chance to see the base before it's all demolished."

<http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Neighbors-get-look-at-Hunters-Point-shipyard-5586983.php>

### UK, LONDON, JUNE 29 2014. MURPHY OIL AGREES TO SELL UK'S MILFORD HAVEN REFINERY TO KLESCH-MP

*simon falush*

Murphy Oil has agreed to sell its Milford Haven refinery in Wales to oil entrepreneur Gary Klesch, the local member of parliament told a regional newspaper. "I am delighted with the breakthrough in negotiations over the sale of the Murco oil refinery in Milford Haven," Stephen Crabb, MP for the area in south west Wales where the refinery is located, told the Western Telegraph. Murphy was unable to provide an immediate response to the report. The plant is currently not buying [crude oil](#), but recycling oil products to keep it operational. Murphy started a 45-day consultation period in April with staff and unions, which it has left open since it lapsed in May. A source told Reuters on Thursday that any deal would likely value the plant at close to zero, but any sum paid for the plant would include oil inventories. The Klesch Group is a global industrial commodities business, with three divisions specialising in the production and trading of chemicals, metals and oil. Nobody at Klesch was immediately available to comment on Sunday. The roughly 500 workers at the plant will be relieved if the deal does go through, as it was widely thought the plant was heading for closure. Refineries in Europe are being squeezed by high crude prices and low refining margins due to weak demand for fuel.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/06/29/milford-haven-talks-breakthrough-idUSL6N0PA05A20140629#>

### USA, IN, VALPARAISO, JUNE 29 2014. | PORTER HOSPITAL FAILED TO OBTAIN COUNTY FUEL TANK PERMITS

*bob kasarda*

Porter Regional Hospital did not secure the necessary county permits before installing two underground diesel fuel tanks at the site of its new facility at Ind. 49 and U.S. 6. "It basically comes down to a safety issue and an environmental issue as well," said Russell Shirley, director of the Porter County Emergency Management department. In a statement issued Friday afternoon hospital officials stated, "Porter Regional Hospital is committed to fulfilling all necessary county permitting requirements and has already reached out to the appropriate department to correct this." Shirley said earlier in the day a hospital official told him they intend to obtain the permits, which will cost a total of \$100. The hospital, which opened in August 2012, did obtain permits for the fuel tanks from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, according to Public Information Officer Amy Smith. The hospital installed a 15,000-gallon and a 30,000-gallon tank used to hold diesel fuel for emergency generators, she said. The tanks were installed in May 2011 and were found to be in compliance during a June 16 inspection, Smith said. She said the department found the tanks to be a safe system that would give alarm to any leaks. Shirley said applicants for the county permits typically bring in information indicating they have clearance from the state. He said the county permits are important because they provide details about the underground tanks that need to be taken into consideration if emergency or environmentally-threatening situations occur. "We need to know where the tanks are at," Shirley said. Porter County Plan Commission Executive Director Robert Thompson said in March his office was unable to locate the original permits issued for the construction of the hospital and a nearby medical office building. He declined further comment, citing an FBI investigation into county government that was under way at the time. His office had released at least two different replacement versions of the permit for the medical office building, each with different owners listed. Shirley said he was



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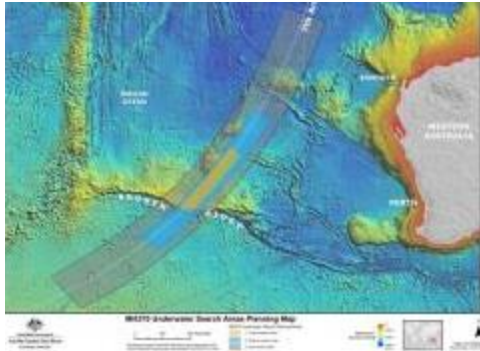
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confident his office had not issued and lost the permits for the underground storage tanks. Each permit issued by that office is numbered, so it would be easy to determine if something were missing, he said. Shirley knew of nothing that would allow his office the power to enact a fine against the hospital for its failure to obtain the permits.

[http://www.nwintimes.com/news/local/porter/porter-hospital-failed-to-obtain-county-fuel-tank-permits/article\\_1fb8f285-b97b-5e6c-b1aa-2af109de3f45.html](http://www.nwintimes.com/news/local/porter/porter-hospital-failed-to-obtain-county-fuel-tank-permits/article_1fb8f285-b97b-5e6c-b1aa-2af109de3f45.html)

### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, JUNE 29 2014. MH370 PASSENGERS DIED OF SUFFOCATION AS PLANE CRASHED INTO OCEAN: REPORT

 **Watch the Video** [Malaysia Jet Passengers Likely Suffocated, says Australia](#)



*In this map provided on Thursday, June 26, 2014, by the Joint Agency Coordination Centre, details are presented in the search for the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 in the southern Indian Ocean.*

The passengers and crew of the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 most likely died from suffocation and coasted lifelessly into the ocean on autopilot, a new report released by Australian officials on Thursday said. In a 55-page report, the Australian Transport Safety Board outlined how investigators had arrived at this conclusion after comparing the conditions on the flight with previous disasters, although it contained no new evidence from within the jetliner. The report narrowed down the possible final resting place from thousands of possible routes, while noting the absence of communications and the steady flight path and a number of other key abnormalities in the course of the ill-fated flight. "Given these observations, the final stages of the

unresponsive crew/hypoxia event type appeared to best fit the available evidence for the final period of MH370's flight when it was heading in a generally southerly direction," the ATSB report said. All of that suggested that the plane most likely crashed farther south into the Indian Ocean than previously thought, Australian officials also said, leading them to announce a shift farther south within the prior search area. The new analysis comes more than 100 days after the Boeing 777, carrying 239 passengers and crew, disappeared on March 8 shortly after taking off from Kuala Lumpur bound for Beijing. Investigators say what little evidence they have to work with suggests the plane was deliberately diverted thousands of kilometres from its scheduled route before eventually plunging into the Indian Ocean. The search was narrowed in April after a series of acoustic pings thought to be from the plane's black box recorders were heard along a final arc where analysis of satellite data put its last location. But a month later, officials conceded the wreckage was not in that concentrated area, some 1,600 km (1,000 miles) off the northwest coast of Australia, and the search area would have to be expanded. "The new priority area is still focused on the seventh arc, where the aircraft last communicated with satellite. We are now shifting our attention to an area further south along the arc," Australian Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss told reporters in Canberra. Truss said the area was determined after a review of satellite data, early radar information and aircraft performance limits after the plane diverted across the Malaysian peninsula and headed south into one of the remotest areas of the planet. "It is highly, highly likely that the aircraft was on autopilot otherwise it could not have followed the orderly path that has been identified through the satellite sightings," Truss said. The next phase of the search is expected to start in August and take a year, covering some 60,000 sq km at a cost of A\$60 million (\$56 million) or more. The search is already the most expensive in aviation history. The new priority search area is around 2,000 km west of Perth, a stretch of isolated ocean frequently lashed by storm force winds and massive swells. Two vessels, one Chinese and one from Dutch engineering company Fugro, are currently mapping the sea floor along the arc, where depths exceed 5,000 metres in parts. A tender to find a commercial operator to conduct the sea floor search closes on Monday.

<http://www.deccanchronicle.com/140628/world-asia/article/malaysia-jet-passengers-likely-suffocated-says-australia>

### AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE, JUNE 30 2014. PNG'S INTEROIL TO SELL REFINING ARM TO PUMA ENERGY

*sonali paul*

InterOil Corp has agreed to sell its Papua New Guinea oil refinery and petroleum products distribution business to Singapore-based Puma Energy Group for \$526 million to focus on its natural gas business, the PNG company said on Monday. "Our upstream and LNG business has become core to the company's growth and, as a result of the success we have had in



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discovering and monetizing gas, the time is right to focus on this part of our business," InterOil chief operating officer Jon Ozturgut said in a statement.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/06/30/papua-interoil-puma-energy-idUSL4N0PB1G220140630>

### USA, ARK, MAYFLOWER, JUNE 30 2014. ARKANSAS SPILL POLLUTION CASE CAN PROCEED VS. EXXON, COURT SAYS



*ExxonMobil's Pegasus pipeline is seen here exposed and suspended in Hardin County, Texas, in May 2013. A joint federal-state lawsuit involves the portion of the pipeline that ruptured in Arkansas, but a federal judge in that case has ordered Exxon to comply with requests for information about the entire length of the 858-mile Pegasus pipeline, which stretches from Patoka, Ill. to Nederland.*

Potentially potent lawsuit claiming Exxon violated pollution laws after its 2013 Mayflower oil pipeline spill survives dismissal attempts. Federal and state attorneys who sued ExxonMobil Corp. over its Arkansas pipeline spill have won court rulings to keep the lawsuit alive and to deny the company's attempt to limit the information it must provide in the case. The rulings, which came earlier this month, represent a critical step forward for a case that has moved slowly since it was filed a year ago. The lawsuit, filed June 13, 2013 in U.S. District Court in Little Rock, Ark., accuses Exxon of violating federal and state air and water pollution laws as well as Arkansas' hazardous waste regulations. U.S. District

Judge Kristine G. Baker on June 9 rejected Exxon's request to have the lawsuit dismissed, concluding that the governments had sufficient grounds to proceed with the case. In a separate ruling, she ordered the oil company to provide opposing attorneys with overdue documents and other requested information by July 10. Baker also said that Exxon must disclose its current estimate for how much oil was spilled, and must comply with requests for information about the entire length of the 858-mile Pegasus pipeline, not just a portion of it. "We are currently in the discovery phase of the lawsuit as we move toward a trial date that we expect to be set in the second half of 2015," said Aaron Sadler, spokesman for Attorney General [Dustin McDaniell](#), in an e-mailed statement. With the court's rulings, he added, "We can proceed with the litigation." The jointly-filed government [case](#) seeks civil penalties that could dwarf the \$2.66 million [proposed fine](#) from the [Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration](#). PHMSA, the nation's pipeline regulator, proposed the penalty for Exxon after a post-spill investigation [found "probable violations"](#) of federal pipeline regulations. Exxon has [challenged](#) the PHMSA fine. The federal lawsuit in Arkansas and PHMSA's regulatory case are just a few of the legal entanglements that have occupied Exxon since March 2013, when the company's [Pegasus](#) oil pipeline [burst open](#) in Mayflower, Ark. The 1940s-era pipeline ruptured and sent an estimated 210,000 gallons of Canadian diluted bitumen into a nearby neighborhood and cove. Since then, Exxon has spent \$75.1 million on spill-related expenses, including the purchase of more than 20 affected homes, according to spokesman Aaron Stryk. So far, the federal-state lawsuit appears to be the most potentially potent legal case against Exxon. But it's been a plodding process so far. Last August Exxon filed to have the lawsuit dismissed, arguing, among other things, that the federal Clean Water Act, which it was accused of violating, only applied to "navigable waters" traversed by ships and that the cove it fouled in Arkansas didn't qualify. The company also argued that the government claims weren't specific enough and credible enough to warrant litigation. Several months later, government attorneys sent Exxon their first request for relevant documents and information. Four months after their request, in March 2014, the attorneys sought the court's intervention to compel the oil company to provide the requested material. In their filing, federal and state attorneys told the court that Exxon provided "only a fraction of the documents" they requested, even after they extended the deadline by one month. The attorneys said that Exxon proposed to provide batches of additional information "every three weeks on Fridays"—a timetable that could extend the discovery process to September, leaving little time for review and verification before the case moves to the next phase, according to the filing. The governments also said Exxon refused to provide documents or other information for the entire Pegasus pipeline, which stretches from Patoka, Ill. to Nederland, Texas. "[Exxon attorneys,] without adequate justification have resisted or refused to produce documents in a timely manner, and have unilaterally limited their responses to the United States," the government said in seeking the court's intervention. In its response to the attorneys' complaints, Exxon said it needs extra time to comply with the information requests because the Pegasus spill has given rise to 16 lawsuits and it is responding to nearly 400 requests for information for those cases simultaneously. The company also noted that it took the two sides until March to agree on confidentiality protections for certain Exxon material. The case is now officially set for trial in



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February 2015, but the Arkansas spokesman said he expects the trial to slip by several months. The trial was initially set for October 2013.

<http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20140630/arkansas-spill-pollution-case-can-proceed-vs-exxon-court-says>

### **NIGERIA, EDO STATE, OVIA NORTHEAST, JUNE 30 2014. TWO BURNT TO DEATH, FOUR OTHERS INJURED IN BENIN FUEL TANKER ACCIDENT**

Two people were at the weekend burnt beyond recognition while four others sustained serious burns at the Oluku end of the Benin bypass in Edo State. This followed an accident involving a truck and a fuel tanker. Reports had it that the four burnt victims were rushed to the Central Hospital, Benin for medical attention. The accident, according to the reports, occurred when an articulated truck belonging Dangote Group of Companies rammed into a tanker fully loaded with 33,000 litres of Premium Motor Spirit (fuel), causing the tanker to go up in flames with two other trailers along the Benin bypass. Officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), who described the accident as "fatal" and attributed it to "wrongful overtaking" quickly called in the Fire Service whose officials put out the fire. As a result of the chaotic situation at the scene, FRSC personnel from Toll gate and Uwan Esigie Command were detailed to control traffic while others were at the entrance of the bypass diverting traffic to the town to avoid congestion near the scene. The charred bodies of the dead victims have since been deposited at Benin Central Hospital morgue, according to the FRSC Zonal Commander, Benin, Mr. Charles Akpabio who confirmed the accident.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201406300041.html>

### **MALAYSIA, PERAK, IPOH, JUNE 30 2014. TAPAH R&R CLOSED DUE TO CHEMICAL SPILL NEAR ITS EXIT**

A tanker lorry carrying the chemical "Cuprum chloride solution" started leaking near the exit of the Tapah Rest and Recreation (R&R) area at Km332 of the North-South Expressway (south bound). Perak Fire and Rescue Department director Yahaya Madis said the leakage was detected in one of the two tanker lorries. "The leaking tanker has a capacity of eight tonnes and the solution was flowing into a drain nearby. Firefighters and PLUS workers have blocked the drain," he said here today. He said the valve on the tanker had been closed, but the solution was still leaking. The incident was reported to the Tapah Fire Station at 12.58pm. The Hazardous Materials Unit (Hazmat) from the Jalan Pasir Puteh Fire Station here, was now at the scene to carry out safety measures, he said. Tapah head of Public Order and Traffic Inspector Khairul Nizam Ismail said the leakage was discovered as the tanker lorry was about to enter the expressway after refuelling at the Tapah R&R. In the meantime, a PLUSline spokesman told Bernama that PLUS had closed the entrance to the R&R to all vehicles. "The period of closure depends on the clean-up and control operations by the Fire and Rescue Department." However, so far traffic on the expressway was moving smoothly, he added

<http://www.therakyatpost.com/news/2014/06/28/tapah-rr-closed-due-chemical-spill-near-exit/>

### **USA, WA, PORT OF ALBANY, JUNE 30 2014. OIL SPILL AT ALBANY PORT CONTAINED BY CREWS**

Environmental clean-up crews have responded to an oil spill at the Port of Albany after 100 gallons of oil spilled out of a rail car. Richard Hendrick, general manager at the port, said the spill was contained by Sunday afternoon and that no oil went into the Hudson River. Hendrick says crews from the state Department of Environmental Control responded quickly to the incident. Albany's river port has emerged as a major hub for rail and barge shipments of crude oil, prompting concerns about spills and fires from some residents and environmental groups. Response crews held an oil spill drill at the port last month.

<http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/story/news/local/new-york/2014/06/29/oil-spill-albany-port-contained-crews/11716155/>

### **USA, ILL, PATOKA, JUNE 30 2014. CRUDE OIL LEAK PROMPTS ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CLOSURE**

A crude oil leak prompted the closure of US 51 just north of Patoka, the Illinois Department of Transportation said Sunday. Patoka is located between Vandalia and Centralia along Highway 51, and is about 70 miles east of St. Louis. Marion County Sgt. Kevin Cripps said there was a breach in one of the lines at the Patoka Tank Farm Crude Oil Storage Facility, which stores oil for multiple agencies, including Marathon, Amoco, Exxon Mobile, and Plaines. The leak allowed crude oil to seep into the ground, which then surfaced at a roadside ditch off US 51. According to Joseph Monroe, an IDOT spokesman, the closure is expected to remain in place until Monday, June 30. Commuters are encouraged to use Kinoka Road, I-57, IL 185 and US 40 as alternate routes.

<http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/illinois/2014/06/29/hazardous-material-release-prompts-illinois-highway-closure/11710405/>



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### USA, CA, SAN MATEO, JUNE 30 2014. FUEL SPILLS ONTO SAN MATEO STREET WHEN CAR CRASHES INTO GAS STATION PUMP

 Watch the Video [Fuel Spills >> Car Crashes into Gas Station Pump](#)

Crews cleared a fuel spill in San Mateo that happened when a driver accidentally crashed into a gas station pump Sunday afternoon. The car crash and fuel leak was reported a short time after noon at the Valero gas station at 706 E. Fourth Avenue, according to San Mateo fire Battalion Chief Joe Novelli. No one was injured in the crash, which caused about 200 gallons of fuel to spill from the pump into the south side of Fourth Avenue, Novelli said. Fire crews arriving on the scene activated an emergency shut-off switch and were able to prevent any fuel from spilling into storm drains, the battalion chief said. The gas station was closed while crews used sand and other materials to mop up the spilled gasoline. Police closed the surrounding streets to both foot and car traffic during the cleanup, which ended around 2:30 p.m., Novelli said. The crash appears to have occurred when a patron driving into the gas station attempted to turn his car around, he said.

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2014/06/29/fuel-spill-car-hits-pump-san-mateo-gas-station/>

### CANADA, ONT, TORONTO, JUNE 30 2014. HAZARDOUS GOODS ON CANADA'S RAILS EXPOSED IN EMERGENCY GUIDE



*Public interest in what is trundling by rail past their homes has ignited in the wake of the July 6, 2013, derailment in Lac-Mégantic, Que., when a runaway oil train skipped the tracks and exploded, killing 47 people.*

Emergency guide says diesel fuel was the most common hazardous good originating in Canada, with more than 42,500 carloads. It's a rare glimpse into the dangerous goods that are travelling Canada's rails. The federal government and railroad companies have long kept secret information on the types and amounts of hazardous materials transported by rail in the country. But an American railroad's emergency guide that lists the top 25 most common dangerous goods transported on the continent sheds some light on what is plying Canada's rails — materials such as chlorine, crude oil, methanol and propane. The guide, published by American railroad giant CSX, includes

statistics for the U.S., Canada and Mexico in 2012 that are compiled — though not released publicly — by the industry group the American Association of Railroads. According to the information, diesel fuel was the most common hazardous good originating in Canada, with more than 42,500 carloads. The second-most common was crude oil, at more than 33,000 carloads, followed by sulphuric acid with nearly 27,000 carloads. There are also tens of thousands of tank cars carrying some of the world's most toxic substances, such as chlorine and anhydrous ammonia. While it provides a snapshot of minimum carloads in Canada, it's not clear whether the data, self-reported by industry, includes all rail traffic of dangerous goods in Canada. And, because the data is ranked by the top 25 hazardous commodities continent-wide, it's possible that Canada alone could have large shipments of other goods that wouldn't be included. The data measures originations of hazardous materials in tank cars and non-tank cars but doesn't include information about the destinations of the cargo. The top 25 materials comprise about 90 per cent of hazardous commodities transported, according to the industry group. The railroad industry has long refused to release information publicly on the types and amounts of dangerous goods plying the rails of the continent, arguing that it's commercially sensitive and could pose a security risk. The CSX document clearly states that it is intended for emergency planning officials and "any other use is strictly prohibited without the prior consent of CSX Transportation, Inc." But it has been posted online and circulated among community groups and consultants. Public interest in what is trundling by rail past their homes has ignited in the wake of the [July 6, 2013, derailment in Lac-Mégantic, Que.](#), when a runaway oil train skipped the tracks and exploded, killing 47 people. In Toronto, [city council has called for railroads to be forced](#) to release information publicly about what is passing through the city but its demands have fallen on deaf ears. In [a recent announcement](#), Transport Minister Lisa Raitt confirmed the government won't force disclosure, saying "stakeholders are satisfied." That decision was criticized by some municipal officials throughout the GTA. "Residents want to know what hazardous materials — and how much — are going through their neighbourhoods where they're raising their kids," Toronto councillor [Josh Matlow](#) said at the time. "They feel like all this information is behind a veil of secrecy, without any reasonable explanation from government about why this is so." A [Star investigation discovered](#) that, in two 12-hour periods alone, millions of litres of crude oil, explosives, radioactive material and highly toxic chemicals were shipped through the heart of the city along Canadian Pacific's main line that runs parallel to Dupont St. Both Canada's major freight railroads, Canadian National



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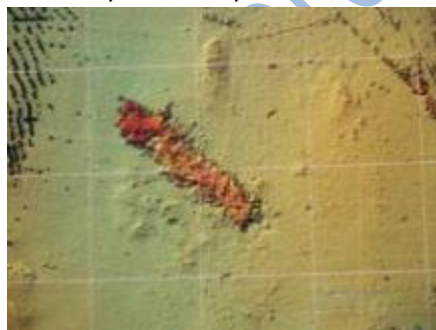
and Canadian Pacific, say they have provided municipal officials with information on the top 25 most common hazardous goods moving through their communities, upon request, for years. [Transport Canada made those disclosures a requirement in late 2013](#) with a protective direction obliging companies to provide annual aggregate information, on a quarterly basis for CN and CP, to municipalities that request it. The data is shared with a select few officials sworn to confidentiality. But industry contends the information, even its release in the form of national totals, represents a security threat. The American Association of Railroads released a circular shortly after the Lac-Mégantic disaster recommending its members provide emergency responders with lists of the top 25 hazardous commodities being shipped through their areas, with strict confidentiality agreements. And in May, the U.S. Department of Transportation ordered railroads hauling more than about 35 carloads of crude from the Bakken formation — highly volatile oil involved in a string of fiery derailments, including Lac-Mégantic — to provide state emergency planning authorities information on routes, volume and frequency of shipments. According to a statement from the American Association of Railroads, “While the U.S. government recently determined crude oil (is) not sensitive security information, railroads have asked state agencies ... not to distribute it without expressed permission.” [Some states have pushed back](#), arguing that the public has a right to know and withholding the information violates state laws. The U.S. railroad association’s Canadian counterpart, the Railway Association of Canada, does not keep statistics on hazardous goods moved by Canadian carriers. “This would have to come from the railways,” said spokesperson Alex Paterson. Ed Greenberg, spokesperson for Canadian Pacific, said the company considers the information “security-sensitive.” “... There is no consideration at this time to go beyond the current approach, which is to ensure emergency response organizations have the information at their disposal,” Greenberg wrote in an email to the Star. Similarly, CN complies with Transport Canada’s directive, providing information for emergency planning, spokesperson Mark Hallman told the Star in an email. “The direction provides strict terms and conditions for the disclosure of dangerous goods information by the railways and for the use and protection of that information by the receiving parties under confidentiality undertakings,” said Hallman. Federally regulated railroads must provide Transport Canada with statistics on the type and volume of goods they ship, said spokesperson Ben Stanford. But, under the Canada Transportation Act, those statistics can’t be released publicly if the information could be related to an individual carrier because it’s considered “commercially sensitive,” Stanford wrote in an email. That means that in some cases data on dangerous goods can’t be released because, in Canada, there are only two carriers contributing statistics. The data that is available, forwarded by Transport Canada, lists carloads of a variety of products including refined petroleum products (a category that includes everything from propane to stove oil to asphalt), chemicals and miscellaneous. It does not, for example, separate out crude oil or highly dangerous toxic-if-inhaled (TIH) chemicals such as chlorine or anhydrous ammonia. CN and CP transported more than 600,000 carloads of dangerous goods last year, about 10 per cent of total rail freight, according to Transport Canada. Under federal common carrier rules, railroads can’t refuse to transport dangerous cargo if it’s in a legal container.

#### Some of the Top Hazardous Commodities in Canada in 2012, Measured by Carloads:

Petroleum Crude Oil 33,417, Petroleum Gases, Liquefied 16,929, Sodium Hydroxide Solution 11,876, Sulphuric Acid 26,968, Diesel Fuel 42,570, Propane 20,562, Hydrochloric Acid 3,009, Molten sulphur 26,716, Chlorine 4,619, Gasoline 17,747, Anhydrous Ammonia 20,534, Methanol 6,601, Fuel, Aviation, Turbine Engine 13,006, Environmentally Hazardous Substances, Liquid, N.O.S. 6,844.

[http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2014/06/29/hazardous\\_goods\\_on\\_canadas\\_rails\\_exposed\\_in\\_emergency\\_guide.html](http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2014/06/29/hazardous_goods_on_canadas_rails_exposed_in_emergency_guide.html)

#### FINLAND, HELSINKI, JULY 1 2014. WWF FINLAND CONCERNED ABOUT OIL LEAK IN BALTIC SEA



*A sonar image of the M/S Immen as it rests on the seabed.*

A decades-old shipwreck off the coast of Sweden has begun to leak oil into the Baltic Sea. Finnish environmentalists are concerned that changing winds could push the slick towards Finland. The oil-leaking shipwreck lies on the ocean bed some 55 kilometres from the uninhabited Swedish island of Gotska Sandön. Swedish coast guard officials detected the oil slick floating on the ocean Saturday with the help of satellite surveillance. The oil was said to be coming from the ocean floor from a depth of about 100 metres, the location of the Dutch-built M/S Immen, which sank in April 1977. At the time of its demise the Immen was carrying 62 tons of oil. Swedish coast guardsmen say that the wreck is too deep to pump the oil out of its tanks, however officials are working to scrub the oil floating on the surface of the Baltic.



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### WWF Concerned about Leak

WWF Finland conservation director Jari Luukkonen said the developing situation gives cause for concern and said he hoped that Swedish officials are able to recover as much as possible of the oil. "We are all thinking of the oil leak that occurred in Raahe some weeks ago. Just three to five tons of oil got into the sea then and in spite of that it took an entire week to clean the beaches. In itself 62 tons isn't a very large amount, however if it makes it to the beaches the situation will be serious," Luukkonen explained. Current weather forecasts predict that winds will turn overnight Wednesday, possibly blowing the slick in the direction of Finland. So far however, Swedish officials have not contacted the Finnish coast guard about the leak.

[http://yle.fi/uutiset/wwf\\_finland\\_concerned\\_about\\_oil\\_leak\\_in\\_baltic\\_sea/7328068](http://yle.fi/uutiset/wwf_finland_concerned_about_oil_leak_in_baltic_sea/7328068)

### USA, N.J., WASHINGTON TWP, JULY 1 2014. WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP OIL SPILL BLAMED ON RESIDENT

 **Watch the Video** [Washington Township Oil Spill Blamed on Resident](#)



*Cleanup crews responded to the scene of a 1,000 fuel spill on Spring Lake in Washington Township Monday. Investigators are looking for the source of the spill, which was reported Sunday afternoon.*

A Washington Township resident emptying his pool is to blame for an oil spill and heavy gas fumes, according to fire officials. The resident, who authorities would not name, borrowed a vacuum truck from his employer, a company that "services refineries," according to Washington Township Fire Chief John Hoffman. The Uranus Lane man used the 3,800-gallon truck to vacuum the water out of his pool, officials said. "The vacuum truck still has 1,000 or more gallons of oil in it. He vacuumed out his pool and dumped it into the storm drain in front of his house," Hoffman said. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has not issued any citations to the resident, but the officials haven't ruled it's as an accident yet. "It's still under investigation. We're

really gathering information to understand how this occurred," NJDEP spokesman Larry Ragonese said. Hydra Lane homeowners living streamside reported heavy fumes near 11:30 a.m. Sunday then noticed an "orange slick" following the current downstream that afternoon. Police responded to Hydra Lane Sunday afternoon to investigate the reports. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection was on the scene by 8 p.m. Sunday night. While homeowners believed the contaminant to be diesel fuel, NJDEP confirmed it to be more than 1,000 gallons of "commonly used" no. 2 fuel oil - enough to fill a home heating oil tank, according to Ragonese. Hoffman said 1,000 gallons of oil could fill more than one of his department's tanker trucks. State-contracted emergency response crews with Ken's Marine Service were on the scene Monday vacuuming a thick layer of orange oil off the surface of the lake, and removing absorbent booms and sheets that collected floating oil. "They were sucking out as much as an inch-thick of product this morning," Hoffman reported Monday afternoon from a Pitman-Downer Road command post. Ragonese said the oil, which is not longer entering the lake, is contained. Fire department boats carrying animal control department workers were deployed Monday morning to search for distressed animals. Seven turtles were pulled from the lake. Only one was covered in oil, Ragonese said. Despite the strong fuel odor, Hoffman said air-quality checks show the area is safe for humans. Hydra Lane residents Dennis Millar and his brother Ron Millar, who lives next door, have kept their windows and doors closed while crews work. "As soon as I smelled it, I pulled the kids out of the pool," said Dennis Millar, who discovered the orange slick Sunday afternoon. "I was nauseous all day." Washington Township Mayor Barbara Wallace said she could smell strong fumes Sunday night at Glassboro's nearby baseball fields. She visited the site - and the Millars - Monday. "I'm concerned for the animals," she said in Ron Millar's kitchen. "We'll be on top of it. We're working very closely with the NJDEP." The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is alerted to the incident, but state officials have not requested the federal agency's help, according to EPA spokesman John Martin. It could take crews at least 48 hours to remove "the most obvious materials," Ragonese said.

<http://www.courierpostonline.com/story/news/local/south-jersey/2014/06/30/officials-probe-oil-spill-wash-twp/11785419/>

### USA, OH, DAYTON, JUNE 30 2014. OHIO THIRD IN HAZMAT INCIDENTS

Ohio ranks third nationwide in the number of serious spills involving hazardous materials on roads, rail lines, waterways and in the air since 2005, the Dayton Daily News reported Sunday. The state's 256 serious incidents involving hazardous material releases rank behind only California and Texas.

[http://bryantimes.com/news/associated\\_press/article\\_d9fd1fb2-0002-11e4-a751-001a4bcf887a.html](http://bryantimes.com/news/associated_press/article_d9fd1fb2-0002-11e4-a751-001a4bcf887a.html)



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### USA, GA, AUGUSTA, JULY 1 2014. FUEL TANKER SPILLS GASOLINE, EVACUATIONS ORDERED

 **Watch the Video** [Fuel Tanker Spills Gasoline](#)



Anthony Ferrara of Evans says, "I didn't even comb my hair and I had to get out." Ferrara has been living in the Faircloth Commons subdivision in Columbia County for twenty years. But Monday morning was anything but a normal start to the week. "All I was worried about was getting out of here. My wife kept pushing me out of here," said Ferrara. A fuel tanker hit this billboard pole at the nearby Circle K, causing 700 gallons of gasoline to spill. Columbia County emergency crews responded to the gas station within minutes. Battalion Chief Anthony Lovett of Columbia County Fire Rescue says, "That was the first thing that was done when we arrived on scene was the evacuation of Faircloth Commons."

Ferrara's neighbor was also told to leave his home early this morning. Jimmy Newman used to drive big rigs and spoke about the special training to get behind the wheel of a fuel tanker. Newman of Evans says, "It's pretty serious training because you got 6,000 gallons of flammable fuel right behind you. So you certainly don't want to have a wreck." But that's exactly what happened. Georgia EPD says several hundred gallons of premium gasoline poured into the parking lot and down the storm drain. But officials say that's where the fuel stopped. Bryan Heard, the on-scene coordinator for Georgia EPD Emergency Response Team says, "It didn't make it into the retention pond. We've got some absorbent boom in the pond just to make sure in case it starts raining it will catch anything that flows out." Contractors are removing the contaminated soil and will have it tested. Results will be back in a couple of days.

<http://www.wjbf.com/story/25907666/fuel-tanker-spills-gasoline-evacuations-ordered>

### USA, KS, LIBERAL, JULY 1 2014. NO INJURIES REPORTED IN ETHANOL PLANT EXPLOSION

*larry phillips*



*Fire trucks and other emergency responders arrive at Conestoga Energy's Arkalon Ethanol Plant shortly after 7 p.m. Sunday after reports of an explosion in a natural gas burner on the plant's feed dryer system. No one was injured in the incident, according to authorities.*

Firefighters responded to an explosion Sunday evening at Conestoga Energy's Arkalon Ethanol Plant. Fortunately, no one was injured from the blast or subsequent fire, according to Seward County Fire Chief Mike Rice. "We got the page at 7:04 p.m. (Sunday) about a possible explosion at the plant at 8000 Road P," Rice said earlier today. "Preliminary reports from plant staff is they had a natural gas explosion in a combustion burner in the feed dryer system on the second floor." Firefighters had contained the fire and left the scene at


3:18 a.m. today, but were called back out at 5:23 a.m. "We're, basically, on standby right now (9:27 a.m.) while plant staff cuts some holes in equipment so they can get to some smoldering insulation that's around some of the piping and duct work in that area," Rice said. Though no injuries occurred in the incident, Rice said preliminary reports indicate significant damage was caused by the explosion. "Early, early damages – from reports of the plant's staff – indicate damages could be in the \$1- to \$2-million range," Rice said. The exact cause of the explosion has yet to be determined, and Rice said further investigation is under way.

[http://www.leaderandtimes.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=17233:no-injuries-reported-in-ethanol-plant-explosion&catid=12:local-news&Itemid=40](http://www.leaderandtimes.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=17233:no-injuries-reported-in-ethanol-plant-explosion&catid=12:local-news&Itemid=40)

### USA, TX, CORYELL CO, JULY 1 2014. FARM EXPLOSION CLAIMS LIFE OF CENTRAL TEXAS MAN

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- [Farm Explosion Claims Life of Central Texas Man](#)
- [1 Dead, 2 Injured after Explosion at Coryell County Farm Complex](#)

 **Key Point:** Storage Tank Filled with an Agricultural Chemical Exploded

Charl Wynard Swart, 55, of McGregor, died and two other men were injured when a storage tank filled with an agricultural chemical exploded in a workshop Sunday evening on a Coryell County farm, authorities said Monday. Swart was pronounced dead a little after 6:15 p.m. Sunday at Huffman Farms at 5601 Mother Neff Parkway, just inside the Coryell County line,



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Coryell County Chief Deputy Sheriff Joe Blakley said Monday. An autopsy was ordered. A 50-year-old man who was injured in the explosion was at Baylor Scott & White Hillcrest Medical Center in serious but stable condition Monday and a 24-year-old man was flown to the Parkland Hospital in Dallas for treatment of burns, Blakley said. Blakley said it was not clear if the man's burns were thermal or chemical. The names of the two injured men weren't released. Farm owner Kevin Huffman reported the explosion at 6:11 p.m. Sunday. Coryell County deputies, Oglesby volunteer firefighters and the Gatesville fire chief responded. Blakley said there was no indication of fire, but deputies still are not clear how the explosion happened or what was contained in the storage tank. The three men "were standing very close to the tank when it exploded," Blakley said. The metal building in which the tank exploded did not suffer heavy damage, but there were indications that shrapnel from the blast left holes in the metal building and was the cause of the injuries to the three men. Huffman Farms is a major agricultural producer in the Coryell and McLennan county areas and the family has been farming in the area for many years, Blakley said. Blakley said deputies investigating the accident are waiting for the conditions of the injured men to improve so they can talk to them about what happened.

<http://www.kwtx.com/news/local/headlines/265208731.html>

### NEW ZEALAND, OHAKUNE, JULY 1 2014. COMPANIES FACE SPILL CHARGES



*The diesel spill pollutes the Makotuku Stream.*

A total of 28 charges are expected to be heard over the diesel spill at the Turoa ski area last September. Up to 19,000 litres of diesel is believed to have leaked from a tank at the ski area into the ground and the Makotuku Stream on September 26-27. The stream is a source of water for Raetihi, and the town's supply had to be shut down for several weeks. Raetihi survived on water delivered by tankers and then from the Makara Stream until residents were finally able to draw drinking water from the Makotuku again in March. Ruapehu Alpine Lifts and Petroleum Services (2001) are expected to lodge pleas to the 28

charges at their next appearance in the Taihape District Court, sitting in Ohakune, on July 11, the Ruapehu Bulletin reports. Under two breaches of the 1991 Resource Management Act, the Horizons Regional Council claim the companies allowed the discharge of a contaminant, up to 19,000 litres of diesel, from an industrial trade premises at the Turoa ski field, which entered the Makotuku Stream between September 25 and 28, 2013 the Bulletin said. The maximum fine that can be imposed by the court on each of these charges is \$600,000. WorkSafe New Zealand has also lodged 16 charges against Petroleum Services and eight against Ruapehu Alpine Lifts. Most of those charges attract a maximum fine of \$500,000. The prosecution is claiming that in August 2006 the company responsible for the installation of the tank which was used to hold the diesel failed to ensure the container system and associated pipe-work was designed, constructed, installed, tested and inspected so it was fit-for-purpose. Additional charges have also been laid pertaining to the tank's manufacture. WorkSafe NZ also claims that Petroleum Services obstructed, hindered or delayed an inspector following the September spill. The eight charges laid against Ruapehu Alpine Lifts by the Government health and safety watchdog vary in date and pertain to the maintenance and repair of the system and pipework from as early as April 2008. It is also alleged that between October 2011 and October 2013 the company failed to ensure an emergency response plan which identified every person with responsibilities; that this plan was tested every 12 months; and that between May 25, 2013, and October 21, 2013 the plan was available to the relevant people. Ruapehu Alpine Lifts is also charged that between September 27 and October 11 the company failed to take all practicable steps to notify WorkSafe New Zealand of the diesel spill as soon as possible.

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/wanganui-chronicle/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1503426&objectid=11285072](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/wanganui-chronicle/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503426&objectid=11285072)

### USA, GA, BLOOMINGDALE, JULY 1 2014. CREWS PREVENT TANKER TRUCK FIRE, POSSIBLE EXPLOSION IN BLOOMINGDALE

*alicia patterson*

Crews rushed to keep a tanker truck filled with thousands of gallons of fuel from catching fire and potentially exploding early Monday morning. The incident occurred just before 2 a.m. on I-16 at Exit 152 in Bloomingdale. The tanker was heading to Statesboro and carrying up to 8,000 gallons of gasoline when its brakes started smoking. The driver called in fire crews who managed to cooled off the brakes before there was any major danger. The incident blocked roads for 30 minutes.

<http://wjcl.com/2014/06/30/tanker-truck-near-danger/>



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### USA, MI, BRIDGETON TWP, JULY 1 2014. OIL LEAK FOUND IN MUSKEGON RIVER, DEQ HEADING CLEAN UP

*breelynn martin*

 **Watch the Video** [Oil Leak Found in Muskegon River](#)



The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and other local agencies are helping contain and clean up an oil leak in Newaygo County. The leak was spotted over the weekend by Linda Pomeroy and her family, who live along the river in Bridgeton Township. According to Pomeroy, the smell from the oil was so strong it was worse than being at a gas station while someone is pumping gas. The smell and the sheen on the river prompted her to make posts on Facebook and make some calls, which lead the DEQ to take action on Monday. "What we found is an old decommissioned oil petroleum transmission line. This is no longer carrying product actively, but it is an old decommissioned line that should have been plugged. For some reason, there is a small leak that is allowing oil in to the river," said Brad Wurfel, Communication Director for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. After they assessed the

situation a temporary fix was put in place. "Staff put a boom around the area as an emergency measure, and then were going to figure out over the next couple days to get the area cleaned up and get the leak stopped and fix the situation," said Wurfel. At this point, the DEQ does not know who owns the line, but hopes to answer that question soon. The DEQ also wants to people to know there is no imminent threat to public health from the leak and they expect to have it permanently contained in a few days. 9&10's Breelynn Martin and Photojournalist Tony Zyber spoke with Pomeroy and the DEQ.

<http://www.9and10news.com/story/25909131/oil-leak-found-in-muskegon-river-deq-heading-clean-up>

### INDIA, JHARKHAND, JAMSHEDPUR, JULY 1 2014. TRAILER HITS TANKER CONTAINING HCL; NO ONE INJURED

The discharge valve of a tanker containing Hydrochloric acid was damaged causing leakage of the chemical when a trailer dashed into it at Tata Steel's Hot Strip Mill (HSM) Transport Park here today, company sources said here. No one was injured in the incident as the company's fire brigade team immediately reached the site and diluted the leaking acid pouring water for two hours generating fumes, they said. Adequate precautionary measures have been taken to restrain further discharge of the acid, sources said.

[http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/trailer-hits-tanker-containing-hcl-no-one-injured-114063001002\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/trailer-hits-tanker-containing-hcl-no-one-injured-114063001002_1.html)

### USA, ILL, PATOKA, JULY 1 2014. US 51 REMAINS CLOSED FROM PATOKA TO VERNON

*greg sapp*

U. S. 51 from the Kinoka Road to Vernon remains closed today as a cleanup continues from the spill of an estimated 500 barrels of crude oil at the Patoka Tank Farm that is just east of the highway. Marathon Pipeline Company spokesperson Angela Graves reports they requested U. S. 51 be shutdown as a precaution because of some of the chemical odors given off by the crude oil that could make someone ill. She says Marathon's operations at the tank farm have been shut down until there is an investigation into what caused the spill. Graves says the initial work was to contain the spill. "We have a response team that will be there to do various clean-up activities from removing the material in the ditch to potentially excavating some of the soil in the area that has been impacted," said Graves. Graves says an official of the EPA is on scene monitoring the clean-up. "We have established a safe zone around the actual incident. Of course, our responders will be wearing the appropriate safety equipment to go in and do the clean-up," said Graves. "We have also taken the precautionary measure of shutting down the highway there probably through this evening just until we can get the clean-up underway." U. S. 51 has been shut down between the Kinoka Road in Patoka and Vernon until further notice. Northbound truck traffic is being diverted onto U. S. 50 to Interstate 57, while southbound truck traffic is being diverted onto Route 185 to Farina and I-57. Graves reports air testing has indicated there is no need to evacuate any residents in the area. The Marion County Sheriff's Department, Patoka Fire Department and Emergency Services and Disaster Area all assisted in shutting down traffic on U. S. 51. Many were released early Sunday afternoon after the Illinois Department of Transportation put up barricades. Marathon officials asked for the highway to be shutdown around 7:30 Sunday morning. Reports of oil in the roadside ditch began coming in during the overnight hours.

<http://www.thexradio.com/news/78-local-news/11925-us-51-remains-closed-from-patoka-to-vernon>



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### USA, ID, COEUR D'ALENE, JULY 1 2014. KIDS BURNED IN BACKYARD ACCIDENT >> MAN POURED GASOLINE INTO FIRE PIT, CAN EXPLODED

taryn thompson

 **Watch the Video** [Man Pours Gas on Fire Pit in CDA; 2 Children Burned](#)

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 **Photo's [6]** [Two Children Injured in Gas Can Explosion in Coeur d'Alene](#)

 **Photo's [2]** [Children Airlifted to Hospital after Fire Pit Explosion in Coeur d'Alene](#)



Two Coeur d'Alene children were airlifted to Seattle's Harborview Medical Center on Saturday evening after a man poured gasoline onto a backyard fire pit and the gas can caught fire. Coeur d'Alene police Sgt. Christie Wood said the 35-year-old man threw the burning gas can behind him. "It exploded," Wood said. "The contents of the gas can and the fire engulfed two children who had been sitting on a swing." Brooklynne White, 4, and Joshua Emerson, 8, were taken to Kootenai Health and then airlifted to Seattle. Wood said 35 percent of the girl's body was burned and the boy sustained burns to 20 percent of his body. Both children are expected to remain at Harborview for weeks for skin grafts and other medical treatment for second- and third-degree burns, according to relatives. The children, their families and neighbors were gathered in Emerson's backyard in the 1400 block of Norlyn Court visiting and listening to music when a friend of the Emerson family poured gas on the fire, according to Brooklynne's aunt, Errin

Bourne. Wood said the man had already poured gasoline on the fire a couple of times before the flames leapt and set fire to the 5-gallon gas can. The man grabbed Joshua to put out the flames engulfing the young boy. The girl's father, who watched the events unfold from the family's deck next door, jumped the chain-link fence separating the two yards to rush to Brooklynne's aid. Coeur d'Alene Police detectives interviewed the man responsible for the fire and took a report for injury to child. Wood said Kootenai County prosecutors will review the police report and determine if charges will be filed. "It's very rare we deal with these kind of cases," Wood said. "You don't put gasoline on fire. It's common sense. You don't have gasoline near a fire." Bourne said Brooklynne was burned on her face near her mouth and chin, as well as both legs and arms. She said she didn't have information on the extent of Joshua's injuries but said the boy remained sedated Monday morning.

#### • How to Help

A fund has been set up to help the families of Brooklynne White and Joshua Emerson with expenses including medical costs, travel, lodging and meals. Donations are being accepted online at [www.gofundme.com/aw18rc](http://www.gofundme.com/aw18rc).

#### Related Stories

- [Kids burned in backyard accident](#)
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- [Man pours gas on fire pit in CDA; 2 children burned](#)

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### USA, KS, LIBERAL, JULY 2 2014. MASSIVE DAMAGE REPORTED AT KANSAS ETHANOL PLANT DAMAGE ESTIMATES \$1- \$2 MILLION DOLLARS



Authorities in southwest Kansas say the damage from an explosion at an ethanol plant could top \$1 million. KWCH-TV reports (<http://bit.ly/1KPRmU>) the Seward County Fire Department was called to the Arkalon Energy plant in Liberal around 7 p.m. Sunday. County Fire Chief Mike Rice says plant officials told crews a piece of equipment that dries corn exploded on the second floor, blasting out three walls and blowing panels off the building. No injuries were reported. Firefighters left more than eight hours later, then were called back shortly around 5:30 a.m. Monday when the fire re-ignited. Rice says fire had gotten into insulation and ventilation pipes. Arkalon officials and their insurance



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company say the blast may have been caused by a natural gas explosion in the corn dryer's combustion chamber.

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- [Dryer explodes at Liberal ethanol plant](#)
- [Ethanol plant explosion](#)
- [Fire At Arkalon Ethanol Plant Causes Significant Damage](#)

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### USA, UT, SALT LAKE CITY, JULY 2 2014. UTAH UST PROGRAM SEEKING TANK STAKEHOLDERS' INPUT ON DRAFT RULE CHANGES DURING AN INFORMAL STAKEHOLDER COMMENT PERIOD.

*noël zak*

The Utah UST program is developing rules in response to House Bill 138 passed during the 2014 legislative session. The DERR is seeking tank stakeholders' input on draft rule changes during an informal stakeholder comment period. The draft changes can be found here <http://www.environmentalresponse.utah.gov/docs/2014/06Jun/DraftUSTRules.pdf>. Comments will be accepted through July 31, 2014 at [ustcomments@utah.gov](mailto:ustcomments@utah.gov) after a final draft is completed, a formal comment period will also be held later this year.

[environmentalresponse.utah.gov](http://environmentalresponse.utah.gov)

### ISRAEL. TEL AVIV, JULY 2 2014. ISRAEL'S DELEK GROUP SELLS EUROPE OPERATIONS FOR 355 MLN EUROS

*tova cohen*

Israeli conglomerate Delek Group said on Sunday its subsidiary Delek Europe Holdings signed an agreement to sell Delek Europe BV to a foreign fund for 355 million euros (\$484 million). Delek said 180 million euros would be paid in cash in two equal instalments while the seller would extend a loan to the buyer for the remaining 175 million. The loan would be repaid within five years and three months with interest of 5 percent annually. In April Delek said it had signed a memorandum of understanding for the sale of Delek Europe BV. The deal is subject to regulatory approval, Delek said in a statement. The name of the buyer was not revealed. Delek Europe was established in 2007 and made two big acquisitions: the operations of Chevron Corp in Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg; and the operations of BP PLC in France. BP France's operations included hundreds of fuel stations and convenience stores and holdings in three fuel storage and marketing terminals.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFL6N0PA04220140629#>

### NIGERIA, AKWA IBOM, JULY 2 2014. OIL SPILL POLLUTES 3 COMMUNITIES IN AKWA IBOM

*bernard tolani dada*



Oil spill from Mobil Producing Nigeria, the operator of Qua Iboe Terminal, has affected three communities of Nkpana; Inua Eyet Ikot and Esuk Ikim Ekeme in Ibeno Local Government area of Akwa Ibom State. The oil spill was said to have occurred when a thunderstorm sparked and caused immense tank fire. A statement by Mobile Public Affairs manager, Mr. Akaniyene Esiere said the total loss arising from oil spill had not been ascertained. Speaking on the development, the Village Head of Iwuo Okpom, a community in Ibeno, Okon Akpanubong, condemned the oil giant for endangering the lives of its host communities. Akpanubong urged Mobil Producing Nigeria (MPN) to begin the clean-up exercise of the fresh oil spill in the area without delay. He noted that the management had inspected the site and promised to get back to the communities. The Village Head lamented that there had been series of oil spill since the company came on board, thus making the local communities lose confidence in Mobil. His words: "Saturday night another super oil spill from the storage facility occurred after serious heavy rain and thunderstorms. The spill has extended to the ocean and come out to the coastal communities. "Oil spill is detrimental to health as it affects the lives of human beings, plants and fishing. He appealed to the Federal Government and other relevant agencies to come to the rescue of the Ibeno people. Also, the Coordinator of Artisan Fishermen Association of Nigeria, John Etim, said fishermen are facing untold hardship as a result of oil spill in Ibeno. He said: "Today, water is not better for the fishermen to fish; the oil spill affects the lives of the fishes and other



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aquatic life. "Every fish that lives in the water will escape to other neighbouring countries that will have clean water to survive."

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- [Oil Spillage Ravages 3 Communities In Akwa Ibom](#)

<http://leadership.ng/news/376528/oil-spill-pollutes-3-communities-akwa-ibom>

### USA, KS, SCHULTE, JULY 2 2014. UNDERGROUND GAS TANKS TARGETED BY THIEVES

deb farris

 **Watch the Video** [Underground Gas Tanks Targeted by Thieves](#)

The latest crime happened at the Schulte Food Mart on K-42 just southwest of Wichita. The owner Sham Gupta says Thursday night he noticed about 100 gallons of his premium gas from an underground tank was missing. Then Monday morning the thieves came back and stole about 250 gallons more of the fuel. Now he's out \$1,200 worth of gasoline. "There's no market in the gas, so losing \$1,200 in gas is very tough," said Gupta. He's now installing more security cameras on the back of his business. Wichita Police say they've seen five similar cases since March 17. In each case hundreds of gallons of fuel was stolen from underground tanks at gas stations. If you know anything about these thefts call Crime Stoppers at 267-211.

<http://www.kake.com/home/headlines/Underground-gas-tanks-targeted-by-thieves-265456041.html>

### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, JULY 2 2014. DANGEROUS GOODS REFORM ON THE WAY IN QUEENSLAND >> PROPOSED CHANGES WILL RESTRICT MOVEMENT OF DANGEROUS GOODS THROUGH QLD TUNNELS.

brad gardner



*Proposed reforms will make it an offence to transport dangerous goods through a tunnel in Queensland if the vehicle is fitted with a placard.*

New regulations designed to prevent commercial quantities of dangerous goods from being transported through tunnels in Queensland look likely to be introduced. The Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee this week reported on its examination of the Transport and Other Legislation Amendment Bill and has recommended Queensland's parliament pass it. The Bill will make it an offence to transport dangerous goods through a tunnel if the vehicle is fitted with a placard, which is a sign or label on the outside of the vehicle to warn large or commercial amounts of dangerous goods are onboard. Enforcement officers will automatically assume any vehicle with a placard travelling through a tunnel will be carrying a commercial quantity of dangerous goods and will issue infringement notices. "The Committee considered that the proposed new offence, which provides for a penalty and allowance of issuing infringement notices for

non-compliance, is an appropriate deterrent to reduce the incidence of vehicles transporting dangerous goods in tunnels," the committee says in its report on the Bill. The Bill stipulates that offenders will face fines or be jailed for one year if a contravention harms a person, property or the environment. Less serious breaches will attract smaller infringement notices for individuals and corporations. Footage from surveillance cameras installed in tunnels will be used to detect offences. The Bill applies a reverse onus of proof, whereby the owner of a vehicle accused of transporting a commercial quantity of dangerous goods through a tunnel will need to produce evidence to the contrary if they believe a breach did not occur. The committee supports the measure and notes in its report that the reverse onus of proof should not be too much a burden on operators if they need to demonstrate their innocence to Queensland's road authority. "The Committee considers that it is reasonable to expect that an individual charged with carrying dangerous goods will not have to expend considerable time and money in order to satisfy the Department of Transport and Main Roads that they were not carrying dangerous goods as this will be recorded in their related transport documentation," its report says. Transport and Main Roads told the committee the documentation includes details such as the type of dangerous goods being carried and the consignor's name and contact information. It adds that the information could be supplied along with trip documents. "This type of documentation could provide that the goods had



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already been delivered to their destination and that the vehicle was no longer carrying dangerous goods," the department says. "It is considered that production of this information would incur minimal time and money as these are ordinary documents used and kept by transport companies." During the committee's examination of the Bill, the Queensland Trucking Association (QTA) supported a provision to allow a driver or an operator to prove the vehicle was not carrying a commercial quantity of dangerous goods through a tunnel even if it had a placard fitted. The QTA's submission to the committee says there can be situations when vehicles are carrying small quantities of dangerous goods, such as when delivering a mixed load to retailers. "In such a situation the driver may unwittingly fail to remove the placard once that part of the load requiring the placard has in fact been delivered to the consignee," the QTA says.

<http://www.fullyloaded.com.au/news/industry/1407/dangerous-goods-reform-on-the-way-in-queensland/>

### **USA, IA, DYERSVILLE, JULY 3 2014. NO DAMAGE FROM ETHANOL PLANT FIRE >> FIRE STARTED IN DUCTWORK AFTER STORM CAUSED SHUTDOWN**

*will cushman*

A fire contained to ductwork caused no injuries or property damage at Big River United Energy's ethanol production facility in Dyersville on Monday evening.

[http://www.dyersvillecommercial.com/news/no-damage-from-ethanol-plant-fire/article\\_9092ba58-016f-11e4-8d6c-0017a43b2370.html](http://www.dyersvillecommercial.com/news/no-damage-from-ethanol-plant-fire/article_9092ba58-016f-11e4-8d6c-0017a43b2370.html)

### **USA, PA, PHILADELPHIA, JULY 3 2014. FIREBALL: ELEVEN HURT AS FOOD TRUCK EXPLODES**

 **Watch the Video 11 Hurt as Food Truck Explodes**

A mother and daughter have been critically injured when a propane gas tank on their Mexican food truck exploded. CCTV showed the moment a huge fireball engulfed the vehicle and other cars on a street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Chief Inspector Scott Small, of the Philadelphia Police Department, said the mother and daughter suffered substantial burns. At least nine other people were injured, two of whom remain in hospital in a stable condition, he said. Latayah Page, who suffered first-degree burns to the left side of her body, said: "I heard a loud boom first and then the fire just came out of nowhere." The truck, La Parrillada Chapina, serves meals for local shoppers and workers and parks up every day outside a car workshop in Philadelphia's Feltonville neighbourhood. The city's bomb squad is investigating the explosion.

<http://www.964eagle.co.uk/news/world-news/1330174/fireball-eleven-hurt-as-food-truck-explodes/>

### **USA, MI, GRAND RIVER, JULY 3 2014. ERRANT OIL ON CITY WATERS >> CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS QUESTION LACK OF NOTIFICATION ABOUT OIL SPILL, COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE RESPONSE**

*todd a. heywood*



Responding to a small oil spill on the Grand River Thursday, City Council members have questions about how the city responded and why they weren't notified. Julie Powers, executive director of the Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council, addressed the City Council General Services Committee Monday with her concerns over the city's response and lack of communications. "Every time I ask the city what is happening, I get a different answer," Powers told the committee. She said this is the fourth such incident in a year at the same location. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality concurs with Powers, telling City Pulse that the spills have been an "ongoing issue." "The committee is going to conduct an investigation" into the city's response and the source of the spills, said Councilwoman Kathie Dunbar, who chairs the committee. Dunbar said she was informed about the spill by Powers, while

Council Vice President Judi Brown Clarke said she learned of the spill from the news. Councilman Derrick Quinney said the meeting was the first time he heard about the spill. Dunbar, Quinney and Brown Clarke said they should have been notified by city officials of the incident. Mayor Virg Bernero said he did not have time to communicate with Council about the incident, and that he welcomes the investigation. Chad Gamble, the city's chief operating officer agreed, adding that the administration did not have time, or enough information, to generate a report to provide to Council on Monday. Council members expressed concern for residents who use the river near the Brenke Fish Ladder to fish for food for their families. The incident was first reported on Thursday when an employee of the DEQ noticed "sheen" in the water during a routine monitoring job related to the



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former Motor Wheel industrial site. near Saginaw and Larch streets, Sheen is a rainbow-colored slick floating on the surface of the water and is the result of oil dispersing. The sheen was tracked to the a storm sewer output less than 15 feet south of the Brenke Fish Ladder entrance, and the attached dam. "We immediately mobilized an environmental hazard response involving LFD, BWL and our Public Service Department, and also moved to inform and engage state regulatory authorities at MDEQ," Gamble wrote in an email to City Pulse late Monday. The environmental hazard response included placing booms around the area. Booms are designed to contain and absorb oil and other hazardous chemicals that float on the surface of the water. There are two types of booms, usually deployed together: a hard, plastic boom and a soft absorbent boom. The city placed only absorbent booms on the location, and on Friday, pictures and video from the location showed the contaminant was flowing under and around the soft boom and heading over the dam. A contractor was on site on Friday, vacuuming the oil from the water surface with a vacuum truck. Gamble said the water and oil removed from the river on Friday was "properly disposed of," and that the contractor was back on site Monday continuing remediation. Trent Atkins, deputy fire chief for the Lansing Fire Department, said there was no need to use a rigid containment boom. He said the city has started replacing booms every eight to 12 hours to prevent the "seeping" of product from the absorbent boom. Gamble said he had no concerns about the contractors' not using protective gear during the cleanup. On Tuesday, city and state officials held a press conference to announce a wide scale investigation into the source of the contamination. The investigation had already reviewed approximately 16 city blocks worth of storm sewer lines directly east of the spill. That track ended when the city could no longer detect the chemical agents tied to the contaminant. City officials will use code compliance and building enforcement laws to inspect properties to determine the possible source of the contamination. Anyone identified as being the cause of the contamination could face criminal charges ranging from misdemeanor to felony charges, said Lansing Police Chief Michael Yankowski.

<http://www.lansingcitypulse.com/lansing/article-10355-errant-oil-on-city-w.html>

### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, CAIRNS, JULY 3 2014. ONE MAN KILLED, ANOTHER SERIOUSLY INJURED IN TANK EXPLOSION AT CAPE YORK CATTLE STATION

*harry clarke*

A petrol tank explosion at a remote cattle station in the Gulf of Carpentaria on Thursday has left one man dead and another seriously injured. It is believed the men were conducting welding repair work on a cattle truck at a property on the west coast of Cape York Peninsula, when the tank exploded. Police said the explosion occurred about 2.15pm at Pormpuraaw, 400km south of Kowanyama, and the men, aged 60 and 48, sustained serious burns. Emergency services were called and the men were taken to a local medical facility before being airlifted by the Royal Flying Doctor Service to Cairns Base Hospital, arriving in a critical condition about 7pm. The 48-year-old man was transferred by Learjet to the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital yesterday morning but he died that evening. The 60-year-old man remains in Cairns Base Hospital in a stable condition. Originally published as [One man killed, one seriously injured as tank explodes](#)

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/one-man-killed-another-seriously-injured-in-tank-explosion-at-cape-york-cattle-station/story-fnihsrf2-1226969530511>

### USA, TX, PALO PINTO CO', JULY 3 2014. LIGHTNING HITS TWO TANK BATTERIES NEAR GRAFORD

*mark engebretson*



*Possum Kingdom East and Graford volunteer firefighters use foam and water to combat a tank battery fire on Ragle Road after it was struck by lightning June 25. Top right, a firefighter communicates with crews on the ground as they attempt to smother flames. Three 400-barrel tanks were destroyed, the one to the right was saved.*

Graford, Possum Kingdom East and Mineral Wells volunteer fire departments were kept busy after lightning struck two tank batteries in the Graford area Wednesday afternoon. The Palo Pinto County Sheriff's Office dispatcher toned out Graford VFD between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m. with a report of a lightning strike along Turpin Road about two miles north of Graford. Flames were on the ground and Graford Fire Chief Alton Reed requested mutual aid from PK East VFD — a tanker for additional water. Some 30 minutes later, the dispatcher again toned

Graford VFD with a report of another lightning strike on a tank battery, this one south of Graford along Ragle Road. Reed



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asked dispatch to call the Mineral Wells VFD. Before PK East arrived at the Turpin fire, Reed notified them that the fire was under control and asked PK East units to respond to the Ragle Road fire. Upon arrival three of four tanks were on fire. The fourth, a metal tank, was in danger. Firefighters began cooling the metal tank while a plan of attack was formulated. Graford, Mineral Wells and PK East firefighters used foam to help contain the flames while keeping oil from spreading to other areas. Reed said one tank was destroyed at the Turpin Road fire when it exploded. That spread oil across the ground. "We saved three tanks," he said. Inspectors from both the Texas Railroad Commission and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality checked the sites. Monday, Precinct 2 Commissioner Louis Ragle said the RRC inspectors were very satisfied with steps taken to clean up the Ragle Road site. TCEQ inspectors took air samples and reported test results would be available in about six weeks. Three tanks were destroyed at the Ragle Road fire, no injuries were reported.

[http://www.lakecountysun.com/news/ci\\_26075072/lightning-hits-two-tank-batteries-near-graford](http://www.lakecountysun.com/news/ci_26075072/lightning-hits-two-tank-batteries-near-graford)

### USA, IN, MARION, JULY 3 2014. CHEMICAL EXPLOSION AT INDIANA GM PLANT KILLS 1, INJURES 5

Authorities say a chemical explosion at a General Motors metal-stamping plant in Indiana has left one person dead and five others injured. Marion Mayor Wayne Seybold says a coroner has confirmed the death in Tuesday's explosion. Authorities identified the victim as James L. Gibson, 48, [WTHR reported](#). Police say five other people were being treated at a hospital with non-life threatening injuries. GM spokeswoman Stephanie Jentgen says "the situation is contained" and "everybody has been evacuated" from the plant in Marion, about 60 miles northeast of Indianapolis. The explosion involved a chlorine dioxide tank, Marion Fire Chief Paul David told WTHR.

#### Related Stories

- [Chlorine Dioxide in Explosion can cause Breathing Problems, Burns](#)
- [One Death Confirmed After Explosion at Marion General Motors Plant](#) (WTHR)
- [One Dead, Three Hurt in Indiana GM Plant Chemical Blast](#)

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/chemical-explosion-indiana-gm-plant-kills-1-injures-5-n145846>

### USA, TX, LUBBOCK, JULY 3 2014. LUBBOCK FIRE, HAZMAT RESPOND TO OIL TANK LIGHTNING STRIKE



Lubbock fire crews and a hazardous materials team put out an oil fire Wednesday at a Rip Griffin Truck Stop at 4315 Idalou Road. Officials responded just after 9 a.m. to reports of an oil storage tank that had been struck by lightning, Deputy Chief Kelly Morman said. Upon arriving, fire crews discovered the top of the tank had been blown off and the oil inside was on fire. Morman said a special unit sprayed foam on the fire for three or four minutes before the flames were abated.

<http://lubbockonline.com/filed-online/2014-07-02/lubbock-fire-hazmat-respond-oil-tank-lightning-strike#.U7TBNcanry0>

### USA, N.C, UNION CO', JULY 3 2014. FARMER SAYS TRAIN WRECK FUEL SPILL LEFT LAND INFERTILE

 **Watch the Video** [Farmer Says Train Wreck Fuel Spill Left Land Infertile](#)

A local farmer says contamination left over from a deadly train crash in Union County has rendered part of his farm useless. Now, he's suing CSX for that alleged loss of land and money he used to earn from it. George Bailey's wonderful life in Mineral Springs includes 50 years of growing vegetables to feed his family, his neighbors and his church. "Little bit of everything, squash, tomatoes," Bailey said. You can add cucumbers to that list. But Bailey says that bounty from a piece of his land near the railroad tracks ended May 24, 2011-- the day two CSX trains collided and rail cars derailed into and onto his dirt. Two people died and two others were injured. The NTSB says the probable cause was failure of the striking train crew to comply with speed restrictions required when they encountered a dark signal. Court records say nearly 5,000 gallons of diesel spilled as a result of that train wreck. The lawsuit says crews dug it up and stored it on Bailey's land, and ever since then his land has not been suitable for farming. Bailey is seeking damages alleging trespass, the taking of property, the loss of crops and emotional distress. Trey Fincher, who works at Mineral Springs Fertilizer, Inc., remembers the wreck like it was yesterday. "It was right there at our back door," Fincher said. He remembers Bailey's produce field. "Mr. Bailey definitely had a garden back there." He also remembers Bailey's attempts to restore the garden after the accident. "I know he has tried to plant some stuff



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there," Fincher said. Fincher also says a crew hired him to help clean up the mess. "I saw the cars, the diesel cars that spilled over," he said. "I don't know how bad it affected the soil, but I mean if he says he can't grow anything, I can see that happening." In court records, CSX says they left Bailey's land in as good or better shape than it was in before the train accident. The company also denies cleanup and remediation were unsuccessful. CSX graded the land, hauled off trash, spread new dirt and re-seeded the property. Court records also show Bailey wanted \$150,000 dollars to settle without going to court, but CSX offered \$20,000 dollars. At 82-years-old, it looks like George Bailey's wonderful life in Mineral Springs is heading to a jury trial. The Bailey family recently filed the lawsuit to beat the three year statute of limitations. CSX is asking the court to dismiss it.

<http://www.wcnc.com/news/local/Farmer-says-train-wreck-fuel-spill-left-land-infertile-265597771.html>

### USA, TX, LONGVIEW, JULY 3 2014. TANKER TRUCK CATCHES FIRE IN I-20 WRECK

**Photo's [20] I-20 tanker truck wreck**



*Crews work Wednesday to a tanker truck that caught fire on Interstate 20 near Estes Parkway.*

Update: Westbound lanes of Interstate 20 have been reopened to traffic. Two people from the pickup truck were taken to Good Shepherd Medical Center with non life-threatening injuries, according to Longview Fire Marshal Johnny Zackary. Westbound lanes of Interstate 20 are still closed to traffic after a wreck caused the contents being hauled by a tanker truck to catch fire. Emergency crews are still at the scene after having used soapy water to extinguish the blaze. The crash happened when a truck behind a tanker was hit from behind, forcing it to crash into the rear of the tanker truck. The driver of the tanker said the truck caught fire immediately when it struck the tanker. Stacy Scott, driver of the tanker, said a woman's legs were on fire when he tried to pull her out of the

burning truck that struck the tanker. She was able to get out of the truck at the "last minute," Scott said. Westbound traffic is being routed off I-20 at the Eastman Road exit. Eastbound I-20 traffic was being rerouted at the FM 2087 exit, but it is now moving freely. Gregg County deputies were called to assist with traffic control.

[http://www.news-journal.com/multimedia/photos/i--tanker-truck-wreck/collection\\_c196cc26-023b-11e4-9eeb-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.news-journal.com/multimedia/photos/i--tanker-truck-wreck/collection_c196cc26-023b-11e4-9eeb-0019bb2963f4.html)

### PAKISTAN, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA, KARAK, JULY 3 2014. THREE BURNT IN TANKER-TRAILER COLLISION

Three people were burnt alive when an oil tanker and a trailer rammed into each other on the Indus Highway here on Tuesday night. Police said on Wednesday that the oil tanker (TLH-753 Lasbela) crashed into the trailer (TLQ 550) coming from Peshawar, at Speena Banad Mor, causing both the vehicles to catch fire. The cleaner and driver of the oil tanker and the trailer driver were burnt alive in their vehicles. OGDCL fire tenders, workers and police put out the burning vehicles and retrieved the bodies after hectic efforts. However, the bodies were beyond recognition. The trailer driver was identified as Mohammad Khalid of Rahimyar Khan from the documents found on the spot. The bodies were handed over to legal heirs.

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1116743/three-burnt-in-tanker-trailer-collision>

### AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE, JULY 3 2014. FINE AFTER WORKER RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS

Enviropacific Services Pty Ltd

Enviropacific Services Pty Ltd (ACN 111 372 064) deals with contaminated soils at varying site locations, asbestos removal and the remediation of sites as well as treatment and disposal of contaminated soil. The accused was contracted to remove service station tanks and decontaminate soil at a site in Langwarrin, including backfilling of open penetrations on the site. On 19 October 2012, a worker was driving a skid steer loader that fell into an open penetration containing contaminated water. Part of the fencing around the open penetration was removed such that no physical controls were in place to fence the edge of the open penetration. The loader filled with the contaminated water and sank below the water line, and the worker was trapped inside the loader. He was rendered unconscious before being rescued, and was hospitalised for a number of days. On 12 June 2014, Enviropacific Services Pty Ltd pleaded guilty to one charge pursuant to sections 21(1) and 21(2)(a) of the OHS Act. The company was fined \$95,000 without conviction and ordered to pay costs of \$14,702 (Melbourne Magistrates' Court ).

<http://www.vwa.vic.gov.au/laws-and-regulations/enforcement/prs/june2014/enviropacific-services-pty-ltd>



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