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USA, W.V, NEW CUMBERLAND, JULY 11 2014. CSB TO RELEASE REPORT ON FATAL EXPLOSION, FIRE

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) will hold a meeting July 16 to release its findings on an explosion and fire that killed three employees in December 2010 as they worked with a metallic dust at the AL Solutions titanium plant in New Cumberland, WV. An independent federal agency that reviews and investigates explosions, the CSB will release its findings and discuss methods to avoid and prevent future incidents. The meeting is free and open to the public and will be held at the Four Points Sheraton in Charleston, WV. The fire and explosion occurred while the three men worked with titanium powder – a highly explosive material. OSHA cited the company for several violations for the explosion, including one willful violation and 16 serious violations. OSHA fined the company more than \$154,000 for the incident. The company also reached a settlement earlier this year to pay nearly \$200,000 in civil penalties to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Labor for the incident. Lawsuits by members of the men killed in the accident are still pending in the courts.

<http://www.powderbulksolids.com/news%5CCSB-to-Release-Report-on-Fatal-Explosion.-Fire-07-10-2014>

USA, PA, HARRISBURG, JULY 11 2014. TRUCK DRIVER PLEADS GUILTY IN I-81 FUEL TANKER FIRE

mark hall



A Dover truck driver will pay more than \$800 in fines for causing a fuel tanker fire along Interstate 81 near Harrisburg last year. Thomas Uecker, 53, pleaded guilty to three summary traffic violations before a district judge Wednesday. Uecker was behind the wheel of a tanker truck that overturned and caught fire after it struck a guardrail on the ramp from I-81 North to Route 22/322 West in Susquehanna Township on May 9, 2013. The flames destroyed both the ramp and the Route 22 East bridge above it. Uecker still faces several summary charges for the deaths of several animals at Wildwood Park. The case was continued for 90 days to give attorneys more time to reach a settlement with the trucking company's insurance carrier. Dauphin County spent nearly \$5,000 on the cleanup of Wildwood Lake.

PennDOT spent \$13 million on repairs to the damaged ramp and bridge, both of which reopened to traffic last fall. They used mostly federal tax dollars and are still looking to recoup some money from the insurance company.

<http://www.abc27.com/story/25979150/truck-driver-pleads-guilty-in-i-81-fuel-tanker-fire>

USA, MI, MONROE CO, FRENCHTOWN TWP, JULY 11 2014. FERMI 2 PLANT REPORTS DIESEL FUEL LEAK, FEDS SAY



The Fermi II Power plant in Monroe.

Federal officials say the Fermi 2 nuclear power plant in southeastern Michigan has reported a 2,500 gallon diesel fuel leak from one of its gas turbine generators. The Monroe News reports the leak and spill happened around midday Tuesday at the DTE Energy Co. facility along Lake Erie in Monroe County's Frenchtown Township. Plant spokesman Guy Cerullo tells the Associated Press on Thursday that the spill was captured in a containment basin that's designed for that purpose. Brian Kemker, Fermi resident inspector for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, says no fuel reached the ground or any navigable water. The cause of the leak was under investigation. Cerullo says the spill was cleaned up. State environmental officials were notified. Kemker says the spill won't trigger any extra inspections for the plant.

<http://www.freep.com/article/20140710/NEWS06/140710011/Fermi-2-plant-reports-diesel-fuel-leak-feds-say>

USA, MT, LIVINGSTON, JULY 11 2014. PUNCTURED GAS TANK CAUSED FIRE THAT TOOK LIFE OF 4-YEAR-OLD

A 4-year-old Billings girl died Wednesday when the vehicle she was in caught fire on Interstate 90 West between Big Timber and Livingston. Three others were injured. The cause of the fire was a punctured gas tank, according to Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Eric Fetterhoff. The 2002 Subaru Impreza occupied by five people erupted in flames a little before 6 p.m. on Wednesday as two Billings families were driving separately to Oregon for vacation. The Impreza was occupied by a 40-year-old woman. Her 14-year-old daughter was in the passenger seat, and her 4-year-old daughter was in the back in a forward-facing car seat. Two girls, 7 and 9, sat beside the 4-year-old. Their father was following in an SUV. Fetterhoff said the father



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radioed to the woman driving the car that he could smell gas and told her to pull over. The father later told Fetterhoff that he recognized the smell from when his house burned down two months ago. She did, and only a couple seconds later the vehicle went up in flames. Fetterhoff said the father opened the back door and grabbed his kids out and suffered severe burns in the process. The woman and her 14-year-old daughter were able to escape, but they weren't able to save the 4-year-old girl. Park County Coroner Al Jenkins identified her as Zaria Santos. An autopsy is scheduled for later this week. The 9-year-old girl who was sitting by the window was transported by Summit Air Ambulance out of Bozeman to St. Vincent Healthcare. Fetterhoff said she was in ICU as of midnight Wednesday. An ambulance transported her 7-year-old sister with burns on her feet to Livingston Memorial Hospital along with the father who suffered severe burns to his arms and face. Fetterhoff said the cause of the fire was a dime-sized hole in the fuel tank that caused fuel to puddle up after the vehicle stopped, which, he said, heat from the car ignited. It didn't take long, just a couple seconds. There will be a critical incident stress debriefing in Livingston on Friday at 5 p.m. The event will offer people the opportunity to talk about what they saw, Fetterhoff said. "Nobody in the world should have to see something like that," he said. The incident is still under investigation.

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/coroner-names--year-old-who-died-in-crash-near/article_d9b505fd-b130-583a-b26a-0e2d3e9eac2e.html

USA, OH, LANCASTER, JULY 11 2014. TANKER CRASHES IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY, TRAPS DRIVER



Emergency crews were on the scene of a tanker crash in Fairfield County Thursday morning. The crash occurred on state Route 188, just west of the U.S. 33 bypass around 8 a.m. According to emergency dispatchers, the driver was trapped and the vehicle was on its side. Medics were able to get the driver out of the cab. His condition was not immediately released. Diesel fuel was reportedly leaking and HAZMAT was called to the scene. Investigators on the scene are trying to determine what caused the crash.

<http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2014/07/10/lanaster-ohio-tanker-crashes-in-fairfield-county-traps-driver.html>

ENGLAND, CHESTER, JULY 12 2014. UNDERGROUND FUEL LEAK AT FORMER FILLING STATION SITE

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Mop-up operation under way to clean contaminated ground at Liverpool Road, Chester site.

Leaked fuel is being recovered from under the ground at the site of a former Shell filling station, it has been confirmed. The Abbots Park Service Station in Liverpool Road, Chester, closed in late 2011 to allow underground investigations to be carried out because of a 'a potential contamination problem' with questions raised around the condition of the original underground fuel installation 'in terms of age and suitability'. Previously, The Chronicle reported that workers had drilled 30m into the bedrock prior to installing wells so the affected area could be 'flushed out' over several months. Now a ground water remediation system has begun operating under licence from the Environment Agency. A Shell spokesman said: "A remediation plan for the Abbots Park site, developed by

Shell in consultation with the Environment Agency (EA), has now been approved by the EA. "Work is beginning to recover fuel in the ground within the affected area of the site. The site will be returned to the landlord when Shell's lease expires in 2015." It is a condition that Shell returns the site as an active filling station upon surrender of the lease meaning a new forecourt area, underground tanks, steel-framed canopy and surfacing will eventually be erected. Shell says a new fuel storage and pipeline system will offer a better lifespan and be double skinned to offer improved protection from leakage and include an in-built monitoring system for the early detection of leaks. An Environment Agency spokesman said: "After the operator reported to us that ground had become contaminated at its petrol station on Liverpool Road, we have worked with its environmental consultants to provide advice and guidance as the operator carries out work to rectify the problem. "Currently, we have



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accepted a treatment system deployment form allowing them to address the contamination safely. "The remediation scheme which is being commissioned on site is designed to address contamination in both the ground and the groundwater. "The system has been designed to maximise the clean-up process. These systems have a good record of achieving the desired clean-up."

<http://www.chesterchronicle.co.uk/news/mop-up-operation-under-way-clean-7398389>

VENEZUELA, PARAGUANA, JULY 12 2014. TOXIC GAS EXPOSURE KILLS WORKER AT VENEZUELA AMUAY REFINERY

A worker at Venezuela's Amuay oil refinery died on Thursday as a result of hydrogen sulfide inhalation following a gas leak, refinery employees said. The leak in the refinery's sulfur unit, which did not affect operations at the 645,000 barrel-per-day facility, led workers to evacuate the area, but contractor Juan Carlos Nunez, 38, did not manage to leave in time, the employees said. "He died almost instantly," said one worker, who asked not to be identified. "The rest of the refinery is operating normally." Another worker said the gas leak had likely been caused by the rupture of a hose, but added the refinery had not yet determined exactly what happened. A spokesman for state oil company PDVSA said the company did not have any immediate comment.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFL2N0PL28R20140710>

USA, WASHINGTON DC, JULY 12 2014. LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS — THE POPULAR NEW WAY TO FUND ROADS

brad plumer



Congress [needs to scrounge up](#) billions of dollars before August or the United States will start running out of money for roads. They need about \$16 billion per year, and there's plenty of disagreement about where to get that money.

Congress is Taking \$1 Billion from a Fund to Clean Up 'Leaking Underground Storage Tanks'. But there's one surprising place where politicians can agree: Both the House and Senate are mulling bills [that would take](#) \$1 billion from a fund set aside to clean up "leaking underground storage tanks" and use that money to help pay for roads. So what's that about? Why is there \$1 billion just lying around? And does this mean there might be leaking storage tanks that no one's cleaning up? Here's a primer: Back in the 1980s, policymakers realized that many of the nation's 2.2 million underground storage tanks — including petroleum storage tanks at gas stations — were leaking and threatened to

contaminate groundwater supplies.

In the 1980s, Many Petroleum Storage Tanks were Leaking

So, starting in 1984, Congress [passed a series of laws](#) to tighten standards for these tanks and clean up leaks — all paid for by a 0.1-cent-per-gallon tax on motor fuels. That money went into the [Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund](#), or "LUST fund." (And kudos to whatever staffer found a way to spice this topic up with that acronym.) Over the years, the EPA and states used this money to enforce and fund cleanup operations. By 2009, [nearly 80 percent](#) of the nation's 488,000 leaking tank sites had been cleaned up — with a backlog of about 100,000 remaining. Later on, Congress also required the EPA to use some of that money for leak prevention, as well.

Why Congress is now Raiding the Fund

But even though cleanup efforts have slowed in recent years, the tax on motor fuels is still in effect, and the Leaking Underground Storage Tank fund keeps accumulating a tidy surplus — [about \\$1.4 billion](#) as of June 30, 2014.

The Fund Now has a \$1.4 Billion Surplus

That surplus is expected to keep growing in the years ahead: the fund now earns about \$300 million a year from fees and interests and only pays out roughly \$100 million per year. So Congress has decided to take money from the fund for other purposes. And, since the fund is financed by a tax on motor fuels, they reasoned, it makes sense to use that money for transportation. In 2012, lawmakers [transferred](#) about \$2.4 billion from the fund to help pay for its two-year transportation bill. (At the time, the LUST Fund had [a \\$3.7 billion surplus](#).) Two years later, the Highway Trust Fund — which is used to finance federal spending on roads, bridges, highways, and transit — is facing yet another shortfall. So, both the House and Senate



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[have put forward bills](#) that would take another \$1 billion from the LUST Fund and raise \$9 billion elsewhere to keep road spending going until next May.

Are There Problems with Taking Money from the Fund?

It seems to be a popular option among lawmakers. Right now, the LUST Fund keeps bringing in more money than lawmakers spend on cleanup and leak prevention. So, they argue, there's no real harm in raiding the fund.

The Fund is Bringing in More Money than Lawmakers Spend

That said, a handful of outside groups have countered that Congress should leave the fund alone — and, if anything, spend more on cleanup and enforcing standards to prevent future leaks. Back in 2012, the Petroleum Marketers Association of America [made this argument](#) when Congress first began taking money from the fund: "The transfer of three billion dollars from the fund would cripple important programs and ultimately harm marketers who have paid the tax and built the fund over the past 25 years," the group said. "Equally significant and inequitable, states are likely to increase tank fees to account for the federal LUST Fund shortfall; therefore, imposing a second/double tax on petroleum marketers." At the time, a few senators — including Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE) and Ben Cardin (D-MD) — tried to find alternative ways to fund highways rather than raiding the LUST Fund. But those efforts never succeeded. Over the years, some environmentalists [have likewise argued](#) that current underground tank cleanup efforts are underfunded and still inadequate. One 2007 report by the GAO found that it would take nearly \$12 billion to fully address leaks from the nation's most severe leakage sites. Likewise, in 2005, the Sierra Club [argued](#) that the fund was too hobbled by bureaucracy and disbursing money for cleanup efforts too slowly. More recently, some states still appear to have a sizable backlog of petroleum leaks. In Michigan, for instance, progress on cleaning up contamination from nearly 9,000 leaking underground tanks has slowed in recent years. (One [oft-cited explanation](#) for that, however, is that the state legislature has been raiding a separate state cleanup fund to plug various budget holes.) For more on these issues, this 2010 [report](#) from the Congressional Research Service is a helpful overview.

<http://www.vox.com/2014/7/11/5890743/leaking-underground-storage-tanks-highway-funding>

USA, TX, HOUSTON, JULY 12 2014. CHEVRON INVESTIGATES BAD GASOLINE IN HOUSTON PUMPS

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Chevron continues to investigate how a bad batch of gasoline ended up in Houston-area pumps, sparking consumer complaints and forcing the company to suspend sales of premium and blended mid-grade gasoline at 500 local stations for several days. The company halted sales July 2 after some complained of problems with their vehicles after filling up. After gradually testing the fuel quality in hundreds of independently owned Houston-area stations supplied with Chevron and Texaco gasoline, the company discovered "a limited number" with substandard premium gasoline. A spokesman could not immediately say how many stations were affected or how many consumers complained. "We don't believe many people were affected by this," Braden Reddall, Chevron's senior downstream media adviser said in an interview. No problems have been detected with the mid-grade gasoline. Chevron temporarily took it off the market because it's blended with premium gasoline. About three-quarters of stations have been cleared to resume selling. The company has not yet determined the source of the problem which was isolated to the greater Houston area where stations are supplied by the same regional terminal in Galena Park where additives are mixed into the gasoline. That terminal can store up to 460,000 barrels, Reddall said. "It was one batch of premium gasoline that was affected by this," he said. Those who believe they purchased bad gasoline can call 855-285-9595 or email cccweb@chevron.com. Chevron issued an apology Thursday and promised to provide some sort of remedy to those whose claims can be linked to the faulty gasoline, he said. All Chevron gasoline sold after July 2 has been verified as safe and consumers who have not yet experienced any problems with their vehicles likely needn't worry, Reddall said. "If your car is running fine, there probably is no reason to be concerned," he said.

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2014/07/10/chevron-investigates-bad-gasoline-in-houston-pumps/>

NIGERIA, LAGOS, JULY 12 2014. TANKER FIRE DISASTER AVERTED

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Fire disaster was Friday morning averted at Ketu Bus stop, Lagos, southwest Nigeria, by the combined effort of the Lagos State Fire Service and Lagos State Emergency Management Authority, LASEMA, after a kerosene tanker lost control and crashed in the area. The kerosene tanker with Lagos plate number, MUS 253 XE, had a brake failure under the Ketu pedestrian bridge and crashed. An eye witness, Tayo Ogundimu, told P.M.NEWS that the accident occurred around 7:49 a.m. "The tanker accident occurred this morning around 7:49 a.m. It think is was trying to gain a right of way with a commuter bus, and negotiate its way into the service lane inward Mile 12, when it crashed. "Its brake failed and the driver tried to stop the



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tanker by ramming it into the pillars of the bridge, but it unluckily missed and tumbled, blocking the way," Tayo told our correspondent. Another witness confirmed that nobody was injured and that he saw the driver coming out of the tanker unhurt. At the scene of the accident, people were seen scooping kerosene from the tanker with the police trying to control the crowd.

<http://www.pmnewsnigeria.com/2014/07/11/tanker-fire-disaster-averted/>

USA, TX, ROBERTSON CO, JULY 12 2014. OIL TANK FIRE INJURES ONE

 **Watch the Video** [Tank Explosion Rocks Robertson County, Critically Injures Worker](#)

 **Photo's [9]** [New Baden Oil Well Explodes](#)



KAGS-HD has received the Texas Rail Road Commission's investigation report on the oil tanker explosion that happened in Robertson County on Wednesday. According to the report, the owner, Tom Finaly, hired a sub-contractor to remove the oil tanks and plug the well. According to Finaly, the steel tanks had been emptied, but still had 8" of oil sludge in the bottom of each tank. It is unknown if the sub-contractor knew that the sludge was in the tank or if the tanks had been vented. A sub-contractor employee from J-Bar Services out of Franklin was on top of the tank with a cutting torch in order to cut bolts off a metal cat-walk when the explosion happened. That man was thrown from the top of the tank when the explosion happened, but he was still harnessed to the tank. He was knocked unconscious, and when his harness caught he hit the side of the tank. His safety line eventually burned allowing the man to fall to the ground. He was then dragged away by witnesses. He was Life Flighted to Houston's Herman Memorial Hospital.

<http://kagstv.com/News/KAGSNews/ID/4255/UPDATE-Oil-Tank-Fire-Injures-One>

USA, WI, HOWARD, JULY 12 2014. NHTSA TO INVESTIGATE FATAL TRUCK TANK EXPLOSION

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will probe a fatal truck explosion that happened last spring when a forklift pierced the vehicle's natural gas fuel tank. The federal agency said the April 3 accident in Howard, Wisconsin, occurred when a Daimler 2014 Freightliner Business Class M2 truck was carrying a three-wheel electric forklift. The truck braked during the trip, and the forklift rolled forward, broke through the cargo compartment wall and hit the gas tank behind the cab. The forklift had been loaded with its forks pointing forward, and its parking break was applied, according to the NHTSA. A local sheriff's department said in April that the box-style truck was slowing to turn into a driveway when the accident happened. The truck's 59-year-old driver died in the accident, and a 29-year-old passenger was ejected and injured. Investigators will look at the integrity of the truck's fuel system. The truck was made by Daimler Trucks North America LLC. A spokesman said Friday morning that the company would not comment until the investigation was complete.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/nhtsa-investigate-fatal-truck-tank-explosion-24519253>

USA, MI, COMSTOCK TWP, JULY 12 2014. ENBRIDGE COMPLETING MICHIGAN OIL SPILL CLEANUP

Cleanup efforts following the leak of about 800,000 gallons of crude from an underground pipeline in western Michigan are nearly complete, according to the Canadian oil company that owns the pipeline. Contaminated soil is expected to be removed from the Morrow Lake delta near Comstock Township in Kalamazoo County by mid- to late summer, [Enbridge Inc.](#) spokesman [Jason Manshum](#) told the Kalamazoo Gazette (<http://bit.ly/1y4ePle>) for a story Friday. Crews will keep restoring riverbanks this fall. Last year, the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) ordered Enbridge to dredge sections of the Kalamazoo River to remove sediments tainted by oil from the massive spill. The leak was discovered in the Kalamazoo River and Talmadge Creek near Marshall in July 2010. Oil flowed about 35 miles before it was contained. An investigation by the [National Transportation Safety Board](#) determined the rupture was caused by cracks and corrosion, and the agency faulted Enbridge for failing to take steps that might have prevented it. The state said last month in a public health assessment that there's no long-term harm to people's health from coming into contact with chemicals in the river's surface water during wading, swimming or canoeing. But contact with the oil sheen in the river may cause temporary effects such as skin irritation. The state also said oil-related chemicals levels in fish are very low. Enbridge is replacing and enlarging the line, part of a \$2.6 billion project to boost the flow of oil to refineries in the eastern U.S. and Canada. "We're bringing in soils and native plants and trees to make a nice green space like it would look if there had never had been a spill there," Manshum said. The company will conduct periodic



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environmental monitoring, he added. The state is overseeing restoration efforts closer to the site of the rupture. That work involves tapering the riverbank, creating habitats for fish and installing brush.

<http://www.seattlepi.com/news/science/article/Company-completing-Michigan-oil-spill-cleanup-5615374.php>

NEW ZEALAND, HAWKS BAY, JULY 12 2014. ACID SPILL ON MANUFACTURING SITE

doug laing

At least one Fire Service crew was remaining overnight at the scene of an acid spill on a manufacturing site in the Whakatu Industrial Park between Napier and Hastings. Most Napier and Hastings station resources were involved in the emergency at the peak at the UHT milk and fruit bottling plant of Etika Dairies, where the alarm had been raised at 2.57pm. Fire Service Central Communications shift manager Murray Dunbar said nine units were at the scene most of the afternoon and early-evening, as crews worked to contain the leak. One officer said it was a mixture of two chemicals which was "absorbed" in a mopping process as crews worked to stop the mix entering any waterways. The Johnston Way plant where workers were evacuated, but workers at other nearby sites were able to continue working, but were advised to close windows. A stand-by crew remained at the scene late last night, and an officer said other crews would return to the site in the morning to assess the situation and investigate.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11292436

USA, CA, RIVERSIDE, JULY 12 2014. POLICE: RADIATION SPILL AT UC RIVERSIDE WAS ATTACK ON EMPLOYEES

brian rokok

A dangerous material was found on several desks in a lab. A search for person with knowledge of its spread comes up empty. Anyone with information on the incidents in the lab is asked to call UC Riverside police at 951-827-5387. Anonymous tips may be left online at police.ucr.edu/anon.html UC Riverside police say they believe what officials initially characterized as a spill of low-level radioactive material in April was actually an attack on employees in the genomics lab. Police are still looking for a suspect, as well as someone who posted comments on a Press-Enterprise story about the contamination of a lab who seemed to know how the attack was carried out. From January to April, the lab in Room 4126 of the genomics building has had doors vandalized, freezers shut off with experiments ruined, test tubes stolen and three gas valves turned on and left unattended. Also, a laptop computer, camera and lab notebooks were stolen, according to an affidavit filed by Detective Tricia Harding in Superior Court to obtain a search warrant. On April 3, a woman named Lu Lu had been working with an isotope called Phosphorous 32, a radioactive material used in medical treatments and fertilizer. The material, which glows in the dark, also helps make small amounts of DNA more visible. After Lu finished, she checked herself with Geiger counter and discovered that her hands, lab coat and pen had been contaminated, the affidavit said. A search of the lab found radiation in three desks and on a fume hood. Lab employees told Harding that Phosphorous 32 and other radioactive materials were used only in designated safety areas and that desks and the hood would not be contaminated unless someone did it deliberately. "Based on all of the suspicious incidents in the lab, I believe someone was trying to deliberately sabotage the research of the lab," Harding wrote. "Furthermore, I believe that someone deliberately exposed lab employees to radiation with the intent to cause them serious physical harm." Harding characterized the intentional exposure as an assault with a deadly weapon. Light exposure to Phosphorous 32 can result in radiation sickness, with symptoms of nausea, stomach cramping, hair loss, skin burns and diminished organ function. Heavier exposure can destroy intestinal linings and cause bleeding and death, according to medical reports. On April 4, The Press-Enterprise published a story about the contamination, which forced the evacuation of about 100 people. The story, citing a Riverside city fire captain, said a small amount of radioactive material was found in a drawer where research was being conducted. That prompted a reader with the Yahoo profile of Rad Rad to write in the comments section of the story: "Small amount! This is not true! Concentrated P32 was spread onto a fan to make it airborne. It is yet to be decontaminated. The woman was not decontaminated on site and was in fact back at work the following day still with a radioactive finger but wearing a glove to prevent further contamination," the reader wrote. Rad Rad wrote in a separate comment: "There has been total inaction until yesterday. As soon as radioactive is mentioned then the place is full of police, FBI, ambulances, fire trucks. Oh well at least the lab was not burnt down." Those comments prompted Harding to look for Rad Rad. She wrote the search warrant affidavit to compel Yahoo to turn over the reader's identity. The search warrant was served, but Yahoo was unable to find that information, Harding said in a phone interview Thursday. Harding said there have been no further incidents in the lab and that it is being used during the summer. UCR officials have said they have taken unspecified measures to improve security.

<http://www.pe.com/articles/lab-697405-harding-rad.html>



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USA, TN, CHATTANOOGA, JULY 12 2014. FIRE EXTINGUISHED, SPILL CONTAINED

ben benton



A chemical spill at JIT Chemicals on Manufacturers Road led to some "tense moments" for employees, according to Chattanooga Fire Department spokesman Bruce Garner. Workers were off-loading a caustic soda from a barge into a storage tank when about 2,000 to 3,000 gallons of the material spilled and a fire erupted, Garner said. JIT workers were evacuated while six fire companies and a hazardous materials team put out the fire and contain the spill. The storage tank is surrounded by an earthen dike that kept the chemicals from spreading. One 31-year-old worker was contaminated with the caustic soda and was taken to the hospital. He was expected to be treated and released, according to Garner. Officials said the caustic soda was identified as a 50 percent solution of sodium hydroxide. Firefighters used water to extinguish the fire and they kept spraying the storage tank until the leaking valve was closed. An environmental cleanup

company will work with the plant to clean up the mess, Garner said. Plant officials plan to investigate the cause of the spill and Garner said that other state and federal agencies could be involved in that investigation.

<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2014/jul/11/fire-extinguished-spill-contained/>

USA, FLA, LEESBURG, JULY 12 2014. FUEL SPILL CLEANUP COSTING THE COUNTY \$490,000 >> COUNTY LEFT TO PAY \$500,000 FOR ASTATULA FUEL SPILL

livi stanford



Bob Garber, a 76-year-old Tavares resident, fishes at Lake Idamere Park in Tavares, Fla., on Tuesday, July 8, 2014.

The cleanup of a fuel spill at the Astatula Refueling Facility more than 20 years ago is costing Lake County an estimated \$490,000 to clean up. The \$490,000 price tag for the cleanup is an unwelcome addition to a budget that is already projected to have a \$15 million shortfall. County commissioners must decide whether to raise taxes or make substantial cuts to services. County Public Works Director Jim Stivender informed county commissioners this week of the efforts needed to mitigate the fuel spill and keep it from Lake Idamere an estimated 400 yards from the source. Since August 2011, "a ring of recovery wells (were) installed around the perimeter, to hold the contamination from spreading further," Stivender told board members. Despite those efforts, he said, "contamination

has spread beyond the perimeter walls." "It is migrating to the lake slowly," he said. Stivender said the fuel spill was discovered prior to 1992 in on-site landfill monitoring wells at the facility, located off of County Landfill Road in Tavares. CB&I Environmental & Infrastructure Inc., the consultant studyign the wells for the county, wrote in a report that the Astatula Refueling Facility "previously dispensed gasoline and diesel fuel to county vehicles from a 15,000-gallon and 22,000-gallon underground storage tank." Then, in 1987, both tanks were replaced with above-ground storage tanks. "The bulk of the fuel is still at the source," he said. "Some of it has migrated away to the west and the north." But Stivender said in an interview prior to the meeting that the spill is above the water table, underground on the property. "There is no potable water involved," he said. In fact, the county could not receive state funding from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection because it received a low rating. In an email to the Daily Commercial, Mara Burger, public information specialist for the FDEP, wrote the current site score for Astatula was an 11 on a scale of 1 to 124. The highest score represents a maximum threat to drinking water, according to the FDEP. "Site scores are intended to provide a numeric ranking of the degree of threat to drinking water posed by each site," Burger wrote. "Points are awarded for criteria such as distance from the discharge to drinking water supply wells, type of supply wells, surface water used for drinking water, aquifer type and recharge potential." The \$490,000 in next year's budget will pay for more recovery wells, pumps and filters to remove contamination, Stivender said. Cleanup is expected to take 10 years, Stivender said, with maintenance costing \$205,000 a year. Commissioner Sean Parks said he wants to ensure the spill does not degrade water resources. "Unfortunately as we go into another tight budget season, this is a mandatory cost we can't cut out of the budget," he said. Commissioner Jimmy Conner said funding the cleanup is not an option for the county. "Now that we know the extent of it, we are being aggressive in getting it cleaned up," he said.



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Commissioner Tim Sullivan said the cleanup costs come at a tough financial time for the county. "It is something we have put a short-term fix on and now we are at the stage we can't do it anymore," he said.

http://www.dailycommercial.com/news/article_7a2a9c9e-82c4-5976-b991-94e5e26d9033.html

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE, JULY 12 2014. SAFETY WARNING ISSUED AFTER ETHANOL FIREPLACE BURNS

An investigation has been launched and a formal safety warning issued following several serious incidents involving ethanol fireplaces. Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Jarrod Bleijie urged owners to take extra care after several people recently suffered severe burns. "Ethanol fireplaces are advertised as easy, smokeless and eco-friendly ways to keep warm, but some models have an open flame which can be difficult to see," Mr Bleijie said. "Queensland Health has had several recent cases of explosions occurring because users have mistakenly believed the flame has gone out and tried to refuel or move it. "Families' safety is paramount and, following discussions with Queensland Health, I have issued a formal safety warning notice to alert consumers to the potential danger of these products. "The Office of Fair Trading has also launched an investigation into the products' safety. Its considerations may include the products' current safety standards and whether a ban or recall is warranted. The outcome of the investigation will be published as soon as possible. "In the meantime, I would urge everyone to please be very careful when using these products, and keep children well clear. "Keep the flame away from combustible materials such as clothes or curtains, and never throw anything combustible into the fireplace. "Make sure the fireplace has had plenty of time to cool before attempting to move or refuel it."

Consumers should:

- Strictly follow the manufacturer's instructions for safe use.
- Never leave the product unattended while in use.
- Store fuel in a separate room to the fireplace.
- Have an appropriate fire extinguisher nearby.
- Never use the product for cooking.
- Never throw combustible objects at the fireplace.
- Always use the fuel recommended by the manufacturer.

The safety warning notice can be viewed online: <http://www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au/marketplace/product-safety/safety-warnings/ethanol-fireplaces>

<http://www.cqnews.com.au/news/safety-warning-issued-after-ethanol-fireplace-burn/2316019/>

AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, ADELAIDE, JULY 12 2014. CLOVELLY PARK CONTAMINATION SCANDAL'S FIRST EVACUEE WANTS TO MOVE THIS WEEKEND, AS TOXIC GROUNDWATER NOW THREATENS MARLESTON AND KILBURN

 **Watch the Video** [Home Contamination](#)



The area affected by contamination at Clovelly Park.

The Clovelly Park contamination scandal's first evacuee wants to move into a caravan park this weekend, as toxic groundwater now worries communities in Marleston and Kilburn. Housing Trust tenant Cheryl Boyce, 61, of Ash Ave, has packed her belongings and can't wait to leave the home she believes is poisoning her. "I've had enough, I'm out," Ms Boyce said, amid boxes of belongings in the house whose cracking foundations are letting in toxic vapours. "The Housing Trust has been trying to find me a place, but I just can't stand it any more. I have had heart problems in the past and for the past year or so I have had constant nausea. I wake up with sore eyes and lips, I feel like I am being poisoned. "I haven't got anywhere to go, but I'm going. I just want out. This place feels toxic." Ms Boyce said she would already have moved to a motel, but needs to find a place that will accept her dog, Pollyanna, so is looking at caravan parks. She is one of 25 Clovelly Park householders told to move. Another 14 further south in Clovelly Park, as well as homes in neighbouring Mitchell Park, also face testing to see if chemicals from surrounding industrial sites seeping into groundwater are entering their homes as cancer-causing vapours. Ms Boyce's Ash Ave neighbour, Justin Pearce, 41, is circulating a petition calling for a class action for medical expenses. Mr Pearce, who owns his home, said he wants his boys Jason, 4, and James, 3, tested for toxins. The latest developments in Clovelly Park come as it's been learned that more tests will be



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undertaken. Further testing will also be done around the former Marlestone TAFE site, where trichloroethylene (TCE) contamination has been detected in groundwater. The site is vacant and earmarked for sale, but nearby residents have been told not to use water from bores. Authorities say residents are not at risk from vapours. A statement from the Environment Protection Agency says a consultant is reviewing test results from December and may determine that more testing is necessary. Tests conducted in December and may decide that further testing is needed. A parliamentary briefing note states the groundwater is contaminated and extends beyond the campus to neighbouring residential areas, where people have been advised they are not in danger from vapours. Meanwhile, officials yesterday letter-boxed 460 residential and commercial properties in Kilburn about groundwater and soil vapour testing done last month. The results show that levels of TCE in groundwater to the north and northeast of the old Islington rail yards are stable and there are very low levels in soil vapour that do not pose an immediate risk to residents. Opposition Leader Steven Marshall called for a public meeting, saying the Government's individual door-knocking missed dozens of residents. The Government has pledged community meetings. Mr Marshall said a briefing by the Housing Trust had informed him that because of health concerns, new tenants are not put into properties vacated in the area, putting further strain on public housing waiting lists.

The Growing Problem

Case 1 — Clovelly Park

Residents Clovelly Park homes were told last week they would have to move out after high levels of the potentially dangerous chemical TCE were discovered in the air and soil. The chemical is believed to have entered the groundwater following use at the nearby Monroe and Mitsubishi sites before moving into soil and becoming airborne. The Government says there is no immediate public health risk. The Government had been tracking the risk in Clovelly Park for years and been aware of elevated concentrations for several weeks before telling residents.

Case 2 — Marlestone

Tests were first conducted on the former Marlestone TAFE site in 2011. The groundwater is contaminated with TCE and extends beyond the campus to neighbouring residential areas, where residents have been advised not to use bore water. They are not in danger from vapours. Further testing is planned until the end of the year.

Case 3 — Kilburn

Government officials letterboxed 460 residential on Thursday and commercial properties in Kilburn, to the north and northeast of the old Islington rail yards. The issue was first raised last year. Results of testing last month showed levels of TCE in groundwater are stable and there are very low levels of TCE in soil vapour that do not pose an immediate risk to residents. More tests will be undertaken.

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- [COMMENT: Reactions to chemicals long known](#)
- [Toxic vapour tests for Clovelly Park](#)

<http://www.news.com.au/national/south-australia/clovelly-park-contamination-scandals-first-evacuee-wants-to-move-this-weekend-as-toxic-groundwater-now-threatens-marlestone-and-kilburn/story-fnii5yv4-1226984765190>

USA, TX, HOUSTON, JULY 12 2014. TANKER TRUCK OVERTURNS IN NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR THE HEIGHTS

 **Photo's [5]** [Tanker truck crash](#)



An 18-wheeler tanker truck overturned in a neighborhood just south of The Heights late Thursday.

An 18-wheeler tanker truck overturned in a neighborhood just south of The Heights late Thursday. The incident occurred around 10 p.m. on Parker at Nett. As of 7 a.m. Friday, crews were still working to offload the tanker's fuel and upright it. Officers said the driver's rear wheels went into a ditch while making a turn, causing the entire rig to flip onto its side. There were no injuries. Firefighters responded, but it was determined no fuel leaked from the tank.

<http://www.khou.com/news/local/Tanker-truck-overturms-in-neighborhood-near-The-Heights-266740691.html>



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AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, NEWCASTLE, JULY 12 2014. REPORT IDENTIFIES CONTAMINATED HUNTER SITES, BUT WON'T REVEAL THEIR LOCATION

An Auditor General's report shows nearly 50 contaminated sites have been identified in Maitland and Newcastle, two of which are deemed high risk. But so far no details are being released about where the sites are. Auditor General Grant Hehir released his report on contaminated sites yesterday. It found State government agencies need to better manage their contaminated sites. He noted that when reports of contamination are made there are long delays in the Environment Protection Authority's assessments of the sites. 49 contaminated sites were identified in the Hunter Valley. 47 of those are in Maitland, with two considered high risk, 17 medium risk and 28 are deemed low risk. Newcastle only has two contaminated sites and both are classed as low risk. Contaminated sites include old gas works and derelict mines. Many of the Hunter's rural towns also have underground petrol tanks, harking back to a time when many country stores had a petrol bowser. A spokesman for the department of Trade and Investment says an on-ground assessment is required to determine actual levels of contamination and priority action. The department will start assessing the high risk sites by September 2014, and until the assessments are complete it may not be possible to determine which sites will be reported to the EPA. The spokesman says it is expected a plan for managing contaminated sites will be complete by the end of 2015.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-07-11/report-identifies-contaminated-sites2c-but-won27t-reveal-thei/5589214>

USA, N.J. PAULSBORO, JULY 12 2014. SMALL CHEMICAL EXPLOSION INJURES ONE IN SOUTH JERSEY

 **Watch the Video** [Small Chemical Explosion Injures 1 in South Jersey](#)

Officials have released an update on an early morning chemical plant incident in New Jersey. Around 6:35 a.m. on Friday, a small explosion reportedly occurred at the Johnson Matthey plant in West Deptford, NJ. Officials say three employees working in the area at the time of the incident were medically evaluated. Two were released without injury, but a third employee was sent for further medical tests after coming into contact with hydrochloric acid and then released.

Crews reportedly responded to the scene within minutes and the building was evacuated. The situation was placed under control around 8:30 a.m. The explosion is believed to have been caused by a chemical reaction. Essential staff have returned to work. The explosion remains under investigation.

<http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2014/07/11/1-injured-during-hazmat-scene-at-gloucester-county-plant/>

BANGLADESH, CHITTAGONG, SITAKUNDA, JULY 12 2014. OIL SPILL TAKES TOLL ON FISH

Shahadat Hossain



A girl collects oil spilling out of the train. The photos were taken yesterday, a day after the derailment.

Fish are rising to the surface of the water to breathe in the canal of Tulatoli area at Sitakunda as the oil spill from a derailed train Wednesday contaminated the water. Md Abdul Motaleb, a school goer, was seen standing beside the canal with a handful of fish yesterday morning. He told The Daily Star that he scooped up about two kilograms of fish from the canal in the morning. Many locals were seen catching fish like Tangra and small shrimps with their bare hands or using small nets. The spilling of furnace oil in the canal might have caused the fishes to move to the surface of the water, said locals. Abu Taher, a middle-aged farmer, told The Daily Star that he had never seen such a thing before. He also

picked up around one and a half kilogrammes of fish from the canal. Some fish were dying, he added. The Daily Star correspondent saw a thin layer of oil floating in the canal between Faujdarhat Railway Station and Tulatoli area. Mohananda, a fisherman of Jelepura, said he saw a small oil slick at the confluence of the canal and the Bay of Bengal. Environmental activist Muhammad Idris Ali, also an associate professor of chemistry department of Chittagong College, told The Daily Star that furnace oil contains 30-35 types of organic pollutants which are harmful to the ecosystem and also consumes the oxygen in the water. The oil spill in the canal has adversely affected the fish-food chain and ecosystem of the canal, causing the fish to float up to the surface, he added. On Wednesday morning, the engine and six furnace oil-laden tankers of Area Shuttle, an oil-carrier train of Bangladesh Railway's East Zone, derailed when its driver tried to enter Faujdarhat Railway Station ignoring the signal. Each tank contained around 26,821 litres of oil. Over 53,000 litres of furnace oil was lost in the incident and most of this oil spread to the nearby canal, locally known as Cadet College Chhara.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/oil-spill-takes-toll-on-fish-32843>



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ISRAEL, ASHDOD, JULY 12 2014. SEVERAL INJURED AS ROCKET HITS PETROL STATION IN ISRAEL

Watch the Video [Cars 'Thrown 100 Metres' in Petrol Station Blast](#)

Photo's [4] [Petrol Station hit by Hamas Rockets](#)



A petrol station in Israel's port city of Ashdod has been hit by a rocket launched from Gaza, causing a huge blaze. Local public radio reported that several people had been injured. Meanwhile it's understood that two rockets were fired from southern Lebanon into Israel on Friday morning. Video footage showed a hole in a road where one rocket had landed. [Israel](#) retaliated by shelling the area, Lebanese security sources said. It was unclear whether it was Hezbollah or a Palestinian faction who were behind the rockets. Elsewhere, Israeli police said a house in the southern Israeli city of Beersheba was hit by a rocket on Thursday night. There were no injuries reported. Authorities say the Iron Dome defence system has prevented dozens of incoming rockets from landing.

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<http://www.euronews.com/2014/07/11/several-injured-as-rocket-hits-petrol-station-in-israel/>

NEW ZEALAND, WANGANUI, JULY 13 2014. PLEA IS GUILTY IN DIESEL SPILL CASE



Makotuku Stream at Horopito.

Ruapehu Alpine Lifts has pleaded guilty to charges relating to the diesel spill at the Turoa ski area last year, a Horizons Regional Council spokesperson, Ally Koehler has told the Chronicle. Up to 19,000 litres of diesel leaked from a tank at the ski area into the ground and the Makotuku Stream on September 26 and 27. The Makotuku Stream was a source of water for Raetihi, and the town's supply had to be shut down for several weeks. The company will next appear in court on August 28 in Ohakune.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/wanganui-chronicle/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503426&objectid=11292201

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, ALBURY, JULY 13 2014 GIRL BURNT ON ARMS, FACE AFTER PETROL EXPLOSION

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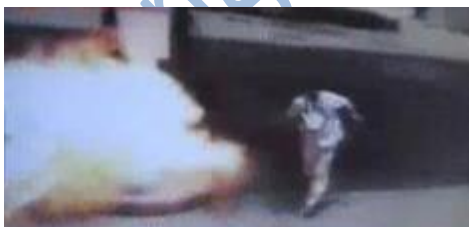
A girl, 15, has received burns to her arms and face after a petrol explosion yesterday. The girl was burnt at a Murray River Road property at Mount Alfred Road on the Murray River about 2.40pm. Ambulance Victoria spokesman John Mullen said the girl had been attempting to light a fire and fuel had leaked out of a can. "It has blown back on her and ignited her," he said. "She's ended up with some superficial burns to her face and also some burns to her arm. "She was treated at the scene and given pain relief." Mr Mullen said the girl had been taken to Albury hospital.

<http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/2412695/girl-burnt-on-arms-face-after-petrol-explosion/?cs=11>

INDIA, SOUTH DELHI, JULY 13 2014. FIRE AND EXPLOSION AT PETROL PUMP IN VASANT KUNJ

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- [Fire at petrol pump 2 injured](#)
- [Fire & Explosion at Petrol Pump in Vasant Kunj](#)



Two people have been reportedly injured following an explosion at a petrol pump in Vasant Kunj in Delhi. The mishap occurred when the driver of the car started driving the vehicle while the petrol was being filled in it. CCTV footage shows the car leaving the station even as the petrol pump attendant fills petrol. Soon, all the petrol spills near the machine leading to the mishap. Minutes later an explosion takes place near the machine at the petrol pump. The attendant at the petrol station said that the driver of the car seemed in haste and did not wait for the tank to be closed. Police are probing the incident and have started looking for the owner of the vehicle. The car has not been identified yet as its



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registration plate is not clear, police said.

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USA, TX, HOUSTON, JULY 13 2014. TEXAS HIGH COURT DUMPS SANCTIONS IN FUEL SPILL BATTLE

The Texas Supreme Court on Friday nixed a \$1.2 million judgment against a petroleum equipment distributor stemming from a diesel spill, saying excessive sanctions the trial court imposed against the company over lost evidence resulted in an unfair verdict. In a 21-page opinion, the high court ruled that discovery sanctions Petroleum Solutions Inc. was slapped with, which included striking its affirmative defenses, excluding evidence and giving a spoliation instruction to the jury, were unjustified because there was no proof that the company had intentionally concealed evidence...

<http://www.law360.com/environmental/articles/556685/texas-high-court-dumps-sanctions-in-fuel-spill-battle>

USA, OH, HARRISON TWP, JULY 13 2014. INDUSTRIAL FIRE AT ALPINE METAL PLANT RULED 'SUSPICIOUS'

 **Watch the Video** [Fire at Alpine Metal Plant Ruled 'Suspicious'](#)

 **Photo's [6]** [Fire at Alpine Metal Plant Ruled 'Suspicious'](#)



This shot of the industrial fire Friday night, July 11, 2014, at Alpine Metal Finishing Products in Harrison Twp. was taken by a News Center 7 viewer.

A three-alarm industrial fire Friday night at Alpine Metal Finishing Products, which forced the evacuation of several nearby residences, is being listed as suspicious. The building at 2030 Drill Ave., probably 200 feet by 200 feet in size, is a total loss, Harrison Twp. Fire Chief Mark Lynch said. The cause is under investigation and the fire will remain listed as suspicious, "being that it was in the evening and nobody was there," he said, until all other possibilities are ruled out. A state fire marshal's investigator will be on site Saturday morning, he said. Because of the corrosive and flammable chemicals in the building, crews attacked the exterior and later took a defensive posture and allowed the fire to burn itself out, Lynch said. No water was used on the fire because crews didn't

want any runoff into the groundwater or the river. "We would have had a contaminated water runoff" go directly to the river, which is less than a quarter-mile from the facility. Crews were initially dispatched sometime after 10:30 p.m. and found the building fully engulfed, he said. Operations at the plant ended at 4:30 p.m. and everybody was off the property at that time, Lynch said a preliminary investigation revealed. Alpine Products has been serving the metal finishing industry for more than 60 years, providing metal finishing, coating and painting for the military and aerospace industries. Lynch said evacuations of an estimated 120 to 125 people occurred on streets surrounding the plant, but there were no immediate reports of any injuries. The American Red Cross was notified. Montgomery County sheriff's deputies went door to door to get residents out and loaded onto RTA buses for a trip to Northridge High School. Lynch said he understood that at least 25 people were taken to the school. Residents would be allowed back to their homes probably within two to three hours, he said. At 1 a.m., there were still some hot spots and natural gas to the building was still on, Lynch said. Crews were looking for a valve so they could shut off the gas. The owner of the company has been contacted, he said, declining to discuss any details. An evacuation area of about a quarter-mile was to the north and west of the facility as a precaution because of the smoke, he said. Joseph Royalty, of 2057 Drill Ave., said, "I went outside and just looked and my whole street was lit up." Royalty, who said he has lived in his home 18 years, said he spotted the large fire "as soon as I walked out the door -- it was above the buildings and above the trees." He said he was concerned for his family, which includes his mother and children. He said he went in and woke his mother right before authorities evacuated his street. "I didn't comprehend at first it was that dangerous," Royalty said. Justin Shawhan, an extended-stay resident of the Traveler's Motel on North Dixie Drive, said he was evacuated by a manager. "It was completely engulfed," Shawhan said of the blaze that produced thick, black smoke. "It looked like something out of a movie." Several Montgomery County residents commented about the fire on Facebook. One person said he could smell the fire at Needmore and Frederick Pike, even with his air conditioner on and his windows closed. Another resident who said he lives on Riverside Drive near Helena said the odor is "very heavy." Crews from Vandalia, Clayton and Wright-Patterson provided mutual aid. All told, an estimated 100 fire personnel responded to the scene. Anyone who saw anybody around the building is asked to call the township fire department at 937-274-4351, Lynch said.

<http://www.whio.com/news/news/industrial-fire-explosion-alpine-metal-finishing/ngdqf/>



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USA, TX, LIBERTY CO, JULY 13 2014. DRIVER HAILED AS HERO IN PREVENTING EXPLOSION

 **Watch the Video** [Driver Hailed as Hero in Preventing Explosion](#)

July 11, 2014: Highway 59 has reopened in Liberty County after a truck carrying a highly explosive chemical shut the freeway down. Keith Garvin reports.

<http://www.click2houston.com/news/driver-hailed-as-hero-in-preventing-explosion/26919734>

MALAYSIA, SHAH ALAM, JULY 13 2014. TANKER LORRY DRIVER LOSES ONE LEG IN CRASH AT NKVE



A tanker lorry driver was severely injured and had one of his leg amputated when the tanker carrying palm oil lost control and overturned on the New Klang Valley Expressway near Setia Alam, here, last night. In the 10.15pm incident, the victim, whose in his 40's was pinned to the seat in the wreckage for almost three hours, before rescuers managed to get him out. A spokesman from the district Fire and Rescue department said following a distress call, a team of firemen arrived at the scene at 10.30pm. He said upon checking, rescuers found that one of the man's leg was badly injured and trapped under the driver's seat metal bars. "Rescuers tried to extricate the victim from the wreckage but it was not possible without amputating the trapped leg. "Firemen explained the complication to the victim and took time to coax him," the spokesman said

adding that they needed to amputate the leg from knee below to save his life, as the bone had been badly smashed. Almost three hours at 1.15am, he said the victim finally agreed for rescuers to sever the leg. Firemen then used a scissor to cut of the flesh surrounding the smashed bone before he was extricated and rushed to the Klang Hospital in an ambulance.

<http://malaysiandigest.com/frontpage/29-4-tile/508897-tanker-lorry-driver-loses-one-leg-in-crash-at-nkve.html>

USA, ID, BOISE, JULY 13 2014. TANKER TRUCK CLIPS LIGHT POLE CAUSING FUEL SPILL

 **Photo's [19]** [Tanker Truck Clips Light Pole Causing Fuel Spill](#)



It took several hours for crews to clean up a major fuel spill Saturday morning in Boise. It happened at the Maverick gas station on the corner of Franklin Road and Cloverdale Road around 10 a.m. Those with the Boise Fire Department said the tanker truck driver clipped a light pole and that hit a valve. The fuel started to immediately leak out. It was called in as a major fuel leak, and those with Boise Fire explain what that means. "Initially they were estimating 500 gallons of diesel fuel that leaked from the tank. It did get into one of the storm drains, so that was an issue and concern for us, but there is no more leaking product at this time," said Boise Fire Battalion Chief John Peugh. The trucking company is in charge of making sure all of the fuel is cleaned up, which is said to take anywhere from three to four hours. Boise

Fire says 941 gallons of fuel leaked from the tank.

<http://www.ktvb.com/news/Tanker-truck-clips-light-pole-causing-fuel-spill-266886611.html>

USA, PA, SCRANTON, JULY 13 2014. DEP INVESTIGATING 'SIGNIFICANT' SPILL IN LACKAWANNA RIVER



Oil covers the trees along the banks of the Lackawanna River.

What once helped heat Scranton may now be seeping into the Lackawanna River. The Department of Environmental Protection is investigating a "significant" petroleum-based spill in the river as fuel oil leaking from an old steam energy plant has covered plants along the shoreline for as far as 2 miles, according to an initial inspection by DEP. "We've got quite an investigation on our hands," DEP spokeswoman Colleen Connolly said. She said the fuel was traced to a former steam energy property. While she was not sure of the name of the company, the former Community Central Energy Corp. property on North Washington Avenue, is in the area. An emergency response team was dispatched Saturday to the river near the Poplar Street bridge in



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Scranton, after a fisherman noticed discolored plants. Later Saturday, DEP workers determined the substance was fuel oil and tracked it to an abandoned above-ground tank at the former steam heat provider, Ms. Connolly said. The fuel oil likely traveled underground and entered the river from a large drainage pipe underneath the bridge, Ms. Connolly said. Crews believe they have contained any further leaking and have placed containment booms in the river, she said. Community Central Energy Corp., which is about five blocks from the river, shut down in 2006 after heating most of the buildings in downtown Scranton with steam for 130 years. The DEP is now trying to determine who owns the old energy company's property and assess how much fuel oil spilled into the river. "We have a lot of questions," Ms. Connolly said. At the bridge Saturday night, where the effects of the spill begin, plants were discolored several feet above the water level, which was higher earlier in the week. Plants are discolored all the way to the South Side Sports Complex — a distance of almost 2 miles, Charlie Charlesworth of Trout Unlimited said. No warnings have been issued about fishing or being in the river, but people should try to stay away from the affected shoreline, Ms. Connolly said.

<http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/dep-investigating-significant-spill-in-lackawanna-river-1.1718299>

CANADA, ALTA, ENTWHISTLE, JULY 13 2014. ONE DRIVER KILLED IN COLLISION BETWEEN OIL TANKER AND GRAIN TRUCK

One person is dead after a fiery crash involving a crude oil tanker and a grain truck. RCMP say one of the drivers was killed in the collision and the other was taken to hospital via ground ambulance with critical injuries. Both vehicles burst into flames after the crash, which happened about 9 p.m. Friday night on Highway 22 south of Entwhistle, Alta. Entwhistle is about 100 kilometres west of Edmonton.

<http://lethbridgeherald.com/news/provincial-news/2014/07/11/one-driver-killed-in-collision-between-oil-tanker-and-grain-truck/>

USA, TX, NEW BADEN, JULY 13 2014. CUTTING TORCH BLAMED FOR OIL TANK EXPLOSIONS IN ROBERTSON COUNTY

State regulators say a worker had used a cutting torch when a Central Texas oilfield storage tank exploded and left him critically hurt. The Eagle (<http://bit.ly/VThmkk>) newspaper reported Friday that the worker was removing bolts from a catwalk atop the tank near New Baden (BAY'-dun). Texas Railroad Commission investigators say the 12,000-gallon tank contained oil sludge during Wednesday's blast. Authorities say the worker was wearing a safety harness as he was thrown clear during the explosion, then the safety line slammed him face-first into the hot steel. The fire burned through a strap and the man fell to the ground. He was in critical condition when transported to a Houston hospital. His name and further details on his condition weren't immediately released. New Baden is 100 miles northeast of Austin.

<http://wtaw.com/2014/07/11/cutting-torch-blamed-oil-tank-explosions-robertson-county/>

USA, N.D, MANDAREE, JULY 13 2014. NEAR SPILL, RESERVATION WRESTLES WITH OIL'S IMPACT

Photo's [6] [Near Spill, Reservation Wrestles with Oil's Impact](#)



Saltwater leaks into this stream after running downhill, Thursday, July 10, 2014, near Mandaree, N.D. A pipeline leak on Fort Berthold Indian Reservation spilled 1 million gallons of saltwater, a byproduct of oil and gas production. Company officials say the leak likely started over the Fourth of July weekend.

Growing up, [Ruth Anna Buffalo](#) would follow the dirt track behind her house into the rugged North Dakota badlands, swimming in creeks picketed with beaver dams, finding artifacts and climbing bluffs overlooking Lake Sakakawea. For the young, the lake and the land around it were a wonderland. Buffalo's grandfather, though, looked at the lake with pained eyes. Created by the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#)' building of the [Garrison Dam](#) in the 1940s and '50s, it flooded out a significant portion of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and swallowed his town of Elbowoods. Families were forced to leave their homes for higher ground.

Now, drilling rigs are visible in the hills behind Buffalo's childhood home in the small town of Mandaree and the trail to the lake is pockmarked with oil and gas development. "It feels like this is the modern day flooding of our land," Buffalo said. For many Native Americans on Fort Berthold Indian Reservation — a land that accounts for 300,000 of the 1 million barrels of oil produced by North Dakota daily — there is a difficult balance between the potential prosperity that oil and gas development can bring and the preservation of a land considered by cultural and religious tradition to be sacred. That dilemma has been



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brought to the fore this month since 1 million gallons of saltwater, a byproduct of oil and gas production, spewed from an underground pipeline into the badlands near Mandaree. [Crestwood Midstream Partners LP](#), whose subsidiary [Arrow Pipeline LLC](#) owns the pipeline, says the toxic fluid travelled a snaking, nearly 2-mile path down into a ravine, eradicating a 200-yard stretch of vegetation along its way. But the company says there is no evidence the saltwater made its way into Lake Sakakawea, which provides drinking water for the reservation. Among residents of the reservation, there is an environmental concern not often exhibited elsewhere in North Dakota's booming oil patch. Roadside signs at Mandaree's entrance invoke the wisdom of the elders, encouraging tribal members and visitors to the reservation to respect the land and air around them. "The elders say land is our mother," reads one. "Don't litter on our mother! Protect our mother!" Another reads "Water and air is life! Protect our future generation!" The leadership of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation says oil and gas development in recent years has rescued the reservation from the poverty that afflicts many reservations across the United States. But prosperity is difficult to see in Mandaree, which had a population of just under 600 in the 2010 census. Unkempt grass rises in most lawns, some cradling abandoned vehicles or rusting propane tanks. Mangy dogs traipse the streets. The windows of some homes are boarded up or cracked. "We should all be basking in wealth, but we're not," said 60-year-old Mandaree resident [Katherine Young Bear](#). "We still have poverty — huge, horrible poverty — on the reservation." "As far as I'm concerned they should take it away and be done with it because it's killing our mother earth," she added, referring to oil and gas extraction. The only shop in town is a small gas station convenience store. Harriet Goodiron, who works there, says radioactive oil filter socks — the tubular nets that strain liquids during the oil production process — were found near her home last year. Oil companies are supposed to haul them to approved waste facilities in other states. Goodiron is concerned about the lasting impact of oil development on the land and its people. "Once this is all over they're going to up and leave, with frack socks laying all over and saltwater spills in our water that we drink," she said. "Now, after that spill happened, whenever I brush my teeth, do I know that the water I'm drinking, is it safe? Is it going to give me cancer one day?"

<http://www.thefreecamsecret.com/ap/?DF=0&AFNO=1-0-634091-341541&UHNSMTY=303&jntp=np&stno=1-773-851-3143-1973-1919&snp=adc>

USA, FLA, LAKE LAND, JULY 13 2014. POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS CHEMICALS, FRAUD ALLEGATIONS PLAGUE FAILED LAKE LAND BIODIESEL PLANT



Real Estate Broker Dower Drummond stands next a storage tank at the former Clean Fuel Lakeland LLC plant which hasn't operated since December 2010.

Toxic and flammable chemicals that may be at an abandoned Lakeland biofuel plant pose a potential danger, according to an examination by an engineering company. There are several problems with the land and equipment at 1248 George Jenkins Blvd., and they're intertwined. They include the possibility of hazardous waste, some unpaid taxes and accusations that the head of the company that vacated the plant defrauded the government of \$2.3 million. The Clean Fuel Lakeland plant in Lakeland Industrial Park, which made biodiesel fuel, has been idle for almost four years, but it may have left behind unwanted remnants. There are huge, sometimes rusting, chemical tanks and corroded pipes and valves that may contain hazardous chemicals, according to a three-

person examination of the plant by Penn Pro, a local engineering company owned by Wayne Pennewell. The most dangerous item on Pennewell's list of chemicals that may remain at the plant appears to be sodium methylate, which he describes in a report as "flammable ... highly toxic to eyes, skin, respiratory tract and ingestion. Causes burns and easily causes blindness if exposed to the eyes." Two other chemicals on the list also are flammable — biodiesel and methanol. Methanol is described as "highly flammable." In all, there are eight chemical concerns at the five-story plant. The five others are hydrochloric acid, sodium hydroxide, sulfuric acid, glycerol and chloride salts. "Let's just say, I wouldn't want to live next door to that plant," Pennewell told The Ledger. Lakeland Industrial Park is surrounded by businesses, not homes. And Tom Phillips said he isn't pleased being next door. He's the executive director of the Polk Transit Authority. Phillips said he was "extremely concerned" to learn from The Ledger that an engineer said there are potential problems with dangerous chemicals on the site. He said the appropriate state or federal environmental agencies should investigate and determine the severity of the problem, and, if it's serious, they should make quick work of getting it cleaned up. Phillips said Citrus Connection has moved parked buses away from the fence bordering the site. The Florida Department of Health in Polk County and Florida Department of Environmental Protection are responsible for inspecting the plant.



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The Health Department

I visited the site last fall and found no serious problems, said Ana Gibbs, a spokeswoman for DEP. And she said that, based on a review of documents, DEP "feels confident the materials were moved" years ago. Some, she said, were sold at a profit. The documentation Gibbs mentioned came from Clean Fuels Lakeland, the same company accused by the U.S. Secret Service of cheating the government of \$2.3 million. Neither Pennewell nor the state has checked inside the numerous tanks at the site to determine their contents. And Pennewell noted the many pipes at the plant could also contain chemicals. The Clean Fuel Lakeland plant is in the 20-acre Lakeland Industrial Park, with four other tenants. Dower Drummond, an Orlando real estate broker, is trying to sell the park, which is owned by Bob Stanley, 87.. Drummond said cleaning up the mess and tearing down the plant could cost more than \$1 million. That's a priority complicated by back taxes owed on Clean Fuel's equipment. He said Stanley is trying to hire a company to dismantle the plant in return for the scrap metal that's there, which he said is worth a substantial amount. Stanley, who has been visiting family in Georgia, has been paying \$200 per night for security. Drummond said thieves have been sneaking onto the Clean Fuel Lakeland plant at night, trying to steal scrap. The need for a security guard became abundantly clear when one of the thieves was caught on a night camera trying to steal metal — with a lit cigarette dangling from his mouth, oblivious to the possible danger of flammable chemicals at the site.

Allegations of Fraud

This isn't the first time the biodiesel business at Lakeland Industrial Park has been in the spotlight. Karl Rehberg, formerly of Lakeland, started the business to essentially turn used restaurant grease into fuel for diesel engines. Instead, federal investigators said, Rehberg bilked more than 2,000 investors of more than \$20 million in the 1990s by selling unregistered securities in his business, called NOPEC. Rehberg and his wife, Helen, left Lakeland in 1998 just as he was about to be arrested. The couple went on the lam for nine years before being picked up in Arizona. He was sentenced to five years in federal prison for conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States. Helen Rehberg got two years for obstruction of justice. After Rehberg, a series of companies tried to make a long-term go of the biodiesel business at the park, but none did. Lee Maher is chief executive of Clean Fuel, also known as Clean Fuel Lakeland. The company bought the old NOPEC plant in April 2009. Activity at the plant stopped in September 2010, a federal government report said, and Maher, along with a Clean Fuel grant writer, have run into trouble with the government. In December 2010, the company received \$2.2 million in state grant money that was funded by the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Clean Fuel Lakeland was supposed to use that money to buy equipment for the plant. But that never happened, according to an April 2013 affidavit by Special Agent Emily Byers of the Secret Service.

<http://www.theledger.com/article/20140711/NEWS/140719825/-1/WIRE20?Title=Potentially-Dangerous-Chemicals-Fraud-Allegations-Plague-Failed-Lakeland-Biodiesel-Plant>

NYANYA, JULY 13 2014. ABUJA-NASARAWA EXPRESSWAY LOCKED DOWN AFTER FUEL TANKER CRASH



Commuters travelling between Abuja, Nigeria's capital city, to states in the North-central region are now stranded as emergency officials battle to remove a petrol tanker which crashed at the Nyanya end of the road. The tanker owned by B.G.K Nigeria Ltd, but painted in the colours of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, NNPC, was coming from the Abuja end of the road when it suddenly lost control and crashed into an oncoming Golf car on the opposite lane. The incident occurred at about 9 a.m, witnesses said. The Golf car was completely destroyed but the occupants were rescued alive. Emergency workers, comprising of the Federal Fire service, Federal Road Safety Commission, the Police, and the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, NSCDC, rushed to the scene of the accident for rescue and traffic control. Their

concern was to prevent the tanker, laden with petrol, from exploding, some of emergency workers said. During the period, both sides of the dual lane highway were completely blocked, leaving commuters stranded.

Update: 10:33 a.m

Emergency worker have pulled the truck away from the road. The lane leading out of Abuja have been opened and traffic is flowing but slowly. The lane leading into Abuja was opened to traffic. The situation on the expressway has returned to normal.

<http://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/164782-breaking-abuja-nasarawa-expressway-locked-down-after-fuel-tanker-crash.html>



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USA, N.J, WEST DEPTFORD, JULY 13 2014. 1 INJURED IN WEST DEPTFORD CHEMICAL PLANT BLAST

 **Watch the Video** [1 Injured In West Deptford Chemical Plant Blast](#)

A small explosion at a chemical plant in southern New Jersey forced the evacuation of employees and left one person injured. It happened at the Johnson Matthey plant in West Deptford just after 5:30 a.m. Friday. Plant general manager Robert Bullen-Smith says a process line in a chemical production area broke and a spill occurred. He would not identify the chemical. Bullen-Smith says there were no major injuries. But he says three employees in the immediate area were examined and one was sent to the hospital for most tests. Bullen-Smith says the damage was contained to one area of the plant and the company can resume operations. The plant manager says there was no danger to the surrounding area. The chemical and precious metals company is headquartered in London.

<http://6abc.com/news/explosions-reported-at-west-deptford-plant/176978/>

USA, N.D, BISMARCK, JULY 13 2014. SPILL IN N.D.'S TONGUE RIVER REPORTED

The North Dakota Department of Health was notified Thursday of a spill in the Tongue River in Pembina County. Health personnel will be following up on the spill. A crew from Enbridge Energy was performing a boring operation near Bathgate and inadvertently released drilling fluid into the Tongue River. Approximately 12 barrels of drilling fluid was released in the spill, and a turbidity curtain was deployed. A barrel is 42 gallons.

http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/spill-in-n-d-s-tongue-river-reported/article_5420e6fa-096f-11e4-be83-0019bb2963f4.html

USA, ORE, DEXTER, JULY 13 2014. HIGHWAY 58 AT DEXTER NOW REOPEN AFTER SPILL CAUSED BY OVERTURNED TANKER



Highway 58 near Dexter was reported to be open after 10 p.m. after a fuel tanker truck crash earlier in the day. The truck and its trailers overturned shortly after noon Friday. The trailers were hauling more than 10,000 gallons of diesel and gasoline. Motorists should expect delays in the area, although a detour is in place along Dexter Road, state transportation officials said. Crews are working to unload the fuel before they remove the truck and trailers from the scene. An ambulance dispatch log indicates that no one was injured in the wreck.

<http://registerguard.com/rg/news/local/31855999-75/dexter-trailers-truck-fuel-highway.html.csp>

USA, AKA, FAIRBANKS, JULY 13 2014. DEAL REACHED ON WATER IN AREA TAINTED BY NORTH POLE REFINERY SPILL

jeff richardson

The state has agreed to share preliminary costs to explore a water system expansion in North Pole, where a decades-old refinery spill continues to contaminate a vast plume of groundwater. Under terms of the agreement, the state, Flint Hills Resources Alaska and the refinery's former owner, Williams Alaska Petroleum, will equally share costs for preliminary engineering and survey work. It doesn't include a commitment to follow up with construction of an expanded system in the area. The Attorney General's office announced the deal on Friday, saying that the parties will arrange for Fairbanks Sewer & Water to develop the design, cost estimate and construction schedule for a water main extension from its existing system. The extension would serve properties with water contaminated by sulfolane, an industrial chemical detected in local groundwater in 2009. The chemical is a result of spills dating back to the 1980s, when Williams Alaska owned the refinery. Flint Hills purchased the facility from Williams in 2004. Since it was first detected, additional testing has mapped the groundwater plume in an area roughly 3 miles long adjacent to the refinery. As of March, Flint Hills had reportedly spent \$75 million on the cleanup and mitigation for the sulfolane spill, providing clean water to some 550 homes and businesses in the area. Flint Hills spokesman Jeff Cook said the agreement is a key step toward the eventual sale of the refinery. It halted production in May,



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citing high operating costs and uncertain future clean-up obligations. In a news release, Attorney General Michael Geraghty called the agreement "an important step in potentially solving the long-term problem in North Pole and hopefully enabling the sale of the refinery to another operator." However, the agreement doesn't resolve a lawsuit the state filed against Flint Hills and Williams in April to determine who is ultimately responsible for the spill. It contends that both companies allowed the spill to occur, and requests that they both pay for cleanup and mitigation. Cook said resolution of that issue is another important factor enabling a future sale of the refinery. He said the refinery is working with Geraghty to reach an agreement for onsite cleanup. He expressed optimism that the issue will be resolved in the near future. "We're hopeful we can reach an agreement soon," he said. "That's another important step."

http://www.newsminer.com/news/local_news/deal-reached-on-water-in-area-tainted-by-north-pole/article_df4874fa-0974-11e4-8f70-0017a43b2370.html

USA, N.Y., LIVERPOOL, JULY 14 2014. MAN INJURED AFTER TRUCK HE WAS WORKING ON CATCHES FIRE IN DRIVEWAY

jacob pucci



Firefighters put out the fire at 4198 Wetzel Road. Fuel in the pickup truck caught fire and spread to the house.

A man was treated for minor burns and singed hair after his pickup truck caught fire in his driveway. He was working on his vehicle at around 2 p.m. when the gas tank ignited, Moyers Corners Fire Chief John Perkins said, sending the bed of the truck into flames. The truck was parked only a few feet away from the garage at 4198 Wetzel Road and the fire soon spread to the garage doors and edge of the garage roof. Firefighters were able to put out the blaze in around five or 10 minutes, Perkins said. Perkins did not know the man's name. The property is owned by Paul J. Lanieu, of 26 Ilex Lane, Onondaga County property records show. Onondaga County sheriff's deputies and NOVA Ambulance also responded to the scene. The man was treated by ambulance on the scene.

http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2014/07/man_injured_after_truck_he_was_working_on_catches_fire_in_driveway.html

USA, MO, SAINT CLAIR, JULY 14 2014. LEAK FORCES GASOLINE STATION TO CLOSE PUMPS

keith e. domke



Fuel Spill - St. Clair police and fire personnel check out the twisted and leaking gasoline pump at the Phillips 66 Fast Lane service station on the north side of the city on Tuesday afternoon. Shortly before noon, the pictured fifth-wheel camper was backed into one of the self-serve pumps, causing a break in the line that led to several dozen gallons of gas being spilled onto the concrete. The fuel portion of the business was closed for several hours after the incident.

Things were back to normal later in the day on Tuesday at the Phillips 66 Fast Lane service station on St. Clair's north side after an unusual incident forced the gas pumps to be closed down for several hours beginning at about noon. According to the St. Clair Police Department report, a man backed his fifth-wheel camper into one of the pumps at about 11:50 a.m., twisted the pump and caused gasoline to leak from it. The police report said there was extensive visible damage to the outside of the pump. St. Clair Fire Protection District Assistant Chief Mike Kelley told The Missourian on Wednesday morning that it

was estimated about 30 to 40 gallons of gasoline leaked from the pump before it was turned off. "But when you have liquid on the ground, 10 gallons looks like it's going a long way," he said. There were no injuries. Fast Lane management shut off the power to all fuel pumps as a precaution. Caution tape prevented anyone from entering the area. St. Clair Police said John Moore of Sugarland, Texas, had pulled off of Interstate 44 and into the service station for fuel. He pulled his camper past the pumps and was backing it and his 2009 Ford F250 pickup to get into position when the back of the fifth-wheel collided with one



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of the pumps. The force of the crash caused the pump to twist and leak. "Thirty to 40 gallons is considered to be a larger spill," Kelley said. "When our crews arrived, we diked the area up around the spill and put an absorbent on it. Then, we put foam in and around the gas pump well." Kelley confirmed the pump partially was twisted off of its base. One of the fuel lines that services the pump was broken, but it had shut itself off automatically. Another one of the lines was cracked, and that was the one leaking fuel. "We manually shut it off, and manually shut off the third line, too," Kelley said. "And all pumps were turned off as a precaution. The last thing we wanted was any kind of errant speak." Kelley said a hazardous materials team was not needed, but he said he did call the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. A unit from the state Department of Agriculture Weights, Measures and Consumer Protection visited the scene. "They made sure everything was properly handled," Kelley said. "They did tests to make sure everything was OK." Kelley then said the matter was turned over to Warrenton Oil Co., the owner of the station. Kelley said fire crews were on the scene for at least a couple of hours. St. Clair Police said Moore was allowed to leave the scene, but he had to get his fuel elsewhere. The pumps were activated later in the day on Tuesday after authorities cleared the scene. Throughout the ordeal, the convenience store section of the business and neighboring Taco Bell remained open for business. The service station is located at 8299 Highway 47.

http://www.emissourian.com/local_news/saint_clair/article_2ef0688c-0925-11e4-86bd-001a4bcf887a.html

SAUDI ARABIA, BISHA, JULY 14 2014. FUEL TANKER KILLS FOUR MEMBERS OF A FAMILY

The driver of a fuel tanker caused the death of a woman and her three children when he abruptly crossed the road and hit their car on Saturday. Asir Red Crescent spokesman Ahmad Asiri said ambulances and security bodies attended the accident scene on Bisha-Alaylah Road. The victims were trapped inside the wreckage of the car and the Civil Defense was called to extract the bodies. Asiri said traffic police detained the truck driver while the bodies were taken to the mortuary.

<http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/index.cfm?method=home.regcon&contentid=20140714211472>

PAKISTAN, KARACHI, JULY 14 2014. OIL TANKER CRASH DISRUPTS TRAFFIC ON NATIVE JETTY BRIDGE

A speeding oil tanker crashed into the safety wall of the Native Jetty Bridge on Saturday, spilling a large quantity of diesel onto the busy road and causing an hours-long traffic jam. The driver and the cleaner were injured in the accident, which occurred when the driver lost control over the steering due to speeding, police said. The cab of the tanker caught fire as it dangled dangerously from the bridge. Soon fire engines arrived at the scene and put out the blaze. While rescue services were under way, people from nearby areas filled bottles with diesel spilling from the vehicle. It took rescue services several hours to put the oil tanker back on the road with the help of a crane.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-4-261389-Oil-tanker-crash-disrupts-traffic-on-Native-Jetty-Bridge>

USA, CA, HESPERIA, JULY 14 2014. OVERTURNED TANKER, FUEL SPILL SNARLS I-15 TRAFFIC IN HESPERIA

shea johnson & sarah alvarado



Emergency personnel responded to an overturned fuel tanker on northbound Interstate 15 just south of Main Street in Hesperia. An estimated 150 gallons of fuel was spilled.

A double tanker truck overturned in an early Sunday two-vehicle crash and came to rest off northbound Interstate 15 near Joshua Street, spilling an estimated 150 gallons of fuel and snarling traffic as efforts of clean-up crews required emergency lane closures, officials said. The incident was reported at 5:16 a.m. to the California Highway Patrol. CHP incident logs showed that one of two tankers on the vehicle had ruptured. At 6:34 a.m., officials closed the number 3 lane for precautionary measures, logs showed. Roughly three hours later, all northbound lanes were shut down for about 15 minutes to aide the clean-up. According to CHP acting sergeant Michael Schwab, a passenger

vehicle for unknown reasons veered into the tanker's lane and clipped the truck's front steering axle, causing the truck to swerve then overturn. The truck driver was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries and the driver of the passenger vehicle was not injured, San Bernardino County Fire Battalion Chief Jeffrey Birchfield said. The number three lane remained closed as of 10:47 a.m. It was expected to reopen by early afternoon after crews had cleaned up the remaining fuel off the freeway roadside and removed all fuel from the tanker, according to Birchfield. "They brought another tanker in," he said. "We had crews which drilled into the wrecked tanks and pumped (the fuel) out. That way, once we upright (the truck), there won't



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be fuel in it. The hazard is...mitigated." The two tankers collectively hold about 8,600 gallons of fuel and Birchfield estimated they were "close to being full." Traffic in the area, south of Main Street and near Highway 395, was reportedly backed up between Main Street and Ranchero Road as late as 11:44 a.m. The truck was being lifted upright around 1 p.m. A total of 18 county firefighters responded to the scene, along with an aircraft crash truck from Southern California Logistics Airport, a hazmat crew, CHP and Caltrans, Birchfield said.

<http://www.vvdailyexpress.com/article/20140713/News/140719937>

USA, UT, DELLE, 'JULY 14 2014. TRAIN CAR LEAKS SULFURIC ACID IN TOOELE COUNTY

Emergency crews responded Saturday to a train car leaking sulfuric acid near Interstate 80 in Tooele County. The North Tooele County Fire District reports from 40 to 50 gallons of sulfuric acid spilled on the ground, but the leak did not pose a public danger. The district was notified about 7:15 a.m. of the leak coming from a car several cars behind the westbound freight train near the Delle exit. Union Pacific officials say they were coordinating a cleanup.

http://www.cachevalleydaily.com/news/state/article_bef1b646-f60d-53cb-b7e5-abc5d30eb233.html

PHILIPPINES, ZAMBOANGA CITY, JULY 14 2014. UNABATED FUEL SMUGGLING FROM SABAH FORCES SULU GAS STATIONS TO CLOSE

Unabated smuggling of cheaper fuel from Sabah in Malaysia has affected gas station owners in the southern Philippine province of Sulu. Many of them have closed their gas stations after a drastic drop in sales over cheaper, but dirty gasoline and diesel fuel being sold by illegal and unscrupulous traders. Gasoline peddlers also sprouted like mushrooms in the town of Jolo where they illegally sell fuels in one-liter bottles much cheaper than local pump prices. With daily losses, legitimate gas station owners ceased selling fuels until authorities stop the rampant smuggling of gasoline and diesel from Sabah. Energy Secretary Jericho Petilla on Sunday said he received reports that the smuggling activities has ceased after Malaysian authorities imposed a stricter patrol in Sabah near the southern Philippine border following the spate of intrusion by kidnappers in the oil-rich Malaysian state. "We got reports that Malaysian has actually tightened the border to the extent that the delivery (of smuggled fuels) to Sulu has been affected," he said. With gas stations closed and stricter border measures in Sabah, smuggling activities were halted and the prices of gasoline and diesel being sold by unscrupulous traders and peddlers have soared up and are being sold as high as P120 a liter. "What really discouraged the local depot from supplying Sulu in the past was that they are competing against with (illegal) fuel (suppliers) that are not paying taxes (to the government). But now that there is a tight supply and there is nothing coming from Sabah then they might be encourage to do more frequent deliveries (of fuels)," Petilla said. "We have an open market because they are deregulated and anybody can (legally) supply Sulu at this point but I think at one point I am trying to look at the history of suppliers in Sulu, the big oil companies for example, I don't think they exist there at the moment because at one point they really cannot compete with the prices of fuels coming from Sabah but it has been cut off, we don't know if its temporary or permanent at this point." "But at this point is they don't have the supply coming from Sabah and what we can do is that there is a delivery on Monday (July 14) that should ease the (shortage of fuel) supply in Sulu but what we can request because this is a business decision of the local companies to deliver more," he said. There were also reports of rampant smuggling of fuels from Sabah into the neighboring province of Tawi-Tawi. Both Sulu and Tawi-Tawi are under the Muslim autonomous region in Mindanao. There was no immediate statement from the Bureau of Customs about the unabated smuggling activities in the provinces.

http://www.mindanaoexaminer.com/news.php?news_id=20140713013732

USA, MA, LAWRENCE, JULY 14 2014. FIREFIGHTERS HOSPITALIZED, HOMES EVACUATED AFTER CHEMICAL SPILL

 [Watch the Video Firefighters Hospitalized, Homes Evacuated after Chemical Spill](#)

An overnight incident at an industrial building triggered a hazardous materials team to respond and sent some firefighters to the hospital. Lawrence firefighters responded to the scene at around 1:30 a.m. Sunday at a metal company on Ballard Way. When fire crews went inside, they found a broken container full of nitric acid in the back of the building that had reacted with another chemical, creating nitric gas. Four firefighters were sent to the hospital to be treated for minor injuries. All have since been released. No one else was hurt, but multiple homes nearby were evacuated after a vapor cloud formed above the building. Residents were let back into their homes at around 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Officials are now trying to figure out exactly what happened.

<http://www.myfoxboston.com/story/26006134/hazmat-situation-declared-at-lawrence-fire-nearby-homes-evacuated-briefly>



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