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### KUWAIT, KUWAIT CITY, JULY 17 2014. KPC WITHDRAWS PROPOSAL TO PRIVATIZE PETROL STATIONS

Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) has withdrawn its proposal to privatize petrol stations, which was included in its operational budget plan of 2014-2015. The Supreme Petroleum Council has apparently held discussions about building 100 new petrol stations to meet the increasing demand for petrol locally, reports Al-Kuwaitiah daily quoting informed sources from the oil sector. They said they wondered why KPC has been insisting for years to privatize petrol stations and establish a third company in the market similar to 'Al-Soor' and 'Al-Oula' companies. They indicated that the studies conducted by KPC and its subsidiaries probably did not support the involvement of private sector in this regard.

<http://www.arabtimesonline.com/NewsDetails/tabid/96/smld/414/ArticleID/207737/reftab/36/t/KPC-withdraws-proposal-to-privatize-petrol-stations/Default.aspx>

### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, LAKE MACQUARIE, JULY 17 2014. YACHT DESTROYED BY FIRE ON LAKE MACQUARIE

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A yacht has been destroyed by fire on Lake Macquarie and fire crews are now working to clean up a large diesel spill. Firefighters were called to the lake just after 5:30am (AEST), arriving to find the 11 metre fibreglass vessel engulfed in flames about 150 metres off shore. The fire has been extinguished and the yacht has sunk below the waterline. Superintendent Josh Turner says crews are working to mop up the diesel spill before it runs off with the tide. "We have absorbent booms that sit around the water and the booms actually drop down below the surface of the water to stop any further run off," he said. "Diesel does break up naturally in sunlight, but we'll be skimming as much of that diesel up as we can to ensure that this process happens as quickly as possible so we minimise any environmental risk."

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-07-16/yacht-destroyed-by-fire-on-lake-macquarie/5600284>

### USA, CA, LOS ANGELES, JULY 17 2014. CALIFORNIA HEARING ADDRESSES OIL REFINERY RULES



*This July 6, 2006 file photo shows the ConocoPhillips Los Angeles Refinery in operation. The Environmental Protection Agency is coming to one of the nation's largest petroleum producing areas to hold public hearings, Wednesday, July 16, 2014 on a proposal officials say would reduce toxic air pollution from California to Texas through tough new controls on oil refineries.*

Residents of modest neighborhoods near three of the largest oil refineries in California called on the Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday to crack down on plant emissions, saying the pollution is choking their children and endangering their health. Residents of the oil-rich Wilmington area of Los Angeles were among 15 speakers to address the morning session of an EPA hearing about a proposed rule requiring stricter emission controls and monitoring standards. Several speakers said they have suffered from asthma and other ailments they believe were caused by the refineries near the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. "My own family suffers from asthma," said [Evelyn Knight](#), who has lived in neighboring Long Beach since 1968. "I had a brother die from lung cancer who never smoked. Many friends have come down with cancer." Community organizer [Shabaka Heru](#) said children whose lungs and other organs are still developing are particularly at risk. "We have children who have inflated incidents of asthma," he said. The EPA proposal would require the petroleum industry adopt new technology to better monitor emissions of the carcinogen benzene, upgrade storage tank emission controls and ensure waste gases are properly destroyed. Refineries would also have to improve perimeter monitoring to get a clearer picture of how much toxic pollution is drifting into communities. Those findings would have to be made available to the public. EPA officials estimate such actions could reduce toxic air emissions from refineries by as much as 5,600 tons a year. Three executives with the petroleum industry told the three-member hearing panel that the proposed changes could cost the industry as much as a billion dollars and provide little in the way of improved air quality. "Air quality in the United States has improved significantly, continues to improve, and our industry is doing its part to contribute to the success," said [Howard Feldman](#), director of regulatory and scientific affairs for the [American Petroleum Institute](#). "It goes without saying that the safe operation of our refineries to protect our workers and the community is our No. 1 priority," he added. Members of the community disagreed. "There will never be a solution until the perpetrators of the pollution in our community take full responsibility and have zero pollution," Knight said. [Flavio Mercado](#) of Wilmington brought a jar of black gunk he said was particulate matter from a refinery that had been collected from a neighborhood. Photos of refineries belching



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plumes of huge, black smoke as neighborhood children play in the foreground were displayed. United Steelworkers member [David Campbell](#) said his union also supports the tougher standards. "Our union sees this as a benefit to not only our members who work inside the facilities but also to our friends and families who work and live outside the fence line," he said. The hearing, attended by about 40 people, adjourned shortly before noon and was to resume Wednesday evening, when 15 more people were scheduled to speak. Another hearing is scheduled for Aug. 5 in Texas, and the EPA has set aside a 60-day period for people to submit written comments. No action is expected before next year. The Wilmington area has more than 6,000 oil wells and is home to three of California's major oil refineries. The 9-square-mile area with 53,000 residents also includes the third-largest oil field in the contiguous United States. The proposed rules changes came from the resolution of a lawsuit brought in 2012 by the environmental groups Earthjustice and Environmental Integrity Project on behalf of people directly affected by emissions from refineries in Louisiana, Texas and California. The action accused the EPA of shirking its responsibility under the [Clean Air](#) Act by neglecting to review and possibly revise refinery emission standards every three years. The EPA has not implemented new emission standards since 1995.

<http://www.sfgate.com/business/energy/article/California-hearing-set-on-tough-oil-refinery-rules-5624470.php>

### USA, N.C, BURLINGTON, JULY 17 2014. OWNERS OF CONVENIENCE STORE FINED DUE TO UNDERGROUND GAS TANKS

The N.C. Division of Waste Management fined the owners of the Pump-N-Pak Fairway One Stop convenience store, 807 E. Webb Ave., in June for failing to permanently close three substandard underground storage tank systems. According to a DWM report, James L. Wilson of Liberty was fined \$11,016 and JP&D Financial Inc. of Greensboro was fined \$14,516. The Times-News contacted Wilson and JP&D seeking comment on Wednesday with no calls returned by 6 p.m. The state levied the fines based on an investigation conducted June 3 by the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

<http://www.thetimesnews.com/news/top-news/owners-of-convenience-store-fined-due-to-underground-gas-tanks-1.346774>

### USA, MI, ALBION, JULY 17 2014. STATE TARGETS SITES WITH UNDERGROUND TANK LEAKS

*sehvilla mann*



**Hear at:** [A report on DEQ tank triage and a former foundry site in Albion.](#)



*The site of the former Harvard Industries in Albion.*

Underground tanks get special attention in state and federal environmental law. That's because many of the substances people store in them – like gasoline – are the kinds of things you don't want in your soil or groundwater, and you really don't want them in your drinking water. Unfortunately, underground tanks do sometimes leak, and some spills don't get cleaned up for years or even decades. A program at Department of Environmental Quality aims to cut down the state's backlog of uninvestigated sites. Here's what that means for one site in Calhoun County. On the west edge of Albion, Krista Trout-Edwards unlocks the gate at the site of the former Harvard Industries. "It was a foundry," she says. "They had giant cauldrons that they used to make auto parts with." The plant – just north of the Kalamazoo River – goes back as far as 1888. "At one time it was very big operation and a huge employment

source for the community," Trout-Edwards says. But by 2002 the company was bankrupt. The foundry closed. The property went into tax foreclosure. And that's how it came to the Calhoun County Land Bank, where Trout-Edwards is the executive director. Right now there's not much to see except concrete foundations broken up by weeds. But Trout-Edwards says with its location and about 50 acres of space, "You could see why it would be attractive to developers if we could, you know, get the environmental situation cleaned up." The "environmental situation" at the site is less than ideal – though it's not as bad as it used to be. In 2009 the Environmental Protection Agency removed what it considered to be immediate hazards – like PCB-contaminated oil. But the former foundry has at least one other problem – pollution from several underground tanks. That's how it ended up in the Department of Environmental Quality's 2014 tank triage program. "We call it 'triage' because it's a quick and dirty way of getting in, getting some information and determining what the risks are and what else needs to be done if anything," says DEQ-Kalamazoo District Supervisor Frank Ballo. He says the state knows of about 7000 sites that need further attention because of a leak from an underground tank. About thirty of them, in seven counties, made it onto the Kalamazoo District's triage list. "Overwhelmingly they were gas stations," Ballo says, "But there's some municipal offices, some bus garages that also have releases." And the list includes a few industrial sites. Thanks to a state fee on gasoline sales, the state



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has some funds for cleanups so-called "orphan" sites. Those are the ones that have either been abandoned or where the owner doesn't have the means to pay. "We bring the major risks under control so that when we walk away from it, we're pretty assured that nobody's going to be unacceptably exposed," Ballo says. The triage program is meant to fast-track an otherwise slow-moving process. It allows DEQ to assign one contractor to run tests on hundreds of sites at one time, rather than assigning contractors one by one. The legislature had to pass a bill to make it possible. Ballo says it's a big step forward, but, "The money we have, if it's continued in the future will allow us to address the rest of those, -- excuse me -- will allow us to address the worst of those, but I don't think there's going to be sufficient resources to clean up every site." Michigan used to have a couple of insurance funds that tank owners paid into. Those would cover at least some cleanup costs after a leak. But the last one ended in 2009. Now the legislature is considering bringing an insurance fund back. Ballo says if that happens, "I think we would probably see a lot more activity occurring at a lot of the leaking underground storage tank sites." The DEQ knows there's at least some pollution from the tanks at Harvard Industries. The company used one to store gasoline. The rest held something called quench oil. "It's an oil that was used in the foundry process to cool the metals," says DEQ project manager Steve Beukema. Beukema oversees many of the sites in the triage program -- including Harvard Industries. He says so far, it doesn't look like gas and quench oil from the tanks has reached the Kalamazoo River -- but they're still waiting for test results. "We were able to investigate up and to the fence line on the triage property but we've got a railroad right of way south of it, so we'll be gaining access to that to investigate further," he says. The DEQ expects to have the results later this summer. "The next step will be evaluating all the reports from the triage contractors to see what category these sites can fall in," he adds. Some of them might not need a cleanup. Others might have contamination but at a low enough level that it's not considered much of a risk. Or it could be in a category where something needs to be done, and we could evaluate it for state funding. Albion Economic Development Corporation Director Peggy Sindt says Harvard's closing was "very traumatic" for the community. Ever since then the EDC has hoped to see something else move in. And -- they've had some nibbles. "We recently actually had somebody who was quite intrigued by it but their timetable was such that they didn't -- they couldn't take the time to clean up the property in terms of removing the concrete debris," she says. The DEQ and the Land Bank would like to see the site in better shape, so a developer might bite. They recently met with Sindt of the Albion EDC to talk about what kinds of grants might be available beyond dealing with the tanks. For WMUK, I'm Sehvilla Mann.

<http://wmuk.org/post/state-targets-sites-underground-tank-leaks>

### **NORTHERN IRELAND, CO ARMAGH, JULY 17 2014. ILLEGAL FUEL: WOMAN ARRESTED OVER SEIZURE OF LARGE LAUNDERING PLANT IN CO ARMAGH**



*The plant which was uncovered in Co Armagh earlier this week.*

A woman has been arrested following the discovery of fuel laundering plant in Co Armagh - capable of producing almost 3.6 million litres of illegal diesel each year. The plant - which could have cost the Exchequer as much as £2 million a year in evaded taxes - was uncovered in Co Armagh on Wednesday. HMRC officers and police removed some four tonnes of toxic waste - a by-product of the fuel laundering process - as well as plant machinery. A woman arrested has since been released on police bail pending further enquiries. Mike Parkinson of HMRC said the buying of illegal fuel "not only funds crime, it also supports and encourages these dangerous activities within our communities". "The closure of this operation means we have stopped a large amount of illicit fuel entering the legitimate market, preventing further revenue loss and helping law-abiding traders fight unfair competition," he said. "These are difficult times for businesses economically and it is impossible for legitimate traders to compete

on an unfair playing field. We owe it to them to support them in any way we can." The latest seizure comes only weeks after customs officials shut down a diesel laundering plant capable of producing over 22 million litres of illicit fuel a year. The plant was capable of producing enough fuel to evade almost £14 million a year in tax. HM Revenue and Customs and PSNI officers made the discovery as they raided an isolated farm building in the Jonesborough area of south Armagh in May. During the operation officers removed over 26 tonnes of toxic waste -- the by-product of the laundering process -- and 700 litres of illicit fuel, as well as vehicles, pumps and equipment. More than 100 fuel-laundering plants have been raided in Northern Ireland in the last three years. But the authorities have faced criticism over the fact that no-one has been jailed for the crimes. Last December Justice Minister David Ford introduced legislation that may increase the likelihood of custodial sentences in the



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future. The law change handed the Director of Public Prosecutions in Northern Ireland the power to appeal over sentences for excise evasion through fuel and tobacco smuggling on the grounds of undue leniency.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/illegal-fuel-woman-arrested-over-seizure-of-large-laundering-plant-in-co-armagh-30437352.html>

### ENGLAND, BOLTON, JULY 17 2014. DEAD FISH FOUND IN RIVER IRWELL AFTER DIESEL SPILL FROM TESCO PETROL STATION

*andrew bardsley*

Dozens of dead fish have been found on the River Irwell after a diesel spill from a supermarket petrol station. Reports of dead fish have been made in Radcliffe, [Ramsbottom](#) and Rawtenstall following the spill at a Tesco petrol station in Haslingden on Thursday, July 3. Tesco says the underground leak was stopped that morning and that there was no immediate danger to the public. But Mike Duddy, chairman of Salford Friendly Anglers, a group which fishes on the Irwell, said there have been hundreds of dead fish on the river following the incident. He said: "There were fish deaths reported downstream of Haslingden as far as Radcliffe, but these fish deaths appear to be in isolated pockets and number in the hundreds rather than the hundreds of thousands, which could have been expected if the pollution was allowed to move downstream unchecked. "Thanks to the prompt response of United Utilities and the Environment Agency a potential catastrophe on the Irwell has been averted." The group has been leading a campaign to clean up the water, which was once known as Britain's most polluted river. A spokesman for the Environment Agency said: "We are providing advice on how to minimise the risk to the environment during the clean-up process. A Tesco spokesman added: "The Environment Agency has been working with our engineers and other partner agencies to ensure the ground is cleaned up."

[http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/11345026.Dead-fish-found-in-river-Irwell-after-diesel-spill-from-Tesco-petrol-station/?ref=var\\_0](http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/11345026.Dead-fish-found-in-river-Irwell-after-diesel-spill-from-Tesco-petrol-station/?ref=var_0)

### USA, W.VA, JULY 17 2014. CHARLESTON, WV, JULY 16, 2014. FINAL REPORT ON AL SOLUTIONS METAL DUST EXPLOSION AND FIRE THAT KILLED THREE IN WEST VIRGINIA LEADS CSB TO REEMPHASIZE CALL FOR OSHA COMBUSTIBLE DUST STANDARD. CSB RELEASES SAFETY VIDEO ON ACCIDENT, "COMBUSTIBLE DUST: SOLUTIONS DELAYED"

 **Watch the Video** [Safety Video On Accident, "Combustible Dust: Solutions Delayed"](#)

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Today the US Chemical Safety Board released its [final report](#), safety recommendations [and accompanying safety video](#) into a fatal combustible dust explosion at the AL Solutions metal recycling facility in New Cumberland, West

Virginia. As presented to the Board for a vote at a public meeting in Charleston today, the report reiterates a recommendation that OSHA promulgate a general industry combustible dust standard, something the agency has been calling for since its definitive 2006 study on these preventable accidents. The December 9, 2010 accident at the facility that milled and processed scrap titanium and zirconium metal killed three employees and injured a contractor. The incident is one of nine serious combustible dust incidents investigated by the CSB since 2003. These explosions and fires caused 36 deaths and 128 injuries. Chairperson Rafael Moure-Eraso said, "Preventable combustible dust explosions continue to occur, causing worker deaths and injuries. The CSB believes it is imperative for OSHA to issue a comprehensive combustible dust standard for general industry with clear control requirements to prevent dust fires and explosions." The CSB's [report](#) notes that most solid organic materials, as well as many metals, will explode if the particles are small enough, and they are dispersed in a sufficient concentration within a confined area, near an ignition source, and it emphasizes to industry that even seemingly small amounts of accumulated combustible dust can cause catastrophic damage. The CSB investigation determined that AL Solutions experienced a history of fatal dust fires and explosions. Investigator Mark Wingard explained, "The CSB learned that the AL Solutions facility had fatal fires and explosions involving metal dust in 1995 and 2006 in addition to the 2010 explosion. Also, from 1993 until the accident in 2010, there were at least seven fires that required responses from the local fire department." A newly developed CSB safety video entitled "[Combustible Dust: Solutions Delayed](#)" details the process of milling and blending metal powder at the facility which was then pressed into dense disk called "compacts." The video includes a 3D computer generated animation which shows how the accident unfolded at the plant. In presenting the findings of the case study, CSB Lead Investigator Johnnie Banks explained, "As the metals were broken down during milling, the risk of a metal



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dust fire or explosion increased as the metal particles decreased in size. At AL Solutions a metal blender used to process zirconium was having mechanical problems that had not been adequately repaired. As a result, the blender was producing heat or sparks due to metal-to-metal contact." Around 1:20 pm on December 9, 2010, a spark or hot-spot from the blender likely ignited the zirconium powder inside. The resulting flash fire lofted the metal dust particles in the blender, forming a burning metal dust cloud. The cloud ignited other combustible dust within the production building, causing a secondary explosion that ripped through the plant, killing three workers and injuring a contract employee. Investigator Mark Wingard said, "The National Fire Protection Association Standard for Combustible Metals, called NFPA 484, recommends specific practices for controlling metal dust, but AL Solutions did not voluntarily follow those guidelines, and there are no federal OSHA standards to enforce similar requirements. In its 2006 Combustible Dust Hazard Study, the CSB recommended that OSHA issue a combustible dust standard for general industry based on the current NFPA guidelines." The CSB's report and video encourage industry to take action to prevent combustible dust incidents. In July 2013, the CSB identified its 2006 recommendation to develop a combustible dust standard as the first issue in its "Most Wanted Chemical Safety Improvement" outreach program. As Chairperson Moure-Eraso says in the [video](#), "Had a national standard for combustible dust been in place in 2006 – and if industry had followed the requirements – many of the severe dust incidents that followed, including AL Solutions, may have been prevented. The time is now for OSHA to take action to prevent these tragic accidents."

[www.csb.gov](http://www.csb.gov).

### USA, W.VA, CHARLESTON, JULY 17 2014. CSB INVESTIGATION FINDS NO RECORD OF INSPECTIONS ON FREEDOM INDUSTRIES CHEMICAL STORAGE TANKS; LEAK IN BOTTOM OF TANK THAT CONTAMINATED CHARLESTON, WV, DRINKING WATER RESULTED FROM CORROSION CAUSED BY WATER SEEPING THROUGH HOLES IN TANK ROOF. PIECES OF TANK REMOVED, UNDERGOING METALLURGICAL EXAMINATION



In an [update](#) on the investigation into the chemical storage tank leak that contaminated the drinking water of up to 300,000 residents of nine West Virginia Counties, the U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) reported today it has thus far found no record of a formal, industry approved inspection performed on any of the chemical storage tanks at Freedom Industries prior to the massive leak which occurred on January 9, 2014. Informal inspections may have occurred, preliminary findings indicate, but investigators have found a lack of appropriate engineering inspections with prescribed frequency and rigor of inspections. The CSB commissioned an inspection of tank 396 and similar tanks at Freedom Industries, scanning the tank interior and the surrounding topography of the river bank. Investigators oversaw the recent extraction of metal for metallurgical analysis. The [investigation](#) found that two small holes ranging in size from about 0.4-inch to

0.75-inch in the bottom of the 48,000-gallon tank 396 were caused by corrosion, likely resulting from water leaking through holes in the roof and settling on the tank floor. Furthermore, the CSB inspection found a similar hole penetrating the bottom of nearby tank 397, containing the same chemical at the facility, located in Charleston. Other tanks also showed multiple signs of pitting and metallurgical damage, investigators said. The growing corrosion in these tanks went unnoticed until the bottom of 396 was breached and up to an estimated 10,000 gallons of the chemical 4-methylcyclohexane methanol (MCHM), mixed with propylene glycol phenyl ethers, or PPH, made their way through the underlying mixture of soil and gravel under the facility and into the Elk River on January 9, 2014. Investigator Lucy Tyler said, "While our investigation is still underway, it has become clear that Freedom Industries did not have a rigorous inspection program for these chemical storage tanks sited close by the Elk River and just upstream from the facility supplying water to hundreds of thousands of people." The update on the Freedom Industries accident was presented by investigators at a mid-day CSB public meeting today in Charleston, called to release the same team's final report and recommendations on the combustible dust explosion and fire that killed three workers in 2010 at AL Solutions, Inc., a company that processes titanium and zirconium scrap metal. CSB Chairperson Rafael Moure-Eraso said, "An underlying root cause of many of our investigations, including these latest two in West Virginia, is the lack of thorough inspections and hazard reviews, and the need for stricter regulations in areas where we find self-policing is not preventing accidents. The Board looks forward to the team's final report which will examine regulatory oversight of aboveground storage tanks in West Virginia and the U.S." The CSB released video of the tank dismantling activity in which high pressure water tools cut through the metal at various places, and extracted pieces for analysis. CSB Investigation Supervisor Johnnie Banks, who oversaw the activity, said, "I am confident the forensic data we will obtain will enable us to determine the exact cause of the



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corrosion and, we hope, determine how long it had been going on." Mr. Banks added, "We are also trying to pin down the installation dates for the tanks to review their manufacturing and service history. Whatever the governing regulations, and whatever the precise failure mechanism, companies have a responsibility to operate in a safe manner. Not inspecting corrodible steel aboveground storage tanks proved to be an accident waiting to happen." At their public presentation, investigators noted that the West Virginia America Water Company water treatment center, 1.5 miles downstream from Freedom Industries, serves 580,000 people in the state, including industrial and residential clients. Investigators noted the state's Department of Environmental Protection identified the MCHM release at 11:15 a.m., but that the water company did not notify the public of the "Do Not Use" order until more than five hours after it became aware of the chemical release. The West Virginia governor issued a state of emergency order that evening at 9:30 p.m. On January 10, 2014, the president declared that an emergency existed in West Virginia and announced federal assistance. Investigators noted that the public continues to distrust declarations that the water is safe to drink. While there is some information available on the acute effects of MCHM and PPH, little is known about the chronic health impacts of exposure at low concentration levels. The chemical's material safety data sheets (MSDSs), required by law, do not provide information on the potential health hazards to assist in the timely notification of water usage restrictions. However, the CSB presentation cited data from the state's Bureau of Public Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control, noting 369 patients were treated for possible exposure following the release into the drinking water, and 13 were hospitalized. Of these, 38% exhibited symptoms of nausea, 28.5% skin rashes, and 28% vomiting. Reported symptoms are consistent with known acute health effects of MCHM based on limited animal studies. Chairperson Moure-Eraso noted the CSB investigation is moving along quickly and is a high priority of the agency. "Upcoming activities include the metallurgical examination of the MCHM tanks, computer modeling of the way in which the MCHM and PPH moved through the topography to the river shore, further assessment of public health impact, regulation of aboveground storage tanks, evaluation of water treatment intake systems and emergency planning and notification. This accident was a disaster of the highest magnitude, was preventable, and must be averted in any other community."

[www.csb.gov](http://www.csb.gov).

### INDIA, NAVI MUMBAI, JULY 18 2014. OIL LEAK FROM HPCL PIPELINE AT KAMOTHE

*vijay singh*

There has been a serious oil leakage from a damaged pipeline of HPCL company at Kamothé, along the Sion-Panvel road. Navi Mumbai police, fire brigade and officials of HPCL company rushed to the spot, which is near the upcoming toll plaza at Kamothé to do damage control. The pipeline, which is coming from JNPT, has developed a crack which has caused thousands of litres of oil wastage. The experts are still trying to find out the precise location of the leakage point," said a fire official. There was a strong stench of diesel oil at the area, and police officials were directing the traffic to move quickly ahead, in order to avoid any sparking near the highly inflammable diesel oil spillage. While officials feared that some of the oil may have entered the green mangroves area, next to the Talaja creek at Kamothé, there were visibly no signs of oil slick in the sea locally so far.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/Oil-leak-from-HPCL-pipeline-at-Kamothé/articleshow/38552689.cms>

### USA, W.VA, CHARLESTON, JULY 18 2014. WVDEP URGING TANK OWNERS TO QUESTION PROCESS; REGISTER TANKS

*mandi cardosi*



west virginia department of environmental protection

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection said July 17 they are urging tank owners to register with them before the Oct. 1 deadline. With just two and a half months before the aboveground storage tank registration deadline, the DEP said tank owners with questions about the process should come forward so they can get their registrations submitted on time. DEP employees are on hand to assist tank owners who are subject to the requirements of a newly enacted law intended to help prevent future leaks such as the one on Jan. 9 that contaminated the drinking water of approximately 300,000 West Virginia residents. A requirement of what was referred to as the "tank bill," all storage tanks located in the state that have the capacity to hold at least 1,320 gallons of liquid, are 90 percent or more above ground and that are at a fixed location for 60 days or more be [registered with the DEP by Oct. 1](#). While the DEP expects the number to increase exponentially in the days and weeks ahead, nearly 2,200 tanks have been entered into the DEP online registration system so far. The majority of those are in McDowell (352 tanks) and Wyoming counties (277), DEP said. However, not all of the



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registration forms for the tanks in the system are complete, however, because many tank owners need to input additional data before formally submitting the documentation. Information needed for the registration process includes tank location and the liquids being stored, the age of each tank, the material it is constructed of, what sort of secondary containment measures are in place and whether it is regulated by any other state or federal programs. In addition to the registration requirement, the DEP aboveground storage tank program includes regulatory measures such as annual tank inspection and certifications by qualified registered professional engineers, spill prevention response and corrective action plans, secondary containment and leak detection requirements, emergency public notification plans, signage requirements and other regulations. The DEP has created a web page with frequently asked questions about the program, contact information for agency employees who can guide tank owners through the registration process and links to other helpful information about the law and its requirements. There is even a survey that tank owners can take to determine if they need to register their tanks. The page can be accessed through a link on the bottom left-hand side of the DEP's website: [www.dep.wv.gov](http://www.dep.wv.gov).

<http://www.statejournal.com/story/26046626/wvdep-urging-tank-owners-to-question-process-register-tanks>

### **POLAND, WARSAW, JULY 18 2014. 7 PEOPLE DIE IN SEPTIC TANK ACCIDENT IN POLAND**

Officials say that seven people have been killed by toxic fumes after entering a septic tank in Poland. Four of the victims belonged to one family. Police spokeswoman Sylwia Wroniec said the accident Thursday occurred after a man entered the tank to clean it and apparently lost consciousness. Seven more people entered to rescue him and all succumbed to the toxic gases except for one woman. She was taken by helicopter to a hospital and is fighting for her life. Prosecutor Zbigniew Fafera said the victims include a father, his two sons and a daughter-in-law. The accident occurred in Karczowka, a village in western Poland.

[http://www.theindependent.com/news/world/people-die-in-septic-tank-accident-in-poland/article\\_d3b9c021-78aa-5209-8fa5-6382c84730d5.html](http://www.theindependent.com/news/world/people-die-in-septic-tank-accident-in-poland/article_d3b9c021-78aa-5209-8fa5-6382c84730d5.html)

### **USA, CA, SAN JOSE, JULY 18 2014. GILROY: ILLEGAL FIREWORK EXPLODES AND MANGLES MAN'S HAND, JOINING STREAK OF SOUTH BAY INJURIES**

A 24-year-old man mangled his hand while lighting a firework Wednesday, police say, continuing a recent streak of gruesome injuries in the South Bay involving illegal pyrotechnics. The unidentified Gilroy man was in the 8100 block of Carmel Street around 9 p.m. when he ignited a mortar-type device and it went off while he was still holding it in his right hand, according to Gilroy police. He was flown to the hospital with burns to his face and body and is expected to survive. He joins three other men who were similarly injured in the South Bay this month. On July 4, a San Jose man in his 40s reportedly lost both his hands when a firework he was holding prematurely exploded, and that same day, a mortar-type firework blew the fingers off two men in Sunnyvale. Three weeks earlier, a 10-year-old San Jose boy disfigured his hand after igniting fireworks in a bedroom, resulting in the child-endangerment arrest of his 39-year-old father for allegedly keeping an illegal fireworks stash at the home. The risk of injury from illegal and homemade fireworks is underscored in statistics from the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission, which state that 65 percent of fireworks-related injuries reported in 2013 occurred in the month surrounding Independence Day, producing a daily average of 240 trips to emergency rooms across the United States. That includes eight deaths. Hands and fingers were the most-injured body parts. The City of Gilroy does allow the use of state-approved "safe and sane" fireworks in designated areas but only from July 1 through July 4. Outside of that period, Gilroy abides by the rules of most cities in the Bay Area that make fireworks possession without a pyrotechnics permit a misdemeanor yielding penalties of up to a \$1,000 fine and jail time.

#### **Related Stories**

- [Livermore teen may lose hand after fireworks blast](#)
- [Fireworks blasts in San Jose, Sunnyvale blow off hands, fingers](#)
- [San Jose police: Father arrested after 10-year-old boy mangles hand with fireworks](#)

[http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci\\_26165179/gilroy-firework-explodes-hand-causing-severe-injury](http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci_26165179/gilroy-firework-explodes-hand-causing-severe-injury)

### **USA, MO, GAINESVILLE, JULY 18 2014. TANKER CARRYING JET FUEL OVERTURNS, CLOSSES HWY. 160 FOR 3 HOURS**

A Gassville, Ark., truck driver had a close call Tuesday afternoon after the fuel tanker truck he was driving overturned on Highway 160 about two miles east of Gainesville. Walter Bramblett, a driver for Magness Oil Company, said his trailer tire dropped off the edge of Highway 160 since there are no shoulders on the highway, causing the accident. The tractor-trailer



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then struck a culvert, causing the rig to overturn. Bramblett sustained mainly bumps and bruises in the crash that closed down the highway for over three hours Tuesday night. A hazmat team responded to the accident and contained the 6,890 gallons of jet fuel, a grade of fuel similar to kerosene. There was no fuel spilled, officials said. "I have to brag a little," said Ozark County Sheriff Darrin Reed. "Gainesville and Lick Creek fire departments did an outstanding job tonight with what could have been a terrible ending. Very professional job by these dedicated people." The incident marks the third time in the last six months that a big rig has dropped a trailer tire off the narrow stretch of road just east of Gainesville that has no shoulders, resulting in destructive crashes. On a curve less than a mile east of Tuesday's crash a tractor-trailer hauling sawdust overturned on May 27, dumping the sawdust in a yard and totaling the truck and trailer. In February, a Pepsi truck's trailer was totaled in the same general area after the driver dropped a trailer tire off the narrow road. The Missouri Department of Transportation has earmarked \$12 million to repave and add shoulders to Highway 160 from Gainesville to West Plains if a 3/4 cent sales tax passes in the August 5 election.

[http://www.ozarkcountytimes.com/news/article\\_26321ac2-0dbe-11e4-8c86-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.ozarkcountytimes.com/news/article_26321ac2-0dbe-11e4-8c86-001a4bcf6878.html)

### **USA, MI, ST. CLAIR CO, FORT GRATIOT, JULY 18 2014. CRASH BETWEEN MINIVAN AND SEMI-TRUCK KILLS TEEN DRIVER AND MOM, INJURES SISTER**

Two people are dead following a crash between a SUV and semi-truck in Fort Gratiot in St Clair County. Police tell WWJ in a statement that a Ford Explorer driven by a 15-year-old Wixom boy, who was driving with his mom on a learner's permit, was eastbound on Burtch Road about 3:30 p.m. Witnesses say the car stopped, then turned left into the path of a semi-truck that was southbound on Lakeshore Road (M-25). After the initial impact, the car and semi continued on and crashed into a sign for Duffy's Tavern, located on the southeast corner of the intersection. The car and semi also struck a car parked in the lot. The 15 year old and his mother, age 52, also from Wixom, were killed in the crash. The boy's 21 year old sister, who was in the back seat, was transported by Tri-Hospital EMS to Port Huron Hospital, where she was treated and released for minor injuries. The family was heading to Lakeport State Park to camp. The driver of the semi-truck, a 72-year-old man from Almont was checked at the scene, but refused treatment. Neither alcohol nor drugs are believed to be a factor in the crash, which remains under investigation.

<http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2014/07/17/crash-between-minivan-and-tanker-kills-2-injuries-1/>

### **USA, PA, GREENE CO, JEFFERSON TWP, JULY 18 2014. CLARKSBURG MAN DEAD IN PA TANKER TRUCK CRASH**



A Clarksburg man is dead following a tanker truck rollover in Jefferson Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania. The truck was traveling south when the driver, identified by the Greene County Coroner's Office as Leroy Melvin Knisley, 42, of Clarksburg, lost control in a curve and traveled into the northbound lane. The truck rolled onto the driver's side, hit a Nissan Xterra, then rolled over a hillside and into a garage. The driver of the Nissan is being treated at Allegheny General Hospital. The tanker truck belongs to E.C.M. Energy Company of Clarksburg, according to a WTAE report. Pennsylvania State Police are investigating the cause of the crash.

<http://www.wboy.com/story/26043273/clarksburg-man-dead-in-pa-tanker-truck-crash>

### **CANADA, SK, MOOSE JAW, JULY 18 2014. CANADIAN PACIFIC TRAIN CARRYING GASOLINE DERAILS IN SASKATCHEWAN**

An eastbound Canadian Pacific Railway freight train carrying gasoline and other cargo derailed in Saskatchewan on Wednesday afternoon, the rail operator said, but there were no injuries, fire or leaks. The accident occurred about 40 km west of Moose Jaw. Sixteen of the 24 derailed cars were carrying gasoline, said CP spokesman, Ed Greenberg, while five were carrying lumber and three were carrying asphalt. Greenberg said cleanup was underway and that service was being rerouted. CP is investigating the accident and the Transportation Safety Board said separately that a team of investigators were enroute to the accident.

<http://www.torontosun.com/2014/07/17/canadian-pacific-train-carrying-gasoline-derails-in-saskatchewan>



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### INDIA, MUMBAI, JULY 18 2014. CNG PIPELINE LEAK NEAR PETROL STATION SPARKS PANIC IN WORLI

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*Fear gripped the busy Worli Naka area for a while on Thursday afternoon when a CNG pipeline that ends at a nearby petrol pump started leaking.*

Fear gripped the busy Worli Naka area for a while on Thursday afternoon when a CNG pipeline that ends at a nearby petrol pump started leaking. While residents of the area sealed off their homes by closing doors and windows, shopkeepers downed shutters. Vehicular traffic avoided the spot, resulting in traffic jams for some time. The line belongs to Mahanagar Gas Ltd (MGL), which is responsible for the city's CNG (compressed natural gas) and PNG (piped natural gas) supply. The incident took place around 12.15pm. The MGL's control room received an alarm almost immediately, prompting quick action. No injuries or health issues related to the leak were reported from the locality. Fire brigade sources said two fire engines were rushed to the spot, which the police cordoned off. Gas supply was

disconnected by MGL officials, who arrived at the spot upon being alerted. "After the leakage was plugged, supply was restored," said an official. Senior inspector S A Jain of the Worli police station said there were no major issues following the leak. "The area was made off limits to people and traffic for some time. Workers from the petrol pump helped fire brigade personnel in fixing the line. We have recorded the incident in our diary." An MGL spokesperson said, "Our technicians removed the damaged portion of the pipe after cutting off supply. The leaked gas simply evaporated, after which the damage was rectified."

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/CNG-pipeline-leak-near-petrol-station-sparks-panic-in-Worli/articleshow/38564755.cms?>

### USA, FLA, ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH, JULY 18 2014. SECOND REPAIRMAN ELECTROCUTED IN ST. JOHNS CO.

jacob long



A repairman was electrocuted Thursday while on the job at a gas station in St. Johns County. According to authorities on scene, it is the second time in less than one month a repairman has died under the almost exact same circumstances. The sheriff's office identified the most recent victim as Robert Leslie Wagner, 47, of Orange Park. Chief Robert Hardwick with the St. Augustine Beach Police Department told First Coast News Wagner was called to the Kangaroo Express in the 300 block of A1A Beach Boulevard on Wednesday evening to work on its coolant system. "The unit apparently malfunctioned. Kangaroo called its maintenance team, and the internal team came by and advised them they needed more professional experts," Hardwick said. Wagner was an employee of Integrity First Refrigeration out of Deland, Fla., according to the sheriff's office. Hardwick said an officer with his department was on routine patrol early Thursday when they noticed a ladder on the side of the gas station and an unmarked, unmanned truck in the parking lot. The chief said that made the officer suspicious because of past business break-ins reported in the area. "Unfortunately, our criminals have found ways to get into these businesses. A lot of this is used by one the roof," he said. The chief also said the officer checked with the store clerk around 2:30 a.m., who reported no prior knowledge of the truck or ladder because their shift had started late at night. The officer, according to Hardwick, climbed the ladder under the impression a robbery might be in the works. But what he found was Wager's body and conditions favorable to a potential fire. "He saw the gentleman's actual feet, and as he approached the actual unit he was working on, he actually saw sparks coming from the unit," the chief said. The district medical examiner's office is working to determine Wagner's cause of death, but authorities have said all indications are he was electrocuted. "My heart goes out to the family. A very tragic accident," Hardwick said. Individuals wearing Integrity First t-shirts arrived on scene and were observed talking with law enforcement. The sheriff's office provided members of its homicide and robbery units to assist with the investigation. No foul play is suspected. The gas station was expected to resume its normal 24 hour operation later Thursday morning.

<http://www.firstcoastnews.com/story/news/local/2014/07/17/st-augustine-beach-electrocution-gas-station-death/12771271/>



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### USA, OH, NEW PHILADELPHIA, JULY 18 2014. SPILL AT DOVER CHEMICAL CORP. PLANT >> CITY FIREFIGHTERS SAY THERE WAS NO HAZARD TO THE PUBLIC FROM A CHEMICAL RELEASE AT THE DOVER CHEMICAL CORP. PLANT ON DAVIS ROAD NW ON WEDNESDAY MORNING >> CARBON TETRACHLORIDE

City firefighters say there was no hazard to the public from a chemical release at the Dover Chemical Corp. plant on Davis Road NW on Wednesday morning. Fire Capt. Mike Mossor, in a statement, said firefighters were called to the facility at 6:54 a.m. where they were informed that a "burst disc" had ruptured on a tank and that carbon tetrachloride had been released. He noted that the process was immediately shut down and the spill was contained on the property of the Dover Chemical plant. James Moore, Dover Chemical's director of environmental health and safety, said the chemical that spilled was a heavy chlorinated wax material that contains carbon tetrachloride as a byproduct. He said company officials are unsure of how much carbon tetrachloride was released, as it depends on the purity of the batch that was cooking in a reactor. Moore emphasized that most of the reactor solution was released from the reactor into a safety concrete containment tank and that some —but very little — had spilled onto an adjacent in-plant roadway. "There is no liquid release outside Dover plant's property," he wrote in a news release. Moore explained that the reactor release began at about 6:35 a.m., and concluded at about 6:45 a.m. "Event Control was established within minutes of the release with automated shutdown systems," he said. Moore said company officials had two meetings regarding the release Wednesday, and that investigation will continue today to determine what caused the disc to rupture and how much material was released. "The Dover plant is investigating the event," Moore said, "and will take the appropriate action to maintain safety and prevent future releases." The reactor affected by Wednesday's release holds 2,100 gallons of material "when charged," Moore said. Because of a pressure drop, there would have been "way less" than half of the reactor's contents involved in the release, he added. Moore said the company, in addition to notifying the Dover Fire Department about the chemical release, also notified the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. "There were no injuries, and our assistance was not needed," Mossor wrote. He noted that the spill area on the ground was about 20-by 20-feet in size. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's website states that carbon tetrachloride may be found in both ambient outdoor and indoor air. It says the primary effects of carbon tetrachloride in humans are on the liver, kidneys, and central nervous system. "Human symptoms of acute (short-term) inhalation and oral exposures to carbon tetrachloride include headache, weakness, lethargy, nausea, and vomiting. Acute exposures to higher levels and chronic (long-term) inhalation or oral exposure to carbon tetrachloride produces liver and kidney damage in humans," according to the website. The U.S. EPA has classified carbon tetrachloride as a Group B2, probable human carcinogen.

<http://www.timesreporter.com/article/20140716/NEWS/140719487/1994/NEWS>

### THAILAND, LAEM CHABANG, JULY 18 2014. NEARLY 100 SICKENED BY CHEMICAL LEAK NEAR THAILAND'S EASTERN SEAPORT



*Thai doctors and nurses treat school children at a hospital after they were sickened by a chemical leak from a Hong Kong ship near their school in Laem Chabang industrial seaport in Chonburi province, southeastern Thailand Thursday, July 17, 2014. More than 90 villagers and students in nearby areas were exposed to the chemicals that spread inland before they were evacuated.*

More than 90 people, including primary school students, were sickened by a chemical leak from a Hong Kong ship in eastern Thailand on Thursday, authorities said. The hazardous flammable liquids leaked out of containers on the ship that was anchored at a dock in Laem Chabang industrial seaport in Chonburi province, said provincial disaster prevention and mitigation office chief Surinrat Suksap. She said 94 villagers and students in nearby areas were exposed to the chemicals that spread inland before they were evacuated. Most of them suffered irritation on their skin and some of them had difficulty breathing. They were treated at the hospitals. Surinrat said the leak on the ship that was traveling from Jakarta, Indonesia, was sealed within a few hours. The chemicals, identified as butyl acrylates, are used for polymer manufacturing and in industrial production. Laem Chabang is Thailand's main deep seaport and is located 116 kilometers (72 miles) southeast of Bangkok.

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- [Hazardous gas leak at Laem Chabang](#)
- [Laem Chabang gas leak affects 26 students in Chon Buri](#)
- [Chemical leak on ship at Thai seaport sends fumes inland that..](#)

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2014/07/17/nearly-100-sickened-by-chemical-leak-near-thailand-eastern-seaport/#>



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### USA, ILL, CHANNAHON, JULY 18 2014. KIDS GET A DOSE OF SCIENCE AT REFINERY >> EXXONMOBIL INTERNS SERVE AS BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS FOR A DAY



Big Brothers Big Sisters children Emily and Joshua lit up when they started pouring honey, dish washing soap, lamp oil and other liquids into a flask in a cafeteria at the ExxonMobil refinery on Thursday. "Awe, that's so awesome," 12-year-old Emily said. "I like how they separate." At first, 8-year-old Joshua wasn't interested in the science experiment teaching liquid and solid density. But when he saw the layers of honey, corn syrup and soap form layers, he revealed a bright smile. "Wow, I didn't know about this," he said. Emily and Joshua are three of 25 children waiting to receive a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Will and Grundy Counties, a United Way mentorship organization. ExxonMobil engineering interns organized an in-house science fair for the children to promote science, technology, engineering and math. "We're all from pretty much different parts of the world," said intern Emily Capek, a senior from Clarkson

University who started up the idea of holding the science fair. "We just want to give back to the community." The children first got to see, learn about and walk inside ExxonMobil's fire safety vehicles. Then they headed to the refinery cafeteria, where interns set up several stations with quirky science experiments. The children split up into groups and went to each station, which included the density experiment, dissolving polymers, creating "elephant toothpaste" with hydrogen peroxide, and the wonders of iron in cereal. With magnets and crushed-up Total, 10-year-olds Jorge and Hailey were surprised they could dig out the iron from the cereal. "I didn't know there was metal in our cereal," Jorge said. "It's very neat that you are eating iron when you eat cereal." Intern and University of Pennsylvania senior James Sui told Jorge and Hailey that there were two small nails worth of iron in each of their bodies. "If you asked me if there was science in my cereal, I wouldn't believe it," Hailey said. "I never thought science would be in my food." Lisa Las, the chief executive officer for Big Brothers Big Sisters, said it's been hard on some of the kids who have been waiting over a year for a mentor. But events like this provide for a way to connect with the kids during that process. "It's important to hold something like this for them because they get to see science up close and personal," Las said. "It's a great opportunity to see science in action." ExxonMobil Midwest Public Affairs Manager Tricia Simpson suggested Big Brothers Big Sisters as an organization the interns could help. "They'll probably learn as much from organizing this as on their internships," she said.

<http://www.mysuburbanlife.com/2014/07/17/kids-get-a-dose-of-science-at-refinery/aeqx11b/>

### USA, TN, MONTGOMERY CO, CLARKESVILLE, JULY 18 2014. CRASH INVOLVING GASOLINE TRUCK CAUSING TRAFFIC DELAYS IN CLARKSVILLE

Traffic is backed up in Clarksville as crews work to clear the scene of a crash involving a gasoline truck and an ice truck. This is happening at the intersection of the Highway 41A Bypass and Highway 12. Traffic is reportedly bumper-to-bumper in the area. Sgt. Charles Gill with the Clarksville Police Department said the gasoline truck does not appear to have spilled any materials. The roadway will be closed until both trucks can be removed, and officials are asking drivers to seek alternate routes to avoid the area.

<http://www.wsmv.com/story/26045640/crash-involving-gasoline-truck-causing-traffic-delays-in-clarksville>

### USA, IA, ARTHUR, JULY 18 2014. NO ONE INJURED IN ARTHUR, IOWA, ETHANOL PLANT EXPLOSION



The Platinum Ethanol plant in Arthur, Iowa, is shown. Flint Hills Resources purchased the property in September. An explosion Thursday evening in a grain dryer shut down the plant to allow officials to determine the extent of the damage. No one was injured.

#### Updated AT 11 P.M.

An explosion Thursday night at the Flint Hills Resources ethanol plant, 2585 Quail Ave., in Arthur, Iowa, has the plant shut down until officials can inspect the damage. Jake Reint, a spokesman for Flint Hills Resources, said the explosion took place in a grain dryer, but the extent of the damage and the cause of the explosion are currently unknown. The plant employs about 50 people and is operated 24 hours a day, Reint said. No one was injured in the explosion, Reint



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said. "First we want to make sure the situation is safe, then look at the extent of the damage and then go about repairs," he said. Reint said it was unclear when the plant would reopen.

**Updated At 10 P.M.**

Police said there was an explosion Thursday at the Flint Hills Resources Ethanol Plant, 2585 Quail Ave., in Arthur, Iowa. Ida County Sheriff Wade Harriman said no injuries were reported. Harriman was still on the scene of the explosion Thursday night and could not immediately provide further details. According to the Flint Hills Resources website, it purchased the Arthur ethanol production facility in September 2013. The plant began operations in 2008 and produces 110 million gallons per year.

[http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/local/explosion-at-ethanol-plant-in-arthur-iowa/article\\_6ae5f5e3-5115-5ff6-8b3c-60d6453cfe80.html](http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/local/explosion-at-ethanol-plant-in-arthur-iowa/article_6ae5f5e3-5115-5ff6-8b3c-60d6453cfe80.html)

**SPAIN, CANARY ISLANDS, GRAN CANARIA LAS PALMAS, JULY 18 2014. OIL SPILL AFFECTS NATURAL AREA IN CANARIES >> AUTHORITIES BELIEVE A PASSING SHIP THAT CLEANED OUT ITS BILGE IS TO BLAME FOR THE DAMAGE.**

 **Watch the Video** [Oil Spill Hits Gran Canaria Island](#)



*Workers cleaning the oil from El Cabrón beach.*

Several oil stains were spotted on Wednesday afternoon near the beach of El Cabrón, on the island of Gran Canaria. This is an area known for its diverse marine wildlife and is popular with divers. The origin of the slick is still unclear, although authorities think that it probably came from a ship that cleaned out its bilge on the portion of international waters located between the islands of Gran Canaria and Fuerteventura. The president of the Canary Islands, Paulino Rivero, visited the area on Thursday morning to see the extent of the damage and to talk to the volunteers and Civil Guard officers who are cleaning up the coastline. Preliminary damage assessments talked about one kilometer of coastline affected by the spill. Bathing areas have apparently not been damaged. The oil accumulated mostly in the diving area known as Punta La Sal, which is not

accessible from land. The mayor of the nearby town of Agüimes, Antonio Morales, told the local press that there are two large pockets of oil measuring 200 to 300 linear meters, inside an area that will one day be part of the future nature preserve of Arinaga. In April of this year, two other beaches in the south of the island were affected by another oil spill.

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**ENGLAND, MANCHESTER, JULY 18 2014. PETROL STATION EVACUATED AFTER TANKER SPILLS FUEL OVER FORECOURT**

*pete bainbridge*



*Seven Ways Esso garage*

Firefighters were scrambled to the Seven Ways Esso garage on Barton Road in Stretford shortly before 10pm on Thursday night. A petrol station was evacuated for four hours after a fuel tanker leaked petrol across the forecourt. Firefighters were scrambled to the Seven Ways Esso garage in [Stretford](#) shortly before 10pm on Thursday night. More than 1,000 litres of fluid spread across the floor when the lorry hit a pillar, the fire service said. The five crews found that 1,250 litres of petrol had spilled over the forecourt. Barton Road was closed and the site was evacuated while the chemicals were cleaned away with foam by the firefighters. The Environment Agency later confirmed that the petrol was contained to the garage and did not spread into the surrounding drains. Crews remained at the site until nearly 2am on Friday. Damian Keenaghan, from

Stretford fire station, said: "It was quite a serious leak, as the tanker pulled in it accidentally struck one of the columns of the



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roof. "We had to cordon off the area, evacuate and shut down the power so there were no spark hazards. Then we laid a protective foam blanket."

<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/esso-petro-station-barton-road-7450871>

### **USA, ARK, BAY, JULY 18 2014. 1 HOSPITALIZED AFTER TANKER HAULING FUEL OVERTURNED**

The driver of an 18 wheeler was taken to a hospital after an early morning accident in Bay. E911 Director Jeff Presley says the driver of a tanker hauling fuel was taken to a hospital after the truck overturned on Highway 63 at the Bay overpass. The condition of the driver is unknown at this time. Crews were called to the crash at 2:45 Friday morning. The truck is back on its wheels, but crews including a hazmat team are still cleaning up the scene. Traffic is expected to be slowed in the area.

<http://www.kait8.com/story/26051706/1-hospitalized-after-tanker-hauling-fuel-overtuned>

### **USA, MO KANSAS CITY, JULY 19 2014. REPORT WARNS OF DIESEL FUMES' RISKS**

Leticia DeCaigny straps a portable air-sampling device to the side of a neighbor's deck. For two days, the small gray box with what looks like a chimney on top will gather evidence of pollution from diesel engines. "It's like a human lung," sucking in air as a person would breathe, DeCaigny says as she pushes some buttons that set the device whirring. Just a few blocks away is the BNSF Railway's vast Argentine rail yard, where switch engines move hundreds of freight cars to assemble trains headed for destinations across the country. For generations, the yard has been the lifeblood of this economically challenged Kansas City, Kan., neighborhood, providing jobs and attracting industry. The trains rolling by make a constant, even reassuring sound. But DeCaigny knows neighbors who regularly smell the diesel exhaust from the locomotives and the trucks that pick up and drop off cargo. She knows neighbors who can't go outside for long without risking an asthma attack. And she knows about the growing body of research that links diesel exhaust to a host of health problems - lung diseases, cancer, heart attacks and premature births. So, with the help of a national environmental organization, DeCaigny has been taking this monitor from house to house for the past eight months to gather air samples in Argentine and the adjacent Turner neighborhood, where she lives and which also borders the rail yard. The preliminary results from November through mid-June reveal what the environmentalists she is working with consider to be unhealthy levels of diesel exhaust, levels high enough on some days to send the elderly to the hospital or to raise the death rate among residents. BNSF officials, who have reviewed the environmentalists' preliminary report, said it is too short on essential details about how the data were collected to judge its validity. But they said the kind of short-term sampling that was done isn't enough to establish trends. A single "uncommon event" could throw off the readings coming from any of the sites where the monitor was placed. Other factors, such as the weather and two busy highways - Interstate 635, which runs through the rail yard, and Interstate 70 to its north - also could affect the numbers, they said. But Denny Larson, executive director of Global Community Monitor, which provided DeCaigny the air monitor, said air sampled at seven of the 16 sites where DeCaigny placed the monitor contained diesel pollution at unhealthy levels, enough to indicate a disturbing pattern. "It's starting to show it's a regular occurrence that the diesel is creating a health threat," he said. "There are days in Argentine and Turner when it's really unhealthy to breathe the air, and people should know that." With international trade booming, environmentalists are focusing greater attention on the diesel pollution from ports and intermodal hubs, where cargo is transferred. Containerized shipping, using standardized metal boxes, makes it easy to move cargo from ship's hold to a freight train or tractor-trailer, all powered by diesel engines. Global Community Monitor, a nonprofit environmental justice organization, also is working with environmental groups to monitor air quality in Galena Park, Texas, which receives much of the truck traffic from the Port of Houston, and in the large Gulf port of Plaquemines Parish, La. Environmentally conscious California, where most cargo from Asia arrives, has been in the forefront of research and regulation of diesel exhaust at its ports. "We get all the pollution with no real direct benefit to the community," said Andrea Hricko of the University of Southern California's Southern California Environmental Health Sciences Center. Hricko's research has found that in California counties with major rail yards, nearby residents are more likely to be people of color, and with low incomes. "There are already health disparities with income, but this adds an environmental factor," Hricko said. Of great concern to environmentalists are the very small particles that circulate in the air. The particles can come from dust, smoke from a fire or exhaust from a tailpipe. Once inhaled, they can stay trapped in the lungs and affect the heart, blood vessels and lungs. The federal Environmental Protection Agency has air-quality regulations for particles 2.5 microns or smaller in width. Such particles are invisible to the naked eye, less than one-thirtieth the width of a human hair. The entire state of Kansas, including Wyandotte County and the Argentine rail yard, meets EPA standards for this kind of pollution. The closest air-quality monitoring station to the Argentine rail yard is at the John F. Kennedy Community Center, a few miles to the north. For more than six years, there's been "a steady, steady drop" in particulate pollution from that site, said Tom Gross, the air



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monitoring and planning chief of the Kansas Bureau of Air, which does the monitoring for the EPA. "We view that as good news." Larson, of Global Community Monitor, said, "We agree with the state of Kansas and everybody else that if you look just at 2.5-micron particulates, there's not a problem." But there is no regular federal monitoring of air pollution from the soot particles, called black or elemental carbon, that are commonly associated with diesel exhaust. DeCaigny's monitor is designed to pick up this kind of pollution. Unlike other fine particles that disperse over large areas, elemental carbon tends to stay close to where it is produced. So high readings are most likely along roads with heavy truck traffic or in the immediate vicinity of a rail yard. Larson's group employed an environmental scientist to make calculations from data in two recent academic studies to come up with threshold levels for what should be considered unhealthy levels of diesel pollution. One study linked high levels of diesel exhaust to increased hospitalizations for heart and lung problems among people ages 65 and older. The other study found that death rates among all ages were higher two or three days after a spike in diesel pollution. "When those levels reach these thresholds, there's an immediate risk," Larson said. "It's from short-term exposure." David Bryan of the EPA's regional office for Kansas City said his agency has spoken to Larson about the monitoring underway. "We'd be interested in seeing his organization's results." Driving through Argentine, DeCaigny points out Clopper Field, a public park right by the tracks that on weekends is packed with soccer players. Nearby, overlooking the rail yard, is a high-rise for seniors. "They're right on top of it," she said. She drives west into Turner, up to a health clinic and a community garden and orchard, and then circles past Turner High School, all close by the rail yard. DeCaigny's 8-year-old son died of brain cancer two years ago. She is particularly sensitive to environmental health issues. "Knowing that some of the results are serious, this is something that needs to be known by the community," she said. BNSF said it has been making changes at the Argentine yard that reduce diesel exhaust. For example, switch engines are being used that turn off their main power while idling. And the rail yard's intermodal facility is being phased out this year as BNSF moves those operations to its new Logistics Park in Edgerton. That's taking a half-dozen diesel cranes out of service in Argentine. But Larson said that's not enough. He wants BNSF to fund a larger air-quality study by the EPA at the Argentine rail yard to see what further steps may be needed to reduce diesel pollution. "It's very laudable to bring in a new engine, but if you want to see if your measures are effective, you need to take measurements," he said. "They're on the right track, no pun intended. We need to make sure they keep moving ahead."

<http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2014/07/17/3755131/report-warns-of-diesel-fumes-risks.html>

### SCOTLAND, ORKNEY ISLANDS, HOY, JULY 18 2014. ORKNEY WARTIME OIL TANK RE-USE CONSIDERED



*Initial investigations have found the tanks to be in "remarkable condition"*

A project that could see underground oil tanks built during World War Two brought back into use is set to be launched in Orkney. Banffshire-based Northern Oils is to see if the six tanks could be used to store and supply marine gas oil. Work on the underground oil tanks in the Orkney island of Hoy began in 1938. They were built into the hill above the naval base at Lyness to protect them from German air raids. The six tanks were capable of holding more than 130 million litres of fuel oil - but have lain empty for decades. Now, though, they could be set for a new lease of life. Northern Oils sees them as an ideal base for a fuel distribution hub for its customers both in the UK and across northern Europe. An

agreement with Orkney Islands Council will see the company spend a year investigating the viability of the project. Michael Morrison of the local authority said: "We have not really actively marketed the tanks at Lyness but had several interested parties over the last five to seven years." He said some of them had gone "quite a way down the line" but nothing had come to fruition. Mr Morrison said that when Northern Oils had discovered the capacity of the tanks that was when the "lights came on for them". The council has given the company 12 months to find out if the tanks are fit for purpose. However, Mr Morrison said initial inspections had shown them to be in "remarkable condition".

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-north-east-orkney-shetland-28365000>

### UKRAINE, LYSYCHANSK, JULY 19 2014. LONG IDLE ROSNEFT OIL REFINERY IN UKRAINE ON FIRE AFTER SHELLING

An oil reservoir caught fire and two warehouses were destroyed on Friday after the shelling of the east Ukrainian Linik oil refinery, which is owned by top Russian crude producer Rosneft and has been idle for two years, the company said. The refinery, located in the region where pro-Russian separatists have been fighting Ukrainian forces, has not been operating



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since March 2012. The plant near the city of Lysychansk, which has a capacity of 120,000 barrels per day, was acquired by Rosneft when it bought the TNK-BP oil firm last year.

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<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-rt-us-ukraine-crisis-refinery-20140718,0,3467790.story>

#### CANADA, ON, HAMILTON, ON, JULY 19 2014. MAPPING OUT DANGEROUS GOODS AROUND HAMILTON

shiona thompson



Hamilton's Fire Service is moving to find out more about what dangerous cargo is being hauled through the city. It's going to hire a new Industrial Disaster Planning Manager. A key part of the job includes co-ordination of emergency planning with local industries and the associated movement of hazardous materials by rail, road and pipeline. Fire Chief Rob Simonds says the move was prompted in part by community and council questions about the Enbridge Line 9 oil pipeline reversal and how Hamilton would respond to a tragedy like the Lac Mégantic derailment that killed 47 people last year. It also comes as Hamilton and other cities continue to seek real-time data about hazardous train cargo headed through their communities. So far, CN and CP have denied the request for real-time data, arguing the release of such information to multiple parties would be a major security risk.

<http://www.900chml.com/2014/07/18/19171/>

#### USA, PA, JACKSON TWP, JULY 19 2014. CLEAN UP STARTED AFTER FRACKING OPERATION EFFECTS ORPHAN WELL

bob niedbala

A company hydro fracking a conventional oil well in Jackson Township Monday blew out the plug on a nearby unknown "wildcat," or orphan well, forcing materials in the orphan well to the surface and requiring a cleanup of an unnamed tributary of Long Run. Penneco Oil Co. was fracking the horizontal portion of the well off Long Run Road when the pressure "communicated with an unknown wildcat well," said John Poister, spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Protection. "The force of the water into the well blew out the plug in the wildcat well," he said. The wildcat well is about 1,100 feet away from the Penneco well and is in Aleppo Township, he said. Water and other materials from the wildcat well entered an unnamed tributary of Long Run, he said. The DEP was notified of the incident by the company. DEP personnel went to the site and saw signs of "cloudy water" in about a half mile of the stream but no signs of a fish kill, he said. Penneco is now conducting cleanup activities at the site, Poister said. DEP personnel have been at the property and are investigating the incident, though it's still too early in the investigation to make any determinations, he said. Poister said the wildcat well was drilled years ago and was not permitted or included on any maps. "Unfortunately, in Pennsylvania, given its vast history with the oil and gas business, there are probably a number of these wells around," he said. Ben Wallace, Penneco chief operations officer, said the company had no knowledge of the orphan well. The company was fracking its well when pressure "communicated" with the nearby orphan well, which was at the same depth, he said. The orphan well had been plugged with wood, gravel, sand and dirt and those materials were forced to the surface, he said. The materials, mixed with water in the old well, had the consistency of "sludge," Wallace said. The company halted operations at its well, notified DEP and immediately implemented its cleanup plan, using absorbent materials to clean up fluid around the orphan well and booms in the stream to capture any contamination before it spread, he said. The stream is 20 to 30 feet away from the orphan well. Penneco also brought in a vacuum truck to clean up materials that entered the stream, Wallace said. An environmental consultant was engaged to determine the extent of contamination in the stream and soil and develop a thorough cleanup plan, he said. Wallace said it had not yet been determined whether any fracking fluid reached the surface or whether what came out was only the materials and water in the orphan well. The company will complete the cleanup and plug the abandoned well in an appropriate manner, he said.

<http://www.observer-reporter.com/article/20140718/NEWS02/140719495#.U8pC6canry0>



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#### CHINA, HUNAN PROVINCE, JULY 19 2014. AT LEAST 38 KILLED, 5 INJURED >FREIGHT VAN LOADED WITH FLAMMABLE LIQUID

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 **Photo's [6]** [At Least 38 Killed, 5 Injured >freight van loaded with flammable liquid](#)



*Photo shot by mobile phone shows a freight van loaded with flammable liquid collided with a passenger coach on a section of the Hukun (Shanghai to Kunming) Expressway in Hunan Province early Saturday morning.*

At least 38 people are confirmed dead and another five injured in an explosion and fire after a vehicle crash on a central China highway early Saturday morning. The accident happened at around 3 a.m. on a section of the Hukun (Shanghai to Kunming) Expressway in Hunan Province, when a van loaded with flammable liquid, probably alcohol, rear-ended a passenger coach. A total of five vehicles were destroyed in the accident. Shi Shiping, a villager living near the scene, told Xinhua that he "heard a huge bang" when the accident happened. "It was like the explosion of an atomic bomb," Shi said, adding that local villagers were unable to get close to the site because of the fierce fire. "Four people escaped from the blaze with severe burns, their hair and clothes burnt," Shi said. "They could

barely talk and were just moaning, but as we did not have medicine or any medical equipment, we just comforted them by saying that everything will be OK." A joint task force led by the State Administration of Work Safety, the Ministry of Public Security and the Ministry of Transport is on their way to the site. The fire was out as of 8 a.m.

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#### USA, CA, OAK HILLS, JULY 19 2014. TAINTED FUEL AT HIGH DESERT GAS STATION LEAVES SOME CARS DAMAGED

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With more than a dozen customers reporting problems, company officials say they've drained the fuel and are looking for a cause. Pumps at a popular high desert gas station have been temporarily shut down because of tainted gas that more than a dozen local residents said damaged their cars. The gas, which some said looked and smelled like beer, was sold at a Pilot Flying J gas station in Oak Hills, just off the 15 Freeway south of Victorville. Jackie McDowell and her daughter Madison said it didn't take long to realize something was wrong soon after filling up the tank on Madison's 2009 BMW recently. A few hours after the fill-up, the car refused to turn back on. "It's a press button start. You press the button and let go," Jackie McDowell said. "And it just made that 'chung chung chung' noise." Madison was upset. "I was about ready to cry. It's my baby," she said. The car had to be towed to a BMW dealership, and that's when Jackie's husband says workers there told him the tank was filled with bad fuel that had a strange odor. "It was just something that smelled like beer but it did not smell like gas," said Mark McDowell. "Real thick, dark beer." Company officials say they have gotten at least 17 complaints from customers, and they are still investigating exactly what tainted the gas and how many people may have been affected. Soon after the car was towed, Madison went on Facebook and found other people who also claimed to have had similar car troubles recently after filling up at the same Pilot. Local car shops and workers at a nearby Honda dealership confirmed they had gotten at least seven cars connected to the tainted gas. Mark McDowell says the repairs aren't cheap. "Draining the fuel tank, cleaning the fuel tank, replacing the fuel pump because it has a filter inside of it, cleaning out the fuel lines, replacing the spark plugs and possibly cleaning the fuel injection systems," he said. "And right now we are at about \$1,900." On Thursday, the McDowell family filed a claim with Pilot, and hours later the company shut down their underground storage tanks. They posted warning signs on some of the pumps, and workers began cleaning the tanks and flushing the lines Friday morning. Mark said company



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officials reassured him that they would pay for any repairs. "That they accept full responsibility now and that to turn the receipts into them when we are all done." In a statement, the company said they are working to determine the cause of the issue, and will work with customers to get the repairs done. "If any customer believes that he or she has been affected, please contact customer service at 877-866-7378 with a receipt or credit card number used for the fuel purchase," Pilot said in its statement. "If it is determined that the customer purchased the contaminated product, Pilot Flying J will reimburse the customer for all costs associated with the claim. "In these infrequent instances, Pilot Flying J has worked with customers to reach an agreeable solution as the company is doing now. The safety and convenience of our customers is top priority at Pilot Flying J," the statement continued. Meanwhile, Madison is encouraging other victims to immediately contact pilot and file a claim. "I'm glad they're stepping up and agreeing to pay for everything," she said.

<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Tainted-Gas-at-High-Desert-Gas-Station-Leaves-Some-Cars-Damaged-267730551.html>

### **USA, WA, EVERETT, JULY 19 2014. TRAIN CARRYING LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS DERAILS IN EVERETT**



A train carrying liquefied petroleum gas derailed Thursday evening in Everett. A "switching incident" at about 6:30 p.m. caused four tank cars to derail at the BNSF Bayside Yard along West Marine Drive in Everett, according to BNSF spokesman Gus Melonas. The tanks were not significantly damaged and there were no gas leaks, Melonas said. Everett Fire personnel responded to the scene, but there were no injuries and the crews were quickly cleared. BNSF workers are bringing in machinery to re-rail the cars, and Melonas said the train should be ready to move by midnight.

<http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Training-carrying-liquefied-petroleum-gas-derails-in-Everett-267602731.html>

### **USA, S.C, CHARLESTON, JULY 19 2014. EPA SAYS JET FUEL LEAK FROM CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE NO DANGER TO RESIDENTS**

*dave munday & schuyler kropf*



*EPA spokesman Stephen Ball assures reporters Friday the fuel leak near the Charleston Air Force Base poses no danger to nearby residents as a tanker pumps fuel out of a drainage ditch behind him.*

A jet-fuel spill at Charleston Air Force Base that leaked into a drainage ditch serving nearby neighborhoods poses no danger to residents, according to an EPA spokesman. About 1,200 gallons of jet fuel were spilled into a storm-drainage ditch that goes through neighborhoods off Great Oak Circle and North Palm View Circle, which are near Jerry Zucker Middle School on Dorchester Road, according to a news release Joint Base Charleston sent out Friday afternoon. Cleanup is expected to last through the weekend. The majority of the spill is being contained in the small, slow-moving storm-water canal that runs

between the base and the neighborhoods across Dorchester Road. Crews led by Moran Environmental Recovery and including multiple agencies are using booms in three locations to contain the spill and fuel-absorbent pads to soak it up. A small amount of fuel traveled as far as the Ashley River, but officials said they did not believe it poses a threat. "I do not believe it will leak into the river or any water supply, but we are monitoring the situation," Environmental Protection Agency spokesman Stephen Ball said near one of the cleanup sites. The fuel could be smelled on Dorchester Road, and the odor was strong near the ditch, although no one in the cleanup crew was wearing a mask. Ball said he has been taking air samples and detected no danger. The spill was discovered about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Joint Base Charleston said. The leak was blamed on a failed gasket on the bottom of a control valve for an underground fuel hydrant system on the flight line. The cause of the failure was being investigated. First responders stopped the leak at the source Wednesday night, but severe weather disrupted the cleanup efforts and channeled fuel into a nearby storm drainage ditch, according to base officials. Due to the rain and darkness, crews couldn't begin to assess the drainage off base until the following day. Once officials determined fuel had spilled into the ditch, they coordinated with environmental agencies and sent out the news release. The material is called Jet



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Fuel A. Although Jet Fuel A is not a carcinogen and poses no immediate health risks, prolonged exposure may cause irritation to the eyes and skin, and it is extremely harmful if swallowed, according to DHEC and EPA officials. As a precautionary measure residents and members of the community are encouraged to stay clear of the drainage ditch until cleanup efforts are complete.

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140718/PC16/140719338/1177/jet-fuel-leak-cleanup-underway-at-joint-base-charleston>

### USA, FLA, LAKELAND, JULY 19 2014. STATE INSPECTORS VISIT ABANDONED LAKELAND FUEL FACILITY

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*Real estate broker Dower Drummond stands in front of the former Clean Fuel Lakeland LLC plant on July 8. Lakeland Industrial Park owner Bob Stanley has been ordered to clean up the site, but Drummond, Stanley's representative, says there's a dispute over who owns the equipment on the site.*

State inspectors this week found some bothersome material in an abandoned biodiesel plant. Just last week, Florida Department of Environmental Protection officials said they felt "confident" that there were no dangerous chemicals in tanks and pipes at the site of the abandoned Clean Fuel Lakeland facility at the 20-acre Lakeland Industrial Park on George Jenkins Boulevard. But a DEP investigator visited the site Monday after The Ledger published an article July 12 about the plant. The article included pictures of a pipe heavily caked with a white, solid material and cited a report from a local engineering company that said the abandoned plant could contain several hazardous chemicals, some of them flammable. Previously, DEP said that based on its records the toxic chemicals had been removed from the former Clean Fuel Lakeland site, which closed in the fall of 2010. A variety of dangerous chemicals were used at the plant to make biodiesel fuel. During the Monday visit, however, a DEP investigator found the white residue there to be caustic, a DEP spokeswoman said. In addition, "two containers next to the mineral acid tanks hold acidic material," wrote Elizabeth Knauss, an environmental consultant who conducted this week's site visit for DEP. Knauss did not open any of the numerous tanks at the former five-story plant that may contain chemicals, residue from chemicals or nothing. There wasn't a convenient way to open the tanks, said Ana Gibbs, the DEP spokeswoman. "It's not like we can use a blowtorch," she said. So far, DEP has relied solely on documentation from Clean Fuel Lakeland that the tanks are empty. The U.S. Secret Service accuses officials with that company of being untruthful with the federal government by diverting \$2.3 million in federal stimulus money that was supposed to have been spent on equipment for the Lakeland plant. DEP says the owner of the industrial park, Bob Stanley, is responsible for finding a contractor to clean up the mess that was discovered Monday and for checking for chemicals in the tanks and pipes. The department has ordered Stanley to do whatever is necessary to make the site right. Stanley, 87, is vacationing and has left Dower Drummond, an Orlando real estate broker, in charge of the industrial park. Drummond says there's a dispute over who owns the equipment at the plant, Stanley or Clean Fuel Lakeland, the company that abandoned it. He said Stanley won't spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to clean up someone else's mess. "We'll be glad to clean it up if the equipment is Mr. Stanley's," Drummond said. "Our intention is to clean it up before it blows up." Drummond said there is a meeting scheduled for Monday with a DEP lawyer to discuss the situation. The chemical materials that have been on the site include sodium methylate, biodiesel methanol, hydrochloric acid, sodium hydroxide, sulfuric acid, glycerol and chloride salts.

<http://www.theledger.com/article/20140718/news/140719221>

### USA, HI, MAUI, KIHAI, JULY 20 2014. FIREWORKS CAUSE \$520,000 MAUI HOUSE FIRE THAT DISPLACES 14

Maui fire investigators determined that fireworks caused a fire that destroyed a Kihei house Friday night. The manner was considered accidental. A Maui fire official said 14 family members were displaced when the house was destroyed by the fire, but all managed to escape uninjured. Firefighters from the Kihei and Wailea station responded to the blaze at 210 Oe St. The two-story, 2,400-square-foot single-family home as well as the contents of the backyard were fully involved when they arrived. The fire began in the backyard and quickly spread to the house, causing \$400,000 damage to the structure, \$50,000 to its contents, and \$70,000 to vehicles and equipment stored in the backyard, Maui fire spokesman Lee Mainaga said in an e-mail. The American Red Cross assisted the family members with food, clothing and accommodations for a couple of nights.

[http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20140718\\_Fire\\_destroys\\_Maui\\_home\\_displacing\\_14\\_residents.html](http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20140718_Fire_destroys_Maui_home_displacing_14_residents.html)



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### USA, MO, COLUMBIA, JULY 20 2014. CAR SMASHES INTO TRUCK, PUMP IN GAS STATION ACCIDENT



*An SUV crashed into the Phillips 66 gas station on Paris Road on Saturday afternoon.*

A driver was taken to the hospital after his car left the roadway and crashed into a parked car and gas pump Saturday afternoon. A white Kia sedan was driving south on Paris Road about 3:45 p.m. when it crossed the northbound lanes into the parking lot of a Phillips 66 FastLane gas station at 2116 Paris Road. It crashed into a gas pump at the station and a red Ford truck parked beside it, Columbia Police Officer Kyle Whitmire said. The pump was crushed, and the car dragged it at least 10 feet across the parking lot before finally coming to a halt. The man driving the car was unable to get out of the car on his own when emergency crews arrived. He was taken by ambulance to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, said Columbia Fire Department Battalion Chief

John Metz. His identity was not immediately available Saturday afternoon. Police do not suspect that alcohol was involved, Whitmire said, and the accident could have been caused by a medical issue that impaired the driver. The driver of the truck declined to comment on the accident, but she did not appear to be injured and was not receiving medical treatment on scene. Despite the damage to the pump, it didn't appear that any gasoline was leaking from it, and the crash did not cause any explosions or fires.

<http://www.columbiamissourian.com/a/176965/car-smashes-into-truck-pump-in-gas-station-accident/>

### INDIA, MUMBAI, JULY 20 2014. GAS LEAK AT BOMBAY HIGH OIL RIG, WORKERS EVACUATED



A high pressure, highly inflammable gas leak was reported on Saturday at a well state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) was drilling at the Bombay High oil rig, off the coast of Mumbai. The oil rig is situated 162 kilometres off the coast of Mumbai and is operated by ONGC. ONGC immediately activated safety procedures, shut down drilling operations and evacuated all non-essential staff. The Coast Guard and Indian Navy diverted ships and helicopter company Pawan Hans provided assistance in evacuation. "Everything is under control and all the personnel have been evacuated. Our crisis management team is there," ONGC spokesperson Pallav Bhattacharya said. The oil major said the leakage is minor and the evacuation has been done as a precautionary manner.

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### CANADA, ONT, COCHRANE, JULY 20 2014. POTENTIAL DISASTER AVERTED



*Scene of the incident involving the rollover of a chemical tanker truck loaded with sulphur dioxide near Cochrane on Friday. Three large tow trucks were brought in to help get the heavy truck righted again.*

The rollover involving a heavy tanker truck loaded with hazardous sulphur dioxide in Cochrane, appears to be contained and on its way to being fully cleaned up. That was the assessment of Cochrane Fire Chief Richard Vallée who spoke to The Daily Press at the scene of the rollover Friday afternoon. As of 5 p.m. Friday, the overturned tanker had been righted onto its wheels again. Emergency crews had been at the scene on Cochrane (Glackmeyer) Concession Road 2 and 3, day and night, since the truck rolled over Wednesday afternoon, when it pulled aside

as a courtesy to let another vehicle get by. The incident occurred on a long, straight flat stretch of country road, but when the



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heavy truck pulled off to one side, the shoulder of road gave way and the slow-moving truck just rolled onto its back and side, with its wheels pointing skyward. There is no evidence of a leak. The tanker did not rupture, according to those doing the clean-up at the scene. The driver of the vehicle suffered non-life threatening injuries and was hospitalized briefly, said Chief Vallée. "All considered, we are not declaring a public emergency," said a news release from Cochrane Town Hall quoting mayor Peter Politis, who also said there is no immediate danger to the public. Vallée agreed, and said that the salvage job is being done slowly for good reason. "We've been here since about four o'clock on Wednesday. Yesterday (Thursday) was a bit of a waiting game. They had to widen the road for the tow trucks," said the chief. He explained that 32 truckloads of gravel were brought in to help stabilize the ground where the tow-trucks will park so they can leverage the tanker truck back onto its wheels using cables and heavy winches. "What they're doing is that they will lift the truck with the tow trucks, but they will be using air bags on the other side, so the truck does not roll back," said Vallée. He said the airbags will also help to stabilize the entire tanker so that it does not rupture in the process of being rolled back. The town hall news release said the tanker is a new vehicle and is designed to withstand such incidents. Either way, the salvage team is taking no chances, according to Vallée. He said no residents are in any danger and if there is any sort of leak, there is protection for the workers. "They've set up their own decontamination trailer just in case. And our fire department has brought in fresh water for that unit." Vallée said the incident had negligible affect on residents living on the rural road. He said less than 40 people live within a one-kilometre radius of the rollover. A leak would be indicated by the rotten egg smell associated with the sulphurous chemical. Vallée said when the Chemtrade company, an industrial chemical firm, first began hauling with the heavy tankers through Cochrane several months ago, all local firefighters received specialized training by Chemtrade. The chemicals arrive by rail at the Cochrane ONR yard and are then loaded onto the tanker trucks. Mayor Peter Politis said this particular tanker was head for a mining operation in Malartic, Que. "They didn't use our northern bypass (road) because they weren't going north, and they came back this way, trying to re-route themselves south," Politis explained. So far, said the mayor, everything is being contained and closely monitored as the clean up continues. He said there were "no red flags or safety issues". "Residents are all being informed and there are options in place for people who are not comfortable, the Red Cross will facilitate them spending the night someplace else, if they wish," he said. Politis said the upswing in mining activity across the region has meant that more heavy trucks now travel through his community. He said it means that roads need to be improved. "This road requires about a \$5-million upgrade and we have been turned down on this by the province for four years running, trying to seek that upgrade," said the mayor. Politis said this latest incident should provide some added weight to the town's argument that funding is warranted. "Well, yes, I mean we have infrastructure issues, just like the City of Timmins and everywhere else, where things are collapsing below our feet and we just can't seem to get that investment here. So we have our new government that has made lots of promises," he said, referring to the new Liberal government with Premier Kathleen Wynne. "These types of incidents highlight the fact that it puts peoples lives at risk and this has got to be corrected," said Politis. Even short-term exposure to sulphur dioxide has been linked with an array of adverse respiratory effects including bronchoconstriction and increased asthma symptoms.

<http://www.timminspress.com/2014/07/18/disaster-averted-following-tanker-truck-rollover>

#### USA, TX, BRYAN, JULY 21 2014. AREA OIL TANK SITE WHERE WORKER INJURED INVESTIGATED BEFORE BLAST



The Texas Railroad Commission, the state's oil and gas regulator, had been investigating a Central Texas oil tank site for suspected leaks before an explosion earlier this month that critically injuring a worker. The Railroad Commission had been inspecting the site since March, the Bryan Eagle reported Sunday. Cameron McDonald, 25, was critically injured earlier this month when the tanks blew up as he used a torch to separate a catwalk from one of the tanks. Railroad Commission records show inspectors found less than 20 barrels of oil and water leaking from a tank and well equipment in disrepair. Finally Resources, a company based in Long Beach, Calif., was notified of the problems. On June 9, the Texas agency warned that if the problems weren't fixed the company could be fined as much as \$10,000. McDonald was wearing a safety harness as he was thrown clear in the explosion Wednesday and then the safety line slammed him face-first into the hot steel, officials said. The fire

burned through a strap and the man fell to the ground. He was flown to Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston.

<http://www.kwtx.com/home/headlines/Area-Oil-Tank-Site-Where-Worker-Injured-Investigated-Before-Blast-267854141.html>



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