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INDIA, BANGALORE, SESHADRIPURAM, JULY 3 2014. PETROL PUMP WORKER KILLED IN WALL COLLAPSE

A 40-year-old petrol pump worker was killed when a wall collapsed on him at the fuelling station in Seshadripuram on Wednesday. Krishna, a resident of Rajajinagar, was taking rest near the wall during a short break when the wall collapsed on him, killing him instantly. His colleagues took him to a hospital where he was declared brought dead. The wall had become damp following heavy rainfall in the last few days. On its other side towards the road, water stagnation had weakened it, the police said. A case has been registered at the Seshadripuram police station.

<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/417414/petrol-pump-worker-killed-wall.html>

USA, AKA, FAIRBANKS, JULY 3 2014. ALASKA ARMY POST REDUCES FUEL TANK WATER CONTAMINATION RISK IN EPA SETTLEMENT

According to a settlement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Army is taking steps to improve management of its [fuel storage tanks](#) and comply with federal laws designed to protect groundwater at Fort Wainwright Garrison, located near Fairbanks, Alaska. EPA inspections found that from at least 2012 to 2013, Fort Wainwright failed to perform leak detection tests, monitor underground storage tanks regularly and investigate suspected releases as required under the [Resource Conservation and Recovery Act \(RCRA\)](#). "Underground tanks hold hundreds or even thousands of gallons of fuel and other liquids that can leak into groundwater if not properly maintained," said Peter Contreras, manager of the Groundwater Unit at the EPA Seattle office. "Communities in Fairbanks, including those living at Fort Wainwright, depend on groundwater for drinking water. Fuel tanks have to be in compliance and in good working order to protect [water resources](#)." Fort Wainwright uses the tanks, some of which have a capacity to hold up to 30,000 gallons, to store gasoline, diesel, used oil, jet fuel, and anti-freeze. These products are used in vehicles, jets, emergency generators, ski hill and golf course maintenance carts, and other equipment. EPA found that 19 out of 20 tanks at Fort Wainwright were out of compliance. Fort Wainwright has hired a new operator who will manage compliance with federal and state underground storage tank requirements. In addition, some of the tanks have been decommissioned and taken out of service. Fort Wainwright agreed to pay a penalty of nearly \$158,700 for violations of the RCRA.

<http://www.waterworld.com/articles/2014/07/fort-wainwright-reduces-water-contamination-risk-from-fuel-tanks-in-epa-settlement.html>

USA, N.J., PAULSBORO, JULY 3 2014. VINYL CHLORIDE EXPOSURE LEVELS FOLLOWING PAULSBORO TRAIN DERAILMENT QUESTIONED BY NTSB

rebecca forand

 **Photo's [10]** [Vinyl Chloride Exposure Levels Following Paulsboro Train Derailment Questioned](#)



Seven train cars derailed when the bridge over the Mantua Creek collapsed Friday morning. Four tank cars containing vinyl chloride were dumped into the creek. Nearby residents were evacuated and schools were locked down. Nearly 20 people complained of respiratory distress from the vinyl chloride vapor that leaked from the tank cars.

Vinyl chloride exposure following the November 2012 train derailment and chemical release may have been more dangerous than Conrail's website originally reported, according to National Transportation Safety Board correspondence. When seven cars derailed over the Jefferson Street railway bridge on Nov. 30, 2012, sending three cars into the water, thousands of pounds of vinyl chloride — a toxic chemical used in making plastics — was released into the air of Paulsboro. While the thick fog lingered and then began to dissipate, the PBF (Paulsboro Refinery) Response Team and the

Environmental Protection Agency monitored the levels of vinyl chloride in the air to determine whether they could be high enough to cause damage to residents' health — be it temporary or permanent. On the website www.PaulsboroResponse.com, which was set up by Conrail immediately following the accident, a list of frequently asked questions had included an inquiry regarding the toxicity of vinyl chloride in the area. "Should I be worried about health impacts from vinyl chloride?" it read. The answer provided on the website suggested the levels measured were not sufficient cause damage. "The highest concentrations of vinyl chloride detected are hundreds of times lower than the concentrations that would produce symptoms from the short-term exposures that could occur here," it read. However, a safety engineer and HAZMAT accident investigator



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for the NTSB has cast doubt on that assessment. An email sent to Cory Davis, an industrial hygienist at the Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health as well as to a representative from Conrail, Muhamed A. El-Zoghbi, asks how that response was developed and what information it was based on. The email, which was obtained through subpoena by an environmental attorney representing Paulsboro residents and provided to the South Jersey Times, was sent on Dec. 14, 2012, two weeks after the accident. According to the message, PBF Energy recorded readings of 760 parts per million at 8:37 a.m. the morning of the incident — an hour-and-a-half after it first occurred, meaning that earlier readings would have been higher. "This measurement adjusted by the response factor would be 1,444 ppm of vinyl chloride (VC)," the email reads. "There are other readings that fall between 1,199 ppm and 1,319 ppm of VC at around the same time." Acute Exposure Guideline Levels (AEGs) set by the Environmental Protection Agency have vinyl chloride airborne exposure limits of 1,200 ppm. This is the number at which it is predicted that the general population could experience health effects, specifically long-lasting adverse health effects. The question and response have since been removed from the Paulsboro Response website. Conrail would not comment on the matter due to the current ongoing NTSB investigation. The NTSB also refused to comment on this specific document, citing that it has not officially been released to the public. However, documentation that has been released shows high vinyl chloride levels measured by the EPA. "This is exactly what we alleged in the lawsuit filed a year ago," said Mark Cuker, an attorney representing hundreds of Paulsboro residents. "The reason there were health problems was because the levels were high enough to cause health problems. It validates what we've been saying all along. The exposures were a lot worse than they said."

Related Stories - Toxic Train Wreck

- [Vinyl chloride exposure levels following Paulsboro train derailment questioned by NTSB](#)
- [Paulsboro train derailment, chemical spill caused health problems in half of residents, DOH reports](#)
- [Paulsboro railroad bridge construction delayed for fish migration](#)
- [Paulsboro train derailment class action suit moves forward](#)
- [Opinion: Milton Hinton: Paulsboro sees result of environmental injustice](#)

<http://goo.gl/ebiAq0>

ENGLAND, LANCASHIRE, CHORLEY, JULY 4 2014. TEENAGE HAIRDRESSER DIES IN FIREBALL TRAGEDY, PETROL WAS THROWN ON HEATER



- Lisa Jones, 19, was standing next to a chiminea in Chorley, Lancashire
- Enjoying a party at house of her boyfriend, soldier Ryan Nightingale
- Fatally burned when somebody poured fuel over the chiminea
- Neighbour described horrific moment Miss Jones was burned
- She was able to walk to an ambulance when rescuers arrived
- Mr Nightingale, who was also burned, was quizzed by police then released
- Taken to hospital, and survived for 11 days, but died yesterday

A teenager died after suffering horrific burns when a patio oven burst into flames during a party, it emerged yesterday. Lisa Jones, 19, was standing nearby when petrol was poured on to the chimenea. Within seconds she was engulfed in flames and screaming in terror. The shop assistant had been visiting her boyfriend, Ryan Nightingale, also 19, a soldier in the Grenadier Guards, when the tragedy occurred. He was interviewed by police but later released without charge. Miss Jones was taken to a specialist hospital but lost her fight for life on Wednesday – 11 days after the accident. Yesterday neighbours described hearing a loud scream coming from the party, which was attended by around 20 teenagers at Mr Nightingale's family home in Chorley, Lancashire. It is understood his mother, Jane, 40, a carer, was at work when the accident happened at around 10.30pm on June 21. 'It sounded like a young woman was getting attacked by the way she was screaming,' said one resident who went to help. 'She was lying down on the floor. You could see instantly there were blisters all over her face. 'She managed to walk to the ambulance and she only had a mask on her face, like a cooler. All her hair had gone and she was screaming while on gas and air in the ambulance. 'To me it looked like only the top half of her body was burnt, but when I spoke to Ryan he said she had full body burns. 'She wasn't the only one who got burnt either, Ryan suffered burns too.' It is understood Mr Nightingale, who is based in Aldershot, Hampshire, took part in the Trooping the Colour ceremony at Buckingham Palace last year. He had only recently started dating Miss Jones, a former hairdressing



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student, from Llanfairfechan, North Wales, and she had gone to stay with him while he was on leave. Last night close friend, Wendy Jones, 40, said she was broken hearted at the death of the teenager, who was like an adopted daughter to her. On her Facebook page, Mrs Jones said: 'I just can't make sense of it all. I refuse to believe she's not here.' A police spokesman said: 'A 19-year-old man from Chorley has been interviewed under caution but was released while police conduct further inquiries into the tragedy.' Chimenea patio ovens are popular garden accessories in the UK. They are based on ovens used by Mexican tribes, which were made from river clay and shaped to protect the fire from rain. The tragedy occurred just hours after a man in Chorley suffered burns to his hands in an almost identical accident.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2679190/Teenage-hairdresser-Lisa-Jones-dies-fireball-tragedy-engulfed-flames-petrol-thrown-garden-heater-causing-explosion.html>

GHANA, ACCRA, JULY 4 2014. STORING PETROL IN UNAPPROVED JERRY CANS CAN EASILY KILL YOU – RENOWNED SURGEON



There were several pictures on various social media to testify to the numerous jerry cans that were used to by motorists to store petrol when news broke recently that Ghana, had been hit with fuel shortages. Although many rode in their cars to various gas stations, they ended up holding their personal jerry cans to buy fuel flowing directly from the nozzle of fuel dispenser. It is on this note that the Director of the Reconstructive Plastic Surgery and Burns Centre (RPS&BC) at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, has called on government to immediately enact laws which prohibits the sale of fuel in unapproved jerry cans. Dr. Opoku Ware Amposah, explained in an interview with Peace FM that out of hundred cases that were reported to his outfit, thirty five of them were patients who had suffered severe burns from either gas or petrol. "Just three days ago, we

admitted a patient who has suffered severe burns from petrol and his condition is terrible", he said. He continued that if people wanted to continue storing the combustible product in jerry cans, then they must do well to purchase the right cans. Dr. Amposah made it clear that often, when petrol is kept in unapproved containers, one could easily smell the product from few meters way; which according to him is a dangerous practice. "This way of keeping petrol can easily cause fire outbreak in an event someone lights fire", he added.

<http://news.peacefmonline.com/pages/news/201407/205837.php>

USA, FLA, DANIA, JULY 4 2014. MEN SOUGHT FOR SIPHONING FUEL FROM DANIA STATION

 **Watch the Video's:**

- [Thieves Steal 300 Gallons of Fuel from Gas Station](#)
- [Detectives Searching for Men who Stole Fuel from UST's at Gas Station](#)



Map:

[2080 Griffin Road Dania Beach FL](#)



The Broward Sheriff's Office says these two men were involved in the theft of diesel fuel that was siphoned from the underground diesel storage tank of the Chevron at 2080 Griffin Road on April 25, 2014.

The [Broward Sheriff's Office](#) is trying to find at least three men who worked together to siphon more than 300 gallons of diesel fuel from a gas station in Dania Beach. According to the Sheriff's Office, the theft happened about 1:30 a.m. April 25 at the Chevron station at 2080 Griffin Road. The men parked a full-sized white van and a black pickup truck on both sides of a gas pump in such a way to conceal the clerk's view of a white minivan that was parked over the covers to the underground diesel tank, sheriff's spokeswoman Keyla Concepcion

said. "You never see the two [suspects] at the gas pumps pumping gas," she said. "They come inside the gas station store to purchase something and I guess that gives them some sort of legitimate excuse as to why they parked at the pump." Detectives believe the minivan had a removable floorboard that gave the thieves concealed access to the cover of the fuel tank.

<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/crime/fl-dania-diesel-fuel-thieves-20140702.0.2513363.story>



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USA, CA, LOS ANGELES, JULY 4 2014. L.A. FIREWORKS CRACKDOWN CONTINUES WITH 1-TON BUST; SEVEN CHARGED

joseph serna & matt hansen

 **Watch the Video** [L.A. Fireworks Crackdown Continues with 1-Ton Bust; 7 Charged](#)

Authorities in Los Angeles have confiscated a ton of illegal fireworks, leading to criminal charges being filed against seven vendors, the latest in a regional crackdown ahead of Friday's July 4 celebrations, the city attorney's office announced Thursday. In conjunction with the Los Angeles Fire Department, police at the Port of L.A. and street services, authorities have been inspecting shipments and Los Angeles businesses where the fireworks are allegedly discreetly sold. On June 27, City Atty. Mike Feuer announced criminal cases were filed against three people for storing or selling some 1,000 pounds of fireworks. The pyrotechnic displays are illegal in Los Angeles and can't be brought in from outside the city. Feuer announced Thursday that seven more people were charged and hundreds of more fireworks were confiscated. Many of the fireworks are illegal and not considered "safe and sane," but even models that are legal in other cities can pose a safety hazard, authorities said. "Illegal fireworks pose a significant fire danger and a serious safety risk, especially to kids," Feuer said in a statement. The defendants named in the latest bust were: Ester Chin, 61; Eileen Soo Hoo, 79; Pik Fan Lam, 54; Jose Guadalupe Avalos, 25; Juan-Jose Alvarado, 31; Moises Benitez-De La Cruz, 30; and Javier Gonzales Ortiz, 25. Combined, the group was charged with nearly 40 offenses with penalties ranging between six months and a year in jail and thousands of dollars in fines. Los Angeles police Det. Paul Robi of the city's bomb squad, which is responsible for the disposal of illegal fireworks, highlighted the risk of improperly storing fireworks and not treating them as a combustion risk at a June 27 press conference announcing the crackdown. His agency has dealt with exploding garages and, in one case, a house that was nearly leveled from a fireworks explosion, he said. "If one goes, they are all going to go," he said. "It's a tremendous hazard." Despite the dangers, the financial incentive sustains an illegal market for fireworks, especially around the July 4 holiday. Illegal fireworks merchants can purchase fireworks in neighboring states and sell them in California for "three or five times what they paid for them," Robi said.

 **Related Stories** [More than 1,000 Pounds of Illegal Fireworks Seized in L.A.](#)

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-fireworks-crackdown-la-20140703-story.html#>

USA, OH, AKRON, JULY 4 2014. OHIOAN HURT IN EXPLOSION WARNS OF FIREWORKS DANGER

phil trexler

 **Photo's [5]** [Ohioan Hurt in Explosion Warns of Fireworks Danger](#)



This photo taken June 30, 2014, shows Kevin Skubic heading into Waterworks Park with his family in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. A year ago, Skubic was just happy to be alive. Now, he's about living. He has no left arm. His eyesight is challenged. The scars of that violent fireworks explosion cover his body.

A year ago, [Kevin Skubic](#) was just happy to be alive. Now, he's about living. He has no left arm. His eyesight is challenged. The scars of that violent fireworks explosion cover his body. But there he was Monday, slipping off his shirt and removing his prosthetic arm for all to see as he splashed in the water with his two daughters during their visit to [Water Works Family Aquatic Center](#) in Cuyahoga Falls. At this moment, life is good. "It's emotional. It's a different life," Skubic said. Everything changed for Skubic on July 1, 2013, when a bag of about 50 homemade, high-powered "quarter sticks" exploded in his hands as he left a home in Akron. Each of those sticks equaled the explosive power of a small stick of dynamite. The eruption rocked a west side neighborhood, shattering windows up and down the block. Shockwaves were felt a block away. Skubic bore the full impact. His left arm was blown away from just below the elbow. He's still learning to be a right-hander, despite missing a finger and having no wrist movement. His right eye was badly damaged, but surgeons at least saved it. Shrapnel from the explosion covered his body from head to toe. Scars from skin grafts are now there. His hearing out of either ear is still not 100 percent. He's had more than six surgeries, but he's lost track. He was a bricklayer before the explosion, and he wants to go back to work someday. He said he's making progress toward that goal



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and is anxious to return to work. "I miss it. I dream about. I go to sleep and I'm dreaming that I'm at work," the 35-year-old Akron man said. About three months ago, he was fitted for a myoelectric prosthetic arm. He's become so adept with the device and its claw tip, he can easily tie his shoes. He can also scratch his head, drink from a cup and pull up his pants. Just a month ago, he got back on a motorcycle and he's been driving it ever since, thanks to the new arm. "There are certain things you do and if you're not able to do those things anymore, it makes you even more down and depressed," he said. "So, the more things you try to do that you're used to, you feel good and normal. "That's the key. I want to be normal and feel normal. I don't want people to look at me like I'm different." Skubic bought the fireworks from the same man he had known and dealt with for years. He was with a female companion and about to drive away when the bag erupted. Police say static electricity sparked the explosion. The fireworks seller, 65, was sentenced to a year in prison after pleading guilty in September to unlawful manufacturing of explosives. He was released in January. "I don't put nobody (to) blame. It was my fault for going to get them," Skubic said. "It's a good thing nobody else was hurt." Skubic, meanwhile, underwent a number of surgeries, just to get back to close to where he was before the explosion. As he walks into the water, his missing arm doesn't go unnoticed by the children wading in the pool. A lot of people think he's an injured war veteran, he said. But Skubic tells anyone who will listen — especially children — about the dangers of fireworks. For most of his life, Skubic was a fireworks enthusiast, entertaining his family, friends and neighbors with his own displays. "When I think about them, I'd like to be able to do them again. But it's just not worth it. This," he said, tapping his prosthetic arm, "is just not worth it." Skubic puts both arms around his daughters, Kaela, 11, and Kallie, 7, and says they are his motivation when depressive thoughts cross his mind. He said he blames no one for his injuries other than himself. Instead, Skubic is quick to remind others, especially children, about the dangers of fireworks. "If it happens to him, he doesn't want it to happen to other kids," Kaela said. Skubic stays busy and talks to other amputees, including an aunt, for inspiration. He hopes to be back working within the year. He recalled working the day of the explosion and then awakening a week later after being in a coma. "It's like being born again," he said. "Last year, at this time, I was at work. I worked that day and I got off work and then I slept for seven days and woke back up and life's been different."

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/crime/article/Ohioan-hurt-in-explosion-warns-of-fireworks-danger-5597916.php>

USA, PA, DUNKARD, JULY 4 2014. LAWSUIT FILED IN WELL EXPLOSION DEATH

tara kinsell

 **Watch the Raw Vide:** [Gas well fire in Greene County](#)

 **Photo's [13]** [Gas well explosion, fire in Greene County](#)



This Chevron gas well fire in Dunkard Township in February claimed the life of 27-year-old contract worker Ian McKee. McKee's parents have filed a wrongful death suit against Chevron.

The parents of Ian McKee, 27, of Morgantown, W.Va., who was killed in a gas well explosion in Dunkard Township Feb. 11, filed a lawsuit against Chevron Appalachia, LLC, seeking information in their son's death. McKee's remains were recovered Feb. 19 by state police and a team from Wild Well Control of Houston, Texas, brought in by Chevron to extinguish the blaze at the Lanco well pad. Attorney John P. Gismondi, representing Denise and Robert McKee, said the suit, filed more than a week ago in Allegheny County, will provide the McKees with knowledge about what transpired the day their son was killed. The McKees allege

the explosion was the result of negligence on the part of Chevron in properly maintaining the well. "This was a serious situation and something obviously went wrong," Gismondi said. "Chevron has a lot of information about what went on at that well site. This suit was filed so we can get the information that we need to have from Chevron to know what was going on out there." The investigation by the Department of Environmental Protection into the explosion is ongoing. Though McKee was working for a Chevron subcontractor, Houston-based Cameron International, Gismondi said Chevron was in charge of the well and ultimately responsible for it. Chevron and Wild Well Control worked collaboratively to design and execute a well intervention plan for the two wells that caught fire. Weather complications and issues related to debris at the site lengthened the process and the well fire self-extinguished Feb. 15. Ten days later, Wild Well Control capped the second of the two wells leaking gas at the site. The first was capped Feb. 23. In April, DEP spokesman John Poister told the Observer-Reporter that Chevron barred DEP personnel from access to the site on the day of the explosion and would not permit the agency's emergency response vehicle to enter an area where the company's own emergency personnel were staged. Poister's comments came after the DEP issued nine citations against the company for the explosion. It wasn't until the day after the explosion, when DEP



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Secretary Chris Abruzzo visited the site and met with Chevron officials, that DEP staff began to gain more access to the property, according to Poister. Chevron initially told DEP it didn't want anyone near the well site because of safety concerns, Poister said. "They were concerned about the stability of the well ... It was burning out of control and was very, very hot," he said. However, Chevron's well permits gave DEP "free and unrestricted access" to its well sites. DEP personnel, in addition, have the expertise and experience to understand an emergency situation and the possible dangers, Poister said. The DEP's emergency response vehicle had equipment that would have allowed the agency to monitor conditions at the site, including air quality, which is important to public safety during this type of emergency, Poister said. Chevron also did not initially provide DEP staff access to the company's joint command center, where discussions were apparently held regarding the conditions of the well and possible efforts to extinguish the blaze. "We believe we should have been part of the discussions," Poister said, noting Chevron did however provide the DEP with updates. None of the company's action in regard to DEP's access to the site is believed to have interfered with our investigation into the cause of the explosion, Poister said.

<http://www.observer-reporter.com/article/20140702/NEWS02/140709925#.U7kwlsanry0>

USA, CO, DENVER, JULY 4 2014. OIL AND GAS SPILL REPORT FOR JUNE 24

The following spills were reported to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission in the past two weeks. Information is based on Form 19, which operators must fill out detailing the leakage/spill events. Any spill release which may impact waters of the state must be reported as soon as practical. Any spill of five barrels or more must be reported within 24 hours, and any spill of one barrel or more which occurs outside secondary containment, such as metal or earthen berms, must also be reported within 24 hours, according to COGCC rules. Spills and leaks are typically found during routine maintenance on existing wells, though some actual "spills" do occur among the 19,000-plus wells in the county:

- Encana Oil and Gas (USA) Inc., reported on June 2, outside of Mead, it was estimated that 10 barrels of oil released during a drill mud transfer. The storage tank began leaking from the inspection hatch due to a bad seal of the o-ring. The spill remained on the well pad.
- Kerr McGee Oil and Gas Onshore LP, reported on June 6, outside of Fort Lupton, that during the plugging and abandoning of a production facility, a historical release was discovered. About 160 cubic yards of soil material were removed and transported to the Front Range Regional Landfill in Erie. Groundwater was tested and results revealed that there were concentrations of benzene that exceed Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission standards.
- Kerr McGee Oil and Gas Onshore LP, reported on June 9, outside of Fort Lupton, that about 20 barrels of fluid were released when a butterfly valve used to isolate fresh water pump down tanks was leaking, so that fresh water could not flow back into the tank. Treated produced water of about three barrels was released, as well as about 16 barrels of fresh water and one barrel of crude oil. The released fluid was recovered from the poly liner and returned to the flow back tank. No confirmation soil sample was needed.
- PDC Energy Inc., reported on June 11, that during the removal of a buried produced water vessel a historical release was discovered, outside of LaSalle. Soil samples were sent to Summit Scientific Laboratories.
- DCP Midstream LP, reported on June 12, that a leak spill had released condensate of a two or more barrels, outside of Eaton. The cause of the leak is still under investigation. The release is controlled and remediation activities will take place as soon as possible.
- PDC Energy, reported on June 17, a crude transport tanker truck was overfilled while unloading a crude tank outside of Keenesburg. The spill released about four barrels of crude. One barrel was recovered with a vacuum truck.
- Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, reported on June 19, outside of Nunn, that a historical release was discovered while removing a partially buried water tank.

<http://www.greeleytribune.com/news/feature2/11903705-113/reported-june-oil-spill>

ENGLAND, BASINGSTOKE, JULY 4 2014. TANKER SPILLS 1,000 LITRES OF PETROL AT SERVICES

A thousand litres of petrol spilled out of a tanker last night after it was hit by a lorry. Fire crews from Basingstoke, Winchester and Newbury were called to the Tot Hill services on the A34 at 6.30pm last night to clear the spillage. Crew manager Ewen Ross, from Basingstoke fire station, said: "The petrol tanker was delivering fuel to the services and another lorry clipped the back of the tanker and cracked it. There was 1,000 litres of petrol spilled. "The petrol station had interceptors so it all went into these." The firefighters spent three hours at the scene and patched up the tanker, washed away the petrol that was left and monitored the air.

http://www.basingstokegazette.co.uk/news/local/11317483.Tanker_spills_1_000_litres_of_petrol_at_services/



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ENGLAND, HAMPSHIRE, JULY 4 2014. BASINGSTOKE HOSPITAL CHEMICAL SPILL BURNS STAFF



The staff were burned by peracetic acid.

A chemical spill at a hospital left two members of staff with burns. The men were injured in a store room in the Diagnosis and Treatment Centre at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital on Wednesday night. Firefighters sent to deal with the spill said the men were exposed to a concentrated disinfectant containing highly corrosive peracetic acid. The victims are receiving treatment. The hospital said it "will be reviewing our procedures". Hospital chief operating officer Donna Green said: "Last night there was a small spillage of a chemical in a specialist store room in the Diagnosis and Treatment Centre at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital which resulted in two

members of staff receiving minor burns. "We have supported the staff involved in the incident and we followed the usual protocol for these situations which is to involve the fire and ambulance services. "We can confirm that the staff involved the incident sustained minor burns, had immediate attention on site at the time, have seen a specialist and do not require further treatment. "We take these matters very seriously and will be reviewing our procedures to see if there is anything we can learn from this."

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-hampshire-28142873>

CANADA, ALBA, WHITECOURT, JULY 5 2014. CN SAYS CRUDE CARS INTACT AFTER ALBERTA TRAIN DERAILMENT

A [Canadian National Railway](#) train carrying [crude oil](#) derailed near Whitecourt, Alberta, early on Friday morning, the company said, but there were no injuries or fire and the crude cars were intact. Five cars on the southbound train, including two containing crude, derailed at slow speed about nine miles (14 km) east of Whitecourt, Alberta, at approximately 5 a.m. local time, CN spokeswoman Emily Hamer said. She said the cause was still under investigation. Slight seepage from the valve on one of the cars has been stopped and secured, Hamer said. The remaining three cars were carrying paper and forest products. The derailed cars were lying on their side, according to Whitecourt fire chief Brian Wynn. Emergency and environmental response crews were on site, officials said. The Transportation Safety Board said it has deployed an investigator to the site.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/04/canadian-nat-rly-accident-idUSL2N0PF0L820140704#>

CANADA, ONT, HAMILTON, JULY 5 2014. NO CLEANUP IN SIGHT FOR NORTH END TOXIC BARREL SITE 1 YEAR LATER >> 350 WENTWORTH ST. N STILL FULL OF TOXIC BARRELS WHILE APPEALS PROCESS RUNS ON

adam carter



The one year anniversary of the discovery of hundreds of toxic barrels at 350 Wentworth St. N has come and gone, but no cleanup efforts are even close to being underway.

It's been more than a year since hundreds of barrels filled with toxic waste were found hidden behind a wall in a north end industrial site — and a ministry-ordered cleanup is still languishing with no end in sight. No cleanup efforts have even been started at [350 Wentworth St. N](#), but work at businesses operating on the site has resumed. The Ministry of Environment says it isn't uncommon for a complicated case to take this long to get started, but one city councillor says this is just another example of a "toothless" environmental protection agency failing to help the city. "And not only are we battling voluntary legislation that is toothless, we're battling non-actions that should have been completed yesterday," Coun. Sam Merulla said. "They should have the authority to clean it up and then attach the cost to the owner of the property. It's not rocket science." But ministry spokesperson Jennifer Hall says the solution isn't that simple. "We're using the tools that we're able to use under the environmental protection act," she told CBC Hamilton. "Yes, things appear to be moving slowly, but this case is a unique one."

A toxic Legacy

The Ministry has ordered that past owners as far back as the 1980s clean up the site. But the owners are appealing the order, and say the onus isn't on them. Preliminary test results on the substance in the barrels confirmed that it's waste products from coal tar processing. The property was originally a Currie Products tar facility, which went out of business in the late 1990s.



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John Currie, the former owner, died in Toronto last year at the age of 97. Greg Hart of Protective Barriers Inc. bought the building in 2005, and there were environmental problems on the site at that time, says Larry Friday, Hamilton's director of taxation. "He said Currie Tar Products was the true company that left this legacy, if you will," Friday said. Harry Tamber is the current owner, and he told CBC Hamilton in a previous interview that the onus for cleaning up the waste shouldn't be on him as he isn't responsible for leaving it there. Tamber was the one who alerted the ministry to the barrels, which lead to this cleanup order. He didn't respond to media requests Friday, and no one answered the door at the site when a reporter knocked on the door.

No timeline for Tribunal: MOE

Hall says that the barrels are "secure," and MOE inspectors are "frequently" on site to inspect how they're being stored. While the entire building was under a securement order for a time, that's now been rescinded to just the basement where the barrels are sitting. "We don't want to impede the economic interests of the property owner," Hall said. She says the MOE's order is being carried out this way so the province isn't on the hook for the cost. "It's not the taxpayers of Ontario that should have to pay for the removal and disposal of this waste," she said. Though there has been "some activity" in the case, there is no timeline for when the actual hearing about the environmental order and the appeals will be heard, Hall says. "As long as it's not posing a threat to human health and the environment, we'll wait for the tribunal."

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<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/news/no-cleanup-in-sight-for-north-end-toxic-barrel-site-1-year-later-1.2696788>

NEW ZEALAND, OTARA, JULY 5 2014. 'HUGE' AUCKLAND BLAZE UNDER CONTROL

 **Watch the Video** ['Huge' Auckland Blaze under Control](#)



Firefighters battle the blaze, located in a bitumen tank next to a building at the Thermakraft premises.

Firefighters have put out a "huge" fire at a South Auckland manufacturing plant but will continue to keep an eye on the area. More than 70 firefighters were needed to battle the blaze in Turin Pl, Otara, this afternoon. The fire is thought to have started at a bitumen tank next to the Thermakraft premises, where building supplies, insulation and packaging are made. It is not clear exactly caused the tank to ignite. The Fire Service began to leave the area at around 5pm, though crews would check on hot spots for some time. There had not been any reports of injuries. Counties Manukau area commander Larry Cocker said parts of the roof had fallen down. "We don't know how it started. We are talking to company reps." A woman at a neighbouring business said the fire was "huge" and

appeared at one point to be spreading to a neighbouring building. Kevin Glen, who works near the building, said that when the first firefighters arrived they could not get to it because the gate was bolted. "We saw the smoke and came out to have a look," he said. "We could feel the heat. We first saw it at 12.30pm." Phil Powell said he was less than 50 metres away from the area where the fire started when he heard what sounded like a diesel engine that was running on petrol get louder and louder. "We heard it at the same time as the fire alarm started. It sounded like a big diesel motor doing too many revs. It got louder and louder before it died." Powell is the Auckland region trainer for AMS Group, a driver training school. "I sent my students to lunch. I was wondering whether it was going to blow up and we were going to have to make a run for it." Powell said he went outside about two minutes after hearing the noise and saw the huge cloud of black smoke.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/10232649/Large-Auckland-tank-blaze-battled>

USA, CT, PLAINFIELD, JULY 5 2014. FIREWORKS EXPLOSION CRITICALLY INJURES STERLING MAN

A Sterling man was listed in critical condition Thursday night in the intensive care unit at William W. Backus Hospital in [Norwich](#) after a piece of shrapnel was blown into his chest after a fireworks explosion, Plainfield police said. Damon Luberto, 34, was with a friend, Eric Bergeron, 36, of Cumberland, R.I., when the pair apparently put a bundle of bottle rockets into what was described to police as an umbrella holder. They lit a four-inch fuse attached to the bottle rockets, then ran for cover in a nearby tree line, police said. As they reached the tree line and turned around, police said, the bottle rockets malfunctioned and exploded, propelling the piece of shrapnel into Luberto's chest about 6:30 p.m. at 4 Pickett Road. Police said they are investigating.

<http://www.courant.com/news/connecticut/hc-plainfield-fireworks-injury-0704-20140703,0,3137522.story>



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UK, WALES, ABERYSTWYTH, JULY 5 2014. LLANIDLOES FUNERALS FOR UNCLE AND NIECE IN A44 TANKER CRASH







Alison Hind was killed in the crash but her daughter Holly survived.

The funeral of a mother and her uncle who died in a crash which killed four people on the A44 near Aberystwyth has been held. Martin Pugh, 47, and Alison Hind, 28, of Llanidloes, died alongside Mr Pugh's partner's parents John and Margaret Kehoe on 17 June. Their service was held at the town's Trinity Church a day after [Mr and Mrs Kehoe's funeral](#). Ms Hind's 18-month-old daughter Holly survived the crash. The families of Mr Pugh and Ms Hind asked that donations in lieu of flowers were made to the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity or the Wales Air Ambulance. The collision between the family's Ford Focus and a tanker happened around 15 miles (24km) from Aberystwyth, near Eisteddfa

Gurig, between the villages of Llangurig in Powys and Ponterwyd in Ceredigion. After the crash, [local councillor Gareth Morgan said the road was one of the most dangerous in Wales](#) and called for improvements. Transport minister Edwina Hart has said she will ask senior officers to examine the A44, looking at its safety and sustainability. An inquest into the deaths has been opened and adjourned.

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<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-28167495#>

USA, VT, ST. ALBANS, JULY 5 2014. WORKER INJURED WHEN SPARK IGNITES GASOLINE DURING REPLACEMENT WORK AT GAS STATION



Fire officials say a spark caused gasoline to ignite as a worker was cutting old storage tanks at a gas station in St. Albans. WPTZ-TV (<http://bit.ly/1j0stCu>) reports the worker was seriously injured in the accident that happened Thursday morning at Mac's Quick Stop. The worker was in a pit next to the gas pumps cutting away parts of gasoline storage tanks that are being replaced when a spark ignited the fuel. His clothes caught fire. He was taken to Northwest Medical Center. The fire was out before firefighters arrived.

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<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/646117f657704d6c975ddae3ea907d4c/VT--Gas-Station-Fire>

ENGLAND, ESSEX, STANSTED, JULY 5 2014. M11 NEAR STANSTED REOPENS AFTER CHEMICAL SPILL

 Photo's [5] [M11 Reopens After Chemical Spill](#)



The lorry was recovered and the northbound carriageway reopened at 06:00 BST on Friday

The M11 motorway in Essex has fully reopened after a lorry overturned and spilled chemicals across both carriageways on Thursday evening. The road was closed overnight between junction eight for Bishop's Stortford and junction seven for Harlow for a "complex" clean-up following the accident at 17:10 BST. The lorry was recovered and the northbound side opened at 06:00 BST. Essex Fire Service said the chemicals were not hazardous. No other vehicles were involved in the crash.



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Drains Blocked-Off

The chemicals were identified as melamine formaldehyde resin and phosphoric acid. An Environment Agency spokesman said: "We were there in an advisory capacity. Chemicals were contained on site and drains blocked to ensure the material could not run off site. "Chemicals were tankered away to be disposed of correctly. There is no evidence or reports of any environmental impact." Essex Police said the lorry driver received cuts and bruises but was not believed to be seriously injured and was due to be interviewed later.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-essex-28156759>

INDIA, KARNATAKA, MANGALORE, JULY 5 2014. GAS TANKER OVERTURNS: MANGALORE-BANGALORE NH BLOCKED

A gas tanker carrying LPG to Bangalore from here turned turtle at Uppinandady on the Mangalore-Bangalore National Highway blocking the traffic in the route. The mishap which occurred when the driver lost control of the vehicle caused a minor gas leakage, Police said. Police and fire personnel and an emergency team rushed to the spot and started transferring the gas from the wrecked carrier to another tanker.

<http://www.sahilonline.org/english/newsDetails.php?cid=1&nid=25898>

USA, N.D, RICHARDTON, JULY 5 2014. TRUCK ACCIDENT CLOSES I-94 EAST OF RICHARDTON

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Law enforcement had to close Interstate 94 Thursday night after a truck carrying diesel and gasoline rolled into the median east of Richardton. The unnamed man, who was driving a semi for J5 Transport Co. of West Fargo, rolled his truck into the median west of the Stark/Morton County border and spilled fuel, North Dakota Highway Patrol Sgt. Shawn Skogen said. The truck was carrying approximately 9,000 gallons of gasoline and 1,000 gallons of diesel, Skogen said. Law enforcement responded to the incident and closed both lanes of I-94 at approximately 8:30 p.m. Traffic was being detoured at exits 90 and 97. The interstate was closed for approximately three hours. The North Dakota Department of Transportation announced at 11:15 p.m. that both lanes had been reopened. No one was injured in the accident. Parent company Missouri Valley Petroleum was on scene to clean up the spilled fuel. An estimate of how much fuel was spilled was not immediately available. Stark County emergency staff and the North Dakota Department of Health also responded to the incident.

<http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/content/truck-accident-closes-i-94-east-richardton>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, GEELONG, JULY 5 2014. SHELL AUSTRALIA AIMS FOR AUG 1 COMPLETION OF GEELONG REFINERY SALE

Shell Australia is working to complete the \$2.6 billion sale of its 120,000 b/d Geelong oil refinery and service station network to Switzerland-based trader Vitol by August 1, 2014, a company spokesman said Thursday. The deal has been approved by the Australian government's Foreign Investment Review Board and the last details are now being finalized, the spokesman added. Shell announced the sale of the Geelong refinery in the southeastern state of Victoria and its network of 870 service stations in February. The sale also covers Shell's bulk fuels, bitumen, chemicals and part of its lubricants businesses in Australia, but excludes its aviation supply operations and lube oil blending and grease plants in the Queensland capital Brisbane, which will be converted to bulk storage and distribution facilities. Shell originally put Geelong up for sale in April 2012, citing its strategy to concentrate investment on world-scale facilities, such as the 500,000 b/d Pulau Bukom refinery in Singapore. The company converted its other Australian refinery, the 79,000 b/d facility at Clyde in the New South Wales capital Sydney, into an import terminal in September 2012. Australia's refining and marketing sector has undergone significant restructuring in recent years. The industry is characterized by aged, small-scale facilities and all four refiners in the country -- BP, Caltex, ExxonMobil and Shell -- have struggled to compete with new, larger plants operating in the region. Shell has not been alone in rationalizing its Australian refining assets. ExxonMobil mothballed its 78,000 b/d refinery at Port Stanvac in South Australia in mid-2003, and Caltex will convert its 135,000 b/d facility at Kurnell in Sydney into an import terminal later this year. In April this year, BP announced it would close its 102,000 b/d Bulwer Island oil refinery in Brisbane by mid-2015. The closure of Bulwer Island will reduce the number of refineries operating in Australia to four: one each by ExxonMobil, BP, Caltex and Vitol. The wholesale and retail sector has also seen rationalization and increased entry by independents and international players. The number of retail sites across the country has decreased from 20,000 in 1970 to around 6,300 in 2013, although the reduction in numbers has plateaued since the mid-2000s.

<http://www.platts.com/latest-news/oil/sydney/shell-australia-aims-for-aug-1-completion-of-21855640>



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CZECH REPUBLIC, PRAGUE, JULY 5 2014. UNIPETROL ACCEPTS OFFER TO PURCHASE ENI'S SHARES IN ČESKÁ



Unipetrol L, based on its pre-emptive right has accepted the bona fide offer from Eni International B.V. ("Eni"), based on which it will acquire 32,445 % of Eni's shares in Česká Rafinérská a.s. with the acquisition price for the shares in the amount of 30 EUR million. Unipetrol currently owns 67.555% of the Česká Rafinérská's share capital after acquisition of Shell's shareholding interest at the beginning of 2014. After completion of the Transaction, expected by the end of 2014, Unipetrol shareholding interest will increase to 100%, making Unipetrol the sole shareholder of the Česká Rafinérská. "Further integration of the refining and petrochemical segments remains at the core of our main strategic objectives," said Marek Switajewski, Unipetrol's CEO. "The sole shareholding will allow to strengthen our position on Czech market and to increase security of petrochemical feedstock supplies for Unipetrol's

petrochemical business," added Switajewski. The security of the petrochemical feedstock and maximum utilization of own captive demand provide basis for the development of the petrochemical segment, where according to the Unipetrol Group Strategy 2013-2017 announced in June 2013, Unipetrol plans to make the largest capital expenditures. Česká Rafinérská, a.s. operates refineries in Litvínov and Kralupy, currently the only two running refineries in the Czech Republic, with a total conversion capacity of 8.7 million tons of crude oil per year. The company is a joint venture (JV) of two shareholders as of 3 July 2014: Unipetrol, a.s. 67.555% and Eni International B.V. 32.445%. It was established in 1995 and started operating in the processing mode with no sales activities as a cost-plus entity in 2003. Unipetrol, a.s. is a group of companies operating in the petrochemical industry in the Czech Republic. In 2005 Unipetrol became a part of the PKN ORLEN Group, the largest oil processor in Central Europe. The Unipetrol Group is oriented mostly towards oil processing, fuel distribution and petrochemical production. In all of these business areas the Unipetrol Group is among the key players both in the Czech Republic and on the Central European market. The Group ranks among the leading firms in the Czech Republic in terms of its revenues, and employs 3,700 people.

http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/newsdetails.aspx?news_id=165426

USA, UT, CLEARFIELD, JULY 5 2014. SILVER EAGLE REFINERY TO PAY \$10K FINE

 **Watch the Video** [Silver Eagle Refinery to Pay \\$10k Fine](#)

A woods cross refinery has been ordered to pay a 10 thousand dollar fine for a "noxious" odor that repulsed nearby residents. The Davis County Health Department fined the Silver Eagle Refinery after an accident two months ago resulted in the release of the odor, which officials say lasted for 23 hours. The health department said the release was in violation of the Board of Health and Silver eagle has been ordered to create a system informing the community of health hazards.

http://kutv.com/news/top-stories/stories/vid_12331.shtml

USA, ORE, EUGENE, JULY 6 2014. LEAKY OIL TANKS CAN BE COSTLY FOR HOMEOWNERS

diane dietz

Homeowners in old neighborhoods of Eugene-Springfield might find a nasty surprise underfoot when they begin poking around their property or try to sell it. In the middle of the last century, more than 200,000 Oregon homes — including 20,000 in Lane County — got their heat from oil-fired furnaces, according to the state Department of Environmental Quality. What's left are corroded, leaky underground heating oil tanks, which today can require costly clean-ups before prospective buyers can get a loan on the house. It doesn't matter whether the leaky tank is visible or whether the homeowner even knows it's there. Before they can sell the property, the homeowner has to pay for cleaning up the ground to DEQ standards, said Mike Korten Hof, manager of the state agency's heating oil tank program. "Underground tanks are particularly common in older urban areas," Korten Hof said. "Eugene has a lot of them." This month, Portland-based Clean Energy Works nonprofit is offering homeowners who are converting from oil to another form of heat — or who are doing some other energy remodel — a \$500 rebate toward the cost of removing an under ground heating oil tank. Before hydropower became widely available, many Oregon homes had coal and then oil furnaces, said John Huber, president of the National Oil Heat Research Alliance in Virginia. In Portland especially, "we actually got a good share post World War II," he said. As the decades passed, the numbers of new oil furnaces installed in Oregon homes dwindled, he said. They were supplanted by natural gas, electricity and alternate technologies such as heat pumps on electric furnaces. "Your electricity is so cheap in the Pacific Northwest," he said, "it's hard to compete." Nationally, an average home with an oil furnace spent \$2,046 on heating last winter, compared with \$679 for homes using natural gas and \$909 for homes with electric heat, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Today, fewer than 8,000



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homes in Lane, Douglas and Coos counties are heated by oil furnaces, Huber said. Nobody has an exact count of the number of leaky unused tanks that remain buried in inner city neighborhoods — or how many of those are still in use and oozing diesel into the soil. "A bare steel underground storage tank has a life span of about 20 years in the soil before it starts to rust through," Korten Hof said. "They get holes the size of a quarter or sometimes bigger." The diesel enters the soil and ground water at varying speeds, he said. "Sometimes slowly if it's buried in soil that's very clay-y — and sometimes very quickly if it's buried in gravel. The tanks were typically buried right next to the foundations of house, so when they leak they can cause health problems, he said. Constituents of the leaked diesel evaporate, Korten Hof said. "Vapors from the heating oil move up into the living space of a home and cause increased risk of cancer," he said. The heat oil industry is addressing the problem, Huber said. "As tanks age out, industry is trying to put them above ground," he said. "The industry has been moving in that direction for 15 or 20 years." Oregon environmental regulators don't require homeowners to remove the tanks, Korten Hof said. But, when a house sells, buyers and banks are unwilling to take on the liability that the tank may have leaked or will leak in the future, he said. "They usually require that the home heating tank be checked for leaks," Korten Hof said. "And, if leak is discovered, they require it be cleaned up. "It usually involves exposing the tank, cleaning out the tank and looking in it to observe holes. Sometimes they remove the tank; other times they fill the tank in place with sand or cement once they've assessed the condition of the tank," he said. Contractors are required to take soil samples to test for pollutants, but leaks can usually be detected by sight and smell, Korten Hof said. "The soil is discolored. It gets greyish, blueish instead of a normal sandy brown clay," he said, and the air smells like diesel. The cost of decommissioning a non-leaking tank is \$1,000 to \$2,000, according to DEQ figures. If the tank has leaked, the price can spiral. Cleaning up contaminated soils can range up to \$10,000, and, if the groundwater has been contaminated, the cost can soar past \$30,000. Upon completion, the homeowner can secure a certificate from the DEQ that certifies a proper clean up has been completed. That creates a paper trail that future sellers can rely on. Since the DEQ in the late 1980s started requiring cleanup of leaks from tanks, more than 40,000 underground tanks have been decommissioned and cleaned up. Eventually, Korten Hof said, they'll all be done. Clean Energy Works encourages homeowners to decommission their buried heating oil tanks, whether leaking or not, and convert to a cleaner form of heating. Oil heat is "terribly inefficient and very dirty," spokeswoman Stephanie Swanson said. To participate, homeowners must undergo a thorough home energy audit performed by Clean Energy Works contractors Neil Kelly and Premium Efficiency. The 100-point inspections note opportunities for energy savings such as by sealing heating ducts, adding insulation or replacing an inefficient hot water heater. If a homeowner has an old unused oil tank — and earlier converted to another source of heat — the homeowner has to choose some other home upgrade to qualify for the \$500 rebate on the tank, according to the nonprofit. Clean Energy Works arranges nothing-down financing for the work through SELCO Community Credit Union, Umpqua Bank and several other lenders. "If you are in an oil home, and you want to convert, we're just making it a little bit easier for you," Swanson said.

<http://registerguard.com/rg/news/local/31814587-75/oil-tank-tanks-heating-leak.html.csp>

USA, TX, COMANCHE, JULY 6 2014. FIREWORKS EXPLOSION KILLS 1, INJURES 4 OTHERS



One person was killed and two others injured in a fireworks explosion at Comanche High School July 3, 2014.

A prominent Texas chiropractor was killed and four others injured in a fireworks explosion at Comanche High School Thursday morning. According to Comanche Volunteer Fire Department Lt. Marcus Nettleton, the explosion occurred around 9 a.m. as crew were setting up the tubes that house the fireworks for Friday's annual fireworks show. Nettleton said the dead and injured were local community members and had been helping with the fireworks show for more than 20 years. He described the injuries as "serious." Friends confirmed to News 8 the man killed was Dr. Russell Reynolds, a Comanche chiropractor and licensed pyrotechnician. A black wreath was hung outside of his office Thursday afternoon. Reynolds started the community's fireworks show 24 years ago and was a former president of the Comanche Kiwanis Club, which

puts on the show, as well as a church deacon. He was once named Comanche's "Man of the Year." You can read more about the history of the Comanche fireworks show in this blog post from last year. Publisher of the Comanche Chief newspaper, James Wilkerson, went to the scene after the explosion. He said when he arrived, he saw two vehicles on fire and the trailer that was holding the fireworks destroyed between the softball and baseball fields at the high school. As a result, the annual



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Fourth of July fireworks show, which was scheduled for Friday at Comanche High School, has been cancelled. The state fire marshal's office and federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are investigating. Comanche is located 100 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

<http://www.firstcoastnews.com/story/news/2014/07/03/fireworks-texas-explosion-kills-injures/12201297/>

USA, TX, HOUSTON, JULY 6 2014. DRIVER MOWS DOWN MEN AT GAS STATION

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After watching the surveillance video, you'll understand why Marcus Chukwe is happy to be alive. Chukwe and his boss sustained minor injuries when they were struck by a car at a gas station in southwest Houston. Chukwe has a cut in the center of his back along his spine and suffered some bruising on his leg. "It was bad," Chukwe said. "One moment I was standing, one moment I got hit, and one moment I was on the ground." According to Chukwe, the incident happened after a brief exchange with a woman in a Buick. She rolled down her window and yelled at them. As Chukwe and his boss walked inside to pay for gas, the Buick sped toward them, striking the two before driving away. Police in Houston are still looking for the driver.

<http://goo.gl/W2KXel>

USA, CO, GREAT LAKE, JULY 6 2014. 'FAULTY SHELLS,' EXPLOSION, CUT SHORT JULY 4 GRAND LAKE FIREWORKS SHOW



Early Saturday morning, July 5, Grand Lake firefighters and workers from B&K Explosives of Grand Lake remove barges and debris from the lake. An explosion had taken place during the commercial Fourth of July fireworks show around 10:12 p.m. the night before.

Grand Lake fireworks facilitator Chuck Barry stood on the edge of the Grand Lake town dock early Saturday morning, July 5, peering into the water at a sunken barge split in two. Tears welled in his eyes. It was a very close call, and he was thinking of his two grandchildren, he said. He showed a gash on his left leg, from flying debris during the explosion. He would be heading to the clinic momentarily. He was humbled by what happened, and expressed deep relief no one had been hurt. "My dad's an emotional wreck," he said. "He thought he lost his son last night." The would-be 20-minute Grand Lake fireworks show around 10 p.m. on July 4 was cut short to 12 minutes due to what Barry says were two or more "faulty shells." He and his employee Chris Toller, called a shooter, had

been out on an axillary barge, managing the \$23,000 show when things went awry and an explosion took place, destroying and sinking one of three fireworks barges located about 700 feet from the Grand Lake shore. A faulty shell had toppled over and set off the finale prior to the end of the show, Barry said. Barry said his team has a protocol of weeding out unsafe shells. They were in shock by what went bad. In the 35 years the Barry family of B&K Explosives has run the Grand Lake fireworks show, a near-accident like this has never taken place, he said. Chuck's father Ray Barry originally started the fireworks tradition in Grand Lake. Grand Lake firefighters were at the town's shore early Saturday assisting in hauling in equipment and working to locate a winch to remove the sunken barges. A fireworks supply representative was en route to investigate the mishap, according to Doris Braun of the Grand Lake Fireworks committee. Braun said she saw flashes of red light at the barge during the explosion. The committee likely would be reimbursed for the eight-or-so minutes of lost fireworks, she said. "This has never happened before. I know these guys here do everything right," Meanwhile, Chuck reiterated he was utterly grateful no one got hurt, and was feeling remorseful for all the folks who traveled far to see Grand Lake's popular show high above Colorado's largest natural lake. "I just hope they come back next year because it's going to be better," Chuck said. "I'm an emotional wreck right now."

<http://www.skyhiddailynews.com/news/12100506-113/lake-fireworks-grand-barry>

USA, WA, YAKIMA, JULY 6 2014. ABANDONED GAS STATION CLEANUP COULD BEGIN IN JANUARY

samina engel

 **Watch the Video** [Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Could Begin in January](#)

Cleanup of an abandoned gas station in Yakima could begin in January. Storage tanks leaked about 20,000 gallons of gas at the former Tiger Oil station. The vacant business at the corner of 24th Avenue and Nob Hill Boulevard is the worst of four



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contaminated Tiger Oil sites in Yakima. The city bought all four locations earlier this year. It's working with the Department of Ecology on the cleanup. Decontamination could cost up to a million dollars. State grants would pay for most of that.

<http://www.kimatv.com/news/local/Abandoned-gas-station-clean-up-could-begin-in-new-year-265862111.html>

USA, OH, COLUMBUS, JULY 6 2014. POSSIBLE CHEMICAL REACTION IN TANK PROMPTS EVACUATION

ben sutherly

Officials are evacuating an area around Azko Nobel Coatings, 1313 Windsor Ave., because of concerns about a possible chemical reaction in a tank. The area being evacuated has shrunk, and now includes 15th Avenue to the north, Joyce Avenue to the east, railroad tracks to the south and Gerald Avenue to the west, said Columbus Fire Division spokeswoman Tracy Smith. Officials also are evacuating Windsor Park as a precaution. The number of people being evacuated was not immediately available. Concerns about the possible chemical reaction were first reported about 6:40 p.m. Railroad tracks run through the area, and scanner traffic indicated that railroad traffic will be shut down until at least midnight tonight. The reason for the evacuation involves the buildup of heat in a 2,000-gallon tank, not that people in the area will breathe in a harmful chemical, Smith said.

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/07/05/hazmat-situation-prompts-evacuation.html>

USA, OH, CINCINNATI, JULY 6 2014. HAULING DANGER: MORE NASTY CHEMICALS ARE SPILLING ON ROADS AND RAILS

james pilcher

Millions of gallons of formaldehyde, explosive crude oil, sulfuric acid, xylenes and other dangerous chemicals make their way daily across the nation's and region's highways and railroads, carried just yards from other motorists and homes. What's troubling is that more of those substances are being spilled during transit, according to a Cincinnati Enquirer analysis of national accident data. Ohio leads the country in such hazardous material transportation accidents since the early 1970s, a four-month investigation revealed. More than a quarter of Ohio's overall incidents occurred in the Cincinnati area, according to the analysis. Given that nearly one in seven Americans, or more than 48 million people, live within 300 feet of a major highway, railroad or airport, experts and first responders now worry that the region is overdue for a major hazmat spill — one that could affect hundreds of people, if not more. In addition, shipments of highly explosive crude oil pulled from shale oil fields also are rising. One such train exploded in Quebec last July, killing 47 and essentially leveling an entire town. "People really don't realize how much of this stuff actually is on our roads and how dangerous it can be," said Andrew Maier, University of Cincinnati environmental health professor.

Local Incidents

Experts such as Maier wonder if local municipalities should be better notified of the kinds of chemicals and materials that travel through their areas, whether they be by truck, train or plane. "There is some nasty stuff there ... not that we can do without it as a modern civilization," said Maier, who reviewed the list of chemical spills for The Enquirer. "The better prepared everyone is, the less likely we have a major event." Most of the incidents involve relatively minor spills, and many are just fuel leaks from the gas tanks of semis during a regular crash. But serious incidents also climbed over the last three years statewide and nationally, according to the analysis of data from the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. Overall, there are about 1 million shipments of hazardous material across the country every day, and there were about 34 spills daily across the U.S. on average in 2013 alone. In the last 10 years, Ohio's incidents have numbered more than 12,000. There were 180 such spills in the Mansfield area since 1973. The most recent major event occurred Nov. 14, 2012, when it was discovered that tetrachloroethylene was leaking out of a semi trailer. The event forced the closure of Interstate 71 for several hours. Even national regulators say they have noticed an increase in incidents nationally. "That doesn't mean we are resigned to that, however," said Joe Delcambre, safety administration spokesman. "We are constantly looking for ways to improve safety when it comes to transporting hazardous materials."

Testing the System

One hot August day in late 2005, a Cincinnati police dispatcher drove through a white mist on her way to work; immediately, her eyes watered and her throat burned. Calling 911, she was told that someone else had reported a rail tank car on fire. "That's not smoke," Karen Bentley told The Enquirer shortly after the incident. "That's a chemical." A massive scramble ensued, eventually resulting in hundreds of evacuations and millions of dollars in lawsuits. Hazmat teams contained the dangerous white plume after two days of worry that the 30,000-gallon tank car could explode under pressure. The car had been left on a siding over the summer unattended for more than five months, leading to the styrene inside to heat up and



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eventually leak out. Nine years later, the styrene train car leak stands as perhaps the most well-known hazmat release in the region over the last 40 years. And while it successfully tested the region's revamped emergency response mechanisms, the incident raised long-term hazmat transportation questions that remain today. Shipping companies are not required to provide detailed listings of their dangerous cargo to individual jurisdictions. Train companies do provide a list of the top 20 or so dangerous chemicals that might come through on a given day to what is called a local emergency planning committee. But those lists are not made public due to security and anti-terrorism concerns. The main reason for the high rate of hazmat incidents statewide and regionally comes down to geography. The state ranks eighth nationally when it comes to the number of highway miles, and the Cincinnati area has long been viewed as a key location for logistics and distribution centers with the East Coast, South and Midwest easily reachable. "We are at our capacity on the highways and in many ways on the railroads as well as safer rail tank cars," said Richard R. Young, a professor of supply chain management for Penn State University-Harrisburg. "This has meant a perfect storm for potential accidents."

<http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/article/20140705/NEWS01/307050031/Hauling-danger-More-nasty-chemicals-spilling-roads-rails>

ENGLAND, HASLINGDEN, JULY 6 2014. LEAK AT HASLINGDEN PETROL STATION



A probe has been launched after a petrol leak - affecting a nearby waterway - has been reported at a supermarket in East Lancashire. Motorists have been turned away from the [Tesco](#) filling station at Haslingden after a leak into nearby Langwood Brook. Borough council environmental health officers say that there appears to be no immediate risk to wildlife from the spillage, which is understood to have emerged yesterday. But a multi-agency containment operation has been launched and residents are being to contact the Environment Agency if they witness any issues. A Rossendale Council spokesman said: "We are aware that there has been an incident involving petrol leaking into Langwood Brook, Haslingden. "A multi-agency approach is being taken on this with Lancashire County Council's petroleum officer and the Environment Agency are investigating this with Tesco. "The council's environmental Team are monitoring the situation. There are no health risks at present, though this will continue to be monitored. "The waters are also being closely monitored, but at present there is no issue. If any residents that live nearby are concerned please contact the Environment Agency 0800 807060." The station is continuing to sell diesel but the petrol sales will only resume once it has been given the all-clear by the Environment Agency.

http://www.lancashiretelegraph.co.uk/news/11322597/Leak_at_Haslingden_petrol_station/

AFGHANISTAN, KABUL, JULY 6 2014. 100's of FUEL TANKER TRUCKS BURN OUTSIDE KABUL

 **Photo's [9]** [100's of Fuel Tanker Trucks Burn](#)



Flames rise from oil tankers after an attack claimed by Taliban militants on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan, Saturday, July 5, 2014. An Afghan security official says at least 400 fuel tankers caught fire late Friday night in a parking lot in the outskirts of Kabul.

Attackers set fire to hundreds of fuel tanker trucks in a parking lot on the outskirts of the Afghan capital, witnesses said Saturday, prompting angry drivers to block a major highway to demand reimbursement for their losses. Hundreds of other drivers stood by helplessly on Saturday morning, unable to salvage any property as flames and smoke rose from the area and several fire engines rushed to the site. The [Taliban](#) claimed responsibility for the attack. Spokesman [Zabihullah Mujahid](#) said the militants were targeting fuel tankers belonging to NATO forces. "We couldn't tell if the attackers were Taliban or other people," one of the drivers, 35-year-old [Juma Gul](#) said. "They were dressed in uniforms we couldn't understand what was happening. They were

shooting toward the drivers and they were setting the tankers on fire. The gunmen were targeting any of the drivers who wanted to return to their trucks." Kabul police spokesman [Hashmat Stanikzai](#) said about 400 trucks caught fire late Friday and continued to burn through Saturday morning, but he did not confirm the cause or provide other details. The [Interior Ministry](#) said it has set up a team to investigate the incident. Truck drivers later blocked the main highway between Kabul and the



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southern city of Kandahar to protest what they said was a slow response by the government and to demand reimbursement for their losses.

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<http://www.seattlepi.com/news/world/article/At-least-400-fuel-tankers-burn-outside-Kabul-5601090.php>

INDIA, CHENNAI, JULY 6 2014. TANKER OVERTURNS ON ADYAR BRIDGE, OIL FLOWS ON ROAD

traffic was disrupted for an hour on the Thiru Vi Ka Bridge in Adyar early on Saturday morning when a tanker rammed a median and overturned, spilling a large amount of palm oil on to the road. Police said the tanker, with Jayakumar at the wheel, was on its way to a company in Chitlapakkam around 5 am when the incident occurred. M Venkatesan, who runs a flower shop on the road side, said, "the driver was stuck inside the cabin and was screaming for help. We managed to bring him out safely." Motorists were forced to drive slowly on the stretch as they feared vehicles would skid due to the oil spill. Corporation workers were called in to spread sand evenly over the spilled oil. Police rushed to the spot and with the help of another vehicle the tanker was towed to the side. Soon, residents of the area made a beeline for the area, armed with vessels and bottles to collect the oil. There were fights too, police said, between two groups. Residents of the area said some youths even set up a shop outside a hospital near the bridge and began selling the collected.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/City/Chennai/Tanker-overturms-on-Adyar-bridge-oil-flows-on-road/articleshow/37868467.cms>

USA, MI, GRATIOT COUNTY, JULY 6 2014. CREWS REMOVING TREES, YARDS, DUE TO CONTAMINATED SOIL

Crews are being forced to cut down dozens of trees and remove yards because of contaminated soil. Velsicol Chemical and its predecessor are blamed for dumping waste decades ago in the Pine River and other places in St. Louis in Gratiot County in mid-Michigan. The area was declared a superfund site by the federal government. Now, crews are being forced to cut down more than 100 trees and remove the yards of more than 60 homes. The City Manager claims the contamination is not harmful to humans, but a citizen task force is encouraging residents to look for dead robins. Several died from poisoning last year.

http://wwwmt.com/shared/news/features/state/stories/wwwmt_crews-removing-trees-yards-due-contaminated-soil-5026.shtml#.U7jiUsanry0

USA, N.C, ASHEVILLE, JULY 6 2014. EPA: TESTING SHOWS NO ADDITIONAL EVACUATIONS NEEDED

clarke morrison



Preliminary results from testing for toxic vapors at six homes near the former CTS plant show the air is safe and the residents won't need to be evacuated, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Officials have been concerned about fumes of the industrial solvent trichloroethylene emanating from contaminated springs next to the Superfund site on Mills Gap Road. TCE has been linked to cancer, liver and kidney damage and immune system disorders. Thirteen residents of three households closest to the springs were voluntarily evacuated on June 6 after lab tests found that levels of TCE, a human carcinogen, in the air were above what EPA considers safe to breathe. Samples were collected June 24-25 to determine how far the unsafe levels of fumes extend and whether further evacuations would be recommended. The six homes are on Concord Road, Clove Bud Court and Mills Gap Road. "Preliminary results do not indicate levels of TCE that would cause additional relocations," said Samantha Urquhart-Foster, remedial project manager with

EPA. "However, this is preliminary data and we will have final results when the data is verified in approximately a week. "EPA staff have contacted the property owners who were sampled and shared this information with them." Dot Rice, whose home was one of the six tested, said Friday she was relieved by the results. "I think it's wonderful," she said. "Having to move with a disabled husband would be no fun." Rice's son, Larry Rice Jr., and his wife and two young sons also were among those who had their home tested recently to determine the level of TCE exposure. "I was scared to death for those kids playing outside and being in the air," Dot Rice said. Urquhart-Foster said earlier it could be months before the TCE levels in the air around the spring are brought down low enough that the 13 evacuated residents can return home, and officials still don't have a timetable. CTS Corp. was directed to determine what type of technology would work best and to perform the work. There are methods for



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pumping out the contaminated water and treating it, but it could be difficult because there are multiple springs, Urquhart-Foster said. EPA in 2010 conducted a study in which ozone was injected into the springs in hopes it would react with the TCE and bring the levels down, but it didn't work, she said. CTS, based in Elkhart, Indiana, manufactured electronic components at the plant for more than three decades before shutting it down in 1986. Contamination in the springs was discovered in 1999. Testing found TCE at a level of 21,000 parts per billion, which is 7,000 times North Carolina's drinking water standard for the chemical. The chemical also was detected in several drinking water wells at nearby homes that since have been connected to the city water system. The former plant site was added to the Superfund National Priorities List in 2012, but officials say it will be at least 2016 before groundwater cleanup begins.

<http://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2014/07/04/epa-testing-shows-additional-evacuations-needed/12214187/>

CANADA, ONT, SARNIA, JULY 6 2014. FAMILY OF WORKER BURNED IN ONTARIO REFINERY BLAST HAS FACED SEVERAL WORKPLACE TRAGEDIES

paul morden



Trevor and shane daye

Ronald Daye, 55, was just 24 days from retirement when he was burned in an explosion at Shell Canada's refinery near Corunna, Ontario, Wednesday. The provincial labour ministry and other agencies are investigating the blast, which occurred nearly 11 years after Daye's nephew, Trevor Daye, died on the job at Suncor, a refinery just down the road from Shell. Ronald Daye, a married father of two sons, is being treated in the burn unit of a London, Ontario, hospital. "As a family, we're reeling," said Daye's brother, Russell. "He's burned significantly. To see somebody that you love like that, it shakes you up." Russell said his brother has worked at Shell for about 35 years. A contractor who was also injured in

Wednesday's explosion at the southern Ontario refinery's steam plant was treated in hospital and released hours later. Trevor Daye was a 21-year-old Lambton College student on an eight-month co-op placement at Suncor in August 2003 when he died in a flash fire that broke out on a recycling line in the refinery's vacuum crude oil unit. A few years later, his family started an annual Father's Day golf tournament in his memory to raise awareness about workplace safety. Russell said Ronald Daye has been chairman of the tournament. "Ronnie's going to be missed there for a while," Russell said. "We've gone to the presentations, and worked with the schools, talked to young people to try to educate them." Just a few months ago, a member of the family was killed on the job in Alberta. Shane Daye, a 27-year-old electrician with Suncor, died after he was severely injured while working near electrical panels at one of the company's oilsands sites. "This is the industry, this is the very lifeblood that sustained our family, but make no mistake, we understand the dangers that are inherent in this industry," Russell said.

<http://www.sunnewsnetwork.ca/sunnews/canada/archives/2014/07/20140704-135240.html>

USA, CA, SAN JOSE, JULY 6 2014. FIREWORKS BLASTS IN SAN JOSE, SUNNYVALE BLOW OFF HANDS, FINGERS

sharon noguchi

A man in his 40s apparently lost both his hands Friday when a firework he was holding prematurely exploded, San Jose Police reported. And in Sunnyvale, a mortar-type firework blew off the fingers of two men, officials said. Police did not identify any of the men, who were transported to local hospitals. San Jose Police Officer Albert Morales said that police were summoned at 9:44 p.m. to the 1300 block of Leeward Drive, near Cassel Park and the intersection of Story Road and Capitol Expressway in East San Jose. A man igniting illegal fireworks, as family members stood nearby, was injured when the device exploded, Morales said. The blast blew off both the victim's hands, Morales said. He is expected to survive. The type of device was not identified. "It would have had to have been something pretty powerful," Morales said. The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety said it responded after a patrolling officer saw and heard an explosion just before 10 p.m. Friday at an apartment complex on 727 East Duane Ave., near the intersection of North Fair Oaks Avenue. Two men, ages 41 and 32, emerged from a group of 20 people and approached the officer. Witnesses said the two men had been trying to ignite a mortar-type firework when it went off in their hands. For one man, the firework blew fingers off his left hand and fingertips off his right hand. The other was missing part of his right hand. The officer treated the men for injuries at the scene before they were taken to the hospital.

http://www.mercurynews.com/crime-courts/ci_26095016/fireworks-blast-san-jose-blows-off-mans-hands



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AUSTRALIA, NSW, COWRA. 6 2014. FUEL DETECTED IN GROUNDWATER MONITORING BORE

Unleaded fuel has been detected in a groundwater monitoring bore at a service station in Lake Cargelligo, says the New South Wales Environment Protection Authority (EPA). The authority is working with other agencies to urgently identify the owners of nearby bores to alert them of the issue, says EPA Far West operations manager Carmen Dwyer. The groundwater monitoring bore in which fuel was detected is not part of Lachlan Shire Council's drinking water network, and the Lake Cargelligo town water supply is not impacted, she says. "As a precaution, the EPA is advising people against drawing from bores that are not part of council's network and to contact the EPA on 131 555 urgently if they encounter odours or any other indication of fuel contamination," Ms Dwyer says in a statement yesterday (Friday). "The EPA became aware of the detection of fuel in the groundwater monitoring bore when a contractor working at the Caltex Service Station in Canada St (Lake Cargelligo) notified the EPA. "The EPA advised Lachlan Shire Council and is now working with council and the NSW Office of Water to identify the owners of nearby bores." The EPA is investigating the source of the pollution and welcomes any further information from the community on the issue via the Environment Line on 131 555, Ms Dwyer says.

<http://cowracommunitynews.com/viewnews.php?newsid=7004&id=3>

AUSTRALIA, NSW, COFFS HARBOUR, JULY 6 2014. NO B-DOUBLES FOR SERVO

sarah harvey

Key Points:

- B-Double trucks won't be accommodated for in a proposed new service station on The Pacific Hwy north of Coffs Harbour's city centre.

There will be no B-doubles refuelling at the proposed new Coles Express service station at Pacific Hwy North in Coffs Harbour, spokesman for the site's owners Kent Lee said. The development application said the proposal catered for vehicles up to 19m in length, which would accommodate an ordinary semi-trailer, while the maximum length of a B-double is 25m. Mr Lee said the 19m was simply to cater for refuelling tankers for the service station itself and because of new occupational health and safety rules, which require the vehicle to be entirely contained within the service station site. The five-bowser proposal includes one fast-delivery diesel pump but Mr Lee said this was to cater for four-wheel drives and small delivery trucks, which could use the service station to refuel. "The new service station is not a truck stop, which is not allowed under the B6 zoning, it is simply a replacement for the Marcia St site," Mr Lee said. He also said the site was 2.5m higher than the Coffs Coast Motor Inn and Villas site on the eastern side of the highway, where the council recently rejected a development application for a three-storey hotel. He said of the three houses currently on the site of the proposed service station, only one had ever had floodwater in it. Number 212 experienced wet carpet during the 1996 flood, when grass debris blocked drains and water trickled into the house. He said filling on the site was proposed to be confined to the foundations of the buildings.

Related Stories [Proposed \\$2m B-double Hwy servo to be open 24 hours](http://www.coffscostadvocate.com.au/news/no-b-doubles-for-servo/2309161/)

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CHINA BEIJING, JULY 6 2014. BEIJING POLICE START INSPECTING GAS STATIONS

- **Key Points:** Beijing police have started inspecting nearly 1,000 gas stations across the Chinese capital in the latest move to crack down on terrorism.



Hear at:  [CRI' Alexander Aucott has more.](#)

Beijing police have drawn up security plans for each of the 995 gas stations across the capital. Each gas station is equipped with security alarms and full-time security staff. In a bid to minimize safety hazards, the authorities have cut down the number of self-service gasoline pumps from the previous 3 in each station to 1. Staffers from the gas station will also require drivers to show their licenses before using the DIY service. "We will check the driver's car plate and license. We need to make sure that the photo showed on the license matches with the driver. Only then will we allow the driver to use the service. Plus, the driver also needs to register with us." Vehicles and motorcycles without license plates or those with their plate number covered are not allowed to refuel in gas stations. Meanwhile, customers who want to purchase bulk gasoline are required to provide relevant papers issued by the local police department. Security has also been beefed up in subway stations and train stations across the city. The efforts to clamp down on terrorism comes in the wake of a series of bloody terrorist attacks in the country. The latest move also comes ahead of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, which will be held in the capital later this year. Li Wei is the director of the anti-terror center of China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations. "Recently, we have seen an increasing number of terrorism attacks in the country, such as the knife attacks at Kunming railway station in



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March and the bombing in Urumchi in May. The attacks have taken lives and damaged properties. The beefed-up security checks in subway stations and gas stations have caused inconvenience to the public. But it can also help to better protect our safety. " Since May, Beijing has launched an anti-terrorist campaign, which includes mobilizing some 850,000 safety volunteers. In public transportation, some 2,000 safety supervisors have been on duty on 31 bus routes. The police are also offering 50,000 yuan to those who provide tip-offs on illegal activities including selling knives banned by police and making explosive devices.

<http://english.cri.cn/12394/2014/07/04/53s834560.htm>

USA, MO, ST LOUIS, JULY 7 2014. SAUGET SUPERFUND CLEANUP DRAWS IN NEARLY 250 COMPANIES

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Looking north toward downtown St. Louis on Nov. 29, 2003, a containment wall along the Mississippi River is under construction at Solutia's Site "R" in Saugut.

Dealing with the hazardous chemicals dumped years ago in Metro East landfills could end up costing nearly 250 businesses, government agencies and nonprofit groups in the region — even though most never operated east of the Mississippi River. Solutia Inc. and Pharmacia LLC — two companies formerly affiliated with Monsanto — are suing other businesses and organizations in an effort to recoup millions of dollars they spent to keep toxic waste from reaching the Mississippi. Among those being asked to cough up money are high-profile employers, such as Anheuser-Busch InBev, St. Louis University, BJC HealthCare and Kansas City-based Hallmark Cards. Even the federal government is named as a party because

of waste from the departments of Defense and Agriculture. The lawsuits are complicated, illustrating just how tangled environmental law can be. Companies are being sued for actions that took place years ago and involve businesses that, in some cases, changed ownership and operations — or no longer exist. At least 80 of the recently named defendants have settled, and a motion is pending to settle with an additional 38. But more than 100 still have to decide: write a check and be done with it, or take up the complicated task of defending against something that happened decades ago and is governed by the far-reaching federal Superfund law. "The amount in controversy may not be that great for any particular party, so it can be awkward to defend because it's complicated and it's old," said George von Stamwitz, a partner at Armstrong Teasdale who leads the firm's environmental practice group. "And if there's not a lot at stake, it feels to many people just like it's a tax."

Long-Armed Law

The lawsuits, which were filed over the last year and as recently as late May, are some of the most recent actions in 15 years of litigation and EPA orders stemming from the agency's efforts to contain the worst effects of a legacy of chemical manufacturing and heavy industry in Saugut. At issue are toxic chemicals that Solutia and Pharmacia say the companies sent to the Clayton Chemical Co. and later Resource Recovery Group, both of which operated a waste oil and solvent recovery business that took hazardous substances from hundreds of businesses from the early 1960s to the late 1990s. Chemicals from the Clayton site would be seeping into the Mississippi River were it not for an underground wall more than 120 feet deep and over half-a-mile long that Solutia and Pharmacia built in 2005, the companies say. The \$28 million wall and treatment system handles groundwater contamination related to Monsanto's history of chemical operations in the area, but it also keeps pollution from the nearby Clayton Chemical site from leaving Saugut via the river, they say. It's an example of how the far-reaching and still-controversial federal Superfund law puts companies at risk of being drawn into cleanups years after even only remote involvement, regardless of whether they mishandled waste or not. "You don't have to mishandle it, you don't have to be the one who dumped it, you just have to have generated it," von Stamwitz said. As long as a party can show waste was produced by another company and it caused the government or a private entity to incur a cost, "theoretically, there's the beginning of a claim," von Stamwitz said. The National Association of Manufacturers says the Superfund law imposes "effectively perpetual liability" on businesses. For most companies, any liability stems from actions before the 1980s, prior to the Superfund law and stricter environmental rules for disposing of dangerous chemicals. Since then, liability markets have evolved to deal with the risk of chemical contamination, von Stamwitz said, and companies make sure they get proof their substances were destroyed or handled properly. "If you don't know where your waste went pre-1980 or pre-1985, you could get one of these letters in the mail," he said. "The statute can reach back decades and decades." Business may not like the broad liability imposed by the law, but it has led to a degree of self-policing in the hazardous waste management industry as companies attempt to minimize their risk. It's also kept much of the cost of dealing with toxic pollution in the hands of the



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industries that created it, rather than general taxpayers. And for areas like Sauget, with a history defined by the chemical companies and manufacturers lured there with lax local regulations in the early to mid-20th century, it has forced action to contain and remediate the most dangerous contamination.

Company Town

Sauget was originally incorporated as Monsanto, Ill., in 1926, a place where Monsanto Co., once a huge chemical producer, could operate with a friendly local government. Its chemicals business was spun off as Solutia in 1997 and is now a subsidiary of Tennessee-based Eastman Chemical Co., which acquired it in 2012. The agriculture-focused Monsanto of today was spun out of Pharmacia in 2002, which had merged with the company two years earlier. Pharmacia was acquired by Pfizer shortly after. Monsanto and Solutia, not Pharmacia, carry the future liability for the legacy chemical business. Solutia is managing the legal actions, a spokeswoman said. It is responsible for paying for much of the remediation costs related to Sauget's contamination, but the Monsanto of today still acts as a financial backstop to Solutia for some of the liabilities related to the chemical business in Metro East. That chemical business produced cancer-causing polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, used in pesticides, transformers and paint until they were banned in 1979. A host of other chemicals were produced in Sauget plants, producing byproducts buried in a landfill near the river. Several landfills in the village, many owned or operated by the late Mayor Paul Sauget's Sauget & Co., accepted all sorts of waste from throughout the area and the heavy industries nearby, according to court filings. At one of the landfills, encompassing more than 200 acres along the Mississippi River, "open dumping" continued until the early 1990s, Solutia's lawsuit says. Some of those landfills accepted waste from the Clayton Chemical operators. Other Clayton Chemical waste seeped into the ground on site, the companies say in court filings. All of it flows toward the filter system and wall Solutia and Pharmacia built, the companies say. Paul Sauget died a decade ago and Clayton Chemical's successor, Resource Recovery Group, was closed after permitting issues over hazardous waste spills. But many of the companies that sent their garbage and hazardous waste to Clayton Chemical are still around. "When the Environmental Protection Agency issued the order to design and install (the underground wall and removal system) to over 70 parties, Solutia and Pharmacia were the only parties who responded and complied with the order," Eastman spokeswoman Maranda Demuth said in an email. "Solutia and Pharmacia are now seeking to recover some of those costs from the many parties responsible for impacting the groundwater in the Sauget area, including those who sent hazardous materials to the Clayton Chemical site." The companies named this year range from the big — like car rental giant Enterprise Holdings — to small auto body shops. There are so many that the firm that has handled much of the Superfund litigation for Solutia, Husch Blackwell, had to bring in another law firm to avoid conflicts of interest. Three federal judges in East St. Louis have also recused themselves from the case, citing potential conflicts. In addition to seeking reimbursement for past work, the lawsuits appear to ask a judge to make the named companies liable for future costs related to Clayton Chemical. That could prove significant, because next steps for the EPA-mandated cleanup are coming. The EPA issued decisions for the next phases in the Sauget cleanup process late last year. One, which involves a new cap and layers of soil, asphalt and rock over the contaminated areas, is expected to run north of \$20 million, according to the EPA. Another governs sites further east along Dead Creek and is expected to cost some \$14 million. An EPA spokesman said negotiations over contributions for the sites further east of the river have already begun, and negotiations over the \$20 million project are expected to begin soon. Meanwhile, the wall and filter system along the river costs roughly \$2 million a year to operate and treat 210 million gallons of contaminated groundwater a year. Some of that \$2 million pays for waste from Clayton Chemical, and the entities that produced the pollution there need to chip in, Solutia and Pharmacia say. "The whole issue of contribution is an ongoing legal conversation," said David Shorr, a former director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and an attorney with Lathrop and Gage. "It's appropriate for the main (potentially responsible party) being tagged with the tar baby to pursue potential contributions." Often, it takes a lot of research and even some "creativity," Shorr said. But "just because you make your claim doesn't mean you're going to get it."

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UK, WALES, TREDEGAR, DUKESTOWN, JULY 7 2014. MAN SUFFERS BURNS AFTER POURING PETROL ON FIRE

A man received burns to his face after pouring petrol on a garden fire in Dukestown, Tredegar on Saturday night. Fire crews from Ebbw Vale were called at 7.22pm by paramedics as a precautionary measure, but the fire was out on arrival. He was taken to Nevill Hall hospital by ambulance. The extent of his injuries is not currently known.

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