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### **NIGERIA, PORT HARCOURT, MAY 23 2014. MEND LIED ON EXPLOSION IN PORT HARCOURT REFINERY, SAY IYC, NUPENG**

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The Ijaw Youth Council (IYC) and the National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas (NUPENG) have dismissed the claim by the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) that its militia was responsible for the explosion that rocked some pipelines at the Port Harcourt Refinery in River State. The IYC insisted that the explosion was as a result of an attempt by vandals to break into a pipeline leading to the refinery. It said although it was not sure if the actual line was a crude or product line, the volatile nature of the pipeline was responsible for the explosion. Explosion at the Port Harcourt Refinery occurred last weekend and led to the death of eight persons. The group, through its Publicity Secretary, Mr. Eric Omare, yesterday, during an interactive session with journalists in Yenagoa, said preliminary investigations conducted by the three-man committee set up by the IYC over the incident discovered that the explosion was triggered by an open boat engine used by the suspected oil thieves. According to Omare, "We set up a committee over the explosion and we discovered that it was not MEND that was responsible but those suspected to be involved in oil theft and illegal bunkering activities in the area. We discovered that with the poor and uncovered engine used by the suspected oil thieves, explosion was imminent." Omare said though the incident was unfortunate, the concern of the IYC was the request made to President Goodluck Jonathan on the need for the renewal of the oil pipeline surveillance contract in the region and the involvement of the indigenes of coastal communities in the protection of these pipelines. On its part, NUPENG said MEND's claim was an attempt to hide criminality. NUPENG President, Mr. Igwe Achese, while addressing journalists in Abuja yesterday, also debunked media reports that only seven people died in the explosion, saying at least 50 people died. He explained that some criminals were scooping fuel near the NNPC pipeline, and some of them were smoking cigarettes and other substances. "Petroleum products are highly volatile, it is not an issue of MEND, anyone can claim to be MEND. When you begin to create false alarm, that is a huge threat," he said. Achese added that he personally visited the site of the explosion. "We should not heat up the political environment, when these issues are not even true. Yes, there was an explosion and it had to do with product theft" he added. Achese stated that oil theft is ongoing issue and a key matter that must be addressed. He alleged that security agents were stationed not too far from where the explosion occurred. On the rising protests by Ijaw communities over the proposed Ogidigben Export Processing Zone (EPL) by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and the Delta State Government, the IYC said the development had become worrisome and called on the President Goodluck Jonathan to intervene. According to the IYC, the Ijaw communities of Opopo, Sokubolo in Burutu and Warri South-West Local Government Areas of Delta State are concerned about the tag "Ogidigben" handed the project and a defined Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the percentage of benefits to benefiting communities of Itsekiri and Ijaws in the area. Omare however, denied that the protest by the Ijaw indigenes was provoked by the perceived tribal origin of the Delta State Governor, Dr. Emmanuel Uduaghan as an Itsekiri. "It is not true that we want to use our tribal relationship with President Jonathan to curry more benefits over the project. What we are saying is that the present arrangement on the project is wrong and could spark violent reaction.

<http://www.thisdaylive.com/articles/mend-lied-on-explosion-in-port-harcourt-refinery-say-iyc-nupeng/179136/>

### **USA, N.H, PORTSMOUTH, MAY 23 2014. WATER CONTAMINATION SHUTS DOWN WELL AT PEASE, VERY LITTLE KNOWN ABOUT HUMAN HEALTH EFFECTS, STATE OFFICIAL SAYS >> PERFLUOROCTANE SULFONIC ACID (**

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City officials have shut down a well that serves the Pease Tradeport and sometimes parts of the city of Portsmouth after tests found a contaminant in the water, according to PDA Executive Director David Mullen and the state Department of Health and Human Services. Mullen said late Thursday morning the well was shut down in "an abundance of caution" after a test found perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) in the well. PFOS is one of a class of chemicals known as PFCs or perfluorochemicals, according to the press release from the state. "Because the level of PFOS exceeds the 'provisional health advisory' set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the well was immediately shut down by the city of Portsmouth," the N.H. DHHS said in a statement. "The water in the other two wells servicing Pease also contained PFCs but not above the provisional health advisory level," the release states. "Out of an abundance of caution, the water system for the city of Portsmouth was also recently tested, since the systems at Pease and Portsmouth are linked, however, water from the Pease wells is rarely used to service the city of Portsmouth. The results were that no PFCs were detected in any of the other supply wells or surface water sources that serve the Portsmouth water system." Dr. Jose Montero, director of public health at the N.H. DHHS, said "there is



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very little known about the health effects if any on people from these compounds. Some animal studies have been conducted but have not led to any recommendations for people, and further studies are needed." PFCs are a family of man-made chemicals that have been used for decades as "an ingredient to make products that resist heat, oil, stains, grease and water," according to a fact sheet provided by N.H. DHHS. The health effects from exposure of low levels of PFCs "are not well known," according to the fact sheet. "PFCs can remain in the body for extended periods of time. In laboratory studies animals that have been given large amounts of these chemicals have been shown to have problems with growth and development, reproduction and liver damage," according to the fact sheet. "There have not been any comprehensive long-term studies of the effects of these chemicals on people." Brian Goetz, the deputy director of public works for the city of Portsmouth, said Thursday that the Haven well that was shut down is used primarily for the people who work at Pease Tradeport. He said residents and businesses in the city of Portsmouth receive water from that well "only on rare occasions" when there's a shortage from its other system of wells, that are all interconnected. He also noted that water from all wells are typically blended with water from other wells before being delivered to customers. Goetz said the EPA has just recently begun looking at perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS). "The EPA looks at unregulated contaminants," Goetz said. "They're called contaminants of concern." Mullen said the PFOS was detected in tests done recently by the U.S. Air Force. Pease Tradeport was an Air Force base from 1956 to 1991. "One of the things about Pease is it has been very carefully looked at by the U.S. Air Force," Mullen said. "We're scrutinized more than most, and the Air Force was testing in advance of an EPA requirement to test, which begins in 2015." Goetz said since PFOS were found in the Haven well, the city will be testing in its other wells more frequently. "We'll be meeting with the Air Force and DES to set up the schedule," Goetz said.

<http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20140522-NEWS-140529897>

## AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE, MAY 23 2014. OIL GIANT TO CHANGE SHELL TO VIVA ENERGY

john dagge

Vitol, the oil trading giant that has snapped up Shell's Australian downstream assets will trade under the name Viva Energy. Switzerland's Vitol one of the largest oil traders in the world has applied to change the name of Shell Australia to Viva Energy Australia, records lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission show. Motorists will not notice the difference as Vitol's deal with Shell allows it to use the oil major's name and famous red and yellow scallop logo. Shell Australia holds the 870 petrol stations, Geelong refinery and other downstream assets purchased by Vitol in February for \$2.9 billion. Viva Energy will be housed under a local holding company called GEM Energy Holding which is owned by Vitol, ASIC filings show. Shell's local explorations and production businesses – upstream assets – are housed in a separate company. Vitol spokesman Greg Baxter said the name change was part of the normal business shuffle of any business transaction. "The service stations will continue to have the Shell branding, livery and logo -there is no change on that front he told Business Daily. Vitol has pledged to build Shell's existing downstream business and has identified supply contracts in the mining and natural gas industries as future growth avenues. The deal rescued Geelong refinery from immediate closure.

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## USA, MI, JACKSON, MAY 23 2014. HUNDREDS OF GALLONS OF OIL SPILL INTO GRAND RIVER, CLOSE PARTS OF THE RIVER

shannon murphy

 [Photo's \[9\] Hundreds of Gallons of Oil Spill into Grand River](#)



Workers make adjustments to an oil boom on the Grand River near R.A. Greene Park in Blackman Township on Thursday, May 22, 2014. Hundreds of gallons have spilled into the river. The EPA, DEQ and city officials are on scene supervising the cleanup.

About 800 gallons of motor oil and hydraulic fluid have been cleaned from the Grand River in Jackson since Sunday, May 18. Federal, state and local officials expect more oil to be pulled from the river in the coming days. And the Grand River has been closed to recreational use from the Lions Park at Blackstone Street to Maple Grove. Don Tucker, Jackson's wastewater treatment superintendent, said the city's fire and department of public works were alerted

to the spill about 7 p.m. Sunday. They and the state Department of Environmental Quality put up booms to contain the spill. On Monday, about 400 gallons of fluid were pulled from the river, and another 400 gallons was removed on Tuesday, Tucker



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said. The federal Environmental Protection Agency was called to the scene on Wednesday. Tucker said it's unknown how much more oil could be in the river or where it came from. "With that amount (of oil) it's not coming from residential," he said. The city and DEQ are checking the local stormwater system to see where the oil may have entered the drain and the DEQ is testing the oil, Tucker said. Kalamazoo-based Terra Contracting has been hired by the city to cleanup the oil. Tricia Edwards, a federal on-scene coordinator with the EPA, said she does not think there will be any long-term effects to the Grand River from the spill, but the organization will continue to monitor it. "We have not seen any oiled wildlife," she said Wednesday evening.

[http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2014/05/hundreds\\_of\\_gallons\\_of\\_oil\\_spi.html#incart\\_river\\_default](http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2014/05/hundreds_of_gallons_of_oil_spi.html#incart_river_default)

### USA, VT, SWANTON, MAY 23 2014. CHEMICAL SPILL AT STORE SENDS 5 TO HOSPITAL

Vermont State Police are investigating a chemical spill at a Tractor Supply store in Swanton that sent five employees to the hospital for possible inhalation of toxic fumes. The store was evacuated on Thursday shortly before 2 p.m. Police say the state of Vermont HazMat Team was sent to the store to mitigate the chemical release. Authorities say the initial investigation indicated suspicious circumstances. Police have released a photo of two men seen leaving the store who they say may have witnessed the incident. Anyone who may have been in the store before the spill, or may have information about it, is asked to contact the Vermont State Police at 802-524-5993. The five employees were expected to be treated and released from the [Northwest Medical Center](http://www.northwestmedicalcenter.com).

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/crime/article/Chemical-spill-at-store-sends-5-to-hospital-5499493.php>

### NAMIBIA, WALVIS BAY, MAY 23 2014. RESIDENTS SLAM PLANNED STORAGE FACILITY

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Narraville residents are opposing the development of a storage facility for highly toxic material near their neighbourhood. They feel so strongly about the matter that they have threatened to protest to the highest office for relief. Residents are upset that dangerous materials such as explosives, gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizing substances and toxic matter will be stored in close proximity to their homes if the planned facility gets the green light. Residents say if anything goes wrong at the site hundreds of people could lose their lives. The old underground military communication bunker that lies east of Walvis Bay, about 30 kilometres from Narraville, was identified as the site for the storage facility by the developers, Native Holdings. The bunker was used by the South African apartheid army and has not been used since the reincorporation of Walvis Bay into Namibia in 1994 with one guard looking after the site. Native Holdings was in principle already handed the site by the Walvis Bay Municipality during 2012. But on Tuesday the municipality made a U-turn during a consultative meeting organised by EnviroSolutions which undertook the environmental impact assessment (EIA) for the controversial project. The tense meeting attended by various councillors including the Mayor of Walvis Bay, Uilika Nambahu, the CEO of Walvis Bay, Muronga Haingura, and councillor Derek Klazen reached a climax when residents demanded the meeting be stopped as Nampol and other stakeholders were not in attendance. Klazen during the meeting said the matter should be relooked as the municipality was unaware the bunker would be used for toxic material that could compromise the safety of residents. NamWater also raised their concern. A representative of NamWater said their major water supply pipelines runs close to the bunker and could be damaged if the "unexpected occurred at the bunker". Businessman Ivan Marshall said that giving the facility the go-ahead to be used for toxic waste storage would be "reckless and dangerous". "It seems like they want to make Naraville a dumping site for nuclear waste. But we as residents say no to such development. They should look at other alternatives. We will oppose and fight it for the well-being of our residents," said the businessman. He said Namibia should not take chances with such a project and rather learn from past nuclear disasters around the world. Former municipal pollution officer Salie Moegamat also expressed his disappointment and questioned why the bunker was still in existence. "That structure reminds us of the apartheid system. It should have been dismantled years ago. In the case of nuclear waste and dangerous materials being stored so close to the community it is a great risk. I have worked with such substances myself and know the consequences, one can never be prepared," he said. Native Holdings representative Thomas Jonas told the meeting that some of the dangerous materials are currently "roaming around the town" without anyone being aware. "Where these goods are stored and whether it is handled according to regulations we don't know. For all we know it can be in your backyard or in a warehouse that does not comply with international regulations to handle such material. What we are going to do is to provide a safe storage for these goods," Jonas explained. He said Native Holdings would be guided by international standards in terms of the specifications of the material they would handle. "Currently there are many commodities that are not safely stored. This facility will obviously take care of dangerous goods until it is use or transported," he said. The EIA report states: "Some of these



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goods received through the port are classified as dangerous goods by national and international standards. Capacity is a concern for Namport as the harbour is limited as storage facilities for such goods and materials require legislation and standards compliance, which is lacking in certain instances. It is with this background that Native Storage Facility (Native Holdings) is offering a solution to ease capacity and non-compliance issues by availing a state of the art storage facility for dangerous goods and other hazardous substances.". Native Storage Facility is a 100 percent Namibian entity, registered with the appropriate authorities. The project team has a combined experience and expertise in international and maritime dangerous goods storage (IMDG Code which is a UN Standard).

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201405221159.html>

### USA, HI, HONOLULU, MAY 23 2014. DIESEL FUEL FOUND IN MONITORING WELL AT TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

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*Tripler Army Medical Center.*

The preliminary finding of high levels of diesel at a monitoring well at Tripler Army Medical Center is prompting new alarms from state and city officials. State Deputy Health Director Gary Gill told members of the City Council Public Works and Sustainability Committee Wednesday that he was informed by the Navy last week about the new petroleum contaminant. The preliminary findings showed 790 and 660 micrograms per liter, which are above the Health Department's "environmental action level" of 100 micrograms per liter. The news comes on the heels of the Jan. 13 discovery that an underground storage tank at nearby Red Hill leaked up to 27,000 gallons of jet fuel. Health Department and Honolulu Board of Water Supply officials have said that to date, there have been no indication the fuel has contaminated the groundwater aquifer. The cause of the

leak has not yet been determined. If the Navy's subsequent testing at Tripler confirms the preliminary findings, there would still not be any immediate evidence that the fuel traveled from the 20-tank Red Hill facility, Gill said. Another likely source of the diesel is from Tripler itself, Gill said, noting that a landfill and gasoline stations were once on the grounds. "Either one is not good news," Gill said, saying that the Tripler monitoring well is about half of the 1.3-mile distance between the fuel tank facility and the Board of Water Supply's Moanalua wells. If confirmed, "that's of grave concern for two reasons," he said. "Either the Red Hill plume is going south ... or there's a whole different source of contamination that's polluting that groundwater, which might be even worse." Ernest Lau, Board of Water Supply manager, said the new finding only heightens his agency's call for the Navy to ensure the island's water resources are protected. Lau told committee members that the Board of Water Supply's five wells in the vicinity of the storage tanks continue to show no signs of contamination. Lau said the roughly 3,500-foot distance from the Tripler well to the city's Moanalua wells is worrisome. "This is the Moanalua aquifer from which we draw drinking water with very little treatment except chlorination," Lau said. Installing treatment features at the wells could cost an estimated \$50 million and take five to seven years, he said. Wells in the area supply water from Halawa to Hawaii Kai, about one-quarter of the Board of Water Supply system, Lau said. Lau wants the Navy to install more monitoring wells, increase testing and sampling to define the extent of the fuel contamination of groundwater in the area, and, if necessary, remediate any contamination that may exist. Navy officials did not attend Wednesday's Council committee meeting and were not available for comment after business hours. The committee, after its discussion with Gill and Lau, advanced Resolution 14-110, which calls on the Health Department to press the Navy to work expeditiously to mitigate any potential adverse effects from leaks or spills originating from the fuel storage facility. Built during World War II, the facility provides fuel for ships and aircraft at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam about 2.5 miles away. The Navy has reported that there have been dozens of fuel releases in the past totaling 1.2 million gallons, which the state received no information on before 2010 and little information on since, Gill said. "I look at the Red Hill facility as one, big, long 70-year spill," Gill said. "And when we find petroleum products in the subsurface rock and in the groundwater, we have to assume that this was a historic spill that may be decades old." Gill said the Navy has been cooperative, including sharing evidence that groundwater in the area of the tanks flows northwest in the direction of the Board of Water Supply's Halawa Shaft about 5,000 feet northwest. The Navy has also found trace elements of naphthalene in its own drinking water supply, although at levels too low to be a health concern. His agency is working on a draft of a consent agreement outlining what actions it must undertake, Gill said. "We have every indication that they will be making the resources available that are necessary to do this remediation work," he said. Councilman Breene



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Harimoto, who co-introduced the resolution, said he's frustrated that there's been little action five months after the danger to Oahu's groundwater was first exposed. "We're still waiting for paperwork to occur." Gill said "there's a lot in play beyond just their response to just this one spill," including the long-term future of the tank facility. "If they're going to use those tanks, they need to bring them up to speed. That's billions of dollars. There's lots of work to be done on these 70-year-old tanks."

<http://www.stripes.com/news/us/diesel-fuel-found-in-monitoring-well-at-tripler-army-medical-center-1.284715>

### USA, LA, GRETNA, MAY 23 2014. FORMER PIPE CLEANER SUES NUMEROUS ENERGY EXTRACTION COMPANIES OVER ALLEGED RADIATION EXPOSURE AND THROAT CANCER

*kyle barnett*

A number of energy exploration and associated companies are being sued by a former drilling pipe cleaner claiming his exposure to radiation through his job resulted in his contraction of throat cancer. Natividad Tenorio filed suit against Exxon Mobil Corporation, Humble Oil And Refining Company, Humble Oil And Refining Corporation, Exxon Company USA, Exxon Mobil Oil Corporation, Chevron USA Inc., Gulf Oil Exploration And Production Co., Gulf Oil Corporation, Standard Oil Company Inc, Standard Oil Company of California Inc., ! Texaco Inc, Texas Company, Texaco Inc, Texas Corporation, Devon Energy Production Company LP, Devon Energy Corporation, Pennzenergy Exploration And Production LLC, Devon Energy Operating Company, Devon Energy Gas Marketing Company, Pennzoil Gas Marketing Company, Union Producing Company, Pennzoil Oil And Gas Inc., Pennzoil Company, Pennzoil Producing Company, Pennzoil United Inc., United Gas Corporation, Pennzoil Petroleum Company, Conocophillips Company, Phillips Petroleum Company, Conoco Inc., BP Products North America Inc., Amoco Oil Company, American Oil Company, BP America Production Company, Amoco Production Company, Pan American Petroleum Corporation, Standolind Oil And Gas Company, Vastar Resources Inc., Shell Oil Company, Shell Offshore Inc, Swepi LP, Marathon Oil Company, Intracoastal Tubular Services Inc., Intracoastal Truck Line Inc., Intracoastal Terminal Inc., Intracoastal Pipe Repair And Supply Inc. and OFS Inc. in the 24th Judicial District Court on April 17. Tenorio asserts that from 1981 to 1988 he was employed by Alpha Technical Services where he cleaned oilfield generated radiation (OGR) scale from pipes, which included work at the Intracoastal Tubular Services Inc. yard located in Harvey. The plaintiff alleges that the worked undertaken caused the OGR to become pulverized and become airborne exposing him to high levels of radiation through inhalation and ingestion. Tenorio claims that due to his work for and with the defendants he later contracted throat cancer. The defendant is accused of knowing and not warning of the danger of OGR, failing to properly mark and prevent access to OGR contaminated work areas, using defective work equipment, not marking OGR contaminated pipes, failing to conduct safe pipe cleaning operations, failing to properly contain and dispose of OGR and not disclosing the hazardous nature of the job. An unspecified amount in damages is sought for physical pain and suffering, mental anguish, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of income, loss of wage earning capacity, medical monitoring expenses and medical expenses. Tenorio is represented by Jeremiah A. Sprague of the Marrero-based Falcon Law Firm. The case has been assigned to Division O Judge Ross P. LaDart. Case no. 737-588.

<http://louisianarecord.com/news/260968-former-pipe-cleaner-sues-numerous-energy-extraction-companies-over-alleged-radiation-exposure-and-throat-cancer>

### USA, N.Y, DELANSON, MAY 24 2014. FIREWORKS COMPANY DODGES EXPLOSIVE SITUATION

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It could have been an explosive situation in Delanson when that tornado struck. Empire State Fireworks Manufacturing on Old Dare Road took a hit Thursday. The owner says he left his factory for about two hours during the storm. He returned to find the roof blown off and several trailers, blown about 300 feet from where they had been. He says it's remarkable that none of his fireworks exploded. "Probably seventy to eighty thousand, yeah it's a big loss. But it's been a long time and nothing's ever happened, so. Just never expected anything like this to come through here," says owner John Kalamant. He says that because he's a fireworks company, he can't get insurance on the property, so all the repairs will come out of his pocket.

<http://wnyt.com/article/stories/S3448527.shtml>

### USA, N.D, LAKE SAKAKAWEA, MAY 24 2014. OIL SPILL NEAR LAKE SAKAKAWEA CONTAINED

The North Dakota Department of Health says a petroleum product spill in northwest McKenzie County near Lake Sakakawea has been contained. About 10 barrels of fluid were spilled at the site with 10-20 gallons reaching a tributary of Lake Sakakawea. Karl Rockeman, director of water quality for the Health Department, said the spill was reported Thursday and response crews from Hess Corp. and Tesoro have the yet-unidentified fluid contained. Rockeman said it's not known where



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the release of the fluid originated, or specifically what fluid was released. "At this point, we're still trying to determine the source of the spill," he said. "There are multiple pipelines in the area," both natural gas and oil, he said. He said it appears the fluid is either crude oil or a natural gas condensate. The spill originated northeast of Watford City, about six miles north of N.D. Highway 23, Rockeman said. There are ranches in the area but none have been affected by the spill, he said. Rockeman said the fluid, 10-20 gallons, reached Sand Creek which flows into Lake Sakakawea about 3.5 miles east and downstream from the Tobacco Garden area of Lake Sakakawea. He said the fluid entered the creek about 13 miles from the lake and none has reached the lake. Rockeman said response crews have used containment booms and absorbent material to contain the fluid. Rockeman said state health inspectors are on the scene and excavation of the site is underway to determine the source of the spill. He said it is unclear who may be responsible for the spill.

[http://bismarcktribune.com/news/local/oil-spill-near-lake-sakakawea-contained/article\\_a4f82e9e-e2c8-11e3-91bf-0019bb2963f4.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/news/local/oil-spill-near-lake-sakakawea-contained/article_a4f82e9e-e2c8-11e3-91bf-0019bb2963f4.html)

### USA, VA, LYNCHBURG, MAY 24 2014. DEQ SERVES VIOLATION NOTICE TO CSX FOR LYNCHBURG OIL SPILL

 **Photo Galleries:** [Train Derailment](#)



Crews stand by as one of three tanker cars is slowly pulled from the James River Thursday evening in Lynchburg, Va., May 1, 2014. On April 30, 17 cars of a 105-car CSX oil train derailed near Ninth and Jefferson streets in downtown Lynchburg, sending three cars into the James River. A massive fire followed, and officials evacuated a wide swath of downtown. No one was injured, but officials estimate the cars lost more than 25,000 gallons of crude oil.

CSX has been served with a Notice of Violation by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality related to the April 30 train derailment in downtown Lynchburg. The DEQ letter sent to CSX Transportation Inc. cites regulations prohibiting the discharge of oil into state waters, lands or storm drain systems. The notice is in response to an estimated 29,916 gallons of Bakken crude oil spilled into the James River on April 30, when 17 cars of a 105-car CSX train

derailed in downtown Lynchburg causing a large fire on the water and riverbank. The amount spilled, up from previous estimates, was provided to DEQ by CSX. The letter does not represent administrative or judicial enforcement. It only requests CSX, out of Jacksonville, Florida, respond within 10 days to arrange a prompt meeting. CSX already has responded to arrange a meeting, CSX spokeswoman Melanie Cost said Thursday afternoon. "This is a standard letter that DEQ sends out when we have reason to believe that state laws and regulations have not been followed," said DEQ spokesman Bill Hayden. "It just notifies — in this case, CSX — that the situation exists and the spill of the oil from the derailment did affect state waters, so we're looking for them to respond to this letter." Under Virginia code, a fine could be levied of \$100 for every gallon if the spill causes "a film or sheen upon or discoloration of the surface of the water or adjoining shoreline." Oil spilled into the river and caught on fire April 30, a fact CSX readily admitted. Oil sheen clearly was visible that afternoon just downstream of Lynchburg and farther down river the following day. The standard for a violation does not require death to animals or permanent damage to ecosystems. The cause of the incident remains under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board. That investigation is expected to take at least a year. "For us to issue a notice of violation does not require a finding from the NTSB," Hayden said. The letter is basically a request from DEQ to talk with CSX to review what happened, what could have caused the incident and how to prevent future spills. "That could include a fine, but that has not been determined yet," Hayden said. Since the spill, CSX has implemented a comprehensive environmental assessment, monitoring and remediation plan, Cost said. DEQ has been an important part of that process, she added. "The company understands the Notice of Violation is part of a process designed to protect Virginia's citizens and natural resources. CSX looks forward to reviewing the NOV with the department and to continuing the ongoing working relationship," Cost said in a statement. Out of this discussion, the James River Association would like to see the impacts to the river fully documented and addressed and that all violations of environmental laws be enforced. The nonprofit river advocate also wants assurances a similar event won't happen again. "The JRA will continue to track that process as it moves forward as well as monitor additional impacts of the river," Upper James Riverkeeper Pat Calvert said.

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[http://www.newsadvance.com/news/local/deq-serves-violation-notice-to-csx-for-lynchburg-oil-spill/article\\_6cba29de-e1e6-11e3-974f-0017a43b2370.html](http://www.newsadvance.com/news/local/deq-serves-violation-notice-to-csx-for-lynchburg-oil-spill/article_6cba29de-e1e6-11e3-974f-0017a43b2370.html)



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### USA, VA, PORTSMOUTH, MAY 24 2014. NORWEGIAN TANKER RESCUES THREE FROM SAILBOAT

*rachel west*

The Coast Guard coordinated the rescue of three people from a sailboat during a storm off the coast of Virginia Beach Thursday. Larry Monesson, 60, Sean Monesson, 40, and James Moore, 40, were rescued from the Elusive, a 41-foot sailboat. The Coast Guard said the vessel was threatened by storms about 350 miles east of Virginia Beach. Moore's father contacted the Coast Guard after his son sent him a message via satellite phone around 1 a.m. Thursday. A 600-foot Norwegian flagged tanker responded to a Coast Guard request for assistance and made contact with the Elusive. The crew of the Elusive abandoned ship and boarded the Norwegian tanker. All three were safe. "The early communications by the crew of the Elusive and the proactive response by the crew of the Bow Clipper allowed the watchstanders to arrange for the Bow Clipper to be in position to effect an immediate rescue when the situation aboard the sailing vessel Elusive deteriorated," said Lt. Cmdr. Tim Eason, the 5th District's search and rescue mission coordinator. "Additionally, the crew of the Elusive took the proper precautions before departing port by ensuring they had a working satellite phone and personal locator beacons."

<http://wavy.com/2014/05/23/norwegian-tanker-rescues-three-from-sailboat/>

### USA, N.D, BISMARCK, MAY 24 2014. TANKER TRUCK ROLLOVER SPILLS JET FUEL, CHEMICAL IN WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA; HIGHWAYS SHUT DOWN

Authorities say an unknown amount of jet fuel and another chemical leaked from an overturned tanker truck in western North Dakota. KXMB-TV reports (<http://bit.ly/1oe2IVU>) that the truck crashed on a county road five miles east of Belfield on Friday afternoon. Authorities shut down both lanes of I-94 and Highway 10 in the area following the rollover. The westbound lane was reopened at about 2:30 p.m. Highway Patrol Sgt. Tom Iverson says it's unknown if there are any injuries. He says the driver of the truck appeared to be the only person involved in the accident. Authorities say jet fuel had to be drained out of the truck before attempting to move it.

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/4b1ef6de7f9e477a9e6e715b9efefaa8/ND--Tanker-Truck-Crash/#.U4Ahc8anry0>

### USA, CA, BAKERSFIELD, MAY 24 2014. TANK EXPLOSION REPORTED AT BUSINESS NEAR FRUITVALE, DOWNING AVENUES

*lindsey adams & anne stegen*

 **Watch the Video** [Tank Explosion Reported At Business](#)

There was an explosion reported at a business near Fruitvale Avenue and Downing Avenue. Two people suffered ringing in their ears and were transported to the hospital by private means. The top of a tank blew off at Vertical Tanker, Inc. Kern County Fire says it was "residual material."

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### USA, CA, SANTA CRUZ, MAY 24 2014. DAN HAIFLEY, OUR OCEAN BACKYARD: WHAT HAPPENED TO OIL FROM SUNK TANKER IN WORLD WAR II?

*dan haifley*

The beaches of Monterey Bay were prepared for but didn't see battle during World War II, as described in my last column. But there was a report in the Santa Cruz Sentinel-News which the Navy wouldn't officially confirm or deny of a Japanese submarine firing on but missing an oil tanker "20 miles off the southern tip of Monterey Bay" in the weeks after the attack at Pearl Harbor. Another tanker wasn't so lucky. Two days before Christmas 1941, a torpedo from Japanese submarine I-21 sunk Union Oil's SS Montebello, which was headed north after loading a cargo of Santa Maria crude oil at Port San Luis. All 38 crew members escaped in life boats. In 1996, its wreckage was located in 900 feet of water near the southern boundary of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary off the town of Cambria. Concerned about an environmental hazard, scientists wanted to find out if oil was still aboard. Robert Schwemmer, West Coast Regional Maritime Heritage coordinator for the National Marine Sanctuary system, participated in a manned submersible visual survey in 1996 funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's West Coast National Undersea Research Center, and a second survey in 2003 by the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. "I was able to determine that the 18 cargo, 12 summer and 2 bunker oil tanks had not been breached by the torpedo impact and the shipwreck's infrastructure could possibly retain over 3 million gallons of crude oil," Schwemmer told me. Becoming concerned after he read a newspaper story about the shipwreck in 2009, then-



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Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee asked California's Department of Fish and Game's (now Wildlife) Office of Spill Prevention and Response to investigate whether oil could escape from the vessel. In 2010, the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute conducted a sonar survey of the shipwreck and the nearby sea floor and the following year the US Coast Guard hired Global Diving and Salvage to investigate the oil threat. "A neutron back-scatter device was used to determine if oil or water existed in each of the tanks," Schwemmer said. "Tanks with the highest probability of oil content were drilled and samples were drawn. A visual inspection indicated there is no quantifiable amount of oil onboard," he said. So what happened to the crude oil? "There were no reported leaks in recent history, but at some point since 1941 the reported 3,089,982 gallons of crude oil cargo was released," Schwemmer said. "That's not to say there's no oil aboard but the US Coast Guard reported in 2011 there is no substantial threat." Using a model of currents and winds, Schwemmer concluded that "most of the oil likely remained offshore and headed south, some would have evaporated within the first few days, and the remainder may have washed ashore but may have been so widely scattered it went unnoticed," he said. "There are a number of unknowns so we will probably never know exactly what happened to the oil."

[http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/santacruz/ci\\_25823661/dan-haifley-our-ocean-backyard-what-happened-oil](http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/santacruz/ci_25823661/dan-haifley-our-ocean-backyard-what-happened-oil)

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<http://www.theprovince.com/Bank+Nova+Scotia+sues+Shell+migrating+soil+contamination+from+Vancouver+station/9868291/story.html>

### MALAYSIA, SELANGOR, KUALA LANGAT, MAY 24 2014. OIL TANKER VESSEL CATHES FIRE, TWO INDONESIAN CREW INJURED

Two crewmen of the oil tanker vessel, "Hai Lee 5", sustained minor injuries after fire broke out at the front deck of the vessel tonight. Four other crewmen onboard the vessel, however, escaped unhurt in the mishap which occurred at the jetty in Pulau Carey here. Selangor Fire and Rescue Department assistant director (Operation) Mohd Sani Harul said the fire was believed to have been caused by fuse box and wiring malfunction. "We received the distress call at 7.06 pm and the first team was deployed at 7.42 pm. When they arrived at the scene, the crewmen on board the vessel had already managed to put out the



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blaze using dry powder fire extinguisher,” he said when contacted here. Mohd Sani said the injured crew members were taken to Tengku Ampuan Rahimah Hospital in Klang for treatment.

<http://www.theborneopost.com/2014/05/24/oil-tanker-vessel-catches-fire-two-indonesian-crew-injured/>

## ENGLAND, MANCHESTER, MAY 24 2014. COUPLE BLASTED IN PETROL STATION EXPLOSION THANK THE DYNAMIC DUO WHO SAVED THEIR LIVES

 [Watch the Video Couple Blasted in Petrol Station Explosion](#)



*Grandfather left with burnt arms, while wife and two dogs 'singed' by flames.*

A couple who had a lucky escape when their camper van burst into flames at a petrol station have thanked two heroes who came to their rescue. Brian Marston, 76, was engulfed in the blaze as he refilled two canisters with Liquid Petroleum Gas at Morrisons in Eccles yesterday afternoon. The blaze badly injured Brian's arms - and meant he had to spend the evening at Hope Hospital. The flames also shot into the camper van, where his wife Anne, 70, and their two dogs, nine-month-old lapso Alfie and 10-year-old Yorkie Mazie, were waiting, leaving them all with singed hair, sore chests and in a state of shock. They avoided more serious injuries thanks to have-a-go gran Edith Ellison, 64, and her son Neil, 42 - who spoke to the M.E.N yesterday. Neil had sprinted for a fire extinguisher and blasted the flames enveloping Brian, while Edith raised the alarm and helped

Anne and the dogs. Yesterday, the pair insisted they were not heroes - but the Marstons, who ran Marston's off licence in Peel Green before their retirement, beg to differ. Brian said: "I really, really want to thank Mr and Mrs Ellison for all the work they did yesterday, Mr Ellison especially for putting the fire out and Mrs Ellison for getting the dogs and my wife to one side clear of the fire. They were brilliant. It could have been a hell of a lot worse - I might have lost the van and had far worse burns if they had not been there. I couldn't ask for nicer people being there to help us out." Anne added: "I'm still in shock, I'm not feeling good at all and my hair is all singed - but I'd really like to thank them and the staff at Morrisons." Brian said he twice tried to fill the canisters, which are contained within a compartment of the van, but could see that gas was escaping. He added: "I stopped the gas and opened the door and the flames shot out at me, I was like a torch - it went all over my back and legs but luckily my clothes meant only my arms were burnt." Many of their belongings in the camper van were lost in the blast, which also shattered a window. The couple, who live in Salford, were on their way to visit their daughter in Dorset ahead of a trip to France - which they have had to cancel. Firefighters said the blaze could have been exacerbated by the hot weather.

[http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/eccles-couple-blasted-petrol-station-7160910?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+menews+\(Manchester+Evening+News++RSS+Feed\)](http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/eccles-couple-blasted-petrol-station-7160910?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+menews+(Manchester+Evening+News++RSS+Feed))

## TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, MAY 24 014. PRESIDENT TO GET OIL SPILL REPORT FROM EXPERTS



*on the way: Oilfield Workers' Trade Union (OWTU) president general Ancel Roget, right, and research officer Ozzi Warwick make their way to The Office of the President in St Ann's yesterday for their meeting with President Anthony Carmona.*

Recommendations made by a panel of experts looking into the La Brea oil spill have been submitted to the National Task Force. President Anthony Carmona had appointed the independent panel of experts to look into the effects of the oil spill after it occurred last year. The Task Force had been appointed by the Prime Minister to deal with the effects of the oil spill. This was disclosed by Oilfields Workers' Trade Union (OWTU) president general Ancel Roget following a meeting with Carmona at President's House, St Ann's yesterday. Roget said the President told the OWTU delegation the task force is to submit its reports and recommendations today. He said Carmona is to meet with the OWTU delegation, subsequent to the submission of the task force's report. He said the OWTU delegation and the president discussed Petrotrin in great detail. He said: "We expressed our concerns about the way in which Petrotrin is being managed, the



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conditions of the refinery and the fact that turnarounds are not completed on time. We also informed the President that workers are complaining about the threat to their limbs and lives and that they fear for their own safety and that there is the threat of production falling. "We requested of the President an enquiry not only into the oil spill, but an enquiry into the entire operations of Petrotrin." Roget added: "Until and unless an independent enquiry takes place, we will not rest or Petrotrin be on the road to recovery." He lamented that the public was not connected enough as stakeholders to Petrotrin, which belongs to all the people of Trinidad and Tobago. "The President did say he heard our concerns, that they (the concerns) did not fall on deaf ears, but asked that we give him an opportunity to get that report from the National Task Force," he said. He said he had a sense of the president's appreciation of the producing fields, refinery, having grown up in the oil fields and Fyzabad. He said he understood what the President was saying but because of the urgency and nature of the problem, the OWTU feared there could be another fatality. He said the management of Petrotrin was about its own political agenda. He said OWTU had no faith in the OSH (Occupational Safety and Health) agency to deal with matters to save life and limb. He said in the last ten years, Petrotrin has recorded ten fatalities and in the last three years, three or four fatalities. "Not a good record for any company, worse yet for a state enterprises," Roget said. Noting that some people continue to be in the management of the company and on the board of the directors, Roget said: "Unless there is an immediate and urgent intervention that company would continue to go downhill," he said. "Those who are in control are not being held accountable," he added. He said were it British Gas, BPTT or Repsol, people would have been sent packing, based on the findings contained in Camini Marajh's Express articles.

<http://www.trinidadexpress.com/news/President-to-get-oil-spill--report-from-experts--260354251.html>

## USA, VA, RICHMOND, MAY 24 2014. EXXON GAS STATION DEBRIS FELL INCHES AWAY FROM WOMAN

*melissa hipolit*

A strong storm caused part of a canopy at the Exxon gas station located at the corner of N. 17th Street and E. Broad St. in Shockoe Bottom to fall on two cars Thursday afternoon. Yolanda Smith was inside of one of those cars and told CBS 6 the experience was terrifying. "It was inches from falling on my head," Smith said. Smith pulled into the gas station to escape from the pounding rain and hail, and planned to wait out the storm under the station's canopy. But, suddenly debris from a collapsed gutter on the canopy fell onto her car, practically at the same time her phone started buzzing with a tornado warning. "I thought the tornado touched down right on my car," Smith said. Across town on the Northside, windows shattered at a Napa Auto Parts store in the 1600 block of Chamberlayne Avenue. "All hell was breaking loose," an assistant manager at the store told CBS 6. Employees at the store moved to the back of the building moments before the windows were smashed by wind. "If we had been in the store in the front, we would have been hurt," the assistant manager said. Both terrifying experiences for members of our Richmond family who said the storm left them thankful to be alive. "We were lucky," the assistant manager said. "That was like a brush with death right there," Smith said.

<http://wtvr.com/2014/05/22/exxon-gas-station-debris-inches-from-falling-on-woman/>

## USA, AKA, DILLINGHAM, MAY 24 2014. CLEANUP PROCEEDING QUICKLY IN NUSHAGAK RIVER SPILL

*dave bendinger*

The tug vessel Devon, owned by Sam Barging, Inc., was hauled out onto Scandinavian Beach at the Bristol Alliance Fuels yard in Dillingham Sunday. The vessel had been transported from its grounding sight with an oil boom surrounding it, and crews were repairing Devon's breached hull by Monday. Thousands of gallons of river water were used to "flush" Kakanak Beach Monday, where a light sheen and smell of diesel were reported by a local fisherman over the weekend. The Coast Guard will continue shoreline assessments and another overflight of the river corridor and coastline, although no new pooling or sheen has been spotted in the river since the day after the Devon went aground. "This is all being done out of an abundance of caution," said U.S. Coast Guard Commander Shawn Decker on Monday. "We understand the extreme environmental sensitivity of the area, and we clearly understand the importance of the salmon fishery to the Bristol Bay watershed communities. So we are one hundred percent committed to ensuring that there's no remaining environmental threat from this incident with the Devon."

### The Grounding

The Devon encountered an "unknown submerged object" in the Nushagak River at half past midnight on Wednesday May 16. That object breached a 7,400 gallon fuel tank, causing the spill. "We were contacted immediately," said Decker, "and sent two Coast Guard pollution responders to Dillingham. The initial estimate from the operator was that 2,000 gallons of diesel had been spilled." The two Coast Guard responders were on the Devon by later Wednesday morning and began an inspection. They sounded the tank that had been breached, and estimated how much of the fuel from that tank the operator had been



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able to transfer to another tank after the incident. "Based on their findings, we increased the estimate for the amount of fuel spilled to between 5,000 and 5,500 gallons," said Decker. "We always try to estimate on the high end, preferring to err on the side of caution." No fuels, oils, or lubricants other than the diesel were reported spilled after the grounding.

### Local Reports

On Friday morning, a subsistence fisherman smelled diesel at Dillingham's Kakanak Beach, about 20 miles downstream from where the Devon grounded. A light sheen was also spotted in the gravel as the tide receded. An oil spill response contractor was hired to "flush" out the beach. Using hundreds of feet of porous hose, "multiple thousands" of gallons of river water was flooded onto Kakanak to wash away the trace amounts of diesel. "Flushing, as it's called, is a 100 percent chemical free process," said Decker. "All of the water inundates and flushes out any diesel remnants that might be down in the gravel or rocky sand area. At the same time we keep oil boom and absorbent pads around the beach to collect any runoff." The process took about five hours during Monday's ebb tide, and was apparently successful. "No remaining diesel smell or sheen was reported before or after the flushing," said Decker.

### Lucky Break

The spill seems to have happened early enough in the season as to not affect the salmon fishery like the Lone Star did in the Igushik River last summer. The diesel fuel also dissipated quickly and apparently completely thanks to a number of favorable factors, according to Decker. "One, we've been having this very nice weather pattern, with abundant sunshine, temperatures in the mid-'60s, and a steady light breeze. Those factors are very beneficial to dissipating fuel," he said. The Nushagak River itself also proved a willing partner in the cleanup. The heavy silt and sediment currently in the lower stretches of the river can bond to diesel molecules, essentially acting as scrubbing agents to break them down. Then the river's twice-daily big tide changes flushed out what remained. According to Decker, statistical models developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration help calculate how long this type of spill will last in this river's conditions. "Based on those models, the dissipation should occur within 72 to 96 hours from the initial sheening, and we're pretty confident that that is what we've observed," he said. On Monday, Decker said he was not ready to close the book on the Devon incident just yet, but would keep up at least the shore-based response efforts probably through the week. "Anytime any petroleum product gets in the water, it's a bad thing, and we take it very seriously," he said. "But with this particular incident we've had several things work in our favor. The most important of those being that the Nushagak River is working hard to clean itself out."

**Related Stories** [AK Beat: Tug accident causes diesel spill near Dillingham](#)

<http://www.alaskadispatch.com/article/20140522/cleanup-proceeding-quickly-nushagak-river-spill>

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Province that the notice of civil claim was filed to preserve the bank's rights due to limitation periods. "The parties plan to have discussions to reach an amicable resolution of this matter. We have nothing to comment further." Shell did not return a call requesting comment. No response has yet been filed to the lawsuit, which contains allegations that have not been proven in court.

<http://www.theprovince.com/Bank+Nova+Scotia+sues+Shell+migrating+soil+contamination+from+Vancouver+station/9368291/story.html>

## NEW ZEALAND, BAY OF PLENTY, MAY 24 2014. CHANGE A JOB TITLE AND YOU CHANGE PERCEPTIONS



*Tranzliquid's Greg Pert and Jackie Carroll.*

Changing the accepted way of thinking has transformed the business of bulk fuel transport specialists Tranzliquid Logistics Limited. The Bay of Plenty-based family firm say their fleet of Kenworths are driven not by drivers but by "operators" - and this way of thinking has paid dividends for them. Few businesses are as conspicuously in the public eye as Tranzliquid and their 16 trucks on the North Island's highways, each emblazoned with branding. It's what marketers call maximum exposure - which can be good and bad - but owners Jackie Carroll and Greg Pert have made the most of it, engineering their business success around

the careful recruitment and empowering of their "operators". "The reason we prefer to call them operators is to reflect what's involved in their role," explains Jackie. "They don't just drive fuel from A to B. They are responsible for that product right from the point of loading. During the journey there is a lot of exposure with the public and risks which they must manage on a daily basis. When they get to the customer site there's often a lot of interaction with the public, so they need a professional image and attitude." Jackie and Greg also put their success down to the culture they have worked so hard to create at the firm. Tranzliquid employees operate by four core values - take ownership, attitude is everything, we do what we say, and people are us - and say that having a team that apply and demonstrate these values is what sets them apart from their competitors. "It's just the way we treat each other and the way we operate. Many of the business decisions we make are based around satisfying these core values," she explains. Launched in 2000 on the back of a contract from Gull New Zealand Limited, the Tauranga-based firm has quadrupled its fleet of tankers in 14 years, while extending its orbit from service stations to commercial sites, ship bunkering and superyachts. While the Gull contract remains the firm's major business, Tranzliquid also works on occasion for the likes of Chevron, Z Energy and BP as a "spot" service provider. Tranzliquid is a Mid-Market firm - a company not yet big enough to be called a corporate, but that packs more of a punch than a SME. With turnover of anywhere between \$2 million-\$50 million, Mid-Market firms are a diverse bunch but, according to a 2014 GE Capital New Zealand report on the Mid-Market, they share quite a few qualities, including ambition and a sense of leadership. Mid-Market companies aren't happy with simply trucking along - instead, they aim to set the standard for their industry through new ideas and innovative thinking. Tranzliquid's approach to fleet renewal is a perfect example: "We're always looking at innovative improvements to our fleet," remarks Jackie. "Every time we replace a Kenworth we go for the latest technology, and the latest trucks include Active Cruise with Braking (ACB) which sets safe following distances, along with technology that improves cornering and rollover stability. We like to be at the forefront with new technology. Greg is involved in many of the road transport and petroleum industry forums, which ensures we remain informed of legislative changes." It's a demanding industry in that regard, with plenty of regulation and high expectations for compliance. "In addition to your basic preventative maintenance and COFs, for example, the vehicles have to meet stringent oil industry standards. The tankers need to be certified to legislative Tankwagon Codes every two years with additional ten-yearly inspections. The operators themselves need a high level of skill, which requires ongoing training. This includes in-cab evaluations and training to ensure high standards are maintained - we refer to it as trained by experience." Again, it comes back to people, she says: "We believe we employ operators with the right attitude and the necessary driving talent - and then we provide the skill to deliver fuel safely. We try not to make the job complicated, keeping things as simple as possible with standard procedures covering all the diverse requirements for the various industry players. When we employ a new operator, emphasis is on buddy-training: knowledge is shared during an intensive four-week hands-on approach with several follow-up in-cab assessments to ensure standards are adhered to. Operators aren't only drivers - they have a huge responsibility not only to manage risk, but also our company's image and brand out there."

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=3&objectid=11260325](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=11260325)



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## USA, HI, HONOLULU, MAY 24 2014. NAVY UNCERTAIN WHETHER 27K GALLONS OF JET FUEL LEAKED FROM RED HILL UNDERGROUND TANK

Navy officials say they can't be sure whether 27,000 gallons of jet fuel leaked from an underground tank in Honolulu because several factors could have accounted for a discrepancy discovered this year. An investigation into the inconsistent measurements at the Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility could take up to a year, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser (<http://ow.ly/xcdUh>) reported Friday. The Navy has previously assured state lawmakers that drinking water around the tank is safe. Navy officials told Honolulu leaders during a briefing Thursday that one possible reason for the level change could have been water that collected in between the steel fuel tank and a concrete casing that surrounds it. Investigators are focused "on identifying what caused those fluctuations in tank level indication upon the filling process from December to January," regional engineer Capt. Mike Williamson said. The discrepancy could also be attributed to the tank being empty for four years and then filling it up again, Williamson said. "I come away feeling," said Mayor Kirk Caldwell, "that we don't have all the facts yet to verify whether there really was a 27,000-gallon leak, that there could have been an adjustment in the tank. And testing has not proved one way or another conclusively what has occurred. We want to get that information; they want to get that information; and that information will then be shared." The Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility held fuel for American planes in World War II. Information from: Honolulu Star-Advertiser, <http://www.staradvertiser.com>  
<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/97cd31d081dc4b189104caca6ed52824/HI--Navy-Fuel-Tank/#.U4Bry8anry0>

## USA, FLA, PALM BEACH, MAY 24 2014, OFFICIALS WARN ABOUT DANGERS FROM GAS SIPHONING >> AUTHORITIES ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE VEHICLES CARRYING 60 TO 600 GALLONS OF STOLEN FUEL.

*sonja isger*

Gas stations are seeing a rise in thefts, but it's not the clerks getting held up for cash. These thieves are driving tricked-out minivans or sport utility vehicles, parking over the underground fuel tanks and siphoning away thousands of liquid dollars in the time it takes to grab a hot coffee and go. The crime is on the rise from Palm Beach County to Miami-Dade, and those in the industry say the thieves are becoming more brazen, striking at urban stores -- sometimes more than once -- in daylight and taking anywhere from 60 gallons to 600 gallons. With that boldness comes more danger as they tap tanks full of combustible fuel and fumes with make-shift getaway cars that are designed for stealth, not safety. "That is our biggest concern in all of this -- the safety of our customers and the public," said John Peach, vice president of retail for Miami-based Victory Petroleum, which owns nearly 200 gas stations in South Florida and estimates the company's losses at more than \$10,000. Of Victory's stores, thieves have struck most often in Miami-Dade County, but thefts at its Palm Beach County gas stations rank second, Broward third. The most recent Victory target? A gas station in Greenacres two weeks ago, Peach said. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is investigating several such thefts, spokeswoman Teri Barbera confirmed. Various other agencies are also pursuing leads. "This is something that has been going on for years, but the gasoline retailers are telling us they're seeing an increase," said John Fleming, spokesman for the Florida Retail Federation. South Florida seems to be the hub of activity at the moment, said Jeff Lenard, spokesman for the National Association of Convenience Stores. "I think the biggest predictor of this type of crime is if you get away with it, you're going to try it again," Lenard said. And while there have been some arrests, there are many more cases outstanding, Peach said. "The frequency has increased dramatically in the last couple of months," confirmed Peach. "It has been as frequent as once a week sometimes and I would speculate other companies have seen a similar increase." As fuel gets more expensive, the market for people who want to buy it cheaper -- albeit illegally -- grows, Peach said. The thieves primarily target diesel fuel, the price of which has hit an average of \$4.04 a gallon from Boca Raton to West Palm Beach, that's up from \$3.94 a year ago, according to AAA. These are not jobs pulled by one individual, but by crews of two or three people. "Ten years ago, gas theft used to mean somebody peeling out with 10 gallons of gas," Lenard said. But that ended after Hurricane Katrina, when retailers largely ended the practice of allowing motorists to pump before paying. "A new level of theft has emerged. Why steal 10 dollars of gas when you can tap into an underground tank?" Through video surveillance, Victory officials know they are being hit by more than one "crew" -- one duo targeted stations in Doral, Kendall, Cutler Bay and Miami Gardens -- all in Miami-Dade County. Another has hit stations in Lake Worth and Greenacres. "We had had other instances of totally new/unique 'crews' appear at stations who we were unable to link to another instance, at least not by the modified car or truck they were using to perform the siphoning," Peach explained in a follow-up email. Peach described the heists like this:

- One or two people go inside to keep an eye on the employees and the control systems while another parks a vehicle with a false floorboard over the manhole-like cover on the tanks.
- They break the lock and drop a siphon pump into the tank.



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- The siphon is hooked up to a motor on the car battery and when they turn the key they can suck 60 to 600 gallons in 10 minutes into awaiting tanks in the back of the vehicle.

All the safeguards in place when someone delivers or retrieves the fuel professionally are gone when the thieves use a motor-driven pump and homemade gasoline tanks to steal it. The vehicle isn't grounded to make sure a spark doesn't ignite the vapors, the carefully constructed gas tanks aren't positioned to be protected in a crash, Peach said. "It leads to the potential for there to be an explosion. They have an automobile parked on top of our tank with the engine running," Peach said. The people who pedal fuel are now working more closely with law enforcement to stop the thieves. "People do get caught. Sometimes in a common traffic stop, sometimes it's the work of local departments," Peach said. "It's a tough crime. The transient nature of South Florida, one big city grid, allows people to quickly disappear and blend."

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/11479528/gas-siphoning-puts-drivers-at-risk-in-florida>

### USA, UT, DAVIS CO, MAY 25 2014. VIOLATION NOTICE ISSUED TO REFINERY AFTER FOUL SMELL MAKES CHILDREN FEEL ILL



The Davis County Health Department issued a formal nuisance violation notice to a refinery in the wake of an incident that sent a smell through the neighborhood that parents said made school children feel ill. A lid blew last week at the Silver Eagle Refinery, which is located in Woods Cross, and [more than 500 children left school early because they were feeling ill](#). Officials determined the odor was non-toxic, but residents said it smelled foul and made them feel sick. The Health department filed the violation notice Friday, and the refinery will have to respond with a detailed account regarding their proposed solution to the issue. Dennis Keith, deputy director of environmental health for the Davis County Health Department, said the refinery could face a penalty.

"There could be a financial penalty," he said. "There could be other mitigating factors that they need to put into fixing the problem, that's sort of part of our ongoing investigation right now. We haven't made the decision yet on exactly what those penalties will be." Keith said officials with the refinery have been cooperative.

<http://fox13now.com/2014/05/23/violation-notice-issued-to-refinery-after-foul-smell-makes-children-feel-ill/>

### USA, CA, VERNON, MAY 25 2014. EPA VIOLATION NOTICE COMPOUNDS EXIDE'S ENVIRONMENTAL WOES

*peg brickley*

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has hit [Exide Technologies](#) with a notice of violation for air contamination at a California plant that serves as a cheap source of lead for its battery-making business. Operations were suspended at the Vernon, Calif., plant earlier this year, after Exide lost wrangles with state regulators. Now on its second trip through bankruptcy, Exide has said it is rewriting its business plan to provide for the possibility it will have to get by without the cheap lead from recycling operations at the Vernon plant. Earnings may drop from \$15 million to \$38 million annually if the Vernon facility remains offline and it is forced to buy lead in the open market, Exide warned. The company has also said it isn't sure it can afford to clean up the site. In a statement, Exide said it is working "to make significant environmental upgrades to the facility," aiming to resume recycling "while complying with the strictest emissions standards in the nation." In the violation notice, issued Thursday, federal regulators invited Exide to talks that will allow the company to present evidence countering the agency's findings that air around the plant is tainted with excess levels of lead. However, the finding by federal regulators comes on the heels of action by California regional air-quality regulators, which found lead contamination in the air were at unacceptable levels even though lead smelting had stopped. In its statement, Exide said it is engaged in ongoing talks with California's Department of Toxic Substances Control and the South Coast Air Quality Management District "to make the necessary operational improvements and capital investments" to bring the Vernon plant in compliance. Exide could be hit with penalties of up to \$37,500 a day, according to the EPA's notice. It could also be barred from bidding on federal contracts. Not long before Exide sought Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection last June, the Vernon plant was ordered closed by regulators because of allegedly dangerous contamination. A state judge later reopened the facility, but it was taken out of production once again in March, because of new air-quality rules. Exide has set a July target date for filing the Chapter 11 plan that will set out how it plans to pay creditors.

<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303480304579580333977107884?mg=reno64-wsj&url=http%3A%2F%2Fonline.wsj.com%2Farticle%2FSB10001424052702303480304579580333977107884.html#>



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## USA, CA, FRESNO, MAY 25 2014. TANKER SPILLS DIESEL FUEL IN SOUTHEAST FRESNO

*carmen george*

A fuel tanker spilled diesel in southeast Fresno on Friday night, shutting down the East North Avenue onramp to Highway 99 temporarily as cleanup crews worked to remove 50 to 70 gallons of fuel, said Keola Park, a spokesman for the Fresno Fire Department. The spill on the onramp was reported about 8:15 p.m. Fresno County's environmental health division was also notified, Park said. A private contractor dealt with the hazardous waste cleanup on the ground, said Todd Tuggle, another Fresno Fire spokesman.

<http://www.fresnobee.com/2014/05/24/3942522/tanker-spills-diesel-fuel-in-southeast.html>

## USA, AKA, FAIRBANKS, MAY 25 2014. TANKER TRUCK ROLLS AT STEESE/JOHANSEN INTERSECTION FRIDAY



*Fuel Truck Rollover: A Carlisle Transportation Systems truck hauling fuel is turned upright after rolling onto its side while making a left turn from the Johansen Expressway north onto the Steese Highway Friday morning, May 23, 2014.*

A tanker truck tumbled onto its side at a busy Fairbanks intersection Friday morning. The crash was reported at about 7:55 a.m. at the corner of the Steese and Johansen expressways, according to watch commander Sgt. Robert Thompson with the Fairbanks Police Department. No one was hurt. There was also no report of anything spilling from the truck. The speed of the truck as the driver made the turn was a factor in the crash, Thompson said.

[http://www.newsminer.com/news/local\\_news/tanker-truck-rolls-at-steese-johansen-intersection-friday/article\\_80807a5a-e2ee-11e3-ae67-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.newsminer.com/news/local_news/tanker-truck-rolls-at-steese-johansen-intersection-friday/article_80807a5a-e2ee-11e3-ae67-001a4bcf6878.html)

## INDIA, BIHAR, THAKURGANJ, MAY 25 2014. FIRE AT FUEL STATION IN THAKURGANJ AREA

A major tragedy was averted on Friday evening as fire triggered at a fuel station located across Ring Road in Thakurganj area. An alert driver pulled away the pipe that had caught fire in a jiffy and rushed away. The incident took place at Jai Ma Durga petrol pump located in Malpur area. The fuel station staff was busy loading petrol inside underground storage unit. The driver of the petrol tanker inserted the pipe inside the unit. As per sub-inspector Atul Srivastava, in charge of the local police outpost, a lit 'bidi' triggered the fire which soon spread onto the pipe from which the fuel was being supplied. "But the alert driver immediately removed the pipe and took it away from the storage unit," said Srivastava. Other staff members rushed with fire extinguishers and doused the flames before they could have taken a bigger shape.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/lucknow/Fire-at-fuel-station-in-Thakurganj-area/articleshow/35530774.cms>

## USA, KY, LAWRENCE CO, MAY 25 2014. OIL SPILL UNDER INVESTIGATION IN LAWRENCE COUNTY, KY

 **Watch the Video** [Residents React to Oil Spill in Lawrence County, Ky](#)



*Oil spill in Lawrence County, KY.*

Cleanup is underway after an oil spill occurred in Lawrence County, KY. According to Michael Woods, the Lawrence County Emergency Management Director, this happened sometime late Wednesday night/Thursday morning of May 21 and 22 in the area of the intersection of KY Route 3 and KY Route 1496, in Fallsburg, which is near the Boyd County, KY line. Woods says an unknown amount of oil spilled into the Long Branch Creek, which is a tributary stream to the East Fork of the Little Sandy River. The oil escaped from the containment of an oil rig on Long Branch Road, owned by NYTIS Exploration. According to Woods, NYTIS Exploration responded quickly to the spill and contained it. The cleanup was handed over to the Kentucky State Environmental Response Team. Woods says the cause of the spill is still not yet known, but is under investigation. The oil spill is not affecting any drinking water

in the area.

<http://www.wowktv.com/story/25605359/oil-spill-under-investigation-in-lawrence-county-ky>



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## USA, TX, LAS YESCAS, MAY 25 2014. CAMERON COUNTY WEIGHS IN ON LAS YESCAS CHEMICAL SPILL

fernando del valle



*The intensity of the fire from 2012 appears to have ruptured the plastic 5-gallon buckets, causing the contents to leak into the environment.*

Cameron County officials are considering opening an investigation into the sprawling site of a paint warehouse that was destroyed by a 2012 fire, Emergency Management Coordinator Humberto Barrera said. Barrera said the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has failed to get site owner William Templeton to clean up the site, which is near a residential neighborhood. The site is at the corner of FM 803 and FM 106 near Las Yescas Elementary School. "TCEQ should have remediated this by now," Barrera said. "The investigating agency should have a timeline for this guy to clean it up or get someone to clean it up and bill him. By now there should be answers on when he should clean it

and how he should clean it. The property is deteriorating. No one knows what kind of environmental impact it's had. That stuff needs to be cleaned, period." The TCEQ, which has not investigated the site since early 2012, has not taken soil samples there, said Terry Clawson, an agency spokesman in Austin. Instead, the agency requested that the Texas Attorney General's Office file a May 2013 lawsuit against Templeton, who faces more than \$100,000 in fines that could exceed \$1 million, officials said. "The owner is responsible for any clean-up activities of the site, including the removal of any waste from the site for proper disposal and to remediate all areas that have been contaminated from spills of paint and deck cleaning solution in accordance with TCEQ regulations," Clawson said in an email. "TCEQ would provide oversight for any clean-up activities conducted by Mr. Templeton at the site and conduct additional investigations as needed." Templeton and Jennifer Riggs, his attorney in Austin, strongly denied the state's claim that Templeton used the site as a municipal solid waste dumping ground. Instead, Riggs said, Templeton used the site to store merchandise that he would sell. "Mr. Templeton buys goods at low cost and resells them," Riggs said. Templeton said Wednesday that he decided to clean up the "worst part" of the site after the Valley Morning Star published photographs that led him to believe the site's containers had deteriorated in the last few months. Templeton, who works in Harlingen, said the cleanup will begin within a week. "Even the worst won't be cleaned up in a week," Templeton added. He said he "should have had a higher priority to getting that cleaned up." But hard times and the high cost of the clean-up led him to delay it, Templeton said. Templeton said Hurricane Dolly's winds blew away a warehouse in July 2008, exposing merchandise on the site. In response, he paid \$5,000 to fence the area. Then on Feb. 3, 2012, a welder's torch sparked a fire that destroyed a warehouse and about \$250,000 worth of merchandise, Templeton said. Templeton said he "didn't have a penny of insurance." The series of mishaps "was devastating to me," Templeton said. "It was hard to come back from that kind of adversity," he said. The state's lawsuit was based on a TCEQ investigation that found that Templeton's property contained more than 9,000 uncovered containers in 2011. The lawsuit said "approximately 100 gallons of paint, varnish, paint thinner and lacquer had spilled onto the soil." "The investigator estimates the amount of spilled paint to be 1,000 pounds," the lawsuit said. Months after the 2012 fire, TCEQ investigators found about 40 percent of containers' contents spilled onto the soil, the lawsuit said. In December 2012, investigators found that "thousands of containers of paint, wood preservative, deck cleaning solution and porch and floor enamel gloss were still present at the site," the lawsuit said. "Many of these containers had been affected by the fire, knocked over or spilled onto the soil and investigators noted a strong smell of paint, lacquer and varnish throughout the property."

[http://www.valleymorningstar.com/news/local\\_news/article\\_6609d378-e2f4-11e3-846c-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.valleymorningstar.com/news/local_news/article_6609d378-e2f4-11e3-846c-001a4bcf6878.html)

## MALAYSIA, KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 26 2014. EXPLOSION AT PETROL STATION IN SENTUL

An explosive device which was placed in a toilet at a petrol station in Jalan Jambu Jertih Batu 6, Sentul exploded today. Fortunately, no one was hurt in the explosion. Sentul deputy police chief Superintendent Othman Abu Bakar said based on closed-circuit television camera (CCTV) recordings, a man wearing a visor had entered the man's toilet at 3.55pm today. "The suspect had gone to the toilet for about five minutes carrying a backpack. "In less than a minute after he left the toilet, the bomb exploded and caused loud explosions," he said when met at the scene. Othman said the explosion shattered the windows, ceiling and the toilet tank. "We believe it was a homemade firecracker and was placed at the toilet tank. "We are still investigating the motive behind the attack" he said. The case is being investigated under Section 6 of the Explosives Act 1957 and criminal intimidation.

<http://www.nst.com.my/latest/explosion-at-petrol-station-in-sentul-1.604918>



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## SAUDI ARABIA, HA'IL PROVINCE, HA'IL, MAY 26 2014. 2 EXPAT WORKERS DIE IN GAS STATION EXPLOSION

A fire broke out at a gas station in Hail last week injuring four workers and killing two after a customer filling gas at the station pulled at the fuel pump which led to the blaze. Media spokesman for the Civil Defense Department in Hail, Nafei Al-Olayan said that the operations room received a report about a fire in a gas station on Abu Nimr Street that damaged a car and caused the explosion of two fuel tanks inside the station. He explained that the fire broke out when the driver of a car pulling at a fuel pump while he was filling gas at the station which led to the conflagration adding that the station workers had put out the fire before the arrival of the Civil Defense who helped in extinguishing it completely. Al-Olayan confirmed that the workers sustained serious burns as a result of the fire. Al-Olayan added that the firefighters had prevented the fire from spreading to the neighboring tanks in less than 35 minutes. However, three workers suffered burns and injuries to different parts of their bodies while two succumbed to their injuries at the King Khaled Hospital in Hail on Saturday where they had been transferred for treatment. One worker left the hospital following a full recovery.

<http://www.arabnews.com/news/576906>

## USA, GA, SAVANNAH, MAY 25 2014. MOTORIST PASSES OUT, DRIVES INTO GAS STATION, TRAPPING MAN AT PUMP

**Photo's [9] [Motorist Passes Out, Drives into Gas Station, Trapping Man at Pump](#)**



A driver blacks out, causing a chain reaction of incidents that ended with a man pinned under a gas station pump. The whole thing happened in a matter of seconds Friday afternoon. That driver became unconscious because of a medical condition. The man pumping gas never had a chance to escape before being pinned between his car and the pump. Three vehicles were involved in the wreck at the Quick Stop gas station at I-95 and Abercorn Extension. It all started when the driver of a tan Lincoln lost consciousness at the restaurant next door, drove across East Gateway through the ditch and right into the gas station parking lot. The Lincoln then slammed into a black SUV, pinning the owner between his vehicle and the pump. "The owner of that SUV had his foot pinned between the tire of the SUV, and the curb of the gas pump," said Lt. Greg Ernst, with Metro PD. And like a game of dominoes, a silver SUV was brought into the mix. "The pump then fell over on the neighboring SUV. The officers could smell

gas escaping," Lt. Ernst said. The trapped man's foot was broken. But he was freed with the help of responding officers. "The first officers that got here actually lifted up the SUV so that the gentleman could get his foot unpinned so we could get him away from the pump," Lt. Ernst said. Both the driver and the trapped man with the broken foot were hospitalized. The medical condition of the driver who blacked out is unknown at this time but he was conscious in the ambulance.

<http://www.wbtw.com/story/25603043/driver-passes-out-crashes-into-gas-station-trapping-man-at-pump>

## NIGERIA, OGUN, MAY 26 2014. TANKER FIRE KILLS 2 PUPILS, 3 OTHERS IN OGUN

*sola filani*



Five persons including two pupils and tanker drivers burnt to death along the Ibadan-Ife Expressway, Ogun state, in an accident involving two tankers yesterday. Six other people sustained varied degrees of injuries and are now receiving treatment in hospitals. Eyewitnesses say the fatal accident occurred when the pupils were on their way to school. One of the victims, a student of a public school in Osun State, was waiting for a bus by the roadside when a tanker trying to overtake the other on a sloppy section of the road, lost control, fell and spilled its content. The Premium Motor Spirit, which one of the trucks was converting, spilled and a spark led to an inferno which burnt the victims to death. The raging fire caught a school bus belonging to a private school and one of the pupils in the vehicle was said to have burnt to death. The fire also razed some kiosks, mechanic workshops and other structures by the roadside.

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<http://www.ynaija.com/sad-tanker-fire-kills-2-pupils-3-others-in-ogun/>



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## SINGAPORE, MARINA BAY, MAY 25 2014. CHEMICAL SPILL ON TRAIN: RESTAURANT MANAGER CHARGED



*Susukida Ryuji, the general manager of a Japanese restaurant chain, failed to notify the authorities about the leakage or clean up the spill. A nurse who sat on a train seat later suffered chemical burns.*

A nurse who sat on an MRT train seat suffered chemical burns after a previous passenger had rested a leaking jerry can of corrosive detergent on it. Susukida Ryuji appeared in court yesterday charged with causing grievous hurt through a negligent act after he allegedly carried concentrated dishwasher fluid on a service between Marina Bay and Orchard on May 2 last year. Court documents said the 53-year-old Japanese national, general manager of Men-ya Kaiko restaurant chain, allowed the detergent to leak over the priority seat, even though it was

labelled "corrosive" and "irritant". Nurse Wan Zahfirah Arshad, 25, later sat there and suffered burns that required her to take 20 days off work to recover.

<http://www.straitstimes.com/news/singapore/courts-crime/story/chemical-spill-train-restaurant-manager-charged-20140524>

## ITALY, ROME, MAY 25 2014. SHELL FOUND GUILTY OF FUEL PRICE FIXING IN ITALY

john donovan.



An [article published yesterday](#) in Italy reports that Shell Italy SpA been convicted of abuse of a dominant position by using discriminatory practices in the fuel distribution market, affecting retail fuel prices. This was before Royal Dutch Shell sold its Italian retail network to Q8 ([Kuwait Petroleum](#)). Such manipulation cannot possibly be in accordance with Shell's claimed business principles. Printed below is a Google translation of the article into English. Happy to substitute a more accurate translation if anyone cares to supply it.

### Headline: Faib, Shell Convicted of Abuse of Dominant Position: Practiced Unfair and Discriminatory

Double Shell sentence for abuse of dominant position and breach of fair and non-discriminatory. And ' what they have decided, the Court of Massa as a function of the Labour Court ( Judge Dr. Erminia Agostini ) in the first instance and the Court of Massa in a panel in the complaint of the Company. Shell was ordered

by the Court of Massa, with a single judge on the basis of the Labour Court, to apply to the manager who is a partner Faib a transfer price of fuel similar to that practiced in the plant site always Massa, (same trade area, Avenue of Democracy), net of discounts for the service of self-service and discounts on sales support relating to actions for which the applicant does not adhere manager. The judge also ordered Shell to pay court costs. The Anglo-Dutch company, which has already sold its assets to Q8, reported the same sentence on appeal. The manager had asked the judge to declare the illegality of the conduct of the Shell Italy SpA and order the same company applicargli a purchase price of fuel equivalent to the same price at which he sells to operators of distribution systems AICO ONE Srl in the same catchment managed directly by AICO, the Company owned and controlled by Shell, with the same loan agreement, or applicargli a purchase price that is at least competitive with the prices granted to the operators of these plants or even AICO praticargli purchase prices that enable them to apply the retail prices competitive with those hesitated by operators of installations AICO or with the prices of plant operators, even of different brands, are located in the surrounding areas . Alternatively, the manager asked the judge permission of failing to supply exclusive agreement, stipulated in the contract of bailment and administration, authorizing it to buy fuel on the open market until that Shell had not provided the same prices available to plants AICO ONE in the same catchment area. The Judge considered as part of a thorough analysis of the context of the existing legislative and timely examination of the agreement between the operator and the Company, which, having regard to fuel prices by Shell managers of the plant in the province of Massa, not seeming justified the imposition of the applicant to manage a sale price higher, then being raised an abuse of official position , resulting in the nullity of the prices charged, the prohibition of discriminatory practices may help to identify how the transfer price of the future doses that same practiced by Shell plant closest to the one managed by the operator. The double judgment gives reason to the manager and he condemns the Shell systematic use of trade policies which are essentially in the practice of unfair and discriminatory conditions, based on the abuse of dominant position, as prohibited by the laws of the state. In the same category Read Federations have incessantly referenced in these years of hard discussions



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with the unions. Words in the wind in front of the rapacious desire of exploitation and manipulation of legal technicalities, perpetrated by a corporate management superficial and short-sighted, whose horizon was often reduced to mere survival of a few weeks, with no strategy but to plunder the margins of its managers, imagining great management skills. The double pronouncement reaffirms the framework of legality, always called back and said Federations by category and by Faib, opens up a new and previously unpublished and leaves plenty of space for any damages actions for damages suffered. We hope that sounds as a warning and will serve to restore the land managers and companies have been stunned by the incessant flow of money supplied by the underpaid labor of managers. Satisfaction was expressed by President Faib Martin Landi who wanted to remember "the strong and unceasing commitment for the implementation of legislation on the ground, even in fuel distribution, the prediction of the Institute of abuse of dominant position by imposing conditions unfair and discriminatory. An innovation legislative strongly desired that today marks a turning point in the governance of the sector and will have a specific gravity also in industrial relations. After years of complaints that the behavior of the Companies avvisavamo we fell in all locations, not excluding the judiciary finally arrives an exemplary sentence, and invoked for a long time, which can balance the relationship between managers and insurance companies." Satisfaction was also expressed by Faib Confesercenti Massa, who witnessed the manager." It seems to me that it creates a precedent that will sound as a warning to the world's oil – said Adriano Rapaioli, Coordinator of seat area Confesercenti Mass –. The Court recognized that "the abuse of economic dependence" and condemned the practice manager at Shell meanwhile applicant the same prices dell'AICO, Society competitor, even if the system does not have the self and at the moment can not compete on do it yourself, but the price is served, the day following the publication of the judgment was reduced by about 15 cents. Now practice the same prices of its competitors, the course served. We are satisfied because justice is done and why this ruling could open interesting scenarios for the category, after years of complaints and suffering for the managers and the union."

<http://royaldutchshellplc.com/2014/05/24/shell-found-guilty-of-fuel-price-fixing-in-italy/>

## USA, CA, TULARE, MAY 26 2014. CRASH AT TULARE GAS STATION INVESTIGATED

**Watch the Video** [Crash at Tulare Gas Station Investigated](#)

Tulare police are investigating a dangerous crash at a gas station. An Action News viewer sent in video from the scene. He says it happened on Saturday at the Valero on Prosperity Avenue. The video shows at least two vehicles and a pump were damaged. The Tulare Fire Department also responded to the incident. Authorities have not released any details about the crash, but they say more information may be available on Monday.

<http://abc30.com/news/crash-at-tulare-gas-station-investigated/76843/>

## QATAR, DOHA, MAY 26 2014. FIRE ERUPTS NEAR GAS STATION AT PEARL-QATAR

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**Photo's [9]** [Fire Erupts Near Gas Station at Pearl-Qatar](#)



Emergency responders have finished battling a fire at the [Pearl-Qatar](#) that raged for at least an hour and a half, according to the Ministry of Interior, which said the flames have been controlled without injury. However, half an hour later, smoke still appears to be coming off the site of the fire. According to witnesses there who spoke to Doha News, the fire is near the Woqod Petrol Station at the Pearl, opposite Medina Centrale. Flames apparently reached as high as two to three stories. Earlier in the morning, MOI tweeted that Civil Defense was working to bring the fire under control. One resident said the warehouse contained building materials. The fire is not near a residential area, though there are some villas close to the blaze. However, the proximity to the petrol station has worried some residents. Meanwhile, black smoke could be seen across the Corniche, as it billowed off the island across the Doha Bay. A spokesman for the United Development Company, which operates the Pearl, told Doha News he is looking into the matter. Fires are an increasingly common site in Qatar, especially as the weather heats up – much to the dismay of many residents. The petrol station has been

closed for now as a safety precaution, as fire officials spray the area with foam.

<http://dohanews.co/photos-fire-erupts-near-gas-station-pearl-qatar/>



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### USA, N.H, EAST HAVEN, MAY 26 2014. MAN REPORTEDLY ON FIRE AFTER CAR HITS POLE AT HESS GAS STATION IN EAST HAVEN



*The car, with its occupant in flames, crashed into a pole next to a pump at the Hess gas station on Frontage Road in East Haven May 24.*

A young man suffered third-degree burns over most of his body in a car fire Saturday evening. A witness said it appeared the interior of his Mitsubishi was on fire as he drove down Frontage Road and into the Hess gas station where he hit a pole next to a gas pump. The man reportedly was on fire as he got out of the car and started running. He was later transported to the hospital. East Haven Fire Chief Doug Jackson, who came to the scene after the 7 p.m. incident, said there will be a full investigation "because of the serious injuries to the operator of that vehicle. "He has critical injuries," Jackson said. "The car was heavily involved in fire and so was he." Jackson said a police officer was in the station on an unrelated matter, investigating a fender-bender accident. "We're trying to put it all together," Jackson said, as police interviewed witnesses. The

fire chief said the driver was alone in the vehicle. One young woman, apparently an acquaintance of the injured man, was in a car on the other side of the pump and saw the accident. "She was right near it," Jackson said, as people arrived to comfort her. The bumper of the damaged car was crumpled on the ground in front of the pump. The hood of the car was up and you could see the interior was burnt.

<http://www.nhregister.com/general-news/20140524/man-reportedly-on-fire-after-car-hits-pole-at-hess-gas-station-in-east-haven>

### USA, ILL, DOLTON, MAY 26 2014. DRIVER CRASHES INTO DOLTON GAS STATION



*A driver lost control and knocked out a support beam at a Shell gas station in south suburban Dolton, and then crashed into a gas pump.*

A driver lost control and knocked out a support beam at a Shell gas station in south suburban Dolton, and then crashed into a gas pump. The station's canopy toppled over. Fire officials say the man got out of his car and ran away from the scene. Police captured him in a nearby store parking lot. He was treated at a nearby hospital. No word yet if police were pursuing the man before he crashed.

<http://abc7chicago.com/news/driver-crashes-into-dolton-gas-station/77551/>

### NIGERIA, LAGOS, MAY 26 2014. EXPLOSION ROCKS LAGOS AS PETROL-LADEN TANKER CAPSIZES

A late night fire day rocked the Mile 2 bus-stop, along the Apapa/Oshodi Expressway, Lagos, when a petrol-laden tanker capsized, exploded and engulfed the area. Although no life was lost, the driver and the motor boy were said to have sustained varying degrees of injuries, as the fire had already burnt their clothes before passers-by helped stamp it out. The 33,000 litres capacity tanker, which was said to be heading to the Orile area of the state, was said to have lost control as the driver tried to take a turn down the bridge. Already, the inferno has caused a terrible traffic snarl that stretched from Auto-Wharf to Berger Yard, forcing some motorists to ply one-way on the ever busy expressway. The Public Relations Officer of the state Fire Service, who was simply identified as Amodu, said the fire started at about 10pm when the product-laden tanker swerved off the road and fell into a big ditch by the roadside. At the impact of the fall, the metal container of the tanker was said to have been punctured, thereby causing the explosion that led to the inferno. As at press time, the firemen from the Lagos State Fire Service, and their counterpart from Julius Berger Construction Company, were still battling the flame to contain it in its immediate environment. However, THISDAY gathered that one of the impediments that the fire service faced was the unavailability of the synthetic foam, which is more effective in containing fires of huge magnitude. One of the firemen who spoke on condition of anonymity said, "The water we came with will contain the flames at the immediate environment where the tanker exploded, but it would have been better if we had the foam.

<http://www.thisdaylive.com/articles/explosion-rocks-lagos-as-petrol-laden-tanker-capsizes/179376/>



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