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USA, GA, REBECCA, MAY 30 2014. PLANT WORKERS TREATED FOR CHLORINE EXPOSURE

Authorities in south Georgia say more than a dozen employees at a plant have been hospitalized after being exposed to chlorine. Turner County Emergency Management Agency Director Robby Royal tells WALB-TV (<http://bit.ly/1gBP1s3>) a worker at a vegetable processing plant in Rebecca was filling a bucket with water Wednesday and didn't realize that it was partially filled with chlorine. Royal says employees began feeling nauseous from the fumes and 15 people were taken to the Tift Regional Medical Center in Tifton. Tift Regional Medical Center spokeswoman Joy Davis says all 15 patients have been decontaminated and are in good condition. Rebecca is about 80 miles south of Macon.

<http://www.wrcbtv.com/story/25635948/ga-plan-workers-treated-for-chlorine-exposure>

ENGLAND, SUFFOLK, EYE, MAY 30 2014. FIRE CREWS DEAL WITH FIRE IN FUEL TANKER IN EYE

dominic bareham

Firefighters were called to deal with a fire in a fuel tanker in Eye this morning. Crews from East Harling, Diss and Harleston helped fire crews from Suffolk at the incident in Potash Lane shortly before 8am. A spokesman for Suffolk Fire Service said the fire was in the engine and had been put out before the arrival of the crews, who remained on scene until 8.18am to ensure the fire did not re-ignite. He added there did not appear to have been any danger of the fuel igniting and no evacuation was required, though any fire in a fuel tanker would cause concern.

http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/fire_crews_deal_with_fire_in_fuel_tanker_in_eye_1_3620350

USA, CA, RIALTO, MAY 31 2014. EPA TO TRAIN FOR JOBS AT CONTAMINATED SITE



A water-treatment facility that may be expanded to clean up Rialto's Superfund site.

The federal agency charged with overseeing cleanup of groundwater contamination in the Rialto-Colton basin is offering job training for people interested in working as part of the decontamination process. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Superfund Job Training Initiative will begin outreach next month through informational meetings and local listings to recruit and train up to 25 people to apply for jobs cleaning up the contaminated 160-acre Rockets, Fireworks and Flares Superfund site at Locust Avenue and Casa Grande Drive in Rialto, north of the 210 Freeway, said Viola Cooper, a program manager with the EPA. The two-week recruitment and three-week job training is aimed at providing job readiness to communities affected by Superfund sites, training them to become environmental technicians, material handlers, dump truck drivers and other skilled workers needed at clean-up sites. Contamination of the Rialto site began decades ago. The U.S. Army had used it as an ammunition backup storage facility in 1942. Materials likely included flares and other pyrotechnics containing perchlorate salts, according to the EPA. After World War II, fireworks companies, defense contractors and others used the property for manufacturing processes that included perchlorate salts and other contaminants. Perchlorate is a rocket-fuel additive that when ingested has been known to interfere with the thyroid gland. Trichloroethylene also contaminated the groundwater, an industrial cleaning solvent that has been linked to various cancers and affects the central nervous system. There are no guarantees that people who complete the training will be hired by the contractor building the water treatment facility for the clean-up, Cooper said. But EPA officials are working with the company to train people with skills the company needs. Rialto city officials say the training is one way to help decrease the 17 percent unemployment rate in the city. "I'm looking at getting it way past 25," Rialto Mayor Deborah Robertson said at a meeting last week about training more people. "This is a 40-year commitment, so it's going to be around for a while," Training is open to all candidates affected by the Superfund site, but disadvantaged populations and those without job experience are being sought to benefit those most often affected by hazardous waste sites, according to an EPA presentation to the City Council earlier this month. Some in the community have complained that type of outreach sidelines skilled workers. Only two job-training projects are started per year because of limited funding, Cooper said. San Francisco and Monterey have completed job training programs, in addition to Superfund sites across the country. In Rialto, construction of the water treatment facility is expected to begin in August or September, EPA project manager Wayne Praskins. It would expand an already existing facility on the northeast corner of North Linden Avenue and Miro Way, said Rialto Director of Development Services Robb Steel. The existing water treatment plant was built as part of a separate cleanup project overseen by the state. Construction should take about six months and



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cost about \$15 million, paid for by Emhart Industries, one of the companies believed to be responsible for part of the contamination, Praskins said. The money is part of a \$50 million settlement with Emhart. Total cleanup costs over the next 30 years are projected to reach \$100 million. A second water treatment facility that might need to be built would be paid for through a \$21.5 million settlement with Goodrich Corp. A project proposal for that phase is expected to be ready in 2015 or 2016, Praskins said.

<http://www.sbsun.com/government-and-politics/20140529/epa-to-train-for-jobs-at-contaminated-site>

USA, FLA, SATELLITE BEACH, MAY 31 2014. FUEL TANKER HITS GAS PUMP IN SATELLITE BEACH



A fuel tanker struck a gas pump at a gas station in Satellite Beach Friday morning.

It was quite the cleanup for crews in Satellite Beach today, after a semi-tanker hit a gas pump. Satellite Beach Police say the semi tanker was at this Shell Gas Station Friday morning to unload gasoline. That's when police say the driver hit the pump, spewing gas everywhere. Police estimate 30 to 50 gallons were gushing out before they could siphon off the fuel using the emergency shutoff valve on the side of the building. The Satellite Beach Fire Department was called in to suppress the fumes, but there was still a heavy gas odor in the area. Crews were called in to help clean up the spill. Police say the driver of the semi was ticketed for a traffic violation.

http://www.mynews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/news/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2014/5/30/fuel_tanker_hits_gas.html

USA, N.J, RARITAN TWP, MAY 31 2014. OVERTURNED TANKER ON DVOOR CIRCLE LIKELY SPILLED 2,000 GALLONS OF DIESEL

 **Watch the Video** [Overturned Tanker Likely Spilled 2,000 Gallons of Diesel](#)

 **Photo's [20]** [Overturned Tanker Likely Spilled 2,000 Gallons of Diesel](#)



A crew from Atlantic Response on May 29, 2014 in Raritan Township continues the cleanup of diesel fuel spilled when a tanker truck overturned May 19 on the nearby Dvoor Circle.

A tanker truck that [overturned on the Dvoor Circle](#) on Route 12 on May 19 apparently spilled 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel. A crew from Atlantic Response was bagging and removing materials yesterday from the nearby Walnut Creek, which crosses under Mine Street in Flemington. A member of the crew said that was the amount spilled from the tanker, which had a 7,500-gallon capacity. A strong odor of fuel blanketed the brook-side area where the men worked. The tanker was "somewhat full" when it overturned, township Emergency Management Coordinator Frank Veneziale said earlier, but initial responders worked quickly to contain the spill. The accident and subsequent hazmat

cleanup closed all or portions of roads at the circle for nearly 12 hours, but absorbent material has remained in the creek. The accident happened in front of the former Dvoor barn. Tanker driver Ramon A. Caba-Taveras, 44, of Perth Amboy was [charged with careless driving](#) in connection with the accident. He was driving for Debra Petroleum Product of West Caldwell. Raritan Township police investigated. Lt. Al Payne said, it "appears that speed and driver inattention were the cause of the accident." Caba-Taveras didn't report any injuries. First reports indicated the truck was smoking, and a live downed wire was nearby. JCP&L crews responded, and there were no evacuations ordered. Veneziale said spilled diesel that escaped initial control measures was being [siphoned into barrels for disposal](#), if possible. "It is a prolonged operation," said Veneziale, "and the safest thing to do for the environment." Diesel still in the overturned tanker was transferred to trucks belonging to area fuel companies. The cleanup is now under the direction of a company called after such accidents. He said that soil will be tested and remediation will be undertaken so that there is "no long-term impact to the community." The Dvoor property is the site of the [Hunterdon Land Trust Farmers' Market](#) held Sunday mornings.

http://www.nj.com/hunterdon-county-democrat/index.ssf/2014/05/overturned_tanker_on_dvoor_cir.html



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NEW ZEALAND, CANTERBURY, MAY 31 2014. PETROL TANKER COLLIDES WITH VAN

A petrol tanker and a van full of elderly people collided this morning on Old West Coast Rd near Yaldhurst, Canterbury. A police spokesperson said the incident occurred shortly after 9am this morning when a school van carrying elderly people hit the petrol tanker. It was unclear what caused the crash but about four people were being treated at the scene for minor injuries. The spokesperson said because the crash involved a petrol tanker there were fears it may have been more serious.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/news/southern/10107147/Petrol-tanker-collides-with-van>

USA, N.J, PRINCETON, MAY 31 2014. DISCHARGE DISCOVERED AROUND FUEL TANK AT FORMER HOSPITAL SITE AVALONBAY PROPOSES TO DEVELOP

nicole mulvaney



Rendering of AvalonBay development planned for the former University Medical Center site on Witherspoon Street.

Evidence of discharge was discovered this week around a 6,000-gallon abandoned fuel tank that contractors removed from the former University Medical Center site in the process of readying the hospital for demolition, town officials said. AvalonBay proposes turning the Witherspoon Street site into 280 residential rental units for moderate, low-income and very low-income families.

The developer filed suit against the town, council, Mayor Liz Lempert and several municipal department heads earlier this month, balking at the town's attempt to impose higher environmental control standards recommended by Ira Whitman, a consultant council hired to assess concerns at the work site. Environmental concerns have been raised continually as town officials and residents urge AvalonBay to proceed with caution. Eisco Environmental began removing a total of six underground fuel storage tanks from the site last week. During the process, an odor of discharge was detected in soil surrounding one of the heating oil tanks located between the hospital and parking garage, municipal engineer Bob Kiser said. He noted the tank was abandoned and filled with sand in the 1960s. "When they pulled it out, they detected some odor in the soil and checked the perimeter and felt the soil should be tested due to the odor that they detected on the sides of the tank," Kiser said. "It must've leaked prior to the tank being abandoned because there wasn't any product in the tank when they removed the sand." The state's Department of Environmental Protection was notified May 22, and any soil found with discharge will be removed from the site and disposed of at a DEP-approved facility, Kiser said. AvalonBay's environmental consultant, EcolSciences, is in charge of testing the tainted soil and pledged "to keep us totally informed regarding this matter," Kiser said. "The good news is that the material is sort of like molasses, so it doesn't move a large distance, and the discharge is into the soil," Kiser said. "We'll certainly be looking for those tests to be coming back so we can fully check any impacts that may have occurred due to that leak." No petroleum contamination was found in connection with the four other tanks. Removal of the second 6,000-gallon tank is expected to be completed this week, Kiser said. The Yannuzzi Corp. started removing asbestos from inside the hospital buildings last week. Workers are double-bagging and securing the asbestos in a storage area inside the hospital before it is loaded into a sealed container and taken offsite for disposal, Kiser said. So far, one asbestos-filled container has been removed from the site, and this work is anticipated to continue for two months, Kiser said. "The asbestos is being removed section by section following proper protocol and safety procedures," he said. Yannuzzi is continuing to remove various items from inside the buildings that will be recycled or disposed of, including carpeting, non-asbestos ceiling tiles, light fixtures, copper water piping and electrical wiring. This work is anticipated to continue for another two weeks. Whitman and representatives of the town's building, engineering and health departments have been monitoring progress at the site, Kiser said. "There's lots and lots of eyes watching the entire operation. I'm very impressed with the manner in which they are conducting their activities," Kiser said. "They're keeping everything separated and taking all the proper safety precautions relating to the removal of asbestos." AvalonBay filed for demolition permits, but those cannot be granted unless the developer signs off on the testing requirements outlined in the developer's agreement, approved by council last month, because the two are bound together, Kiser said. A neighborhood meeting is scheduled Monday at 7 p.m. at the municipal building on Witherspoon Street. Whitman, Lempert, council members and representatives of the town's engineering, building, health and police departments will discuss the project and answer questions. AvalonBay officials declined an invitation to take part in the meeting.

http://www.nj.com/mercer/index.ssf/2014/05/discharge_discovered_around_fuel_tank_at_former_hospital_site_avalonbay_proposes_to_develop.html



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USA, CA, SACRAMENTO, MAY 31 2014. STATE SUES 35 FOR LEAKING UNDERGROUND

- Names 19 individuals, 17 businesses
- "It is even more crucial now, during California's drought, to protect groundwater"

The State Water Resources Control Board says leaking underground tanks in ten gas stations and convenience stores in the North Valley have prompted it to sue 19 individuals and 17 businesses. The complaint targets Azad Amiri and Sarbjit Kang as the real owners of the businesses. The lawsuit seeks a judgment of \$5,000 per day per violation and to forbid further operation of the businesses. The locations are in Sacramento, Yuba, Placer, El Dorado and Contra Costa counties. Violations alleged in the lawsuit include failures to maintain line leak detectors and overfill prevention and secondary containment systems, repeated failures to test monitoring equipment and secondary containment systems and failing to properly close an underground storage tank. "It is even more crucial now, during California's drought, to protect groundwater," says Cris Carrigan, director of the State Water Board's Office of Enforcement. "State law requires underground tanks to be constructed and maintained in a manner that prevents releases of petroleum to groundwater." The lawsuit was filed in Sacramento County Superior Court.

<http://www.centralvalleybusinesstimes.com/stories/001/?ID=25969>

USA, ILL, JEFFERSON CO, MAY 31 2014. ETHANOL TANKER ROLLOVER CLOSURES PORTIONS OF I-64, ROUTE 37

A semi hauling ethanol has rolled onto its side on the exit ramp from Interstate 64 westbound to Illinois Route 37 south of Mt. Vernon. The spill is contained, but as a precaution, a one thousand foot radius around the scene is being closed as a precaution. That means I-64 eastbound traffic is being diverted at the south I-57 / I-64 split. I-64 westbound traffic is being diverted off the interstate at the Belle Rive exit 89. Illinois Route 37 is closed both north and south bound for the prescribed 1,000 feet. Crews expect things to reopen by 10 a.m. Friday. Once the tank is off loaded and up righted, it is expected the only road closure will be the I-64 west bound exit ramp to Illinois Route 37. Mount Vernon Fire Department's HAZMAT Team is on scene.

<http://www.wsiltv.com/news/local/Portion-of--261241451.html>

USA, TX, GRAYSON CO, MAY 31 2014. STATE FIRE MARSHAL MEETS WITH EMERGENCY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS AMMONIUM NITRATE FACILITY SAFETY

ashley park

 **Watch the Video** [State Fire Marshal & Emergency Officials Discuss Ammonium Nitrate Facility Safety](#)



The fertilizer facility in Athens contained ammonium nitrate, the same chemical housed in the plant that exploded in West, Texas last year, and the same chemicals found in a fertilizer plant right here in Texoma. Thursday, the State Fire Marshal met with Grayson County emergency officials to review the best safety practices when working with facilities containing ammonium nitrate. The State Fire Marshal tells News12 there are 95 facilities in Texas with at least 10,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate or more. He fire marshal says with more concern for fertilizer fires, it is even more crucial for emergency officials to have a safety plan in place when working with hazardous material. Following the West fertilizer plant explosion in April of 2013, emergency officials from all

around the state are taking a look at their plans to prevent a similar tragedy, especially first responders in Whitewright, where two fertilizer plants are located. Both are on Bond Street by the high school. "We are going over best practices, whether it be hazardous material instances, or general firefighter safety," said State Fire Marshal, Chris Connealy. Connealy met with emergency officials from all around Grayson County to teach them how to safely handle ammonium nitrate and talk about emergency scenarios. Connealy says a predetermined safety plan should always be in place when working with a hazardous material. "Train on these events, and make sure we have a pre-fire plan these facilities," Connealy said. "The best way to get information about a target hazard community is to have the fire department go out there and do an assessment, so that if there is an emergency, they know what they're rolling into." Whitewright Mayor, Allen West, says this information is vital for their emergency responders -- who would be the first on the scene if something happened at one of the plants in the city. "When I look at this, I'll know more about the quantity and the force of it. I know it's very bad in the explosive feature but I'd like to have more personal knowledge so that maybe I can do my job better and protect the citizens better," West said. Connealy says the West explosion killed 10 first responders and while no injuries have been reported in the Athens plant fire, he says being more



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aware of the chemical and how to deal with it in emergencies could save not only lives of the citizens, but of first responders as well. "We wanna make sure the firefighters go home at the end of their shift," Connealy said. To get more information about ammonium nitrate facilities, you can search the State Fire Marshal's website: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/fire/Index.html>

 **Related Stories** [Federal regulations for ammonium nitrate found lacking](http://www.kxii.com/home/headlines/State-Fire-Marshall-meets-with-emergency-officials-to-discuss-ammonium-nitrate-facility-safety-261193971.html?ref=971)

<http://www.kxii.com/home/headlines/State-Fire-Marshall-meets-with-emergency-officials-to-discuss-ammonium-nitrate-facility-safety-261193971.html?ref=971>

USA, N.J, PAULSBORO, MAY 31 2014. TRAIN DERAILMENT LEADS TO MAJORITY OF TOWN GETTING SICK, SAYS REPORT >> TRAIN DERAILMENT HAS LED TO SICKNESSES AND LAWSUITS.

olivia reiner

The National Transportation Safety Board(NTSB) disclosed information last week discussing the illnesses resulting from a train derailment's release of noxious gas in Paulsboro, N.J. a year-and-a-half ago. A survey from the New Jersey Health Department acknowledged that the majority of Paulsboro residents experienced numerous health issues following the accident. NBC10 recently released an update:

- Residents reported upper respiratory problems, dizziness and eye irritation.
- Symptoms were reported most often by those who were closest to the spill.

Immediately after the accident in 2012, theNTSB reported that local hospitals admitted and later released 22 Paulsboro locals. NBC10 also has the details of the chemicals released in the crash:

- Six of the train's cars were dumped into Mantua Creek. Four of the cars contained vinyl chloride, a colorless flammable gas with a sweet odor that is used primarily to make polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipes and that evaporates quickly.
- One of the train cars was compromised, releasing about 180,000 pounds of the chemical into the creek, according to Conrail spokesperson John Enright.
- Acute exposure to vinyl chloride via inhalation can cause dizziness, drowsiness, headaches, and even a loss of consciousness, and it is reported to be slightly irritating to the eyes and respiratory tract, according to a statement from Gloucester County Freeholder Director Robert Damming.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/philadelphia/news/2014/05/29/train-derailment-leads-to-majority-of-town-getting.html>

USA, W.VA, CHARLESTON, MAY 31 2014. STORAGE TANK WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING IN WEST VIRGINIA

A West Virginia website will provide information and online registration for aboveground storage tank owners to comply with a new law. The site explains the law written in response to a [January chemical spill](#). The Department of Environmental Protection estimates tens of thousands of tanks will be affected. The law takes effect June 6. Tank registration is expected to start June 10, but owners are encouraged to get usernames in advance. Inventory and registration of aboveground tanks must be completed by Oct. 1. On Jan. 9, a Freedom Industries tank leaked chemicals into 300,000 West Virginians' water supply. The spill spurred a water-use ban for days. The website includes public comments as DEP crafts regulations for consideration in the legislative session starting January 2015.

<http://www.claimsjournal.com/news/southeast/2014/05/30/249576.htm>

CANADA, ONT, KITCHENER, MAY 32 2014. QUESTIONS OVER CLEANUP AT CONTAMINATED GAS STATION SITE

 **Watch the Video** [Questions Over Cleanup at Contaminated Gas Station Site](#)



The former site of Heidelberg Motors on Lobsinger Line is seen on Friday, May 30, 2014.

It's not clear exactly what cleanup crews have found under the site of a former gas station and auto repair shop north of Waterloo. Nor is it clear how long it will take to remove all the contaminants from the site. That worries Alan Marshall, a local environmental watchdog. "There is a lack of accountability, a lack of transparency ... with the local residents and with Woolwich council," he says. The site Marshall is referring to is the former Heidelberg Motors business on Lobsinger Line. Owned by Bill Strauss, the former mayor of Woolwich Township, the site first made news in 2007 when its contamination was discovered. Last

month, Imperial Oil – which supplied gas to Strauss – agreed to pay the region \$500,000 in connection with the site. A



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spokesperson for Imperial Oil says the settlement included a clause forbidding company officials from discussing the case publicly, but air quality and water quality tests in the area show no immediate danger. "There's nothing to indicate that residents in the area have anything to be concerned about," says Killeen Kelly. According to the Ministry of the Environment, the site contains a number of hydrocarbons, which would have come from gasoline. What hasn't been made public – if it's been determined at all – is how much soil contains the hydrocarbons, and how long the cleanup will take. "The work will be ongoing for some time," says Kelly. "Our main objective is to effectively and safely carry out the work without disrupting traffic and businesses in the area."

<http://kitchener.ctvnews.ca/questions-over-cleanup-at-contaminated-gas-station-site-1.1846266>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, YARRAVILLE, MAY 31 2014. CARGO SHIP BERTHED AT YARRAVILLE LEAKS ACID

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Emergency crews were called to the Port of Melbourne after a cargo ship carrying hydrochloric acid noticed a leaking tank on Saturday morning. Crew aboard the Captaine Tasman were approaching Melbourne when they saw a leak in a 20,000 litre tank containing 33 per cent acid. MFB Dangerous Goods were notified and met the ship when it berthed at Yarraville dock about 10am. An MFB spokesman said the acid leaked onto the ship and did not enter Port Phillip Bay. Paramedics, police and WorkSafe inspectors attended. The EPA has been notified.

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/cargo-ship-berthed-at-yarraville-leaks-acid-20140531-39aum.html>

USA, WI, BOYCEVILLE, MAY 31 2014. HAZMAT TEAM RESPONDS TO GAS LEAK AT ETHANOL PLANT

A hazmat team responded to a possible gas leak at an ethanol plant in Boyceville Thursday afternoon. According to Boyceville EMS Chief, Matt Feeney, one person was taken to a local hospital. There's no word yet on what caused the leak. EMS staff and some crew members had to be decontaminated. Multiple agencies responded.

<http://www.weau.com/home/headlines/Hazmat-team-responds-to-gas-leak-at-ethanol-plant-261286941.html>

USA, IL, MT VERNON, JUNE 1 2014. OVERTURNED ETHANOL TANKER TRUCK CLOSES I-64 AND ROUTE 37 IN MT. VERNON

bruce kropp

A 57-year-old Jasper, Indiana truck driver escaped injury when the tanker truck he was driving overturned on the Interstate 57 exit ramp to Route 37 on the south side of Mt. Vernon. State Police say Donald Weyer was traveling too fast to safely negotiate the ramp. The tank, containing Ethanol, had a small leak due to the crash. First responders initially set up the prescribed isolation distance of 150 feet from the scene. While the semi was being off loaded and uprighted, there was a 1,000 foot radius perimeter set up around the scene as a precautionary measure. As a result, both I-64 east and westbound and Illinois Route 37 were closed for approximately five hours beginning at 7:50 Friday morning. The highways were reopened once the offloading and uprighting process had been completed. Two of the ramps at the interchange were closed until two pm when the cleanup was completed. Weyer was ticketed for driving too fast for condition. State Police say the investigation shows driver fatigue was also a contributing factor in the crash. The wreck was first reported at 4:41 Friday morning. Illinois State Police were joined by Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Mt. Vernon Police, Mt. Vernon Fire Department HAZMAT Team, Jefferson County Rural Fire Department and Illinois Department of Transportation in handling the cleanup.

<http://www.wjbradio.com/LocalNews/Overtured-Tanker-Truck-Closes-I-64-and-Route-37-in-Mt--Vernon>

USA, PA, DALMATIA, JUNE 1 2014. 1,250-GAL. SPILL MAY COST LM \$141,000 >> DISTRICT FACES 30-DAY DEADLINE, BEING THREATENED BY LEGAL ACTION

justin strawser

The Line Mountain School District has 30 days to pay the Lower Mahanoy Township Municipal Authority \$140,934 for the cleanup of a February fuel spill at a former elementary school, or it will face legal action. Approximately 1,250 gallons of heating oil leaked from the former Dalmatia Elementary School and into the authority's wastewater treatment plant after a pressure gauge broke Feb. 10, prompting a response from the state Department of Environmental Protection. The invoice includes a \$127,877.37 line item from Northridge Group Inc., Northumberland, which was hired to clean the leak, and \$13,056 in associated authority costs. The 15-page Northridge invoice, dated May 23, obtained through a Right to know Request submitted to the municipal authority and school district, details what equipment and tactics were used to complete the environmental cleanup. Most of the individual expenses are between \$100 and \$1,000, but Northridge also charged \$14,883



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for subcontracted services to Roy Adams & Son Inc.; \$19,822 for subcontracted services to PESI; and \$34,955 for disposal of the oil/water/sludge at Hazelton Oil and Environmental Inc. The individual authority costs include materials, equipment, legal fees and personnel compensation for plant workers that consist of \$3,256 for plant manager Rick Spotts and \$426.85 for authority employees Denise Welker and Jason Yeager. On the authority invoice, the largest expense was \$6,720 for sludge removal from Roy Adams & Son. Line Mountain solicitor Rich Roberts said the bill was forwarded to the district's insurance carrier, Liberty Mutual. "We're waiting on their answer," Roberts said. "Before we do anything, we want to hear from them if we have any coverage (for this particular claim)." The district pays \$62,598 for insurance coverage, which includes property, crime, inland marine, general liability, professional liability, automobile, umbrella and accident. The amount was lower than expected, Roberts said. The sewer plant, located at 132 River Road, is approximately a half-mile away from Dalmatia. Servicing 234 customers, it processes approximately 30,000 gallons of sewage a day. The Dalmatia building was not in use by the district for educational purposes when the leak occurred. It and Leck Kill Elementary were closed at the end of the 2012-13 school year as part of a consolidation plan. In March, the school board put McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC, of Harrisburg, on retainer for representation should the heating oil issue go to litigation. The district is not facing any penalties from DEP as no water sources or soil were contaminated.

http://www.dailyitem.com/0100_news/x1760084447/1-250-gal-spill-may-cost-LM-141-000

USA, N.Y, ALBANY, JUNE 1 2014. THRUWAY LANES REOPEN AFTER TANKER FIRE

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State Thruway lanes have reopened west of the Exit 24 toll booths after a tanker truck fire Saturday afternoon, officials said. The fire broke out about 4 p.m. and caused traffic to be diverted in the westbound lanes. Fire on the truck, which carried gas and diesel, was extinguished a few minutes later and the lanes reopened at about 4:45 p.m., the state [Department of Transportation](#) said. No other vehicles were involved, said [State Police](#) Sgt. [Thomas Burroughs](#).

<http://www.timesunion.com/default/article/Thruway-lanes-reopen-after-tanker-fire-5519516.php>

CANADA, B.C, SHUSWAP, JUNE 1 2014. SMALL OIL SPILL IN SHUSWAP

bill everitt



An oily substance was discovered making its way into Shuswap Lake.

A small oil spill was discovered in Shuswap Lake on Thursday. On May 29, Salmon Arm public works and fire department responded to a call of an oily substance making its way into Shuswap Lake. The spill was located west of Marine Park Drive and had a pungent odour, similar to diesel or solvent. Responding crews were able to clean up the oily substance with absorbent material - the flow is now reported to be clear and free from any substance. Responders did not report any damage to wildlife or birds within the spill area. Investigators have not been able to determine the source or how it entered Salmon Arm's storm drain system.

<http://www.castanet.net/edition/news-story-116266-48-.htm>

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, CALOUNDRA, JUNE 2 2014. CAMERA FLASH BELIEVED TO BE CAUSE OF POWERFUL GAS EXPLOSION

megan mackander

Fire investigators believe a camera flash could have sparked a powerful gas explosion that has left a Sunshine Coast woman with burns to her face. In what appears to be a rare and almost freakish accident, a woman taking photos on an SLR camera walked into a gas cloud created by a leaking cylinder on an outdoor barbecue. Fire investigators believe the powerful flash on her camera ignited the explosion. The 35-year-old suffered burns to her face and arms and was rushed to Nambour General Hospital for treatment. Caloundra area commander Jon Webb said the woman and her husband had recently finished building the house for someone else and were photographing their finished product. The barbecue was specially designed and installed for the outdoor space on the veranda and Mr Webb believes gas was fed through hosing from a central cylinder. "The



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lady was taking photos of the home because it was just finished and she must have been standing in a gas cloud or near the cloud and when she was taking the photos it has ignited, causing the explosion," Mr Webb said. "It is possible the gas leaked over time and has filled the space and that's when explosions can happen. "This is very rare, but we are not treating this as suspicious, just a terrible accident. The force of the explosion would have been extremely loud and powerful and would have been frightening. "This is a reminder that if you ever do smell gas, that you call the authorities. "Regular checks of cylinders to make sure that they are not past their used-by date are really important. "Always check hose fittings and barbecues to make sure cylinders or hoses haven't perished in the heat." Firefighters were unable to explain yesterday how the flash may have caused the explosion, however they indicated it was a similar principle to mobile phones causing explosions at petrol stations. Fire investigators and the Department of Natural Resources and Mines are investigating the incident.

<http://www.sunshinecoastdaily.com.au/news/camera-flash-may-have-set-off-blast/2276305/>

USA, GA, MARIETTA, JUNE 2 2014. THE FIRE FALLOUT: STATE, FEDERAL AGENCIES INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE CONTAMINATION FROM MARIETTA CHEMICAL FIRE

rachel gray



Marietta fire personnel remained on the scene on May 24 pouring water on a structure after a two-alarm fire broke out May 23 at AmRep, a company specializing in aerosols and bulk chemicals. Officials from the county's hazmat unit and Marietta's water department say the state is investigating a 'fish kill' in Sope Creek that might be linked to the fire.

Officials from the county's hazmat unit and Marietta's water department say the state is investigating a "fish kill" in Sope Creek that might be linked to a May 23 fire at a chemical plant. AmRep's manufacturing center on Industrial Park Road near Cobb Parkway and Allgood Road in Marietta, which makes professional-grade chemical products, broke out in a two-alarm fire more than a week ago, engulfing the entire warehouse and burning a building to the ground. Days after the fire, Cobb residents called Marietta Power and Water to report dead and dying fish in Sope Creek, which runs a little more than 2 miles south of where the AmRep fire blazed and then flows downstream into east Cobb. Bob Snelson, director of Marietta Water, said the city department contacted the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in response to the reports from residents. "The DNR sent out a state biologist with their Wildlife Resources Division, and the biologist determined that the fish kill had ended by Sunday (May 25) and by Sunday afternoon, the area had returned to normal conditions," according to the city's spokeswoman, Lindsey Thompson Wiles. The investigation is ongoing and the DNR is actively monitoring the situation at Sope Creek, Wiles said. Monitoring air and water conditions were underway soon after the fire broke out, according to Battalion Chief Scott Demkowski of Cobb Fire's hazmat team. Two hours after the fire started, Demkowski said a crew of roughly eight people checked air and water qualities, looking for "volatile organic compounds" or explosive chemical fumes. "Nothing hit outside of the normal limits," he said. At 2:30 a.m. the morning after the fire, Demkowski said his team tested nearby water again, but nothing on the test strips gave a cause for concern. The test was performed along with a member of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, who told Demkowski there were reports of "fish stress" in the area. Cobb Fire's hazmat team was put in charge of monitoring during the incident — but not cleanup — and further testing is now the responsibility of other state and federal departments such as the Environmental Protection Agency. Demkowski said because of the destruction caused by the fire and not knowing what chemicals the ware-house had on hand or where certain products were stored, "we honestly don't know which (chemicals) were released." "There are numerous — several hundred chemicals — that are normally stored on site there," he said. According to a report about the fire sent to the Securities and Exchange Commission by Zep Inc., which owns the AmRep facility in Marietta, the plant produces "60 million cans of various aerosol products at the facility," including cleaning chemicals, lubricants and automotive breaker cleaner. The report outlines the company's casualty and business-interruption insurance, which will start coverage after a \$1 million deductible. Marietta Police spokesman Officer David Baldwin said no one was hurt at the time of the fire, but the report by Zep Inc. listed two employees had reported minor injuries. On the night of the fire, Baldwin said the fumes from the smoke plumes were not toxic, but about 200 people in the surrounding area, including the Walker School, were evacuated. About 25 emergency units from both Cobb and Marietta responded to the blaze, along with two foam-spraying trucks from Lockheed-Martin. It took until about 4 a.m. to completely extinguish the fire. Hazmat teams from Cobb and Marietta on the scene were called into service as well, Demkowski said. "A lot of hazmat technicians were engaged



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in firefighting activity," he said. Investigators have yet to determine what started the fire, though arson has been ruled out, Baldwin said.

http://www.mdjonline.com/view/full_story/25221149/article-The-fire-fallout--State--federal-agencies-investigate-possible-contamination-from-Marietta-chemical-fire--

CANADA, ONT, TOTOONTO, JUNE 2 2014. FIREFIGHTERS CONTAIN CHEMICAL SPILL ON HUMBER RIVER

 **Watch the Video** [Firefighters contain solvent spill on Humber River](#)

A chemical spill on the Humber River has been contained after dozens of firefighters fanned out to identify the source Saturday night. Some 40 firefighters and 10 fire trucks were called in to help after a citizen noticed what appeared to be an oil spill on the river near Albion Road around 7:15 p.m. The incident was raised to a Level 2 hazmat call in order to bring in extra staff and resources to identify the spill site. Firefighters were eventually able to trace the source of the substance to a storm drain near Islington Road. District Chief John Zovak told CP24 it appears as if some sort of solvent was dumped in the drain. However firefighters have yet to identify the substance. The spill was contained around 9:30 p.m. and the substance appears to have dissipated in the water, Zovak said. However hazmat units are still checking the river area south of the spill site. Zovak said the fire department will be working to clean up the spill in consultation with the Ministry of the Environment.

<http://www.cp24.com/news/firefighters-contain-chemical-spill-on-humber-river-1.1847559>

OMAN, MUSCAT, JUNE 2 2014. ROYAL OMAN POLICE: FILLING YOUR CAR TANK FULL WON'T CAUSE EXPLOSION

faizul haqu

Officials of Royal Oman Police (ROP) and Public Authority of Civil Defence and Ambulances (PACDA) have clarified that there is no truth to the emails and mobile phone messages circulating in the country claiming that petrol tanks of automobile should not be filled to the full as it could cause explosion in the high heat. Several readers called up Times of Oman to verify the authenticity of the emails and mobile messages which were warning them against full filling of petrol tankers of their vehicles. It has been noticed that such messages were rife on mobile phones and other social media tools, an ROP official told Times of Oman. However, ROP and PACDA have urged people not to pay heed to such misleading messages. The message, which was circulated through mobile phones and social media and created a sort of panic among motorists on Friday and Saturday, said: "Due to increase of temperature in the next days, please don't fill petrol to the max. It will cause explosion in the fuel tank." It further suggested: "If you want petrol, then fill to half and leave a space for air. This week five explosive accidents happened due to filling petrol to maximum." However, the ROP official made clear that any such messages do not serve public good; instead, they harm the common interest as in most cases they are misleading. "If required, only ROP and PACDA issue such warnings," the ROP official told Times of Oman.

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Though the main source of the message was not known, the warning was attributed to an oil company. When contacted, a senior official of this oil company categorically denied having issued any such formal warning to people against filling petrol to the full in cars. An official of the oil company told Times of Oman that within the organisation, as part of their health, safety and environment (HSE) practices, the employees were advised not to fill their car tanks full to the brim as it may cause accidents. "It is also not good for the car to be full with petrol for a better performance on roads," he said. "The tendency is that people go to the petrol stations and fill their car tanks to the full. For proper flow of petrol in the engine, there must be some space left for air. It helps the fuel stream work properly. This is a logical and scientific thing," he explained.

<http://www.timesofoman.com/News/34614/Article-Royal-Oman-Police-Filling-your-car-tank-full-won't-cause-explosion>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SASSAFRAS, JUNE 2 2014. FUEL TANKER OVERTURNS

A fuel tanker overturned on Saturday, spilling diesel fuel onto Nerriga Road, Sassafras. At 7.10am the Mitsubishi Fuso tanker was negotiating a corner when it slid on the wet road. The tanker hit the guard rail and tipped onto its side. The front fuel tank ruptured, spilling diesel onto the road. Emergency services, including a NSW Fire and Rescue HAZMAT team, responded to the accident and a traffic contra-flow was put in place while the scene was cleaned up. The driver of the fuel tanker, a 62-year-old New Berrima man received minor cuts and bruises as a result of the accident. Police are investigating the cause of the collision and would like to hear from any witnesses who have not already spoken to police.

<http://www.southcoastregister.com.au/story/2320886/fuel-tanker-overturms/?cs=203>



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USA, OK, TULSA, JUNE 2 2014. TRAIN DERAILED UNDERNEATH 23RD STREET BRIDGE; FLAMMABLE LIQUID LEAKING FROM TRAIN, HAZMAT ON SCENE

Tulsa Police officers say a train derailed underneath the 23rd street bridge at I-244 around 9:30 p.m. Saturday. Hazmat crews were called to the scene to contain and clean up flammable liquid that was leaking from the train, officials say. ODOT officials say the train made contact with one of the 23rd Street exit bridge piers. Inspectors will inspect the bridge on Monday to determine if there has been any damage.

<http://www.kjrh.com/news/local-news/train-derailed-underneath-23rd-street-bridge-flammable-liquid-leaking-from-train-hazmat-on-scene>

USA, LA, BATON ROUGE, JUNE 2 2014. LOUISIANA'S REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF OIL AND GAS WELLS, INCLUDING 'ORPHANED' WELLS, IS INADEQUATE, LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR FINDS

mark schleifstein

 Document A PDF version of the report is available [here](#).



Equipment at a Department of Natural Resources orphan well clean-up job site in St. Mary Parish in 2010.

The state [Department of Natural Resources'](#) Office of Conservation is doing an inadequate job of regulating and inspecting the state's [oil and gas wells](#), and is not properly overseeing a growing number of "orphaned" wells abandoned by private operators, according to a report released Monday by [Legislative Auditor Daryl Purpera](#). The result is an increasing state financial burden for cleaning up environmental problems caused by improperly operated wells and for plugging wells that have been abandoned by oil and gas companies, the report concluded. The report was released as [Gov. Bobby Jindal](#) is poised to sign several bills protecting the oil and gas industry from "legacy lawsuits" filed by private landowners and the [Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East](#) to repair environmental damage caused by their operations. The report

recommended that the Legislature increase oil and gas production fees levied by the state and identify other sources of funds to cover the cost of plugging thousands of orphaned wells in the state. "The current production fee is not sufficient to address the current population of orphaned wells," the report concluded. The state's existing production fees are \$0.015 per barrel of oil and condensate produced and \$0.003 for every thousand feet of natural gas produced, which resulted in \$4.8 million being collected in the 2013 fiscal year. Unlike other leading oil and gas production states -- including Texas, Oklahoma and California -- Louisiana has only required 25 percent of the state's 57,819 wells to be properly covered by financial security agreements, the report said. That's because the state's financial security law that took effect in 2000 resulted in 18,000 wells being grandfathered, and state officials have found that another 24,000 wells meet exemption criteria set up by the law. The financial security requirements are used by the state to plug a well if it is abandoned -- "orphaned" -- by an operator. "As of July 1, 2013, there were 2,846 orphaned wells that have not been plugged," said a news release announcing the audit. "Since the financial security requirements took effect, 397 wells have been orphaned by operators exempt from providing financial security." And the report also found that the amount of financial security required by the law for those operators that aren't exempt from its requirements is "not sufficient to cover the cost of plugging all wells," the report said. It found that Louisiana has one of the lowest financial security amounts required for wells on land that are drilled to less than 3,000 feet deep. The report found that the median cost of plugging land wells drilled to less than 3,000 feet was \$7 per foot, while the median cost to plug wells drilled in inland waters was \$18 per foot. But the Office of Conservation regulations only require security covering \$1 per foot and \$8 per foot, respectively, the report said. "For example, an operator with a land well with a depth of 1,700 feet would only be required to provide \$1,700 in financial security," the report said. "However, actual plugging costs would be approximately \$11,900, a difference of \$10,200." And that doesn't cover the additional cost of remediating environmental damage at the well site, the report said. "Not having sufficient financial security to cover the cost to plug wells may provide an incentive for operators to orphan wells instead of plugging" them, the report found. "For example, if the financial security amount is too low, operators may abandon the well and forfeit the financial security because it is cheaper to abandon the well than to pay the actual cost to plug the well." The 25 percent of the state's wells covered by financial security means nearly \$50 million is available to pay for plugging and cleanup. If the same amount of security were required for the 75 percent of wells exempt because of grandfathering or exemptions, it would total nearly \$150 million. Other states require minimum financial



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security amounts per well of \$4,000 in Pennsylvania, \$15,000 in California, and \$100,000 in Alaska, the report found. The report also found that the Office of Conservation failed to inspect at least 53 percent of the 50,960 oil and gas wells in the state at least once every three years between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2013, as required by department rules. That resulted in more than 12,700 wells not being inspected at all during that time, according to the news release. The Office of Conservation also has failed to develop an effective enforcement process to address noncompliance, the report said. It found that 7,665 routine inspections showed one or more violations between 2008 and 2013, but the audit found no record of compliance orders in 15 percent of those cases, and not all wells were re-inspected to determine if the violations were corrected. "Although the agency has the authority to impose civil penalties for violations, it does so infrequently," said the news release. The report found that since fiscal year 2008, the Office of Conservation has only levied an average \$150,468 in penalties for inspection violations. It decided against levying another \$471,000 in penalties that could have been charged for violations, the report found. The conservation office also is ineffective in identifying inactive wells and didn't consistently insure such wells were properly plugged when they had no future use, as required by state regulations. "Although inactive wells pose environmental and public safety risks and may become orphaned, the state did not issue orders to plug 86 percent of inactive wells reported by operators as having no future use," the news release said. The state also is not requiring operators to specify when a well may be used again, the report found. "As a result, wells can be placed in this status for extended periods of time to avoid being plugged and are at a higher risk of becoming orphaned," the report said. It found that of the 11,269 wells listed as being in inactive status with future use as of June 30, 2013, 5,239 had been listed in that status for more than 10 years. The result, the report said, is that the number of orphan wells may grow in the future, and identified 9,415 inactive wells that "can be considered at risk of being orphaned." While the state has only plugged an average of 95 orphaned wells a year, the report found that between 2008 and 2013, an average of 170 wells were orphaned each year. Since 2011, the Office of Conservation has focused on plugging "urgent and high priority wells since these wells pose the most environmental and public safety risks," the report said. That's resulted in an increase in the average plugging cost per well from \$26,000 to \$163,000. And the agency has not used \$1.5 million set aside as security from some operators pending a legal interpretation of how to transfer the money to the orphan well fund.

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NIGERIA, LAGOS, JUNE 3 2014. ASSESSMENT OF AGIP OIL SPILL DAMAGE IN FINAL STAGE - NOSDRA

The National Oil Spills Detection and Response Agency, NOSDRA, has said the assessment of damages caused by oil spill from Agip's Brass Oil Export Terminal is in its final stage. The director of oil fields assessment in NOSDRA, Idris Musa, said this in an interview in Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capital on Sunday. Mr. Musa said the damage evaluation would form the basis for recommending compensation for the communities impacted by the spill, which occurred on December 3, 2013. "The damage assessment is nearing completion; it takes some time, and we need to be meticulous about it to ensure that every detail is captured. "This is because you cannot afford to make mistakes and come back again; as soon as the damage assessment is concluded, the impacted communities would be considered for compensation," he said. He said the agency has been liaising with officials of Nigerian Agip Oil Company, NAOC, and the affected communities, to ensure accurate evaluation of the spill. The oil leak from the NAOC's export terminal discharged some volume of crude into the Atlantic. The spill reportedly contaminated the waters and spread to the coastline the next day, forcing fishermen along the coast to pull out of the waters. Mr. Musa said that NOSDRA officials supervised the clean-up of the coastline to ensure that the exercise met the set standard, adding that this was followed by the damage assessment. The director explained that the remediation of the spill sites mapped out by the agency had reached 70 per cent completion. He said that the oil spill agency had developed a disaster risk reduction plan which integrated oil communities in spill management. He said the plan is aimed at reducing to barest minimum, spill incidents caused by sabotage, and ensuring an environment free from oil spills.

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USA, CA, SAN LUIS OBISPO, JUNE 2 2014. SLO PROPERTY OWNER IN QUANDARY OVER BURIED, LEAKY OIL PIPELINE >> LONGTIME OWNER OF APARTMENT COMPLEX CONCERNED MONITORING COULD BE DISRUPTIVE TO HER TENANTS

annmarie cornejo

Shirley Thomas has owned a five-unit apartment complex on Pismo Street in downtown San Luis Obispo for more than 40 years. Until recently, she didn't know that an oil pipeline runs beneath Pismo Street near her property. She also didn't know that at some point in the past — likely 50 years ago — it leaked hydrocarbons into the surrounding soil and groundwater. "There was never a disclosure of the pipeline," Thomas said. "I can't imagine something like this running through the center of town and people aren't aware of it." She was recently notified by Stantec, a consulting company based in Minnesota hired by Union Oil Co., that the site was being monitored for possible remediation. The company requested that Thomas allow it to install a groundwater monitoring well on the property. She has so far refused. "I really don't want them coming onto the property," said Thomas, adding that it would be disruptive to her tenants. Alison Jones, an environmental scientist with the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, is overseeing the project. Jones said the contamination is not considered a health risk and does not pose a threat because it has only been found in the shallowest groundwater and no wells are in the area. "It is not in the city's water supply," Jones said. Monitoring wells have already been installed nearby, but the additional wells are needed to make sure that the contamination hasn't spread, Jones said. "It is not real volatile," she said. "The plume is pretty localized. It doesn't seem to be going anywhere. We are just trying to get a better idea of the extent of it." The 24-foot-deep pipe, which could date back to 1910, runs from the Central Valley to Avila Beach. It was replaced in the 1990s with a newer pipeline, which includes a monitoring system to detect leaks. The old decommissioned pipe was cleaned out and left in place. The site is one of approximately 24 active pipeline cleanup sites in San Luis Obispo County. Those sites are ranked by priority from low to high based on their risk to human health and the environment. The site under Thomas' property is ranked a low priority. The higher and medium priority cases include: the Avila Tank Farm, owned by Chevron, in Avila Beach; a pipeline at Tassajara Creek, also owned by Chevron, on the east bank of Santa Margarita Creek; and the Nipomo Creek Pipeline, owned by ConocoPhillips, in Nipomo. The majority of the remaining cases are considered low priority. "It is fairly common to have sites around the county where leaks are found," Jones said. "A lot of them are old and not really a threat. We find them and investigate them, and sometimes remediation is required."

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2014/05/31/3089787/slo-property-owner-faces-decision.html?sp=%2F99%2F177%2F183%2F>

USA, PA, VENANGO CO, PLUM TWP, JUNE 3 2014. DRIVER PULLED FROM TRUCK AT SCENE OF FIERY WRECK



Firefighters work to stop the fire of a tanker truck Monday afternoon on Route 27 near Diamond, about four miles from Titusville. Authorities say a tanker truck driven by an unidentified male swerved to miss a stopped vehicle, rolled through a utility pole, caught fire and burned for several hours. The driver was taken to Meadville Medical Center and is in stable condition, according to a MMC nursing supervisor.

"I just knew we had to get him out of here; we're not going to leave him here," Battalion Chief Ryan Sekerski of Cochran Volunteer Fire Department said after pulling the driver out of a raging gasoline tanker truck fire on Monday afternoon. Sekerski pulled the unidentified male driver from the still-burning tanker truck that Sekerski said swerved to miss a stopped vehicle at approximately 4 p.m. on Route 27 near Diamond, about four miles west of Titusville. Upon swerving, the vehicle rolled through a utility pole, caught fire

and burned for several hours, according to fire officials. Sekerski, who has been a volunteer firefighter since 1985, was on his way home from work in Titusville when he heard of the tanker truck crash. Once he arrived on scene and began to take a few pictures, he asked firefighters if the driver was still trapped in the vehicle. Conflicting responses led Sekerski to looking into the vehicle himself and seeing the driver still inside. Sekerski said there wasn't much the firefighters could do since they kept running out of water before they were able to put the fire out. But he wasn't willing to wait until the fire was put out to help the driver out. "I knew if there's a will, there's a way," Sekerski said about his decision to extricate the driver. "The fire is just going to keep getting bigger because I knew time wasn't on our side," Sekerski said. "There wasn't a lot of time to be wasting." Sekerski said he tried to open the passenger side door with a prying tool but was unsuccessful. Then he began to ask around for a cutting tool. After using an electric saw to cut an escape route, Sekerski was able to get to the driver, who said he



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couldn't move one of his shoulders. As the interior of the cab was starting to burn, Sekerski said, he covered the driver's head and body with a spare fire coat. That's when Sekerski said to the driver, "You have to grin and bear it (the driver's shoulder pain). We have to go now," before he helped him out of the truck with assistance from who Sekerski believes was Randolph Fire Chief Kevin Hill. "I had to lean in through the windshield," Sekerski said. "I brought him out through the passenger side window." About 15 minutes after Sekerski arrived and about 25 minutes after the crash, Sekerski said, the driver was out of the truck. Sekerski said the driver was calm and wasn't screaming or yelling during his time stuck in the vehicle — he just kept saying he's stuck and was asking if he hit anybody else in the crash. The driver only sustained minor to moderate injuries, according to Sekerski. Titusville Fire Chief Harry Caldwell reported the driver was taken to Meadville Medical Center for treatment. A MMC nursing supervisor didn't release the driver's identity but reported him in stable condition as of 8:35 p.m. Monday. Emergency responders remained on scene for at least four hours, according to Caldwell, who estimated Chapmanville volunteer fire department, the first responder, would remain on scene well into the night. "It might be dark before the road opens," Caldwell told the Tribune Monday evening. "They might not even open it until (this) morning." Chapmanville Fire Chief Sam Firmer decided to let the fire burn out under emergency crew supervision, Sekerski said. Firmer was unavailable for comment by Tribune presstime. The downed utility pole, which fell onto the tanker, was consumed in the fire, Sekerski added. Chapmanville firefighters were assisted by Hydetown, Townville, Centerville, Randolph Township, Titusville, Cochranon, Vernon Central and Vernon Township fire departments and Crawford County Hazardous Materials Team.

<http://www.meadvilletribune.com/local/x1760086956/Tanker-crash-leads-to-explosion-fire>

USA, ME, BANGOR, JUNE 3 2014. MAINE MERCURY CONTAMINATION TRIAL SET TO START

A federal trial is beginning this week to determine whether a chemical company responsible for dumping mercury from a closed plant in Orrington will be required to clean contamination from along the banks of the Penobscot River and the mouth of Penobscot Bay. The trial scheduled to start Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Bangor comes two months after Maine's high court ruled that the company, Mallinckrodt US, had to carry out an estimated \$130 million cleanup on the site of the former HoltraChem Manufacturing Co. The [Portland Press Herald](http://bit.ly/1tB2jFG) (<http://bit.ly/1tB2jFG>) reports while the state case focused on the land where the plant stood, the federal suit brought by environmental groups focuses on cleaning up the contamination along the river. Mallinckrodt says some remediation options could cause "more harm than good."

 **Related Stories** [Trial on Penobscot River Mercury Contamination begins Tuesday](#)

<http://www.seattlepi.com/news/science/article/Maine-mercury-contamination-trial-set-to-start-5521876.php>

USA, ILL, DECATUR, JUNE 3 2014 LIGHTNING SPARKS OIL TANK FIRE

 **Watch the Video** [Lightning Sparks Oil Tank Fire](#)

A disaster was averted south of Decatur after a lightning strike caused a tank full of oil to explode around 4:00 Sunday afternoon. At least five fire departments rushed to a rural area near Elwin and Bowman Roads. Authorities say the lightning strike hit one of several oil tanks at the site, spilling its contents and causing the tank to catch fire. They say a gravel barrier around the tanks kept the oil from spreading. It took a few hours, but firefighters did put the fire out. We're told people from the company that owns the tanks are on scene for clean-up. They expect to be done by Tuesday

 **Related Stories** [Lightning-Induced Oil Tank Fire Stopped](#)

http://www.wics.com/news/top-stories/stories/vid_17470.shtml

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE, JUNE 3 2014. POWDER COATS PORT OF BRISBANE AFTER 'LARGER THAN EXPECTED' REFINERY RELEASE

tony moore



A chemical release at the Port of Brisbane's Caltex refinery has sparked concerns. An unusually large chemical release at the Port of Brisbane has seen a sandy white powder settle on cars and workers, sparking health concerns. The material — a [synthetic zeolite](#) used to turn crude oil into petrol — was released from the Caltex Refinery into the air between 11pm on May 19 and 1am on May 20. It came down on hundreds of Port employees as well as new cars stored beside the refinery. Wayne Cameron, who led the Save the Swan Lake campaign and works for the Bulimba Creek Catchment Association, said the wind also carried the powder across Swan Lake and to nearby mangrove areas. He said staff were



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nervous about what impact it would have on their health. "It has come down onto the shade cloth over the cars," Mr Cameron said. "They had to guerny it off and then wash it off the cars because when they guernyed the shade cloth, all this stuff came down like a sludge onto the cars - and they are all brand new cars." Mr Cameron said he was initially told by staff that it was a platinum-based powder. "It is mixed with the crude oil and the chemical reaction under pressure creates petrol," he said. "Now I am not claiming it is a toxic chemical, but I don't know." Mr Cameron said his major concern - other than to staff - was the impact on local birds and water. "My personal concerns are increasing now," he said. "My initial concerns are that this 90 tonnes of powder has gone into environmentally sensitive areas like Crab Tree Creek and Swan Lake in the same way it has descended on the car yard." A Caltex Refinery spokesman said the material was inert and not hazardous, but confirmed "a larger than expected" release of the chemical had been reported to Queensland Health and the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection as well as the Hazardous Industries and Chemicals branch of the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection. "It is usual for a volume of catalyst to be released to the atmosphere during start-up of the Fluidised Catalytic Cracking Unit (FCCU)," a Caltex spokesman said. "However, this volume was larger than expected. "Caltex determined it is likely that the prevailing wind at the time of the incident spread some of the catalyst into the Port of Brisbane area. "We have been in close communication with our neighbours and have been assisting in the clean-up." Fairfax Media has been unable to determine the cost of the damage to the new cars stored beside the Caltex Refinery, nor the impact of the dust on nearby waterways. The Caltex spokesman would only say the company was "in close contact with affected neighbours". The Port of Brisbane had a notice on its website in late May saying the powder might "cause possible short-term irritants".

<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/queensland/powder-coats-port-of-brisbane-after-larger-than-expected-refinery-release-20140602-zrveh.html>

USA, N.J, TRENTON, JUNE 3 2014. N.J. DAY CARE ALLEGEDLY CONTAMINATED BY MERCURY ORDERED TO PAY \$6.1M

New Jersey Acting Attorney General John Hoffman announced a court ruling on Thursday against the current and former property owners of a Gloucester County day care center that was allegedly contaminated with mercury. Superior Court Judge Anne McDonnell ruled that multiple defendants were liable for a total of \$6.13 million to cover the cost of cleaning up mercury contamination at the site of Kiddie Kollege, a former day care center. McDonnell found that Jim Sullivan Inc., the current owner of the property; Navillus Group, the former owner of the site; and other defendants affiliated with Jim Sullivan Inc. are liable for costs related to the clean-up and removal of mercury. The mercury was discharged by a thermometer-making factory that was located on the property before Sullivan bought it and leased it to be used as a day care. McDonnell also ruled that Philip Giuliano, the previous property owner, and the defunct thermometer manufacturing company he owned, Accutherm Inc., were also legally responsible for clean-up costs. "This is a very significant legal win for the people of New Jersey, and for our environment," Hoffman said. "It is only fitting that the original polluters - as well as those who bought the property from them and leased it to others without doing their homework - are held accountable." According to the ruling, all defendants share a total liability for \$2.04 million for remediation of the Kiddie Kollege property. Giuliano and Accutherm are liable for an additional \$4.09 million because they allegedly failed to comply with a directive from the Department of Environmental Protection to clean up the original contamination.

<http://washingtonexaminer.com/n.j.-day-care-allegedly-contaminated-by-mercury-ordered-to-pay-6.1m/article/feed/2138097>

NIGERIA, Ogoniland, JUNE 3 2014. SHELL CHIEF TO VISIT NIGERIA IN EFFORT TO CLEAN UP OIL SPILLS

terry macalister



Oil slick flows at the base of a mangrove at Bodo creek, outside Nigeria's oil hub city of Port Harcourt.

Ben van Beurden says he is determined to make progress after further criticism over the spills in Ogoniland. Ben van Beurden, the chief executive of Shell, will go to [Nigeria](#) this week to try to restore his firm's tarnished reputation by winning local support for a clean-up strategy to tackle old oil spills in the Delta. The Dutchman, who took over at the company at the start of this year, said he was determined to make progress where his predecessors had failed, after a damning report on pollution by the UN environment programme (Unep) nearly three years ago. At its AGM in The Hague late last month, Shell was again criticised over the spills in Ogoniland, and was forced to admit that little progress



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had been made. But Van Beurden hopes to make progress with the Nigerian government so that hundreds of millions of pounds, set aside by Shell after the Unep report but never spent, can be put to work. "The commitment [to pay for clean-up] has always been there and I am sure [Van Beurden] will be discussing this issue with a variety of people when he is there. If that serves as progress it can only be a good thing," said a Shell spokesman. The Unep report called for \$1bn to be provided by Shell and others to pay for the restoration work needed after a range of spills, which Shell blamed largely on attacks on installations and pipelines. Nigerian government data suggests there were more than 7,000 spills between 1970 and 2000 alone, including 2,000 official large spillages sites, many stretching back over decades. Critics contrasted the effort made by BP to clean up after the Deepwater Horizon accident in the US Gulf with the lack of action by Shell and others in the Niger Delta. The Anglo-Dutch oil group confirmed that "significant sums" were available for a restoration project that had been set up by the Nigerian government. Celestine Akpobari, executive director of Social Action, a campaign group in Port Harcourt, said it would take about \$100bn over 30 years to properly clean up an area where more than a million people live, but where many had lost their livelihoods from fishing and other activities as a result of the [oil spills](#). "I would like to meet [Van Beurden] but not in any executive office but in the field, I would like him to see for himself how the Ogoni people are now living in poverty," he said. Akpobari said Shell had tried to help by paying those affected by spills to work on restoration, but this had only made matters worse. "Our communities are split in half between those who are paid and support Shell and those who are not. Every community where Shell operates there is a crisis of one kind or another." Shell denies this but admits it tries to create local employment by hiring villagers to help with cleanups, which continue daily in a variety of places. The company says it has implemented 22 recommendations made specifically for Shell Nigeria by Unep. But Sarah Shoraka of the London-based campaign group Platform, said Shell's claims that it needed to wait for the Nigerian government to act were ridiculous because everyone knew that the oil group was "in the driving seat". She said: "The petroleum minister was a former director of Shell Nigeria for 15 years. Van Beurden says he is travelling to Nigeria in the next two weeks. He needs to get his head together with the Nigerian government to set up an Ogoni restoration authority and fund if he is serious about delivering the cleanup."

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/jun/01/shell-ben-van-beurden-visit-nigeria-oil-spills>

CANADA, OTTAWA, JUNE 3 2014. CANADIAN LAW MAKES IT CHEAPER TO PREVENT OIL SANDS LEAKS THAN CLEAN THEM UP

james stafford

As the Canadian government pushes a new law rendering pipeline companies liable for all damages from leaks and spills, the only friend to both sides in this polarized world of dirty oil sands is leak prevention technology. On May 14, amid heightened opposition to two planned pipelines, Canada's Natural Resources Ministry unveiled [a new law](#) making pipeline operators [liable](#) for all the costs and damages related to oil spills, regardless of whether the operators were at fault or demonstrated negligence. Under the new law, pipeline operators will be required to set up advance clean-up funds for future spills, while the Canadian National Energy board will be given the authority to order operators to reimburse those affected by spills. Canada desperately needs more pipeline infrastructure to handle its increasing oil sands production capacity, but opposition has been growing exponentially to Enbridge's Northern Gateway project and Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline expansion. The Northern Gateway pipeline would mean an additional 525,000 barrels per day of crude piped from Alberta to the coast of British Columbia, while the Trans Mountain expansion would mean a tripling to 900,000 barrels per day of oil sands crude from Alberta to Vancouver. [According](#) to the Tar Sands Solution Network, "tar sands oil is more corrosive and transported at higher pressures," while "spills of tar sands crude are significantly more toxic and harder to clean up." In fact, according to the organization, "Alberta has seen 28,666 crude oil spills since 1975, an average of two per day." What oil sands opponents fear most is the rapid expansion of production capacity that is necessitating the creation of more pipeline networks and oil tankers threatening spills across North America. In addition to this, new research by the Canadian government alleges that toxic chemicals from Alberta's oil sands tailing ponds are leaking into groundwater and making their way into the Athabasca River. The latest [study](#) used million-dollar technology that allows scientists to fingerprint chemicals and trace their origins. This has been a sticking point until now because the soil around these Alberta tailing ponds contained chemicals from naturally occurring bitumen deposits, and earlier technology was not capable of separating them from the industry chemicals. The industry in Canada is reportedly addressing the issue of toxic seepage from its tailing ponds by footing the bill for more than \$1 billion in new technology. At the same time, investments in the latest leak detection technology may also be hastened by mounting opposition to pipeline development and new Canadian legislation that makes prevention much cheaper than clean-up. Earlier this month, Synodon Inc., the creator of realSens leak detection technology, successfully demonstrated its oil sands applications by detecting hydrocarbon vapor plumes released from a synthetic crude oil product. In doing so, the new



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technology also demonstrated its ability to detect very small oil sands leaks, long before they become catastrophic. "We are very pleased to have had the opportunity to demonstrate to a third-party oil sands operator our ability to detect very small release rates from a low volatility crude oil product," Adrian Banica, CEO of Synodon Inc, said in a [press release](#). "As far as we are aware, Synodon has the only commercially available airborne liquid hydrocarbon leak detection system in the world that has been proven to be capable of detecting both gaseous hydrocarbons as well as a wide variety of liquid products from pentane to gasoline, condensates and crude oil." RealSens technology was developed under the Canadian Space Program and by Synodon scientists. Canada's new pipeline infrastructure is about to become much more expensive as legislative changes focus on prevention, liability and preparedness. Without this legislation, new technology, such as that used in the latest study on tailing pond seepage into water supplies, and pipeline leak detection advances, may have seemed prohibitively expensive to operators. However, with the specter of footing to bill for any and all spills, regardless of operator negligence, preventative technology suddenly seems rather cheap.

<http://oilprice.com/Energy/Energy-General/Canadian-Law-Makes-It-Cheaper-To-Prevent-Oil-Sands-Leaks-Than-Clean-Them-Up.html>

SOMALILAND, LAS-ANOD, JUNE 3 2014. DOZENS INJURED IN MASSIVE BLAZE AT GAS STATION



At least 50 people sustained burns during a massive blaze that broke out at a gas station in Las-Anod on Monday according to witnesses, Garowe Online reports. Speaking with GO via telephone, local reporter said the explosion of gas can turned flames, triggering plumes of black smoke over the scene where the fire erupted. Water trucks and residents immediately moved in to put out the blaze, he added. Three people are in critical condition at Lasanod General Hospital while more than 40 people have been hospitalized. Photographic images from the scene of the fire show wreckage from gas cans in front of the damaged building in the down town. Somaliland forces militarily seized Lasanod in October 2007, reigniting threats of instability in the stable states of Puntland and Somaliland. Both have escaped country's bloodiest upheaval over the last two decades.

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- [Gas Explosion in Las-Anod Injures 40](#)
- [Fire Guts Petrol Station in Las Anod](#)
- [40 Injured as Fire Destroys Fuel Station in Las'anod Town](#)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201406030781.html>

USA, N.J, BAYONNE, JUNE 3 2014. HAZMAT CREWS CALLED TO CLEAN UP FUEL SPILL IN BAYONNE

Firefighters and hazardous materials crews were called to clean up a fuel spill at a bulk liquid storage terminal facility in Bayonne, New Jersey, Monday evening. An overfill on a gas tank at the International Matext Tank Terminal at 2 Commerce St. caused fuel to spill, according to the Bayonne Fire Department. Hazmat teams were cleaning up the fuel. There were no injuries, and there's no threat to residents in the area, the fire department says.

<http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Bayonne-Fuel-Spill-Haz-Mat-Teams-Tank-Terminal-261606121.html>

USA, FLA, PLAQUEMINES PARISH, JUNE 3 2014. CLEANUP OF OIL LEAK IN DELTA WILDLIFE REFUGE BEGINS TUESDAY

Federal and state officials will burn an area of the Delta National Wildlife [Refuge](#) Tuesday that was contaminated by a 2,100 gallon crude oil leak discovered Wednesday. The source of the spill was a breach in a bulk oil line buried underneath the marsh. Texas Petroleum Investment Co. was identified as the responsible party, according to a news release from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The breach has been repaired, and the line will not be used for future production. About 10 acres of freshwater marsh in the Delta National Wildlife Refuge, located southeast of Venice in Plaquemines Parish, was impacted by the oil. Access to the site is limited to flat-bottom boats, so the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agreed with a decision to [burn](#) the area to remove the oil. "The controlled burn is expected to significantly reduce the amount of oil in the marsh, accelerate clean-up operations, and minimize the effect of both oil and habitat impacts to the marsh," according to the new release. During the burn, Octave Pass will be closed to mariners and will be reopened when the burn is complete. Air monitoring will be



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conducted during the burn, which will be followed by additional cleanup. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, Texas Petroleum Investment Company, the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator [Office](#) and Forefront Emergency Management are working on the response.

<http://theadvocate.com/home/9345471-125/cleanup-of-oil-leak-in>

USA, FLA, ALACHUA CO, JUNE 3 2014. TRAIN CARRYING ETHANOL DERAILS IN ALACHUA COUNTY

anneliese delgado

A train traveling from Waycross to Tampa derailed in Alachua County early Monday morning. 9 of 17 cars that derailed around 3:30 a.m have been rerailed, according to a CSX spokesperson. The accident happened near U.S. 301 and County Road 1474. Gary Sease with CSX said one car was carrying ethanol at the time of the derailment. Another car was previously carrying sulfuric acid. No leakages or injuries were reported. The cause of the accident is unknown, but Sease said the incident is under investigation. No one was injured in the train derailment.

<http://www.wokv.com/news/news/local/train-carrying-ethanol-derails-alachua-county/ngB2c/>

UK, WALES, PEMBROKE, JUNE 4 2014. INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUE ON THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF CHEVRON REFINERY EXPLOSION



The aftermath of the explosion.

The investigation into the explosion at the Pembroke oil refinery which killed four workers reaches its third anniversary today, June 2. A dedicated team of [Dyfed Powys Police](#) detectives and Health and Safety Executive (HSE) inspectors continue a joint criminal investigation into the explosion, which killed Robert Broome, Andrew Jenkins, Julie Jones and Denny Riley on June 2, 2011. Another worker also suffered serious injuries. A Coroner's inquest into the deaths was opened shortly after the explosion by HM Coroner for Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire, Mark Layton, but was adjourned pending the outcome of the Police and HSE investigation. The on-going investigation is seeking to establish whether a potential offence under the Corporate Manslaughter Act 2007 has been committed. It is believed that this is one of the first times, since the introduction of the Act, that the use of this legislation has

been considered against a large, multi-national company. The complex nature of the inquiry has involved lengthy and detailed forensic investigations being undertaken by specialist staff from the Health & Safety Executive Laboratory and Specialist HSE Inspectors, with experience of the oil refining industry. In addition to this, the investigation is supported by specialist lawyers from the Crown Prosecution Service's Serious and Complex Case team and HSE. Detective Chief Superintendent Simon Powell, the Senior Investigating Officer for this investigation said: "This is one of the most complex inquiries of this nature that Dyfed Powys Police has ever undertaken. "However, the close partnership between the Police, Health and Safety Executive and other experts is ensuring that a very thorough investigation is being conducted which is gathering evidence to establish whether a prosecution should take place, and to provide the families with the facts surrounding the events that led to the deaths of their loved ones and the injuries that were sustained by the survivor." A team of Dyfed Powys Police Family Liaison Officers continue to provide support to the bereaved families.

http://www.milfordmercury.co.uk/news/11251088.Investigations_continue_on_third_anniversary_of_Chevron_refinery_explosion/?ref=nt

USA, CA, SAN DIEGO CO, JUNE 4 2014. HAZMAT RELEASES CHEMICAL SUICIDE FLAMMABILITY STUDY

[PDF Document](#) [Download this Study as a PDF](#)

San Diego County (CA) [Hazardous](#) Incident Response Team conducted a chemical suicide study with the goal of determining the risk to the public and first responders. The detergent suicide method has been covered well in most awareness aspects but there has really been limited information as to the potential flammability of the gas that is concentrated in the vehicle, what is the best instrument to use and what to do with the chemical waste. In the above video you can see how the car is plumbed with 4-gas, PID ect. and the chemical reactions that take place with 1 quart to 1 gallon. The paper that was produced reviews all of the potential off-site consequences, flammability, disposal of the chemical waste post [treatment](#) with concrete can go to the trash, proven in California.



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- [Hazmat Team Responds to Chemical Suicide in WA](#)
- [New Free Training Program About Chemical Suicides, a New Threat to First Responders](#)

<http://www.fireengineering.com/articles/2014/06/san-diego-county-hazmat-releases-chemical-suicide-flammability-study.html>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, JUNE 4 2014. AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS GUIDE TO DANGEROUS GOODS

 **Document** [Guide to Dangerous Goods Standards](#)

This document provides information on Standards and other industry specific information (including the Australian Dangerous Goods Code) that may be of interest to anyone working with different types of dangerous goods, including manufacturers, importers, suppliers, installers and users. The publications outlined in this guide cover requirements (including the storage and handling) for dangerous goods transported by road and rail in relation to the 7th edition of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG7).

<http://goo.gl/j7Aytv>

NETHERLANDS, MOERDIJK, JUNE 4 2014. EXPLOSION SETS OFF MASSIVE BLAZE AT SHELL PLANT

 **Watch the Video's:**

- [Major Explosion, Fire at Shell Plant in the Netherlands](#)
- [Explosion and Fire at Dutch Shell Chemical Plant](#)
- [Fire and Explosions at Shell Moerdijk Plant](#)
- [2 BIG Explosions and HUGE fire at Shell](#)



Two people were injured on late Tuesday evening when an explosion set off a massive blaze at a Shell oil plant in the southern Netherlands, but there was no health hazard for residents in the area, Dutch officials said on early Wednesday. The incident happened at around 10:45 p.m. local time when a large explosion occurred inside a reactor at Shell's petrochemicals complex in Moerdijk, a town in the province of North Brabant between the cities of Breda and Rotterdam. It occurred just as a shift change was taking place. The initial explosion, which was felt and heard across the region, set off a massive blaze at the complex. Footage from the scene showed flames shooting high up in the air as firefighters struggled to get the blaze under control. Officials said the fire was out about 6.5 hours later, at around 5:25 a.m. local time. "Ethylbenzene was burnt in the reactor during this incident. This burn caused the substance to be

converted into another carbon," said Moerdijk Mayor Jac Klijs. He said no increased levels of dangerous substances had been measured in the air but said any exposure would only result in irritation to the eyes and respiratory tract that would not require medical treatment. Nonetheless, residents in the surrounding region were advised to stay indoors and close doors and windows because of the smoke that was moving towards Rotterdam. The so-called NL-Alert system, which sends an emergency message to all smartphones in the affected region, was also activated. Both alerts were canceled at 5:25 a.m. Royal Dutch Shell said two employees of its Moerdijk plant suffered minor injuries in the blast and were treated at a local hospital. All employees were accounted for. Municipality officials said the injured employees had suffered some burns and were expected to be discharged from hospital early Wednesday morning. It was not immediately known what had caused Tuesday's massive explosion and fire at the plant. "The incident took place in the reactor of the MSPO-2 installation. This installation was at the time of the incident out of service due to maintenance," the company said in a statement, adding that it was cooperating with emergency services. The incident at the petrochemicals plant comes just 3.5 years after an even bigger blaze destroyed another chemical factory in Moerdijk, resulting in a regional health scare due to toxic smoke but causing no serious injuries. Many people in the area were again reminded of the 2011 disaster that made headlines for weeks. "We notice that the impact is big once again. Our residents are concerned about their safety and health and I understand that very well," the town's mayor said after Tuesday's blaze.

 **Related Stories**

- [Major explosion, fire at Shell plant in the Netherlands](#)
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- [Chemical blaze sparks Dutch alert](#)

<http://wireupdate.com/explosion-sets-off-massive-blaze-at-shell-plant-in-the-netherlands.html>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, MANLY, JUNE 4 2014. CHILDREN STILL SHOWING SIGNS OF TRAUMA EIGHT MONTHS AFTER FATAL TRUCK EXPLOSION MONA VALE, CHILD THERAPIST SAYS

Julie Cross

Key Points: Mona Vale Truck Crash

- Fuel tank explodes at Mona Vale Rd, Mona Vale, on October 1
- Two people — a 73-year-old Turramurra man and 71-year old Western Australian man — die at the scene
- 47-year-old Shane Anthony Day charged with two counts of dangerous driving occasioning death, dangerous driving occasioning grievous bodily harm, negligent driving occasioning death, disobeying truck and bus low-gear signs, and not giving particulars to police.
- Mr Day appears in Manly Court on May 28. His lawyer Dennis Miralis says it was common knowledge in the police facts the brakes had malfunctioned. The matter returns to court in July.



The fatal crash at Mona Vale Rd on October 1.

Children on the northern beaches are still seeking help for trauma following a catastrophic truck accident in October. Despite the length of time that has passed, some of the children are only starting therapy now, according to Marisa Chilcott, executive director of Be Centre, in Warriewood. "We have been really surprised to still be getting calls from parents and seeing children who have been traumatised by the truck accident," Ms Chilcott said. Two people were killed and five injured when a Cootes Transport tanker rolled on its side, burst into flames and collided with several cars on Mona Vale Rd last October. Ms Chilcott said a child did not even have to have witnessed the accident to have

been affected. "Just hearing about the accident and the resulting impact is enough to really upset some children," she said. She said if a parent thinks this might be an issue with their children they can try acknowledging the child's fears and name the fear, this helps a child see it as a normal emotion that can be overcome. If you are concerned you can seek professional advice from your GP, Baby Heath Centre or contact Be Centre.

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<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/northern-beaches/children-still-showing-signs-of-trauma-eight-months-after-fatal-truck-explosion-mona-vale-child-therapist-says/story-fngr8hax-1226942825291>

FINLAND, OULU, RAAHE, JUNE 4 2014. WWF: RAAHE OIL SPILL WORSE THAN EXPECTED



A volunteer from the environmental NGO WWF helps with the arduous cleanup operation.

Volunteers will continue oil spill cleanup operations in the Raahe archipelago in northern Ostrobothnia for up to a week. The environmental NGO WWF says the spill was worse than first thought and is calling for more volunteers to help with the painstaking recovery task. The environmental organisation WWF says last Friday's oil spill in Raahe, northwest Finland is worse than originally estimated. Volunteers will continue their cleanup efforts in the islands near the mainland for as long as another week. On Tuesday volunteers focused their recovery efforts on the island of Selkämatla, an important marine nesting ground. "This is a critical location. There's some oil on the beach and many birds are here," said WWF field coordinator Teemu Niinimäki. He described the operation as taxing but rewarding. "It's hot and heavy work with the protective gear on. It requires a high level of motivation, but it's rewarding to get the beach clean and to provide clean nesting conditions for the birds," he added. So far rescuers have found



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about 43 birds contaminated with oil, however they were still capable of flight. On Tuesday WWF conservationists, army conscripts and other volunteers wielded brushes and shovels in an effort to clean oil off the beach, intending to work late into the evening. Meanwhile cleanup activities are also in full swing on Iso-Kraaseli Island, where they began Monday.

More Volunteers Needed

WWF says it will continue cleaning at least until Thursday. The organisation says however that it's very likely that oil recovery will continue into the weekend. Erasing all signs of the oil spill from the rocky beaches requires painstaking hand work, as the oil has proven to be difficult to dislodge in some areas. Niinimäki said the cleanup would require another 30 pairs of hands. "We are using a lot of brushes. Even dishwashing scrubbers can be useful in some places," Niinimäki explained. Last Friday about 12 tons of heavy fuel oil leaked from a power plant at a Rautaruukki steel mill, with between three to five tons making its way into the sea. Dozens of volunteers are now cleaning the islands contaminated by the spill in an operation led by the Jokilaakso rescue and emergency unit. The rescue team has also been responsible for organising, transporting and providing equipment for volunteers.

http://yle.fi/uutiset/wwf_raahe_oil_spill_worse_than_expected/7276717

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, JUNE 6 2014. CALTEX COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF THE SCOTT'S FUEL DIVISIONS



Caltex Australia (Caltex) has completed its acquisition of the Scott's Fuel Divisions for a total outlay of approximately \$95 million, including working capital and related acquisition costs. This constitutes the businesses known as Scott's Agencies and Sabadin Petroleum and includes 28 retail sites and 18 depots. The acquisition was announced to the market on 24 February 2014. This acquisition complements Caltex's existing national network and is consistent with Caltex's

strategy of being Australia's leading transport fuels provider. As it advised on 22 May 2014, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission did not oppose the acquisition after accepting an undertaking from Caltex to sell four retail fuel sites in South Australia and Victoria. The deal was funded via existing facilities and is expected to be earnings per share accretive by the end of its first full year of operation under Caltex ownership.

<http://www.caltex.com.au/LatestNews/Pages/NewsItem.aspx?ID=13462>

USA, WYO, HARTVILLE, JUNE 4 2014. TANKER SPILLS HOT OIL NEAR

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A commercial vehicle went off the road and rolled over Tuesday morning on Highway 270, causing a hot oil spill north of Hartville, according to the Wyoming Highway Patrol.

A commercial vehicle went off the road and rolled over Tuesday morning on Highway 270, causing a hot oil spill north of Hartville, the Wyoming Highway Patrol reported. The driver of the vehicle failed to navigate a curve to the right and went off the west side of the road at the top of the Hat Creek Breaks, highway patrol said. The driver was taken by ambulance to Niobrara Health and Life Center. The driver's condition was not available Tuesday afternoon. The tanker was carrying emulsion for a highway project near Mule Creek Junction. When the vehicle rolled the tanker trailer was breached, causing oil to run into a dry creek bed. There is no road blockage due to the crash. Cleanup efforts by the Wyoming Department of Transportation are underway.

http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/tanker-spills-hot-oil-near-hartville/article_63770b71-e5bc-5f13-b760-873e882ce688.html



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