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### USA, HI, HAWAII, JUNE 13 2014. SMALL HOLES FOUND FUEL TANK AT NAVY'S RED HILL STORAGE FACILITY

Navy contract workers have found three small holes on a tank at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. The holes in Tank 5 were discovered on June 11 and 12 during an extensive examination of the empty fuel tank and not visible to the naked eye. The inspection is being conducted after the Navy announced a possible leak of up to 27,000 gallons of jet fuel in January. "The small holes were located in prior welding repairs and may explain the reason for the fuel loss," said Capt. Mike Williamson, Chief Engineer for Navy Region Hawaii. "We've got the right experts working meticulously to determine the full extent of the leak as the inspection continues." Each of Red Hill's 20 cylindrical tanks is 250 feet tall, 100 feet in diameter, and can hold up to 12.5 million gallons of fuel. The Navy says Hawaii Dept. of Health officials have been updated on the latest findings. Meanwhile, laboratory tests continue to indicate that drinking water sources in the vicinity continue to meet federal regulatory Safe Drinking Water and State of Hawaii standards. "The water continues to be safe to drink," said Williamson. "We continue to work closely with all of our government partners from local, state and federal agencies. As a follow up to our January announcement, we are continuing to update the public on everything the Navy is doing to avoid future leaks." The Red Hill facility provides secure fuel storage for ships and aircraft of U.S. Pacific Fleet and other military branches.

#### Related Stories

- [Diesel found in ground water near Red Hill fuel leak](#)
- [Navy: Drinking water in Red Hill safe after fuel leak](#)

<http://khon2.com/2014/06/12/small-holes-found-fuel-tank-at-navys-red-hill-storage-facility/>

### USA, N.Y, WASHINGTON CO, FORT ANN, JUNE 13 2014. CLEANUP COSTS MOUNT AT FORMER OIL TERMINAL SITE IN FORT ANN

The county faces rising costs and a possible cleanup at the site of the former Bray Oil Terminal in Fort Ann, which the county took ownership of because of unpaid taxes. The full board approved \$7,900 for an examination last month, and at Thursday's meeting, the committee got even more bad news. Laura Chadwick, director of Real Property Tax Services, said the board can expect a bill for \$20,750 for the removal of an empty fuel tank for the site, and there could be other cleanup costs. Chadwick said she is working on a report on the 3.75-acre site. "The hope is we can restore it to marketable condition," County Administrator Roger Wickes said. Chadwick pointed out after the meeting that a 20-plus-acre site in the area once used by Fox Chemicals had been cleaned up and was being used as a stone quarry.

[http://poststar.com/news/local/cleanup-costs-mount-at-former-oil-terminal-site-in-fort/article\\_1c3514c0-f27f-11e3-9c46-0019bb2963f4.html](http://poststar.com/news/local/cleanup-costs-mount-at-former-oil-terminal-site-in-fort/article_1c3514c0-f27f-11e3-9c46-0019bb2963f4.html)

### USA, VA, NORFOLK, JUNE 13 2014. FUEL SPILLS INTO THE ELIZABETH RIVER AT LAMBERT'S POINT DOCKS



*The bulk carrier, Ostris S*

Clean up is underway of a fuel spill that occurred at a pier at Lambert's Point docks on the Elizabeth River Friday afternoon. According to a spokesperson with the Coast Guard, dock workers were transferring fuel from a pier to the bulk carrier, Ostris S, when the spill occurred. The incident happened around 3:20 pm. Fuel spilled onto the ship's deck and into the Elizabeth River. It was unknown how much fuel was spilled. O'Brien's Oil Spill Response was on scene cleaning up the fuel. Four thousand foot of boom was deployed around the ship to contain the spill. A team from the Coast Guard was at Lambert's Point supervising the clean up.

<http://www.wvec.com/my-city/norfolk/Fuel-spills-into-the-Elizabeth-River-at-Lamberts-Point-docks-263109021.html>

### INDIA, CHHATTISGARH, DURG, JUNE 13 2014. GAS LEAK AT SAIL'S BHILAI STEEL PLANT, 6 DEAD, 35 AFFECTED

Steel Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has sought a report on the mishap and is likely to visit Bhilai on Friday. Sources said that carbon monoxide gas leaked through pipes when some work was being taken up in a blast furnace. 1 Six persons, including two Deputy General Managers, were killed and 35 others were affected after a poisonous gas leaked at Steel Authority of India's Bhilai Plant in Durg district of Chhattisgarh on Thursday. Steel Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has sought a report on



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the mishap and is likely to visit Bhilai on Friday. Sources said that carbon monoxide gas leaked through pipes when some work was being taken up in a blast furnace. Inspector General of Police (Durg Range) Pradeep Gupta said six persons, including two DGMs, were killed in the incident. The injured included CISF personnel, workers and officials of the public sector plant, he said. All the affected persons have been taken to Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital in Bhilai and the seriously ill have been admitted to ICU, Gupta said. Also read: New Steel Minister okays wage revision in SAIL, 85k to gain "We are deeply pained to learn that six employees have lost their lives," the statement issued by SAIL said. "As per preliminary information, the main header of Pump House No 2 which supplies water to the Gas Cleaning Plants (GCP) of blast furnaces suddenly ruptured at around 6.10 PM. "This resulted in sudden loss in water pressure to the GCPs and the blast furnace gas from the scrubbers entered the water pipeline affecting the people attending the breakdown in the pump house and in the nearby area," the SAIL statement said. "Plant Management is providing all possible care and support and efforts are on for an early liquidation from the breakdown," it said. The Principal Secretary to Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh told CNN-IBN that those affected were getting medical treatment and the situation has been brought under control. Rajesh Agrawal, General Secretary of Shramic Manch Union, said, "There was a gas leak after a pipe burst at one of the furnaces. We blame the management for the incident, they are cutting costs by compromising on safety. Workers also don't habitually wear gas masks like they should." Vijay Mehral, Chief of communication at Bhilai steel plant, said, "All the people were brought to the hospital immediately and admitted to the ICU. There will be a high level probe into this. We will provide all help to those who are affected." [http://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/gas-leak-kills-fiveindian-steel-plant\\_1103777.html](http://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/gas-leak-kills-fiveindian-steel-plant_1103777.html)

### USA, OK, MOORE, JUNE 14 2014. FLASH FLAME ENGULFS MOORE DISTILLERY

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*Alvin Philipose, owner of Twister Distillery in Moore, shows off a bottle of Success Vodka before the flash flame Friday.*

A geyser of alcohol began spewing from a makeshift still Friday at Twister Distillery in Moore before the room erupted in a flash of orange flame, burning distiller Jeff Thurmon. Moments before a fireball engulfed Twister Distillery on Friday morning, distiller Jeff Thurmon was telling a reporter from The Oklahoman how he had worked for three straight days to fill the company's first order for 100 cases of Success Vodka. "It's been going 24 hours a day, nonstop, there's alcohol and flame involved, so you can't leave it," Thurmon said. Minutes later, a geyser of clear alcohol began spewing several feet into the air from a makeshift still in the garage bay Twister Distillery rents in a Moore industrial park. The room then erupted in a flash of orange flame as Thurmon rushed to shut off a propane tank. The heat from the flash flame caused glass bottles at the distillery to explode. The sound of shattering liquor bottles could be heard for several minutes after the blast. "That should not have happened — I should have never have had people here," Thurmon said after the explosion, sitting outside the building in his underwear before paramedics and fire crews arrived on the scene around 10 a.m. Friday. His clothes had been burned off and his skin was reddish-orange. Thurmon appeared to be badly burned over most of his body. The flash flame had scorched off his three-day growth of facial hair. "He (Thurmon) has a rule that he doesn't have people here while he's making it (vodka), but we thought it would be OK," said Alvin Philipose, a local chiropractor who owns Twister Distillery. Thurmon was taken by helicopter to Integris Baptist Medical Center. He was listed in critical condition Friday with

second-degree burns covering 52 percent of his body, hospital staff said. A photographer and videographer for The Oklahoman had just left the distillery after taking photographs and video for a newspaper story about Success Vodka when the explosion happened. A reporter was still at the distillery conducting interviews and witnessed the still erupt and subsequent flash fire. Philipose said the blast was caused after the still overheated, causing alcohol to erupt from the top of the structure. "It was an ethanol flash, the still overheated and the alcohol in the air caught fire," he said minutes after the blast, which sent white smoke billowing throughout the industrial park.



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### New Still Not Running

Twister Distiller recently had invested in a new 9-foot-tall, custom-made copper-lined still that the company had shipped from Texas on a flat-bed truck. The new still was not up and running Friday and the vodka makers were distilling their product with an assemblage of metal pots and tubing, including a re-purposed beer keg. Parts of the still were wrapped in tin foil. The vodka-making setup was hooked to a tank of propane on top of a wooden pallet elevated on the tines of a forklift. The distiller shipped its first cases of Success Vodka to local liquor stores this week. The company said in interviews before the blast that they had entered the product in national test-tasting competitions and they hoped to eventually have the vodka on store shelves across the country. Twister and another local distiller, Scissortail Distillery, are both in an industrial park in the 2300 block of N Moore Avenue. Scissortail Distillery owner Garrett Janko, who operates just a few doors down from Twister, was once a co-owner of Twister Distillery, but sold his stake in the business to Philipose last year and no longer has any involvement with the company. "That was my distillery — I took care of it since its inception and it's very painful for me to see someone hurt themselves there," Janko said. The city of Moore ordered Janko not to reopen Scissortail until Monday, when inspectors could look through the building, Janko said. "There's just some smoke damage and everything smells like burned furniture," he said. Twister Distillery has also been ordered not to reopen until further city inspections, Moore Fire Chief Gary Bird said. Both Twister and Scissortail were operating in Moore legally and had been previously been inspected by city officials, the Moore Fire Department said. The distilleries are both licensed by the Oklahoma ABLE Commission, which requires the distillers to ensure they meet all local safety and fire codes, ABLE Commission staff said. Thurmon had recently moved to Oklahoma from the New Orleans area to help Philipose build the Success Vodka brand. He previously worked for the Austin vodka maker Tito's Handmade Vodka and felt he could make a better product using imported wheat from Italy.

<http://newsok.com/blast-rocks-moore-distillery/article/4907972>

### USA, WI, ANITGO, JUNE 13 2014. PROPANE TANKER FIRE SENDS FLAMES ABOVE TREETOPS

 **Watch the Video** [Propane Tanker Fire Sends Flames above Treetops](#)



Flames from a propane tanker shot above the treetops after the truck caught fire on U.S. Highway 45, blocking the road for hours Friday, Langlade County Sheriff Bill Greening said. "It was very dramatic. Nobody was hurt. The driver did get out safely," the sheriff said. About noon as the tanker owned by Draeger Propane of Antigo was northbound on U.S. Highway 45, the truck's engine started on fire about four miles south of Antigo, Greening said. The driver pulled over and tried to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher but was unsuccessful, Greening said. The blaze spread, heating the tanker to the point that the liquid propane began escaping through a release valve designed to keep it from exploding, the sheriff said. "When I first got there, the flames were above the tree line," Greening said. "It was pretty hectic for afternoon traffic." Firefighters let the fire burn itself out and the truck was not expected to be removed from the

scene until later in the afternoon, delaying the reopening of Highway 45 until about 2:30 p.m., the sheriff said. It is unknown why the truck's engine started on fire, Greening said. Antigo Fire Chief Jon Petroskey said the tanker had just made a delivery of propane and had about 100 gallons left, meaning it was about 90 percent empty.

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A tanker truck fire has closed down a section of highway in Langlade County, according to state transportation officials. Authorities say Highway 45 is closed in both directions at County Highway G just south of Antigo. Officials say an incident happened around noon Friday, but no further details have been released. Diana Downing, administrative assistant at Faith Center Church, which is about 450 yards from the crash site, said some nearby businesses were evacuated because of the fire. "You could see black smoke rolling pretty good here," she said in a telephone interview. "The parking lot is getting packed."

<http://www.waow.com/story/25771580/2014/06/13/tanker-truck-fire-closes-highway-near-antigo>

### UKRAINE, KIROVSKE, JUNE 13 2014. EXPLOSION KILLS AT LEAST SEVEN MINERS IN EASTERN UKRAINE

At least seven miners were killed in a gas explosion in an eastern Ukrainian coalmine, officials said Friday. Rescue workers discovered seven bodies in the mine in the Donetsk region, the Ukrainian emergency situations agency said in a statement. It added that the search continued for two missing miners. The gas explosion happened early Thursday 300 metres below



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surface in a mine in Kirovske, east of the regional capital Donetsk. The mines in the industrial Donbass region, which includes Donetsk and which has been hit by an armed pro-Russian insurgency in recent months, are notorious for their frequent accidents and low safety standards.

<http://www.thesundaily.my/news/1079333>

### USA, VA, FREDERICKSBURG, JUNE 13 2014. FUELEthanol, tankers still city in city

Since 2009, Mayfield community leaders have pushed to have rail tankers moved from track siding in their backyards after learning the tankers carry ethanol, chlorine, ammonium hydroxide and sulfuric acid—chemicals that pose a threat to the Fredericksburg neighborhood. Residents succeeded in having the chemical rail tankers moved out of the storage yard near Mayfield. Those tanks are now sent to the Milford storage yard in Caroline County. But the Rev. Hashmel Turner Jr. said the tankers containing ethanol are still stored near Mayfield. "Unfortunately, the plan to ship it to Possum Point fell through," Turner said of a proposal to store the ethanol tankers near the power plant in Prince William County. The tankers holding ethanol are part of the Transflo operation, which is in the Bowman Center in the Spotsylvania Industrial Park just across the city line off Routes 2 and 17. Some of the tankers are stored at the center and others next to Mayfield. Talks among neighborhood representatives, state and local officials, CSX and Bowman officials have resulted in some action. A screening fence was built between the storage tracks and the neighborhood. But Turner said Mayfield residents would like to see the tankers removed from the yard entirely. "We're just hoping there will be some relief in sight," he said.

<http://news.fredericksburg.com/newsdesk/2014/06/13/ethanol-tankers-still-sit-in-city/>

### INDIA, GUJARAT, NANDESARI, JUNE 13 2014. CHEMICAL FACTORY BLAST CAUSES MAJOR FIRE

A major fire broke out after a blast in a chemical company in Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation's (GIDC) Nandesari estate, on the outskirts of the city today, fire brigade sources of the Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) said. A blast caused substantial damage to a chemical factory and caused panic in the adjacent Nandesari industrial estate. Residents in the area including Amit Desai were very angry after chemical liquid from the factory entered the village forcing school authorities to ask students to go home. "The blast damaged furniture and walls in several houses and shops located in Nandesari. Apart from VMC fire brigade vans, fire extinguishing vehicles of other companies located in the nearby areas too were pressed into action. It took about two hours to control the fire," Desai said. "Those who suffered damages due to this fire will be compensated and the GIDC Estate Association will find out the how fire was caused," Atul Pandya, a member of the GIDC Estate Association said.

[http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/factory-blast-causes-major-fire-at-nandesari-industrial-estate-114061301379\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/factory-blast-causes-major-fire-at-nandesari-industrial-estate-114061301379_1.html)

### USA, CA, SACRAMENTO, JUNE 14 2014. OIL DRILLING CONTAMINATED WESTERN AMAZON RAINFOREST, STUDY CONFIRMS



*Researchers have confirmed that decades of oil and gas drilling have widely contaminated the Western Amazon rainforest in Peru. Here, valves for an oil well in the Amazon.*

Peru's Amazon rainforest is extensively contaminated from decades of oil and gas drilling, researchers reported yesterday (June 12) here at the annual Goldschmidt geochemistry conference. In the past decade, volatile demonstrations by indigenous groups and tangled lawsuits against oil companies have exposed the toxic legacy of decades of [oil drilling in the Western Amazon](#). People living in the rainforest say they are suffering health effects from the nearby polluted drilling and waste sites, and from eating plants and wildlife laced with heavy metals and petroleum compounds. But lax government regulations during the early years of oil exploration, combined with

a lack of environmental monitoring, mean there's little data on the true extent of contamination in the [richly diverse rainforest](#). "I was surprised by how little has been published," said study co-author Antoni Rosell-Melé, an environmental chemist at the Autonomous University of Barcelona in Spain. Now, using publicly available water sampling data, Rosell-Melé and his colleagues have built a comprehensive [database](#) of contamination levels during the past 30 years in Peru's remote rainforest. The team plans to publish the database so other scientists can use the data to better understand how oil exploration affects the Amazon rainforest. "We know a lot about the impacts of deforestation, but very little has been published about the impacts



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of oil exploration," Rosell-Melé said. The results confirm the complaints from indigenous and green groups: Pollutant levels exceed government and international standards, the researchers said. "When we extract oil, it has a very high [price](#) for the environment, and sometimes, it's not paid by those who use the oil," Rosell-Melé said. The data comes from Peruvian public agencies, oil companies and non-governmental organizations, but has never been collected in one place. The database contains 4,480 samples from 10 major rivers, taken between 1983 and 2013. Nearly 70 percent of the river water samples exceed Peru's limits for lead, and 20 percent exceed cadmium limits, Rosell-Melé said. "There's clearly been impacts from discharge into the rivers," he said. During the early decades of oil mining, companies dumped their drilling waste into open pits or directly into rivers and streams. Leaky pipelines and wells, as well as accidental [oil spills](#) could also produce the contamination detected in the water samples. The heavy metals and other compounds tested were at higher levels downstream of the discharge sites, as compared with levels upstream, which suggests the oil discharges had caused the contamination, the researchers said.

### Health Effects

High levels of lead and [cadmium](#) have been found in blood taken from indigenous people living in the rainforest, and from the wildlife these groups hunt for food, according to earlier studies. Activists believe the contamination results from such pollutants moving up the food chain, from wildlife to [indigenous peoples](#) who rely on the rainforest ecosystem for a subsistence lifestyle. To confirm that rainforest animals eat in oil-contaminated areas, the researchers set up [camera traps](#) in the forest. The traps caught animals such as tapirs feeding directly on the chemicals from the spills, and researchers documented oil in the animals' feces. Rosell-Melé thinks the animals are attracted to the taste of salty wastewater and chemicals. Soils in the rainforest are low in salt, and animals may mistake the spills for natural salt licks, Rosell-Melé said. According to the database, pollution levels in Peru's rainforest rivers started to drop after 2007, when the government ordered drilling companies to stop dumping toxic waste into rivers. "The situation has improved over what it used to be, but it's not acceptable by Western standards," Rosell-Melé said. The new environmental regulations haven't completely prevented new toxic waste spills, however. Peru's Environment Ministry declared an environmental emergency in the Corrientes and Pastaza River basins in March 2013 due to drilling contamination. [About 30 percent of the world's rainforests overlie fossil fuel reservoirs, Rosell-Melé said. Huge oil and gas reserves have been discovered under the Amazon rainforest in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and western Brazil. Oil drilling in the Western Amazon peaked in the 1970s, with exploration funded by both private companies and national governments. The rise in oil [prices](#) during the 2000s sparked a new drilling boom in the area. More than 180 areas zoned for new exploration and development now cover a section of Amazon rainforest the size of Germany. "The exploitation of these resources is a threat to biological and cultural diversity," Rosell-Melé said.

<http://www.livescience.com/46319-oil-drilling-contaminated-amazon.html>

### MEXICO, VERACRUZ, JUNE 15 2014. 7 ICA FLUOR WORKERS KILLED WHILE ASSEMBLING PEMEX PLATFORM

 **Watch the Video** [Mexico Oil-Rig Accident Kills Seven](#)



Seven people have died in the offshore rig construction yard of ICA Flour in Mexico after an elevator fell 30m. Local media reports indicate that five died immediately, two others died later in hospital and one is still in a serious condition. Not all the people that died were in the elevator, as it hit workers standing below when it fell. The accident happened on Wednesday while the yard was constructing a rig for the state-owned oil company Pemex.

Mexican construction firm [Empresas ICA](#) said Thursday that seven of its workers died and one was injured a day earlier while assembling an offshore oil platform for the government oil monopoly Petróleos Mexicanos, or Pemex. ICA said in a statement that the workers fell from about 40 meters (130 feet) while in

a transportation pod known as a "man basket" that was being held by a crane. The accident-now under investigation—occurred at the onshore construction site of ICA affiliate Industria de Hierro in the Gulf Coast state of Veracruz. The Ayatsil-C platform is being built by the ICA joint venture between Empresas ICA, based in Mexico City, and Fluor Corporation, based in Irving, Texas. ICA Fluor said in a 2012 news release that the contract value of the Ayatsil-C platform was \$95 million. Pemex's Ayatsil offshore project will extract extra-heavy crude oil from the southern Gulf of Mexico near the company's current top-producing fields at the Ku-Maloob-Zaap oil complex.

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<http://online.wsj.com/articles/seven-ica-fluor-workers-killed-while-assembling-pemex-platform-1402619216#>



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### USA, VA, FREDERICKSBURG, JUNE 14 2014. FUEL SPILLED AT MARY WASHINGTON HOSPITAL

There has been a diesel fuel spill at the Mary Washington Hospital campus, according to Fredericksburg Deputy Fire Chief Mike Jones. 250 gallons of fuel has leaked and made it into the small creek near the wetlands at the bottom of the hill, Jones said. There's a contractor on site with the fire department to help clean up.

<http://news.fredericksburg.com/newsdesk/2014/06/13/fuel-spilled-at-mary-washington-hospital/>

### USA, MT, BILLINGS, JUNE 14 2014. FIRE HITS PHILLIPS 66'S BILLINGS REFINERY



*A fire in the coker unit at ExxonMobil refinery sent smoke south over Lockwood on Friday morning.*

An investigation is under way into a fire that broke out on June 11 at Phillips 66's 59,000-b/d Billings, Mont., refinery, the company said. The fire, which struck the refinery's large crude unit (LCU), was quickly extinguished by on site emergency response personnel, Dennis Nuss, spokesman for [Phillips 66](#), told OGI via e-mail. Following the incident, Phillips 66 personnel were dispatched to monitor air quality in the area surrounding the refinery, and data collected indicates there have been no offsite impacts, the company reported. No injuries resulted from the fire, and all Phillips 66 personnel are safe, Nuss added. With the cause of the fire still under

investigation, Nuss said it would be premature to speculate on what, if any, impact this incident will have on operations or production at the refinery. The current status of LCU was not disclosed. Earlier in the month Montana regulators issued the Billings refinery a final air-quality permit incorporating administrative amendments to the site's previous permit, according to documents dated June 5 recently posted on the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's web site.

<http://www.ogj.com/articles/2014/06/fire-hits-phillips-66-s-billings-refinery.html>

### FINLAND, ROVANIEMI, JUNE 15 2014. PONSSE TO INVEST EURO 2.5 MILLION IN A NEW SERVICE CENTRE

Ponsse will invest in a wholly new service centre in Rovaniemi, Finland. Foundation work was started and the new premises will be completed in spring 2015. The investment of Euro 2.5 million guarantees modern maintenance services for forest machinery for customers in northern Finland, as the company said in the press release received by Lesprom Network. "We have a strong machine base and long-running customer relationships in northern Finland. This allows us to develop our service range. As our customers can rely on the quality of our services, they can expand the operations according to their needs," says Jarmo Vidgrén, Sales and Marketing Director of Ponsse. Since last autumn, the Rovaniemi service centre has operated from temporary premises in Hirvas after the lease agreement on the previous facility terminated. The goal was to relocate service functions to updated facilities that better enable the maintenance of modern forest machines. The new facilities are also located closer to the centre of Rovaniemi in the Suopelto industrial area. The surface area of the new building will be 1,350 m<sup>2</sup>. The service facility will have four spacious service points, one of which also acts as a washing station. Information systems maintenance also operates in Rovaniemi. Ponsse's Finnish service network has been renewed strongly in recent years. The upgraded Tampere and Mikkeli service centres were opened in 2012. The new service centre in the Jyväskylä region and a new Ponsse service centre in Toivala were opened in 2013. Ponsse has Finland's best forest machine service network coverage: 12 Ponsse service centres and 8 authorised service providers.

[http://www.lesprom.com/en/news/Ponsse to invest Euro 2 5 million in a new service centre in Rovaniemi Finland 624 26/](http://www.lesprom.com/en/news/Ponsse%20to%20invest%20Euro%202%20million%20in%20a%20new%20service%20centre%20in%20Rovaniemi%20Finland%2062426/)

### USA, W.VA, CHARLESTON, JUNE 15 2014. LAWSUITS IN QUESTION IN WEST VIRGINIA TANK LAW

*jonathan mattise*

Industry groups are jittery that if state regulators require the wrong type of permit, companies could be subject to citizen lawsuits under a new environmental law that regulates storage tanks. State regulators disagree, and are convinced the new aboveground tank law won't let citizens sue to enforce it. Many groups thought the issue was settled when state lawmakers omitted a citizen-lawsuit option while crafting the law, which responds to a January spill that spurred a days-long ban on tap water for 300,000 West Virginians. The tank law calls for new inspections, registrations, inventories and other regulations on aboveground tanks, with the most stringent rules applying to tanks near water supplies. It doesn't say anything about opportunities for citizens to sue over enforcement issues. Using one existing permit type could save regulators time and effort. But industry groups think it also would unintentionally allow citizen lawsuits and federal Environmental Protection Agency



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oversight, since that permit falls under the Clean Water Act. "Creating a 'federal right of action,' either by EPA or third party lawsuit, is directly counter to the intent of the new (aboveground storage tank) statute," the [West Virginia Coal Association](#) wrote to state environmental regulators last month. The state [Chamber of Commerce and American Electric Power](#) made similar warnings. The state [Department of Environmental Protection](#) said it shouldn't matter, since new tank requirements are in state law, not federal. Environmentalists hope the technicality offers them another shot to make citizen lawsuits possible. "We just have no confidence that DEP would do an adequate job overseeing the chemical industry on these aboveground storage tank rules," said [Dianne Bady](#), [Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition](#) project coordinator. Other lawsuits under the Clean Water Act have fared well for state environmental groups this year. They clinched a landmark win this month against mountaintop removal mining. A judge ruled two Alpha Natural Resources mountaintop removal mines dumped waste into streams and killed off aquatic life. Alpha lost another April ruling that its Raleigh County coal slurry impoundment violated the state's water quality standard for selenium. A week later, a judge made a similar selenium ruling against a CONSOL Energy mine in Mingo County. Though the tank law is already etched into code, environmental regulators still have to craft plenty of rules that dictate permitting, exemptions, inspections and more. Portions of the law become effective by different deadlines. The state's first draft of tank rules could be available as early as this summer, said DEP spokeswoman [Kelley Gillenwater](#). Ultimately, lawmakers need to approve rules in the two-month legislative session starting in January.

<http://www.seattlepi.com/news/science/article/Lawsuits-in-question-in-West-Virginia-tank-law-5552569.php>

### USA, FLA, ORLANDO, JUNE 15 2014. WOMAN'S BODY, CHEMICALS FOUND IN CAR IN ORLANDO WALMART PARKING LOT



*Woman found dead in car with chemicals.*

[Orange County](#) deputies are investigating after a woman's body was found inside a car parked at a Walmart on East Colonial Drive near Alafaya Trail in [Orange County](#). Deputies and firefighters found the body while responding to a hazmat situation in the parking lot around 7:15 a.m. Saturday. They said chemicals were found inside the car. Investigators don't know how long the woman has been dead, and they believe it could be a suicide. The store was not evacuated. Crews removed the body around 1:30 p.m., but stayed on scene as a precaution.

<http://www.wftv.com/news/news/local/womans-body-chemicals-found-car-walmart-parking-lot/ngLNb/>

### USA, VT, WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, JUNE 15 2014. GASOLINE SPILL IN WRJ CLOSES STATION TEMPORARILY

The gas pumps at the Station Market Mobil gas station were closed temporarily Friday after roughly 25 gallons of gasoline were spilled from an RV camper, according to a news release from the Hartford Fire Department. Hartford fire officials responded to the scene around 12:40 p.m. and conducted atmospheric monitoring of the gas station and the White River, according to the release. Most of the spilled fuel dispersed into the gas station's storm drains with catch basins designed for such spills, and absorbent materials were used to filter storm water downstream from the spill to help collect any fuel that made it through the containment area. Hartford units consulted with the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and the state's hazardous response team. Fire officials stayed on scene until about 3:15 p.m., when a private hazard abatement company arrived. The pumps were expected to reopen by the end of the day. Hartford Fire Lt. Shawn Hannux said the spill was caused by a hole in part of the recreational vehicle's mechanism. The owner of the RV immediately reported it to the station clerk and no injuries were reported.

<http://www.vnews.com/news/12364529-95/local-regional-briefs-for-saturday-june-14-2014>

### USA, MD, FREDERICK CO, JUNE 15 2014. LARGE AMOUNT OF GASOLINE SPILLED AT QUARLES ON TILCO DR.

*Kevin McManus*

Frederick County fire and rescue crews and hazardous materials personnel were dispatched to the Quarles Station at 1577 Tilco Drive Saturday morning for a gasoline spill. An individual who was filling up his vehicle noticed a leak in one of the hoses. "The gentleman that was using the pump at the time didn't shut the pump off. As he was traveling to get some help, the gas flowed freely from the hose," says Lt. Jeff Shippey, a safety officer with the Fire and Rescue Services Division. He estimates about 25 to 75-gallons of gasoline flowed out of the hose. It went beyond the containment system and into a storm drain in the



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Quarles parking lot. "And we were able to control and contain a good bit of the gasoline on the surface. But approximately 25 to 40-gallons went into the drains itself," he says. Lt. Shippey says fire fighters used a lot of water to flush out the gasoline which entered the storm drains, and notified the County's Department of Public Works that the contaminated water was heading their way. The Maryland Department of the Environment was also notified. "No injuries; no fatalities; no permanent damage to the environment; no buildings had odor or vapors in them," says Lt. Shippey. He says personnel were dispatched around 5:30 AM, and began wrapping up operations by 9:30 AM.

<http://www.wfmd.com/articles/wfmd-local-news-119935/large-amount-of-gasoline-spilled-at-12462224>

### USA, TX, CANUTILLO, JUNE 15 2014. MAN DIES, TWO INJURED WHILE CLEANING ASPHALT TANK

#### Key Points:

- 3 men were cleaning the inside of a tanker, 1 was able to get out, Firefighters say the other 2 workers were trying to rescue the 2 victims who were inside the tanker.



*One man died and two others were injured in an accident at a Northwest El Paso quarry on June 14, 2014.*

El Paso Fire Dept. officials responded to the Canutillo quarry at 7410 N. Desert Blvd. A worker was overcome by fumes while cleaning an asphalt tank at the Jobe Avispa Canyon Quarry early Saturday morning. El Paso Fire Department officials responded to the quarry in Canutillo at 7410 N. Desert Blvd. Upon arrival, firefighters saw workers on top of a tanker attempting to rescue two victims inside. Fire officials said the victims were cleaning the inside of tanker when they grew ill. A third worker was able to self-rescue prior to FD arrival. He was treated and transported to area hospital. The remaining two victims were rescued from the tanker by firefighters and were also transported to area hospitals. One of the victims, a 58 year old male, succumbed to his injuries and later died. OSHA officials were notified of the workplace fatality. EPFD rescue units backed by West

Valley firefighters, responded to the scene along with El Paso EMS and Life ambulance.

#### Related Stories

- [One Dead, Two Hurt After Texas Asphalt Tank Mishap](#)
- [One dead, two others injured after being trapped inside asphalt truck \(Update\)](#)
- [Jobe worker dead after being trapped inside asphalt truck](#)
- [One worker dead after rescue at El Paso-area concrete plant](#)

<http://www.kvia.com/news/man-dies-two-injured-while-cleaning-asphalt-tank/26493930>

### USA, WI, ANTIGO, JUNE 15 2014. HWY 45 RE-OPENS AFTER LP TANKER FIRE IN ANTIGO

 **Watch the Video** [Hwy 45 Re-Opens after LP Tanker Fire in Antigo](#)

 **Photo's [6]** [Hwy 45 Re-Opens after LP Tanker Fire in Antigo](#)



Investigators are still looking into what caused an LP tanker truck to catch fire, prompting the closure of one of the city's busiest highways. The tanker fire was reported around 11:40 a.m. Friday. Both lanes of Highway 45 near Highway G south of Antigo were closed. The highway has since reopened. The driver made it out of the truck and was not injured. Because of the threat of an explosion crews let the fire burn out on its own then came back to clean up. The highway sustained some damage. Pat Wright leaves near the scene was evacuated from her home. "I heard a pop and I ran to the window. Cars were stopping and I thought someone blew a tire. When I looked I could see this truck parked right in front of my house was burning," she explained.

<http://www.wsaw.com/home/headlines/Tanker-Truck-Fire-Closed-both-Lanes-of-Hwy-45-S-of-Antigo-263055081.html?ref=081>



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### INDIA, MADHYA PRADESH, JHABUA, JUNE 15 2014. OIL TANKER TURNS TURTLE; VILLAGERS FILL THEIR UTENSILS WITH IT

A tanker full of mustard oil turned turtle at the Indore-Ahemdabad highway on Thursday afternoon. In the mishap, all the oil drained of the tanker and people from the nearby villages filled all their utensils and containers from the dripping oil. The driver Ganpat and cleaner Ramesh were critically injured and have been admitted in hospital. As per the received information, tanker (JJ-12-3652) was heading from Gujrat when it lost its balance as a goat suddenly hopped in front of the tanker. Police has registered the case. The oil was in ample of amount. It continued to spill even after the villagers had filled up their utensils.

<http://freepressjournal.in/oil-tanker-turns-turtle-villagers-fill-their-utensils-with-it/>

### USA, ID, TWIN FALLS, JUNE 16 2014. GAS STATION CRASH INJURES ONE

One person is transported to the hospital after a car crashes at Smith's Gas Station on Addison Avenue East. The Twin Falls Police Department and Twin Falls Fire Department were dispatched to the scene at 5:52 p.m. Sergeant Justin Dimond tells us a silver Saturn drove through two gas pumps and hit another vehicle, which then crashed into a pump. The pump tipped over, landing on a person filling up their vehicle. That person was taken by ambulance to St. Luke's Magic Valley. The extent of their injuries is unknown at this time.

<http://www.kmvt.com/news/latest/Gas-Station-Crash-Injures-One-263172381.html>

### AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, CLONCURRY, JUNE 16 2014. TANKER FROM TRIPLE ROAD TRAIN ROLLS AND LEAKS DIESEL, CLOSING FLINDERS HIGHWAY BETWEEN JULIA CREEK AND CLONCURRY

*tom snowdon*

Part of a Queensland highway was closed for several hours after a road train carrying fuel rolled. The third tanker from the triple road train rolled about 6.30pm Sunday on the Flinders Highway between Julia Creek and Cloncurry, east of Mt Isa. The tanker was carrying diesel which leaked following the accident. Police were at the scene and closed a section of the highway for several hours. It was reopened by 11pm. The highway is the only major road linking Queensland towns as far north as Townsville to the Northern Territory. No injuries were reported.

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/tanker-from-triple-road-train-rolls-and-leaks-diesel-closing-flinders-highway-between-julia-creek-and-cloncurry/story-fnihsrf2-1226955195404>

### USA, UT, OREM, JUNE 16 2014. FIERY CANNON BLAST AT UTAH PARADE INJURES 3 CHILDREN

*colleen curry*

Three children remain hospitalized after being injured when a cannon blast at a summer parade in Utah turned into a fiery explosion. The children were attending the Orem Summerfest Parade in Orem, Utah, on Saturday when a Civil War reenactment group fired the cannon. A spark from the cannon landed on a pouch containing additional explosive charges that were then ignited, causing a fiery blast, according to Orem police Lt. Josh Adams. Two of the children appeared to be engulfed in flames from the explosion, Adams said. Bystanders helped rip off the children's clothes, douse them in water, and wrap them in blankets. The children were treated at the scene of the parade and transported to the hospital, where they are in stable condition. An eyewitness told [KXTV](#) that there was lots of smoke at the time of the explosion and that a child emerged from the smoke, leading people to yell "stop, drop and roll" at the children.

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/fiery-cannon-blast-utah-parade-injures-children/story?id=24144596>

### MALAYSIA, SARAWAK, SIBU, JUNE 16 2014. SMOKING AT PETROL KIOSK IS ASKING FOR TROUBLE — LEE

It is appalling that many people still take safety for granted when refilling their vehicles at petrol kiosks. In a recent incident in Kuching, a youth suffered burns when he spilled some petrol onto himself and set fire to his right arm and leg after the fuel came into contact with a lit cigarette he was holding. He was reported to be refuelling his motorcycle when the episode happened. Commenting on the incident, National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (Niosh) chairman Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye said the incident showed that people had yet to take safety seriously. "It is common sense that we cannot smoke or light a cigarette when refilling as such action could possibly cause a fire." Lee said it was important for everyone to follow strictly the dos and don'ts when at petrol stations. "Let this be a lesson to everybody to give safety a top priority," Lee told The Borneo Post when contacted yesterday. State Fire and Rescue Department (Bomba) director Nor Hisham Mohammad stressed that smoking was out of bounds in petrol stations. "But to my knowledge, there are no clear regulations to impose a ban or non-smoking zone in petrol kiosks. "Nevertheless, it is quite obvious and a common knowledge that we can't smoke or



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light a cigarette in a highly flammable environment," said Nor Hisham. He also advised vehicle owners to switch off their engines when refilling. "It is better to prevent any untoward incidents," he stressed.

<http://www.theborneopost.com/2014/06/16/smoking-at-petrol-kiosk-is-asking-for-trouble-lee/>

### CANADA, ONT, KAPUSKASING, JUNE 16 2014. CAUSE OF ODOUR LIKELY GASOLINE

A gaseous odour that caused the evacuation of some Kapuskasing residents is likely being caused by gasoline, not natural gas as previously thought, provincial police said Friday. The town set up an evacuation centre at the local Sports Palace when the odour was detected on Thursday. The source was still being pinpointed. Residents who detect an odour of gasoline should leave their homes and report it to police or the town, a provincial news release said.

<http://www.chroniclejournal.com/content/news/local/2014/06/15/cause-odour-likely-gasoline>

### USA, UT, BOX ELDER CO, TREMONTON, JUNE 17 2014. TANK EXPLOSION - ROADBLOCKS THERE FOR A REASON — SAFETY

 **Watch the Video** [500-Pound Propane Tank Explodes, Piece Lands Next to Patrol Car.](#)



*Roadblocks there for a reason, safety.*

Roadblocks may be inconvenient when a fire seems so far away, but law enforcement and firefighters know there are potential dangers that can arise. The Utah Highway Patrol shared a cell phone video showing a 500-pound propane tank that exploded near Bear River in Box Elder County. A quarter of a mile away, dashcam video from a trooper's car shows a piece of metal from that same propane tank landing next to the patrol car. The piece of metal that flew into the air for a quarter of a mile weighed 50- pounds. "If my trooper had not moved into his car, it's likely he would have been seriously injured," UHP Lt. Lee Perry said. "He may have even been killed with a size of a piece like that hitting. It literally took out a chunk of asphalt. "I'm just grateful that nothing happened to

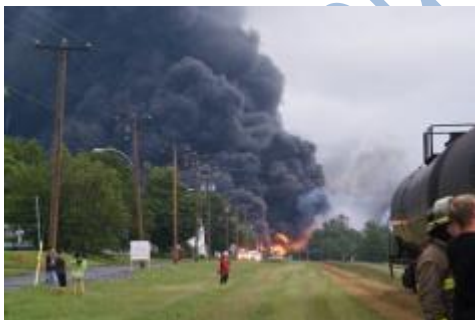
my trooper that night, or (anyone) else." Troopers and firecrews say this incident is a great example of why roads are sometimes closed so far away from a fire. With all the shrapnel flying into the air, the trooper may have saved somebody from getting hurt. "When you have metal projectiles going over a quarter of a mile, that's really scary for not only the responders' safety, but the public's safety that's driving by because they see something going on," Box Elder County Fire Marshal Corey Barton said. While it may seem an extreme example of what could happen, it's best to proceed with caution.

 **Related Stories** [Caught on Cam: Massive Fuel Tank Blast](#)

<http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=30304889>

### CANADA, QC, MONTREAL, JUNE 17 2014. QUEBEC SEEKS \$409M FROM MM&A RAILWAY IN LAC-MEGANTIC BLAST

brian daly



*Fire from a train explosion is seen in Lac-Megantic, Quebec on July 6, 2013 after a 72-car runaway freight train carrying crude oil derailed in the centre of the city resulting in forty-two people confirmed dead with 5 more missing and presumed dead. Roughly half of the downtown area buildings were destroyed. The train was owned by Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railway Corp (MMA).*

Quebec says it's seeking at least \$409 million from the railway at the centre of the Lac-Megantic oil-train blast that killed 47 people last July. The government said Monday that it made the claim as a creditor in ongoing bankruptcy proceedings against the Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railway (MM&A). The Illinois company's Canadian assets are under bankruptcy protection as massive potential liabilities are worked out. The driverless 72-car crude oil train derailed and exploded on last July 6, destroying 1.5 square kilometres of downtown Lac-

Megantic, Que. Quebec's claim is in addition to \$50 million in wrongful-death lawsuits already filed against the MM&A. The town near the Maine border is also seeking tens of millions of dollars to rebuild its downtown core. Quebec said in its statement that it submitted its claim to the bankruptcy trustee last Friday. "This amount consists of \$126 million in public funds



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already spent, because of the damage that occurred July 6, 2013, and \$283 million for future expenses," said the province. "The total amount may be revised upwards, once all expenses of the Government of Quebec have been determined." A separate mediation is underway to resolve insurance claims. Lawyers for Canadian and U.S. creditors, as well as survivors, are trying to establish a claims process for the \$25 million to be paid out by the railway's insurance company. Quebec said Monday that if MM&A's liability is limited to \$25 million, families and relatives should get all of the money. The runaway train's engineer and two MM&A managers each face 47 counts of criminal negligence causing death in the blast. MM&A was sold to another U.S. firm and renamed the Central Maine and Quebec Railway last month. The new owner says the company will invest \$10 million to upgrade its tracks in eastern Canada, where its railway operations are based.

<http://www.torontosun.com/2014/06/16/quebec-seeks-409m-from-mma-railway-in-lac-megantic-blast>

### USA, KS, KANSAS CITY, JUNE 17 2014. MAKERS OF ILLEGAL FIREWORKS CAN PAY A DEADLY PRICE WHEN THE PROCESS GOES WRONG

allie hinga



Wiley Mitchell of Kansas City was killed last week after an explosion in his house in the 9100 block of Tennessee Avenue tore off both legs and one arm. One resident of the house told investigators that he had helped Mitchell make about 1,500 explosives he sold as M-80s in June 2013.

A firecracker you buy from a stand can legally have no more than 50 milligrams of flash powder. But Kyle Lovelady, a federal explosives expert, has seen illegal fireworks 20 times more powerful — and sometimes far more potent than that. "When the accident happens, it's not just 'I have a burn on my hand,'" Lovelady said. "It's 'I don't have a hand.'" The results can be far worse when something goes wrong in a basement where illegal fireworks are being made. [A Kansas City man died last week](#) after an explosion in his house tore off both legs and one arm. Three years ago in Independence, a garage exploded, killing a man and throwing his body into the backyard of another house. This time each year,

the federal [Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives](#) begins hearing more reports of illegal fireworks on the street.

#### Why?

That's not hard: People like to blow things up. "There's something about it," Lovelady said. Plus there's some easy money to be made. Materials cost little and the price can float. "It's kind of like a drug; they can ask whatever they want," said Daryl Marmon, a display manager at [Wald & Co./All American Display Fireworks](#), which has a retail store in Greenwood in Jackson County. In this month's Kansas City explosion, residents of the house might have been making explosives for two years, according to federal court documents. One resident of the house in the 9100 block of Tennessee Avenue told investigators that he had helped Wiley Mitchell make about 1,500 explosives he sold as M-80s in June 2013. The operation apparently had resumed this year when the house exploded June 4, injuring six people. Mitchell, the Kansas City man who lost his legs and an arm, was burned over 80 percent of his body. A resident told investigators that Mitchell had long, red cardboard tubes delivered to the house before the explosion. Mitchell also had a green bowl in the basement that contained a gray explosive mixture left over from making explosives last year, investigators were told. Lovelady said that when the ATF investigates places where people make fireworks, agents often find dirty facilities coated with residue of explosive powder. Investigators frequently find bulk powder, cardboard tubes, fuses — almost like an assembly line. Accidents also can occur when people try to remanufacture consumer fireworks, said John Ham, an ATF spokesman. They take the purchased product apart and make it into something else. The problem is that the raw materials have a high spark and static risk. "It really doesn't take much to set this stuff off," Ham said. It's not difficult to spot an illegal explosive, said Julie L. Heckman, the executive director of the [American Pyrotechnics Association](#). Basically it's a paper tube full of explosive powder with no label, she said. In February, Kansas City police disabled a homemade explosive found in a truck. A passenger said he made the fireworks. And accidents can easily happen. In 2011, a man in an apartment on North Hickory Street lost his hand when he picked up homemade fireworks. Other accidents, like the one this month, turn deadly. Rodney Ames, 56, was the man who died in Independence. In June 2011, a series of explosions ripped through a detached garage. Police reports detail what happened that night. Explosions continued to rock the garage as officials arrived. The structure was destroyed, scattering debris across the ground and into trees and rooftops of nearby houses. While searching the area, officials found several papers laying out directions to



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build explosives. The victim's wife told an officer that earlier in the day, her husband had gone to a stand to purchase fireworks, although she didn't know what kind or where they came from. Another official was told Ames might have been handling explosive material to make fireworks for a neighborhood display. Officials found several unexploded commercial and consumer fireworks in the debris field. In 2012, the most recent year available, the [Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) received [six reports of fireworks deaths outside the workplace](#). At least two of them involved homemade fireworks. And in one of those incidents, a 30-year-old Nebraska man was making illegal fireworks when the materials he was using exploded, destroying his home. Officers and investigators found devices and materials used to make the explosives at the scene, as well as a hand-written notebook that contained "pyrotechnic recipes." The man died five days later in a hospital. In another case, a 60-year old Mississippi man was setting off fireworks at his home on Christmas Day when a device exploded. An investigator believed at least one of the devices was homemade, constructed from legally purchased fireworks and containing a larger-than-normal payload. The man died of blunt-force trauma. Making fireworks is more difficult than it might appear to some, the ATF's Ham said. For one thing, the individuals involved don't realize the safety precautions that legal manufacturers take. "That's something they leave out of the equation when they decide they can make something on their own," he said.

<http://www.kansascity.com/news/local/crime/article564366/Makers-of-illegal-fireworks-can-pay-a-deadly-price-when-the-process-goes-wrong.html>

### USA, AL, TUSCALOOSA, JUNE 17 2014. DERAILMENT OF TRAIN CARRYING OIL LEADS TO MANDATORY EVACUATION OF ROAD IN TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

stephen dethrage



*A train carrying oil has derailed in Tuscaloosa County and, because of the risk of fire, necessitated a mandatory evacuation of all areas within 1,000 feet of the derailment.*

A train carrying an unknown amount of oil has derailed in Tuscaloosa County, a representative for county sheriff's office said Monday afternoon. Citing the threat of fire, Lt. Andy Norris said the sheriff's office has ordered a mandatory evacuation of areas within 1,000 feet of the derailment on Sipsey Valley Road near 16000 Crosscut Drive. Norris said six homes have been affected by the evacuation, and no oil has been spilled from the tankers yet. Update: Families affected by the evacuation can return to their homes as of 4:20 p.m., the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office says.

[http://www.al.com/news/tuscaloosa/index.ssf/2014/06/derailment\\_of\\_train\\_carrying\\_o.html](http://www.al.com/news/tuscaloosa/index.ssf/2014/06/derailment_of_train_carrying_o.html)

### USA, N.M, ALBUQUERQUE, JUNE 17 2014. WATER AUTHORITY DEMANDS THAT KAFB CLEAN JET FUEL SPILL NOW

dennis domrzalski



*The Air Force Research Laboratory will break ground on Thursday on a new \$1.9 million laboratory to study high-power microwaves.*

The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority on Monday demanded that the U.S. Air Force take immediate steps to clean up a jet fuel spill on Kirtland Air Force Base that threatens the city's underground drinking water supply, and it put the Air Force on notice that it will not allow jet fuel to enter the water supply. "The Water Authority's Position [is] that ethylene dibromide at any detectable level will not be allowed to enter the potable drinking water system," said a resolution that the Water Authority released at a news conference Monday in Albuquerque's Southeast Heights near a drinking-water well the agency said is threatened with contamination by the spill. The resolution is expected to be approved by the Water Authority's board when it

meets June 18, the agency said in a news release. The resolution demands that KAFB "immediately develop and implement an appropriate remediation plan that prevents further migration of the dissolved phase of EDB (ethylene dibromide) plume and



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continue to monitor the location of the plume and install additional monitoring wells to track the movement if it continues towards the Water Utility's water supply wells." It has been estimated that over the years, between eight million to 24 million gallons of jet fuel leaked from storage tanks at KAFB. Those leaks have created plumes of contamination that range from 6,500 feet long to 1,500 feet wide. Water Utility officials have feared that the plume is migrating and could eventually reach some of its drinking water wells. "We want the U.S. Air Force and Kirtland Air Force Base to act now," said Water Authority Board Member and Bernalillo County Commissioner [Debbie O'Malley](#). "No more delays, no more conceptual plans that turn out to be unacceptable. The burden of remediation is theirs, and it is their financial, ethical, legal and moral duty to make sure our community's drinking water is safe. We will not accept anything less." Water Authority Board Vice-Chair and Bernalillo County Commissioner [Maggie Hart-Stebbins](#) said the Water Authority is "taking this action now because we share the New Mexico Environment Department's concern about any plan that allows the EDB contamination to migrate in the aquifer and reach our production wells." "We are very concerned because research has shown that the plume is actually moving in the direction of our well field to the north, away from the KAFB production well that was proposed for containment as part of Kirtland Air Force Base's interim measure to contain the plume," O'Malley added. The Water Authority said that although it has not detected any jet fuel in its monitoring sites or wells, "data has shown that the dissolved phase plume of EDB is located less than 4,000 feet from the nearest production well." The spill at Kirtland's Bulk Fuels Facility was first detected in 1999. Since then, the Air Force has been working with the New Mexico Environment Department and others to identify the full scope of the leak and to conduct interim remediation measures, Kirtland said on its website. A final recommendation on how to clean the spill is expected in September, Kirtland's website said.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/albuquerque/news/2014/06/16/water-authority-demands-that-kafb-clean-jet-fuel.html?page=all>

### NEW ZEALAND, PARAPARAUMU, JUNE 17 2014. CHEMICAL SPILL AT RAUMATI BEACH

*jenee tibshraeny*

Four fire trucks and a hazardous substances unit are at the scene of a chemical spill at Raumati Beach on the Kapiti Coast. Up to 10 litres of the substance has leaked from a container, as a person's shifted the chemicals from a storage shed to a trailer. Fire communications shift manager, Mike Wanoa says the fire service got called out to the residential property just before 2:30pm. He's yet to find out what the chemical is, and how it will be cleaned up.

<http://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/auckland/news/nbnat/840144579-chemical-spill-at-raumati-beach>

### SPAIN, CATALONIA, UNIVERSITAT AUTÒNOMA DE BARCELONA, JUNE 17 2014. WESTERN AMAZON IS AT RISK OF OIL POLLUTION: 30-YEAR CONTAMINATION PERIOD

*catherine griffin*



*It turns out that the Western Amazon may be in more trouble than we thought. Scientists have found that this region may have been contaminated by widespread oil pollution over a staggering 30-year period.*

It turns out that the Western Amazon may be in more trouble than we thought. Scientists have found that this region may have been contaminated by widespread oil pollution over a staggering 30-year period. The findings could have implications for the future of this area's ecological health. Most of the world's tropical rainforests actually contain oil and gas reserves. Oil production in the Western Amazon in particular peaked in the 1970s, and a growing global demand has stimulated a renewed growth in oil and gas extraction; nearly 70 percent of the Peruvian Amazon was tapped for oil between 1970 and 2009. Now scientists have taken a closer look at the impacts of this oil extraction in the Western Amazon. "We looked

at measurement in 18 wastewater dumping sites from 10 different Amazon tributaries," said Raul Yusta Garcia, one of the researchers, [in a news release](#). "We were able to pull together records over a 30 year period, from 1983 to 2013, allowing us to measure variations in nine different pollutants, such as lead, mercury and cadmium. We found that 68 percent of the samples were above the current permitted Peruvian limits for lead concentrations, and 20 percent of the samples above permitted cadmium levels." The researchers also compared pollution upstream and downstream of some of the dumping sites. This revealed that chlorine levels averaged 11 times higher downstream of the wastewater dumping sites. This, in particular, showed that increasing demand could cause increasing pollution. "There are no published studies to date that report the pollution impact of oil extraction activities in remote pristine rainforests," said Antoni Rosell-Mele [in a news release](#). "Our



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results show that contamination is widespread in these areas. This increase in pollutant levels is not just due to oil spills, but to the drilling and extraction process. These processes have not been effectively monitored in remote areas until now. Some of this pollution may feed its way into the human food chain and certain of the areas affected by oil spills on land are feeding grounds for large wildlife, including endangered species."

<http://www.scienceworldreport.com/articles/15447/20140616/western-amazon-risk-oil-pollution-30-year-contamination-period.htm>

### **MALAYSIA, TERENGGANU, KUALA TERENGGANU, JUNE 17 2014. CHEVRON TO OPEN 25 PETROL STATIONS NATIONWIDE BY YEAR-END**

Chevron Malaysia Ltd, which operates the retail brand, Caltex, plans to open 25 petrol stations nationwide by year-end. Its Government and Public Affairs Manager, Mokhtar Ali Ismail, said the process to open new stations involved various stages of implementation. "The opening of new stations is in line with the increase in demand. "Currently, Chevron has 420 stations in Peninsular Malaysia after operating in the country for the past 75 years," he said. Mokhtar Ali said this at a media briefing after launching a community programme, 'Caltex Fuel Your School' He said cost of a station depended on the location. "It also depended on the size of the station. On average, it cost between RM1 million and RM3 million to operate a station," he said.

[http://www.bernama.com.my/bernama/state\\_news/news.php?id=1046591&cat=et](http://www.bernama.com.my/bernama/state_news/news.php?id=1046591&cat=et)

### **RUSSIA, SIBERIA, KRASNOYARSK TERRITORY, BOLSHOY ULUY, JUNE 18 2014. EXPLOSION HITS ROSNEFT'S ACHINSK REFINERY**

Details are emerging following an explosion and subsequent fire that occurred on June 15 at OAO Rosneft's 7 million-tonne/year Achinsk refinery in Bolshoy Uluy District, Krasnoyarsk Territory, Eastern Siberia. The explosion, which took place in a distillation column of the refinery around 7:53 p.m. Moscow local time, was followed by a fire that was contained by 9:05 p.m. and finally extinguished by 12:30 a.m. on June 16, according to a release from the Russian Federation's Russian Emergencies Ministry (Emercom). While Emercom confirms 12 people injured as a result of the blast, a final count of fatalities and injuries has yet to be confirmed. Rescuers still at the accident site are attempting to cool down the plant's impacted installation and remove debris, Emercom said. Rosneft has not released any official information regarding a cause of explosion, the status of current operations at the refinery, or the extent of damage sustained by the plant.

<http://www.ogj.com/articles/2014/06/explosion-hits-rosneft-s-achinsk-refinery.html>

### **RUSSIA, LENINGRAD OBLAST, KIRISHI, JUNE 18 2014. FIRE BREAKS OUT AT RUSSIA'S KIRISHI REFINERY**

A fire broke out at Russia's Kirishi refinery owned by Surgutneftegaz, the Emergencies Ministry said on Tuesday. The ministry said in a statement the fire had started at 6:20 a.m. (0220 GMT) at Kirishi's hydrocracking unit. No one was injured according to early information, it added.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/commoditiesNews/idAFL5N0OY0U420140617>

### **USA, WYO, CHEYENNE, JUNE 18 2014. NEIGHBORS MIFFED AS REFINERY SPEWS "ASH"**

Residents living northeast of the HollyFrontier oil refinery are looking for answers after an incident Friday left their neighborhoods shrouded in an ash-like substance. Lyn Vredenburg, who lives near the intersection of Ninth Street and Hot Springs Avenue, said the sky was clear when she came home from work at about 5:30 p.m. Friday. But not long after, she said, the air was heavy with particulates coming from the oil refinery. "I walked back out, and it was like a volcano blew up," Vredenburg said. "The ash was so thick, we had to run out and close the windows. We had to sweep our porch, that's how thick the ash was." According to a news release from HollyFrontier spokesman Don Finley, the "ash" was actually a catalyst that was released from the refinery's fluid catalytic cracking (FCC) unit, which he said had experienced "an upset." According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, FCC units employ a chemical process that uses catalyst to create new, smaller molecules from larger ones in order to make gasoline and other fuels. The catalyst is a solid, sand-like material that is heated into a liquid, which then breaks up larger molecules of oil into gasoline, butane, propane and other products. In his release, Finley said the catalyst release, while unintentional, should not pose a health threat to the affected neighborhoods. "The catalyst particles ... can be an irritant but (are) a relatively benign material and not harmful or hazardous," Finley wrote. "The material can be swept off surfaces and thrown in the trash safely." Still, Vredenburg and several of her neighbors are left wondering just how safe they are. Vredenburg said she has experienced similar releases from the refinery before. "We're concerned for our safety living in that area," she said. "This is not the first time, and this is the worst one - it was so thick you



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couldn't even see. I've been coughing ever since, and I'm on oxygen at night." Another neighbor, Dawn Warner, said she and her husband made the mistake of leaving their home's windows open while they spent Friday in Fort Collins, Colorado. "We had our windows open because it had been a nice day," Warner said. "The dust was all over outside, and it's all over inside our house. In some of the places we had upwards of an inch of it around, and there's still a pile on my patio." Despite Finley's assurance that the catalyst is not harmful, Warner said both she and her husband have been ill since Friday's incident. "Saturday he was sick all day, and I had a horrible, horrible migraine and my eyes were burning," she said. "I talked to some of my neighbors, and their eyes were burning too. It can't be healthy for any of us, and when something goes wrong over there, they need to be responsible for it." Finley's news release said HollyFrontier is working on getting a hotline in place that residents can call to get assistance with car washes or other cleanup efforts. Phone calls and emails sent to Finley for comment were not returned as of 5:30 p.m. Monday.

[http://www.wyomingnews.com/articles/2014/06/17/news/20local\\_06-17-14.txt#.U6GGy8anry0](http://www.wyomingnews.com/articles/2014/06/17/news/20local_06-17-14.txt#.U6GGy8anry0)

### UK, WALES, ABERYSTWYTH, JUNE 18 2014. TANKER, VAN AND CAR CRASH ON A44 NEAR ABERYSTWYTH

 **Watch the Video** [Footage from the Scene of the Collision on the A44](#)

A fuel tanker, van and a car have been involved in a serious crash on the A44 near Aberystwyth. The collision happened at about 14:55 BST between Llangurig and Ponterwyd and the road will be closed for some time, said Dyfed-Powys Police. The A44 is shut in both directions between the A4159 (Lovesgrove Roundabout, Aberystwyth) and the A570 (Llangurig). Diversions are in place. The air ambulance took a girl with head injuries to hospital in Cardiff. In all, two air ambulances and five other ambulances were sent to the scene along with other emergency crews. The collision happened around 15 miles (24km) from Aberystwyth, near Eisteddfa Gurig, between the villages of Llangurig in Powys and Ponterwyd in Ceredigion.

#### 'Very Bad'

A Welsh Air Ambulance service statement said its Welshpool-based medics treated a female child at the scene before she was airlifted to Cardiff's University Hospital of Wales. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service said they were called at about 15:00 BST and sent two pumps to the scene. Eluned Thomas, from Eisteddfa Gurig farm, about two miles away, said she rang for the emergency services after a woman alerted her to a "very, very bad accident" just down the road. "The woman said a fuel tanker was coming up from Llangurig and a car went straight into it," she said. Ms Thomas told Radio Wales the A44 was a very winding road, adding: "Accidents happen all the time on this road and it's the main road from the Midlands to Aberystwyth." She said the woman had asked her to call emergency services because there was no mobile phone coverage in the area. Initial reports said the collision had involved a tanker and a car, but police later confirmed a van was also involved. The A44 is one of the main roads in mid Wales and links Ceredigion with Powys. The road is closed for 21 miles (34km). The stretch between Llangurig and Aberystwyth is around 25 miles (40km) long.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-27890428>

### USA, IA, OTTUMWA, JUNE 18 2014. TANKER ROLLS OVER ON OTTUMWA'S ROUNDABOUT

*pam credille*

 **Photo's [24]** [Tanker Rolls Over on Ottumwa's Roundabout](#)



A tank-transport carrying methanol rolled on its side on Ottumwa's roundabout at approximately 7 a.m. Tuesday morning. The driver was not injured, but the accident caused a leak. The Ottumwa Fire Department arrived on scene and worked swiftly to stop the seepage. "It had three leaks coming out of the top of it. Our guys got in there and plugged the holes, but there was some product that got out. We are in the process of absorbing that product and trying to keep it so it does not go in the sewer," said Fire Chief Tony Miller. Ottumwa Public Works employees began to take measures to help keep the methanol from the sewer lines. "We are digging a trench and tilling up sand, which is very absorbent, and we are going to keep this out of the sewer," said Miller. Traffic was shut down to help promote cleanup and safety, because it is a Haz-Mat situation. It is unclear how much liquid leaked before the holes were plugged. However, Chief Miller

told The Post that they should have a better idea once they off-load the liquid into another tanker. "It will take about an hour to off-load the tanker and then we will turn the semi back over. We will have clean-up the rest of the day, probably until the late



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afternoon," said Miller. The Ottumwa Fire Department is being assisted on-scene by the Ottumwa Police Department, Iowa State Patrol, Wapello County Rural Fire and the Department of Natural Resources is also expected to arrive.

<http://www.ottumwaeveningpost.com/9470/78904/a/tanker-rolls-over-in-ottumwas-roundabout>

#### INDIA, HIMACHAL PRADESH, PARWANOO, JUNE 18 2014. TANKER CARRYING CHEMICAL OVERTURNS, CATCHES FIRE

**Key Point:** Leaves 3 cars and 6 two-wheelers charred; 8 fire tenders from Panchkula, Kalka and Parwanoo take 2 hours to put out the flames.



*Three cars and six two-wheelers were left charred. The Excise and Taxation Department kiosk, in which about Rs 50,000 was kept, was burnt.*

A Tanker carrying 20,000 litres of ethyl alcohol caught fire after overturning near Kalka-Parwanoo barrier on Tuesday morning, setting off a blaze which consumed several other vehicles parked nearby and disrupted traffic on the busy Kalka-Shimla highway. Luckily, no one was injured as the incident occurred away from a cluster of shops and kiosks in Kalka town. Eight fire tenders from Panchkula, Kalka and Parwanoo took two hours to put out the fire. The tanker was carrying ethyl alcohol, which is a highly inflammable chemical used for making potable alcohol, from Chandigarh Distillers and Bottlers Limited in Banur

to Himfed Bottling Plant in Parwanoo. Police said that near the barrier, the truck started sliding back on the slope, apparently due to a technical glitch. Driver Luvjeet Singh lost control of the vehicle and it overturned, falling on a kiosk, used by the Haryana Excise and Taxation Department to collect tax. The kiosk was locked at that time. From the overturned tanker, the chemical started leaking and flowing down the road. Near Kali Mata temple, about 75 metres below, it is suspected that someone dropped a lit matchstick or cigarette/bidi, starting the fire, which rushed uphill to the tanker and took in its sweep vehicles parked near by. Three cars and six two-wheelers were left charred. The Excise and Taxation Department kiosk, in which about Rs 50,000 was kept, was burnt. A shop suffered some damage. The fire brigade was summoned. In order to control the fire, it diverted the flow of the leaking chemical to a nearby water stream. "Apart from water, around 70-80 litres of foam was used to put out the fire," said S S Malik, Fire Station Officer of Panchkula. The barrier is usually a very busy spot. Since the fire broke out in the morning, there were not many people around at that time. However, the fire led to a traffic jam, and the police had to divert the traffic to another road. The tanker driver was untraceable. Hakam Singh, manager at Chandigarh Distillers and Bottlers Limited, said, "There were two tankers that were going towards Parwanoo. As the tanker driven by Luvjeet started moving downhill, the other tanker coming behind stopped well before as a precaution." Singh added, "It seems that Luvjeet got frightened and fled. We are also in search of him." He said the ethyl alcohol in the tanker was worth Rs 10 lakh. Tanker owner Prem Singh said, "There is a major problem of heavy vehicles meeting with accidents at the Kalka-Parwanoo barrier, because they have to stop uphill midway. The government has made a bypass leading to Parwanoo, yet we are forced to take the route passing through Kalka city as there is no tax barrier of the Himachal Pradesh government on the bypass." Recalling the incident, Rajni, who runs a vend selling prashad a few metres away

<http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/chandigarh/tanker-carrying-chemical-overtURNS-catches-fire/>

#### USA, ALA, PRICHARD, JUNE 18 2014. TANKER CARRYING 7 THOUSAND GALS OF DIESEL FUEL OVERTURNED. MINIMAL AMOUNT OF FUEL SPILLED.

emily hill

The Alabama Department of Transportation said congestion on New Bay Bridge Road is expected to last until late Tuesday evening after a diesel tanker overturned. ALDOT spokeswoman Kathryn Hamlett said congestion from the cleanup can last until 8 p.m. and drivers are advised to seek an alternate route. Hamlett added that the diesel from the overturned tanker is being transferred to another tanker. Mobile Fire-Rescue reported a "minimal amount of fuel spilled."

[http://www.al.com/news/mobile/index.ssf/2014/06/diesel\\_tanker\\_overturned\\_on\\_ba.html](http://www.al.com/news/mobile/index.ssf/2014/06/diesel_tanker_overturned_on_ba.html)

#### INDIA, PUNE, JUNE 18 2014. PETROL DEALERS WANT FIREARMS

In the wake of the robbery of Rs 18.75 lakh cash from two employees of a petrol pump in Pimpri on Monday, the Pune Petrol Dealers Association (PPDA) on Tuesday urged Pune city police to grant arms (gun) licences to petrol pump owners/ managers for their safety. PPDA president Baba Dhumal submitted a memorandum in this regard to CP Satish Mathur. "We got a



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positive response from the CP, who asked us to apply for gun licences. He said he will consider them," PPDA spokesperson Ali Daruwala told Mirror. Dhumal said, "Arms are needed to for safety and security while carrying cash from a petrol pump to the bank. Petrol pumps in Pune make Rs 5-10 lakh on any given day. There is a minimum of Rs 10 lakh in cash lying even with a small petrol pump. These pumps become easy targets for theft and robbery."

<http://www.punemirror.in/pune/others/Petrol-dealers-want-firearms/articleshow/36726225.cms>

### GUINEA, CONAKRY, JUNE 18 2014. DOZENS HOSPITALISED IN GUINEA AFTER EATING PETROL-LACED RICE

Dozens of people in Guinea were hospitalised on Tuesday after eating rice cooked with petrol, doctors told AFP. "In all, 114 people were admitted" to the main hospital in Guinea's capital Conakry, a doctor, speaking on condition of anonymity, told AFP. The patients suffered stomach aches, diarrhoea and vomiting, the doctor said, adding that they were "treated after having consumed rice with sauce prepared with petrol". Another doctor confirmed the hospitalisation, adding that it appeared that a cook in a small restaurant in Conakry had "mistaken petrol for peanut oil". The mass hospitalisation caused panic among patients and visitors at the hospital, prompting dozens to flee as they thought the incoming patients had contracted the Ebola virus - a highly contagious haemorrhagic fever that has claimed more than 200 lives in Guinea.

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/dozens-hospitalised-in/1171436.html>

### USA, OH, SIDNEY, JUNE 18 2014. I-75 REOPENS AFTER CHEMICAL LEAK LED TO SHUTDOWN

*david robinson*

 **Watch the Video** [Chemical Leak Led to Shutdown](#)

 **Photo's [5]** [Chemical Leak Led to Shutdown](#)



Interstate 75 is now re-opened for traffic after a leaking tanker truck forced a shut down of all lanes between SR 274 and US 36 in Shelby County Tuesday. The tanker was stopped on the ramp from SR 47 to southbound I-75 and was leaking anhydrous ammonia. About 5,000 people within half a mile to the northeast of the scene were asked to evacuate their homes, but that evacuation order has since been canceled. Some businesses in the immediate area of the leak were also forced to close. David Crosslin left work to get his kids from the babysitter's which was in the danger zone. They walked down the street with napkins covering their faces as a precaution. "It's always better to be safe than sorry," Crosslin says. The driver of the truck said he discovered the leak around 10 a.m. when he was flagged by another motorist and pulled over to investigate. Officials aren't sure yet what caused the leak. Crews did what they could to control the leak. "Initially we had water flowing on the vessel

trying to suppress those vapors when it was off gassing," says Sidney Fire Lt. Chad Hollinger. The Ohio EPA will do testing to see if the water used contaminated the nearby soil. The remaining 20 tons of anhydrous ammonia on the leaking truck had to be transferred to another tanker. Anhydrous ammonia is used in the agriculture industry as fertilizer and is a gas that is stored at high pressure. Human exposure can cause dehydration, burns, difficulty breathing, eye, nose, and throat irritation. Any one exposed needs to be flushed with water for at least 15 minutes. No injuries were reported.

<http://wdtn.com/2014/06/17/leaking-tanker-truck-shuts-down-i-75/>

### SOUTH AFRICA, DURBAN, JUNE 18 2014. TRANSNET IN FUEL TANK DEAL FIASCO

*tania broughton*

Directors of Elgin Engineering in Durban, brothers Ian and Lee Donjeany, are accused of being involved in an "elaborate corporate shell game" involving the award and subsequent cancellation of a R125 million Transnet contract to construct two fuel storage tanks in the harbour. Transnet alleges that Elgin has launched three high court applications, each using different attorneys, in its attempts to put a company awarded the contract into business rescue and attach assets on site that Transnet says it owns. Elgin has denied the allegations, saying they are "unfounded and based on pure speculation". "We are a respectable company. We remain true to our values and the laws of this country," the company said in a written response to The Mercury. "We are owed money and we are doing whatever we lawfully can to collect it." The allegations against Elgin emerged in an application before the Durban High Court in which Transnet sought to intervene in the asset attachment application, which it says it "stumbled upon by chance". Transnet project director Theunis Steenkamp said in his affidavit that



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the Donjeany brothers and their co-director in Elgin, Vincent Chetty, had made "factually and mutually destructive" statements under oath in the court applications. Steenkamp said the contract was awarded in 2012 to a consortium comprising Intershore Africa Trading, Channel Construction and an Oman company, VJ Tanks. But the following year, he said, the parties "purported" to cede and assign the contract from the initial consortium to one comprising Elgin and Channel Construction. Steenkamp said this was not permissible in terms of the constitution, but Transnet's project management team had mistakenly continued with the project until March when, "out of an abundance of caution", the contract was terminated. He alleged that the "corporate shell game" had been uncovered in investigations by Transnet. The investigations allegedly revealed that:

- The Donjeany brothers, Richard Jones and Mahomed Razak were directors of Intershore Africa Trading, with only the brothers having access to the company's bank account.
- Razak was a director of Channel Construction.
- The Donjeany brothers and Chetty were directors of Elgin Engineering.

Steenkamp said the business rescue application against Intershore had been brought by Richlist Investments, trading as SS Engineering and Recruitment Services, with the founding affidavit being deposed by by Lee Donjeany. In that application, Lee Donjeany says Intershore has debts of R112m and owes "subcontractors" Elgin R17m and Channel R21m. He says Intershore is owned by an independent company in Mauritius. He also says that Transnet did not want to cancel the contract, that performance payments were up to date and that all that was required to clear its debts was for Intershore to complete the contract. Steenkamp said in the attachment application, however, that Chetty deposed an affidavit saying Intershore owed Elgin R10m, that Transnet had cancelled the contract and Elgin wanted to attach the assets, which it claimed by virtue of a registered notarial bond. "It is clear that as a result of Transnet's termination of the contract, the business rescue application is doomed to failure and this (attachment) is nothing more than a contrived attempt by Elgin to remove the assets from site to protect itself," Steenkamp said. "Elgin cannot advance a case that there is a prospect of success in the business rescue, which requires the contract be continued, and at the same time claim that assets must be attached and removed. The two situations are factually and mutually destructive of one another." Steenkamp said while Elgin claimed that there had been no "initial consortium" involving VJ Tanks, documents reflecting the outcome of the tender process revealed that the consortium would not have been awarded the contract without the involvement of VJ Tanks, because it would not have had the technical expertise required. With regard to the assets being claimed by Elgin, Steenkamp said those that did not belong to Transnet belonged to the initial consortium, not Intershore alone, and the directors were all aware of this. In an answering affidavit filed late last week, Chetty, in dealing with whether Elgin was entitled to the assets, said Transnet had "made a mountain out of a molehill". "Elgin contends that the enforcement of its rights against Intershore under the notarial bond is actually none of Trans-net's business, saving to the extent that Transnet is able to show that assets which Intershore alleged were its property were actually not." Chetty's affidavit did not deal with the alleged contradictory statements nor with the allegations of a "corporate shell game".

<http://www.iol.co.za/news/crime-courts/transnet-in-fuel-tank-deal-fiasco-1.1704424#.U6F7tsanry0>

#### CHINA, HUNAN PROVINCE, HENGYANG, JUNE 18 2014. SEVENTEEN DEAD IN HENGYANG ARMOURY BLAST

An accidental explosion has ripped through an armoury in central China and killed 17 soldiers while they were stacking ammunition, state media reports. The blast took place Tuesday afternoon in the Hunan province city of Hengyang and its cause was under investigation, the official Xinhua News Agency said. A Hengyang city policewoman surnamed Xiao confirmed the accident on Wednesday and said no civilians were injured. The armoury is in a rural township on the outskirts of Hengyang. China's military operates with a high degree of secrecy and information about explosions, plane crashes and other accidents is usually tightly controlled. With 2.3 million members, China's military is the world's largest. It has enjoyed massive upgrades to equipment and living conditions for soldiers, fuelled by two decades of soaring defence spending. Despite that, conditions for much of the sprawling land-based forces remain basic and oversight is often lax. While the explosion was called an accident, Chinese security forces have come under attack in recent years from Islamic extremists fighting for independence for the northwestern region of Xinjiang.

<http://www.skynews.com.au/news/world/asiapacific/2014/06/18/seventeen-dead-in-hengyang-armoury-blast.html>

#### AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE, JUNE 18 2014. DANGEROUS AUTOGAS ADAPTORS ON SALE

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The Fuel Industry Safety Forum urges all petrol convenience retailers to be on the lookout for dangerous and illegal practices at their autogas bowzers as a new round of LPG-to-Autogas D.I.Y conversion kits are being promoted online. The filling of



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barbecue or other portable cylinders from the Autogas bowser is illegal and unsafe. Recently there has been an observed increase in the number of incidents onsite of customers attempting to do just this with improvised connector systems. One such system is listed on the popular auction site eBay as "Save \$ with LPG Propane GAS ADAPTOR for filling Australian gas bottles". This attempt to save on the cost of filling portable bottles can have disastrous outcomes onsite, in transit or in the customer's home. Automotive LPG, or Autogas, is a blend of Propane and Butane specifically for use in vehicles. Barbecues, Home LPG installations, LPG Cooking Equipment and Caravan Bottles all require straight PROPANE to operate safely. Autogas is not compatible with home appliances, and as a result could cause asphyxiation if used in non-compatible appliances particularly in confined spaces. Furthermore, as Autogas is delivered via the bowser, there is the very high risk that portable bottles will be over filled and over pressurised, resulting fracture or valve failure could be catastrophic. Including uncontrolled release of product, asphyxiation, freeze burns or even fire. The Fuel Industry Safety Forum urges all petroleum convenience retailers to urgently remind all staff that they MUST NOT allow people to use the Autogas dispenser to fill anything other than a vehicle. No portable bottles ... ever. When authorising the Autogas bowser, staff must visually check that customers are not attempting to fill loose containers on the back of a ute or loose in the boot of a car. The Fuel Industry Safety Forum urges retailers to contact their suppliers or association for assistance in communicating this vital safety message.

<http://goo.gl/rpbgoX>

### AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, JUNE 18 2014. NTC RELEASES NEW DANGEROUS GOODS CODE

*charles pauka*

**Document:** [Australian Dangerous Goods Code edition 7.3](#)

The National Transport Commission (NTC) has released the latest version of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code, providing an updated technical resource to transport operators and DG shippers. NTC CEO Paul Retter said edition 7.3 of the code would be of particular interest to heavy vehicle drivers, companies that use and transport dangerous goods, and those who provide training on how to move dangerous goods safely. "Everyone who uses Australia's roads and other transport networks has a responsibility to keep themselves and the travelling public safe," Mr Retter said. "This code will help people transporting dangerous goods comply with the laws that are designed to keep them from harm." Mr Retter said it was very important that people reading the code read it in conjunction with the specific dangerous goods legislation that applies to their state or territory. "While this is an incremental upgrade rather than a complete revision of the code I encourage everyone involved in transporting dangerous goods to look at this new edition and the laws in their state and refresh their knowledge," Mr Retter said. He said the code had been updated to reflect the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Model Regulations (17th edition), and new amendments include:

- Better clarifying the description of a dangerous good.
- Adding new materials to the list of dangerous goods.
- Requiring minimum sized markings on large packages of dangerous goods.
- Providing clearer requirements on how and where transport documents are kept on a vehicle transporting dangerous goods.
- And many others.

He said the new amendments also better aligned Australia's dangerous good requirements with those in place overseas. "This edition is good news for Australia's importers and exporters as Australia's dangerous goods requirements are now much more in line with those overseas. This cuts red tape and gives them much greater certainty," Mr Retter said. "I would like to thank the transport industry, dangerous goods experts, safety experts and government authorities who provided their know-how to help us provide this useful technical resource."

<http://www.tandlnews.com.au/2014/06/17/article/ntc-releases-new-dangerous-goods-code/>

### USA, TN, DAYTON, JUNE 19 2014. SPILL AT FUJI CLOSES ROAD, BUT IS CONTAINED IN PLANT

*john sprague*

A chemical leak at FUJIFILM Hunt Chemicals in Dayton early Tuesday was deemed minor by Dayton Fire Department [DFD] officials and resolved the issue quickly, according to DFD Chief Suttles. "Fuji has a Haz-Mat team and does a great job responding to an issue," Suttles said via a phone interview on Tuesday. "About 6 a.m. an operator at the plant noticed a smell and did his emergency procedure and did a shutdown." Suttles said that two vapors leaked out of a reactor before they go into a scrubber to remove the chemicals from the air. The air is then released back into the atmosphere. "No chemicals were leaked out of the plant. They did a great job of keeping it contained with no chemicals hitting our air or water," Suttles said.



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"Even though a leak might be a small one, they, and we also, take everything as a major spill, just a precaution because we never want to get caught underestimating a big leak." Suttles said that Manufacturers Road was shutdown for a short time, mainly as a precaution. "We just wanted to keep everyone inside to make sure people were safe," Suttles said. The Dayton Police Department worked traffic control and Fuji was able to resume normal operations soon after the leak, Suttles said.

[http://www.rheaheraldnews.com/news/article\\_c84c066c-f67e-11e3-9abe-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.rheaheraldnews.com/news/article_c84c066c-f67e-11e3-9abe-001a4bcf887a.html)

### SUADI ARABIA, RIYADH, JUNE 19 2014. '70% OF GAS STATIONS OWNED BY EXPATS'



About 70 percent of fuel stations are owned by individual expatriates as cover-up businesses, local media reported recently, quoting an industry source. There are about 9,000 gas stations in the country of which 90 percent are owned by individuals, said Mamdouh Al-Rikhaimi, a member of the National Committee for Gas Station Companies. National companies only make up 10 percent of the sector, he said. He claimed some Saudi operators lease gas stations to foreign workers who then fraudulently sell mixed gasoline to customers. He claimed that

the fraud includes mixing benzene with diesel or benzene grade 91 with grade 95, and the manipulation of gas meters. He called on the government to set up an independent body to monitor the fuel quality at stations. He urged Saudi Aramco, which provides fuel to the stations, to institute strict monitoring of trucks transporting fuel, especially when loading and unloading. Ahmed Al-Falih, deputy chairman of the national committee for gas station companies, said there is currently no independent body to oversee gas stations in the country, which is left to the discretion of inspecting officers. To correct this situation, he suggested that three samples be taken from stations suspected of fraud. One sample should be kept by the operator, the second by the inspecting officer and the third sent to a laboratory for testing. If any party is not satisfied with the results, the three samples could be verified by a neutral laboratory for a final decision, he said. He said the committee should be involved in any new system of monitoring gas stations in the country. This is because its members deal with all aspects of the industry on a daily basis, while inspectors only handle the regulatory part of the business. He said it was important to ensure that each worker at a gas station is given clearly defined duties because this would help determine who is responsible for any fraud.

<http://www.arabnews.com/news/588861>

### ZIMBABWE, MASHONALAND EAST, BEATRICE, JUNE 19 2014. 3 DIE IN HORRIFIC HEAD-ON TANKER COLLISION

Three people died while five others were injured when a haulage truck collided head-on with a Harare-bound fuel tanker at the 69km peg along the Harare-Masvingo Highway on Monday night. According to a witness, Charles Macheke, the haulage truck's propshaft broke resulting in the driver losing control of the vehicle which sideswiped a Zambia-bound truck before the head-on collision with a fuel tanker. The accident, which happened around 10pm, disturbed the flow of traffic for several hours causing long traffic jams between Harare and Chivhu. When NewsDay arrived at the scene yesterday morning, wreckages of the accident-damaged trucks were being removed from the scene. The deceased are the truck owner, Gilson Vutete Mazorodze, of Glen View 3, as well as the driver and owner of the consignment in the haulage truck whose names had not yet been established by the time of going to print last night. The fuel tanker's driver and his assistant survived the crash and were said to have been ferried to Parirenyatwa Hospital. Mazorodze's brother, Mvicha Mupinga, said the truck was heading to Gweru via Mvuma where it was going to offload stockfeed. "After watching the World Cup game between Germany and Portugal, we parted ways with my brother. He was on his way to sign a contract to transport cotton from Gokwe after dropping the consignment (stockfeed) in Gweru," Mupinga said. Contacted for comment, police spokesperson Chief Superintendent Paul Nyathi referred questions to the traffic section. But national traffic police spokesperson Inspector Tigere Chigome was not available on his mobile phone.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2014/06/18/3-die-horrific-head-collision/>



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