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USA, OH, DARKE COUNTY, APRIL 26 2014. CAR TRAPPED UNDER TANKER IN DARKE COUNTY

 **Watch the Video** [Car Trapped Under Tanker In Darke County](#)

Update: The driver and passenger of the vehicle trapped under the semi have been taken by CareFlight to a hospital. A medic has taken a third person, who was riding in the backseat, to the hospital. We're told the semi is a tanker truck who had just emptied the contents before the crash occurred. The accident occurred at 9:50 p.m. Two hours later, the vehicle is still wedged under the semi. The two victims taken by CareFlight are said to be in critical condition. At least four investigators are on scene. US 127 is expected to be shut down for several more hours.

Earlier Coverage: Two CareFlight helicopters have been sent to an accident involving a car and a semi. According to dispatchers, a vehicle is trapped under a semi along US 127 and Sebring-Warner Road. We have crews heading to the scene and will update you as more details becomes available.

http://www.abc22now.com/shared/news/top-stories/stories/wkef_vid_19796.shtml

USA, S.C, ANDERSON, APRIL 26 2014. HAZMAT CALLED TO ANDERSON AFTER TANKER OVERTURNS

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crews at the scene of the overturned tanker.

Crews at the scene of the overturned tanker. (April 24, 2014/FOX Carolina)

Fire officials in Anderson said a tanker overturned near the intersection of Concord and North Main Street on Thursday night. Officials on the scene said that a company was conducting a test on an underground water tank at an old gas station when a tanker overturned. Anderson City Assistant Fire Chief Randy Bratcher provided information on the incident. The tanker overturned because the vehicle's stabilizers sunk into the asphalt because of the weight of the liquid in the trailer, according to authorities. DHEC was called in to test the liquid that was coming from the tanker. Storm drains were blocked and the

hatch on the trailer was secured to stop the leak from the tanker.

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/25337086/fuel-tanker-overturms>

NIGERIA, LAGOS, APRIL 26 2014. NAVAL OFFICER ALLEGEDLY KILLS TANKER DRIVER OVER BRIBE

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Pandemonium greeted the alleged shooting of a tanker driver by a trigger-happy Naval officer along the Oshodi-Apapa Express way in Lagos on Friday. The alleged killing is coming at the heels of warnings against indiscipline issued by the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Usman Jibrin and Flag Officer Commanding (FOC) Western Naval Command (WNC) Rear Admiral Sanmi Alade to naval personnels. The angry protesters, who blocked the Warehouse bus stop area of the Expressway burning tires and causing gridlocks, were said to have taken to the streets after a yet-to-be identified naval personnel gunned down the tanker driver for "refusing to settle." The unfortunate incident was said to have occurred at the early hours of Friday, around Trinity -Warehouse Bus Stop in Apapa Lagos. The news which first broke on the social media according to eyewitnesses, resulted after the killer-officer shot sporadically in the air and in the process, killed the deceased. However, the Nigerian Navy (NN) has urged

Lagosians to provide useful information that can lead to the identification and arrest of the suspect. Commander NNS BEECROFT, Commodore Ovenseri Uwadiae appealed to the masses to be calm as investigations were underway to unravel the perpetrator of the act and bring him to justice. He said: "It is true that there is an allegation that a naval personnel was involved in an altercation with a tanker driver and in the process, shot the conductor. "We must say that the incident is highly reprehensible because human life is involved. "We have commenced investigation into the matter to ascertain if the suspect is truly a naval personnel. We want to assure the general public that the NN has a reputation of not covering up its personnel involved in illegalities. "The suspect would be fished out and if truly a naval personnel, he shall be made to face the wrath of the law. We appeal to the public to remain calm and maintain peace and order as well as allow proper investigation to take place. "We also appeal to the public to provide us with useful information that will unravel the suspect as well as the true



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occurrence, to help us know who did the shooting and whether the person is our personnel. "While we are doing our investigation, the police is also doing an independent investigation because as the defendant in the matter, the NN want the true position of things to be made known to the public. "The incident is really sad because human life was involved. The CNS is someone that is highly disciplined and he would be the last person to cover up any personnel that engages in illegality, talk more of killing another citizen unlawfully. "The information got to me at about 8am that the Liverpool-Trinity roa was blocked by tanker drivers alleging that their member was shot by a naval personnel. They burnt tires and blocked the entire road, and so, the police was deployed to the area to restore peace. "I have been in touch with the Commissioner of Police! Umar Manko and he has contacte the Area Commander and DPO. The corpse is in the custody of the police, it would be wrong for the navy to take it since the allegation is against us. "The police as a neutral authority, would be incharge though we are also carrying out our own investigation. "We are yet to get the details of the incident, that is why we are urging the public to come forward with useful information. I did not hear about the bribery allegation, neither were we told it involved Operation MESA." On the efforts of the navy to ensure that such occurrences are nipped in the bud, Uwadiae said the CNS has remained committed to building civil-military relations. "The NN belongs to Nigerians and was created to protect Nigeria. So, the creation cannot fights its creator. We are a people oriented navy and in every fora, we always tell our men to be friendly and law abiding," he said.

<http://www.dailytimes.com.ng/article/naval-officer-allegedly-kills-tanker-driver-over-bribe>

USA, TX, DALLAS, APRIL 26 2014. TEXAS FAMILY PLAGUED WITH AILMENTS GETS \$3M IN 1ST-OF-ITS-KIND FRACKING JUDGMENT

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Photo's [13] Texas Family Plagued with Ailments gets \$3M

Story Highlights:

- Parr family suffered from nosebleeds, rashes, vision problems, "vomiting white foam"
- A Dallas jury this week ordered Aruba Petroleum to pay the Parrs \$3 million in damages
- Aruba says it didn't cause health problems or property damage; company may appeal
- Asked about drawn-out appeals process, Lisa Parr quotes Tom Petty: "I won't back down"



Halliburton employee monitors a fracking operation outside Hope, New Mexico, in 2007. Fracking, or hydraulic fracturing, is the process of breaking through dense shale to unlock natural gas.

When the Parr family started having serious health problems late in 2008, they had no idea it was associated with what they call "a multitude" of drilling operations that popped up near their 40-acre ranch in Decatur, 60 miles northwest of Dallas. At first, Lisa Parr dismissed her migraine headaches, nausea and dizziness as the flu, but when her symptoms persistently got worse, she knew something more serious was involved. "By 2009, I was having a multitude of problems," Lisa Parr told CNN. "My central nervous system was messed up. I couldn't hear, and my vision was messed up. My entire body would shake inside. I was vomiting white foam in the mornings." In 2009, Lisa's

husband, Robert, and their 11-year-old daughter, Emma, also became ill, suffering a laundry-list of symptoms. "They had nosebleeds, vision problems, nausea, rashes, blood pressure issues. Being that the wells were not on our property, we had no idea that what they were doing on the property around us was affecting us," she said.

'Private Nuisance'

After a two-week trial that ended Tuesday -- Earth Day, coincidentally -- a Dallas jury awarded the Parr family \$2.9 million for personal injury and property damages in the family's lawsuit against Plano-based Aruba Petroleum Inc. According to the lawsuit, Aruba Petroleum had 22 natural gas wells within a 2-mile radius of the Parrs' property, with three wells in close proximity to their Texas home. The closest was 791 feet away. As a result of poor management and lack of emission controls, Aruba Petroleum created a "private nuisance" to the Parr family by producing harmful air pollution and exposing them to harmful emissions of volatile organic compounds, toxic air pollutants and diesel exhaust, the lawsuit said. Aruba Petroleum argued to the jury that it consistently met state regulatory standards for air emissions and that there was no evidence its fracking of the wells harmed the Parr family in any way. In a statement released after the verdict, Aruba said "natural gas development has long been prevalent in Wise County," and dozens of companies operate hundreds of wells there. The company further said it complied with state air-quality limits and that its experts made strong cases countering the Parrs'



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claims in court. "We contended the plaintiffs were neither harmed by the presence of our drilling operations nor was the value of their property diminished because of our natural gas development. We presented thorough and expert testimony from recognized toxicologists and medical professionals, as well as local real estate professionals, to help the jury make an informed decision," Aruba's statement said. "Unfortunately, they returned a verdict that we believe is counter to the evidence presented."

An Important Precedent?

Fracking, which is short for hydraulic fracturing, is the process by which drillers pump large amounts of water mixed with sand and chemicals into a shale or rock formation. The wells can be deeper than 8,000 feet, and the process fractures the shale around the well, allowing the natural gas in the shale to flow freely. Lisa Parr said that she knew by July 2010 that the "loud operation" next door to their ranch was toxic. "One night, our whole house was vibrating and shaking. We lease that property for our cattle and so I went over there to make sure our cattle wasn't around there, and when I went over there my nose and throat started burning." Parr called the state [Commission on Environmental Quality](#). "My doctor, an internal specialist, found 20 chemicals in my body and he said, 'Lisa you must move immediately. You will spend more time and money on hospitals, chemotherapy, and a mortician ... and you need to get an environmental health doctor immediately,'" she said. The Parrs filed suit in March 2011, asking for \$66 million in damages against nine companies that were originally thought to be involved in the drilling operations. Eventually, some of the energy companies were dismissed from the case, and some reached settlements before the trial. Their identities cannot be disclosed, according to the Parrs' Houston-based attorney, Brad Gilde. During discovery, Gilde said that "substantial evidence" showed that Aruba Petroleum was a factor in causing the Parrs' health problems. He said he believes the Parrs' court victory -- which he says is the first jury award for personal injury in a U.S. fracking case -- "marks an important precedent for the future of natural gas production." "Because of their courage and determination for justice, the Parrs have successfully held Aruba Petroleum Inc. accountable for their careless and reckless behavior," he said. Aruba had a starkly different take on the verdict and left the door open to an appeal. "We thank the jury for its service," the company said. "The facts of the case and the law as applied to those facts do not support the verdict. ... Talk of an appeal is premature. Aruba has a number of arguments to be made in the trial court for why a judgment should be entered in its favor."

'Knee-Jerk Reaction'?

Attorneys who represent the energy sector and are familiar with Parr v. Aruba Petroleum Inc. say they don't believe the case will set a precedent. Nor will it establish a blueprint for "copycat" cases, they say. Rather, they see this case as an anomaly due to the fact that it went to trial and addressed a rare nuisance allegation that evolved into a case revolving around personal injury from toxic exposure. Wendy May, a Dallas-based attorney who represented a prior defendant in the case before that company was dismissed from the lawsuit, says she doesn't think the Parrs' jury award will survive an appeal. "The knee-jerk reaction by people not understanding the limitations of this verdict in this case may, in fact, cause others to believe there is an avenue for cases that there may not ultimately turn out to be," May said. "I don't think it presents any precedents, certainly not from a legal perspective. I think the case is ripe for review by the appellate courts, and based on clear law that has been laid out by the Texas Supreme Court, a decision like this should not stand." Gail Wurtzler, another environmental defense attorney, agrees with May that this is a one-off case because of the "situational" facts involved. "Nuisance cases are very fact-specific, and because they are fact-specific, the results in one would not have implications for others," Wurtzler said. Regardless, the Parrs say they feel vindicated by the six-person jury's decision after what they describe as a six-year nightmare of nonstop health issues. They're now living at their ranch again and say that since Aruba has put units on their well sites to clean the air -- and the well closest to them has been shut down -- they are feeling better. "With that being down, we're better about staying here. Now with this lawsuit being over, the curious question is whether they are going to shut this back on. That will determine if we have to move again. I don't trust this company," Lisa Parr said. Asked about the prospect of a drawn-out appeals process, she says they're ready for a fight and quotes one of her favorite musicians, Tom Petty: "I stand my ground, and I won't back down." "I am very pleased with the verdict. This was justice that was served not only for us, but for every family in the world who has suffered from health effects and the negligence from this type of industry," she said. Perhaps surprisingly to some, Lisa Parr says she's not opposed to the work oil companies do. She simply wants them to do their business responsibly, she said. "We are not anti-fracking or anti-drilling. My goodness, we live in Texas. Keep it in the pipes, and if you have a leak or spill, report it and be respectful to your neighbors. If you are going to put this stuff in close proximity to homes, be respectful and careful."

 **Related Stories** [Interactive: How fracking works](#)

<http://edition.cnn.com/2014/04/25/justice/texas-family-wins-fracking-lawsuit/index.html#>



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SOUTH KOREA, BUSAN, APRIL 26 2014. REFUGE FOR CHEMICAL TANKER AFTER 100-DAY ORDEAL

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Maritime Maisie's port side damaged.

The chemical tanker Maritime Maisie, owned by Singapore-based MSI Ship Management, has been given refuge in South Korea after almost 100 days at sea following a severe collision and fire. After almost 100 days at sea following a severe collision and fire, the chemical tanker Maritime Maisie, owned by Singapore-based MSI Ship Management, has been given refuge in South Korea. The Hong Kong-flagged tanker was carrying an estimated 30,000 tons of a hazardous cargo when it was involved in a collision with a pure car and truck carrier near the port of Busan, in December last year, subsequently catching fire. The ship has since been held at sea by tugs, with the Japanese

and South Korean governments unwilling to give it refuge due to the hazardous nature of its cargo and the severe damage to the hull, despite the risk of a wider environmental disaster if it breaks up and sinks. Poor weather conditions in January and February, and prolonged exposure to swells of up to four metres high, complicated matters further and may also have contributed further damage. Wijendra Peiris, team leader, Lloyd's Register's Ship Emergency Response Service (SERS), said: "This was quite an unusual situation and multiple teams in Lloyd's Register had to work together to resolve it. Maritime Maisie was a Hong Kong-flagged, Singapore-owned vessel carrying a hazardous cargo. "After it was damaged in Korean waters, the vessel drifted into Japanese waters, its fire raging for well over a week. This, together with poor weather conditions, meant we had to make sure our calculations of the ships condition and recommendations to the owners were as accurate as possible." The vessel was not safe enough for Lloyd's Register surveyors to get on board and properly assess the damage until March.

International Co-operation

Lloyd's Register's provided a breadth of services, also supporting the client with media activity. Now that the vessel has arrived in port, the classification society will be involved in overseeing the safe unloading of the cargo, cleaning of the ship and a full assessment of the vessel to see if it can be salvaged. Further assistance for the safe movement to a repair or recycling facility will also be required. Iain Wilson, regional marine manager for Asia, Lloyd's Register, said: "This is an excellent example of marine employees across multiple countries and teams pulling together and offering fantastic levels of support to a key client. Individuals from SERS, Class and surveyors in Korea, Japan, Singapore and Hong Kong all played a part in helping this vessel get safely to port and should be proud of that achievement." Ship owners, salvors and insurers [recently called for places of refuge for stricken vessels](#), after a number of high profile cases such as Maritime Maisie, Stolt Valor and MSC Flaminia. - See more at: <http://www.marineoffshoretechnology.net/health-safety-environment-news/refuge-chemical-tanker-after-100-day-ordeal#sthash.zTUa7OLs.dpuf>

<http://www.marineoffshoretechnology.net/health-safety-environment-news/refuge-chemical-tanker-after-100-day-ordeal>

USA, CA, LOS ANGELES, APRIL 26 2014. GERMAN COMPANY SENTENCED TO \$1.25 MILLION FINE FOR LONG BEACH MESS

A German company has been sentenced to pay a \$1 million fine and another \$250,000 to support environmental causes after pleading guilty to two felony environmental charges related to a cargo ship that entered the Port of Long Beach last year with an open crack in its hull that may have caused oil to leak into the port. The company – Herm. Dauelsberg GmbH & Co. KG – pleaded guilty yesterday morning and was sentenced immediately by United States District Judge George H. Wu. The company pleaded guilty to a felony count of failing to maintain accurate records relating to the overboard disposal of fuel oil and to a felony count of failing to report a hazardous condition aboard the M/V Bellavia to the United States Coast Guard. This case was initiated after four members of the M/V Bellavia crew provided significant information to the United States Coast Guard, including pictures and videos of discharges from a fuel tank into the ocean. Using a federal law that allows a federal judge to award up to half of any criminal fine to "whistleblowers" who provide information concerning certain environmental crimes aboard vessels, Judge Wu ordered that the four crewmembers receive a total of \$500,000 from the fine amount. The M/V Bellavia is a 960-foot-long, Panamax-size ship that normally transports cargo between European, Central American and North American ports. In 2011, the M/V Bellavia sustained cracks in the ship's hull while transiting through the Panama Canal. On an unknown number of occasions over the past three years, the hull cracks opened to such an extent that seawater could enter one of the ship's fuel tanks. As a result of the damage, bunker fuel – a heavy, thick fuel oil – could have been released from the fuel tank into the sea. Herm. Dauelsberg admitted that the M/V Bellavia hit the side of the Panama Canal again last



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September and sustained a crack that passed through the ship's hull into a fuel tank. The company also admitted that, after sustaining the crack, the ship's crew used one of the ship's pumps to discharge nearly 120,000 gallons of oil-contaminated seawater from the ship's fuel tank directly into the ocean. That discharge was not done using the ship's oil-water separator, which is supposed to be used to filter oil out of water that is pumped overboard. The ship's crew then failed to properly record the discharge in the ship's records and did not disclose it to the Coast Guard, both of which are required by federal law, when the ship arrived in the Port of Long Beach in October 2013. In addition, the company admitted that it failed to notify the Coast Guard about the hazardous condition aboard the M/V Bellavia, namely, the crack that passed through the ship's hull into the fuel tank. After accepting the guilty pleas, Judge Wu sentenced the company to the statutory maximum fine of \$1 million and ordered the company to make an additional community service payment of \$250,000 to the Channel Islands Natural Resources Protection Fund, which is administered by the National Park Foundation. The community service payment will be used to fund environmental projects, enforcement efforts, and initiatives designed for the enforcement of environmental and public safety regulations. This case is the result of an investigation by the United States Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office, the Coast Guard Investigative Service, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Criminal Investigation Division.

<http://www.lawfuel.com/german-company-sentenced-to-1-25-million-fine-for-long-beach-mess>

THAILAND, PATTAYA, APRIL 26 2014. OIL SLICK BLACKENS PART OF JOMTIEN BEACH

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Mother Apaporn Somjai, 22, brought her children to play in the ocean but quickly pulled them out when she noticed the oil.

An oil slick that washed up on Jomtien Beach had locals pointing fingers at a tanker that was thought to have capsized three days earlier. The black stain with balls of petroleum washed ashore near Soi 15 in Jomtien April 10, stretching for about a kilometer of sand. Ten workers cleaned up the mess with sanitation chief Laddawadee Chawna speculating the oil came from a tanker that capsized off the Maha Chai Bay in Samut Sakorn April 7. Beach chair vendor Pojjanee Payungkasm, 52, said she'd never seen Jomtien polluted as much as the current spill. Mother Apaporn Somjai, 22, had brought her kids to play in the ocean and quickly pulled them out when she noticed the oil.

<http://www.pattayamail.com/localnews/oil-slick-blackens-part-of-jomtien-beach-37018?ref=pmci>

USA, IMPORTANT MEDIA, APRIL 26 2014. APRIL 26 2014. NEW UN REPORT SLAMS ETHANOL AND OTHER BIOFUELS



A pair of new reports from the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) may have finally buried the worldwide push for mass biofuel production. The pair of reports finds that, once everything is factored in, ethanol and other biofuels can actually be worse for the environment than standard petrol products. The reports, which can be read in full [here](#) and [here](#), come to the conclusion that while biofuel production can decrease greenhouse gas emissions by 30% to 90%, there are many other factors to consider. Land and water use, for one, and as well as the increased potential for conflict relating to [the whole food-for-fuel debate](#). One look at the numbers reveals a startling story. In 2000, over 90% of the U.S. corn crop went to feed people and livestock, with just 5% going towards ethanol production. In 2013, ethanol consumed 40% of the U.S. corn crop, with 45% feeding livestock and just 15%

going towards feeding people. Consider also that U.S. produces 40% of the world's entire corn stock, and you can see how ethanol production is fueling hunger-driven unrest in the developing world. It's a bad scene, and the U.N. finally recognizes it. The new reports are a major reversal from the IPCC's 2007 report, which called for greater global cooperation towards mass production of ethanol and other biofuels. In recent years though, biofuels have come under fire from both the right and left [for](#)



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[massive government subsidies](#), and not being sustainable or clean enough. Automakers have even joined in the fight, lobbying against an effort to allow some gas stations to carry E15 (or 15% ethanol) gasoline. With this latest salvo, the already-flagging biofuel industry may have finally been dealt its deathblow. Electric cars have soared in popularity, and a vast investment into improved combustion engine technology has given consumers more fuel efficient options than ever. There are other, [non-edible plants](#) that could be used for biofuel production, but it seems like the only real benefit to corn ethanol fuel is for those [who want to go really, really fast](#). So at least there's that.

<http://gas2.org/2014/04/24/new-un-report-slams-ethanol-biofuels/>

USA, MS, PASCAGOULA, APRIL 26 2014. FEDS CITES CHEVRON FOR EXPLOSION THAT KILLED WOMAN



Chevron's Pascagoula refinery has been fined \$24,000 related to the November explosion and fire that left one employee dead, according to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Tonya Graddy of Semmes, Ala., a five-year operator for the refinery, was killed Nov. 15 when an explosion occurred in the furnace of the Cracking II Processing Unit. The cracking unit is used in the process breaking down hydrocarbons in the conversion crude oil into fuel and chemicals. OSHA stepped in for a full investigation after the incident, and resulting citations were made public Thursday. Chevron spokesman Alan Sudduth said the company has received OSHA's citation and notification of penalty and is evaluating the findings carefully. "We fully cooperated with OSHA's investigation of the incident, and appreciate the agency's thorough efforts," he said. "The safety of our employees, contractors and community is Chevron's first priority in all of our operations

worldwide." Chevron has until May 2 to respond, according to OSHA, and until May 13 and June 4 to fix the problems. OSHA investigated the incident for a month.

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2014/04/25/feds-cites-chevron-for-explosion-that-killed-woman/>

PERU, LOWER URUBAMBA, APRIL 26 2014. DRILLING IN THE WILDERNESS



Passengers arriving on the sole daily flight to the Las Malvinas gas-processing plant by the lower Urubamba river in Peru are ushered into a waiting room and shown a video. This contains a long list of "don'ts" for the Camisea gas project's 600 permanent workers, including bans on bringing food and having contact with the Amerindian peoples of the surrounding forest. To get on the flight, which is chartered by Pluspetrol, the Argentine firm that operates the gas concession, passengers must have a medical pass, issued only after vaccination against flu and yellow fever. These conditions embody bitter lessons. Camisea is Peru's most important source of energy, pumping 1.6 billion cubic feet of gas a day. Since 2004 it has provided the government with more than \$6 billion in royalties.

Gas from Camisea's Block 88, which has the biggest probable reserves in the Peruvian Amazon, is sold at a regulated price of \$1.80-3.30 per million British thermal units, which has helped fuel Peru's stellar economic growth of the past dozen years. (By contrast, energy-short Chile imports gas at \$8-11 per million Btus.) But most of the block lies in the Kugapakori-Nahua-Nanti reserve, created by the government in 1990 to protect Amerindians who have shunned contact with the outside world. Pluspetrol has drawn up plans, approved by the government in January, to conduct seismic tests and develop up to six new well-sites in the block. Foreign NGOs such as Survival International accuse Pluspetrol and the government of threatening the survival of these isolated tribes. "There is a serious risk to people in initial contact," says Vanessa Cueto of DAR, a Peruvian NGO. So Camisea has become a test of whether hydrocarbon exploitation can coexist with fragile environments and native peoples. "Camisea is a world environmental hotspot," admits Germán Jiménez, Pluspetrol's boss in Peru. In particular it could be a model for Ecuador, which recently agreed to allow oil exploration in the Yasuní national park. The NGOs cite a dark antecedent: when Shell began exploring Camisea in the 1980s, it built an access road. This was used by illegal loggers, who enslaved isolated Nahua Indians; 300 of them died from diseases to which they had no immunity. Yet the lessons of that tragedy have been learned. Camisea was developed with a loan from the Inter-American Development Bank, which set rigorous environmental safeguards. Pluspetrol uses an "offshore inland" method for developing the field, as if the forest were an ocean. There are no roads in Block 88: access is by helicopter. Horizontal drilling minimises surface sites. The five well-sites are each no bigger than a couple of football pitches; they are surrounded by dense forest, as your correspondent saw on a flight last month as a guest of Pluspetrol. Maintenance crews come by helicopter to the remotely operated wells with their



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dismantled equipment, reassembled on site. They are accompanied by local guides; the company says they have never encountered any isolated Indians. The bright yellow pipelines that carry the gas to Las Malvinas are buried, visible only when they cross watercourses. A scheme funded by the company but run by an NGO employs a small team of Indians as environmental monitors. Cristóbal Rivas, a Machiguenga Indian who is the scheme's president, says they have investigated small leaks of diesel but that in 11 years there has been no serious impact on the forest. Peru recently overhauled its laws to incorporate international norms on the rights of indigenous peoples. The government imposed conditions on the expansion, barring seismic testing in the north-west of the block, where there are unconfirmed reports of visits to streams by nomadic Pukierri Indians, and placing limits on night-working, to avoid interfering with hunting. Pluspetrol will pay \$5.8m into a compensation fund for the 850 or so Indians who live in the reserve.

Counting the Unknown

This includes about 90 Machiguenga believed to be living in initial contact inside the part of Block 88 that lies in the reserve. Mr Jiménez says that last year, during consultations with the settled Indian communities outside the block, some of the 90 canoe downriver to take part and asked for identity documents so that they could get jobs with the company. James Anaya, the UN's special rapporteur on indigenous rights, issued a broadly favourable report last month on the expansion project. He noted that "in many cases" the claims of NGOs are "speculative and imprecise". But he found that official information on Indians in the reserve was "out of date and incomplete". He urged the government to complete a study of who might be living in the block, and to organise a consultation with those in initial contact. The government is hastily doing both these things before work starts on the expansion in June. For some Indians, the work cannot start soon enough. Among those in favour of the expansion is José Dispupidiwa Waxi, the chief of 470 Nahua Indians in the north of the reserve who are classed as being in "initial contact". Initial contact includes trips to Washington, DC, where Dispupidiwa Waxi has just been to denounce the NGOs that want to block the expansion. The Nahua stand to gain from the compensation fund, which they would spend on more classrooms and a nurse. "We want people to know that we don't go around naked—we want to be recognised as a settled community," says Elsa Dispupidiwa, his daughter. Camisea has changed the lives of the people of the lower Urubamba. "Communities forget their traditional customs," says Mary Luz Trigos, a Machiguenga environmental monitor. "The positive thing is that there is work, the children can go to school and there is health provision." The main complaints are aimed at the local and regional governments, which pocket half the royalties from Camisea; all there is to show for that in the main Machiguenga community is an unfinished secondary school and a 500-metre bog that serves as the main street. For Peru, the benefits of more cheap gas from Camisea are clear. How to weigh them against the right of, at most, a few hundred indigenous people to live the life they choose is a difficult question. But it is not an impossible one. The Indians "can't go back, like it or not. History has taken its path and the people too," says Patricia Balbuena, the deputy minister with responsibility for indigenous peoples. "We have to respect and accompany its process. You can't say to them, 'You don't know what you want'. Tutelage is never positive."

<http://www.economist.com/news/americas/21601267-energy-extraction-can-coexist-native-peoples-and-forests-drilling-wilderness>

COLOMBIA, BURITICA, APRIL 27 2014. EXPLOSION IN COLOMBIA MINE LEAVES 4 DEAD, POISONS MORE THAN 65

Four dead miners and 65 more poisoned by inhaling toxic gases was the toll taken by an explosion in a gold mine in the northwestern Colombian municipality of Buritica, emergency management services said Saturday. The director of the Dapard disaster-prevention agency, Cesar Hernandez, said on Twitter that the rescue operation, which began Friday night, ended before dawn Saturday when the four fatalities were confirmed. According to Hernandez, 65 people were treated in hospitals of the region and 16 were taken to medical centers in the municipalities of Santa Fe and Giraldo. The mayor of Buritica, Carlos Mario Varela Ramirez, told local media that the number of people being cared for in hospitals and by emergency management teams that dealt with Friday's disaster has risen to 95, most of them poisoned from inhaling toxic gases. Because of the accident, the National Mining Agency ordered the suspension Saturday of mining work and the use of explosives in the area where the accident occurred. Colombia's Mines Minister Amylkar Acosta said on Caracol Radio that the Buritica mine had an evacuation order due to the unstable terrain and lack of the necessary safety conditions for mining activities to continue. The accident occurred at a concession of the multinational mining company Continental Gold, whose territory was invaded for illegal exploitation, according to Mayor Varela. According to the firm's Web site, the Buritica Project is 100 percent company-owned and covers an area of 59,095 hectares (146,000 acres). Buritica is a town of around 7,500 inhabitants and is also known as "the Mountain of Gold" for the number of mines where the valued metal is found.

<http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/news/2014/04/26/explosion-in-colombia-mine-leaves-4-dead-poisons-more-than-65/>



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USA, N.D, BISMARCK, APRIL 27 2014. NORTH DAKOTA FINDS MORE RADIOACTIVE OIL WASTE

kevin burbach



In this photo taken on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, white-suited workers wearing respirators clean up the illegal filter sock dump in an abandoned gas station in Noonan, N.D., near the Canadian border. Radiological readings were to be conducted to be sure the building and soil was back to normal. North Dakota confirmed Thursday the discovery of a new radioactive dump of waste from oil drilling, and separately a company hired to clean up waste found in February at another location said it removed double the amount of radioactive material originally estimated to be there. The Canadian company hired to clean up the largest dump found so far, located at an abandoned gas station in Noonan, also said that it suspects the soil at the site is contaminated and that samples were being analyzed. The twin disclosures highlight a growing problem from North Dakota's booming oil development — illegal disposal of oil filter socks, which are tubular nets that strain liquids during the oil production process and contain low

amounts of radioactive material. Health officials have said that radioactive filter socks increasingly are being found along roadsides, in abandoned buildings or in commercial trash bins — sometimes those of competing oil companies. State Environmental Health Chief [Dave Glatt](#) said investigators are examining the new site north of Crosby — a town about five miles from the Canadian border — which was discovered late last week by Divide County Emergency Manager [Jody Gunlock](#). Gunlock said he found 15 garbage cans and about 25 bags full of the oil filter socks. "So maybe one-fourth of what we found down in Noonan," Gunlock said, "But you know, it's still a significant amount and it's still an environmental problem." Glatt said the former landowner is in prison on an unrelated charge and that the new owner is cooperating with officials. They believe the waste was dumped before the land was sold, but has been covered up by snow for months. Gunlock, who grew up in Divide County and moved back in 2012 after serving in the military for 30 years, said the oil boom has changed his once quiet hometown for better and worse. The population has increased and businesses are faring better than they have in the past, but roads are getting torn up and these new environmental problems increased drastically this winter, he said. "Between brine being dumped on the roads, human waste being dumped in farm yards, and now these radioactive socks — oh my gosh, it's out of control." Brine or saltwater is a byproduct of oil production and the sewage is because so-called "man camps" where some oil workers live cannot handle the amount of effluent. Oil companies are supposed to haul filter socks to approved waste facilities in other states such as Montana, Colorado and Idaho, which allow a higher level of radioactivity in their landfills. State regulators said new rules are being written to track oil field waste, in response to growing environmental concern. Crosby Mayor [Les Bakken](#) said allowing oil companies to dispose of the socks at an in-state facility would help decrease illegal dumping. "I do think if there was a disposal site closer, it would help." Confirmation of the new site came as a Calgary, Alberta-based company, [Secure Energy Services](#), said it removed 45 cubic yards of radioactive waste Wednesday, more than double what was originally estimated, from what had been described in February as the largest dump found so far. Robert Krumberger, the company's manager of technical services who led the cleanup, said the lower level of the gas station was "completely full of filter socks." The company was transporting the waste Thursday to an out-of-state facility for disposal. [Scott Radig](#), the director of waste manager for the state health department, said there is little danger to the public from the radioactive waste. "The only concern at those levels would be from ingestion or inhalation," he said. Krumberger said it's possible that some of the soil at the Noonan site has been contaminated. "So at this time, it is suspected, so we're waiting for final laboratory analysis to determine what remains in the soil where the filter socks were stored." The state has no plans to clean up the private land at Noonan further after the radioactive material was removed, Radig said. "It's still a dump site," he said. "It's not what I would call a clean site."

<http://www.seattlepi.com/business/energy/article/North-Dakota-finds-more-radioactive-oil-waste-5427511.php>

PHILIPPINES, BOHOL, APRIL 27 2014. 'FAULTY' GAS PUMP IS BASIS FOR CLOSURE

Two teaspoons of fuel lost in every 10 liters is such that a station could be closed on its third offense, declared DOE Oil Industry Management Bureau (OIMB) chief Director Zenaida Monsada. At the recent Multi-Sectoral Advocacy Campaign on the Downstream Oil Industry held at the Bohol Tropics April 22, and attended by local government information officers and downstream industry stakeholders, Dir. Monsada shared that the DOE implements monitoring activities to penalize refilling stations that do not comply with the government step to enforce consumer protection. Arturo Valerio, of CSO Global Services



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Corporation shared Monsada's statements. Valerio, who spoke on the basic principles of mechanical pump calibration and sealing led LGU representatives and stakeholders to a gasoline pump inspection if only to demonstrate how recalibration and sealing is done. At the Amare Shell Station along CPG Avenue corner Calceta Street, Valerio showed officials a standardized 10 liter calibration bucket, which features a sealed calibration guide for easy reference. "Ten liters is ten liters, 50 milliliters over or under (which is roughly two teaspoons) mean a recalibration of the pumps, he said. It is a responsibility of the station to call in franchise contractors as well as local government representatives to monitor and observe the recalibration procedures, Valerio said. Local governments must be there as they issued the business permits and are there to make sure no consumer gets shortchanged. Imagine if a 10-liter bucket loses two teaspoons, how much short-changed does an unsuspecting motorist get from an illegally set-up bottled refilling station?, asked Dir Monsada. Even if these bottle stations use a liter bottle, just where does a liter measure? she asks. Aside from you do not see any clear line that says a full liter in the bottle, even sodas in the same bottles do not measure exactly the same, Monsada pointed out. Monsada's view then reiterates the government's stance on illegal refilling stations that are not just prone to under deliveries, but also dangerous and are not helping local economies as they put up unhealthy competition with legitimate stations and they could be sourcing out their fuel from illegal sources. While pump stations calibrated pumps are sealed, mandatory recalibrations are done only once a month, he said. But with the DOE so thinly spread, there are stations that get only an annual recalibration, Monsada admits.

<http://www.thebohandard.com/topstory.php?issue=340&s1=5655&s2=5658&s3=&s4=1606&s5=5659&s6=&s7=1603&s8=1607&s9=&s10=&s11=&s12=1604&s13=&s14=&s15=>

UGANDA, RAKAI, KAKIRA, APRIL 27 2014. THREE FUEL TRUCKS CRASH IN KAKIRA

 **Photo's [5]** [3 Fuel Trucks Crash in Kakira](#)



Three fuel trucks were involved in an accident Friday at Kakira. All three overturned, with two of them leaking fuel. Police fire brigade battled people who stormed the scene to siphon fuel. Jinja traffic police officer Edson Turyamwomwe said two drivers were seriously injured and were rushed to Jinja hospital. Other reports indicated one person had been killed. Mothers with babies on the back, men and kids were at the scene fighting for the sudden bonanza.

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/news/654923-three-fuel-trucks-crash-in-kakira.html>

USA, MA, ONSET, APRIL 27 2014. 250 GALLONS OF DIESEL SPILLED INTO ONSET BAY

simón rios

About 250 gallons of diesel fuel spilled into Onset Bay at Point Independence Yacht Club on Friday night, according to the Onset Fire Department. The fuel "had leaked from the line that supplies pumps at the end of the dock for marine vessel fueling," the department said in a release. Officials were notified around 9:13 p.m. Friday to a spill at the club, which is a permitted marine fueling operation. The state Department of Environmental Protection was notified as well as the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, as shore and marine operations begun to "contain the spill and mitigate the hazard." That effort took some 40 personnel five hours to accomplish, the press release said. Onset fire officials would not comment further on the case, but said cleanup efforts are ongoing. Also involved in the effort were the Wareham Harbormaster Office, the Marion Fire Department, the state Hazardous Materials Response team and the state Fire Services rehab unit. The Wareham Fire Department provided station coverage for Onset during the incident. The Point Independence Yacht Club is located at 15 Independence Lane in Onset. Officials there were not immediately available for comment. An "Italian Night" scheduled for Saturday night was cancelled, according to the club's website.

<http://www.southcoasttoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20140426/NEWS/140429931>



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USA, CA, MODESTO, APRIL 27 2014. CRASH REPORTED AT EAST CHILDS AVENUE GAS STATION



No major injuries were reported after this car crashed into a pole at the Valero gas station on East Childs Avenue.

The driver of a Mazda crashed into a pole Friday afternoon at a Valero gas station on East Childs Avenue. No major injuries were reported, according to Merced police. Police said the crash, reported before 4 p.m., is under investigation. Officers said preliminary details indicate the driver of the Mazda, a woman in her late teens to early 20s, left the Ramada Inn parking lot on East Childs Avenue and crossed the street to enter the Valero station. The Mazda clipped the driver's side of a white Impala that was preparing to leave the gas station. The Mazda driver lost control and crashed into a pole. She told police her passenger, a man, had tried to grab the wheel. The Impala driver was not hurt. The Mazda driver appeared to have minor bumps and scrapes, and her passenger's only visible injury was a cut lip. Police said the Mazda did not hit any

of the gas pumps.

<http://www.modbee.com/2014/04/25/3310527/crash-reported-at-east-childs.html>

USA, HI, HILO, APRIL 27 2014. ACID SPILLS ON HILO ROADWAY



BEI employees clean up a spill after approximately 250 gallons of sulphuric acid fell off the back of a flatbed truck at the 430 Kekuanooa St. location in Hilo. early Friday afternoon.

Hawaii County emergency response teams investigated a sulfuric acid spill early Friday afternoon in Hilo. Battalion Chief Warren Sumida said approximately 250 gallons of sulfuric acid fell off the back of a flatbed truck at BEI Hawaii located at 430 Kekuanooa St. BEI Hawaii distributes fertilizers, industrial and agricultural chemicals. Kekuanooa Street was closed temporarily while BEI employees cleaned up the spill. Sumida said other emergency response teams were called upon to investigate potential damages. Sumida said the spill leaked into a nearby dry well and that the Department of Health was on the scene testing the waters near Wailoa River State Recreation area to see if any contamination had

occurred. Deborah Ward, spokeswoman for the state Department of Land and Natural Resources, said the spill was contained. "It was discovered that the acid spill from the BEI location was contained in a dry well and none of the acid reached the Waiakea Pond or any waters in our park. Our park is not affected," she said. Sumida said one employee was taken to the hospital as a precaution. No statement was given by BEI as of noon Friday about the condition of the individual or the incident. The Hawaii County Fire Department, the Hazardous Material Response Team, representatives from the Department of Health and DLNR were present following the spill.

<http://westhawaii.com/community-bulletin/acid-spills-hilo-roadway>

INDIA, KERALA, VATTAPPARA, APRIL 27 2014. GAS TANKER OVERTURNS AT VATTAPPARA



The state witnessed yet another gas tanker lorry accident on Saturday at Vattappara curve, near here, on the Kozhikode-Thrissur highway. The district administration said that the situation was under control and there was nothing to panic. However, they have taken necessary precautions to avoid risks. The tanker lorry, which was on its way from Mangalore to Kochi, overturned while negotiating the dangerous Vattappara curve around 3 pm on Saturday. The district administration took precautionary measures to avoid further damage soon after the accident. "Traffic through the State Highway 66 was diverted through the Kanjippura-Moodal bypass. People living in the 500 m radius of the accident spot were evacuated to safer places. Electricity was disconnected in the area and people were requested to not use their mobile phones," District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Deputy Collector P Muraleedharan



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said. Experts from the Indian Oil Corporation visited the accident spot and the vehicle. P Muraleedharan said that they had ensured that there were no chances of leakage from the gas tank attached to the vehicle. The vehicle and tank will be shifted from the area safely. Recovery vehicle and other facilities will reach the area late at night. Traffic through the area will be resumed only after shifting the tank from there. Fire force units from Perinthalmanna, Malappuram and Tirur were arranged in the area to tackle any kind of emergency. Lorry driver, Tamil Nadu native Ganeshan, was admitted to a private hospital here with minor injuries.

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/states/kerala/Gas-Tanker-Overturms-at-Vattappara/2014/04/27/article2191643.ece>

AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, WAYVILLE, APRIL 27 2014. MAN LUCKY TO WALK AWAY UNHURT AFTER GAS EXPLOSION AT ADELAIDE SERVICE STATION



Fire crews speak to a man at the scene of a blast caused by a gas leak at a Wayville service station.

A man escaped serious injury when the office he was working in was damaged by a loud explosion at the BP On The Run service station at Wayville. Fire investigators were last night still trying to determine the cause of the blast, which occurred at 1.55pm and caused major damage to the walls and roof of an office at the rear of the building. Ambulance workers treated a man who was in the office when the explosion occurred at the scene but he was allowed to go home. Police cordoned off the intersection of Goodwood Rd and Le Hunte St for about two hours. Fire crews said there was no evidence of flame

damage but believed a gas leak was to blame. One Le Hunte St resident, who lives about 200m away, said there was "just one loud bang and the house shuddered".

<http://www.news.com.au/national/south-australia/man-lucky-to-walk-away-unhurt-after-gas-explosion-at-adelaide-service-station/story-fnii5yv4-1226897490214>

USA, PA, APRIL 27 2014. HELLERTOWN MAN KILLED HIMSELF WITH POISONOUS GAS, CORONER SAYS >> RESIDENTS EVACUATED AND ACTIVITIES CANCELED IN A NEARBY PARK AS HAZ-MAT TEAMS RESPONDED

 **Watch the Video** [Hellertown Man Kills Himself with Poisonous Gas](#)

 **Photo's [12]** [Authorities Responding to Hazmat Incident in Hellertown.](#)



Suicide forces evacuation on Hellertown block, where police found hazardous chemicals.

A [Hellertown](#) man who killed himself at home with a noxious mixture of chemicals, forcing the evacuation of several Locust Road homes, has been identified. Northampton County Coroner Zachary Lysek said 22-year-old Kyle Miller died of asphyxiation after he used chemicals to produce a poisonous gas after a brief standoff with police Saturday morning. His death was determined to be suicide, Lysek said. Lysek said the gas was hydrogen sulfide, which can be created by combining household chemicals and is on the rise in the United States as a means of suicide, according to the [National Institutes of Health](#). Hellertown

police say they responded at 6 a.m. to a report of a man who was barricaded in his home and intended to harm himself. Upon arrival, police tried to enter the home, but smelled a strong chemical odor and retreated, according to Hellertown Chief Robert Shupp III. Miller was later found dead by authorities in protective gear who entered the home. Shupp said the contamination was contained to the home and that no first responders were affected by the chemicals. The incident forced several families in the 400 block of Locust Road out of their homes and streets around the scene were closed as firefighters, rescue workers and other authorities from a number of municipalities responded. Officials in white Tyvek coveralls removed two dogs from the home, a yellow Labrador named Lucky and a black Labrador named Rex. The dogs were decontaminated and are being watched for signs of exposure to hydrogen sulfide, said Erica Tramuta-Drobnis, a veterinarian with Lehigh Valley County Animal Rescue Team, which is treating the dogs. Hydrogen sulfide is a poisonous, flammable gas that carries a rotten-egg-like smell, according to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. It occurs naturally in such things as volcanoes and in industrial processes. Lysek said there have been a number of suicides involving hydrogen sulfide in Northampton County. In 2011, a Monroe County highway was shut down when a man attempted suicide by inhaling hydrogen



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sulfide in his car at Tobyhanna State Park. Firefighters in protective gear were able to remove the man from the car and decontaminate him, saving his life. Firefighters were ventilating the Locust Road home with fans, seven hours after residents were evacuated from the block. Shupp said the home would be boarded up until it can be decontaminated. Police forced Locust Road residents to leave their homes around 6 a.m. Saturday, according to Kelly Albertson, who lives next to the yellow Cape Cod where the man's body was found. Albertson said she then saw police go into her next-door neighbor's home and come running out, saying there may be "harsh chemicals" inside. Numerous, fire, police, ambulance and haz-mat crews were on the scene for hours. The borough canceled some Little League games and other activities at nearby Dimmick Park, which reopened at about 1:15 p.m.

Related Stories

- [Suicide forces evacuation in Hellertown](#)
- [Authorities responding to hazmat incident in Hellertown](#)

http://www.mcall.com/news/breaking/mc-f-hellertown-hazardous-material-incident-20140426_0,537946.story

USA, WA, KALAMA, APRIL 28 2014. 2 INJURED AFTER CAR CRASHES INTO SEMITRUCK TANK

 Photo's [5] [Car Collides with Semitruck Tanker](#)



Officials with Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue said a vehicle lost control, spun and crashed into the semitruck tanker that was on the shoulder lane.

Two people were injured Sunday morning after a vehicle collided with a semitruck tanker on Interstate 5 in Cowlitz County. The crash happened at 7:47 a.m. near exit 30 on I-5 in Kalama. Officials with Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue said a vehicle lost control, spun and crashed into the semitruck tanker that was on the shoulder lane. When crews arrived, the vehicle was wedged under the tank. The driver and passenger of the vehicle, both in their 20s, were taken to Peace Health St. John's Medical Center to be treated for their injuries. The two people were visiting from Hawaii and driving a rental car. Authorities said the tanker was empty. The cause of the crash is believed to be weather related and there were no other injuries.

Related Stories [Young couple from Hawaii hospitalized after horrific crash with tanker truck on I-5](#)

<http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/2-injured-after-car-crashes-semi-truck-tank/nfjbJ/>

USA, OH, SUFFIELD TWP, APRIL 28 2014. CANOPY AT SUFFIELD TOWNSHIP MARATHON GAS AND CONVENIENCE STORE AND CARRYOUT COLLAPSES

 Photo's [6] [Suffield TWP Canopy Falls Over at Gas Station, just Missing a Customer](#)



No one was hurt Saturday afternoon when the aluminum canopy over the gas pumps at a Marathon gas station and convenience store at 1435 State Route 43 fell over. Kristen Keller, 20, a clerk and the daughter of the owner of the station Brian Keller, said it happened around 2 p.m. and she thought it was blown over by the wind. "We heard a loud thud," she said, and initially thought perhaps a car had backed into something at the station. She said she suspects the station will need to get a new canopy to replace the one that fell Saturday. The Suffield Township Fire Department responded to the incident.

<http://www.ohio.com/news/canopy-at-suffield-township-marathon-gas-and-convenience-store-and-carryout-collapses-1.483890>



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NIGERIA, LAGOS, KIRIKIRI. APRIL 28 2014. FIRE GUTS 4 TANKERS IN LAGOS

george okojie



There was pandemonium in Kirikiri area of Lagos State, yesterday when fire gutted four tankers. Residents of Comfort Oboh street scammed for safety when one of the tanks caught fire around 1pm and spread to the other tankers. A resident, Chukwudi Eze told LEADERSHIP Sunday that nobody was injured, adding that petroleum workers were at the tanker garage trans-loading petroleum product from one tanker to another when it gutted fire. Eze said immediately people noticed the inferno, everybody scammed from the scene before they called fire fighters and policemen attached to Kirikiri police station. He said the fire lasted for over six hours before it was put out by the combined efforts of the Federal Fire Service, Lagos State fire services, Fatgbems petroleum, TCIP Fire services, among others. A man who refused to speak with this reporter was heard saying "we have lost millions of naira." An official of the Federal fire service who spoke on the condition of anonymity alleged that the

petroleum workers were said to have engaged in illegal mixture of chemicals when it ignited fire. He said the workers call the mixture 'rice and beans'. He said Rice and beans mixture has caused so many fire incident in Lagos. He urged the police to monitor tanker garages in Lagos and identify people doing the illegal business. A resident who live in the next building to the scene corroborated what the fire fighter said, saying the people usually do chemical mixture at the garage.

<http://leadership.ng/news/368618/fire-guts-4-tankers-lagos>

USA, DE, DELAWARE CITY, APRIL 28 2014. DEL. OFFICIALS: REFINERY RELEASES SULFUR DIOXIDE



Delaware environmental officials say nearly 150 pounds of sulfur dioxide and fuel have been released into the air at the Delaware City Refinery. WDEL-AM reports (<http://bit.ly/1inlekk>) that the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control said that the release happened late Friday night just before midnight and was due to a failed control valve. The incident at the facility on Wrangle Hill Road is under investigation. The release comes just about a week after the refinery released nearly 200 pounds of sulfur dioxide into the air. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control had said the earlier release was caused by a mechanical problem that was corrected.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/del-officials-refinery-releases-sulfur-dioxide/2014/04/26/528b0f48-cd72-11e3-b81a-6ff56bc591e_story.html

USA, MS, PASCAGOULA, APRIL 28 2014. OSHA CITES CHEVRON IN NOVEMBER EXPLOSION THAT KILLED WOMAN

karen nelson

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has cited the Chevron Pascagoula Refinery for safety violations and proposed a fine of \$24,000 in the Nov. 15 explosion that killed a plant operator. Chevron has until May 2 to respond, according to OSHA, and until May 13 and June 4 to fix the problems. The explosion and fire occurred in a furnace in the Cracking II unit during the early morning hours. Tonya Graddy, 49, of Semmes, Ala., was killed standing outside the furnace. The explosion sent up a huge plume of smoke, rattled windows and doors in east Pascagoula and created a concussion that was felt across town. OSHA investigated the incident for a month. In the citation, ranked serious because someone was killed, OSHA said the refinery failed to develop procedures for restarting a unit after an emergency shutdown and was using the same procedure it used for normal startup. It also said that before the Nov. 15 explosion, workers did not purge the firebox before lighting burners at the plant. It said Chevron failed to document whether employees understood training they received on how to operate a process. After a February 2011 incident, Chevron proposed training to insure adequate warning of hazardous conditions, plus operator training on the importance of oxygen, carbon monoxide and combustibles alarms, OSHA said. "Chevron did not ensure that employees understood the training," OSHA said. The company "did not develop and implement safe work



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practices" to control hazards during operations such as lock out, entry to confined spaces or opening process equipment. And OSHA cited the refinery for failing to control access to the area by maintenance, contractors and support crews. The refinery issued a statement Thursday that acknowledged it received OSHA's citation and said it was evaluating the findings, after cooperating fully with OSHA's investigation. "Chevron is committed to fully understanding what led to the tragic loss of one of our colleagues at the Pascagoula refinery on Nov. 15," it said. "Chevron conducted an internal investigation and we anticipate a final report in May."

<http://insurancenewsnet.com/oarticle/2014/04/25/osh-cites-chevron-in-november-explosion-that-killed-woman-a-494674.html#.U13rbcanry0>

USA, MT, BAINVILLE, APRIL 28 2014. COMPANY SUSPECTED OF DUMPING RADIOACTIVE WASTE IN MONTANA ORDERED TO STOP

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The northeastern Montana town of Bainville, with 300 residents, is about to see explosive growth as a rail facility to off-load fracking sand and a 350-person man camp for the workers are built. Developers say they will build a Marriott hotel, retail stores and perhaps a dozen housing developments in and around Bainville to serve the Bakken oil boom.

A Louisiana trucking company believed to have illegally dumped radioactive waste in an Eastern Montana landfill for nearly two years has been ordered to stop by state officials. Dual Trucking and Transport, of Houma, La., has been ordered by the Department of Environmental Quality to cease all operations near the Bakken community of Bainville. DEQ officials, who began inspecting more than a year ago, say that as early as July 2012, and without a permit, Dual

Trucking and Transport began accumulating mildly radioactive soil and oil filter socks, as well as other Bakken waste at the site. The waste site is a couple hundred yards upwind from a housing development in a sandy-soiled region where the water table is high enough to produce wetlands. Dual was warned in Sept. 2012 to stop operations until it was licensed by DEQ's Solid Waste Program. At that time, it also ordered to hire a qualified consultant to develop a cleanup plan and begin removing waste. Dual eventually started the permit process, but then declined state requests for further information, later informing DEQ the company was no longer processing oilfield waste and didn't need a permit. However, earlier this month, DEQ inspected the site again and found Dual still managing solid waste without a permit. Contacted by the Gazette, Dual did not respond to questions about the closure. The DEQ action comes amid rising reports of illegally disposed Bakken oilfield waste, namely filter socks, used to trap naturally occurring radioactive silt driven above ground during hydraulic fracturing. Garbage bags full of the filters have been discovered abandoned in a shuttered North Dakota gas station and on a flatbed trailer near a landfill in that state.

North Dakota Doesn't Have a Facility that Handles Radioactive Waste.

In Montana, where the tolerance for radioactive waste is higher, four waste handlers have applied for permits, including one landfill near Glendive that's already operational. In Culbertson, a few miles west of Bainville, Mayor Gordon Oelkers is concerned about a private permit application to accept radioactive material on 160 acres seven miles north of town. "We have no authority over squat. I think DEQ will approve it," Oelkers said. "It's just the location of it. Within a mile of that facility there are 12 residences. It's just a terrible location for people." There's no doubt, facilities will pop up in North Dakota to handle radioactive waste, Oelkers said, but what concerns the mayor is that Montana's threshold for radioactive waste is twice what North Dakota regulators allow. That means the worst of the waste will likely be shipped to Montana. People shouldn't be alarmed by the radiation levels in the waste, said Ron Smith, Roosevelt County sanitarian. The radiation is naturally occurring in the earth. Most of the waste is mildly radioactive soil pulled to the surface during the drilling process. But what concerns Oelkers are the drilling chemicals that are mixed into the soil during the drilling process. Technically, facilities that accept earth only aren't landfills, said Smith, they're land farms. The sanitarian sees a big difference. But at the Dual Trucking and Transportation site, there are signs of both contaminated soil and other oilfield waste. A long-line of heavy steel containers lines the south and west sides of the property. DEQ reports indicate that some of the containers were full of filter socks during a previous inspection. Dual also had a tank of fluid waste to dispose of, which couldn't be dealt with because it froze solid over the winter. Dual informed DEQ that the waste would be moved to Canada, but did not indicate where. Tuesday morning, five



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days after being told to stop operations in Bainville, Dual crews were still excavating the site. As the sun rose, the arms and legs of yellow hazardous materials suits could be seen blowing out of a red steel container that had been left open.

http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/company-suspected-of-dumping-radioactive-waste-in-montana-ordered-to/article_e63b89ac-cdc2-11e3-b909-0019bb2963f4.html

ENGLAND, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, APRIL 28 2014. THOUSANDS OF LITRES OF RED DIESEL SIPHONED FROM SOUTH WHEATLEY FUEL TANK

Fuel thieves have siphoned off thousands of litres of red diesel from a tank in South Wheatley. Notts Police say 2,500 litres of red diesel was stolen from a fuel tank on Sturton Road between 2am and 4am today (Sunday, April 27). The force advises people to consider an array of methods to deter thieves, including placing the fuel tank nearer their homes, using padlocks, control switches, CCTV, fencing and security lights and even camouflaging it with plants.

<http://www.retfordtimes.co.uk/Thousands-litres-red-diesel-siphoned-South/story-21020254-detail/story.html>

USA, FLA, JACKSONVILLE, APRIL 29 2014. HUGE SETTLEMENT COULD MEAN \$80 MILLION TO FIX CONTAMINATION AT OLD TALLEYRAND CHEMICAL SITE >> SITE ONE OF WORST IN THE SOUTHEAST

steve patterson

A record, multibillion-dollar payout by a company responsible for pollution nationwide could earmark \$80 million for cleaning up remains of a century-old fertilizer plant in Jacksonville's Talleyrand area. A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency review panel is scheduled to meet Tuesday to talk through plans for cleaning the long-closed Kerr-McGee fertilizer and pesticide plant along the St. Johns River. "It's a large site and it's pretty thoroughly contaminated," said Kevin Beswick, an EPA lawyer in Atlanta. The old plant is among roughly 2,700 sites in 47 states for which Kerr-McGee Corp. and a parent company, Anadarko Petroleum Corp., agreed this month to pay \$5.15 billion to settle environmental claims. The Jacksonville plant stood out from the long list of Kerr-McGee properties, holding a spot on EPA's National Priorities List –also called Superfund – where the federal government has taken over cleanup planning because others either can't or simply aren't acting to solve serious contamination. In a hazard ranking applied to potential Superfund sites, the fenced-off Jacksonville property had one of EPA's highest rankings in the Southeast. Florida's Department of Health said in 2003 that if people were allowed to live on the site, they could be sick by contaminants within weeks by exposure to arsenic. Benzene, DDT, toxaphene, lead and other pollutants have also been found at the Jacksonville site, where pollution concerns were first brought to EPA's attention in 1981. That was three years after the plant at 1611 Talleyrand Ave. shut down. The plant, known for generations as the Wilson & Toomer Fertilizer Co., was reported to make more than a million tons of fertilizer a year around 1970, ranking it as the state's top fertilizer producer. Kerr-McGee bought the property in 1971. Since the plant's opening near the start of the 20th century, chemicals had seeped into roughly 30 acres just south of the Jacksonville Port Authority's Talleyrand terminal. The contamination had spread through groundwater and into the riverbed nearby. By 2008, a company that Kerr-McGee had spun off, Tronox, Inc., was talking with state and federal agencies about possible cleanup plans that included digging a 40-foot-deep trench filled with cement and clay around the entire site to keep the contamination from moving any farther. The company also discussed building a concrete bulkhead covering 2.5 acres of the riverbed to cap the contamination. But those talks fizzled because Tronox was careening toward bankruptcy under the weight of cleanup bills inherited from other Kerr-McGee sites. The spin-off eventually sued Kerr-McGee, saying the giant company had committed fraud by handing off its polluted lands to the new company, knowing Tronox couldn't begin to cover bills for generations of pollution. The U.S. Justice Department jumped into that fight after hearing from EPA offices around the country about sites they didn't have money to clean up. In December, federal bankruptcy judge Allan Gropper in New York said there was "clear and convincing evidence" Kerr-McGee had handed off its contaminated lands to keep creditors from tapping its deep pockets. Gropper needed time to figure out how much Kerr-McGee owed, and the company struck a settlement deal with federal lawyers this month before Gropper set his price. The \$5.15 billion cost was on the low end of options that could have topped \$14 billion. Anadarko Chairman and CEO Al Walker said in a statement that the settlement "eliminates the uncertainty this dispute has created," and lets investors focus on "the tremendous value" of the company's assets. EPA had its own take on the settlement. "Companies that pollute can't escape their responsibility to pay for the cleanup," EPA Assistant Administrator Cynthia Giles said in a written statement when the settlement was announced. She said her agency "will continue to fight for those affected by pollution." What that will mean in Jacksonville still isn't clear. EPA could release a preliminary plan for handling the Talleyrand site by July, Beswick said. The hope there would be to get people who care about the cleanup to offer ideas, complaints, whatever, before a final plan, called a record of decision, is released around, maybe, September or October. The settlement also leaves a possibility some of the



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money could be spent on environmental justice projects – a way to redress how pollution ends up concentrated in the poorest, least influential areas. No one can spend any settlement money just yet, though. Kerr-McGee's deal with federal lawyers isn't final yet, and the agreement lets the federal government reopen some subjects after a public comment period closes in early May.

<http://members.jacksonville.com/news/metro/2014-04-28/story/huge-settlement-could-mean-80-million-fix-contamination-old-talleyrand>

USA, N.M, ALBUQUERQUE, APRIL 29 2014. 4,000 GALLONS OF FUEL SPILLED IN TRUCK-TRAIN COLLISION

BNSF Railway Company says a tanker truck got stuck on train tracks near Jarales on Sunday evening, causing a train collision and fuel spill. According to BNSF spokesman Joe Faust, the tanker got stuck at the Jarales Road crossing and was struck by a train going around 20 mph. The truck spilled about 4,000 gallons of fuel onto the ground, but state police say the surrounding community was not threatened. A BNSF remediation team responded to the scene and cleaned up the fuel. The scene was cleared in about three hours. Faust said the truck driver suffered non-life threatening injuries during the collision. The train crew was not injured.

<http://www.kob.com/article/stories/S3415359.shtml?cat=500#.U175c8anry0>

USA, TX, CORRIGAN, APRIL 29 2014. AT LEAST 7 INJURED IN PLANT EXPLOSION

 **Watch the Video At Least 7 Injured in Plant Explosion**

Four people remain hospitalized, three in critical condition, after an explosion and fire at a Polk County plywood mill. According to Eric Abercrombie, a spokesperson for Atlanta-based Georgia Pacific, seven people were injured when the fire broke out around 6 p.m. Saturday at the Corrigan plant. Four were flown to Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston and three others were taken to a Lufkin hospital. A spokesperson for Memorial Hermann said three of the patients were listed in critical condition Sunday. The fourth was listed in fair condition. The workers taken to Lufkin were treated and released Saturday night, according to Abercrombie. OSHA investigators were at the plant Sunday to begin their investigation. Abercrombie said the accident happened in a bagroom, a silo-like building that collects dust from the sanding process. "The doors on the circumference of the building were designed to release the buildup of energy. It did that, they vented out. The dust inside is made of wood, it's combustible. So, there was a buildup. We're not sure what caused that, we're in the process of investigating that," said Abercrombie. While the investigation is underway, operations at the plant have shut down. The plant employs about 400 people. "It's a bad thing for the community that people got hurt, especially people you know. You hate to see anybody get hurt," said Corrigan resident Larry Torrez. Abercrombie said the company's thoughts and prayers are now with the injured workers and their families. Georgia Pacific is handling accommodations for the families so they can be with their loved ones in Houston.

<http://www.click2houston.com/news/at-least-3-injured-in-plant-explosion/25679456>

USA, TX, DALLAS, APRIL 29 2014. ENERGY TRANSFER TO ACQUIRE STRIPES GAS STATION CHAIN, OTHER ASSETS FOR \$1.8 BILLION



Kelcy Warren's energy empire just got a little bigger. Energy Transfer Partners has agreed to buy [Susser Holdings Corp.](#), which owns the [Stripes gas station chain](#) and a fuel distribution network, for \$1.8 billion, [the company announced Monday](#). The deal adds to the network of 5,000 gas stations Energy Transfer acquired when it bought Philadelphia-based Sunoco in 2012. Corpus Christi-based Susser owns more than 600 retail stations, with a large footprint in Texas. "The combination of Susser and our Sunoco retail business creates a platform to build a best in class and unique business that is well diversified by both geography and product lines," Sunoco CEO Bob Owens said in a statement. Owens will head the combined companies, reporting directly to Warren, CEO of Energy Transfer Partners. The deal is expected to close in the third quarter. Susser subsidiary Susser Petroleum Partners will continue to be traded as an individual company on the New York Stock Exchange and maintain its headquarters in Houston, Energy Transfer said. Energy Transfer Partners stock was trading at \$55.41 shortly after 10

a.m. on Wall Street Monday, down almost 1 percent since the opening bell.

<http://bizbeatblog.dallasnews.com/2014/04/energy-transfer-to-acquire-stripes-gas-station-chain-other-assets-for-1-8-billion.html/>



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AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MICKLEHAM, APRIL 29 2014. EXPLOSIVES BLAST IN MICKLEHAM LEAVES MAN WITH INJURED HANDS

mark buttler

Police explosives experts are at the scene of a blast in the northern suburbs where a man has suffered injuries. The victim has hand wounds after an explosion in Farleigh Crt, Mickleham, at 12.10pm. He has been taken to the Royal Melbourne Hospital in a stable condition. A Victoria Police spokeswoman said detonators may have been the source of the blast.

Related Stories

- [Man Suffers Hand Injuries after Explosion](#)
- [Explosion Causes Severe Hand Injuries](#)

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/law-order/explosives-blast-in-mickleham-leaves-man-with-injured-hands/story-fni0fee2-1226897363837>

USA, MD, HAVRE DE GRACE, APRIL 29 2014. SMALL PETROLEUM SPILL SPOTTED IN SUSQUEHANNA RIVER OFF HAVRE DE GRACE

krishana davis



Map: [Havre de Grace, MD, USA](#)

A petroleum like substance of unknown origin was reported in the Susquehanna River off [Havre de Grace](#) late Monday afternoon, officials from the Harford County Department of Emergency Services said. A motorist traveling over the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge, between Havre de Grace and Perryville, reported a fuel sheen on the water around 4:29 p.m., according to Robert Thomas, spokesperson for the Harford County Department of Emergency Services. The Harford County Hazmat Team responded and found a 5-foot by 25-foot petroleum-based slick near the bridge, Thomas said. He said the Hazmat Team was unable to find the source of the spill and cleared the scene in about 25 minutes. Thomas could not confirm if the Hazmat team had cleaned up the material. He said oil spills do occur on the frequent basis throughout the state.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/harford/aberdien-havre-de-grace/ph-ag-fuel-spill-0430-20140428,0,2900015.story>

MALAYSIA, PORT KLANG, APRIL 29 2014. OIL TANKER DAMAGED IN FIRE

Fire broke out onboard an oil tanker that was transporting diesel, about two Nautical miles (3.6km) from the North Port, here at about 12.30pm today. Selangor Fire and Rescue Department Assistant director of Operations, Mohd Sani Harul said the fire was believed to have been caused by a faulty engine at the rear portion of the ship. "We received a call at 1pm. About 30 percent of the ship was damaged in the fire. Firemen took about 40 minutes to bring the fire under control," he told Bernama, here today. Mohd Sani said 26 fire fighters from Port Klang and North Port were deployed to the scene in two boats. Meanwhile, a spokesman from the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) said during the incident there were 11 crew members on board plus the captain of the ship. However, they were all safely transferred with the help of two MMEA vessels.

<http://www.nst.com.my/latest/oil-tanker-damaged-in-fire-1.581574>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, APRIL 30 2014. DEFUSE 'MOBILE BOMBS' (DANGEROUS TANKER TRUCKS): TWU

A national tribunal is to consider minimum safety standards for Australian petrol tankers, after nationwide research revealed 1 in 4 tanker drivers were pressured to speed and 1 in 2 drivers reported inadequate brake inspections. Transport Workers Union assistant national secretary Michael Kaine said many petrol tankers were literally 'mobile bombs'. "Industry research shows the tanker fleet is old and unreliable, and tanker drivers are routinely pressured to drive too fast or too long," Mr Kaine said. "33% of drivers report they've been threatened with job losses if they report serious safety flaws. "And 45% of drivers say employers routinely delay brake maintenance, with one saying his tanker was 13,000 kilometres overdue for servicing. "We've seen the consequences in crashes like Batemans Bay in 2009, when four people died, and Mona Vale in 2013, with two people killed. "That's why the union has lodged a national dispute on tanker safety, and why we're calling for a national safety standard before the Road Safety Tribunal." Mr Kaine said the dispute would be heard on 29 April 29, before the Federal Government's Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal in Sydney. The union would seek enforceable national safety standards to deliver:



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- 'Safe Rates' – contracting changes to prevent retailers like Coles/Shell from pressuring drivers to speed or skip rest breaks.
- Safe maintenance – adequate funding for brake maintenance, anti-rollover equipment and a requirement that unsafe tankers are removed from the roads.
- A ban on 'hot seating' – where tanker drivers simply swap seats with each other to avoid technical breaches of maximum driving times.
- Driver training – all drivers to be properly trained in safety management and anti-rollover techniques.
- Mandatory reporting – clients and companies to publish compliance records on fatigue management, safe driving hours and maintenance.

"Clients like Coles and Shell will fight tooth and nail to oppose these changes," Mr Kaine said. "To Coles, road safety is just red tape. But for most Australians, it's a necessity." The Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal (RSRT) was set up in 2012 to address pressures on drivers to drive unsafely. The RSRT can issue binding orders on industry to lift safety standards. Truck driving is Australia's most dangerous industry, with a fatality rate 15 times higher than the national average for other jobs. There are around 1,500 on-road oil tankers in operation in Australia. Every year around 330 people are killed in truck-related crashes.

Oil/Fuel & Gas – 2014 Survey results

The industry:

- Major retailers Coles and Woolworths are dominant players in fuel deliveries, with 24% of the industry operated by Coles as a joint venture with Shell.

This survey:

- More than 90 responses were received from oil tanker drivers in eastern states.
- 33% of respondents were from NSW, 40% from Victoria, 25% from Queensland.
- Respondents had worked in the industry for between 9 months and 43 years behind the wheel. Average industry experience was 16 years

Survey results:

- 26% of drivers were pressured to speed while driving petrol tankers.
- 49% were pressured to skip rest breaks and drive while fatigued.
- 26% were pressured to falsify their log books.
- 33% were threatened with job losses if they report serious safety issues on sites they deliver to.
- 45% said their employers delayed oil tanker brake maintenance to save money and keep vehicles on the road when they should be in repair.
- 84% said they have insufficient knowledge of the maintenance record of the vehicles they're given to drive.
- One driver said their vehicle was overdue for brake repairs by 13,000km. Another said their fleet was routinely between 2000-5000 km overdue for brake repairs.

Comments by drivers:

- "I've never seen this industry (oil/gas driving) deteriorate to such a poor standard in such a short time. (NSW – oil and gas).
- "I skip brakes maintenance because we don't have enough hours to complete our work " (outer Brisbane – heavy vehicles).
- "The boss said if we miss the delivery windows we may as well kiss the contract goodbye." (Tasmania – heavy vehicles).

<http://www.acapma.com.au/articles/defuse--mobile-bombs---dangerous-tanker-trucks--->

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USA, LA, NEW ORLEANS, APRIL 30 2014. JUDGE SAYS \$357,000 FRAUDULENT OIL SPILL AWARD MUST BE PAID BACK; LAWYERS MUST PAY BACK FEES

kevin mcgill

A federal judge ruled Tuesday that a \$357,000 payment in a damage claim from the 2010 BP oil spill must be repaid because the claim was fraudulent. The claim had been made by Casey Thonn for seafood losses. An investigation by former FBI



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director Louis Freeh determined it was made based on phony tax returns. Freeh had recommended that the money be paid back and U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier agreed in an order issued Tuesday. The order outlined the evidence against Thonn, including the unfiled phony tax returns and forms that were filed with the Internal Revenue Service indicating Thonn had been unemployed when the spill occurred. "In light of this evidence and Thonn's failure to rebut it, the Court finds that the current record is sufficient to support a finding that Thonn committed fraud, without an evidentiary hearing," Barbier wrote. Barbier said Thonn is responsible for repaying the award and attorneys in the case are liable for fees they received. The ruling does not implicate the attorneys in wrongdoing. Those attorneys include Louis Sutton III, whose resignation from the staff of the oil spill settlement claims administrator led to a broader court-ordered investigation by Freeh. Messages left for Thonn's and Sutton's lawyers were not immediately returned. In addition to Sutton, other attorneys and firms involved in the case, according to Barbier's ruling, are Andry Lerner LLC, Jonathan Andry, Glen Lerner and Coastal Claims Group, LLC. Tuesday's ruling was the latest fallout from Freeh's investigation of the claims process arising from a settlement of civil litigation following the April 2010 Deepwater Horizon offshore rig disaster that sent millions of gallons of oil spewing into the Gulf of Mexico.

<http://www.startribune.com/politics/national/257251501.html>

USA, N.Y, LEWIS CO, GREIG, APRIL 30 2014. CLEANUP BEGINS AT CONTAMINATED COUNTY-OWNED GREIG SITE

christina scanlon



Contaminated soil was removed Tuesday from a Lewis County-owned former gas station property in Greig.

Cleanup on a Lewis County-owned former gas station property at 5223 Greig Road began Monday, with initial samples indicating no contamination. "The tanks came out with no problems," County Manager Elizabeth Swearingin said. Officials and the cleanup crew were optimistic as Monday's removal of four tanks passed the sniff test. "So far, so good," said Derk T. Hudson, geologist at Plumley Engineering, as he collected soil samples for testing Tuesday morning. No vapor was evident during the tank removal. "Field instruments don't indicate any vapor at all," he said. A short time later, however, as soil was unearthed for testing, contamination was clear. Gray soil was found about six feet below the surface. The two larger tanks, 3,000 and 4,000 gallons each, used to hold gasoline. A 1,000-gallon tank held kerosene and a 550-gallon tank contained oil. Apparently the smallest tank had leaked, as gray soil is usually associated with fuel oil. The county is now responsible for cleanup after foreclosing on the property for delinquent taxes. Yet the contamination wasn't all bad news. "Fuel oil doesn't travel much," Mr. Hudson said. "It's sticky." The gray soil was confined to a small area. Patrick Paragon, of Paragon Environmental Construction, used an excavator to remove contamination from the ground and pile it on plastic nearby. The soil will be analyzed to determine how it should be disposed. A state Department of Environmental Conservation official watched as the contaminated soil was removed. The four tanks were cleaned and sent as scrap. No further action is expected on the property. County officials approved roughly \$20,000 to be spent for the cleanup, anticipating some further costs may arise if contamination was found. Additional costs for Tuesday's discovery should be limited to further testing and disposal of the gray soil. County officials are

finalizing a purchase offer on the property with David J. Kogut, who rented the property from Richard Dinardi prior to the foreclosure. Mr. Kogut operates a bottle-and-can redemption center at the location.

<http://www.watertowndailytimes.com/article/20140430/NEWS04/704309886>

GHANA, TEMA, APRIL 30 2014. ONE DEAD; THREE INJURED IN TWO EXPLOSIONS AT TOR

One person has been reported dead in an explosion disaster that happened around the Tema Oil Refinery, Tuesday. The deceased who is yet to be identified was running away when an electric pole reportedly fell on him, Joy News' Joseph Opoku Gakpo reported. Godwin Damali, fire personnel also confirmed the death. Three other fire officials have been injured as a result of the explosion. The fire men were said to be repairing the leaked pipeline when the explosion occurred. A fresh



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pipeline at the Tema Oil Refinery exploded, in what appears to be a second disaster around the Cocoa Processing Factory in Tema. The first pipeline was reported to have exploded around 3:00 pm which led to an inferno that ravaged some buildings around the area. Just when fire and police personnel arrived to keep the explosion under control, another pipeline exploded around 4:00 pm, Joy News' Joseph Opoku Gakpo reported. Fire men, bystanders had to run helter skelter to protect their dear lives. The cause of the explosions has been linked to some leakages on the pipeline. Officials of TOR were on their way to check the leakages when the explosion occurred. The pipelines were said to be linking the Tema Harbour to the Tema Oil Refinery. Electricity supply to the area has been disconnected as fire men work tirelessly to bring the situation under control. Three buildings have been ravaged by the fire that came after the explosion, Opoku reported. There are fears the situation may degenerate. The whole area has been engulfed by a thick dark plume making its way into the sky. The area has been barricaded with some amount of chaos as police try to maintain order and direct traffic. Some residents told Gakpo the leakages had started some three days ago. They claim some of the residents on few occasions even went to siphon the fuel from the leakages. But officials at TOR have dismissed claims the leakage began three days ago.

<http://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/artikel.php?ID=307685>

RUSSIA, CHITINSKAYA OBLAST', BOL'SHAYA TURA, APRIL 30 2014. TEN DIE IN FIRE AT RUSSIAN AMMUNITION DEPOT



Residents were sent running for their lives in the Siberian region of Russia following a fire which has killed ten people. Ten soldiers and civilian staff at a Russian military munitions depot burnt to death while fleeing a fire that sparked a series of explosions, the defence ministry says. The fire broke out Tuesday evening at the storage facility at a military base close to the village of Bolshaya Tura in eastern Siberia. Rescue workers only discovered the victims' bodies the next morning. "At dawn, as engineers examined the grounds of the military base, a truck was found within the arsenal with 10 people who had died inside," the head of the ministry's press service, Major General Igor Konashenkov, told the Interfax news agency. He named the dead as the army officer in charge of the

depot, a drafted soldier and eight civilian staff. The defence ministry said the blaze was sparked by a forest fire that leapt over to the base in strong winds and set fire to a store of ammunition. The depot's commander had tried to drive the staff to safety but the truck "found itself at the epicentre of a sudden blast as a result of which it burnt up in a couple of minutes," Konashenkov said. The authorities in the Zabaikalye region said Wednesday that 23 people were treated for injuries after the blasts, nine of whom were hospitalised with burns and wounds. The regional emergency ministry said it evacuated more than 1,000 residents from the nearby village of Bolshaya Tura and temporarily closed the local railway line.

<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2014/04/30/ten-die-fire-russian-ammunition-depot>

UKRAINE, PEREIASLAV-KHMELYNYSKYI, APRIL 30 2014. DASHCAM CAPTURES GAS STATION EXPLOSION IN KIEV THAT KILLS FIVE, INJURES MORE

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At least five people were killed and more than half a dozen others were hospitalized, some in critical condition, after an explosion that took place at a gas station in the [Ukrainian town](#) of Pereiaslav-Khmelnytskyi, located about 95 km (59 miles) south of the nation's capital Kiev on Tuesday morning. The terrifying moment of the blast was caught on film when a car fitted with a dashboard camera pulled over, just before the freeway exit. In the dramatic footage, we see people rushing in to help the injured. Media reports from Ukraine said that state investigators at the scene blamed the accident on "improper conception" of the [gas station](#) and the fact that it did not meet current safety codes.

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