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### USA, WASHINGTON DC, MAY 14 2014. RFA OFFERS UPDATED ETHANOL EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDE


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There is an updated version of "[The Training Guide to Ethanol Emergency Response](#)," prepared by the [Renewable Fuels Association](#) (RFA) available for use. The resource was developed to give first responders, hazmat teams, and safety personnel in-depth and accurate information on proper training techniques when responding to an ethanol-related emergency. The training guide has been used at [Ethanol Safety Seminars](#) and distributed to more than 10,000 responders worldwide. RFA and TRANSCAER® began offering Ethanol Safety Seminars in 2010 and have since held more than 100 Safety Seminars in 21 states. RFA is a national sponsor of TRANSCAER®, a national outreach effort focused on helping communities prepare and respond to possible incidents involving the transportation of hazardous materials. Kristy Moore, the Renewable Fuels Association's vice president of technical services and a recent

recipient of the TRANSCAER Individual Achievement Award, said, "RFA's commitment to safety is unwavering. There is no reason that a first responder should have to go into a potentially dangerous scenario unprepared. That is why the Renewable Fuels Association took the initiative by first creating, and now updating, the 'Training Guide to Ethanol Emergency Response'." The updated "Training Guide to Ethanol Emergency Response" includes former goodies along with new resources.

- Eight PowerPoint sections covering topics ranging from ethanol's physical properties to ethanol's transport and use
- Instructor manuals and participant guides that work in conjunction with the PowerPoint
- Two training videos: "Emergency Response Considerations" and "Responding to Ethanol Incidents"
- RFA's "Fuel Ethanol Guidelines for Release Prevention," which explains environmental response techniques
- Rail Car 101, a PowerPoint showing critical safety equipment on non-pressure railroad tank cars
- 2012 U.S. Department of Transportation Emergency Response Guidebook
- Association of American Railroad's "Pamphlet 34 – Recommended Methods for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Non-Pressure (General Service) and Pressure Tank Cars"
- Association of American Railroad's "Tank Car Loading and Unloading" video

 **Other Sites:** Training materials can be found here [Ethanol Emergency Response Coalition](#)  
<http://domesticfuel.com/>

### INDIA, KERALA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, MAY 14 2014. POLICE TO PROBE DEXTEROUS 'DRAIN FROM TANKER'

aswin j kumar

Legal metrology department (LMD) officials in the city who seized a tanker carrying aircraft turbine fuel (ATF) for draining out fuel by altering the tank has handed over the case to city police. The handover was on account of the suspected involvement of a seasoned mafia in the fraud. In April the LMD wing, acting on a complaint, inspected a tanker carrying ATF at the aviation fuel filling station of the Indian Oil corporation (IOC). During inspection it was noted that the calibrated tanker was altered with an additional funnel to leak fuel from one of its compartments straight into the diesel tank with the help of an L-shaped valve fitted between the fuel tank and the chassis of the vehicle. What really puzzled the officials was that the pipe which ran from the compartment to the diesel tank was well-guised. A 5 mm brass pipe, fitted on one side of the compartment, led to the diesel tank. This brass pipe was too thin to be noticed and was painted in the same colour as that of the chassis. The hole was made on the compartment by gas welding. Officials say this necessitates washing the tanker at least six times, that too in a scientific manner and requires real technical know-how. A senior official with LMD said that during one trip, 300-400 litres of ATF was leaked in this manner. The tanker had a capacity of 20,000 litres. "The owner of the tanker said he wasn't aware of this. The driver can't do it on his own. There has to be support from people who have the required skill. That's why the case has been handed over to police," the official explained. The last time a similar case was spotted was in 2002 when furnace oil was leaked to a chamber right under driver's cabin of a tanker truck. Officials found that the crew of the tanker truck would halt at various points during the journey between Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram. They would fill the tanker from Kochi and en route to Thiruvananthapuram, the tanker would be stopped. The diesel tank is then emptied and the L-valve turned so that the ATF flows directly into the diesel tank. This is then transferred to another container and once the process is complete, the tanker is filled with diesel again. Since ATF is pure kerosene, no damage is done even if the tank is refilled with diesel. The process is repeated several times, even when the tanker reaches the fuel station in the city. It was during one such transfer at



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the fuel station that an official heard a dripping sound. When he pointed it out, the cleaner went around the vehicle and soon the sound ceased. This aroused suspicion, following which the LMD was alerted. One litre of ATF costs Rs 80-82 which, according to an IOC official, could vary once sold in the open market. "This is high quality pure kerosene. It could be sold for other purposes at much higher rates," he said.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/thiruvananthapuram/Police-to-probe-dexterous-drain/articleshow/35039072.cms>

### USA, WA, ISLAND, CO, MAY 15 2014. CRAB BOAT OWNER FINED \$300K OVER PENN COVE OIL SPILL

jessie stensland



*Workers set down absorbent pads to soak up diesel fuel as the Deep Sea is raised from the floor of Penn Cove in June 2012. The old crab boat sank three weeks prior, spilling thousands of gallons of oil into the water.*

The state Department of Ecology levied a \$301,000 fine against the man whose crab boat caught fire and sank in Penn Cove in 2012, causing an oil spill that temporarily shut down nearby Penn Cove Shellfish. It's just the latest bad news for Rory Westmoreland, a 51-year-old scrap-metal dealer with a history of running afoul of environmental rules, according to the Department of Ecology. Westmoreland is facing a misdemeanor charge in Island County District Court for allegedly abandoning the 128-foot Deep Sea crab boat. Friday, he pleaded not guilty in King County Superior Court to charges by the Attorney General's Office that he abandoned about 40 barrels of hazardous

waste in a property from which he was evicted in 2012, the Attorney General's Office reported. The state charged Westmoreland with one count of violating the hazardous waste management act, a felony, and another gross-misdemeanor count of unlawful dumping of solid waste without a permit. Dick Walker, a member of the spills response team, characterized the \$301,000 fine as "very large for the Department of Ecology." He said Westmoreland was fined for three reasons: for failing to report an oil spill, for failing to clean up an oil spill and for the oil spill itself. The fire response, oil spill response and the salvage of the boat from the floor of Penn Cove was performed by a team of public agencies, as well as the Coast Guard. State agencies, including the Department of Ecology and the Department of Natural Resources, spent more than \$2.8 million on the incident. Walker said the Department of Ecology recovered \$1.56 million in spill response expenses from the National Pollution Fund Center; he said the federal government is going to go after Westmoreland to recoup the money. On the night of May 12, 2012, the Deep Sea caught fire — in what was later determined to be arson — while illegally anchored on state-owned aquatic lands, according to the Department of Ecology. Westmoreland had the boat towed to Penn Cove in December of 2011; Walker said Westmoreland wouldn't say what his plans were for the boat, though officials suspect that he planned to scrap it. Firefighters attacked the fire that night and the next day, but it rolled on its port side and sank May 13. Approximately 5,555 gallons of oil were released, according to the Department of Ecology. Diving contractors hired by the U.S. Coast Guard removed 3,100 gallons of oil from the sunken vessel. The boat was raised and towed to King County, where it was eventually cut up into scrap metal. Westmoreland is scheduled to go to trial in Island County District Court Sept. 11 on the derelict vessel charge.

<http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20140514/NEWS01/140519549/1172/Crab-boat-owner-fined>

### USA, OH, CARROLL CO, BROWN TWP, MAY 15 2014. □ LIGHTNING CAUSES OIL-TANK EXPLOSION AND FIRE

malcolm hall

An oil-storage complex explodes and catches fire after a lightning bolt hit in northwest Carroll County. A two-tank oil-storage complex exploded and caught fire Monday after it was hit by a lightning bolt in Carroll County's Brown Township. The two oil-storage tanks are on the property of James Hawkins at 4148 Lace Road, about a mile south of Malvern. Lightning struck one tank, which was empty. That tank exploded, but the one next to it caught fire. "The vapors were burning on it off the crude oil," said Chief Ralph Castellucci of the Great Trail Fire Department. "We created a safe zone just in case that one did explode. There was oil burning inside the diked-in area." Firefighters responded Monday afternoon. The oil well and storage complex is owned EnerVest Operating of Houston, Texas. "The well did not catch fire," Castellucci said. "There was a large amount of black smoke in the area at the time we were responding. I think one guy said he saw it from Carrollton." Carrollton is about five miles southeast of the fire. The steel tanks each have a storage capacity of 8,820 gallons. EnerVest Operating has temporarily shut down its oil extracting at the site. The storage tanks will be replaced. "Before we can remove the tanks we will have to



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remove the oil," said Ron Whitmire, public relations officer for EnerVest. "We are probably looking at a couple weeks before it is done."

<http://www.cantonrep.com/article/20140514/NEWS/140519642/10283/NEWS>

### USA, W.VA, MARSHALL CO, MOUNDSVILLE, MAY 15 2014. DANGEROUS GAS INVOLVED IN TANKER TRUCK ACCIDENT IN MARSHALL COUNTY

A tanker truck carrying chlorine gas collided with a car on W.Va. 2 south of Fish Creek on Tuesday afternoon. The tanker went over the embankment with a leak. Officials have ordered the evacuation of surrounding area for a half mile. The gas that was spilled is said to be extremely dangerous. One person was transported by medical helicopter to a local hospital. Officials have not released the extent of the victim's injuries.

<http://www.wtov9.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/dangerous-gas-involved-tanker-truck-accident-marshall-county-4299.shtml>

### USA, NV, LAS VEGAS, MAY 15 2014. HENDERSON TITANIUM PLANT TO PAY RECORD \$13.8 MILLION FOR CONTAMINATION CLEAN UP

henry brean



*The Titanium Metals Corporation, or TIMET, plant has agreed to pay a \$13.8 million penalty for producing and dumping banned, cancer-causing chemicals at its factory in Henderson.*

One of the world's largest titanium manufacturers has agreed to pay a record \$13.8 million penalty for producing and dumping banned, cancer-causing chemicals at its Henderson factory. Under a settlement with federal regulators announced Wednesday, Titanium Metals Corporation, or TIMET, also agreed to perform an extensive investigation and cleanup of potential contamination from the unauthorized manufacture and disposal of PCBs at its 108 acre site on Lake Mead Parkway east of U.S. Highway 95. According to the Department of Justice

and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, TIMET's penalty is the largest ever imposed for violations of the Toxic Substances Control Act at a single facility. The corporation will pay another \$250,000 for violations related to illegal disposal of hazardous waste water. The contamination was first discovered almost a decade ago and is already being cleaned up at and around the 64-year-old industrial operation just north of a Target shopping center and down the street from a hospital. "It's been controlled. It's not a risk to the people or the environment" surrounding the site, said JoAnn Kittrell, spokeswoman for the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, which has been monitoring the clean up since 2007. PCBs were used extensively in hundreds of industrial and commercial applications for 50 years until their manufacture was banned in 1979 amid health concerns. The man-made organic chemicals are known to cause cancer and a range of other health problems, and they do not break down naturally, so they linger in the environment for a long time. The settlement comes on the heels of a far larger clean-up agreement announced early last month for the same swath of industrial land, which helped give Henderson its start during World War II. Under that deal, the owners of the old Kerr-McGee chemical plant, next to TIMET's facility, agreed to pay the federal government \$1.1 billion to continue cleaning up the nation's largest plume of perchlorate, a rocket fuel ingredient that can interfere with thyroid function in humans. The plume, which is unrelated to TIMET's operation, has found its way into Lake Mead, a main water source for the Las Vegas Valley and much of the Southwest. The EPA has yet to set a safe drinking water standard for perchlorate, but a clean-up effort underway since 1997 has significantly reduced it to nearly undetectable levels in the lake. TIMET's violations stem from EPA inspections in 2005, 2006 and 2008 that showed the company had been illegally producing PCBs as a byproduct of its titanium manufacturing process and disposing of the banned chemical in a solid-waste landfill and a trench at the plant. The company was also accused of illegally dumping acidic, corrosive water into an unapproved waste pond at the facility. Officials at TIMET and its parent company, Precision Castparts Corporation, could not be reached for comment Wednesday. An automated phone message at the titanium plant in Henderson still refers media to the Dallas-based company that sold TIMET several years ago. TIMET has been working with the EPA since 2007 to bring its Henderson operation into compliance. According to environmental regulators, the company has already spent about \$6 million on investigation, site cleanup and compliance measures. That work includes extensive sampling; draining and relining a waste pond; removing PCB waste from its solid-waste landfill; and decontaminating processing equipment. TIMET estimates it will spend at least \$1 million to complete the additional work required by the settlement under



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supervision of the EPA and the state Division of Environmental Protection. EPA officials expect the settlement to result in removal of about 84,000 pounds of PCB-contaminated waste from the environment and prevent the improper disposal of 56 million pounds of hazardous waste each year. TIMET, headquartered near Philadelphia, produces titanium jet engine parts. According to the EPA, the company has supplied nearly one-fifth of the world's titanium demand since 1950. Both TIMET and the old Kerr-McGee plant site are part of the BMI complex, a roughly 5,000-acre tract set aside by the federal government in 1941 for production of magnesium to support the war effort. Later, portions of the giant magnesium plant and adjacent land were leased out for the production of various chemicals and products containing chemicals. For years, industrial waste from those operations was regularly disposed of in unlined evaporation ponds or dumped onto the ground or into ditches that ran off the site, practices common and legal at the time. A lot has been done in recent years to reverse some of the damage, but a lot more work lies ahead, Kittrell said. "The legacy issues at that site — they keep NDEP busy, that's for sure," she said.

<http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/water-environment/henderson-titanium-plant-pay-record-138-million-contamination-clean>

### USA, ILL, LAWRENCEVILLE, MAY 15 2014. REMEDIATION GIVING FORMER TEXACO REFINERY A NEW LOOK

What was once a major industrial stamp on Lawrence County is now almost entirely grassy fields, concrete rubble piles and gravel roads. Without knowing the land's history, it might be hard to guess it was the site of the old Texaco refinery. The refinery closed its doors for good in 1995 and sat empty until the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Chevron took over the land in the early 2000s. Since the partnership was formed, extensive work has been done to restore nature's beauty. "Well we finished with the pipe removal. We're moving forward with crushing concrete and taking care of recycling our steel," Chevron Project Manager Gene Choquette said. "As we move forward, we're going to work with the Illinois EPA to further the mediation activities of the plan. Right now we're working with the Illinois EPA on risk assessments. Once those are finalized, we'll move forward finalizing our remediation plans and basically pushing through tours when it's done and ready to be released." The site was opened again Monday as it is every year for former employees and community members to take guided tours through the area. The tours are held prior to Tuesday's banquet for the refinery's former employees. Choquette noted of the 900 acre area, around 400-500 acres is being worked on right now. Overall, the project has yielded way to the recycling of 13,000 tons of steel and 63,000 cubic yards of concrete. The facility has been revitalized with 43,000 cubic yards of the recycled materials. While the future of the land is unknown, it could eventually become industrial or commercial space. Due to potential hazards in the soil from decades ago, the land will never be zoned as residential to prevent any possible human consumption. Choquette said the timeline for the project's completion hasn't been determined yet, but the project is right on track. "We still have some areas that need to be removed. We have two tanks that'll be removed this year. Then we need to work on Indian Acres behind the baseball field," he added. "It depends on how everything goes. We're still moving forward with the Illinois EPA all the time. As soon as we finalizes some items with them, we're going to keep pushing on. We're going to keep moving forward."

<http://www.lawdailyrecord.com/main.asp?SectionID=14&SubSectionID=16&ArticleID=9480>

### USA, ILL, URBANA, MAY 15 2014. DRIVER TICKETED OVER OIL SPILL

*mary schenk*

A driver for Safety-Kleen Systems was issued a ticket for not shutting a valve on a truck that leaked used motor oil onto an Urbana street and an interstate highway Tuesday. Urbana police were notified about 7 a.m. that there was a slick layer of oil on North Lincoln Avenue in the southbound turn lane to Interstate 74 eastbound. Police and public works employees shut down Lincoln while state police took steps to shut down the ramp to eastbound 74 for several hours. "This truck had been going south on Lincoln and was turning east on 74. The driver got down the ramp and about halfway to Cunningham Avenue when he realized he was leaking, pulled off on the shoulder, and shut the valve," explained Lt. John Wenzel of the state police post at Pesotum. Safety-Kleen, based in Texas, has an office at 500 W. Anthony Drive, U, just north of where the spill was first noticed. The driver continued on to Oakwood, where police found him later and had him return so the truck could be inspected. Wenzel said Christopher Camarata, 37, a Safety-Kleen driver, was ticketed for a violation of the Motor Carrier Safety Act, a fine-only offense. "They pick up waste oil from places like oil lube businesses. This oil has a lot of water because it's waste. This was more like a vegetable oil consistency. It got on the road and made it very slick," said Wenzel, adding that the spill did not pose a serious environmental threat. "Nothing got in drains or ditches." Wenzel said Safety-Kleen employees immediately began the cleanup as soon as they learned of the spill. They were later joined by professionals from Bodine Environmental Services from Decatur. "If we had had a good hard rain, it probably would not have been an issue," said Wenzel. Lincoln Avenue was reopened just before noon while the ramp to 74 reopened about 1:40 p.m.

<http://www.news-gazette.com/news/local/2014-05-13/updated-driver-ticketed-over-oil-spill.html>



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### AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, ADELAIDE, MAY 15 2014. STATIONARY ACCC WITH PEREGRINE & BP

The Australian Competition & Consumer Commission has spent 12 months almost to the day working out whether the Shahin family-controlled Peregrine could buy 25 petrol stations from BP, and in the end the two settled on 21 stations with four excluded from the deal. Just how the competition regulator can spend 12 months on a less-than-\$50m transaction is worth asking, and the answer no doubt depends on what side of the fence you sit. The regulator would argue it was part of a negotiating process in which the other side left it until the last minute before finally relenting. That is conceivable, but from the other side the confusion was about just how the competition regulator could spend so much time trying to fit the facts into its own arguably unrealistic view of the market. Peregrine will be the dominant player in the South Australian petrol market with more than 100 sites under the OTR banner, after spending about \$100m in the last few years buying out Mobil and then BP, leaving it more than double the size of the next biggest operator in Shell/Coles. Woolies and Caltex are way behind in terms of the actual number of sites, but the petrol volume is roughly the same, with each OTR petrol station selling only a third of a rival Caltex or Shell site. Peregrine runs a model based around its food franchises, which are about to include Krispy Kreme along with the existing stable of Hungry Jacks et al and mini supermarkets. It may have more petrol outlets than anyone else in South Australia but the rivals are not insignificant, being the behemoths Coles and Woolies, and just maybe a new competitor is being created. Peregrine's Yasser Shahin has welcomed the ACCC decision and is assessing the rejection of its proposed Fullarton-Caltex purchase. The next issue is some basic facts about driving: the average car drives 15,000-20,000km a year, the average car trip is 11km and the average punter fills up every 10 days, so how can all of that fit into a concept of markets within 5km of the service station in question? Now you start to see why the ACCC process takes some time.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/opinion/chiefs-fine-but-nabs-still-drab/story-e6frg9io-1226910937218#>

### USA, N.J., MIDLAND PARK, MAY 15 2014, WOMAN WANTS CITGO STATION TO PICK UP TAB FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY BAD FUEL

 **Watch the Video** [Woman Wants Citgo Station to Pick up Tab for Bad Fuel Damage](#)

A Bergen County gas station is under investigation for allegedly selling contaminated fuel. As CBS 2's Hazel Sanchez reported, a woman said that her gas tank was filled with water, and now she wants the station owner to pay. Adrienne Roetman said that her nightmare began when she filled her car's nearly empty tank with contaminated gas from a Citgo station in Midland Park, New Jersey. It didn't take long for the car to die. "It just died. I mean, it wouldn't start," she said. Roetman was driving a one-year-old Mazda3. A Mazda dealership mechanic said that the engine died because the gas tank had been filled with water. Midland Park police have had to rescue more than a dozen stranded drivers, but gas station management blamed the problem on a bad fuel delivery. Mechanics said that Roetman's car needed new fuel pumps and injectors. The repairs cost more than \$3,000. Station owner Mohit Chopra took responsibility for the damage, but told Roetman, via email, that he would not pay her bill. "We cannot issue a check for an unreasonable bill. Any auto expert can explain that in a case of bad gas replacement of parts is not required," the note read. Roetman said that Chopra initially agreed to pay the bill and then rescinded his offer. Station management said that the owner paid for the damage to all other affected cars. "I do not have the money to put out to pay for all these expenses that your gas station has incurred on me," Roetman said. The Bergen County Division of Weights and Measures inspected the station and confirmed that it had sold contaminated gas, but had since been cleaned. They said that the owner was not issued a violation, but could be if it is found out that he did not properly reimburse affected customers.

<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2014/05/14/woman-wants-citgo-station-to-pick-up-tab-for-damage-caused-by-bad-fuel/>

### ECUADOR, GALÁPAGOS ARCHIPELAGO, SAN CRISTÓBAL ISLAND, MAY 16 2014. GALAPAGOS IN 'EMERGENCY' OVER STRANDED PETROL TANKER



*The ship's cargo has been emptied, but it is feared that pollutants could spill over.* Ecuador has declared an emergency in the Galapagos Islands, saying that a petrol tanker which ran aground last week still poses a threat to the archipelago's fragile ecosystem. The ship's cargo has been emptied, but the authorities said pollutants, like motor oil, inside the vessel could spill and cause environmental damage. They were working to remove the tanker. The Galapagos are home to unique animal species such as the giant tortoise, marine iguana and flightless cormorant. In 1978, the chain of volcanic islands were declared a World Heritage Site by Unesco, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural



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Organization. The Ecuadorean petrol tanker, the Galapaface I, became stranded off the rocky coast of the island of San Cristobal last Friday. It was carrying more than 70,000 litres (15,400 gallons) of diesel.

### 'Environmental Risk'

The governor of the Galapagos said that, despite having emptied all the fuel, some pollutants remained inside. "The ship is stranded and continues to present an environmental risk for the Galapagos Marine Reserve and must leave the area," Jorge Torres told the Efe news agency. In a statement, the Ecuadorian government said the emergency measure would free up resources to remove the tanker. "As a result of the emergency declaration the Risk Management Secretariat will be able to directly carry out the purchase of goods, the procurement of services and the work that are required to overcome this emergency." It did not say how long it would take to complete the removal of the vessel.

### Darwin's Finches

This is not the first ship accident in the Galapagos. In 2001, another petrol tanker also became stranded off the coast of San Cristobal, spilling fuel and decimating the marine iguana population. The archipelago, about 1,000 kilometres (625 miles) off the South American continent, is a major tourist attraction in Ecuador. It first became known for its endemic finches, which were studied by the British scientist Charles Darwin in the 1830s.

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<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-27433792>

## USA, CA, LA, ATWATER VILLAGE, MAY 16 2014. 'GEYSER' OF CRUDE OIL ERUPTS FROM BURST PIPE IN ATWATER VILLAGE

brenda gazzar

 **Watch the Video** [Ten Thousand Gallons of Crude Oil Covers Half a Mile of Los Angeles](#)

 **Photo's [13]** [Ten Thousand Gallons of Crude Oil Covers Half a Mile of Los Angeles](#)

### Key Points:

- Oil covers a huge area near the Atwater Village suburb and is said to be knee-high in many places
- Leak occurred after a 20-inch above-ground pipe burst outside The Gentleman's Club strip bar
- Flow to pipe was shut off remotely just after midnight local time - but leak continued for 45 minutes
- 2 workers at nearby industrial plant were taken to hospital to be treated for 'respiratory concerns'



*Los Angeles city fire investigators take air readings as workers clean up the final stages of an oil spill on Thursday, May 15, 2014, after a 20-inch above-ground pipeline ruptured in Atwater Village, spewing 10,000 gallons of crude oil onto streets over a half-mile area.*

Extensive cleanup efforts were underway after a 20-inch pipeline ruptured early Thursday morning in Atwater Village near Glendale, spewing more than 10,000 gallons of crude oil onto streets over a half-mile area. Los Angeles Fire Department officials transported two women to the hospital who said they felt nauseous, while two other people went to a medical facility on their own seeking treatment for the same issue. The two women were in fair condition. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health reported there was little risk to the

general public, but advised area residents to take precautions against extreme crude oil odors that could be made worse by the extreme heat. "It was immediately shut down remotely by the pipeline owner, but because of the residual pressure and gravity, it took another 45 minutes for oil to stop flowing," LAFD spokeswoman Katherine Main said, noting the owner is the West Coast branch of Plains All American Pipeline. The incident, which was caused by a valve malfunction, was reported at about 12:15 a.m. Thursday in the 5100 block of West San Fernando Road, an industrial area. Firefighters went to a nearby construction company, retrieved sand and built a 30-inch wide berm "all the way around the spill" to contain it and prevent it from entering nearby storm drains, Main said. That created a 2 1/2 foot deep lagoon of oil that was sucked up by vacuum trucks. The LAFD's tractor company and its Hazmat team, along with West Coast Environmental, responded to the scene to assist with containment and cleanup. The majority of the oil — which officials said was "knee high in some areas" — had been vacuumed up by late Thursday morning and an absorbent product was being used to get the remainder out of the concrete and asphalt, she said. She noted no oil has been found in the storm drains or in the water table.

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- [LA Oil Spill: 50,000 Gallons of Crude Spilled in Atwater Village after Line Breaks](#)
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<http://www.dailynews.com/general-news/20140515/geyser-of-crude-oil-erupts-from-burst-pipe-in-atwater-village-over-10000-gallons-spilled>

### USA, AKA, ANCHORAGE, MAY 16 2014. TUG VESSEL HITS OBJECT, SPILLS DIESEL FUEL INTO NUSHAGAK RIVER *tegan hanlon*

A tug vessel hit a submerged object just east of Dillingham early Wednesday and leaked at least 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel into the Nushagak River, said a report from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. The captain of the 100-foot Devon reported around 1 a.m. that the vessel collided with a rock and damaged its fuel tank, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Shawn Eggert. Eggert did not know how many were on board the vessel, owned by Sam Barging. It had been towing a barge in the river and remained anchored outside Dillingham Wednesday evening, he said. The Coast Guard, Alaska State Troopers and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game responded to the incident. Agencies said there have been no reports of impacted wildlife. The owner plans to remove the vessel Thursday, according to the report.

<http://www.adn.com/2014/05/14/3470747/tug-vessel-hits-object-spills.html?sp=/99/188/189/191/>

### USA, FLA, NORTH ESCAMBIA CO, MAY 16 2014. MAY 16 2014. CHEMICAL TANKER DRIVER SENTENCED FOR DRIVING DRUNK ON HIGHWAY 29



A Milton man has been sentenced to jail for being drunk while driving a chemical tanker truck along Highway 29 in North Escambia. The Escambia County Sheriff's Office said a citizen's tip about 5:30 a.m. on January 14 about a trucker driving erratically led to deputies stopping the northbound tanker truck full of maleic anhydride on Highway 29 near Tedder Road, just south of Century. The driver, 35-year old Alex Victorovich Kozlov of Milton exhibited odd behavior and an odor of alcohol was detected by deputies, the Sheriff's Office said. He failed a field sobriety test and was arrested for driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage with a blood alcohol level greater than .15. Deputies reported finding a half empty body of vodka in the cab of the truck. Kozlov was convicted of the charges against him and sentence by Judge Darlene Dickey to nine months in the Escambia County Jail and 50 hours of community service. His driver's license was also suspended for 12 months. Maleic anhydride is the acid anhydride of maleic acid and is used primarily in the formation of unsaturated polyester resins for use in boats, autos, trucks, buildings, piping, and electrical goods. It is also used to make pesticides and other organic compounds, according to the EPA. Acute inhalation exposure of humans to maleic anhydride has been observed to cause irritation of the respiratory tract, burning in the larynx, reflex cough, lacrimation, headaches, eye irritation, and corneal burns.

<http://www.northescambia.com/2014/05/chemical-tanker-driver-sentenced-for-driving-drunk-on-highway-29>

### USA, FLA, TAMPA, MAY 16 2014. PORT TAMPA BAY DISCOVERS DECADES-OLD DIESEL SPILL

Port Tampa Bay is cleaning up a decades-old diesel spill, discovered during renovations of its petroleum terminal. Port Environmental Director Phil Steadham estimates the spill was somewhere between 800 and 1,500 gallons of No. 2 diesel and likely occurred 20-30 years ago. "We may never know how the spill occurred," said port spokesman Andrew Fobes. "We are just trying to be solution-oriented about it. We're just solving the problem." Steadham said he immediately reported the find to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and he is now working with the Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) to complete the cleanup. A port crew sunk a well on Monday that will be used to pump the diesel out. He said the cleanup team has determined the boundaries of the spill and has no reason to believe any of it leaked into Cut "D" Channel, which lies between the petroleum terminal and Peter O. Knight Airport on Davis Islands. EPC Geologist Chuck Heintz said the diesel is on top of the surficial aquifer, four to five feet underground. He said he feels confident the port has identified the extent of the old spill and is handling the cleanup appropriately. He reiterated that there is no reason to believe any of the diesel migrated in to the channel. The EPC is under contract with FDEP to handle any petroleum spills in the county. Heintz said the port will submit quarterly reports on the progress of the cleanup. The spill, which Steadham estimates is 20- to 30 years old, was located strictly by accident. Steadham said crews were working to renovate the petroleum berth when FDEP officials asked them to check the depth of some stormwater pipes buried in the same area. When



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the crew began to dig down to the pipes, employees encountered a strong diesel smell. Testing verified that there had been a spill. Steadham estimates Port Tampa Bay has already spent about \$200,000 on discovery and cleanup, but said it is difficult to estimate, at this point, what the total cost of the cleanup will be. Because the port owns the property where the spill occurred, it is ultimately responsible for the cleanup, Heintz said. "They are taking direct responsibility and doing a good job getting it cleaned up." No. 2 diesel, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, is used in high-speed engines such as those in railroad locomotives, trucks and cars.

<http://tbo.com/news/business/port-tampa-bay-discovers-decades-old-diesel-spill-20140514/>

### USA, FLA, POMPANO BEACH, MAY 16 2014. SMALL EXPLOSION AT POMPANO BEACH HOME DURING FLOOR CLEANING

 **Watch the Video** [Small Explosion at Pompano Beach Home during Floor Cleaning](#)



An explosion rocked a Pompano Beach neighborhood after a company cleaning floors inside a home mixed various chemicals, causing an explosion and a small fire, Thursday morning. Hazmat crews responded to the home at 249 S.E. 3rd Ave. after a small explosion followed by a fire sparked at the home around 9:30 a.m. Pompano Beach Fire Rescue said a company was cleaning terrazzo floors at the home and mixed several chemicals that caused the explosion. Neighbors said they watched the smoke billow from the home until fire rescue arrived. "I was a bit concerned that there was gonna be flames coming over to our house, so I was keeping a close eye on it," said Mandy Wynne. There were no reported injuries. An inspector will determine if there was any structural damage.

<http://www.wsvn.com/story/25525041/small-explosion-at-pompano-beach-home-after-floor-cleaning>

### MEXICO, MEXICO CITY, MAY 16 2014. GAS STATION EXPLOSION CLAIMS TWO LIVES

Mexican authorities say two people died and seven were injured in a gas explosion at a shopping center in the border city of Reynosa. Tamaulipas state's government says in a statement that the explosion caused a portion of the Valle del Vergel shopping center to collapse. Authorities said an accumulation of gas caused Thursday's explosion. Rescuers continued searching for trapped shoppers and workers. Reynosa, an industrial city across the border from McAllen, Texas, has been the scene of gunbattles between drug cartel members and federal forces in recent months.

<http://www.kolotv.com/news/internationalnews/headlines/Gas-Station-Explosion-Claims-Two-Lives-259457991.html>

### USA, CT, ASHEVILLE, MAY 16 2014. TOXIC PLUME REVEALED AT ASHEVILLE CTS SITE

clarke morrison



*An Asheville group pushing for the cleanup said EPA shouldn't wait until its studies are finished before taking steps to get rid of the toxic mess.*

The first phase of testing performed in preparation for a Superfund cleanup revealed a plume of the toxic industrial solvent trichloroethylene mixed with petroleum floating on groundwater under the former CTS plant site. The new information will be useful as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency determines the best methods to remove the contamination, said Samantha Urquhart-Foster, remedial project manager with the agency. It was already known that there is massive groundwater contamination from trichloroethylene, or TCE, a chemical used by CTS for nearly three decades in the manufacturing process before the plant shut down in 1986. "The sampling we did shows us how deep and wide the most concentrated contamination is so that we can develop a cleanup plan for it," Urquhart-Foster said. "We expected to see the plume there.

We didn't expect to see the TCE and the petroleum intermixed." Lee Ann Smith, chair of a local group pushing for cleanup called Protecting Our Water and Environmental Resources, said the EPA shouldn't wait until its studies are finished before taking steps to get rid of the toxic mess. POWER received a \$50,000 federal grant to hire an independent technical adviser for three years to interpret and help the community understand information about the site. The adviser, geologist Frank Anastasi, and members of the group received an update from EPA officials this week on the latest findings. There are technologies



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available to go ahead and remove the plume of TCE and petroleum sitting on the water table without waiting for the full cleanup, Smith said. "We're asking EPA to get it out now," she said. "It's a blob of source material there under the site that's a lot closer to the surface than originally thought. It is floating at just 10 to 15 feet below the ground surface. It's spread out over a wide area under where the building was." Urquhart-Foster said she doesn't know if the plume can be removed before the full Superfund cleanup, which won't begin until at least 2016. "We have Superfund processes that we have to go through," she said. "We have to get legal and management approval before we go through with any type of cleanup." Anastasi said the meeting with EPA officials was helpful. "While EPA has not yet committed to a specific plan of action, we believe they heard the community's concerns and we are hopeful real cleanup will start soon," he said. CTS, based in Elkhart, Ind., manufactured electronic components at the plant on Mills Gap Road. In 1999, TCE was found in a spring feeding two wells next to the plant property at a level of 21,000 parts per billion, which is more than 7,000 times North Carolina's groundwater standard for the chemical. Lower amounts of benzene, xylene and toluene also were found. TCE, which has been linked to cancer, liver and kidney damage and immune system disorders, was found in 2001 at even higher levels under the former plant. The chemical also was detected in several drinking water wells at nearby homes that since have been connected to the city water system. Some residents say the contamination has made them sick. Smith said her sons played in the area around the plant as boys. One was later diagnosed with a rare type of thyroid cancer, and had to have his thyroid glands removed. The other developed a benign tumor. Smith believes chemicals released by the plant played a role in their ailments. "We have no family history of this sort of thing," she said. "As a parent you're thrown for a loop when you get that kind of diagnosis." Smith said her son's oncologist thought environmental factors might be involved. "When we were told he was cancer free, I started looking into what might have caused it, and I found out about this place and was shocked," she said. "They played in the area behind the CTS site." Urquhart-Foster said recent testing also showed that a soil vapor extraction system was successful in removing about 6,000 pounds of volatile organic compounds from the top 10 feet of soil at the plant site. "The heavily contaminated part is in the groundwater beneath the former building," she said.

### Related Stories

- [Supreme Court hears dispute over CTS case](#)
- [CTS neighbors see little done despite millions spent](#)

<http://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2014/05/14/testing-reveals-contamination-plume-asheville-cts-site/9096657/>

## SAUDI ARABIA, MAKKAH, MAY 16 2014. PROMPT RESPONSE AVERTS POTENTIAL FIRE DISASTER

makkah: irfan mohammed



*Timely Intervention: Civil Defense personnel douse the oil spill area with fire retardant chemicals following a collision two fuel tankers in Makkah.*

Civil defense officials in Makkah averted a fire disaster in King Khalid Street on Tuesday night after a tanker loaded with petrol crashed into another petroleum tanker in a tunnel spilling fuel on to the road and the nearby surrounding areas. "The collision caused the fuel to reach a distance of up to 300 meters inside the tunnel which was very crowded. But we responded promptly to prevent any fire or disaster," said Col. Saleh Al-Olayani, spokesperson of the Civil Defense in Makkah. He said three teams of the rapid action force reached the spot and blocked the tunnel and road as a precautionary measure. "It could have been quite

catastrophic as there was a large amount of spillage and once it starts to burn, these sort of fires are very difficult to put out," Al-Olayani said. "However, our crew doused the fire with a high-pressure hose and prevented it from spreading," he said, adding that 42 professional personnel participated in the operation.

<http://www.arabnews.com/news/571086>

## NORWAY, OSLO, MAY 16 2014. LEAK AT STATOIL LNG PLANT SLAMMED BY NORWAY SAFETY AUTHORITY

kjetil malkenes hovland

The Norwegian Petroleum Safety Authority Thursday slammed oil company Statoil ASA (STO) for a potentially fatal gas leak that shut down the Hammerfest liquefied natural gas plant for three days in January. "The hydrocarbon leak at the Hammerfest LNG facility in northern Norway on 5 January 2014 had a big accident potential and could have led to loss of life," said the PSA. Nobody was injured in the incident, but the PSA said two operators were in the vicinity of the leak and could have died if the gas had been ignited. An explosion would also have damaged equipment and the plant's structure, and could have led to a



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lengthy shutdown of the plant, it said. Between 250 kilos and 750 kilos of gas leaked from a so-called 'stuffing box' at the plant, and the cause was likely wear on a gasket, the PSA said. Production at the LNG plant was shut down for three days following the incident. The PSA started an investigation two days after the leak. The Hammerfest plant in northern Norway receives gas from the Snøhvit gas field in the Barents Sea, and turns it into LNG for exports by LNG carriers to the global market. In an audit report published Thursday, the PSA said it had identified a nonconformity, as too much time had elapsed from when the alarm sounded until the gas pressure was reduced at the plant. In a letter to Statoil, the PSA ordered the company to explain how it would fix the issues.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20140515-706770.html>

### USA, S.C, LANCASTER, MAY 17 2014. FUEL TANKER TRUCK OVERTURNED IN LANCASTER COUNTY

 **Watch the Video** [Overturned Tanker Spills Thousands of Gallons of Fuel](#)



WSOC-TV helicopter photo from the scene of an overturned tanker on Hwy. 97 in Lancaster County.

A portion of S.C. 97 in southern Lancaster County is closed after a fuel tanker truck overturned, according to emergency officials. The truck is off the road but is leaking both diesel fuel and gasoline, according to emergency scanner traffic and dispatchers. Cleanup crews are on the scene, but it could take all day to clear the area. Fire departments, DHEC officials, and other responders are also on the scene on the highway near Ember Lane. It is unclear when the road will re-open. A detour is in place from Green Road to the Kershaw County line, according to the Highway Patrol.

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/05/16/5970760/fuel-tanker-truck-overturned-in.html>

### MALAYSIA, SABAH, KOTA KINABALU, MAY 17 2014. TANKER DRIVER JAILED OVER COLLISION WITH TRAIN

*suraini andokong*

The Magistrate's Court here yesterday sentenced a former fuel tanker driver to a total of one year and six months' jail for two counts of negligence by causing danger to the lives of train passengers who suffered hurt and grievous hurt. Magistrate Cindy Mc Juce Balitus imposed the sentence on Pauleh Dansun, 43, who was involved in a collision with a train at Jalan Kepayan on Oct 31, 2012 after finding him guilty of both the charges. She ruled that the accused had failed to cast doubt on the prosecution's case. On the first count, he was jailed for six months for negligently causing hurt by an act which endangered the lives of the train passengers, namely, Asneh Papang, Norfaisma Ismail, Norafidah Jalani, Joseph Kulip, Bibiana Mojulat and Sapiah Masri aged between 64 and 20, on Oct 31, 2011 between 5.30pm and 5.45pm in front of a fuel station, KM 8, Jalan Kepayan. Pauleh, who hails from Kampung Togung, Menggatal, was convicted under Section 337 of the Penal Code which provides for a maximum six months' jail or a fine or both, upon conviction. On the second charge of negligently causing grievous hurt by an act which endangered the lives of the train passengers, namely, Rahmah Rahmat, 48, and Raziah Ramli, 38, during the collision between the lorry and the train at the same time and place, he received another one year's jail. The second charge against Pauleh was framed under Section 338 of the Penal Code which carries a jail term of up to two years or a fine or both, upon conviction. The magistrate ordered the jail terms to run concurrently. In her decision, she held that it was only fair that she touched on the issues of damages and losses which resulted from the incident. She said that she was inclined to agree with the prosecution that the accused had failed to take reasonable care and precaution required of him before proceeding to cross the railway tracks. However, Balitus further ruled, in spite of this, the accused was negligent, and there were other parties who should be equally responsible to shoulder the losses arising out of this collision. "It is my view that the collision could have been avoided if all relevant parties have played their part," she said. She came to her decision after considering all the evidence adduced by the prosecution and balancing it with the defence as follows;

- The local authority or the Penampang Council who had approved the setting up of the said Shell station which was built more than 20 years ago and the Taman Friendship 2 was built after the said Shell station, but did not check that the only access road to these places are considered as illegal access road and no safety measures such as drop gate was installed before approving the same;
- The State Railway Department (JKNS) – because of the ownership of the land whereby the said billboard was erected and with regard to the road leading to Taman Friendship 2 which belongs to JKNS and yet they failed to see that for 2011 the licence for the billboard was not renewed. Furthermore, as testified by the investigating officer of the



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case (PW24), the billboard is over five meters of the permissible height and is about 95 meters long which was erected parallel to the main road, therefore an obstacle to the lorry tanker when entering the road leading to the said Shell station and Taman Friendship 2. As for safety features of the train itself, having perused the evidence throughout the trial some of the injuries could have been avoided if JKNS had provided a safe emergency exit door in case of emergency whereby a trailer door could not be opened if the engine died and it needed electricity power to operate the door;

- The City Hall (DBKK) – for issuing the permit for the billboard but failed to remove the billboard when it was not renewed in 2011;
- Public Works Department (JKR) – for failure to check and close down the access road to the Shell station which is considered as illegal but the said illegal access road to the Shell station was in existence since 1993 and that is the only access road to the Shell station and Taman Friendship 2, and that JKR is fully aware of it; and
- 5) Shell or the developers/contractors for Taman Friendship 2 for failure to apply to JKR or the relevant authorities for the access road leading to Shell station or Taman Friendship 2 since 1993.

According to JKNS traffic enforcement officer, (PW11) who corroborated Shell station Manager (PW8), Shell had initially agreed to place their staff in front of the said Shell station and an agreement by the Shell to build a proper drop gate but it is not done until today. The Managing Director of Kim Kiong (PW12) after their Unsafe Act Auditing (UAA) done by one of their drivers on March 4, 2011, which was brought to the attention of Shell representatives. The UAA states that upon the 27,000,00 liters truck exiting the said Shell station on the main road, the rear axle of the tanker rests on the railway track because it is too long for that particular road access. However, the Road Transports Safety officer and Shell Operation Superintendent deemed it to be safe. On June 17, 2013, the accused was freed by the same court without calling for his defence as the trial judge ruled that the prosecution had failed to establish a prima facie case against the accused. The prosecution then appealed to the High Court here against his acquittal and the appeal was allowed to which Pauleh was ordered to enter his defence on the two charges. Senior Federal Counsel Jamil Aripin and deputy public prosecutor Wan Azwan Aiman Wan Fakhrudin appeared for the prosecution while counsel Ram Singh represented Pauleh.

<http://www.theborneopost.com/2014/05/17/tanker-driver-jailed-over-collision-with-train/>

### USA, VA, WARREN CO, MAY 17 2014. DRIVER OF FUEL TANKER KILLED IN I-66 CRASH; WOMAN CHARGED WITH RECKLESS DRIVING



A Virginia woman has been charged with reckless driving following a crash that killed the driver of a tanker truck on Interstate 66 early Friday. Virginia State Police say Hea Yon Kim, 23, was driving a Toyota Corolla west on I-66 in Warren County when she lost control and spun out, striking a tanker truck shortly before 2:40 a.m. Friday. The truck ran off the side of the highway and overturned. Its driver, Warren E. Wood, 61, of Broadway, Virginia, died at the scene. He was wearing a seat belt, police said. Kim, of Stephens City, Virginia, was not injured. The tanker was loaded with about 8,000 gallons of fuel, but did not rupture in the crash. Police said the fuel is being offloaded so the truck can be turned upright and removed from the scene. All westbound lanes of I-66

were closed near mile marker 11 until 3:15 p.m. Friday. Drivers in the area should expect residual delays while traffic is still returning to normal. The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Driver-of-Fuel-Tanker-Killed-in-I-66-Crash-Woman-Charged-With-Reckless-Driving-259536111.html>

### USA, UT, SALT LAKE CITY, MAY 17 2014. FIRE EXTINGUISHED AT UTAH OIL REFINERY

*pamela manson*

A safety valve on a tank at the Silver Eagle oil refinery ruptured Thursday afternoon but there was no fire as originally reported, according to South Davis Metro Fire Chief Jeff Bassett. Bassett said workers were putting steam into the tank to control vapors when a safety valve at the top of the tank ruptured about 3 p.m.. The rupture made a loud noise and caused steam to be released, but there was no explosion and no materials leaked from the tank, he said. No one was injured, according to officials.

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/57949535-78/tank-fire-safety-valve.html.csp>



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### USA, CA, LOS ANGELES, MAY 17 2014. 25 TONS OF FIREWORKS IN MONTEREY PARK SEIZED AMID SEVERE FIRE WEATHER

*frank shyong*

With temperatures soaring above 100 degrees and wildfires breaking out across the Southland, Monterey Park police and fire officials have seized an estimated 25 tons of fireworks from a warehouse in an industrial area of the city, authorities announced Thursday. Officials received an anonymous tip last week about a warehouse in the 900 block of Monterey Pass Road, said Battalion Chief Randy Harper. They found enough boxes of fireworks to fill seven tractor trailers, Harper said. It was a fireworks stash so large that seizing it was a logistical challenge. In the last week, officials have scrambled to find safe places to store the fireworks during the investigation. "We're just not set up to confiscate this much product," Harper said. The boxes were stamped with the words "Made in China." Authorities believe that the fireworks may have been imported and intended for sale. A joint task force of police and fire officials are still investigating what building, fire, and health and safety codes were broken, Harper said. Many of the fireworks seized were larger, more dangerous products that cannot be sold year-round, Harper said. The building may not have been approved for the storage of fireworks either, Harper added. Police have not made any arrests and are still trying to contact the building owner. Recent property tax records show that the warehouse was owned by a company called Top Luxor Trading Corp. State business records show that a company by that name with the same address as the warehouse is associated with a person named Jun Ming Chen.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-monterey-park-fireworks-seized-20140515-story.html#>

### USA, KY, CLARK CO, MAY 17 2014. MAN WHO FELL OFF TANKER TRUCK IN CLARK COUNTY DIES

A man that was in critical condition after falling from a tanker truck in Clark County Wednesday has died. The man has been identified as Craig Smith, 56 of Cincinnati, Ohio. The incident happened at Apollo Oil in Winchester. According to the coroner, Smith fell off the top of the truck and struck his head on the concrete. Smith died due to blunt force trauma to the head Thursday evening.

<http://www.lex18.com/news/man-who-fell-off-tanker-truck-in-clark-county-dies>

### USA, KY, STANTON, MAY 17 2014. OIL SPILLS INTO EASTERN KENTUCKY STREAM

Kentucky environmental officials say several hundred gallons of crude oil have spilled into a stream in eastern Kentucky. Dick Brown, a spokesman for Kentucky's Energy and Environment Cabinet, said Friday the oil spilled from an abandoned tank into the South Fork of the Red River in Powell County. He says the spill has been contained and he's unaware of any water supplies being threatened. Authorities were notified of the spill Thursday. Brown says the cause of the spill has not been determined. Brown says the state has hired a contractor to handle the cleanup.

<http://www.seattlepi.com/news/science/article/Oil-spills-into-eastern-Kentucky-stream-5483690.php>

### USA, S.C, TOWNVILLE, MAY 17 2014. CHEMICAL LEAK RESOLVED, ENDING 55-HOUR PUZZLE

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A tired, sunburned Capt. Matthew Littleton walked away from a once-threatening truck at 3 p.m. Wednesday, looking relaxed for the first time in three hot days. "The threat is over," Anderson County's deputy emergency manager proclaimed. It's a claim Littleton had been anxious to make since he learned Monday morning that a truck carrying a leaking tank of hydrogen chloride was discovered on northbound Interstate 85, just a few miles inside South Carolina. The truck spent the next 55 hours at a weigh station on Mile Marker 9, while Littleton and representatives of more than 20 other agencies plotted a safe solution. Cleaning and inspection work, led by the Environmental Protection Agency, will continue much of the day Thursday. But for Littleton and most of the crews involved in public safety, the job essentially ended when the contents of the leaking tank were successfully transferred to a safe one late Wednesday morning. "There is still plenty of work to do --- they'll have to eliminate any vapor in the tank, and they'll have to decontaminate every piece of equipment out here," Littleton said. But for the first time in three days, many of the more than 100 workers at the site could look forward to dinner at home. That became a strong possibility at 11:15 a.m., when hazardous-materials crews successfully connected the leaking tank of hydrogen chloride with an empty one. That task, slowed by heat and low visibility among the leaking tanks, had delayed the process Tuesday. The transfer of the remaining chemical was completed shortly before 3 p.m. As a precaution for motorists, the South Carolina Highway Patrol slowed I-85 traffic with a "rolling roadblock" for 15 minutes while the potentially dangerous connection was completed. Littleton, a veteran of 21 years in emergency management, called that milestone "a huge relief. "If something was going to go wrong, it was most likely to happen then," Littleton said. A secondary leak developed in a hydrogen chloride



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cylinder about 10 a.m., but safety officials downplayed any cause for alarm. Anderson County emergency director Taylor Jones said the second leak likely came from a second pressure valve that was "doing what it is designed to do, and that is prevent a more serious problem." No injuries were reported in the 55-hour process of eliminating the potential hazard, which developed when the leak was detected about 8 a.m. Monday on a GenOx Transportation truck from the Houston area. Over the next three days, workers for GenOx and tank manufacturer Airgas joined federal, state and local agencies --- and at least six volunteer fire departments --- to find a solution. The leak emitted hydrochloric acid, which can be fatal when inhaled, into the atmosphere. As a precaution, a small crew was scheduled to remain at the site Wednesday night to monitor the equipment. The American Red Cross, which had been operating an evacuation center and shelter nearby, was scheduled to close that operation at 5 p.m. Wednesday. Littleton's highest praise went to the public safety organizations and firefighters from neighboring counties. "The large number of volunteers made this operation successful. A lot of work here was done by people who have normal jobs and took the time they had to help," Littleton said.

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/14/3447331/chemical-leak-resolved-ending.html>

### LUXEMBOURG, CAPELLEN, MAY 17 2014. KUWAIT PETROLEUM INTERNATIONAL CREATES HISTORY IN LUXEMBOURG



Kuwait Petroleum International (Q8) has scored major milestones in Europe's energy market by opening its first highway site and its largest station in the world in Luxembourg. The service station is located in Capellen on the busy trans-European E25 motorway in Luxembourg very close to the border with Belgium and not far from the borders with Germany, France, and the Netherlands. The opening ceremony held at the huge site last Thursday was attended by the CEO

of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation Nizar Al-Adsani, Kuwait Petroleum International President Bakheet Al-Rashidi, Kuwait ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the EU, Dharar Abdul Razzak Razzooqi who was accompanied by Mohammad Khalid Al Huwailah and Sami Shammas from the embassy in Brussels. In attendance at the ceremony were government officials from Luxembourg and stakeholders in the energy sector as well as representatives of the media. Addressing the gathering, Al-Rashidi noted that the Capellen service station is also the third biggest motorway site in the world. "This is a tremendous achievement, and will be the beginning, we hope, of more ties between Kuwait and Luxembourg," said the KPI president. "Luxembourg may be a small country in size, but just like Kuwait, it stands tall on the international scene. Not only it is the second richest economy in the world, it is on one of the world's best performers in environmental protection. KPI will play its part in maintaining Luxembourg's culture of showing respect to the environment without making our products expensive to our consumers," he added. Kuwait Petroleum Northwest Europe Managing Director, Azzam Al-Mutawa, explained that this is the first highway service station that is fully operated under Q8 in Luxembourg, and it is the first Q8 service station to show the renewed Q8 logo. "The traffic stopping at the E25 Capellen site is somewhat different to our usual customer profile, and we therefore have every reason to believe our presence there will help us enhance our sales and market share in the BENELUX region, and further improve our position in the market," said Al-Mutawa. Koen Vankelst, retail and IT director in Kuwait Petroleum North West Europe, informed the audience that there are 41 brand new fuel pumps at the site with 28 filling positions for truck, 11 for cars and 2 for LPG. The site will serve over 100 million litres of fuel each year which means that there are four customers filling up the tanks of their vehicles every minute of the day. Each pump makes about 25,000 transactions yearly and the sites expect to welcome over one million customers per year. "The site itself is huge, spread over 7 hectares in a space equivalent to about 10 football fields," Vankelst pointed out. The Q8 Capellen site will also 'ease the journey' for motorists who are looking a 24-hours a day full service petrol station that offers complete services including a big Delhaize Shop and Go Centre.

<http://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=2377697&language=en>

### USA, UT, WOODS CROSS, MAY 18 2014. RESIDENTS BREATHE SIGH OF RELIEF AFTER FUMES FROM REFINERY EXPLOSION SUBSIDE

gene kennedy

 [Watch the Video Fumes from Refinery Explosion Subside](#)

Woods Cross residents are relieved that an obnoxious odor has subsided after a lid blew on a tank at the Silver Eagle refinery Thursday. Residents snapped photos and tweeted about a thick cloud of fumes billowing Thursday and into Friday. In the neighborhood just east of the refinery, pieces of insulation rained down on homeowners' yards. It took 24 hours to cool the



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tank and shut it down. The refinery's general manager said it's still unclear what caused a safety lid to blow around 3 p.m. Thursday. The tank stores a waxy product, and some residents said it smelled like burnt candles or crayons. The burst in pressure prompted county health workers and state environmental officials to respond, monitoring air quality. Health officials determined that there weren't any toxic chemicals released but there were elevated levels of particulate matter which made some neighbors who live near 900 West and 2300 South in Woods Cross feel sick. "To me, it's made my throat dry," said a resident who only wanted to be identified as Brittany. "I can't let my kids go outside and play on such a nice day because it smells horrible." "For Silver Eagle, it's very significant, we've spent the last two years making major investments in the refinery to improve the reliability, to improve the environmental performance, so we're not happy this has occurred and we take this very seriously," said Jerry Lockie, who is the general manager at the refinery. Lockie said, in terms of impact to the community, it's the most significant problem at the refinery since a massive explosion back in 2009 due to a corroded pipe that hadn't been inspected for years. The refinery is now considering permanently shutting the tank down and not storing the waxy substance for extended periods of time. Health and environmental officials and fire fighters plan to meet with refinery managers early next week to brainstorm on a plan so this never happens again.

<http://fox13now.com/2014/05/16/residents-breathe-sigh-of-relief-after-fumes-from-refinery-explosion-subside/>

### USA, NEW MEXICO, CARLSBAD, MAY 18 2014. NEW INTERACTIVE MAP CHRONICLES LOCATION OF NEW MEXICO'S OIL, GAS SPILLS

A new website has mapped where oil- and gas-related spills take place in New Mexico, and it shows their numbers have increased in recent years. The Center for Western Priorities built the online map using years of data gathered by the state Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department's Oil Conservation Division, the Carlsbad Current-Argus reported Saturday ( <http://bit.ly/1ly2FZe> ). The Denver-based, nonpartisan organization monitors spills caused by crude oil, drilling fluids and methane releases, among others, and then shows their locations on the map. It does the same for Colorado. Spills occur almost twice a day in New Mexico, according to the data. It shows about 470 spills reported in southeastern New Mexico in 2008 jumped to more than 600 in 2013. Greg Zimmerman, policy director for the group, said the spills show the fallout from so much oil and gas development in the state. "I think there are some spills that are preventable, and as there is more development, you would think there would be more spills," he said. According to the Oil Conservation Division, more than 900 spills were reported in all of New Mexico in 2013. Going back to 2000, there have been more than 10,300 spills. That amounts to 102 million gallons of oil, drilling fluids and other toxic materials. Wally Drangmeister, New Mexico Oil and Gas Association spokesman, said 900 spills is relatively small when considering there are more than 50,000 producing wells in the state. The spills themselves are not often cause for concern, he added. "In general many of them are small, and most of the time, (oil and gas companies) are able to capture it in liquid form without an impact on groundwater," Drangmeister said. But Zimmerman said the industry could improve when it comes to planning operations. "We need to make sure that development is not happening in sensitive areas and next to communities and neighborhoods," Zimmerman said. "We also need to make sure it's not happening next to surface water."

On The Web <http://spillmapper.westernpriorities.org>

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/6706c4f87c1f4a8e8f1c3aff36d07517/NM--Oil-Spill-Data>

### USA, ARK, FORT SMITH, MAY 18 2014. 'HIGHER LEVELS' OF TCE SPARK NEW CLEANUP STRATEGY AT SHUTTERED FORT SMITH PLANT -

chad hunter



*The Whirlpool plant on Jenny Lind Road in Fort Smith is seen Wednesday, May 7, 2014. The facility closed in June 2012.*

Discovery of the potential source location for underground contamination at the shuttered [Whirlpool](#) plant in Fort Smith may prompt the company to employ "strategic removal of highly impacted soil" near the former degreasing building. In a statement sent to the [Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality](#), Whirlpool said "an additional, limited area of soil with increased concentration of TCE on the Whirlpool property was verified following completion" of a state-approved cleanup plan called a [Final Remedial Action Decision Document](#). According to ADEQ, the area of impacted soil is "as deep as 25-30 feet." "We did find an area, called section one, on our property with higher levels of contamination," Whirlpool spokesman Jeff Noel said



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Wednesday. "It's contained. It's underground. We think it could be the source or near the source." A map provided by Whirlpool shows the area of higher concentration of TCE to be south and southwest of the former degreasing building. "Where it is, it's not a surprise," Noel said. A portion of Whirlpool's 152-acre Fort Smith property at 6400 Jenny Lind Road has been contaminated with trichloroethylene, commonly referred to as TCE, since 1989, according to environmental consulting firm Environ. TCE, which was used as a degreasing solvent between the late 1960s and early 1980s before it was deemed harmful, was discovered more than a decade later under a nearby neighborhood, according to Whirlpool. The [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](http://www.epa.gov) and other groups note that TC exposure is associated with several types of cancer. During a public hearing in November, ADEQ Deputy Director Ryan Benefield said that although "this chemical is toxic," TCE is not making its way to the surface or expanding in size. He added that Whirlpool's plan to use a chemical oxidant to treat contaminated groundwater "will work based on the best information we have." Those [treatments](#) began in March, Environ civil engineer Mike Ellis said. The state is mandating Whirlpool come up with a solution within 15 days to address the newly discovered TCE concentrations. According to Whirlpool, the remedy may include "strategic removal of highly impacted soil in conjunction with other treatment options." "We're going to develop the next step, describe what we're going to do, share that with ADEQ, share that with the community and put it on our website," Noel said. He added that further testing allowed Whirlpool to "pinpoint what the concentration levels are." "So we've gone from knowing where the TCE is, and now, perhaps maybe we've even found an area of concentration that could be a location of the source," Noel said. "But we don't know that yet." Whirlpool closed its Fort Smith plant in June 2012. By that time, the plant's workforce had dropped from the 4,600 it enjoyed in the mid-1990s to about 825, the result of several years of reductions. Earlier this month it was announced that a [letter of intent](#) was signed for the sale of Whirlpool's 619,508-square-foot distribution building to Spartan Logistics of Columbus, Ohio. A deed restriction Whirlpool recently filed bans wells on the property and requires that a layer of clay or asphalt be left over the contaminated areas. It goes on to state that without prior approval from the ADEQ, "the property may only be used for industrial or commercial purposes, provided, however, that in no event shall apartments, schools, hospitals, child day care, adult day care or restaurants with playgrounds be permitted uses on the property."

<http://arkansasnews.com/news/arkansas/higher-levels-tce-spark-new-cleanup-strategy-shuttered-fort-smith-plant>

### USA, PA, SCRANTON, MAY 18 2014. DEEP TROUBLE: INTERACTIVE DOCUMENTARY EXPLORES MASSIVE BP OIL SPILL

kevin o'neill



The first oil well drilled in the United States was in Pennsylvania over 150 years ago. Since that time, many more oil and gas wells have been tapped and pumped dry across the country. As the easily accessible fossil fuel deposits get depleted, energy companies are forced to work harder and drill deeper to satisfy our insatiable thirst for energy. In Pennsylvania, that means horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing to unleash the vast reserves of natural gas in the Marcellus shale formation. In other regions, it means going far offshore into very deep water. Just over four years ago, in the Gulf of Mexico, BP's Deepwater Horizon rig exploded and sank while drilling an oil well over 18,000 feet deep under water over 5,000 feet deep. Eleven men were killed in the explosion and it's estimated that over 200 million gallons of oil leaked into the gulf. It was the worst oil spill in history.

#### A Look Back

"Offshore" is a feature-length, online, interactive documentary exploring the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon disaster and the difficulties of extracting energy from increasingly challenging environments. It can be experienced at [www.offshore-interactive.com](http://www.offshore-interactive.com). The interface for "Offshore" is part documentary, part video game and part website. The home screen features a CGI 360-degree

panoramic view of grey skies and rough seas, with drilling rigs dotting the horizon in every direction. Clicking and dragging allows you to manipulate the view from side to side and up and down. As you spin the seascape the title appears with a play button under it. Pressing the button reveals a quote, "The era of easy oil is over." It's from the CEO of Chevron in 2005. You are then taken on a video helicopter ride from an industrial port out to the open sea, which is littered with drilling rigs and vessels. Facts and figures about energy exploration are superimposed over the video as you fly to your destination, an



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unoccupied drilling rig platform. After the chopper lands on the helipad, you can explore the inside of the virtual aircraft by clicking and dragging. A file folder on a seat can be opened to read the incident report inside. Spin to the open door and you can venture out to the drilling platform. The sounds of wind and waves surround the deserted rig. Everything is rendered in shades of gray except for the markers that guide you on your journey. Signs with faded construction-yellow paint, red loudspeakers or floating blue play buttons all beckon you to explore different parts of the massive, virtual-3D platform. Clicking on the various guides causes you to travel down stairs, up ladders, through doors and down hallways to get to the next part of the story. As you arrive at each destination, text, audio and video tell different parts of the story of the Deepwater Horizon and the quest for fossil fuels where the cutting edge of technology meets nature's harshest environments.

### An Ongoing Problem

The Deepwater disaster has long since faded from the news and most people probably assume its over. The stories from residents, doctors, scientists, lawyers and other specialists who lived through, or are studying the catastrophe, tell a tale of an ongoing crisis with serious health and environmental implications. BP is portrayed as driven more by profits than employee safety. The oil company's side of the story is not presented. The documentary claims many people, and the marine ecosystem, were exposed to dangerous toxins from the spill and cleanup efforts. This has caused serious, ongoing health and environmental problems, including human deaths and reduced fishing harvests. "Offshore" is a good documentary with engaging interactivity, strong visual elements and some compelling stories. There is an obvious anti-oil bias in the production that makes me suspicious of some of the charges, even if they're right. Including responses from oil companies would provide some needed balance and allow viewers to draw their own conclusions.

🔴 **On The Web** [www.offshore-interactive.com](http://www.offshore-interactive.com)

<http://thetimes-tribune.com/lifestyles/deep-trouble-interactive-documentary-explores-massive-bp-oil-spill-1.1687001>

### USA, AKA, ANCHORAGE, MAY 18 2014. DIESEL FUEL SPILLS ON FISHING BEACH

joe vigil



*Sheening on Dillingham beach, May 16, 2014.*

Diesel fuel from a tug spill near Dillingham has made its way onto a beach people use for subsistence setnet fishing. The tug vessel Devon hit something underwater Wednesday and dumped around 5,000 to 5,500 gallons of diesel fuel into the Nushagak River about 10 miles east of Dillingham, according to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. So far, there are no reports of oiled wildlife, the ADEC said. The department says the river supports Pacific salmon, beluga whales, harbor seals and Steller sea lions. Contact has been made to remove the fuel from Kakanak Beach. The U.S. Coast Guard asks the public to report any residual sheen along the river.

<http://www.ktva.com/diesel-fuel-spills-on-fishing-beach-425/>

### USA, TX, KURTEN, MAY 18 2014. DEADLY ACCIDENT SHUTS DOWN HWY 21 IN KURTEN

📺 **Watch the Video** [Deadly Accident Shuts Down Hwy 21 in Kurten](#)

Highway 21 is back open in both directions near Kurten following a deadly accident. The wreck happened just before 6pm on Highway 21 near Democrat Road and involved a motorcycle and a tanker truck. Deputies say the 18-wheel truck pulled onto Highway 21 and the motorcyclist slammed into the truck's cab. Chief Deputy Jim Stewart with the Brazos County Sheriff's Office says the driver of the motorcycle was killed in the crash. The driver's identity was not released as of Friday night.

<http://www.kbtx.com/home/headlines/Deadly-Accident-Shuts-Down-Hwy-21-in-Bryan-259597091.html?ref=091>

### IRELAND, CO LOUTH, MAY 18 2014. IRELAND IS WORLD'S FOURTH MOST EXPENSIVE FOR PETROL

louise mcbride

Ireland is the fourth most expensive country in the world to fill up the petrol tank – and this is making it harder for our economy to get back on its feet and compete with others, according to a new report. The report, by Louth accountants, UHY Farrelly Dawe White, also found that Irish diesel prices are the fifth highest in the world. The study examined the cost of filling up the tank of a Ford Transit. The most expensive place to fill up a tank with petrol is Denmark – but Ireland isn't too far behind. It



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costs about €139 to fill the tank of a Ford Transit with petrol in Denmark; in Ireland, it costs about €128. The cheapest place to buy petrol is the [United Arab Emirates](#) followed by [Malaysia](#), Mexico and the US. It costs €27 to fill up a tank with petrol in the UAE, €37 in Malaysia, €52 in Mexico and €55 in the US. Irish drivers of diesel cars should avoid filling up across the Border – the UK has the most expensive diesel in the world. Israel has the second most expensive diesel, followed by Denmark, the Netherlands and Ireland. "It is Irish taxes alone which see our fuel prices this high," said Conor Faughnan, director of consumer affairs at the AA. Taxes account for almost 60 per cent of the cost of filling up the tank of a Ford Transit with petrol in Ireland, compared to about 13 per cent in the US. There are no fuel taxes in [China](#) or Malaysia. "When we try to compete against the likes of the US and China, we are blown away," said Alan Farrelly, managing director of UHY Farrelly Dawe White. "The price of diesel and petrol in the US is about half what it is here. This is discouraging companies from setting up in Ireland – because fuel prices push up the cost of running a business here. The [Department of Finance](#) needs to seriously consider the implications of these excessive levels of tax at a time when the economy is trying to recover from a severe recession. It is looking in the wrong pockets when it tries to balance its books." A typical Irish driver pays about €2,754 a year in fuel and €1,652 of this is tax. A spokeswoman for the Department of Finance said fuel prices are driven by several factors "including the price of oil on international markets, exchange rates, production costs and refining costs". "Fluctuation in oil prices over recent years reflected additional factors such as geopolitical uncertainty in Northern [Africa](#) and the [Middle East](#) with potential supply disruptions," insisted the spokeswoman.

<http://www.independent.ie/business/irish/ireland-is-worlds-fourth-most-expensive-for-petrol-30282087.html>

### USA, N.C, CHARLOTTE, MAY 19 2014. DRIVING MISHAP LEADS TO FUEL SPILL IN S. CHARLOTTE



A mishap pulling into a gas station parking lot caused a small fuel spill in Charlotte Sunday afternoon. NBC Charlotte's crew on the scene says the driver of a fuel truck didn't turn wide enough as he attempted to pull into the Circle K gas station at Providence Road and Old Sardis Road in south Charlotte, causing him to rub up against a telephone pole. The contact with the telephone pole caused one of the valves on the truck to break, prompting a small fuel spill. The emergency shut off was activated immediately, and only the fuel in the pipe spilled onto the ground-- about 25 gallons. Cleanup is underway, and authorities say there is no contamination.

<http://www.wcnc.com/news/editors-pick/Driving-mishap-leads-to-fuel-spill-in-S-Charlotte-259729031.html>

### CHINA, ZHEJIANG PROVINCE, HANGZHOU, MAY 19 2014. TONNES OF TOXIC CHEMICAL SPILL INTO HANGZHOU RIVER AFTER TANKER OVERTURNS

alice yan & li jing



*The accident is the latest in a series of water supply contamination scares in recent weeks.*

About eight tonnes of a toxic chemical spilled into a river near Hangzhou yesterday after a tanker overturned, prompting the authorities to cut off water supplies to people in the area for several hours. The tanker was carrying the chemical tetrachloroethane when the accident happened in Fuyang in Zhejiang province in the early hours, Xinhua reported. The chemical is often used to make industrial cleaners and solvents and can damage internal organs and the nervous system if its vapour is inhaled. Prolonged exposure to the chemical may cause cancer, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency. Water supplies were cut off for about three hours after yesterday's incident. The

accident is the latest in a series of water supply contamination scares in recent weeks. Other incidents happened in Lanzhou in Gansu province, Wuhan in Hubei and Jingjiang in Jiangsu province. Fuyang's government said it was told about the accident by the environmental protection department in Hangzhou at 7am yesterday and decided to cut water supplies from noon. Fishing was also halted along a stretch of the Fuchun River. Water supplies were resumed after 3pm. The water supply to Hangzhou was not affected, according to Xinhua. About 26 tonnes of the chemical was spilled from the truck, but most was contained by barriers and mopped up before it reached the river, according to Hangzhou's environmental protection



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department. Qiu Dongdong, a doctor at the Fuyang Traditional Chinese Medicine Hospital, said the accident had a limited impact. "At home we usually drink bottled water," he said. "In rural areas there are many wells and I heard some people drove more than 10 kilometres to fetch water." Qiu said that prices had not been raised when he went to buy bottled water from a supermarket after the authorities released details of the accident. Ma Jun, the head of the Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs, said the frequent water contamination scares over the past few weeks highlighted the need for more public information to be published about the use and transport of toxic chemicals around the country. "As a factory for the world, China uses a huge amount of these toxic substances," said Ma. "Without such a reporting system, the public has little idea what risks they're exposed to until a spill occurs."

#### Related Stories

- [Chemical spill contaminates China river, water supply affected](#)
- [Chemical spill contaminates China river, drinking water affected](#)

<http://www.scmp.com/news/china/article/1515151/tonnes-toxic-chemical-spill-hangzhou-river-after-tanker-overturns>

#### SAUDI ARABIA, JEDDAH, MAY 19 2014. SAUDI ARAMCO TO SET UP GAS STATIONS

Saudi Aramco has disclosed plans to enter the Kingdom's retail market by setting up gas stations fully owned by the company. "We had already begun implementing this project by the end of last year," said the company's annual report without giving an exact date for launching the service. The move comes as part of the Saudi oil giant's strategy to become an integrated energy company that enters into more business ventures, including petrochemicals and the sales of refined products. A team set up for this purpose is reportedly weighing several strategic options to expand the company's operations. Aramco has already received approval for establishing a fully owned company for retail services. The new company is licensed to build, operate and maintain service stations in selected areas. The company will not only run gas stations but also supermarkets and other services. Aramco has indicated that it could hand services other than fuel supply to potential partners who could add value to the company and its trademark. Two international companies — Shell and Mobil — left the Kingdom's retail market after suffering losses, said Ahmed Al-Falih, deputy chairman of the National Committee for Gas Stations. He said one of the two had paid SR80 million for nine stations. "Gas stations face problems in acquiring licensing and manpower," he said. Foreign investors in the sector are required to have 10 years' experience in management, operation and maintenance. "About 90 percent of station owners are small investors," Al-Falih said.

<http://www.arabnews.com/news/573091>

#### MALTA, MAY 19 2014. SEARCH FOR MISSING IOAN JONES IN MED CALLED OFF



The search for a crew member from Brecon missing from his vessel in the Mediterranean Sea has been called off. A search and rescue operation to find Ioan Jones, 28, began following his disappearance early on Thursday. Mr Jones was working on board a privately-owned tanker which was sailing through waters approximately 340 miles (547km) south of Malta. A spokeswoman for Shell, which manages the tanker, confirmed the search had been unsuccessful. She said: "It is with regret that we can confirm that the search and rescue efforts for a seafarer reported missing early in the morning 15 May from the LNG carrier Lijmiliya have been unsuccessful."

#### 'Difficult Time'

"The extensive search and rescue operation has been called off by maritime authorities. "The seafarer's next of kin have been informed. Our thoughts are with the seafarer's family and friends during this difficult time. "Shell is cooperating fully with the authorities and other interested parties as part of a full investigation." The spokeswoman added Mr Jones was not one of their employees and the tanker was privately owned, but managed by Shell. Malta Search and Rescue had been co-ordinating the search for Mr Jones. Dyfed-Powys Police had said earlier the force had been made aware of concerns over his safety and wellbeing, and that Mr Jones was believed to have gone overboard in the early hours of Thursday. A family liaison officer is supporting the family.

#### Related Stories

- [Sea search for Brecon man off Malta halted](#)
- [Sea search for Welshman who reportedly went overboard in the Mediterranean is called off](#)

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-mid-wales-27461413>



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### SAUDI ARABIA, ABHA, MAY 19 2014. FIRE AT GAS STATION AFTER DRIVE-OFF



Civil Defense firefighters were able to contain a fire that erupted at a petrol station on Saturday and prevented it from spreading to neighboring shops. Asir Civil Defense spokesman Col. Mohammad Alasmi said a motorist was filling his car with fuel and drove off while the pump hose was still connected to the car. This forced the fuel pump out of its place and resulted in the fire, but no injuries were reported.

<http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/index.cfm?method=home.regcon&contentid=20140519205619>

### USA, OH, UHRICHSVILLE, MAY 19 2014. GAS LEAK CAUSES ODOR IN UHRICHSVILLE

Fire Chief Art Tripp said Saturday that the cause of gas odors that several residents in the E. Davis Street area have reported smelling for several days was determined to be from a leaking underground tank at the BP station on McCauley Drive. Tripp said firefighters were called Friday morning when several residents and personnel at a business said they could smell the odor of gasoline. No one reported feeling ill. The chief said the Environmental Protection Agency and water department personnel were called in. Investigation revealed that plumbing connecting the tank to the pumps broke, allowing gas to leak into the sanitary sewer system, where the smell spread. A private company has been brought in to pump out the excess gasoline and dispose of it. The gas is believed to have been neutralized. No one was evacuated, although residents were told that it was their choice if they wanted to leave.

<http://www.timesreporter.com/article/20140517/NEWS/140519304/10682/SPECIAL>

### PAKISTAN, DERA GHAZI KHAN, MAY 19 2014. FOUR SUFFOCATE TO DEATH

A newly-wed bride and three children were suffocated to death today by generator fumes in Punjab province of Pakistan. The residents left the generator running and went to sleep after a power outage in Ranjanpur, Geonews reported. The smoke emitted by the generator filled the house and suffocated four persons, including three children, to death. A newly-wed bride also died due to suffocation while her bridegroom is admitted in a local hospital and is in a critical condition, authorities said.

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[http://zeenews.india.com/news/south-asia/four-suffocate-to-death-in-pakistan\\_933039.html](http://zeenews.india.com/news/south-asia/four-suffocate-to-death-in-pakistan_933039.html)

### NIGERIA, PORT HARCOURT, MAY 20 2014. 7 FEARED DEAD IN PORT-HARCOURT



Seven people were feared dead on Sunday morning during a fire explosion which occurred at the Okrika, Port Harcourt *jetty of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation*.

This was as scores of others were said to have suffered severe degree of burnt during the fire incident, which occurred when oil pipeline vandals were siphoning oil from pipelines belonging to NNPC at the jetty, near Okrika, in Okrika Local Government Area of Rivers State. Chairman of the local government area, Tamunu Williams, who confirmed the incident, said "the fire incident is as a result of oil thieves, who were siphoning oil from NNPC pipelines. He appealed to the management of NNPC to provide adequate protection and security for their pipelines and equipment so as not to endanger the lives of the people of the community. Reacting, the NNPC Executive Director (Services), Mr Ralph Ugwu, while admitting that there was, indeed, a fire incident, said nemesis caught up with the pipeline vandals, as their boat exploded and caught up in fire. "The incident has no impact on our operations whatsoever and, on our own side as NNPC, there is no casualty and the incident has no impact on our refining operations or on our jetty operations," he said. Ugwu said there were, indeed, some casualties but he could not



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ascertain the exact number, stressing that none of the victims was on the staff of the corporation. The state police command confirmed the fire explosion, attributing it to activities of oil pipeline vandals, even as it was disclosed that those who were burnt had be taken to an undisclosed hospital for treatment. Also, Mr Umesi Emenike, the South-South zonal coordinator of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), confirmed the fire incident. Emenike told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Port Harcourt on Sunday that the fire did not affect the main refinery before it was put out by fire service officers. He said NEMA officials were still assessing the situation to ascertain whether there was loss of life and property.

**Related Stories** [NEMA confirms fire outbreak near Port Harcourt refinery](http://tribune.com.ng/news/top-stories/item/5585-7-feared-dead-in-port-harcourt-refinery-fire)

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### USA, N.J, RARITAN TWP, MAY 20 2014. OVERTURNED TANKER LEAKING DIESEL FUEL

**Photo's [14]** [Overturned Tanker Leaking Diesel Fuel](#)



Firemen and hazmat crews are trying to keep diesel fuel that's leaking from an [overturned tanker truck](#) on the Dvoor Circle from entering the Walnut Brook. Fire trucks with fire-fighting foam equipment have been called to the scene. Those arriving from the east are being told they will be directed the wrong way around part of the circle, to an emergency staging area at the Raritan Township Municipal Building on Route 523 next to the circle. JCP&L crews are also on the scene, dealing with a wire downed by the accident. According to radio reports and observers, diesel fuel is leaking from the overturned tanker. A radio transmission at 2:23 p.m. said that fuel was at least being "temporarily held" from entering a storm sewer that would have taken it "toward the creek." Arriving firemen after the accident, which happened at about 1:20 p.m. on May 19, broke out shovels and created an earthen "cofferdam" to contain a whitish fluid spilling from the 10-wheel tanker, said an observer. According to radio reports, "hazmat"

is posted on the side of the tanker. The accident happened in front of the iconic Dvoor Barn near Mine Street. The former Dvoor property is the site of the [Hunterdon Land Trust Farmer's Market](#) held Sunday mornings.

[http://www.nj.com/hunterdon-county-democrat/index.ssf/2014/05/photos\\_from\\_scene\\_of\\_overturne.html#incart\\_river\\_default](http://www.nj.com/hunterdon-county-democrat/index.ssf/2014/05/photos_from_scene_of_overturne.html#incart_river_default)

### COLOMBIA, FUNDACION, MAY 20 2014. COLOMBIA BUS FIRE: DRIVER ALLEGEDLY 'MEDDLED WITH PETROL HOSE'



*Colombian policemen stand alongside recovered bodies of children who died in a burned bus in Fundacion, northern Colombia*

A Colombian bus driver was allegedly seen meddling with a petrol hose moments before the vehicle caught fire, [killing dozens of children](#), local officials have said. Causes of the disaster in the in the city of Fundacion, about 750km (465 miles) north of Bogota, were not immediately clear but local media speculated the bus might have been used for smuggling petrol. "Some children who survived said the driver was manipulating a gasoline hose," Fundacion Mayor Luz Stella Duran told El Mundo newspaper. Among the 50 passengers on board the overcrowded bus were 43 children aged between 2 and 14 as it went up in flames. They were returning from an event at an evangelical Christian

church. The bus had a capacity for only 38 passengers and no emergency exits. Local media said petrol smuggling is common in the area and public transport buses are often fitted with hidden tanks. In 2007, a passenger bus travelling between the city of Santa Marta in the department of Magdalena and Riohacha, in La Guajira, exploded killing 27 people, as its illicit cargo caught fire. Other reports suggested that a fire accidentally started as the driver attempted to manually switch the rudimental hybrid engine from gas to petrol, or to restart the run-down vehicle by pouring gasoline into the engine from the cabin floor. "There was a canister of gasoline inside the vehicle. The fire spread very fast," Eduardo Velez, coordinator of emergency response corps, told Reuters. Col. Adan Leon, the regional police chief, said 18 people, including some adults, had been found alive at the scene and an investigation was underway. The driver managed to escape unscathed and was being questioned by police.

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/colombia-bus-fire-driver-allegedly-meddled-petrol-hose-1449083>



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