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CHINA, CENTRAL ANHUI PROVINCE, HUAINAN, NOVEMBER 14 2014. DONGFANG COAL MINE MISSING 21 WORKERS PRESUMED DEAD

China has declared the deaths of 21 miners who had been trapped inside the collapsed Dongfang mine in Huainan City. Confirmation has come two and half months after the accident occurred in the eastern part of the country, when the search for the missing workers was concluded. The Dongfang mine incident death toll has risen to 27, reports Chinese news agency Xinhua. A gas explosion on 19 August had trapped 39 workers in the underground shafts of the coal mine. Following the accident, a local news agency reported that 12 people managed to escape but six were declared dead. Families of the missing miners have each received CNY910,000 (\$14,841) in compensation. The search for the mining workers was affected by the collapsed mine shafts and gas pockets, officials from the government stated. Experts warned that continuing the search risked causing further explosions, so the missing persons have been assumed dead due to the underground conditions. Though officially licensed, the 90,000t-a-year coal mine had been operating illegally at the time of explosion, as the Huainan municipal Government had issued production suspension orders as a flood precaution.

<http://www.mining-technology.com/news/newsdongfang-coal-mine-missing-workers-presumed-dead-4438254>

USA, TX, HOUSTON, NOVEMBER 14 2014. PHILLIPS 66 SELLS REFINERY STAKE FOR \$635M TO PETRONAS

Phillips 66 will sell its interest in an Asian refining company for \$635 million, [according to a Nov. 11 announcement](#). Phillips 66 Asia Ltd. will sell its 47 percent interest in Malaysian Refining Company Sdn Bhd to Malaysia's state-owned oil and gas company, [Petronas](#), which owns the remaining interest. The deal is expected to close on Dec. 31. The MRC refinery was commissioned in 1998 and has a capacity of 170,000 barrels per day. It is in Melaka, Malaysia. "This divestiture allows us to redeploy resources to more strategic areas of our business," [Larry Ziemba](#), executive vice president of refining for Phillips 66, said in a statement. [As of the third quarter](#), Phillips 66 said its refining segment buys, sells and refines crude oil and other feedstocks at 15 refineries, mainly in the U.S., Europe and Asia. Phillips 66 will no longer have a refining presence in Asia once the deal closes, [a company spokesman told the Houston Chronicle](#). The refining segment's earnings increased to \$588 million in the third quarter, up 50 percent from \$390 million in the prior quarter. "The increase was primarily attributable to improved realized refining margins, which included capturing crude location differentials," [the company said in a recent statement](#). "Margins improved, despite lower worldwide market crack spreads, primarily due to higher clean product realizations. Additionally, secondary product margins benefited from lower crude oil prices."

<http://www.bizjournals.com/houston/news/2014/11/12/phillips-66-sells-refinery-stake-for-635.html>

USA, WA, BURLINGTON, NOVEMBER 14 2014. BP REPAIRS LEAK IN BLAINE-TO-PORTLAND FUEL PIPELINE

The pipeline that connects four North Puget Sound oil refineries with Seattle and Portland is operating again after a small leak at Burlington was repaired. The 400-mile Olympic Pipeline is operated by BP and runs from Blaine to Portland, carrying diesel and gasoline for fuel customers as well as jet fuel for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and Portland International Airport. BP spokesman Scott Dean says the line was shut down Nov. 5 and resumed full operations Monday. He says the fuel had leaked from a half-inch valve fitting. The Skagit Valley Herald reported about 60 gallons of mixed fuel spilled. The state Ecology Department ordered a cleanup and repairs. Dean says it took a while to find the leak because it was initially thought to be residue from a previous spill.

<http://blogs.seattletimes.com/today/2014/11/bp-repairs-leak-in-blaine-to-portland-fuel-pipeline/>

USA, ILL, METROPOLIS, NOVEMBER 14 2014. HONEYWELL PLANT IN METROPOLIS MISCLASSIFIED LEAK



In this Jan. 18, 2011 file photo, the Honeywell Specialty Materials plant is seen in Metropolis, Ill. Honeywell didn't properly classify the leak of a potentially hazardous gas at its Metropolis plant last month, according to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Honeywell didn't properly classify the leak of a potentially hazardous gas at its Metropolis plant last month, according to a federal agency. Honeywell Metropolis Works twice reported the Oct. 26 uranium hexafluoride leak as a plant emergency, rather than an alert, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said.

About six pounds of the leaked material solidified inside of the building and some of it escaped the building after vaporizing into non-radioactive gas, the agency determined. Honeywell filed a report Wednesday acknowledging its failure to properly classify last month's leak, the Southern Illinoisan (<http://bit.ly/1zjD5Ab>) reported. The company self-disclosed to the NRC that



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the event should have been classified as an alert, a Honeywell statement said. The classification error didn't affect how personnel responded to the leak, according to the statement. "Plant personnel were in regular contact with NRC and local emergency responders throughout the Oct. 26. incident, proactively providing information to ensure they were well informed about the leak and the plant's emergency response efforts," the statement read. Agency officials are assessing potential violations and penalties against Honeywell due to the misclassification, according to Joey Ledford, a public affairs officer at NRC Region 2. The agency determined no radioactive material escaped from the facility, and neither workers nor the public were at risk, he said Tuesday. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency Bureau of Radiation Safety, which frequently monitors the plant for radioactivity, released a report Wednesday that reached a similar conclusion. Last month's incident was the fourth leak that caused hydrogen fluoride to be released from the plant since 2008. The Illinois Attorney General ordered Honeywell in December to pay a \$90,000 civil penalty for the three prior leaks.

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/energy/article/Honeywell-plant-in-Metropolis-misclassified-leak-5888344.php>

USA, CA, SAN BERNADINO, NOVEMBER 14 2014. CALIFORNIA FUEL DISTRIBUTOR FINED NEARLY \$100K FOLLOWING FATAL EXPLOSION

Cal/OSHA has fined a fuel distribution company \$99,345 following an investigation into an explosion at the company's facility that killed one employee and left another with severe burns. The owner of the company had been previously cited for similar incidents. On May 6, 2014, two employees attempted welding operations on a 9,000-gallon tanker truck containing an unknown amount of crude oil. The tank had not been purged or tested for flammable vapors, resulting in the explosion. One of the employees, a welder who had been with the company for four years, was found dead on the floor of the facility with his right hand and lower arm completely severed. The second employee, with five years of experience, suffered burns to more than 50 percent of his body. Investigators from the San Bernardino Cal/OSHA District Office determined that the company contributed to this incident by failing to have required safety procedures in place for working with flammable vapors. Additionally, investigators found that the company failed to train employees on the dangers of welding near combustible materials. "California requires employers to have and adhere to an Injury and Illness Prevention Program" said Christine Baker, Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). Cal/OSHA, formally known as the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, is a division of DIR. "This preventable death is a reminder of what can happen when that requirement is ignored," said Baker. While investigating the May 6 event, investigators learned about a previous explosion at the same facility that occurred under similar circumstances, and involved the same two employees. On September 25, 2012, the lid of a fuel tanker blew through the ceiling of the repair facility after the employees commenced welding on a truck filled with flammable vapors. No injuries occurred on that date. "Enforcement of California safety laws sends a message to non-compliant employers," said Juliann Sum, Acting Chief of Cal/OSHA. "You cannot cut corners when it comes to worker safety." The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration served the company with an emergency restriction order on August 14, prohibiting the company from using cargo tank motor vehicles. The company appealed the order in September. The company's owner had served prison time following a 1993 incident that occurred while he was operating another business. In that incident, there was an explosion involving welding operations on a fuel tanker that had also not been purged or tested. This incident also took the life of a welder.

<http://safety.blr.com/workplace-safety-news/safety-administration/OSHA-and-state-safety-compliance-enforcement/California-fuel-distributor-fined-nearly-100K-foll/>

USA, OH, COLUMBUS, NOVEMBER 14 2014. 10 INVESTIGATES: TRUCKS CARRYING TOXIC CHEMICALS ROUTINELY IGNORE HIGHWAY LAWS

nathan baca

 **Watch the Video** [10 Investigates: Toxic Trucks](#)

A few weeks ago, downtown traffic came to a halt when an accident caused a trucker to spill fuel. It delayed school buses and clogged the evening commute along Interstate 70. That was all due to diesel fuel spill. But 10 Investigates discovered cargo is making its way downtown on a regular basis. It's hazardous and could cause big safety issues for you and your family. A 2011 overturned fuel tanker crash shut down the 270 for the large part of 2 days. The hazardous material spill turned the freeway into a parking lot and trapped drivers for hours. Isabel Donis still remembers that crash, "The highway was backed up forever and no one could go anywhere." Columbus Council member Michelle Mills had drivers like Isabel in mind as she pushed to up the fines for downtown toxic trucks to a thousand dollars. "She has children in childcare," explained Mills. "She's making ends meet. She's meeting her food needs occasionally by way of a food pantry. 40 hours on a highway does bad for her." It's



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practically impossible to miss the multiple signs telling hazmat truckers to avoid downtown freeways and take 270 instead. Columbus banned those toxic trucks from downtown, fearing a spill here would cripple the city. But 10 Investigates pulled every 2013 traffic ticket written by Columbus Police. They cited 146 Chemical loads filled with explosives and chemical compounds. That's just one year, and Police believe the true number of downtown toxic trucks is much higher. This summer, hundreds in Sidney Ohio were evacuated when a tanker truck carrying Ammonia leaked on the freeway. It created a toxic cloud cutting through town. "It was just steaming, blowing out of the top like a valve. I could hear it hissing," recalled Sidney resident Nick Stewart, Jr. "It just takes your breath away," added Sidney resident Al Shaw. Anhydrous Ammonia is a common chemical - but far more dangerous chemical loads continue to pass through downtown Columbus. 10 Investigates found two chemicals, Methyl Chloromethyl Ether and Aluminum Alkyls even more dangerous made their way through downtown Columbus. Chemicals of that classification could burn your lungs. Crashes happen every 18 minutes on Franklin County roads. A hazardous material spill downtown would affect thousands of people. The courthouse and county government center is next to where I-70 and I-71 split. A hazmat truck crash on the freeway near here, could force firefighters to evacuate everyone within a mile. That would include the courts, several office towers, and even the Ohio Statehouse. Depending on the chemical leak, multiple hospitals could also find themselves in the evacuation zone or locked down. Factor in the wind and the amount of people ordered to evacuate or stay in place and the number of those affected grows exponentially. Police write tickets, drivers appear in court, and Franklin County Environmental Court judge Daniel Hawkins talks tough. "Technically, you could go to jail today," Hawkins told truckers in court. But 10 Investigates pulled all the 2013 toxic truck court appearances and discovered almost all offenders plead guilty and received no more than a \$250 dollar fine. Judge Hawkins defends his sentencing. He said he believes the fine he levies is hefty, "It might not be to you or me, but a lot of these truckers are hard working men and women. That amount of money, that's a hefty ticket to them." If you see an illegal hazardous material truck downtown, police say there is nothing you can do to report it. Police don't have enough patrol officers to act on every tip. Tom Balzer, President of the Ohio Trucking Association, and Zach Klein, head of the Columbus City Council Public Safety Committee agree that educating truckers is the answer to the problem. 10 Investigates plans to repeat our research in several months to see if it makes a difference.

<http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2014/11/13/columbus-ohio-10-investigates-trucks-carrying-toxic-chemicals-routinely-ignore-highway-laws.html>

USA, MN, ST. PAUL PARK, NOVEMBER 14 2014. FIRE PROMPTS MINNESOTA REFINERY EVACUATION

Crews were able to quickly extinguish a fire that forced an evacuation at a refinery in St. Paul Park. The fire started in a vacuum tower of the Northern Tier Energy refinery at about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. Company spokesman Gary Hanson said the unit was not in service and was undergoing maintenance. Hanson says non-essential personnel were evacuated as a precaution. He says local firefighters were standing by, but refinery personnel were able to put out the fire. Hanson says chemicals used in cleaning may have started the fire. The company's St. Paul Park facility refines crude oil to gasoline and diesel, which is distributed mostly to SuperAmerica gas stations in the Midwest.

<http://www.ksfy.com/news/minnesotaandioda/headlines/Fire-prompts-Minnesota-refinery-evacuation-282408971.html>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, MAITLAND, NOVEMBER 14 2014. WOOLWORTHS MAITLAND ACCUSED OF SELLING DIRTY FUEL

alan hardie

A woman is at loggerheads with Woolworths after she claimed petrol from their Ken Tubman Drive service station was contaminated. Shantala Bemrose, of Pokolbin, said she bought \$45.41 worth of Vortex 95 fuel from the Maitland petrol station on September 8. On her way home the car, a new Hyundai, broke down and became inoperable. She was eventually able to drive the vehicle to the motor dealer, where it was discovered the fuel in the car was contaminated. Repairs cost Ms Bemrose \$250, but could have been much worse, the mechanic told her. Ms Bemrose maintains the contaminated fuel was bought from the Woolworths service station in question. But Woolworths has strongly denied any responsibility. In a letter to Ms Bemrose, Woolworths Petrol national fuel supply manager Cara Williams, wrote: "Whilst Woolworths regrets any inconvenience and damage caused to your vehicle, we deny responsibility for any such damage and stand by the quality of the fuel sold to the customer at the Maitland site. "On the day of the purchase, Woolworths sold over 7600 litres of Vortex 95 from the Maitland site. "Woolworths has not received any complaints from other motorists who also purchased fuel at around the same time of your purchase. "There have also been no queries regarding the quality of Vortex 95 sold from the Maitland site in the previous 12 months. "All fuel sold by Woolworths has been laboratory tested to ensure compliance to requirements under the Fuel



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Quality Standards Act 2000." But a letter to Ms Bemrose from Cessnock City Motor Group Hyundai expert technician Stephen Dawson, who examined the car, said the blockage had been caused by contaminated fuel. "After buying the petrol, I struggled to start the car and there was a strong smell of burning petrol," Ms Bemrose said. "I broke down in Cessnock and didn't know what had happened until the mechanic Steve Dawson told me my fuel was contaminated." Ms Bemrose kept a meticulous account of the incident, detailing all the events since the time she bought the fuel. "I drove from Maitland to Vincent Street, in Cessnock before my car seized up," Ms Bemrose said. "I left the car overnight at the Hyundai Service Centre and the service advisor Steve Dawson confirmed contaminated fuel had damaged the pump and clogged the fuel pump." Ms Bemrose is now awaiting a response from the NSW Department of Fair Trading and the federal Department of the Environment.

<http://www.maitlandmercury.com.au/story/2695768/maitland-petrol-contamination-claim-poll/?cs=171>

PERU, IQUITOS, NOVEMBER 14 2014. 7 MARINE WORKERS DEAD AFTER INHALING TOXIC GASES IN IQUITOS

hannah vickers

Seven people working in Peru's Marine Industrial Services (SIMA) died on a floating dock in Iquitos yesterday at around 8:50 p.m. after allegedly inhaling toxic gases. The workers were waiting for a vessel to dock when they detected a fault in a tank. On entering the tank to try to fix the problem, they inhaled the toxic gases that killed them. Only three survived and were taken to the Naval Clinic and the Regional Hospital of Iquitos for treatment. Assistant Coach Kelvin Vásquez Macedo, Third Technician Giuliano Silva Arellano, Second Sea Official Jaime Ríos Sayón, Third Sea Official Wenceslao Aspajo Mautahuari, sailors Jhordy De la Cruz Romaina and Tercero Pizango, and cabin boy Jhonatan Córdova died in the incident. SIMA are investigating and expressed their condolences to the family of the deceased. "SIMA-Peru deeply regrets the death of its staff and joins with the pain of the families for this irreparable loss, accompanying them in this difficult time and providing all the assistance they need," they said in a report. Peru's [Marine Industrial Services](#) (SIMA) are investigating the incident.

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<http://www.peruthisweek.com/news-seven-marine-workers-dead-after-inhaling-toxic-gases-in-iquitos-104467>

ECUADOR, QUITO, NOVEMBER 15 2014. CHEVRON'S SHAM REMEDIATION IN ECUADOR: TOXIC OIL PITS CONTINUE TO CONTAMINATE

karen hinton



During the historic contamination trial against Chevron in Ecuador, the company often took journalists to its so-called "remediated" oil pits to prove that its predecessor Texaco cleaned its "share" of one of the world's worst environmental disasters, if not the worst. Chevron's well-heeled lawyers would sometimes arrange for a nice picnic near the pits to show reporters how green its gardens had grown in the Amazon rainforest since Texaco signed a 1995 agreement with the Government of Ecuador to remediate toxic pits. But lurking beneath the vegetation was and is pure crude mixed into the soil and underground drinking water and [laced with carcinogens, such as benzene and cadmium](#). Six different sets of tests have shown that Texaco only dumped dirt on top of the pits [to hide the contamination, not clean it](#). And, eight Ecuador judges and two U.S. judges who've heard evidence related to the 22-year-old lawsuit

have either ignored the remediation agreement, thrown it out or stated it had no merit in Chevron's defense. Ignoring the evidence, the oil giant continues to tout the agreement as its "get-out-of-jail-free" card, and U.S. reporters continue to use it in their stories as a legitimate response to the Ecuadorians' charges, while the "remediated" pits continue to leech dangerous toxins into the soil and water that indigenous peoples and rainforest villagers depend on for sustenance. The contamination of indigenous' ancestral homelands and the [disease and death left behind](#) is unlike anything you have ever seen. And, even though Ecuador's Supreme Court has upheld the \$9.5 billion judgment against the oil giant, Chevron refuses to pay, arguing the agreement released it from any liability. So, let's look a closer look at the agreement and the remediation itself:

Travel to any of the pits that Texaco agreed to clean and dig a few feet under the ground and you will find oil. How does Chevron explain this? With classic Chevron chutzpah. The company maintains that in the dead of night rainforest villagers "spike" the jungle floor with oil by digging holes at the pits, pouring fresh oil into them and covering them up with dirt and vegetation so they can return the next day with a visitor to prove Chevron is lying about the remediation. With a straight face, Chevron spokesperson James Craig peddles this outrageous story to reporters, including [this Miami Herald reporter](#):



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"...Moncayo (an Ecuadorian) plunges his auger into the ground. Within a few inches the dirt gives off the pungent odor of petroleum. Within a few feet the dirt glistens with oil residue. When a few handfuls of the soil are dropped into a bucket of water, a thick oil-slick coats the surface. "This is their (Chevron's) remediation effort,' Moncayo says. 'They're no better than animals.' "The (Ecuadorians) say it's proof that Chevron lied about the cleanup and then got compliant government officials to sign-off on its shoddy work. "Chevron spokesman...James Craig, said it's not surprising to find degraded crude at the site. It might be naturally occurring, Moncayo might have dug outside the boundaries of the remediation area, or the plaintiffs might have spiked the ground with oil (emphasis added) to discredit Chevron, he said. "Even if you do find hydrocarbons in the ground, it doesn't mean that they're a risk to people's health or the environment,' Craig said." (Read similar descriptions in [The Telegraph](#), [Associated Press](#), [Bloomberg Markets](#), [Washington Post](#), [NY Times](#) and [Rolling Stone](#), among many others.) Craig's explanation would be hilarious if the issue of remediation wasn't so pivotal to the outcome of the litigation battle, being fought now in countries where Chevron's assets can be seized as payment for the judgment. (Chevron has few assets in Ecuador.) For the most part, Chevron doesn't dispute the contamination. One of its local lawyers, Rodrigo Perez Pallares, [even admitted the company dumped 15 billion gallons of toxic waste](#) into waterways. In addition to intentionally dumping toxic water into streams, Texaco (Chevron bought Texaco in 2001) also built over 900 huge, unlined waste pits to permanently store pure crude oil and wastewater laced with carcinogens that are a byproduct of the drilling process. Instead Chevron's army of lawyers argues that Texaco cut a deal with the Government of Ecuador to clean a small percentage (162 of 900 or so) of the oil pits in exchange for immunity from future lawsuits. Yet even upon cursory examination, Chevron's so-called "release" is not even close to what the company claims. The agreement, negotiated after the Ecuadorians filed their original lawsuit in the U.S. in 1993, released [Texaco only against government claims](#) of contamination. It expressly carved out any claims held by individuals, such as the Ecuadorians'. A [Memorandum of Understanding](#) between Texaco and Ecuador's government, signed in 1994, stated clearly that third-party private claims should not be "prejudiced" by the agreement. From 1995 to 1998, Texaco conducted its fake cleanup -- or cover-up, if you will. During the same time, Texaco's lawyers waved the remediation agreement in front of the U.S. federal court, hearing the contamination case in New York. But the American judge took no note of it, given that not even Texaco argued at the time that it trumped the claims of private citizens that were pending against the company in the lawsuit. Later, another federal judge also caught onto Chevron's subterfuge, in a related arbitral proceeding that ended up in U.S. federal court. U.S. Judge Leonard Sand analyzed the "release" agreement and, for all practical purposes, said it had nothing to do with the Ecuadorians' claims.

The learned Judge Sand concluded:

"...it would be extremely difficult for [Chevron] to establish that claims nominally brought by third parties in the Lago Agrio litigation were covered by the 1995 and 1998 Agreements between Texaco and Ecuador: it is highly unlikely that a settlement entered into while (the case) was pending would have neglected to mention the third-party claims being contemporaneously made ... if it had been intended to release those claims or to create an obligation to indemnify against them." (Republic of Ecuador v. ChevronTexaco Corp., 376 F. Supp. 2d 334, 374 (S.D.N.Y. 2005). Fearful that Judge Sand would expose the release agreement for what it was, Chevron simply pulled its lawsuit back and ended the case. While Chevron ran for the hills to avoid Judge Sand, it convinced federal Judge Jed Rakoff that the underlying claims case should be tried in Ecuador rather than in the U.S. To get the case transferred to Ecuador, the company filed no fewer than 14 sworn affidavits praising Ecuador's judicial system as "independent" and "fair". In 2003, per Chevron's request and Judge Rakoff's order, the villagers re-filed their lawsuit in Ecuador. By 2013, after an arduous trial that produced 105 expert reports documenting Chevron's pollution, three layers of Ecuador's courts -- trial, appellate, and Supreme Court -- had ruled against the company. No fewer than eight appellate judges held Chevron responsible for the contamination and ruled that the 1995 remediation agreement did not apply to the private claims in the case and thus was without merit as a defense. Even though Chevron had previously promised Judge Rakoff and three U.S. appellate judges that it would accept Ecuador's jurisdiction and abide by its court decisions in exchange for moving the case to Ecuador, Chevron has refused to pay and continues to argue in any court that will hear its complaints that the remediation agreement frees it from all responsibility for the damage it caused. But, if that's really the case, why doesn't the remediation agreement have words to that effect? Or have the signatures of the villagers who brought the case? Even if a court ruled that the agreement released the claims (none has), the problem with the remediation itself remains. Why? At best, it was terribly inadequate. At worst, it never happened. In either event, it was a sham. Most likely, Texaco's contractor dumped dirt over the pits to cover up the oil and called it a day. Over time, some vegetation grew on top of the dirt and that's why Chevron began having picnics to show reporters how green its gardens grew. Which brings us back to Chevron's James Craig and the band of merry Ecuadorians digging holes under full moons in the jungle to "sabotage" Texaco's so-called remediation. Six different field tests taken by different parties, including those taken by Chevron, prove the



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remediation was a fraud. The so-called "cleaned" pits are just as contaminated as those not cleaned. See [here for information](#) about the field tests described below.

- 1) Chevron's own tests taken at Texaco's remediated well sites show illegal levels of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH). For example, Chevron found 13,000 parts per million (ppm) of TPH levels at the oil well site, known as Shushufindi 48. Ecuador requires the TPH level to be below 1,000 ppm; the average U.S. standard is even lower, at 100 ppm.
- 2) Chevron also took additional tests in March 2009, as the trial was coming to a close. Chevron's expert Marcelo Munoz tested eight purportedly "remediated" sites and found illegal levels of contamination at two. Chevron refused to pay Munoz for his report, even though the oil company requested that he conduct the tests.
- 3) In 2003, five years after the fake cleanup, Ecuador government auditors reported they had discovered pits oozing with oil and concluded the government had "erred in certifying" the cleanup. "Texaco has caused irreversible damage," stated a report by the General Controller, a government agency that audits public contracts. "The environmental remediation and repair agreement goes against the country's interest." The auditors' tests found that over 85% of pits tested had toxic levels higher than 1,000 ppm of TPH. They also found oil seeping out of 41 "remediated" Texaco waste pits and said 59 pits had been left uncovered.
- 4) In 2009, an Ecuador prosecutor ordered yet another series of tests. Of the 20 tests conducted at nine sites, 16 returned with toxic levels higher than the Ecuadorian standard of 1,000 ppm, and of those, 13 had levels higher than 5,000 ppm.
- 5) The Ecuadorians also did a series of tests at the "remediated" pits and found TPH levels higher than 30,000 ppm.
- 6) And, in 2013, a U.S. environmental engineering firm, The Louis Berger Group, did additional tests for the Government of Ecuador and found, once again, high levels of contamination. The American company also reviewed the work of Chevron's experts at the so-called remediated sites and found numerous flaws and incorrect conclusions. [See pages 35 to 42](#)
- 7) All of this evidence adds up to one thing: Texaco committed fraud against the Ecuador government. And Chevron has done the same by lying about the remediation to Ecuador and U.S. courts.

Chevron is responsible for what Texaco did. It's also responsible for what Texaco never did -- which was cleanup its toxic mess that is literally [killing or threatening to kill thousands of people from cancer](#).

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/karen-hinton/chevrans-sham-remediation_b_6149444.html

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Tragedy struck, yesterday, as 14 passengers were burnt beyond recognition while 14 others sustained various degrees of injuries on Ogbomoso-Jebba Road, Ilorin due to an auto crash. Vanguard gathered that the accident involved a fully loaded tanker and a lorry. It was gathered that the truck loaded with cattle and passengers was said to be coming from one of the states in the North while the tanker was believed to be heading towards the opposite direction when they collided. Speaking, Kwara State Sector Commander of Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Mary Wakawa, while confirming the sad incident, said it happened in the early hours of the day. According to her, "one of the heavy duty vehicles veered off its lane and collided with the other. This was around 5am. Both vehicles went up in flame. 13 persons died on the spot while one died in the hospital. We rushed 14 injured passengers with severe burns to University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, UIITH. Already, with the support of the Kwara State Transport Management Agency, KWTMA, we had evacuated the wreck." Wakawa, while cautioning road users against excessive speed, night driving and driving exhaustion, said the 13 charred bodies of the victims had been given mass burial. She attributed the accident to exhaustion adding, "our drivers should stop long driving at night. They need rest to avoid human errors on the roads." While speaking on this year edition of Road Traffic Crash Victims Remembrance Week in Ilorin, said the ratio of road traffic accident in Nigeria still remained high, 160 accidents to 10,000..

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USA, N.C, BENSON, NOVEMBER 15 2014. TANKER TRUCK FIRE BLOCKS INTERSTATE 95

 **Watch the Video** [Tanker Truck Fire Blocks Interstate 95](#)

Both directions of Interstate 95 were shut down briefly Friday morning at exit 81 after an 18-wheeler burst into flames near the Interstate 40 interchange. Emergency crews were called to the scene just before 9 a.m. near Benson in Johnston County when a fire started behind the dashboard. Authorities said it was likely caused by an electrical issue. The truck would normally have been carrying ethanol, but was empty. Firefighters were able to extinguish the flames quickly. No one was injured. The fire originally shut down all four lanes of I-95, but the North Carolina Highway Patrol reopened the two southbound lanes around 9:15 a.m. One northbound lane reopened around 9:45. All lanes were reopened just before 11 a.m.

<http://abc11.com/traffic/tanker-truck-fire-blocks-interstate-95-/395136/>

USA, CO, WELD COUNTY, NOVEMBER 15 2014. OIL TANKER CATCHES FIRE AT PRODUCTION SITE IN WELD COUNTY

chuck hickey

 **Watch the Video** [Oil Tanker Catches Fire At Production Site](#)

Firefighters responded to a fire at an oil production site near the Weld County town of Eaton on Friday morning. The fire broke out near the area of Weld County Roads 72 and 31, about five miles southwest of Eaton and about 10 miles northwest of Greeley. There is no word on how the fire started or if there are any injuries. Footage from SkyFOX showed firefighters dousing an oil tanker that had caught fire. The truck appeared to be connected to several tanks. The processing site is not close to where Thursday's fracking accident occurred in which [one person was killed](#) and two others were injured. That was at a Halliburton site on Weld County Road 9 1/2 just north of Colorado 66 near the town of Mead.

<http://kdvr.com/2014/11/14/fire-breaks-out-on-oil-rig-in-weld-county/>

USA, ARK, LITTLE ROCK, NOVEMBER 15 2014. EXXON MOBIL DENIES MAKING SPILL PAPERS SECRET



In this Monday, April 1, 2013 file photo, oil covers the ground around a slide in Mayflower, Ark., days after a pipeline ruptured and spewed oil over lawns and roadways. The Pegasus pipeline ruptured last March in Mayflower, spilling thousands of gallons of oil into the area. Exxon Mobil is denying claims from plaintiffs in an oil spill lawsuit that it made all information about the maintenance and repair of an oil pipeline secret. The oil giant has blamed the rupture on manufacturing defects.

Exxon Mobil has denied claims from plaintiffs in an oil spill lawsuit that it made all evidence about the maintenance and repair of the Pegasus pipeline in Mayflower secret. Last month, the plaintiffs in the class-action suit said Exxon Mobil declared 872,000 pages of documents about the pipeline confidential.

They asked a federal judge to order the company to prove why that information needed to be kept from the public, arguing that the company was seeking "unprecedented judicial censorship of a dangerous and hazardous situation." The Pegasus pipeline ruptured last March in Mayflower, spilling thousands of gallons of oil into the area. The oil giant has blamed the rupture on manufacturing defects. Exxon Mobil filed a response in court Thursday, saying it was untrue that it marked every single page given to plaintiffs as confidential, the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette (<http://bit.ly/1zoEzslU>) reported. The company has "produced approximately 800,000 pages to the plaintiffs, which represent approximately 213,000 documents. Of the 213,000 documents produced, over 95,000 were not designated 'Confidential,'" the company said in its response. It didn't say how many pages it had labeled confidential. Attorney Marcus Bozeman for the plaintiffs, said, "We had a team looking through the documents, and every document our team has seen has been marked confidential. ... If there are ones in there that are not marked confidential ... we have not seen them. "It's telling that they haven't revealed the number of pages that are not designated confidential," he added. One document could be one page and another 50 pages, Bozeman said. In August, a U.S. district judge granted class-action status in the lawsuit, allowing Arnez and Charletha Harper, of Mayflower, to represent people who currently own property that's subject to an easement for and physically crossed by the Pegasus pipeline. They are seeking the cancellation of those easements and removal or replacement of the pipeline. The 850-mile-long line runs from Texas to Illinois and was closed shortly after the oil spill. A 212-mile segment of the pipeline in Texas has been restarted.

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/energy/article/Exxon-Mobil-denies-making-spill-papers-secret-5892904.php>



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USA, ILL. ELWOOD, NOVEMBER 15 2014. ANOTHER CHEMICAL LEAK AT STEPAN PLANT

bob okon

A vapor leak of sulfur trioxide lasted for more than 13 hours at the Stepan Company plant on Friday before it was stopped. Stepan reported that the leak, which started at about 4 a.m., was stopped at 5:30 p.m. It was the second day a sulfur trioxide leak occurred at the plant located near Elwood. Both times, company officials and local authorities said they were confident the contamination was kept on-site without any hazard to the surrounding community. "This incident is similar to yesterday," Will County Emergency Management Agency Director Harold Damron said. Air monitors were set up outside of the plant Friday to check for possible impact, Damron said. He noted that the Elwood Fire Department and a multi-department hazardous materials team also were on site for independent confirmation of what was happening at the Stepan plant. Both leaks occurred at rail cars, but they were separate rail cars, said Kim Kumiega, a spokeswoman for Stepan. Work crews were scheduled to return Saturday to conduct repairs, she said. Crews used a fog stream to convert the leaked vapor into liquid and knock it to the ground where it could be contained on site, Damron said. Although the leak lasted more than 13 hours Friday, it was small enough that it did not pose a hazard to the surrounding area, Damron said. "I would compare it to a trickle from a water pipe rather than a pipe being broken," Damron said. "It's not occurring in any concentration that would be dangerous." The leak on Thursday also lasted several hours, starting at about 1 a.m. before being brought under control at about 10 a.m. One advantage in the containment efforts, Damron said, was that sulfur trioxide vapors can be managed with water. "Being able to knock it down with the water fog is a big thing," he said. "They still have to clean up the water. But that they can do right at the containment area. They don't have to worry about it getting airborne." Sulfur trioxide is an ingredient used in manufacturing laundry detergent. While the leak was contained on site, an area west of the plant used by hunters was evacuated out of precaution, Damron said. "They just didn't want to run the risk of the situation getting worse and then trying to clear the area," Damron said. Sheriff's police closed a road leading to the plant and were stopping trucks headed to Stepan. "Plant personnel told responding deputies the release is an irritant, nothing deadly," said Will County Sheriff's spokeswoman Kathy Hoffman. Stepan issued a statement Friday morning saying the vapor release occurred from a rail car on site, which is what happened Thursday. "As a precautionary measure, all employees have been sheltering in place," the statement said. "One truck driver was evaluated by on-site personnel and refused medical treatment. There has been no impact to the community." The Stepan statement also said that the company had "engaged experts to help determine the cause." The investigation into what caused the leaks was going to continue Saturday, Kumiega said. Stepan also said in the Friday morning statement that the plant "will not return to normal operations until we are certain that the leak is stopped and have been assured by our experts and local authorities that the issue has been resolved."

<http://www.theherald-news.com/2014/11/14/another-chemical-leak-at-stepan-plant/avyq04u/>

USA, OK, SHARON, NOVEMBER 15 2014. COMMISSION TO STUDY OIL PIT IN SHARON

rachael van horn



Possible oil pit: Sharon resident Billy Gardner turns over some soil that is contaminated with old oil from what is believed to be a pit and/or underground tank where waste oil was poured when the service station at the location was viable. Now, the location is the site of an Oklahoma Corporation Commission investigation into whether the underground tank has leaked into water and soil in the surrounding area.

As rural communities in Oklahoma begin to age, more and more small town administrators are dealing with the impact of old and leaking underground storage tanks. Recently, an old underground storage tank, thought to have been used to dispose of spent oil at a shuttered service station in downtown Sharon, has become the focus of some attention from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. According to contract geologist and licensed remediation expert, Mike Bolz, investigative work is scheduled to begin in Sharon soon on a buried oil pit on the east side of a shuttered service station. In 2008, Sharon resident Billy Gardner noticed the pit shortly after purchasing his house, which is less than 100 feet from it. He said each time it rained, a flume of black oil would leach upward, out of the hole and drift with the water on the surface. "I walked the mayor over there and asked if there is any way we can clean this up," Gardner said. "Finally I just put a bunch of dirt on top of it to try and absorb the oil before it could run all over the place." Gardner said later, someone took a long stick and shoved it into a small hole that led into the pit and when the stick



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came up, it showed the cavern to be nearly totally full of oil. Gardner said he has no idea how large the circumference of the tank is or even if there is a tank there at all. Underground storage tank leakage is hardly an enigma. The problem has been highly publicized since 1989, when a one cent gasoline and petroleum products tax was levied and put into a fund called the "indemnity fund" for clean up of these leaking containers, said Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner-elect Todd Hiatt. At present, there are 423 active cases involving cleanup of leaking or damaged underground storage tanks, Hiatt said. And since the tax was levied in 1989, more than 5,100 locations and sites have been cleaned and remediated. "The problem the Underground Storage Tank Division has is that they can only sign off on projects they have the money to complete," Hiatt said. "Therefore, since they do not have the funds available, they have this backlog." Some of those sites have extensive damage and are incredibly costly to clean up, Hiatt said. There is currently a list of 51 cases that will cost more than half a million dollars to clean because they need extensive soil remediation. But it isn't just oil and gasoline leaking that is causing the problem. The very money needed to clean up the petroleum messes around the state is also "leaking" one might say. That's because the indemnity fund is classified as a legislative fund, Hiatt said. So as such, it can be tapped by the legislation for other needs throughout the state and that is part of the reason there is such a large backlog of underground storage tanks needing attention, Hiatt said. Other projects, such as the Weather Center in Norman and now, the Points of Entry project through the Department of Transportation, were both funded out of the indemnity fund, Hiatt said. That leaves less for environmental cleanup. Still, for every dollar of that fund, the Petroleum Tank Division still receives 68 cents and it is still applying those funds liberally to the cases creating the most environmental damage, Hiatt said. While the Sharon case is ostensibly not as large as others in the state, investigative work has already begun on the case, and Gardner hopes it is resolved quickly. Gardner feels it could have an impact on the value of his home. "I know it has affected us wanting to stay here," Gardner said. While Gardner's property is served by city water, he does plant a garden and he is just uncomfortable with the idea of the pit being there. He worries that not enough is known about what is in the pit and he worries that it could be something someone could fall into, if the lid is deteriorated. On Monday Bolz's crew is slated to begin drilling small test wells at the site - about 20 to 30 feet deep - to begin the process of determining if there had been leakage and if it has, how far and how much has impacted the ground around the site. The test wells will also test how, if at all, the leaching oil has impacted the local water source. "As far as I know, this is the first case regarding this location," Bolz said. "I have talked to the mayor and he has been very helpful." According to Bolz, after the wells are drilled, they will be monitored for several months before any determinations will be made regarding the next steps, he said. "If the tank is determined to be leaking, we will stop that immediately," he said. But cleanup could take a long time, he said. "If the damage is slight, it could just take a few months," he said. But if we drill these wells and find out it has leaked and leaked a considerable amount, it could take years."

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CANADA, AB, CALGARY,. NOVEMBER 15 2014. \$30,000 DIESEL SPILL FINE UPHELD

The property owners and managers of a Calgary downtown office tower lost an appeal to drop a \$30,000 fine in connection with a 300-litre diesel spill atop the building three years ago. Brookfield Properties Management Corporation and Brookfield Properties were fined in December 2013 for failing to immediately alert the fire department of the spill on the roof of Fifth Avenue Place, 420 2nd St. S.W., on June 21, 2011. The spill took place on the 34th floor while a new generator and diesel storage tank were being installed. As required under the Alberta Fire Code, companies must immediately notify the fire department of significant fuel spills more than 50 litres. But officials say emergency responders weren't notified until two hours after the problem was discovered. Fire crews activated the fire alarm and evacuated the building when they arrived. No injuries were reported, but both the public and the environment were at risk, officials said at the time, adding the consequences could have been catastrophic if the spill had entered the roof drainage system or if it had ignited. The company filed an appeal in January, but it was dismissed by a judge in October. "The Alberta Fire Code states that failing to notify the Fire Department (911) immediately when there is a flammable or combustible liquid spill, is a serious offence," fire marshal Ed Kujat said in a statement. "Owners and contractors are responsible to know the Alberta Fire Code and to follow it at all times." Property or building owners are responsible for the safety systems in their buildings, and for ensuring employees or contractors comply with the requirements of the Alberta Fire Code during construction or renovation. The maximum fines at the time of the case were limited to \$15,000 per offence, but have gone up significantly since December 2012, up to a maximum of \$100,000 per offence.

<http://www.calgaryherald.com/news/calgary/Ruling+fine+upheld+2011+downtown+building+diesel+spill/10378620/story.html>



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ENGLAND, STAFFORDSHIRE, NOVEMBER 15 2014. DANGEROUS GAS DUMPED ON SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE PATHWAY

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The dumped gas canisters

Canisters containing toxic gas were among more than 50 dumped in a rural area of South Staffordshire. Environmental health officers from South Staffordshire Council found 56 gas cylinders flytipped along a bridle path next to Severn Trent Filter Beds off the Bridgnorth road, Wombourne, on Friday (November 7). Three of the cylinders contained chlorodifluoromethane – a toxic gas normally used in refrigeration. All three cylinders had damaged valves, meaning they could easily have been removed, leaking the gas into the atmosphere. South Staffordshire Council is now appealing for information to trace those responsible for dumping the cylinders. Councillor Roger Lees, Cabinet Member for Public Health Protection said: "As a rural district, some think that they can fly tip here without being caught. This is not the case; we will not tolerate criminals destroying our beautiful area. "We're sure that many local people feel the same, which is why we're asking for their help in finding out who dumped these cylinders. "We are keen to speak to anyone who knows where they have come from, or anyone who witnessed the cylinders being dumped and can give us some more information. "Fly tipping damages the countryside, and this instance of fly tipping was particularly dangerous because of the substances involved. This is why we want to catch those responsible." Anyone with information should call South Staffordshire Council on 01902 696200.

<http://www.staffordshirenewsletter.co.uk/Dangerous-gas-dumped-South-Staffordshire-pathway/story-24528775-detail/story.html>

USA, TX, LA PORTE, NOVEMBER 16 2014. CHEMICAL SAFETY BOARD DEPLOYING TO FATAL CHEMICAL RELEASE AT DUPONT PLANT IN LA PORTE, TEXAS



A seven person investigation team from the U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) is deploying to the scene of a fatal chemical release at the La Porte DuPont Plant located near Houston, Texas. According to DuPont officials and media reports, four people were killed when methyl mercaptan, a toxic chemical used as feedstock to make insecticides and fungicide, was released into the air. The CSB has previously investigated four accidents at DuPont facilities; a 2010 phosgene release at the DuPont Plant in Belle West Virginia resulting in one fatality and that same year a hot work accident at the DuPont facility outside of Buffalo, NY, fatally injured one worker. The CSB's investigations of those incidents can be found at www.csb.gov.

<http://www.csb.gov/chemical-safety-board-deploying-to-fatal-chemical-release-at-dupont-plant-in-la-porte-texas/>

USA, AKA, ANCHORAGE, NOVEMBER 16 2014. EXXON VALDEZ SPILL ISN'T OVER

rick steiner



Opinion: The Exxon Valdez spill is 25 years old, but the work of recovery is far from over. Pictured: The Exxon Valdez. NOAA

When the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council meets this week, it has some important unfinished business it should address. After 25 years, government studies confirm that many of the fish and wildlife populations, habitats and resource services have yet to recover from the 1989 spill, and some are not recovering at all.

A take-home lesson is that, after a large marine oil spill, we simply cannot "restore" an injured ecosystem. The most (and least) we can do is to protect the ecosystem from additional harm, allowing it the best possible opportunity to recover. And on that, the state of Alaska and U.S. government have fallen



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short, and have a lot of unfinished business.

1. Today, thousands of gallons of Exxon Valdez oil remain in beach sediments, almost as toxic now as it was 25 years ago. To address this lingering oil, in 2006 the governments presented Exxon with a claim for another \$92 million and a restoration plan, under the Reopener for Unknown Injury provision of the 1991 settlement. But Exxon hasn't paid the claim, and the governments haven't taken Exxon to court to collect, making this now the longest-lasting environmental case in history. Today, the governments still have \$219 million in available funds with which they could begin the shoreline bioremediation work, yet they are over six years behind schedule. They need to expedite this work, and take Exxon to court to collect this long-overdue payment.
2. The council is proposing to upgrade the status of herring from "Not Recovering" to "Recovering," yet their own science shows this to be premature. Calling the crash of the Sound's herring "unprecedented," the council states today that "the herring population has never rebounded," that "no trend suggesting healthy recovery has occurred," and "health indices indicate that herring in the Sound are not fit." While there were hopeful signs from 2009-2011, the population since declined once again. Clearly, herring should remain in the "Not Recovering" category. And as proposed in 2002 and again this year, the council should consider implementing a herring fishery permit buyback as a restoration measure, so that if and when herring do recover, the biomass can remain in the ecosystem to support the many species that rely on it. As the council states, herring "are central to the marine food web; providing food to marine mammals, birds, invertebrates, and other fish."
3. While the council sponsored many useful studies, the same agencies failed to apply many of the research results to better manage the ecosystem. This should be remedied.
4. The most significant achievement of the restoration process has been the protection of hundreds of thousands of acres of privately owned critical fish and wildlife habitat, but the council has yet to acquire the subsurface estate beneath these protections. This too should be remedied.
5. The designated boundary of the oil spill region should be expanded east of the Copper River Delta to encompass the Bering River/Katalla area. This region is clearly an important part of the impacted ecosystem, as birds, fish, and marine mammals migrate between the areas. And the Bering River area offers tremendous opportunities to offset some of the fish, wildlife, subsistence and wilderness values lost in the spill. The council should make it a priority to work with Chugach Alaska Corporation and the Korean coal owner to permanently retire this spectacular region from coal and timber extraction.
6. Finally, the trustees should initiate a comprehensive process to identify protections needed on public lands and waters in the spill region. To date, the habitat protection program has focused solely on private lands, while ignoring comparable protections on state and federal lands and waters. As these areas are already in public ownership, such protections would cost little or no money. This should become a council priority, and should include recommending additional marine protected areas in state and federal waters, and designating additional wilderness areas on federal lands (notably the Nellie Juan-College Fjord Wilderness Study Area).

Hopefully the council can transcend its traditional political inertia, and complete the restoration work necessary.

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USA, TX, LA PORTE, NOVEMBER 16 2014. 4 WORKERS DEAD AFTER HOUSTON-AREA CHEMICAL LEAK

Key Points:

- Released methyl mercaptan
- 5 workers exposed to the gas
- 4 died inside the unit
- 1 was transported and recovering in hospital.

Watch the Video's:

- [4 People Dead after Spill at Dupont Facility in La Porte](#)
- [Officials: 4 Killed in Chemical Leak at La Porte Plant](#)
- [Four Die in DuPont Chemical Leak in Texas](#)

A chemical leak occurred around 4 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014, inside an operations building at the DuPont facility, in La Porte, an industrial suburb 22 miles east of Houston. DuPont officials say four workers were killed during a hazardous chemical leak at a suburban Houston industrial plant. The chemical, methyl mercaptan, began leaking around 4 a.m. Saturday



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in a unit at the DuPont plant in La Porte, an industrial suburb 22 miles east of Houston. Plant officials say the release was contained by 6 a.m. Plant manager Randall Clements says in a statement that several employees had responded to the leak when they were exposed. The hazardous chemical is used to create crop-protection products such as insecticides. A fifth worker is hospitalized. That worker's condition was not immediately known. La Porte emergency management coordinator Jeff Suggs says the chemical released wasn't harmful to area residents but it created a smell that's similar to rotten eggs.

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- [4 Workers Killed in Dupont Chemical Leak](#)
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<http://kxan.com/2014/11/15/four-dead-after-spill-at-dupont-facility-near-houston/>

USA, HI, HILO, NOVEMBER 16 2014. TANKER ACCIDENT CLOSES BAYFRONT HIGHWAY



Bayfront Highway in Hilo was shut down Friday morning after jet fuel spilled on the roadway. According to a Hawaii County Fire Department report, a fuel truck accident at the intersection of Pauahi Street and Bayfront Highway about 5:30 a.m. resulted in the release of 2 gallons of jet fuel, which was contained on the roadway.

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which was contained on the roadway, according to the Hawaii Fire Department. The driver was uninjured, and the cause of the accident remained under investigation by the Hawaii Police Department on Friday afternoon. The remaining 8,000 gallons of jet fuel contained in the tanker truck was transferred to another truck and the vehicle was removed and the roadway was cleared and reopened by about 9:30 a.m.

<http://westhawaii.com/community-bulletin/tanker-accident-closes-bayfront-highway>

USA, FLA, MARION CO, NOVEMBER 16 2014. GAS-SIPHONING VAN USED TO STEAL \$3,000 IN DIESEL FUEL

Kevin P. Connolly

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[Gas-siphoning van used to steal \\$3,000 in diesel fuel](#)



Authorities in this video offer details about a van with an elaborate gas-siphoning system that was used to steal more than \$3,000 in diesel from three different gas stations in Marion County.

Sure, gas prices are dropping. But that hasn't stopped thieves from rigging elaborate, mobile contraptions to siphon fuel from underground storage tanks at gas stations in Florida. Just ask deputies in the Ocala area. Three suspects — Roilan Cabrera Linares, Dan Gonzalez and Alondra De La Caridad Oliva — were charged this week with a string of unusual diesel-fuel thefts, the Marion County Sheriff's Office said. The suspects are accused of using a van with an elaborate gas-siphoning system to steal more than \$3,000 in diesel from three different

stations in Marion County. "The van had a cut-out in the floor where the subjects would remove the cover for the diesel storage tank and use their siphoning system to pump diesel into the storage tanks in the van," the Sheriff's Office said in a report. "Those storage tanks can hold over 300 gallons of fuel at a time." Deputy Nathan McClain pulled over a late 1990-era Dodge Caravan with the diesel-stealing equipment on Tuesday. The vehicle fit the description of a van used in two diesel-fuel theft cases. The two van occupants — Linares and Gonzalez — as well as an alleged lookout driving a Nissan Sentra, Oliva, were arrested and charged with grand theft. Gonzalez, 24, has an Ocala address. Linares, 29, and Oliva, 19, share an address in Miami. "The investigation is on-going because our detectives believe these three subjects are involved in other diesel fuel thefts across the state of Florida," the report noted. Linares and Gonzalez were each charged with three counts of grand theft and remain at the Marion County Jail. Oliva was charged with two counts of grand theft and released from jail after posting bond Tuesday. Then, early Friday, she turned herself at the Marion County Jail, where she was charged with a third count of grand theft. Detective Rick Palmateer said the van's extensive alterations took a lot of effort. "It's actually a first for me,"



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Palmateer said in a video released by the Sheriff's Office. He called the van's modifications "quite ingenious." The vehicle's suspension, for instance, fortified so it wouldn't drop low to the ground while carrying heavy loads of stolen fuel. Car batteries in the passenger compartment were hooked into the van's battery and provided power to the five fuel-stealing pumps. Those pumps, each capable of moving 100 gallons per minute, funneled fuel into one of three containers — two 55-gallon drums and one 275-gallon tank— packed into the van. A rectangle-shaped hole was cut into the floor board of the van between the front seats, providing access to the top of underground storage tanks at gas stations. After the van parked over the underground tanks and the covers were removed, a series of hoses were dropped from the vehicle to tap into the stored fuel.

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/breaking-news/os-gas-sucking-van-florida-diesel-thefts-20141114-story.html>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, BALLARAT, NOVEMBER 16 2014. LIMOUSINE IN FLAMES AT SHELL PETROL STATION

nicole cairns

 **Photo's [6]** [Limousine Bursts Into Flames At Shell Petrol Station](#)



Fire crews extinguished a fire which engulfed a limousine at a Woodmans Hill petrol station on Saturday afternoon. Mt Warrenheip Fire Brigade Captain Peter Gold said they were called out to the scene at 1.04pm, when they found the car completely on fire. He said the shop attendant and passengers had evacuated themselves and no one was harmed. "I haven't seen a limousine on fire before, but you treat it no different to a car fire," Captain Gold said. The five passengers in the limousine were headed to the Dunkeld Cup from Melbourne, for a friend's 40th birthday celebrations. Mt Warrenheip and Ballarat City Fire attended the blaze which completely gutted the vehicle and took around 15 minutes to extinguish. Police were called in to control traffic, blocking the

Western Highway inbound to Ballarat while fire crews worked on the blaze. Captain Gold said a bowser at the petrol station was also damaged from the radiant heat of the fire

<http://www.thecourier.com.au/story/2699026/limousine-bursts-into-flames-at-petrol-station/?cs=62>

USA, WA, MT VERNON, NOVEMBER 16 2014. 1988 PIPELINE SPILL CLEANUP DRAGS ON

 **Watch the Video** [1988 Pipeline Spill Cleanup Drags On](#)



Washington State Ecology officials say there is no timeline for some pollution cleanups when buildings and other infrastructure are in the way. For instance, a 1988 spill at the Olympic Pipeline's Allen Pump Station in Mount Vernon is still not entirely cleaned up. In fact, on Monday, inspectors were not sure if a small leak discovered at the pump station was new or a remnant of that 168,000 gallon spill back in 1988. Most of that spill was cleaned up, but tests still show it is in the soil and ground water near the pump station. But state ecology officials say the owners of the pipeline, BP, own the property around the site, so they are not required to clean it up. Ecology officials say it's not uncommon to allow spills that are contained to be removed by natural bacteria over the course of many years. They say BP constantly monitors the old spill and has not found contamination off its property.

<http://www.king5.com/story/tech/science/environment/2014/11/14/old-clean-up-drag-on-for-decades/19054443/>

NIGERIA, BAYELSA, YENAGOA, NOVEMBER 16 2014. FRESH OIL SPILL IN BAYELSA COMMUNITY

igoniko oduma

A fresh oil spill from Shell's Okordia/Rumueme trunk line has devastated Ikarama community in Yenagoa Local Government Area of Bayelsa State. Community sources said the spill occurred on Wednesday and has been spreading fast into the surrounding swamps. There were, however, conflicting reports as to what caused the incident. While a source alleged that it was caused by sabotage, another reported that it might have resulted from corrosion as the crude was bubbling from the affected portion of the pipeline underground and flowing into the environment aided by flood. The ruptured point on the pipeline was said to be spewing large volumes of crude. "The spill is continuing and spreading into the surrounding swamps,"



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a source told Saturday Independent. An official of the community, who preferred anonymity, called on the company to immediately deploy a response team to the spill area, conduct a Joint Investigation Visit (JIV) and ensure a cleanup.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201411160337.html>

USA - THEY HIT THE EMERGENCY BUTTON AT A GAS STATION. BUT THEY NEVER EXPECTED THIS TO HAPPEN.

 **Watch the Video** [They Hit The Emergency Button at a Gas Station. But they never expected this to Happen.](#)

A woman at a gas station pushed the Emergency button at a gas station, and well, the results are unexpected! The whole area gets covered in fire extinguisher. That can't be good to breath in, and those cars are now covered. Thankfully, it looks like they all had their doors closed. Some people are just not that bright!

http://damn.com/p/emergency-button-gas-station/?utm_source=acv&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=gasstationacv

INDIA, MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 16 2014. AT LEAST 4 INJURED IN GAS CYLINDER BLAST AT NALLASOPARA



Ramshiromani Yadav suffered 30-40% burns from the gas cylinder blast

At least four people were injured this morning when a gas cylinder exploded at the ground floor of Mahalakshmi Apartment in Nallasopara, the Palghar police said in a statement. The police said the blast took place around 9.15 am at the residence of Ramshiromani Yadav (29) in Gala Shirdi Nagar, Nallasopara. Yadav suffered 30-40% burns from the impact of the cylinder blast. Three women, who were standing in the passage outside the house, were also injured in the accident. Yadav, who reached home late from work Friday night, forgot to turn off the gas knob after cooking his meal. On waking up today, he switched on the light in the kitchen that triggered the gas cylinder blast, said the police. Yadav, who is a driver by profession, is being treated for his burns at a private hospital and the police department is probing the incident further.

<http://www.mid-day.com/articles/mumbai-at-least-4-injured-in-gas-cylinder-blast-at-nallasopara/15768185>

NEPAL, TANAHUE, DAMAULI, NOVEMBER 16 2014. PANIC GRIPS TANAHUN AS GAS TANKER FALLS OFF ROAD

madan wagle



A gas tanker that met with an accident at Ghansikuwa-3 of Tanahun along the Prithvi Highway on Saturday, November 15, 2014.

Panic gripped Ghansikuwa of Tanahun after a tanker carrying cooking gas cylinders fell off a cliff on Saturday morning. According to the District Police Office, Tanahun, the India registered tanker (HR 38 N 3237) heading towards Damauli from Dumre veered off the road and plunged 500 metres down. The gas cylinders were scattered around the jungle and people remained tensed since this morning with a fear that gas cylinders might explode in the areas, said police. The tanker broke down into two parts in the incident, said police. It has been learnt the front part of the vehicle was stuck in a tree and the back part has

plunged near the Sisakhola. Locals of Kamalwari, Paling, Katahare, Jibajibe and Ramthumki among other VDCs of the district are living under threat, said police. According to a preliminary investigation, the vehicle lost its control and met with the accident. Police said that three police personnel have been deployed in the incident site and the families of two houses have been evacuated to a safer place, Sub-Inspector Amrit Lamichhane said. The driver of the vehicle is on the run after the incident. Traffic movement has been halted along the Prithvi Highway, police said.

<http://www.thehimalayantimes.com/fullNews.php?headline=Panic+grips+Tanahun+as+gas+tanker+falls+off+road&NewsID=433659>

INDIA, ANDHRA PRADESH, KARNATAKA, NOVEMBER 17 2014. FOUR KILLED IN CAR-OIL TANKER COLLISION

Four persons, three belonging to a same family and the driver, died on the spot, in a head-on collision involving a Bolero and Oil tanker that occurred on NH-63 near Dadegalin the outskirts of Koppal town around midnight of Sunday. Another person has sustained grievous injuries in the incident. The deceased were identified as D. Ganesh (47), Head constable in Hosapete Town Police station, his wife Amuda (45), his mother-in-law Govindamma (68) and Mohammed (driver), D. Shekar, brother of



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Ganesh, who was severely injured has been rushed to VIMS hospital in Ballari. According to the police, Ganesh and his family members were returning after attending the engagement of his relative's son at Hubballi. Chandraiah, driver of the tanker, resident of Adoni in Andhra Pradesh, has been arrested. It is said that Chandraiah was in an inebriated state and was unable to stand properly after being taken out from the tanker. Koppal (rural) police have registered a case.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/four-killed-in-caroil-tanker-collision/article6608290.ece>

USA, N.J., BAYONNE, NOVEMBER 17 2011. TANKER SPEWS HUNDREDS OF BARRELS OF DIESEL FUEL IN BAYONNE INDUSTRIAL PARK



The IMTT (International-Matex Tank Terminals) south entrance on New Hook Road in Bayonne, June 3, 2014.

A leak in a massive storage tank spewed hundreds of barrels of diesel fuel in a Bayonne industrial park this weekend, authorities said. Diesel fuel was found leaking Saturday morning out of a 3-inch fitting on the side of a storage tank that contained 16,000 barrels of fuel at International-Matex Tank Terminals, located adjacent to the Kill van Kull and New York Harbor, Bayonne Fire Chief Gregory Rogers said in a press release. The Bayonne Fire Department and IMTT crews found the fissure around 7:15 a.m., Rogers said. Firefighters and crews from the company managed to stop the leak soon after it was discovered with a long wooden plug, Rogers said. Rogers estimated that less than 2,500 barrels of diesel fuel escaped from the tank. The spilled fuel was siphoned into a

containment dike, while IMTT crews used vacuums and pumps to clean up the area, Rogers added. There were no injuries. The state Department of Environmental Protection was at the scene and the Hudson Regional Health Commission was notified, Rogers said.

http://www.nj.com/hudson/index.ssf/2014/11/bayonne_diesel_fuel_spill_international-matex_tank_terminals_fire_department_dep.html

USA, N.J., BAYONNE, NOVEMBER 17 2014. TANKER SPEWS HUNDREDS OF BARRELS OF DIESEL FUEL IN BAYONNE INDUSTRIAL PARK



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CANADA, ALBA, CALGARY, NOVEMBER 18 2014. MAN INJURED BY CUBE VAN AT SOUTHEAST GAS STATION

bryan passifiume

It was a scary evening for an employee of a gas station in the city's south east after they were struck by a cube van. At 5:13 p.m., a male employee of the Co-op gas bar on 52 St. and 50 Ave. SE was checking fuel levels in underground storage tanks when struck by a cube van entering the gas station, acting Sgt. David Fakas tells the Sun. The driver of the cube van



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reportedly didn't see the bent-over employee, who was knocked to the ground by the impact. Initial reports from the scene suggested a female was taken to hospital in life threatening condition after being dragged under the van's front tires for over 15 metres. The employee was transported to hospital by EMS, and was reported to be up and walking around — contrary to reports the victim was in serious condition. As well, reports stating the cube van fled the scene were also incorrect. The collision is under investigation by the province's occupational health and safety inspectors.

<http://www.calgarysun.com/2014/11/16/man-injured-by-cube-van-at-southeast-gas-station>

USA, MA, AUBURN, NOVEMBER 18 2014. EXPECT MASSPIKE DELAYS AS CREWS CONTINUE MOP-UP EFFORTS FROM AUBURN TANKER TRUCK CRASH

conor berry



A rollover crash involving a tanker truck in the westbound lane of the MassPike is expected to cause delays during the Monday evening commute, according to Massachusetts State Police officials.

An overturned fuel tanker truck on the Massachusetts Turnpike in Auburn is causing delays for the Monday evening commute, according to Massachusetts State Police officials. The rollover crash was reported shortly before 4 p.m. Monday in the westbound lane of the MassPike, and images posted on MSP's Twitter feed show at least one other passenger vehicle was damaged in the crash. There was no immediate word on any injuries or what caused the crash. "Expect lengthy ... delays as cleanup continues," Trooper Dustin Fitch, MSP's social media specialist, tweeted around 4:30 p.m. The right lane was expected to remain closed near the crash site as crews worked to clear the scene. MSP was reporting a roughly five-mile backup as of 4:35 p.m.

http://www.masslive.com/news/worcester/index.ssf/2014/11/massachusetts_state_police_exp.html

USA, FLA, ARLINGTON, NOVEMBER 18 2014. AWNING PARTIALLY COLLAPSES AT ARLINGTON BP GAS STATION

 [Watch the Video Awning Partially Collapses at Arlington Gas Station](#)



A Jacksonville gas station was damaged by strong winds during a severe weather outbreak on Monday. It happened at the BP at the corner of St. Johns Bluff Road North and Monument Road in the Arlington about 2 p.m. Linda Steele was on her way to pick up her grandson, but needed to get gas first. So she pulled her white Volkswagen Jetta up to the pumps and filled up. Then, as she went inside to pay, Steele said she witnessed something unlike anything she'd ever seen before. "It turned really black. All of a sudden, I don't know what it was. I've never seen anything like it before. The roof just started flying off," she said. About half of the metal awning that covers all 12 pumping stations came crashing down. Some pieces of debris were even carried across the street. Steele was the only customer getting gas at the time, so no one was underneath the awning. "Thank God no one was hurt," she said. The irony is that she just got her car repaired from an unrelated accident. Now, she has some minor damage to get fixed again on the back side of her car. But more important than

that, Steele is happy she was able to walk away with her life. "It is a miracle because if I had been out there pumping the gas, one of the pieces could have hit me," she said. The gas station, meanwhile, has significant repairs to make. An attendant said the pumping area would remain closed in the short term, but that the convenience store would stay open.

<http://www.firstcoastnews.com/story/news/local/arlington/2014/11/17/jacksonville-weather-wind-gas-station-damage-roof/19189221/>

USA, MA, FITCHBURG, NOVEMBER 18 2014. BOYS IN STABLE CONDITION AFTER POURING GASOLINE ON FIRE

Two boys ages 11 and 14 were sent to the hospital Saturday with burns after a plastic gasoline can exploded while the children were roasting marshmallows on an outdoor bonfire. The Associated Press reported Sunday that Jameson Carroll, 14, and his brother Jaxon, 11, were in stable condition at Shriners Hospital for Children in Boston. Deputy Fire Chief Thomas



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Dateo said that crews were dispatched around 5:25 p.m. Saturday to 83 Walnut St., a single-family home. The boys were conscious and their mother was with them when medics arrived. Deputy Chief Dateo did not know the severity of the burns. The mother also suffered minor burns. One boy was brought by ambulance to UMass Memorial Medical Center — University Campus in Worcester. The other was brought to HealthAlliance Hospital — Leominster Campus and flown by helicopter to UMass Memorial. Fitchburg Police Lt. Kevin O'Brien said that the explosion and flare-up occurred when the mother went into the house to get more marshmallows. Deputy Chief Dateo said that while the mother was inside, one of boys threw a gas container onto the fire to make it bigger. The container exploded, and the mother and a neighbor put out the flames. "We do have Fire Prevention investigating it," Deputy Chief Dateo said. "It appears to be accidental."

<http://www.telegram.com/article/20141116/NEWS/311169844/1116>

USA, TX, LA PORTE, NOVEMBER 18 2014. CSB DUPONT- LAPORTE, TX INVESTIGATION UPDATE - 430 P.M. MONDAY NOV. 17, 2014

The CSB investigation into the tragic accident at DuPont's La Porte, Texas, chemical plant got underway this morning at 8 a.m. Seven members of the eight-member team met with company and local union representatives to map out the direction of the CSB investigation. This took place in a company building conference room at the facility. Subsequently, investigators began interviews of several DuPont personnel, with plans being made to interview shift workers and other possible witnesses to the events that led to a release of highly toxic methyl mercaptan, exposure to which killed four workers early Saturday morning. Those interviews were continuing this afternoon. The CSB is coordinating the worker interviews with the help of International Chemical Workers Union Council representatives. The team has not yet been able to access the area where the leak and the deaths occurred, described by Investigator Banks as an approximately 5-stories high enclosed structure with piping, valves and other equipment. Mr. Banks said, "DuPont is taking steps to assure the area is safe to access. We will be evaluating that process and when we determine it is safe for our team members to document the site we will enter. We don't know how soon that will be. We have asked the company to preserve the status of the process, valve and other equipment settings as close as possible to where they were at the time of the accident to aid in our investigation." He continued, "At this point, obviously it is too soon for us to be able to determine the immediate cause of this accident. We will release information to the public as soon as confirmed findings are known." Investigators are preparing document requests which typically concern maintenance schedules, operator training, equipment histories, hazard analyses and other information critical to determining the root cause of the accident. CSB Managing Director Daniel Horowitz, will join the team this evening in Houston, bringing the total to eight members. He will manage CSB public affairs on site.

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USA, WA, WALLA WALLA, NOVEMBER 19 2014. PORT FILES LAWSUIT OVER MISSING AVIATION FUEL

A lawsuit and a criminal investigation are underway following the discovery that thousands of gallons of aviation fuel are missing from Walla Walla Regional Airport. The Port of Walla Walla filed the lawsuit Friday in Walla Walla Superior Court. It names the president of Blue Ridge Aviation Services, Robert Stanley Holm and his wife, Janie Holm, company vice-president, as defendants. The complaint contends Robert Holm has engaged in an ongoing scheme to defraud the Port by removing aviation fuel from storage tanks at the airport without accounting to the Port or paying for the fuel. According to the lawsuit, a State Auditor's Office investigation determined that between 2009 and Dec. 31, 2013 a total of 31,389 gallons of Jet A fuel and 12,379 gallons of aviation gasoline were pumped without being paid for out of two above-ground storage tanks. The tanks are inside the airport's perimeter fence and are not accessible by the general public. Port Executive Director Jim Kuntz said the amount of jet fuel is about 6 percent of the total volume sold at the airport during that period and the amount of aviation gasoline is about 5 percent of the total volume sold over the same period. Holm said this morning he had no comment on the lawsuit. In a news release, Port officials said the state auditor's investigation was started after the loss of the fuel was discovered in late 2013. An investigation by the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office is also ongoing, said Prosecuting Attorney Jim Nagle. The aviation fueling system is owned by the airport, which buys fuel wholesale basis and resells it at retail cost. Blue Ridge Aircraft helped manage the system under a contract with the airport. Kuntz said the agreement with Blue Ridge was terminated several weeks ago and fuel sales are now being handled by SullinAir based out of the Tri-Cities Airport. The Port has also implemented new internal controls for fuel sales as well, Kuntz said. Fuel is pumped from the storage tanks into tanker trucks, which then deliver it to Alaska Airlines turboprop airplanes or general aviation aircraft. The fuel is paid for either by means of an aviation customer's prepaid fuel card, credit card or by a Blue Ridge prepaid fuel card. #The lawsuit states that video taken by surveillance cameras showed "agents or employees" of Holm bypassing the charging component of the fuel



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station system and pumping aviation fuel into tank trucks used by Blue Ridge Aviation without the volume being recorded and reported to the Port. The Port's lawsuit, filed by attorney David Grossman of Minnick-Hayner law firm in Walla Walla, asks the court to file a judgment against Blue Ridge Aviation "in an amount to be proven at trial." According to the Port's website, the current retail price for aviation gasoline, known as 100LL, was \$5.66 a gallon for self-serve with an additional \$20 fee if delivered. The price for Jet A fuel was \$4.45 to \$4.54 per gallon.

<http://union-bulletin.com/news/2014/nov/18/port-files-lawsuit-over-missing-aviation-fuel/>

USA, N.Y, BERGEN, NOVEMBER 19 2014. TRAIN SPILLS 1,000 GALLONS OF FUEL IN BERGEN

 **Watch the Video** [Train Spills 1,000 Gallons of Fuel](#)



Train spills 1,000 gallons of fuel in Bergen Updated: Monday, November 17 2014, 05:57 PM EST Bergen, N.Y. - A CSX train crossing in the Genesee County town of Bergen will be closed for several hours Monday night. According to fire officials, a CSX train passing through the area near West Bergen Road and Dublin Road had a brake part fail, sending shards of metal into the fuel tank. Roughly 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel leaked out onto the tracks. A crane is being brought in to lift the train engine so the wheel can be replaced. CSX crews are cleaning up the spill underneath the train. The spill is confined to the gravel track bedding and is being supervised by the DEC.

<http://www.13wham.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/train-spills-1000-gallons-fuel-bergen-17749.shtml>

USA, CA, SANTA PAULA, NOVEMBER 19 2014. HAZMAT FIRE BURNS NEAR SANTA PAULA AFTER VACUUM TRUCK EXPLODES >> 1,000 gallons of organic peroxide spills

 **Watch the Video** [Hazmat Fire Burns after Vacuum Truck Explodes](#)

 **Watch the Video** [Air7 HD over Santa Paula hazmat fire](#)

 **Photo's [26]** [Hazmat Fire Burns after Vacuum Truck Explodes](#)



Flames and smoke are seen from the 800 block of Mission Rock Road after a vacuum truck exploded in Santa Paula on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014.

A fire continued to burn and explosions were still occurring at a wastewater facility near Santa Paula agricultural fields several hours after a vacuum truck exploded overnight. Authorities responded to the 800 block of Mission Rock Road at 3:45 a.m. Tuesday. Approximately 1,000 gallons of organic peroxide spilled after the rear of the vacuum truck exploded. Hazmat teams from Ventura County and L.A. County fire departments responded to the scene. A large plume of smoke from the fire was going into residential areas. Fire officials said they were dealing with a 300- to 400-foot radius of white substance, identified as organic peroxide. When the material dries, it crystallizes and catches fire. "As this liquid began to dry out, the companies on scene noticed that it was very unstable and reactive, and as they stepped on it or tried to move their engine, it would spontaneously ignite under the tires of the engine or their boots," said Ventura County Fire Capt. Mike Lindberry. Because the material ignited spontaneously, firefighters were forced to retreat, officials said. Firefighters were allowing it to burn off because officials were very concerned about the water going into the Santa Clara River. A mandatory evacuation was ordered for all residents within a mile of 815 Mission Rock Rd, and a "shelter in place" was ordered for residents within two to three miles of the location. The evacuation distance was later reduced to 0.5 mile. A Red Cross shelter location was open to residents at 530 W. Main St. in Santa Paula. Two workers were injured during the early part of the incident. One of the workers was transported to Ventura County Regional Medical Center in unknown condition, and the other went to the hospital on his own later, officials said. Ten firefighters were also taken to an area hospital for precautionary measures, including at least three due to flames on the bottom of the firefighters' boots. Hospital officials say 37 people were treated as a result of the explosion and fire. All were expected to be released, except the driver of the truck that exploded, who suffered traumatic



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injuries. All lanes of Highway 126 were shut down between Peck and Wells roads for more than six hours. Mission Rock Road was also closed. Briggs Elementary School was closed for the day. All students were evacuated to Oliveland Elementary School, where parents were able to pick up their students. The cause of the initial explosion has not been determined. Residents with questions can call a public information hotline at (805) 465-6650.

<http://abc7.com/news/hazmat-fire-burning-near-santa-paula-after-vacuum-truck-explodes/400487/>

ENGLAND, MERSEYSIDE, WIRRAL, NOVEMBER 20 2014. HIGHLY TOXIC CHEMICALS STOLEN - POLICE ISSUE WARNING

Police in Wirral are warning the public following a large quantity of highly toxic chemicals were taken in burglary at business premises on Old Hall Road in Bromborough, Wirral at some time between yesterday evening and this morning. A safe was taken in this burglary, which contained the chemical 'Phostoxin', which is used as a pesticide. This chemical is harmful is highly flammable and emits a highly toxic gas when in contact with water. I don't believe the thieves who were involved in this burglary are aware of what they've taken. I'd like to appeal to them, for their own safety and the safety of others, to find a way of returning these chemicals to either the police or the fire service. – INSPECTOR PAUL HARRISON, MERSEYSIDE POLICE

<http://www.itv.com/news/granada/update/2014-11-18/highly-toxic-chemicals-stolen-police-issue-warning/>

THAILAND, NAKHON SI THAMMARAT, NOVEMBER 20 2014. OIL SLICK POLLUTES SOUTHERN BEACH

An oil slick has appeared along a 10-kilometre stretch of beach in Nakhon Si Thammarat, chasing off tourists and triggering fears for the well-being of dolphins and other marine life. Pithak Boripit, chief of Nakhon Si Thammarat's Sichon district, on Wednesday led a team of soldiers and police to inspect Bangdee-Saopao beach after a large oil slick was seen floating offshore. They reported that the slick contained dark globules of oil ranging in size from ping-pong balls to pomelos, and was floating along the beach over a distance of at least 10km. It had driven tourists away from the area. Authorities had not determined the source of the oil but suspected it might come from offshore oil platforms in the Gulf of Thailand. Anothai Amornkit, chairman of a marine and coastal resource conservation club on Bangdee-Saopa beach, said a previous oil slick in February this year had killed about 10 dolphins and many other marine animals. This slick was bigger than the one in February, he said. Over the last three or four months he had often seen dolphins swimming in the area, and he was worried for their well-being. He said authorities must urgently look into the problem and clean up the oil.

<http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/general/444246/oil-spill-causes-fears-for-dolphins-in-nakhon-si-thammarat>

AUSTRALIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY, TI TREE, NOVEMBER 20 2014. ROAD TRAIN DRIVER UNHOOKED TRAILER 'MOMENTS' BEFORE AMMONIUM NITRATE EXPLODED, WITNESSES SAY



Residents more than several hundred metres away reported a loud bang when the road train exploded.

A road train driver inhaled fumes as he desperately unhooked a burning trailer of explosive ammonium nitrate from his truck on the Stuart Highway at Ti Tree last night, witnesses say. Moments later the trailer exploded with a loud bang, startling residents in the small central Australian community about 200 kilometres north of Alice Springs. The driver had towed away the two other trailers of ammonium nitrate - a material used in explosives. It was the fifth road train accident in the Northern Territory in six days, after a truck carrying hot bitumen rolled yesterday, a truck of cattle tipped the day before and two other

accidents the previous week. Police went door-to-door to evacuate residents to the school and establish a one-kilometre exclusion zone. They were aware a truck carrying ammonium nitrate had exploded in Queensland in September - the blast so powerful it destroyed two firefighting vehicles. Ti Tree Roadhouse manager Suzie Mcleod was standing in her front yard on the far side of the road when the trailer exploded. "I don't know a lot about nitrogen but I know it blows up," she said. "If that nitrogen mixed with fuel you can kiss yourself goodbye. "When we were looking at it stuff was just leaking from the front of the trailer. Whether it was brake fluid or what have you, we don't know. "The trailer was right across the road from the roadhouse in the new truck parking bay. "I can chuck a rock from where I'm standing here."

'I Live Next Door and the Whole Trailer Just Went Bang'

She said before the new truck bay had been built this year the trucks would park next to the roadhouse. "It would have been in our front yard," she said. "With the wind blowing the way it was blowing and having the truck in our front and blowing towards



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the fuel we would have been in a bit of trouble." A quick-thinking member of staff had switched off the roadhouse's fuel before the explosion. "Around about 8:45pm one of my staff members rang me and advised me there was a small fire," Ms Mcleod said. "He asked me if it was wise to shut the fuel down; I said yes, it was." "He raced around and called the police and got them down there. He was quite brilliant at it. We had everything in place. "The next minute I came outside because I live next door and the whole trailer just went bang. It was on fire. It was that quick." "The fire truck we had here - they started squirting and then realised you can't put water on nitrogen so we were all evacuated." Ti Tree resident Gordon Hull said 60 to 80 people were evacuated to the school at the northern end of town. "We were evacuated about 10:30pm," he said. "We went home at 1:30am but we still had a 300 metre exclusion." "We have our own fire truck here but then the mob from Alice Springs came up at some stage."

Territory's Main Highway Closed for Hours

Senior Sergeant Darrell Kerr said Ti Tree police were called out to the report of a vehicle fire at about 9:00pm. "The road train consisted of a three flat bed trailers carrying what was believed to be ammonium nitrate fertiliser," he said. "Witnesses at the roadhouse saw a fire igniting on the left-hand side of the rear axle of the rear trailer. "No-one was injured. Initially the highway was blocked while an exclusion zone was set up. "At 2:00am the fire crew declared the fire safe and Stuart Highway was reopened."

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/a/25553171/fifth-nt-road-train-accident-in-one-week-as-ammonium-nitrate-truck-catches-fire-on-stuart-highway-nt/>

USA, N.J, KENILWORTH, NOVEMBER 20 2014. TANKER TRUCK COLLAPSES, SPILLS ETHANOL IN KENILWORTH

Photo's [12] [Tanker Truck Collapses, Spills Ethanol](#)



A tanker truck carrying 7,000 gallons of ethanol collapsed as it offloaded its contents at a Kenilworth loading dock Wednesday. Hazmat crews, the state DEP and other agencies responded to clean the spill.

Firefighters called to the scene of what was originally described to them as a "small spill" Wednesday afternoon instead found 500 gallons of ethanol that had leaked out of a collapsed tanker truck. The truck, carrying 7,000 gallons of ethanol, split as it was offloading its contents at a North Michigan Avenue business, said borough Fire Chief Lou Giordino. "The tank itself just collapsed and broke open," he said. Firefighters called the county hazardous materials team and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's emergency response team to the scene. Fire departments from nearby communities, including Union Township and Elizabeth, also assisted with the

cleanup. Crews from a private spill cleanup contractor arrived shortly before 3 p.m. "We've got a lot of resources here," Giordino said. The response included covering the spill with a blanket of foam to prevent explosions or other hazards, he said. The spill was contained to the loading dock and did not extend beyond that area, Giordino said. At the time of the spill, the truck was on the property of the chemical manufacturing company Synray Corporation at 209 North Michigan Avenue.

http://www.nj.com/union/index.ssf/2014/11/hazmat_crew_called_after_tanker_truck_collapses_spills_ethanol_in_kenilworth_photos.html

USA, TX, CORPUS CHRISTI, NOVEMBER 20 2014. COAST GUARD CLEARS TWO SPILLS AT PORT

The US Coast Guard worked to clean up two separate spills at the Port Saturday. In one incident, the Coast Guard reported about 30 gallons were spilled as diesel was being transferred. The spill happened at Citgo Dock #1, but Citgo was not responsible for the spill. Kapalua Fuel & Marine told KRIS 6 Monday it was responsible for the incident. In that spill, the Coast Guard reported cleanup was taken care of over the weekend. In a separate incident Saturday, a foreign vessel at Bulk Material Dock #2, about 300 gallons were spilled as the vessel was fueling. The Coast Guard reported as the vessel was fueling, one of the tanks "hiccupped" and about 50 gallons went into the ship channel. About 250 gallons went onto the dock. Cleanup was still underway Tuesday at that spill. A spokeswoman with the Coast Guard told KRIS 6 a shoreline assessment was completed and it was determined no oil was found on the opposite shore. It's not yet clear who is responsible for the spill at Bulk Material Dock #2.

<http://www.kristv.com/news/coast-guard-clears-two-spills-at-port/>



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