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BULGARIA, GORNI LOM, OCTOBER 3 2014. EXPLOSION-HIT EXPLOSIVES PLANT IN NW BULGARIA FUNCTIONED DESPITE NUMEROUS PENALTY NOTICES

Bulgaria's caretaker Labor Minister Yordan Hristoskov informed that the explosives factory near the village of Gorni Lom, which was stricken by a powerful blast on Wednesday, had been issued a number of penalty notices. The blast at the privately-owned explosives factory near the northwestern Bulgarian village of Gorni Lom left 3 injured, with over 10 people feared dead. Although no casualties have been reported so far, Svetlozar Lazarov, Chief Secretary of Interior, and Yordan Bakalov, caretaker Interior Minister, have said that the accident most probably resulted in fatalities. 15 people are believed to have been at the plant at the time of the explosion, at around 5 pm on Wednesday, but the number has not been officially confirmed. Fire safety experts say that there is very small likelihood of survivors. Hristoskov told journalists Thursday that Bulgaria's General Labor Inspectorate had conducted an inspection at the plant on August 6, registering 13 violations, including outdated equipment, the lack of a second exit at the ammunition utilization unit, and the lack of safety instructions. Speaking near the site of the explosion, Hristoskov, as cited by Darik radio, made clear that the second exit of a warehouse had been obstructed by a pile of explosives which had been stored there, thereby preventing the people from exiting the building quickly in the case of a breakdown. He said that the probe had also found that sacks of TNT waste had been left in a number of places between the workshops of the plant, yet again preventing the workers from leaving the building quickly in the case of an emergency. Hristoskov informed that the company had been issued 7 penalty notices since the beginning of 2014, stressing that labor inspectors had conducted regular checks. Asked why the factory had not been closed despite the systemic breaches of safety rules, Hristoskov said it had provided the only chance of employment for the locals. Hristoskov noted, however, that he had been told that the salary at the plant had been very small, the last monthly payment amounting to less than the monthly minimum wage. Bulgaria's caretaker Labor Minister told journalists that he was yet to check the reports about the salary rates.

<http://www.novinite.com/articles/163758/Explosion-Hit+Explosives+Plant+in+NW+Bulgaria+Functioned+Despite+Numerous+Penalty+Notices>

USA, OH, PAINESVILLE TWP, OCTOBER 3 2014. LAKE COUNTY MAN CATCHES FIRE WHILE BURNING GASOLINE

mary kilpatrick

A man who caught on fire in his backyard late Wednesday night remains in critical condition. Brian Schneider, 53, attempted to burn off old gasoline in a open fire pit behind his home in the 1600 block of Sheffield Drive, the Lake County Sheriff's Office said. Flames exploded and Schneider suffered severe burns. A neighbor who heard the blast called 9-1-1, and the Sheriff's Office arrived around 10:49 p.m., Chief Deputy Frank Leonbruno said. Schneider was conscious and barely able to speak when deputies arrived. He was taken to TriPoint Medical Center, where he was operated on early Thursday morning.

http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/10/lake_county_man_catches_fire_w.html

USA, W.VA, WHEELING, OCTOBER 3 2014. WEST VIRGINIA MAN DIES AFTER CHEMICAL EXPLOSION

lexi belculline

A Wheeling, W.Va., man died tonight from injuries sustained in a chemical explosion at his workplace last month, according to a supervisor at the Allegheny County medical examiner's office. Thomas Zahnow, 50, was transported by medical helicopter to West Penn Hospital after the explosion about 3 p.m. Sept. 19 at the Axiall Corp.'s Natrium Plant in New Martinsville. Mr. Zahnow was burned by chemicals on his neck, arms, legs and trunk, and sustained inhalation injuries. He had been at the hospital since the incident, and died tonight at 8:19. Representatives from Axiall and the Marshall County sheriff's office, which investigated the explosion, were not available for comment.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/news/state/2014/10/01/West-Virginia-man-dies-after-chemical-explosion/stories/201410010219>

CANADA, Y.T, OCTOBER 3 2014. KLONDIKE HIGHWAY CLOSURE FRIDAY DUE TO LNG TANKER ROLLOVER >> LNG WAS ON ITS WAY TO INUVIK, N.W.T. POWER PLANT



A tanker carrying 55,000 litres of LNG methane fuel rolled on the Klondike Highway near Dawson City Tuesday. RCMP and Dawson City firefighters stayed on the scene overnight, watching for fluctuations in the pressure inside the tank.

The North Klondike Highway in and out of Dawson City will close Friday, instead of Thursday night, as crews deal with a rolled LNG tanker. Delayed equipment means crews will not be able to deal with the overturned tanker until tomorrow.

Dawson City fire chief Jim Regimbal says experts have flown in to oversee the cargo. "Technical experts from both the



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emergency response action plan team and the company that's actually responsible for the product chartered a flight and flew in together yesterday afternoon and determined the emergency is being handled correctly in ensuring everyone's safety," he said. There is no immediate danger and no leak. Regimbal says the closure will happen Friday from about 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and then again from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Quantum Murray is the B.C. company dealing with the emergency response. Another company, Fortis, is responsible for the product. The truck was transporting the LNG to the Northwest Territories Power Corporation's generating facilities at Inuvik, N.W.T. when it rolled Tuesday not far from the bridge at Dawson City. An NTPC spokesperson says the truck holds about 53,000 litres of LNG, enough to power Inuvik for about a day and a half.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/klondike-highway-closure-friday-due-to-lng-tanker-rollover-1.2785711>

USA, CA, SAN DIEGO, OCTOBER 3 2014. SPAWAR WORKERS RELOCATED DUE TO FUMES >> TCE LEVELS ARE ELEVATED AS A RESULT OF PREVIOUS MISSILE PRODUCTION



The offices affected are in the northernmost of three buildings at SPAWAR's facility across Interstate 5 from Old Town.

More than 150 employees of the Navy's SPAWAR facility in Old Town have been moved to temporary offices elsewhere to avoid toxic vapors that are a vestige of the building's history as a missile and aircraft production plant. The affected workers were moved last month. Some were given a choice, but women of childbearing age were required to relocate, according to documents obtained by U-T Watchdog. The employees work in the public affairs and engineering departments of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. In a Sept. 12 memo to employees, SPAWAR Executive Director Pat Sullivan

said that while the vapors may not cause health problems for everyone exposed, the Navy is proceeding carefully. "While moving people out of the affected spaces may have been an overly cautious decision, it was the right choice as we wait for the additional test results," Sullivan wrote. The displacement affected workers in Building 3 at SPAWAR's facility off Interstate 5. The average vapor levels in the facility are considered safe by EPA standards, but one of the air samples detected toxic gas at a concentration slightly higher than the federal Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits for exposure throughout the workday. The soil and groundwater beneath the Naval site is contaminated with toxic byproducts from World War II era missile and aircraft production. Those byproducts include trichloroethylene, a volatile metal-cleaning agent that was detected at levels the EPA recently deemed an unacceptable risk to pregnant women in their first trimester. The Navy has been removing toxic waste from the site for three years, and has significantly reduced TCE levels beneath the building. It plans to complete a full cleanup by 2018, but in the meantime, the new EPA standards have renewed concerns about the safety of vapors that have been seeping into the facility. EPA Region 9, which includes San Diego, updated its recommended exposure limits in July to reflect the agency's newest risk assessment on the health effects of TCE. Heavy short-term exposure can slow down the central nervous system, causing drowsiness and headaches, and can irritate the eyes, skin and lungs. It also raises the risk of heart defects in developing fetuses. When high amounts of TCE are inhaled over the long-term, it may cause liver damage and neurological disorders. Some studies have also linked TCE to liver and kidney cancer. The EPA has taken a far more conservative stance on TCE than the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which oversees workplace safety standards. Since OSHA's threshold of concern for TCE exposure is significantly higher than the EPA's, the agency is unlikely to take any action. It's unclear how many SPAWAR employees may have been exposed to TCE before the cleanup began, and at what levels they may have been exposed. In November 2011, TCE levels in the soil beneath the site were measured at more than 100,000 times the EPA's current acceptable exposure level. Because TCE evaporates as it rises to the surface, the exposure concentrations would have been a small fraction of that, but the precise amount is unknown.

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2014/oct/02/spawar-displaced-workers-toxic-fumes-tce/>

INDIA, GUJARAT, AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 3 2014. GROOM, 4 OTHERS DIE IN TANKER ACCIDENT NEAR FEDARA

Five persons, including the would-be bridegroom, were killed in a road accident between a car and a tanker near Fedara in Ahmedabad district on Wednesday morning. Fedara police arrested the driver of the tanker Dilipsinh Chudasma for causing death due to rash driving. Fedara police sources said Amrut Asodia, Kamla Asodia, Gomti Hadadia and Kanji Hadadia had come to a relative's home at CTM crossroads to shop for Asodia's son Tejendra's wedding. "Tejendra accompanied them to Ahmedabad for shopping," said police sources.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/City/Ahmedabad/Groom-4-others-die-in-accident-near-Fedara/articleshow/44040074.cms>



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CANADA, ONT, OTTAWA, OCTOBER 3 2014. OCTOBER 3 2014. SLOCAN VALLEY WOMAN SEEKS TO FILE FISHERIES ACT CHARGES OVER FUEL SPILL

peter o'neil



A tanker carrying 35,000 litres of jet fuel is shown after it crashed into Lemon Creek, about 60 kilometres north of Castlegar, on July 27, 2013. Most of the fuel spilled into the creek.

Neither the federal or provincial government has moved against owner of a tanker truck that spilled jet fuel into Lemon Creek. A B.C. woman frustrated by government inaction has launched a private prosecution over a 33,000-litre spill of jet fuel into Lemon Creek in the Slocan Valley last year. Marilyn Burgoon, who lives just south of the spill area, said the July 2013 spill was a clear violation of a federal Fisheries Act prohibition that prohibits deposit of any "deleterious substance" into water "frequented by fish." The spill, from a tanker truck owned by Calgary-based Executive Flight Centre Fuel Services Inc., caused the death

of hundreds of fish, according to a 2013 report by SNC-Lavalin done for the company and the B.C. Environment Ministry. The report was made available to provincial nor federal environment authorities, which both have the power to file Fisheries Act charges. Yet neither has gone after the company. A statement from the B.C. environment ministry this week confirmed that, after a "detailed investigation" following the spill last summer, the case was closed with no recommendation for charges. No reason was given and Environment Canada wouldn't discuss the issue other than to say in a statement Thursday that it has been "working in cooperation" with its B.C. counterpart, which according to Ottawa is the "lead agency" dealing with the incident. Burgoon's private prosecution, which is allowed under the federal legislation, is being financially assisted by the West Coast Environmental Law organization. "I've been waiting on the ministries of the Environment, both federal and provincial, to file charges," she said Wednesday in an interview. "I'm doing what I consider is a citizenship responsibility on behalf of fish that don't really have a voice in this situation." The Harper government, when it watered down the federal Fisheries Act prohibitions against harming fish and fish habitat, stressed that it was toughening penalties to prove it is serious about protecting fish. The new legislation included a \$500,000 minimum fine for large corporations and a maximum of \$6 million on a first indictable offence, doubling for second offences. The previous maximum was \$300,000. It also included a new maximum fine for individuals of up to \$1 million for indictable offences involving "serious" harm to fish. But former federal fisheries biologist Otto Langer, a frequent critic of his former employer, ridiculed the notion Ottawa wants a "tough on crime" policy when it comes to fish and the environment. "Talking tough and being tough are two different things. It's like Harper talking tough on the Middle East," he said. "The message is pretty clear for civil servants to not lay charges and back off of industry at any cost." Burgoon's lawyer, Lilina Lysenko, said she expects to make her case to a provincial court judge in November that a summons should be issued. The spill involved a tanker carrying jet fuel for helicopters dealing with a forest fire. The tanker went off the road and down an embankment into Lemon Creek, a tributary of the Slocan and Kootenay rivers. The SNC-Lavalin report said 261 dead fish were recovered, primarily mountain whitefish, torrent sculpin and rainbow trout, while "vast numbers" of dead benthic invertebrates were observed in Lemon Creek and the Slocan River. "The number of deceased fish is likely higher than the numbers physically removed by crews deployed during the emergency response," the report noted. Of the 32,850 litres spilled, just 2,150 litres were recovered by a vacuum truck. Response teams removed 1,600 tonnes of contaminated soil along with 20 tonnes of "contaminated absorbent material and vegetation," according to SNC-Lavalin. The report said that jet roughly a third of the jet fuel likely evaporated within 24 hours of the spill, and the rest within nine to 12 days. But Langer said he visited the site several months after the spill and could smell the fuel 30 metres from the creek. Provincial New Democrat MLAs blasted Environment Minister Mary Polak in the legislature in May, saying that jet fuel is still being found in the creek, while residents who have suffered financial losses haven't been compensated. "So much for 'polluter pays,'" scoffed Kootenay West MLA Katrine Conroy. Polak said that while the government still believes strongly in the "polluter pay" principle, she couldn't comment on compensation issues due to civil lawsuits filed by community members who claim they suffered damages. "I know that this has been just an awful experience for the community in and around Lemon Creek," she added. "I can't say enough about the community members and especially organizations like the Slocan River Streamkeepers and how they have participated and worked with us as a ministry. There is ongoing monitoring taking place and ongoing remediation." Calgary lawyer Martin Ignasiak said private prosecutions under the Fisheries Act are usually stayed by the Attorney General's office. Often Crown prosecutors will consider whether the accused can successfully defend the charge by claiming they undertook reasonable "due diligence" at the time of the incident. "Some of the issues that might be taken into



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consideration in that type of scenario is, 'why was the person on that road and at whose direction, and was the road properly maintained or not?'

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<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/metro/Slocan+Valley+woman+seeks+file+Fisheries+charges+over+fuel/10257247/story.html>

USA, OH, BETHLEHEM TWP, OCTOBER 3 2014. FEDERAL, LOCAL EMERGENCY CREWS EVACUATING STARK COUNTY CAMPGROUNDS AFTER OIL AND GAS LEAK

adam ferrise



Some 200 gallons of oil and natural gas spilled from a ruptured pipe in the Springwood Lakes Campgrounds in Stark County.

A ruptured main spilled more than 200 gallons of oil and natural gas into the Springwood Lake Campgrounds. The spill forced the evacuation of about 150 people for fear that an explosion could occur once excavators begin digging up the leak. Bethlehem Township Fire Chief Tom Bragg said officials are unable to shut off the 30-inch main that runs from Bethlehem to New Philadelphia because the main supplies oil and gas to all of Stark County. The pipeline is owned by Dominion East Ohio. "There's a potential for an explosion. I can't prevent it," Bragg said. "We called for mutual aid and tankers are on stand-by in case something does happen." Bragg said campers called the fire department about 9:15 p.m. Wednesday and complained of a gas smell on the grounds. About 95 people were on the grounds at the time, Bragg said. They began evacuating

campers early Thursday. All have been evacuated, said Rich Weber, the Stark County emergency management deputy director. Weber said the East Sparta Christian Church is housing those who were evacuated. Bragg said about 200 gallons of oil spilled and some bubbled to the surface. The oil continues to spill into the grounds because officials were only able to cut pressure from 155 pounds per square inch to 140, Bragg said. Weber said excavators with the East Ohio Gas Co. are excavating the area to find out what caused the leak. He said emergency crews are monitoring the air quality in order to ensure the natural gas leak doesn't cause an explosion. "Our biggest concern is the air vapor," said Stark County Emergency Planning Committee Director Don McDonald. "We need to make sure there isn't an explosive atmosphere around ignitable equipment that could cause a fire." East Ohio and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency will work together to find a contractor to clean up the oil spill at a later time, Weber said. Bragg said a well on the grounds, which is 260 feet deep, is not contaminated. The oil and gas, however, did leak into a lake on the campgrounds and has been contained. The U.S. EPA is also assisting with the leak, Bragg said.

http://www.cleveland.com/akron/index.ssf/2014/10/federal_local_emergency_crews.html

USA, WA, SPOKANE, OCTOBER 3 2014. I90 CHEMICAL SPILL MUCH BIGGER THAN FIRST THOUGHT

whitney ward

 **Watch the Video:** [I90 Chemical Spill much Bigger than First Thought](#)

 **Watch the Video:** [It's open! Chemical leak creates 19 hour I-90 closure](#)



Firefighters said Wednesday that a September chemical spill on I-90 was much larger than originally reported. The Sept. 14th chemical spill caused traffic to be closed for an unprecedented 19 hours along I-90 near the Idaho border. Emergency workers originally thought that a single gallon of hazardous chemicals leaked onto I-90, but reported Wednesday the actually amount was closed to 5-8 gallons. In the aftermath of the new figures, The Spokane Valley Fire Department reported that it was taking the lead on the investigation. Deputy Chief Andy Hail estimated that his department would be looking for a \$40,000 reimbursement from McKenzie Tank Lines. He added that his department needed to be paid for things like hazmat suits and overtime pay. "We had to rent lights because we

had to shut off the electrical power to the facility," Deputy Chief Hall said. "We had to bring in lighting to allow for the technicians to work out there in the field." Hall stated that there was still no guarantee the trucking company would pay the



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\$40,000 claim. He added the company had been cooperative throughout the investigation. Hall said all the agencies involved in the response would gather for post-incident review in mid-October.

<http://www.krem.com/news/local/Fire-officials--l-90-chemical-spill-more-serious-than-orginally-thought-277842351.html>

MEXICO, MEXICO CITY, OCTOBER 3 2014. PEMEX SIGNS MOU WITH EXXONMOBIL FOR UPSTREAM, DOWNSTREAM COOPERATION

Pemex and ExxonMobil signed a memorandum of understanding and cooperation, the Mexican state-owned company said Thursday, as the country embarks on an opening of its oil and gas sector to foreign investment. The MOU was inked "to establish the basis of dialogue and understanding in areas of upstream and downstream business," Pemex said. Pemex has long maintained accords on technical cooperation with international oil companies, but the wording of the new agreement with ExxonMobil indicates a potential alliance as Mexico prepares for its first rounds of bidding since the state monopoly was established in 1938. Bids are to be invited soon for 169 blocks in Round One of Mexico, including areas of deep and shallow waters, heavy crude and non-conventional areas. The statement said the signing of the accord "adds to other efforts being made by Pemex to attract new technologies, capital and partners that will permit to compete efficiently in the new Mexican hydrocarbons market, ensure production and generate jobs in the nation's energy sector." In recent days, Pemex has signed similar agreements with BHP Billiton and Malaysia's Petronas. The signature of Thursday's agreement was witnessed by Rex Tillerson, chief executive of ExxonMobil and his counterpart in Pemex, director-general Emilio Lozoya.

<http://www.platts.com/latest-news/oil/mexicocity/pemex-signs-mou-with-exxonmobil-for-upstream-21328146>

IRELAND, LEINSTER, WESTMEATH, OCTOBER 3 2014. ILLEGAL PETROL COSTS OWNERS THOUSANDS IN REPAIR BILLS

A number of cars in Westmeath have had their engines destroyed – and car owners have been left seriously out of pocket – as a result of 'petrol stretching'. In a wave of incidents, described by one garage man as being of "epidemic proportions", vehicles of different makes have been sabotaged by the illegal fuel. "A huge problem" around Mullingar, Ballymahon, north Westmeath, Longford, and into Roscommon, is how one source described the problem, which badly damages cars when filled with fuel that has been contaminated by kerosene. One family alone has had two cars damaged – and they know of several others who have suffered problems too as a result of the practice. "We need to have extra gardai and customs resources assigned to investigate this," said TD, Robert Troy this week, as he drew attention to the extent of the problem. Cllr Aidan Davitt revealed that the issue is set to cost one of his relations in the region of €5,000 after that man's car engine gave up. "It destroyed the engine of his car and when he brought it back to the garage where he bought it and where it was serviced, the garage were able to tell him it was the fuel he was using that had done the damage and it could not be anything else." One of Cllr Davitt's neighbours was similarly affected and gardai and Revenue Commissioners are now investigating both incidents. "I would like to see strong action taken to stamp this out," he stated. The claim is that because kerosene is only around half the prices of petrol, at some point along the supply chain, it is being added to petrol – bulking out a tank by as much as 10 per cent, and thus upping the profit that can be made. Nancy Hennessy and her son Sean, from Castletown-Finea, are two who have been affected by the practice. Sean's 07 Megane engine is completely destroyed – and will cost around €2,000 to replace; his mother's 07 Clio was also affected, and while the car has been "washed out" in a bid to remove all traces of kerosene, it's no longer running as well as it used to. "Basically I spent €66 on a fill of petrol, and three or four days later, the car began losing power, and my son brought it to a garage in Mullingar and they have fixed it – but I was at the loss of my petrol as well," said Nancy. When Sean heard of his mother's problem, it was a "not again" moment, as four weeks ago, his car showed the same symptoms, and the engine wound up completely destroyed, the pistons having been severely damaged. Deputy Troy said: "There is an urgent need to put in place a number of measures to help drivers and tackle these criminal actions." He stressed that the practice is a crime. "This is a growing issue for motorists and their insurers," he said, adding that some insurers who previously covered engine damage from contaminated fuel are not doing so any more. "Anyone who has been a victim of this would be out of pocket to the tune of thousands of euro, some as much as €20,000. "This damage is being caused by a third party and at no fault of the car owner. There needs to be appropriate compensation for these drivers. I believe there is a role here for the Motor Insurers Bureau of Ireland to intervene to assist drivers where insurers will not cover the cost of engine damage from petrol stretching. Car owners should not be out of pocket thousands of euro for reckless actions they had no knowledge of," he stated. John Hamill from Hamill's 24-hour recovery on the Dublin Road in Mullingar, said the issue is of "epidemic proportions". "The Castlepollard area seems to be badly affected and we have taken quite a few cars off the road for their owners. A lot of the main dealers have been reporting this issue lately. It appears it snuck up like a thief in the night and



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people didn't realise what was happening," he said. "Modern engines can't handle this mix of petrol and kerosene and it can do untold damage. It damages the pistons and the valve system and can destroy an engine," said John, adding that it could cost a car owner "thousands of euro to replace the engine or essential components". A second garage owner, who didn't wish to be named, claimed that illegal fuel is being ferried across the border in fleets of unmarked tankers each weekend. "From Friday evening, through Saturday and Sunday and into the small hours of Monday, hundreds of tankers are on the roads in the Meath, Monaghan and Cavan area. The Revenue Commissioners close up every weekend and the fuel launderers are free to go about their business. It is costing the state millions per year," he claimed.

<http://www.westmeathexaminer.ie/news/roundup/articles/2014/10/02/4032861-illegal-petrol-costs-owners-thousands-in-repair-bills/>

USA, WA, HANFORD, OCTOBER 3 2014. 4 HANFORD WORKERS EVALUATED AFTER POSSIBLE VAPOR EXPOSURE *susannah frame*

Four workers at the Hanford Site received medical attention Thursday after being exposed to toxic vapors, according to workers with knowledge of two separate incidents. The first exposure happened around 10:30 a.m. The workers affected were two pipefitters, a millwright and a safety officer. Three of the four were evaluated by medical professionals. The second occurred in an instrument technician shop near the AW farm around 3:00 pm. Seven people smelled odors there, but only one elected to receive medical evaluation at the onsite clinic. Since March, 56 separate incidents have occurred where workers received medical care after reporting a vapor exposure. In nearly all cases, the workers were evaluated at the on-site medical clinic and cleared to return to duty. Several workers who breathed in toxic vapors this year were transported to a nearby medical care for treatment. They say they continue to experience medical problems months after their exposure. The Hanford Site holds millions of gallons of toxic sludge in large underground tanks. Government studies have found nearly 2,000 toxic chemicals inside the tanks -- the leftovers from the messy work of plutonium production during the Second World War and the Cold War. Caustic chemicals were used to melt uranium fuel rods from nuclear reactors at the site, then small amounts of plutonium were removed from the dissolved fuel. Waste from the process was pumped into 177 tanks. Decades later, it remains deadly and will continue to be until the technology is developed to permanently dispose of it. The waste, hot from radioactive decay, vents toxic vapors at irregular intervals. While special filters keep radiation from escaping from the tanks, the toxic gases pass through unstoppped into the atmosphere around the tank farms. The KING 5 Investigators [reported on Monday](#) that the company that manages the tank farms issued an order recently escalating safety precautions in the Hanford tank farms. Washington River Protection Solutions ordered workers to use respirators every time they work in the portions of the site where single-shell waste tanks are located. Prior to that change, workers could opt out of wearing respirators in many parts of the tank farms. WRPS said the order was based on feedback from a panel of experts convened earlier this year to study the string of vapor exposures. While that panel's report has not been released, the company said it did not want better safety practices to have to wait for the panel's report. WRPS issued the following statement Thursday afternoon: Two Washington River Protection Solutions (WRPS) employees were evaluated by the Hanford Site medical provider earlier today for potential vapors-related symptoms and released back to work. One was working today near a facility in the proximity of two tank farms. The other worker smelled odors yesterday near C Farm, experienced overnight symptoms, but did not report them until today. In addition, two other WRPS workers and another Hanford employee—who had reported no symptoms—were taken for precautionary medical evaluation related to today's event and released back to work.

<http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/hanford/2014/10/02/hanford-workers-vapor-exposure-october-2nd/16607473/>

ENGLAND, LIVERPOOL, OCTOBER 3 2014. LIVERPOOL DAD WHO SOLD ILLEGAL FIREWORKS ON FACEBOOK RISKED FAMILY'S SAFETY BY KEEPING THEM IN OPEN BOX IN HIS KITCHEN

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The collection of fireworks called 'The Armoury' illegally stored in the kitchen of Stephen Blackall, 41, of Harefield Green, Speke, who was selling them on Facebook

Stephen Blackall from Speke sold high-powered rockets and banned bangers. A [Liverpool](#) dad-of-four who sold illegal fireworks online endangered the lives of his family by storing them in an open box in his kitchen. Stephen Blackall, 41, of Harefield Green, [Speke](#), advertised high-powered rockets and banned bangers for sale on a Facebook group called Liverpool eBay UK. A Merseyside Police



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fireworks squad and Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service investigators raided Blackall's home, where he lives with his partner and three of his children, on October 13 last year. Prosecutor Laura Findlay said they found one large box and a large bag of fireworks, plus a box of bangers, and a receipt for £129. She told [Liverpool Magistrates' Court](#): "The quantity poses a significant risk to the community if it's not managed in a responsible manner. "The sort of fireworks that were there could have acted as an explosive in a fire. "Firefighters said it would have been almost impossible for any fire once started to have been put out." When questioned by police Blackall initially denied any wrongdoing and said he had bought one box of bangers from a market. But when told his computer would be seized, Blackall admitted he had been selling the fireworks, but claimed he only sold them to his friends. He later revealed he had bought them from a warehouse in Warrington. Blackall pleaded guilty to storing fireworks without a licence, selling fireworks without a licence and selling prohibited bangers. Gary McAteer, defending, said his disabled client, who has no previous convictions, suffers from ill-health. He said: "He isn't shying away from what he's done. He's clearly been naive and ignorant – coupled with his health problems and a change in medication and any possible effect that may have had on his judgement." District Judge Richard Clancy handed Blackall a three-month jail sentence, suspended for 12 months, He also gave him a year-long supervision order, an eight-week home curfew, from 7pm to 7am, and told him to pay £250 costs. He said: "This is an extremely serious matter. You were fortunate nothing went wrong in relation to a fire. If it had there could have been disastrous consequences. "I appreciate the difficulties you've had with health issues. I'm aware of your positive good character. Because of that you won't be going to prison today." Speaking after the case, Chris Head, station manager, said Mr Blackall's family could have died if the fireworks had set alight. He said: "Blackall was storing the fireworks in his kitchen area, where there are obviously possible sources of ignition from cooking appliances and electrical goods. It was very dangerous. "I think what people don't realise is that these are explosives – albeit they are packaged up as fireworks for recreational use. If he had been in court today for storing explosives people might view it differently. "The fire service likes to support local, legitimate businesses in storing fireworks safely and selling them responsibly. "If they had gone off and there had been a fire in his house, it would have put the occupants in the house at very serious risk and they would have been unlikely to escape the property."

<http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/liverpool-dad-who-sold-illegal-7870646>

USA, W.VA, MORGANTOWN, OCTOBER 3 2014. HOMEMADE BIODIESEL OPERATION SETS RESIDENCE ABLAZE IN MONONGALIA COUNTY

Monongalia County Emergency Officials confirmed a fire Wednesday night which started after a homemade biodiesel operation burst into flames. Multiple crews responded to battle the blaze at the residence on Old Stewartstown Road outside of Morgantown. Few details were available Wednesday night but an explosion was reported after the refinery utilizing vegetable oil sparked and then caught fire. No injuries are being reported and Old Stewartstown Road was closed while crews fought the fire. The investigation into the accident is ongoing.

<http://wvmetronews.com/2014/10/01/homemade-biodiesel-operation-sets-residence-ablaze-in-monongalia-county/>

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, YARWUN, , OCTOBER 4 2014. ORICA REVIEWS SECURITY AS THREAT LEVEL RISES



An aerial view of the Orica plant at Yarwun, west of Gladstone.

The increased terror threat level has forced Orica Yarwun to review its security and safety procedures. The ammonium nitrate plant creates explosives used in the mining industry and has stringent security policies. On September 15 the Department of Explosives Inspectorate issued a security alert to all operations using security-sensitive explosives. An Orica spokesperson said stringent measures had been reviewed following the recent announcement by the Australian Government, in which the national terrorism threat was increased from medium to high. "Orica will work closely with all relevant authorities to ensure safety and security of the Orica supply chain," the spokesperson said. "Orica places the highest priority on ensuring safety and security."

A Department of Natural Resources and Mines spokesperson said the alert included mine sites, manufacturers of explosives including ammonium nitrate, and other licensed operators that store, transport or use explosive materials. "Security risk assessments and security plans are required of all these licensed operators and these plans are regularly reviewed," the spokesperson said. "Security mitigations must be in place at all times."

<http://www.gladstoneobserver.com.au/news/review-for-new-security-measures/2407637/>



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USA, IN, FORT WORTH, OCTOBER 4 2014. FUEL TRUCK OVERTURNS, SPILLS DIESEL

A fuel truck overturned and spilled approximately 100 gallons of diesel fuel before it was contained in Defiance County at 6:55 a.m. Thursday, the Defiance County Sheriff's Department said. A family was asked to evacuate their home for a short time right after the crash. When emergency crews arrived on the scene, they found a Slattery Oil fuel truck that had rolled into a ditch. The truck was upright and the driver, 42-year-old Christopher A. Gentit of Defiance, was taken to Defiance Regional Hospital for treatment. His condition is not known. The Defiance County Emergency Management and Hazmat Team were able to contain the spill. Crews cleared the location at 9:30 a.m.

<http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20141002/LOCAL07/141009897>

USA, TX, HOUSTON, OCTOBER 4 2014. DOES EXXON MOBIL HAVE ITS SIGHTS ON BUYING BP?

loren steffy

Several months ago I [raised the prospect of a new round of mega-mergers among the biggest oil companies](#). As I noted at the time, one of the biggest questions in any such discussion is what happens to [BP](#). Since then, the [legal liability](#) hanging over the British company has become clearer, after [a federal judge ruled last month that BP was grossly negligent](#) in its handling of the [Deepwater Horizon disaster](#) in 2010. For years, [Royal Dutch Shell](#) has been mentioned as the most logical suitor for [BP](#), in part because the two companies have flirted with the idea in the past. In its [Lex column](#) this week, the Financial Times [raised the prospect that Exxon Mobil might be interested in BP](#). Exxon has plenty of free cash on hand – cash flow next year is expected to top \$11 billion – but it has few places to invest the money that will generate a reasonable return. It pumped \$41 billion in U.S. shale plays through its ill-timed purchase of [XTO](#), which has been a major disappointment for shareholders. It's also invested in projects in Iraq and [Kurdistan](#) and the [Russian Arctic](#). Those projects may now be hampered by geopolitics, including U.S. sanctions against Russia. As the FT notes, Exxon's competitive advantage has long been its access to capital. The best use for that capital may be acquiring production growth, and BP is the logical prospect. Despite its legal problems, BP's production portfolio is among the most lucrative of the supermajors. Thanks to the ongoing legal fallout from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, BP's shares trade at a 25 percent discount to Exxon, and with its low borrowing costs, Exxon could structure a cash-and-stock deal that would quickly add to earnings. Exxon also knows a thing or two about dealing with long-term legal liabilities, so the overhang from the Deepwater Horizon case may be less daunting than it would be for other oil companies. While the numbers make a lot of sense, any deal might come down to Exxon's view of BP, which has always been less than favorable. On the other hand, Exxon's acquisition of Mobil is often cited as an example of an effective merger of large companies. Exxon managed to instill a single culture – one that placed a high degree of emphasis on safety – after the merger. Such a cultural shift might be a benefit to BP, which still hasn't fully unified its culture from the mergers of the late 1990s. BP's production portfolio would definitely be attractive to Exxon, especially at the price the market is currently putting on BP. The question is whether Exxon believes those properties are worth the cultural challenges it would face in integrating BP into the Exxon fold.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/lorensteffy/2014/10/02/does-exxon-mobil-have-its-sights-on-bp/>

USA, AK, ANCHORAGE, OCTOBER 4 2014. FIRE AT OFFSHORE ALASKA GAS PLATFORM PROMPTS EVACUATION

A fire Thursday at an offshore natural gas platform in Alaska's Cook Inlet destroyed the crew's living quarters and forced four workers to evacuate, but no one was injured and the environmental risk was considered minimal, responders said. The blaze broke out at about 7:30 a.m., and crews were still battling it in the mid-afternoon. Hilcorp Alaska LLC owns the platform, along with 11 of the total of 16 platforms in the inlet, a vast body of water with stunning mountain views. A Hilcorp helicopter crew evacuated the four workers from the platform 8 miles offshore, company spokeswoman Lori Nelson said. No spill has been reported at the scene about 45 miles southwest of Anchorage. The affected site, called the Baker platform, has only one active production well, and it was shut off remotely, according to Nelson. Petty Officer Joshua Yates said 11,000 gallons of diesel fuel are onboard, along with 8,000 gallons of drill mud and 1,000 gallons of hydraulic oil. A subsurface pipeline that carries the gas to the town of Nikiski also was closed. The fire broke out during a morning safety meeting and was limited to the crew living quarters, which appear to be a total loss, Nelson said. The blaze was not believed to be production-related. Nelson said emergency-response procedures were launched, and the four crew members were safely evacuated to Nikiski. They were the only people on the platform, according to the Coast Guard. All four were doing well, but they were medically evaluated to be sure, Nelson said. No one from Hilcorp immediately went to the site following the fire. "Once the response is complete and the platform is deemed safe for folks to be on board, we'll be cooperating in a full investigation with both federal and state authorities," Nelson said. The fire appeared to be out at one point and responders stopped hosing water on it, but it flared up



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again, Petty Officer 1st class Shawn Eggert said. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation, according to responders, who included Coast Guard and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation personnel. Mike McNeil, a Coast Guard civilian command duty officer in Anchorage, said the agency overheard radio communications by vessels reporting smoke in an area at 8:30 a.m. Hilcorp reported the fire after that. The Coast Guard said five vessels were involved in fighting the fire and the agency dispatched a cutter, helicopter and another aircraft. Cook Inlet stretches 180 miles from Anchorage to the Gulf of Alaska. The Baker platform is among 10 in the inlet that were Hilcorp purchased by in January 2012. Of those, nine are active in production, with many old wells reactivated, according to Nelson. The Baker platform is among those reactivated, with minimum production from just one well, she said. Cathy Foerster, one of three members of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, said the company has been considering whether to activate more wells in the inlet. "Now they'll have to weigh in to that consideration whatever costs are associated with fixing whatever the fire impact is," Foerster said.

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2014/10/02/fire-at-offshore-alaska-gas-platform-prompts-evacuation/>

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, SASSAFRAS, OCTOBER 4 2014. LATROBE MAN DIES FOLLOWING SERVICE STATION CRASH



The 66-year-old Latrobe man involved in a crash at the Sassafras service station last Tuesday has died in hospital.

The 66-year-old Latrobe man involved in a crash at the Sassafras service station last Tuesday has died in hospital. Tasmania Police advised the man passed away at the Royal Hobart Hospital last night. He was the sole occupant of the Mazda van that collided with the rear of a parked Iveco B-Double, which was parked on the fore court of the service station. Investigations into the cause of the collision are on-going and an inquest has been opened into the matter. Police have not released any names at this stage.

<http://www.theadvocate.com.au/story/2601960/latrobe-man-dies-following-service-station-crash/?cs=87>

USA, LA, NEW ORLEANS, OCTOBER 4 2014. WRONG-WAY DRIVER CRASHED INTO 18-WHEELER TANKER, KILLING TRUCKER

naomi martin

 **Watch the Video:** [Driver to be charged in Fatal Tanker Fire](#)

 **Photo's [15]** [Fire & Police Personel Investigate the Scene of a Tanker Truck Explosion](#)



Fire and police personel investigate the scene of a tanker truck explosion Friday morning, Oct. 3, 2014, at a Quicky's Discount gas station near North Robertson Street and Franklin Avenue in the St. Roch neighborhood. New Orleans police confirmed the driver of the truck was killed in the explosion.

Police picked up a woman at her house Friday who they believe fled the scene of a [fiery fatal wreck](#) she caused in the St. Roch area after driving the wrong way down a one-way street, authorities said. Lt. Anthony Micheu, who commands NOPD's Traffic Unit, said the woman will face criminal charges in the crash that killed a male truck driver. Micheu declined to identify the woman or to specify the likely charges, citing an ongoing investigation. Police gave the woman a breathalyzer test and drew her blood to determine whether she was intoxicated, but Micheu didn't release results. The woman, driving a black Acura SUV, was headed the wrong way -- lakebound -- on ort Street around 2:30 a.m., Micheu said. He noted that there isn't a stop sign at Port and North Claiborne Avenue because Port is a one-way street. She made a left onto North Claiborne, colliding with an 18-wheeler that, according to the New Orleans Fire Department, was pulling an 8,500-gallon fuel tank. The crash flattened the truck's tire and caused the truck driver to lose control. The 18-wheeler smashed into a concrete pillar holding a Quicky's gas station sign at the intersection of Claiborne and Franklin avenues, authorities said. The sign was in the gas station's parking lot. A fire exploded in the truck's cab, where the driver was, and spread to the bed of the tanker. The driver didn't have a chance to escape the truck before it was engulfed in flames,



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Micheu said. The woman fled the scene and police found her at her home, said Capt. Edwin Holmes Jr. of the New Orleans Fire Department. Police declined to confirm those details. An unidentified person at the scene left on his or her own headed to a hospital, complaining of smoke inhalation, according to the fire department. The gas station did not catch fire, but heat from the accident cracked the street and melted the stoplight at the intersection. The city's Department of Public Works is trying to find a replacement traffic signal, Micheu said. "Unfortunate as it may be, it could have been a lot worse," Micheu said, alluding to the hazardous materials that could have exploded in the gas station. He said the firefighters, HAZMAT specialists and paramedics who responded all worked together in a "tremendous effort." New Orleans police are now questioning the woman who caused the crash. Firefighters arrived at the scene at 2:37 a.m. and as the fire spread to the truck's tank they evacuated residents in a half-mile perimeter as a precaution, the NOFD said. They brought the three-alarm fire under control by 6:20 a.m. and found the victim's body in the cab. The victim's identity has not been released pending notification of his family. NOFD Superintendent Timothy McConnell praised the "excellent job firefighters did using foam to contain the fire to the tanker and preventing a catastrophe had the fire spread to the gas pumps" at the gas station. The department said 26 NOFD units involving 68 firefighters were used during the incident. No firefighters were injured. The tanker was owned by the company Tiger Fuel in Metairie, Micheu said. Traffic Fatality Detective Richard Blackman is in charge of the investigation.

 **Related Stories** [Police: Wrong-Way Driver Booked in Fatal Tanker Fire](http://www.nola.com/traffic/index.ssf/2014/10/wrong-way_motorist_crashed_int.html)

http://www.nola.com/traffic/index.ssf/2014/10/wrong-way_motorist_crashed_int.html

USA, WASHINGTON DC, OCTOBER 4 2014. PROPOSED OIL TRAIN REGULATIONS RECEIVE 145,000+ PUBLIC COMMENTS

zach koppang



The Obama administration has received over 145,000 personal and public comments submitted by citizens groups addressing two proposed rules about the safety of oil trains and the efficacy of emergency response, according to a recent report from EarthJustice. The public commentary was very critical of the proposed Department of Transportation regulations. Interest groups such as EarthJustice, Sierra Club, Oil Change International, ForestEthics and the Natural Resources Defense Council also submitted detailed comments calling for prompt steps to be taken to improve the safety of oil trains. Chris Jordan-Bloch of EarthJustice lists some of the calls to action:

- An immediate ban on the transport of crude oil in dangerous DOT-111 rail cars.
- A quicker phase-out of other unsafe tank cars from crude shipping.
- Prohibit shifting DOT-111 tank cars to tar sands crude transport.
- Expand to all crude-by-rail trains oil spill response planning and sharing of emergency preparedness information with to state, local and tribal governments and the public.
- Impose speed limits and require state-of-the art braking systems for crude-by-rail trains to protect the public in the face of what the National Transportation Safety Board has called "unacceptable public risks."
- Require liability coverage to cover the true cost of a crude-by-rail disaster.

Numerous other organizations also submitted comments. To read excerpts of these comments.

 **Document** [Original Report from ForestEthics.](http://eaglefordtexas.com/news/id/136321/proposed-oil-train-regulations-receive-145000-public-comments/)

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USA, AL, HUNTSVILLE, OCTOBER 4 2014. STATE MARSHAL: PYROTECHNIC BUSINESS FIRE ACCIDENTAL

 **Watch the Video:** [Pyrotechnic Business Fire Accidental](#)

Emergency crews responded to a fire at a special effects and pyrotechnic company Thursday morning. It happened at Ultratec at Moon Drive 148 at Owns Cross Roads just after 11 a.m. on Thursday. More than a half-dozen fire trucks and HEMSI vehicles responded. Employees were evacuated from the building. It appears the fire had been contained shortly after the first call for assistance. No injuries were reported, according to HEMSI officials. Ultratec, which is formerly known as the Luna Tech plant, makes fireworks used around the world, including for the most recent Winter Olympic Games. The company has experienced fires in the past, most recently in Nov. 2013. At that time, neighbors said an explosion rocked their homes. The bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms investigated that fire. Neighbors who spoke to us Thursday said they are not



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surprised there was another incident and want answers from investigators. The Madison County Fire Marshal said that because this fire deals with explosives, the State Fire Marshal and ATF are handling the investigation. It is not yet clear what started the fire, however State Fire Marshal Ed Paulk said it appears it was accidental. Paulk confirmed the incident involved pyrotechnics and that an explosion and fire resulted. Laboratory tests and interviews have been conducted, and Paulk said the full investigation will take 2-3 weeks to complete.

<http://www.waff.com/story/26688935/small-fire-burns-ultratech-fireworks-business>

USA, W.VA, MONONGALIA CO, OCTOBER 4 2014. FIREFIGHTERS FIGHT BLAZE AT BIO DIESEL REFINERY ON OLD STEWARTSTOWN ROAD

Fire crews responded to a fire at a bio diesel refinery Wednesday in Monongalia County. According to Mecca 911 dispatchers, it happened around 8:30 p.m. on Old Stewartstown Road. The fire closed down the road for a little more than three hours as crews battled the blaze. The owner was processing a batch of bio diesel when the fire ignited. The owner said he saw a fire ball, ran out and began turning off propane tanks. There was approximately 800 to 900 gallons of cooking oils and bio diesel in the fire, said the Cheat Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Firefighters were able to control the fire from approaching an adjacent building which contained approximately 4,000 to 5,000 gallons of unprocessed oil. The refinery generates approximately 300 gallons of biodiesel every 12 hours, said the Cheat Lake VFD. The DEP was notified about the fire. The Cheat Lake Volunteer Fire Department is investigating.

<http://www.wboy.com/story/26683600/firefighters-fight-blaze-at-bio-diesel-refinery-on-old-stewartstown-road>

CANADA, N.S, HALIFAX, OCTOBER 4 2014. COSTS BALLOON FOR DIESEL SPILL CLEANUP AT DARTMOUTH BUS DEPOT >> BILL FOR BUS DEPOT WORK HITS \$2.5 MILLION

brett bundale

The cost of cleaning up a substantial fuel leak at Halifax Transit's Dartmouth bus depot has risen nearly a million dollars since August. The diesel leak is now expected to cost \$2.5 million in cleanup and fuel costs. Shannon Miedema, Halifax's environmental performance officer, said in an interview Thursday the city is looking to recoup those costs "through insurance and legal channels." The increased costs are partly related to unexpected issues encountered when replacing an underground water line that served as a pathway for the fuel, she said. However, the work is still on track to wrap up at the end of this month in order to repave the area before winter, Miedema said. Roughly 200,000 litres of diesel seeped into the ground after an old piping system at the Burnside transit facility leaked unnoticed for months. Hundreds of documents obtained under a freedom of information request reveal the complexity of pinpointing the source of the fuel leak. It was first noticed in a ditch on Windmill Road last April and reported to Halifax Water, according to a report by Amec Environment and Infrastructure. Although the diesel was quickly traced back to a ditch bordering Halifax Transit's Burnside facility, it would be weeks before the source would be identified. Wendy Lines, Halifax Transit's bus maintenance manager, said in an email April 9 that the leak could not be from underground fuel storage tanks as they had been removed the year before. "But the source of the spill is still a mystery," Lines said. However, the removal of the old underground tanks ended up being a clue into a possible cause of the leak. In 2009, Metro Transit replaced four large underground diesel fuel tanks with two above-ground tanks. However, the old tanks weren't actually removed until January 2013. Documents obtained by The Chronicle Herald show that when the underground tanks were removed, the piping system that connected them to above-ground tanks wasn't capped off. A report by Redden Petroleum Enterprises on May 21 said a ball valve on one of the old fuel lines was in the open position. "If this valve had been open since the tanks were removed 12-24 months ago, the potential was there for a considerable amount of product being released," the report said. In an email to Anne Feist, Halifax's procurement manager, on May 22, Miedema said "we may be suing one or two contractors over this." But in an interview Thursday, Miedema said the valve issue is still being investigated. "So I wouldn't draw too much from that report," she said. "What we know for sure is that the pipes weren't capped. Anything else to do with that piping system is still under investigation."

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/metro/1240966-costs-balloon-for-diesel-spill-cleanup-at-dartmouth-bus-depot>

SRI LANKA, MATTEGODA, OCTOBER 4 2014. EXPLOSIVE DUMP FIRE: ARMY DOES NOT SUSPECT SABOTAGE

madura ranwala & norman palihawadana

Yesterday's explosions inside the partly underground explosive dump in the Army Engineer Regiment Camp, Mattegoda weren't due to an act of sabotage, Military spokesman Brigadier Ruwan Wanigasooriya told The Island last night. He said a fire had broken out inside the explosive dump located in the camp. The explosive dump had been sealed and its keys left with



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the commander in charge and there were no civil or army casualties or damage to properties outside and, therefore, no police investigation was required, he said. The Military Spokesman said that within an hour or so of the incident the army, air force, Kotte and Dehiwala municipal fire brigades had been douse the fire and the army was awaiting the Government Analyst's report. "Two investigations have been launched by the military and a panel of experts on the orders of the Army Commander Lt. Gen. Daya Ratnayake to determine the cause of explosions." The army was conducting investigations to find out whether it was the weather prevailing at the time had caused the fire, triggering the explosions. There had been C4 plastic explosives, hand grenades and other explosive devices in the dump. the Brigadier said, adding that the army had cordoned off the area immediately. The Police Media Unit said that there had been explosions inside the camp until 4.30 p.m. yesterday and Kahathuduwa police had not been allowed to move in for security reasons.

http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=111383

USA, TX, CHAPEL HILL, OCTOBER 4 2014. FIRE REKINDLES AT SITE OF OIL TANK EXPLOSIONS IN CHAPEL HILL



After putting out the fire overnight, crews have returned to the scene following a reported rekindle. According to the Smith County Fire Marshal's Office, firefighters sprayed foam over the flames and extinguished the flames a second times. No injuries were reported.

Original Story: Smith County authorities are on the scene where multiple oil tanks have exploded in Chapel Hill. It happened around 8 Thursday evening at an oil field near the intersection of FM 2607 and Smith County Road 223. A small area around the oil field has been evacuated. Also, multiple roads in that area have been blocked off to traffic. First responders have not confirmed any injuries from the explosion, but they do plan to stay at the scene throughout the night, monitoring the situation.

<http://www.ketnbc.com/news/fire-rekindles-at-site-of-oil-tank-explosions-in-c>

USA, GA, BAINBRIDGE, OCTOBER 5 2014. BAINBRIDGE GAS SPILL MOST LIKELY CAUSED BY TRUCK

amanda blomquist

City officials believe that a gasoline spill on Tuesday was a result of a leak from a tanker truck. However, this believed leak caused an environmental cleanup company to take care of the mess. According to City of Bainbridge Code Enforcement Officer Keith Pollock, the gas spill happened along North Sims Street, according to city the driver of the tanker truck lives nearby and had parked the truck alongside the road. City officials say that a passerby called Bainbridge Public Safety to report the smell of gasoline in the air next to the truck's parking spot, saying that the smell was strong enough to be smelled from inside passing vehicles. The Georgia Department of Environmental Protection is monitoring the spill.

http://www.wtxl.com/news/bainbridge-gas-spill-most-likely-caused-by-truck/article_e7e345c0-4b39-11e4-a068-001a4bcf6878.html

SAUDI ARABIA, TABUK, OCTOBER 5 2014. FUEL TANKER TOPPLES OVER

A fuel tanker tipped over and caught fire Thursday in Dhiba Governorate, said Civil Defense spokesman Col. Mamdooh Al-Enezi. The driver, who lost control over the steering wheel, suffered second-degree burns and was rushed to King Khalid Hospital in Tabuk. The tanker was carrying 1,000 liters of fuel and was traveling on Dhiba-Tabuk Highway when the accident happened. Traffic Police will start an investigation once the driver recovers to determine how the accident occurred and whether he dozed off while driving.

<http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/index.cfm?method=home.regcon&contentid=20141004220214>

NIGERIA, KWARA, OSIN, OCTOBER 5 2014. RESIDENTS SCOOPING FUEL AS TANKER CRASHES IN KWARA

Danger may currently be lurking in Osin community in Ilorin East Local Government Area of Kwara State as residents of the settlement are scrambling to scoop fuel spilled in the area after a fuel tanker crashed on Saturday. A resident of the village, who made a desperate call to Punch Online on Saturday, feared that the worst might happen if concerned authorities failed to respond to their calls urgently. The resident, a male (name withheld), alleged that four days ago, there was an accident in the community, located along the Ilorin-Jebba Road, saying the State Emergency Management Agency, which promised to come to the scene, failed to show up. "Today again, this morning, a fuel tanker crashed some minutes ago; its content is currently



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spilling around and people are scooping fuel in the area. We have called the same management agency but as I'm talking to you now, they (members of the agency) have not shown up, though they promised they would come," says the resident. "There is still fuel in the tanker that had an accident in this place four days ago, it has not been evacuated. If any place goes up in flame around this area, every body will be in trouble." Our correspondent called Alhaji Abdulwahab Oba, the Chief Press Secretary to Governor Abdulfattah Ahmed, who promised to call on relevant agencies to race to the scene and put the situation under control.

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=189584>

CANADA, SASKATCHEWAN, SASKATOON, OCTOBER 5 2014. CHEMICAL SPILL IN SASKATOON ISOLATED UNDERGROUND

amber rockliffe & thomas piller



The city and Saskatoon Fire Department are trying to stop 3,000 litres of asphalt emulsion from contaminating river.

The city and Saskatoon Fire Department helped isolate 3,000 litres of asphalt emulsion from contaminating the South Saskatchewan River. Around 12:20 p.m. on Saturday, fire crews responded a leak of an unknown substance at a hotel parking lot in the 100-block of Circle Drive. Battalion Chief David Nahachewsky says 2,500 litres of asphalt emulsion leaked out of a damaged tanker truck and then down a storm drain. "It's a coating or a top coat for asphalt or pavement," said Nahachewsky. Nahachewsky says there is no immediate danger to the public and the leak is not a serious health risk. The biggest concern was if it reached the river. "Well basically it's a larger cleanup, there's environmental laws preventing pollution, so that's what we are trying to stop is

the continuation of pollution," said Nahachewsky. All 3,000 litres from the tanker truck were spilt. Fire crews and Hazmat helped prevent approximately 500 litres of the substance from going down the drain using diking materials and Envirotec will clean the surface area. "What our process now is to make sure that we stop it before it goes into the river, so that's why the city is here to trace the lines down so we can figure out where to stop it and then we'll clean it out after that," said Nahachewsky. Police were on scene to investigate the cause of the petroleum by-product spill. The driver of the tanker truck and a foreman were on site. City crews isolated the storm drain line within two and a half hours to prevent it from causing more any further damage. The exact cost for the cleanup is not available. The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment is now in command of the incident.

<http://globalnews.ca/news/1598869/crews-stopping-asphalt-emulsion-leak-from-reaching-river/>

USA, NV, LAS VEGAS, OCTOBER 5 2014. TEEN BURNED IN BONFIRE EXPLOSION TALKS ABOUT TRAGIC NIGHT

 **Watch the Video:** [Teen burned in bonfire explosion talks about tragic night](#)



It's been nearly four months since seven teenagers were severely burned in a bonfire explosion. We didn't know much about what took place at that party out in the desert until today. Formal charges were filed against Michael Boyd Jr. today and testimony revealed the horrible details of what happened. Two barrels, each with leftover diesel fuel in them, were allegedly rolled onto a bonfire. In a flash, the entire area exploded into a fireball. News 3 spoke with Lukas Lawrence, the one victim who is being called a hero for pulling his friends out of the fire and driving them to the hospital despite being severely burned himself. Lawrence still has bandages covering much of his upper body. He's the teenager who organized a bonfire last June. He could never have imagined it would end with an explosion and terrible injuries. He was badly burned over 35 percent of his body. Nearly four months after a bonfire disaster, Lawrence is able to talk about that night, June 9. "Everybody's saying, oh obviously if you

see a barrel of diesel on fire you should back up," Lawrence said. "Well, you don't always look at the fire and you don't know what's going on." A second barrel exploded. It was allegedly rolled into the bonfire by Boyd. Suddenly the entire area was on fire. Lawrence and six other teenagers, all terribly burned, piled into his truck. Lukas drove to the hospital, likely saving lives.



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He was in a coma for a month. "Really just building my strength back up, and I kind of have some limitations in my arms, but it's getting there," Lawrence said. Lawrence hopes to have his bandages removed in a month. Now Boyd is accused of third degree arson, several counts of mayhem, and recklessness causing bodily harm for adding fuel tanks to the fire.

<http://www.mynews3.com/content/news/story/Teen-burned-in-bonfire-explosion-talks-about/5NRHyBmAGE2uL5gyMNwteA.csp>

JAMAICA, KINGSTON, OCTOBER 5 2014. DRIVER DIES AS PASSENGER BUS SLAMS INTO GAS TANKER IN STONY HILL



Accident in Red Gal Ring, Stony Hill, St Andrew.

A Coaster bus driver died this morning and several passengers injured after the bus slammed into a gas tanker in Red Gal Ring, Stony Hill St Andrew. The bus was heading into Kingston when it slammed into the tanker that was heading up the hill in the opposite direction. Passengers reportedly said that the driver had been having problems getting the bus in gear while descending the steep hill, when the crash occurred. No one in the tanker was hurt. The driver of the bus was trapped in the wreckage and died on the scene. Some passengers reportedly received broken limbs and cuts and had to be rushed to the hospital.

<http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/latestnews/Driver-dies-as-passenger-bus-slams-into-gas-tanker-in-Stony-Hill>

USA, N.D, TIOGA, OCTOBER 5 2014. UNUSUAL ALLIANCE ON OIL SPILL CLEANUP NEAR TIOGA



Farmer Steve Jensen harvests durum adjacent to his wheat field, where cleanup is underway on the site of one of North Dakota's largest oil spills near Tioga on Sept. 16.

On Monday, Patty Jensen delivered a treat to the workers doing the cleanup on the site of one of North Dakota's largest oil spills. For husband Steve, it was just another day at the end of a busy harvest. But a year ago, his discovery of oil in their wheat field near Tioga set off a media frenzy and an outcry over the 11-day delay by state officials in notifying the public. The initial report filed by the North Dakota Department of Health on the morning of Sept. 30, 2013, estimated the amount spilled as 750 barrels. Eight days later, pipeline owner San Antonio, Texas-based Tesoro Logistics called Kris Roberts, an environmental geologist with the state Health Department's Division of Water Quality, with a revised spill estimate of 20,600 barrels. "It was pretty stressful for me, it's taken a pretty long

time to go with the flow and accept it," said Patty Jensen, who admitted that a medical scare in April deepened her stress. "Life just doesn't stop to deal with an oil spill," she said. Cleaning up the more than 20,000 barrels — or 865,200 gallons — will cost about \$20.6 million and is expected to take another 12 to 18 months, Tesoro spokeswoman Tina Barbee said. "It's a disappointing event for the company. We're committed to getting this land back to its original condition, so that the Jensens can start farming again," said Eric Haugstad, Tesoro's director of contingency planning and emergency response. Steve Jensen started farming in high school on land homesteaded by his family in the early 1900s. The Jensens, known for their hospitality and her homemade pie, have forged an unusual alliance with Tesoro and the workers on the spill site. "They (Tesoro) really are trying to work with us. If something bothers us, we bring it right up," Patty Jensen said. "It's been pretty open — we stress communication.

The Cleanup

The farmland that is contaminated is about 2.5 acres within an 8-acre site. Some contamination extends 30 feet below ground, with contamination as deep as 50 feet below ground in some areas, said David Glatt, chief of the Health Department's environmental health section. The department announced April 25 it had approved a remediation plan for the spill site that would involve excavating the contaminated soil and heating it to high temperatures to remove the oil. Several mounds of dirt rise high above a field dotted with hay bales. Contractor Nelson Environmental Remediation began working at the site in the spring. A thermal desorption unit, or TDU, powered by natural gas, removes hydrocarbons from the contaminated soil, which is



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then quenched with water, during a 12-minute process. The treated soil is then returned to the excavation site separate from the contaminated piles. Josh Clifford, of Minnesota-based QualiTech, is the site project manager for decontaminating the soil. The TDU was assembled in May, reaching full capacity of more than 1,000 tons of soil per day by mid-May, and is modified to work in all seasons, Clifford said. He said the 130-ton stainless steel TDU has a 180-foot-by-180-foot footprint. The roar of the 50-foot-high TDU requires ear protection. A work crew of 16 operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week as heavy equipment scrapes, carries and dumps soil, maneuvering between and around massive mounds of soil. Workers and visitors to the site are required to wear personal protective equipment including a hard hat and a clip-on meter to detect hydrogen sulfide gas. Haugstad said he started to see real progress on the site by mid-August after a damp summer. The plan for winter, Clifford said, is to continue "full speed ahead until the job's done. We don't slow down because of the cold."

'Watershed Moment'

Wayde Schafer of the Dacotah Chapter of the Sierra Club called the spill a "watershed moment" for the Health Department, saying its response has been an important step forward. Glatt said the department's policy changed "pursuant to the leak," and its website now provides environmental incident reports. Press releases are issued for spills in which 150 barrels or more are released as well as those that migrate toward water or wetlands. Paying attention to details, along with greater accountability, is the message Glatt said he wants energy companies to grasp. "Development of the oil field is dynamic, not static. ... As we go out for inspections, (if we see) continuing violations we will target you until we don't find any, until they get the message," he said. The spill, which Tesoro blames on a lightning strike, focused new attention on pipeline safety in the state, which has about 20,000 miles of crude and natural gas pipelines, according to the North Dakota Pipeline Authority. The state Public Service Commission is requesting in its 2015 budget an additional 1.5 inspectors for natural gas pipelines and 3.5 for hazardous liquids (crude oil and byproducts). If approved by the Legislature, it would take effect Aug. 15, 2015. An emergency provision would allow for immediate action. The federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is struggling with similar staffing challenges, PSC Chairman Brian Kalk said, noting the agency only has 25 inspectors in the central region of the country, with none in North Dakota. Don Morrison is executive director of the Dakota Resource Council, an environmental group that monitors the effects of oil development. While the Jensens could be the faces for the negative impacts of oil, Morrison said after speaking with the couple late last year, he sensed their concern over "speaking out too much." "Their intentions aren't to make waves, their intention is to fix the problem. People who do speak out get ostracized — very lonely place to be when something goes wrong with oil on your land," Morrison said. Said Steve Jensen: "When people ask you about it, you don't dwell on it. You just keep it short and simple."

Monitoring

After the cleanup crews leave, there will be groundwater and topsoil monitoring at the spill site, as determined by the health department. Soil scientists from North Dakota State University have been invited to do a study for future industry and possibly farm the Jensens's wheat field the first year it's back in production. In a few weeks the Jensens will be offered a slice of hope and a glimpse into their future. "When Tesoro is ready to put the first clean soil back into the ground," Patty Jensen said with a smile, "they will let me and Steve operate the excavator and put the first scoopful back into the ground."

http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/unusual-alliance-on-oil-spill-cleanup-near-tioga/article_75164d8e-4b8f-11e4-bf7b-93e46e70604c.html

USA, CA, LONG BEACH, OCTOBER 5 2014. SHIPMAN FREED IN LONG BEACH DUMPING CASE

karen robes meeks

More than a year after being detained for allegedly dumping oil into the ocean from a cargo ship bound for the Port of Long Beach, the ship's chief engineer was able to return home to Slovenia this week. Dejan Vodopic, who was held in the Long Beach area after four M/V Bellavia crew members accused him of discharging oil into the Pacific Ocean in October 2013, was free to leave for his home country of Slovenia, thanks to Michael Zweiback, a partner in Arent Fox's Complex Litigation practice who secured Vodopic's release. "We were able to demonstrate that a lot of the government's assumptions about the case were, in fact, incorrect," said Zweiback, a former assistant U.S. attorney. The charges were dismissed at sentencing. Zweiback added that while Vodopic agreed to pay a \$15,000 fine, "it was much less than what they were originally alleging." Vodopic had been held in Long Beach after four of the ship's crew members furnished evidence, including pictures and video footage of the fuel leak, to the U.S. Coast Guard. The hull of the 960-foot-long, Panamax-size M/V Bellavia apparently cracked while traveling through the Panama Canal in 2011, and over time the crack was so wide that seawater could enter one of the ship's fuel tanks, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. The operator of the M/V Bellavia, German shipper Herm. Dauelsberg GmbH & Co. KG, admitted that the ship sustained a crack that passed through its hull into a fuel tank after hitting the canal



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again in September 2013, something the company should have disclosed to the Coast Guard. The crew apparently pumped nearly 120,000 gallons of oil-contaminated seawater into the ocean without using a filter that separates oil from the water being dumped. Federal law mandates that the crew must record the discharge and make the Coast Guard aware of the action. <http://www.pressetelegram.com/general-news/20141004/shipman-freed-in-long-beach-dumping-case>

USA, LA, NEW ORLEAN, OCTOBER 5 2014. TRAIN DERAILS IN NE LOUISIANA, 2-HOUR EVACUATION

Two train engineers were in serious condition Sunday after their freight train hit a transport truck in northeast Louisiana, derailing two engines and 16 tank and hopper cars and causing a brief evacuation. The engineers' locomotive overturned and slammed into a big oak tree, Mer Rouge Police Chief Mitch Stephens said. The locomotive ended with its main door facing the ground; rescue crews had to pry off an access door to get to them, he said. Stephens said both engineers were airlifted to a hospital; he did not know which hospital or the engineers' names. Stephens said about 50 houses within a half-mile of the wreck were evacuated for about two hours because of concern that a tank car of pressurized argon gas might explode. Another tank of argon, an inert gas used to fill light bulbs and in arc welding, leaked until it was empty, he said. The Southern Pacific train was hauling about 80 to 100 cars, Stephens said. The accident occurred Sunday afternoon at the Highway 165 crossing in the town of Mer Rouge, a town about 120 miles east of Shreveport. Stephens said trucker Daniel Shackelford, of Freedom, Missouri, hauling a rig owned by Taylor Truck Line of Northfield, Minnesota, was unhurt. "He saw the train coming and he jumped out of the truck," Stephens said. The police chief said the vehicle, which was carrying a crane, got caught on the tracks. "It was a lowboy. We've had this occur numerous times in the past, where trailers would get hung up on tracks," he said.

 **Related Stories** [2 Train Engineers Seriously Injured in NE Louisiana](#)

<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/article2523131.html>

USA AK, COOK INLET, OCTOBER 5 2014. SMALL TEAM BOARDS BURNED COOK INLET PLATFORM TO BEGIN DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

 **Watch the Video:** [Supply ship fights fire on Cook Inlet offshore platform](#)

 **Photo's [13]** [Baker platform fire in Cook Inlet](#)



A boat sprays water on the smoking Baker gas-drilling platform in Cook Inlet off of Nikiski on Thursday, October 2, 2014. Investigators hoped to board the platform Friday.

A small team on Friday afternoon boarded the scorched natural gas [platform in Cook Inlet that caught fire Thursday morning](#) to get a firsthand look at the damage. The fire at Hilcorp Alaska LLC's Baker platform near Nikiski was contained by nightfall Thursday. Authorities on Friday said the fire that started in crew sleeping quarters didn't cause any detectable pollution. Hilcorp shut off any gas production remotely after alarms sounded Thursday morning. Two response vessels at the platform overnight Thursday into Friday responded to several small flare-ups though the night, according to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. A flyover Friday morning confirmed the fire was

still contained and the living quarters where the fire began were a "total loss," according to an update around noon from the command center staffed by Hilcorp, DEC and the U.S. Coast Guard. The Nikiski Fire Department, Cook Inlet Spill Prevention and Response Inc. and Offshore Marine Services are also involved in the platform fire response. A 2-mile maritime safety zone remained in effect Friday. The fire's cause and the extent of the damage won't be completely clear until investigators can board and get to work, said Hilcorp spokeswoman Lori Nelson. But responders took a step in that direction midafternoon Friday. A four-person team -- two from Hilcorp, two from Nikiski Fire Department -- made it to the platform, a Coast Guard spokesman said. A Coast Guard Jayhawk helicopter remained nearby in case the fire flared again or the platform proved unstable, Petty Officer 1st Class Shawn Eggert said. A fireboat remained on scene. The team is making sure the platform is at no risk of collapse, Eggert said. The team was also expected to inspect critical components and systems on the platform, according to the DEC. The platform's gas production was minimal, and the shutdown that began Thursday morning won't affect gas supplies to local utilities, Nelson said.

 **Related Stories** [No injuries, no spills reported in Cook Inlet offshore platform fire](#)

<http://www.adn.com/article/20141003/small-team-boards-burned-cook-inlet-platform-begin-damage-assessment>



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USA, VA, WARM SPRINGS, OCTOBER 6 2014. USDA SETTLES ALLEGED TANK VIOLATIONS IN VA.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has settled allegations of storage tank violations at the Lake Moomaw Marina Store in Warm Springs. The settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency includes a \$14,143 civil penalty. The USDA also will conduct monthly and yearly inspections of leak detection equipment on an underground storage tank at the store. The EPA says in a news release that the 8,000-gallon fiberglass reinforced plastic tank is used to store gasoline. The EPA had alleged that the Department of Agriculture didn't conduct release detection for several months. The EPA also said the department didn't test the leak detection system annually. Both are violations of federal and Virginia underground storage tank regulations. The department didn't admit liability for the alleged violations.

<http://www.wric.com/story/26707694/usda-settles-alleged-tank-violations-in-va>

USA, PA, CENTER TWP, OCTOBER 6 2014. TANKER TRUCK LEAKING GASOLINE PROMPTS HOME, HOTEL EVACUATIONS IN CENTER TWP.

 **Watch the Video:** [Tanker Truck Leaking Gasoline](#)



Center Township gasoline leak

A tanker truck leaking gasoline led to the evacuation of homes and two hotels in Center Township, Beaver County, Saturday night. The evacuations occurred after the truck began leaking when it arrived at a Shell gas station on Old Broadhead Road. The truck was carrying about 2,500 gallons of gasoline. Some of the gas that leaked was diverted into a storage tank. The gasoline that remained in the tanker was pumped into another tanker truck. Crews spent several hours cleaning up the leak. Homes along Wilhelm Drive and two nearby hotels were evacuated as a precaution. People have since been allowed back into their homes and hotel rooms.

<http://www.wpxi.com/news/news/local/tanker-truck-leaking-gasoline-prompts-home-hotel-e/nhcl6/>

NEW ZEALAND, DUNEDIN, OCTOBER 6 2014. NO OIL SPILL AFTER SOUTHLAND TANKER CRASH

louise berwick

Emergency services are removing an oil tanker from a ditch in Western Southland after a crash early this morning. District Command Centre deployment co-ordinator Senior Sergeant Craig Brown, of Dunedin, said police had spent all morning at the scene and had just begun recovering the tanker from the ditch. The crash happened on Reilly Rd in Orepuki about 6am. Brown said emergency services rushed to the scene but the driver was not injured. It was not clear how the crash happened and although the tanker was full at the time, no oil spilled on the road, he said.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/10583920/No-oil-spill-after-Southland-tanker-crash>

CANADA, N.S, HALIFAX, OCTOBER 6 2014. COMPANY IN COURT TO FIGHT ORDER TO CLEAN UP SITE BEFOULING DRINKING WATER NEAR HALIFAX

brett bundale

Marlene Brown hasn't been able to drink water out of her tap since 1998. The Harrietsfield resident rattles off a laundry list of toxic substances polluting her well. "Uranium, arsenic, iron, copper, lead, cadmium, sodium," Brown said in an interview Sunday, her voice trailing off. "Everyone's water out here contains these contaminants to some degree, and some wells are really polluted." Brown is one of several homeowners in the rural residential community that hasn't been able to use her well water for drinking, cooking or brushing teeth for years. She lives on Old Sambro Road, not far from a long-running construction and waste recycling site. The facility, which has changed hands several times, operated as RDM Recycling. For years, it processed and recycled construction materials such as asphalt, brick, concrete, shingles and drywall. But in 2010, a ministerial order called on two numbered companies and three individuals to clean up the construction and waste recycling site. A few years later, the province shut down the site due to non-compliance issues with provincial environmental regulations. But a numbered company has appealed the environment minister's order, claiming it didn't cause or add to the contamination problem. The appeal will be heard in Nova Scotia Supreme Court on Monday. The company, 3076525 Nova Scotia Ltd., is run by Kurt Jacobs and Brian Dubblestyn, also directors of the Otter Lake landfill operators Mirror Nova Scotia. Part of the Municipal Group of Companies, which includes well-known firm Dexter Construction, the numbered company took over RDM Recycling in 2005. The company is expected to argue Monday that it should not be on the hook for the contamination because



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it occurred before it took over the site. But a group of Harrietsfield residents, including Brown, say continuing water testing has revealed increasing pollutants in their wells. They have joined the appeal case between 3076525 Nova Scotia Ltd. and Environment Department as interveners. Lawyers from Ecojustice, a non-profit environmental law firm, and Dalhousie Legal Aid will represent the residents. Ecojustice lawyer Kaitlyn Mitchell said Sunday the aim is to have the companies comply with the cleanup and remediation order, regardless of when they operated on the site. "It can be quite complicated in these situations to parse out who specifically added how much to the contamination. To require the minister to do that before issuing an order to clean up the site would effectively stop the process." Mitchell said all operations on the site contributed to its contamination and it's only fair that each operator, past and present, contribute to the cleanup efforts. The cost of cleaning up the site is estimated at \$10 million. The site includes 120,000 tonnes of non-recyclable debris contained in a waste cell built in 2003 with approval from the Environment Department.

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/metro/1241605-company-in-court-to-fight-order-to-clean-up-site-befouling-drinking-water-near-halifax>

USA, PA, MAYTOWN, OCTOBER 6 2014. CAUSE OF EAST DONEGAL TWP. FIRE STILL UNKNOWN, GARAGE STORED FIREWORKS

jennifer todd & bernard harris

 **Photo's [5]** [Garage Containing Fireworks Erupted in Flames](#)

 **Photo's [2]** [Workers were Restoring 'Dud' Fireworks prior to Blast](#)



An explosion destroyed a building and set surrounding fields on fire Sunday near Maytown.

Multiple explosions rocked an area near Maytown after a garage containing fireworks erupted in flames Sunday afternoon. Officials late Sunday said they hadn't yet determined what sparked the two-alarm blaze at 275 Vinegar Ferry Road. A state police fire marshal remained at the scene at press time. The property is owned by Brian Bachman, who traditionally puts on a fireworks display each October. A show reportedly was set for next weekend. Bachman

has been involved in pyrotechnics for about 30 years, according to one official. Bachman's wife, Diane, was injured in the blaze. Mrs. Bachman and a man, whom police didn't identify Sunday night, were taken by ambulance to Lancaster General Hospital. The man later was transferred to Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Upland. His injuries were serious but didn't appear life-threatening, according to Susquehanna Regional police Lt. Stephen Englert. Fire units were dispatched to the Bachman property just after 3 p.m. for what initially was reported as a barn fire involving multiple explosions. An official arriving at the scene reported two burn victims lying in the grass and a three-acre field on fire. He also reported to county dispatchers that fireworks likely were stored in the building that was on fire. The call was upgraded to a second alarm, drawing fire crews from about a dozen companies, including departments in York and Dauphin counties. About 30 pieces of fire apparatus were dispatched to the scene. Crews knocked down the bulk of the fire within an hour, according to radio reports. The garage and a nearby trailer were destroyed. At least two vehicles also caught fire. Englert said officials late Sunday hadn't determined the ignition point of the blaze. "Because of the extent of damage — it's making it difficult," he said. "There's not much left." Englert said Bachman had permits to possess what he called "commercial-grade" fireworks. "There was nothing illegal going on." He said officials from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were summoned because explosives were involved. The fireworks fed multiple explosions that startled neighbors. Some residents said they thought a plane crashed when they heard loud booms and felt the earth shake under their feet, then watched as plumes of heavy black smoke rose from a distance. One man, who asked not to be identified, said he was in his backyard about a half-mile away when he heard a boom then saw a cloud of smoke, about 200 feet wide, begin to rise about 100 feet in the air. His daughter said it was "like a volcano going up." Bob Neiss, who lives nearby on Vinegar Ferry Road, said he jumped in his truck and drove to the Bachman home after hearing the explosions Sunday afternoon. Regarding the injured, Neiss said, "The hand of God was on them." Neiss said Bachman was always "very careful" in dealing with fireworks. Other residents took to social media to report explosions so loud and violent that their houses shook. Some said smoke from the blaze could be seen from miles away.

 **Related Stories** [Workers were Restoring 'Dud' Fireworks prior to Blast](#)

http://lancasteronline.com/news/local/explosions-multiple-burn-victims-reported-at-east-donegal-blaze/article_73ba8a1a-4cc3-11e4-9f5c-0017a43b2370.html



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THE BAHAMAS, NASSAU, OCTOBER 6 2014. MINISTER DORSETT PARLIAMENTARY CLIFTON OIL SPILL STATEMENT

The following is Hon. Kenred Dorsett, Minister of the Environment and Housing Ministerial Statement to Parliament on the Oil Spill in Marine Environment, South West New Providence delivered on October 6th, 2014:

As was recently reported the Government is aware of an oil emission which occurred in waters on the south western end of New Providence, near to Stuarts Cove and Albany. Initial reports indicate that on Wednesday of last week, Stuart Cove discovered an extraordinary amount of fuel in the canal area of their operations and the dive sites they use off the south-west coast of the island of New Providence. Initial reports also indicate that Albany also reported fuel in the water and coastline of their property. On Thursday past it was reported to the Port Controller that there was a smell of oil and an oil slick seen in the Clifton area. Certain members of the National Oil Spill Committee, namely the Port Department, were dispatched to investigate the matter whereupon it was reported to the Controller that no oil slick could be seen in the water in the area reported. A further report was made to the Port Controller of oil in the water on Saturday 4th October, whereupon a further inspection was conducted. It was then reported that a boomed-off area at Clifton Pier was full of oil and spilling out of the boom and that rocks along the coastline and at the marina facility of Stuart Cove was oiled. The Minister of Transport & Aviation and myself were informed of the on-going incident on Saturday the 4th October, 2014 as there was another reported release in the area. Immediately upon being notified, members of the National Oil Spill Advisory Committee inclusive of the BEST Commission, Department of Environmental Health Services, NEMA, the Port Department and the Ministry of Transport & Aviation were dispatched to assess the impact of the oil spill. The assessment revealed that Albany had closed its beach restricting access to it by its guests. It also revealed that fuel had "washed" alongside the coastline of Stuart Cove's operations and entered the canal, where their boats are docked. There was also evidence of oiling along the coast in the vicinity of the dive operation. The Government immediately engaged the services of Coastal Systems International Inc., a United States Environmental Firm to come to the Bahamas as a matter of urgency to:

1. assist in investigating and confirming the source/sources of the oil spill ;
2. assess the impact of the oil spill;
3. address the mitigation of this spill;
4. advise on the preparation of an environmental management plan for the Clifton area; and
5. make remediation recommendations.

Based on historical reports and inspections of the area, it has been determined that there are releases at low tide, and the immediate plan is to review and enhance the containment and recovery strategies presently employed in Clifton Pier area. This is being done as matter of urgency. On the morning of Sunday 5th December the Royal Bahamas Defence Force took members of the National Oil Spill Committee along the coastline to inspect the marine environment. I also inspected the outfalls of the BEC Plant, the BEC containment booms in Clifton Bay and Stuart Cove on Sunday morning. The BEC containment booms were not preventing all of the fuel emitted into the marine environment from spreading. It also appeared that fuel was being discharged from one of the outfalls. An inspection of Stuart Cove's facilities, revealed evidence of fuel discharge in their canal, along the coastline and on the bottoms of their vessels. This morning at 8:00 am, two biological environmental engineers from Coastal Systems International arrived in Nassau. A briefing meeting was held at the Ministry of Works & Urban Development at 8:30 am this morning for all government stakeholders and advisors, including officials from BEC. As we speak, the Government's response team and our environmental consultants are inspecting the relevant properties, including BEC's Clifton Pier Plant. We expect to receive a report from our consultants as quickly as possible and upon receipt and consideration of the report, the public will be advised of our next steps. The Clifton area has been plagued with oil spills for decades. This government established an inter-Ministerial Working Group to investigate and address this long standing issue. It will not be business as usual. We are resolved and committed to address this vexing problem. All relevant parties and businesses in the industrial area of Clifton will be engaged in discussion with the Government as we seek to assess and confirm the source or sources of the oil spills as well as the extent of the contamination of the properties in the area, including the Clifton Heritage Park. There has also been a sub-committee established within the National Oil Spill Committee. That sub-committee, together with our environmental consultants will establish mechanisms in the short term to enhance containment and recovery strategies as we develop and implement the medium to long term measures which will include (1) an environmental management plan for the Clifton area; (2) a remediation plan for the Clifton area including BEC's Clifton Pier plant, which has also been factored in the current BEC Energy Reform RFP process; (3) a review of existing operational processes and standards for BEC and other industrial stakeholders in the Clifton area; (4) an environmental sensitivity map of the area; and (5) where deemed appropriate the implementation of new regulations and standards by BEC



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and other industrial stakeholders in the Clifton area to be enforced by the Government. Mr. Speaker, this problem did not arise for the first time since we came to office in May 2012. The owner of Stuart Cove has indicated that he has had to contend with oil spills since 1995. We are all painfully aware that successive administrations have not taken this matter as seriously as they ought to have done. This administration will not bury its head in the proverbial sand. We were elected to fix small and big problems. This is a huge problem which impacts our marine life, tourism and our environment. The political will to fix it exists in this Government and by the instruction of the Right Honourable Prime Minister and member for Centreville, which has already been given, we move with a sense of urgency to do so.

http://www.thebahamasweekly.com/publish/bis-news-updates/Minister_Dorsett_Parliamentary_Clifton_Oil_Spill_Statement37424.shtml

SPAIN, MÁLAGA, RINCÓN DE LA VICTORIA, OCTOBER 6 2014. PETROL STATION NOISE ANGERS LOCALS



The Public Prosecutor has asked for a six year prison sentence to be handed out to the manager of a petrol station in Rincón de la Victoria charged with noise pollution. The petrol station's manager is facing the possibility of a prison sentence because his carwash produces so much noise that local residents are being driven mad, with some even claiming to be suffering from depression as a direct result of the noise. With the noise above the accepted level, the prosecution has accused the manager of committing crimes against the environment which seriously endanger public health. Furthermore, the prosecution has accused the manager of causing two counts of personal injury to nearby residents. If convicted, the manager will face up to four years in

prison as well as a 10-year ban on working within the industry and a fine of more than €9,000 in relation to the first charge, as well as one year in prison for each case of injury. The accused ran the petrol station in Rincón de la Victoria from 2004 until October 2012, and throughout that period several complaints were made as to the elevated, and often excessive, level of noise produced in large part by the station's carwash. The noise mainly affected residents of a nearby urbanisation, and the eight-year period saw many complaints made to the Town Hall. Two local residents were especially affected by the noise. They had to seek special psychiatric treatment as well as take medication to combat depression and anxiety. The Prosecution argues that the noise level went way above the acceptable limit established in Andalucía's regulations on noise pollution.

<https://www.euroweeklynews.com/news/axarquia-malaga-east/item/123364-petrol-station-noise-angers-locals>

CHINA, GUIZHOU PROVINCE MEITAN CO, LANJIANG, OCTOBER 6 2014. EXPLOSION IN SOUTHWEST CHINA CLAIMS LIVES OF 5



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An explosion at an illegal fireworks factory southwest China's Guizhou Province on Monday resulted in the deaths of five people and left one injured. "The explosion was heard at about 7:40 a.m. in the Lanjiang Village of Meitan County, where people were believed to be making fireworks illegally," Xinhua reports. The media source notes that four people died on the spot, while two injured individuals were sent to a hospital. Unfortunately, one of the two wounded persons died later. The Associated Press points out, that China has closed thousands of workshops producing fireworks illegally. The government has tried

to prevent tragic cases like these, but the industry has become "an economic lifeline" for the inhabitants of poor rural regions. Fireworks are widely used in China to celebrate "auspicious occasions" including holidays, opening businesses and different rituals. It's worth mentioning Monday's tragedy happened on the next-to-last day of the National Day in China – a public weeklong holiday. The holiday is celebrated throughout the country with vivid festivities including fascinating fireworks. Police are extremely busy, with all its resources directed at ensuring transportation safety and crowd control. The cause of the explosion at the illegal plant in Guizhou Province is being investigated by local authorities.

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