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INDIA, MAHARASHTRA, MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 25 2014. GANG CONNECTS 2 IN' PIPE TO BPCL SUPPLY LINE, SIPHONS OFF LUBRICANT OIL

divyesh singh



The thieves tapped into the pipeline (above) which leads to the tank (right) The thieves laid a PVC pipeline, which ran underground from Wadala to a concrete tank at Reay Road, where the pilfered oil suspected to be worth crores was collected.

A special squad of the Additional Commissioner of Police (South Region), along with Port Zone officials, busted a major oil theft racket on Wednesday, in which it is suspected that oil used for manufacturing lubricants worth crores had been stolen from Bharat Petroleum. Three persons have been arrested by the police, who are hunting for three more suspects. According to the police, the gang had laid a 600-metre 2-inch PVC pipeline, which ran underground and passed through the secured area in MbPT (Wadala). It was drilled into BPCL's main supply pipeline, and the oil was siphoned off to a rented one-storey structure under the Eastern Freeway at Reay Road. On raiding the structure at Reay Road, police found that the pipeline led an underground concrete tank where the stolen oil was collected. They also found several cans filled with base oil. On Wednesday, acting on orders from Police Commissioner Rakesh Maria to keep a check on the oil mafia, the special squad under Addl CP Krishna Prakash and the Wadala police rounded up some known criminals who, after being grilled, revealed details of a gang operating between Byculla and Wadala. "The suspects told us that the accused managed to steal a large amount of base oil, which is used to manufacture lubricants for automobiles. These lubricants are normally manufactured only by licensed firms who get supplies of base oil from companies like HPCL and BPCL. But if the base oil is stolen from the refineries, local operators manufacture the lubricants which are sold loose in the market," said Krishna Prakash. "As per details provided by the suspects, we reached the spot and nabbed a man who revealed the 2-inch PVC pipeline which was laid underground. It passed through the container railway line coming from the refineries to the docks," Krishna Prakash said. "The person, identified as Ejaz Ahmed, took us to a place under the Eastern Freeway in Reay Road, where the pipeline was connected to an underground concrete tank." The police arrested two more persons identified as Mohammad Nizam Shariq from Antop Hill and Mohammad Waseem Shaikh from Kalyan, who were manning the place where the stolen oil was being collected. Investigators believe this to be a major racket and suspect that oil worth crores could have been stolen so far. It is also suspected that the pilfering could not possibly be done with authorities from BPCL being completely unaware of it. The three accused have been booked under relevant sections of the IPC, the Essential Commodities Act, and for damage to public property. A manhunt has been launched to nab three more accused identified only as Khalid, Nadeem and Sajju. At the time of going to press, the police and BPCL authorities were examining the spot to figure out how the main pipeline had been tampered with.

<http://www.mumbaimirror.com/mumbai/crime/Gang-connects-2in-pipe-to-BPCL-supply-line-siphons-off-lubricant-oil/articleshow/43357984.cms>

CANADA, MB, WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 25 2014. FUEL TRUCK CRASH CLOSES HIGHWAY 59 NORTH OF WINNIPEG

peter chura



A tanker hauling diesel fuel tipped over on Hwy. 59 at MacGregor Farm Road at about 2:45 p.m. Wednesday.

RCMP say Highway 59 north of Winnipeg will be closed in both directions for "several hours" while a crash is cleaned up. A tanker hauling diesel fuel tipped over at Highway 59 and MacGregor Farm Road at about 2:45 p.m. There were no injuries, and a fuel leak was quickly contained. But Mounties advised at 3:45 that "the road will remain closed for the next several hours."

<http://globalnews.ca/news/1581306/fuel-truck-crash-closes-hwy-59-north-of-winnipeg/>



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USA, N.Y, NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 25 2014. EPA FINALIZES PLAN TO ADDRESS CONTAMINATED SOIL AT MAYWOOD CHEMICAL COMPANY SUPERFUND SITE IN NJ

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has finalized its plan to address chemically-contaminated soil at the Maywood Chemical Company Superfund site in Maywood, Lodi and Rochelle Park, New Jersey. Previous industrial activity at the site resulted in contamination of the soil and groundwater with volatile organic compounds, radioactive waste and heavy metals. Exposure to these pollutants can have serious health effects, and in some cases, increase the risk of cancer. The EPA is requiring a combination of removing and treating contaminated soil. "By getting at the source, this cleanup will address the contaminated soil and reduce the risk posed by the toxic contamination to people's health and the environment," said EPA Regional Administrator Judith A. Enck. The EPA held a public meeting on September 9, 2013 in Maywood to explain the plan. The EPA received public comments for 103 days and considered public input before finalizing the plan. Operations at the former Maywood Chemical Works began in 1895 and from 1916 to 1955 included thorium processing, which produced radioactive waste. Other manufacturing activities generated various types of chemical and radiological wastes. These waste materials were used as fill on the former Maywood Chemical Works property and at nearby properties. The site is being addressed jointly by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Stepan Company, which currently owns and operates a manufacturing facility at the site. The EPA is overseeing the work. Because of the nature and complexity of the contamination at the site, the cleanup work was divided into several phases. Under previous cleanup plans, the Army Corps of Engineers is addressing radioactive contamination on more than 88 parcels and radioactive and chemical contamination on an 11-acre government-owned parcel at the site. To date, more than 575,000 cubic yards of radioactively-contaminated material has been removed from the site. Over 60 residential properties, 20 commercial properties, three parks and a local fire station have been cleaned up. Radiological soil cleanup work is ongoing at several commercial properties. Stepan Company has been identified as potentially responsible for non-radiological chemical contamination in both soil and groundwater on the former Maywood Chemical Works properties. The EPA will require seek to have the company do the work laid out in EPA's cleanup plan to address soil that is considered a risk to people either through direct contact or a source of groundwater contamination at the site. Under the EPA's direction, contaminated soil will be dug up and disposed of at facilities authorized to receive the waste. Buried containers will be removed. Excavated areas will then be filled with clean soil and restored. In one of the contaminated areas, the EPA is requiring the removal of harmful chemicals from the soil by extracting them in vapor form with a vacuum and then filtering the vapors through carbon filters to remove contaminants. The EPA will first oversee a study to confirm that this treatment is effective. Two small areas of wetlands with a total area of one and a half acres will be drained to remove the contaminated soil. The water will be pumped from the sediment and treated before being discharged. The wetland areas will be restored with vegetation and soil having properties similar to the existing wetlands. In some areas where contamination remains in place, the EPA will prohibit activities that could disturb the site and allow potential exposure to the contamination in the future. The EPA is requiring periodic review and evaluation of the work to verify that the actions taken continue to protect people's health and the environment. The Superfund program operates on the principle that polluters should pay for the cleanups, rather than passing the costs to taxpayers. In this instance, the site is partially being addressed by the federal government under a program to clean up radioactive contamination at specific sites across the country, called Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program. A portion of the site, which is the subject of this EPA record of decision, is being addressed by the Stepan Company. The record of decision detailing this remedy at the site is available at the Maywood Chemical Company Superfund site, please visit: <http://epa.gov/region02/superfund/npl/maywood>.

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/2043202cc6829d1785257d5d004c8216?OpenDocument>

USA, N.C, JACKSONVILLE, SEPTEMBER 25 2014. NEW REGULATION WOULD ALLOW DEPENDENTS TO CLAIM CONTAMINATED WATER HEALTH ISSUES



The Department of Veterans Affairs is expected to publish two regulations today, including one that will allow veterans' family members who lived aboard Camp Lejeune to make claims for health issues that may have developed as a result of exposure to contaminated water on the installation decades ago. Within the second regulation, family members of veterans who lived aboard Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days between Jan. 1, 1957, and Dec. 31, 1987, are eligible for a program that will cover out-of-pocket expenses for certain illnesses. Family members will have to provide documentation, such as marriage license or birth certificate, to prove their relationship to a veteran and copies of orders or base



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housing records as proof of residence. The program will cover out-of-pocket expenses for the following 15 conditions: esophageal cancer, lung cancer, breast cancer, bladder cancer, kidney cancer, leukemia, multiple myeloma, myelodysplastic syndrome, renal toxicity, hepatic steatosis, female infertility, miscarriage, scleroderma, neurobehavioral effects and non-Hodgkins lymphoma. Veterans affected by Camp Lejeune's water contamination have already been receiving health care since August 2012. Sen. Kay Hagan, D-N.C., released a statement Tuesday supporting the VA's decision in expanding its services to veterans' family members. "Our veterans and their families exposed to toxic water contamination have waited too long for answers, and I am pleased they will now begin to receive the critical health care benefits they deserve," Hagan said in a statement. Family members are able to start enrolling in the program 30 days after the regulation's date of publication, according to the press release. Stephen Wilkins, deputy director of communications with VA Mid-Atlantic Health Care Network, said the VA will be covering a portion of the medical expenses borne by family members. "Family members will be reimbursed for the service fees that they encounter in the private sector," Wilkins said. "VA acts at the last payer." With funds for the program only appropriated by Congress in March of 2013, Wilkins said the VA could only compensate for claims made after that time. "Once the regulation then is enforced, it would cover fees or expenses retroactive to March of 2013," he said. According to Terry Walters, the deputy chief consultant for post-deployment health with Veterans Health Administration, the VA has been encouraging family members to keep copies of bills of their out-of-pocket costs as the department would have to make a determination on which claims to reimburse. "A lot of medical issues are very difficult, very murky," said Walters. "They may seem very clean but they are not ... We have to make a clinical judgment on whether this is associated with drinking contaminated water over two decades ago." Family members will also have to show documentation from their civilian clinician with a diagnosis of one or more of the 15 listed conditions to be enrolled in the program, Walters said. "If they are eligible, we will give them an enrollment card and a user's guide," she said. Walters said there will be "hiccups" with the program and its users as it begins rolling out. "This is a new program," she said. "Essentially we're setting up a secondary insurance ... Are we going to do the best we can to make sure we do it right? Yes." Despite its challenges, Walter said the program would be beneficial to affected family members. "I think this is a good program," she said. "It's fair ... I think it is a good solution." To learn more about the program or to enroll in it, visit publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune.

<http://www.jdnews.com/news/military/new-regulation-would-allow-dependents-to-claim-contaminated-water-health-issues-1.377096>

GERMANY, OSTERBROCK, SEPTEMBER 25 2014. 4 SUFFER BURNS IN GERMAN OIL WELL EXPLOSION

Police say four people have sustained severe burns in an explosion at an oil well in northwestern Germany. The explosion at the drilling site in Osterbrock, near the Dutch border, happened Tuesday evening following a gas leak. Police said Wednesday that seven workers from various companies were carrying out maintenance and repairs at the time. The four who were nearest the well suffered serious burns and were taken to specialist clinics. Firefighters were still working to extinguish the blaze Wednesday. The cause of the gas leak and explosion wasn't immediately clear.

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/suffer-burns-german-oil-explosion-25719019>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, GUYRA, SEPTEMBER 25 2014. GUYRA FUEL TANKER CAUGHT BY EPA HIGHWAY INSPECTION

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has issued Guyra Fuels with two penalty notices, two official cautions and fined the driver and the fuel transport company a total of \$4,260 for breaching requirements relating to the safe carriage of dangerous goods. The EPA's Manager of the Armidale Region, Simon Smith, said the breaches were identified during a joint EPA inspection operation with officers from Roads and Maritime Services inspecting vehicles carrying dangerous goods along the New England Highway earlier this year. Mr Smith said: "At the time of the inspection, EPA officers identified a fuel tanker owned and operated by Guyra Fuels in breach of a number of sections of the Dangerous Goods (Road and Rail Transport) Act 2008 and Dangerous Goods (Road and Rail Transport) Regulation 2014, including:

- The vehicle not being licenced by the EPA to carry dangerous goods.
- The vehicle not carrying the appropriate safety equipment, including emergency triangles or safety torches.
- The vehicle was not carrying shipping documents.
- The vehicle did not display the required telephone advisory service.

"The EPA issued a penalty notice and fined Guyra Fuels \$4,000 for not having its tanker licensed. The driver was also issued a penalty notice and fined \$260 for not carrying shipping documents. Official cautions were issued for the other offences. "Dangerous goods, like fuel and fuel vapour, can pose a risk to the environment and the community if not transported



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correctly. "That is why the EPA requires all drivers and operators to have the appropriate licences and ensure they carry and display the correct safety information and equipment. Failing to do so can reduce the safety of our communities, business and environment."

Related Stories [The EPA's issued a range of penalties to a truck driver and Guyra based fuel transport company for breaching dangerous goods requirements](#)

http://retailmedia.com.au/resources/CW_eNews/CW_eNews_260914.html#story7?utm_source=CW+eNews+-+Sept+26+Convenience+remains+resilient.&utm_campaign=cw-190914&utm_medium=email

KENYA, NAKURU, SEPTEMBER 25 2014. RESIDENTS SIPHONING FUEL FROM OVERTURNED TANKER CLASH WITH POLICE

robert kiplagat

Police in Nakuru clashed with youths they found siphoning fuel from a tanker that had overturned in Pipeline along the Nakuru-Nairobi highway on Sunday. An eyewitness said the accident happened at around 7am when the driver lost control of the 30,000-litre tanker, causing it to overturn. Locals had a field day scooping the fuel, which flowed freely along the trench. "I was in my shop when I heard a screeching sound then a loud bang. A few minutes later I saw people rushing to the scene with jerricans," said the witness. Police from Pipeline Police Station had rough time controlling the crowd that was busy scooping the fuel, oblivious to the danger they were exposing themselves to. Petrocity Nakuru Depot Manager Martin Mwangi said the tanker was ferrying petroleum products from Konza and was in transit to Kampala, Uganda. "The police eventually managed to secure the fuel from residents who were on a siphoning spree," said Mr Mwangi.

https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/mobile/?articleID=2000135909&story_title=residents-siphoning-fuel-from-overturned-tanker-clash-with-police

CHILE, QUINTERO, SEPTEMBER 25 2014. TANKER TIED TO CHILE SPILL

An Empire Navigation-controlled products tanker suffered a minor spill at Chile's port of Quintero. The ship was at a Enap Refinerias terminal. Enap, the Chilean government-owned oil company, said the spill was detected today at its Enap Refinerias Maritime Terminal when a tanker's moorings snapped, causing it to break its connection to the terminal's offshore buoy. The company did not identify the vessel, but local media reported it as the 73,400-dwt [LR Mimosa](#) (built 2006). Vessel tracking data show the vessel remains at Quintero. Enap said it was working to estimate how much cargo was spilled, but it is not expected to exceed 2,000 litres. The cargo has not been identified, although Chile is a significant motor gasoline importer. The company said it immediately activated its contingency plan in conjunction with Chile's Maritime Authority, which led to quick containment of the spill. "An investigation will be started to determine the cause of the incident," Enap said. Athens-based Empire Navigation, a Stamatis Molaris-controlled shipowner that boasts a fleet of 13 tankers, could not be reached for comment after business hours in Greece.

<http://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/345286/Tanker-tied-to-Chile-spill>

USA, CO, NORTHGLENN, SEPTEMBER 25 2014. NORTHGLENN GAS TANK EXPLOSION DESTROYS VEHICLE, INJURES MAN



Isaias Sanchez hugs his godmother, Carmen Ochoa, after getting back from the hospital when his truck, parked outside his home near Lincoln Street and Garland Drive in Northglenn, exploded as he was walking up to it this morning, September 24, 2014. Sanchez told authorities he had stored a gas tank inside the truck.

Fire crews are on the scene of a vehicle explosion in Northglenn on Wednesday morning that left a man injured, a North Metro Fire Rescue official said. The explosion happened about 6:45 a.m. near Interstate 25 and 106th Avenue in a home's driveway. Spokeswoman Sara Farris said a man there was headed to his vehicle when an external gas tank in the pickup truck he used for work exploded. The truck was destroyed, Farris said. The injured man was transported to a local hospital with non life-threatening injuries, according to

North Metro Fire Rescue. Television helicopter images showed several other vehicles were also damaged in the blast.

http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_26595852/northglenn-gas-tank-explosion-destroys-vehicle-driveway



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ENGLAND, POOLE, SEPTEMBER 25 2014. FORECOURT DUG UP IN BRANKSOME TESCO DIESEL FUEL INVESTIGATION



Drivers who reported problems after they bought diesel at Branksome are urged to contact Tesco.

The forecourt of a Tesco fuel station is being dug up after drivers reported engine problems after buying diesel. A number of vehicles [broke down](#) shortly after filling up at the station in Branksome, Poole. The supermarket said it was carrying out "further research" after tests on the fuel came back as inconclusive. About 20 motorists were initially thought to have had problems but the firm said the number of new cases being reported was increasing. An excavator was seen at the forecourt but Tesco would not give further details of work taking place. A Tesco spokesman said: "We have been working urgently to

respond to customers' complaints and get people back onto the road as quickly as possible. "Our customer services team have now contacted every known complainant and are proceeding on an individual, case-by-case basis to resolve their problems." Hertfordshire County Council's trading standards is also dealing with the supermarket - which has its head office in Cheshunt - as part of the investigations. Council spokesman Simon Hoggett said: "The council's actions will be governed by what the tests show. "Is this a case of fuel being contaminated, or is it a case of the wrong fuel being put in the wrong tanks? We just don't know." Anyone who has not yet reported a problem to the supermarket should call the customer service team on 0800 505555.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-dorset-29340899>

NEW ZEALAND, MASTERTON, SEPTEMBER 26 2014. MASTERTON FIREFIGHTERS TRIGGER OIL SPILL

cherie taylor



The oil slick in the stream flowing through Robinson Park and near the Genesis Energy Recreation Centre in Masterton.

Masterton Fire Station staff have put their hands up, taking responsibility for an oil slick which flowed into a stream on Robinson Reserve which feeds into the lake at Queen Elizabeth Park. A man, who didn't wish to be identified, rang the Greater Wellington Regional Council environmental hotline on Saturday afternoon absolutely disgusted by the slick. "When I first saw it the whole creek was a rainbow. I was shocked," he told the Times-Age. The council says the incident is under investigation to identify the source but fire service assistant

regional commander Henry Stechman said he believed the fire service was responsible. Oil had unfortunately flowed into the stream when a sump from the Masterton Fire Station overflowed, spilling the oil onto the ground during a training exercise for volunteers on Saturday, he said. The exercise was halted when the spill was discovered. "When one of the vehicles being worked on was cut up and tipped over, oil in the sump leaked out. It was washed into the normal sump which overflowed," he said. "It should not have happened. It's very unfortunate." The fire service was looking at resurfacing the back yard at the station where training was undertaken and would seek a new eco-friendly system for dealing with similar spillages, Mr Stechman said. The fire station had been on that site for many years. "We should have had the sump cleared out ... we have plans to replace them so no residue that happens will go off site at all." Greater Wellington Regional Council environmental protection team leader Susan Smith said a call about the slick was received about 3.30pm Saturday with a duty officer sent to investigate. "He observed a hydrocarbon sheen on the surface of the stream and placed absorbent pads in the stream and went back over the weekend to replace these as necessary," she said.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/wairarapa-times-age/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503414&objectid=11331138

USA, GA, ATLANTA, SEPTEMBER 26 2014. EPA: ARMY MUST MOVE FASTER ON FORT GILLEM CONTAMINATION

shannon mccaffrey

It's been more than a month since the U.S. Army tested the air in Chad Partin's Forest Park home for toxic chemicals and known carcinogens seeping off nearby Fort Gillem, a now-closed base where Army personnel regularly dumped solvents into the soil.

<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/epa-army-must-move-faster-on-fort-gillem-contamina/nhTXtr/>



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USA, FLA, COCOA BEACH, SEPTEMBER 26 2014. 1,100 GALLONS OF CHLORINE SPILLS IN COCOA BEACH

jim waymer

 **Watch the Video:** [1,100 Gallons of Chlorine Spills in Cocoa Beach](#)



More than 1,000 gallons of chlorine spilled from a plastic tank this morning at Cocoa Beach pool service store, causing the evacuation of a nearby apartment complex. "There were no injuries whatsoever," said Jack Kidder, manager of Ashley's Pool & Irrigation, located at 685 State Road A1A. "By the grace of God, the rain helped." Upon arriving at work at about 7:15 a.m., employees discovered the 1,500-gallon tank behind the store had broken apart, Kidder said, emptying 1,100 gallons of chlorine into the parking lot and a storm drain that leads to the Banana River. "I went to the back and saw that the whole tank had been just destroyed," Kidder said. "I don't believe that it was vandalism." Kidder said security camera footage did not show any vehicles entering the area or any other suspicious activity. The tank breached at around 5:30 a.m. Thursday, city fire officials said. "There doesn't appear to be any foul play," said Mark Austin, deputy chief with the Cocoa Beach Fire Department. "After the initial spill, the

majority of it went into the stormwater drains." No dead fish or other dead marine life were reported in the Banana River. The fire department received the call reporting the incident at 7:27 a.m. About 20 people in a nearby apartment complex on Catalina Road were evacuated for about two hours. "Just precautionary," Austin said. "It can burn and blister your skin," he said of liquid chlorine. Fire fighters, a hazardous materials team from Brevard County and the U.S. Coast Guard and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection responded to the scene. Water samples found the chlorine had been neutralized by the heavy rains, officials said. "The department is working with the facility to better understand what occurred and how the release happened," Mara Burger, a DEP spokeswoman said via email. "The department's priority is to ensure the area is returned to pre-spill condition. It has not been decided at this time whether any enforcement action will be taken." The pool store remains open. "We're not going to let this set us back," Kidder said.

<http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/environment/2014/09/25/gallons-chlorine-spills-cocoa-beach/16204883/>

TANZANIA, KUNDUCHI BEACH, SEPTEMBER 26 2014. OWNER OF AN ABANDONED SHIP MUST CLEAR UP THE MESS, RAPIDLY

Dar es Salaam residents, especially those living close to Kunduchi Beach, including tourists were this week shocked after spotting an oil slick on the sea shore. It immediately came to their attention that the oil slick came from an abandoned ship, RAK Indiana, owned by JAK Enterprises. Information affirms that the abandoned ship had an oil spillage spotted almost 30 kilometres away, creating fear for owners of hotels, residents, tourists and the fishing community. Surprisingly, the National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) that has been aware about the presence of the abandoned ship since last year failed to pressurise the owner to have the vessel towed to safety for one reason or another. Oil spillage from vessels such as abandoned ships may be a rather strange experience to Tanzanians. Most of us may not be quite familiar with what oil spillage means for the environment, the severe consequences involved. Marine scientists say spilled oil can harm living things as its chemical constituents are poisonous. It can affect organisms both from internal exposure to oil through ingestion or inhalation, and from external exposure causing skin and eye irritation. They further state that oil can smother some small species of fish or invertebrates, their coat feathers and fur, reducing birds' and mammals' ability to maintain their body temperatures. They give examples of creatures most affected by oil as animals like sea otters and seabirds that are found on the sea surface or on shorelines if the oil comes ashore. If oil remains on a beach for a while, other creatures, such as snails, clams, and terrestrial animals may suffer as well. At an international level there are conventions for the protection and development of the marine environment that have been ratified worldwide since the 1980s. These conventions compel individuals involved in an oil spillage in one way or another to bear the consequences, including paying hefty compensations as they would be determined by the courts. It may be recalled that BP agreed to pay \$4.5 billion as settlement with US authorities in 2012 after pleading guilty to 14 criminal charges relating to the oil rig accident in 2010, which killed 11 workers and spilled millions of barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. But before we jump into international conventions on oil spillage, here at home we have institutions such as NEMC that are charged with the responsibility of ensuring that no person spoils the environment for whatever reason. In this case the oil spillage from the abandoned ship near Kunduchi beach is an example of what should not be allowed to happen, or remain like that for long after it has been discovered. Much as it may be argued, we believe the oil slick has already



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caused severe damage to the marine environment and it is just a matter of time before the results are exposed. There are reasons to doubt the probity and effectiveness of reactions of environmental authorities on the matter, and how far the ship owners have actually been under pressure to clean up their act. Is there anything wrong with environment authorities?

<http://www.ippmedia.com/frontend/index.php?l=72602>

USA, .N.C, WILMINGTON, SEPTEMBER 26 2014. OFFICIALS SEARCH FOR SOURCE OF UNDERGROUND GAS LEAK ON WRIGHTSVILLE AVENUE

alex giles

 **Watch the Video:** [Officials Search For Source of Underground Gas Leak](#)



An underground gas leak is tainting ground water near the Lumina Commons shopping center located off of Wrightsville Avenue.

Wilmington Stormwater Services Manager David Mayes has been busy trying to keep the gas from moving and polluting the Intracoastal Waterway. "Pure petroleum product in the drainage system is a hazard. It's a dangerous situation," said Mayes. "It's the drainage system that's conveying from the source out to the waterway. It's our job to make sure that it stops." Mayes said that booms were put in stormwater drains and basins around Lumina Commons to isolate the gas and absorb it. He said an exact cause of the leak has not been determined, but he does believe it may have originated at the Shell gas station across the street from

the shopping center. "We're pretty sure it's related to something about the underground storage tanks for the gas station. I can't confirm how it happened or any of that information," Mayes explained. The owner of the gas station said he did not want to comment on the matter. He only said that testing is underway at the station to determine whether or not a leak is present. "This is a situation that we need to continuously monitor until it's completely mediated," Mayes said. According to Wayne Randolph, a regional supervisor with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the area around the Shell station is being subjected to gas tank tests, ground water tests, and soil tests. Randolph said the owner of the gas station has been asked not to sell gas until the exact source of the leak has been identified.

<http://www.wect.com/story/26621120/officials-search-for-source-of-underground-gas-leak-on-wrightsville-avenue>

NIGERIA, KOGI, LOKOJA. SEPTEMBER 26 2014. TANKER KILLS TWO IN KOGI AFTER BRAKE FAILURE

chidinma eze



An auto-crash involving a diesel-laden tanker occurred on Wednesday night at about 9:30pm around the Felele area in Lokoja, Kogi state, claiming two lives. The accident which was caused by a brake failure burnt the tanker driver and his motor boy beyond recognition. In addition, about seven shops and a hotel were destroyed in the subsequent inferno which ignited afterward. Nation reports that the quick intervention of the Kogi State Fire Service personnel brought the situation under control. Two other vehicles were said to be burnt in the accident, while the Sewange Hotel, which housed commercial sex workers, was partially consumed. A commercial sex worker was overheard lamenting her fate, saying, "I am finished, they have finished me. These people have finished me. Everything I have worked for have been destroyed."

<http://dailypost.ng/2014/09/25/tanker-kills-two-kogi-brake-failure/>

USA, ARK, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, SEPTEMBER 26 2014. NLR HOMES EVACUATED AFTER CHEMICAL SPILL

jordan bontke

 **Watch the Video:** [NLR Homes Evacuated after Chemical Spill](#)

Several homes in a North Little Rock neighborhood were evacuated after a hazardous chemical spill in a backyard. In an interview off camera, a man who lives at a Gordon Street home in Rose City told us he had a barrel of hydrochloric acid in his backyard from a car wash business he used to have. "I used it to clean aluminum rims," said the man who had the acid but didn't want to disclose his name. He said while he was working in his backyard on Wednesday, his son accidentally knocked



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over a 55 gallon barrel of hydrochloric acid. He claimed the drum had only five to ten gallons inside. The North Little Rock Fire Department estimated 20 gallons of acid. "It can be very reactive when mixed with water, and could start a fire," said NLR fire Chief Jim Murphy. Neighbors said authorities blocked off Gordon Street for several hours to clean up the chemicals. The man whose yard was affected said he hired a private company to clean it up. He said the company gave him an estimate of \$5,000 to properly clean up and dispose of the acid. The Fire Chief said he was cited for both improper possession and disposal of a hazardous material. "Everybody makes mistakes, it's an accident but I was scared for my family and my kids," said neighbor Brandon Barnes. Barnes lives two doors down from where the spill happened, he was evacuated on Wednesday afternoon. Chief Murphy said three residents were displaced during the initial clean up. "It smelled like real strong vinegar," said Barnes, "I mean, like to the point to where you couldn't breathe and you were going to hit the dirt and pass out." Chief Murphy said the investigation will be passed on to the Environmental Protection Agency.

<http://www.katv.com/story/26621899/nlr-homes-evacuated-after-chemical-spill>

ITALY, SICILY, MILAZZO, SEPTEMBER 27 2014. ITALY REFINERY FIRE CAUSES PANIC IN SICILY

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A huge fire broke out overnight yesterday in an oil refinery on the Italian island of Sicily, causing traffic jams as panicked residents fled the area. The blaze at the Milazzo refinery sent flames shooting into the night sky, which could be seen for miles around, according to local press reports. Firefighters said they had brought the blaze "under control" by this morning and no-one was injured. The fire took hold in a 5,000-litre (22,700-gallon) tank at the facility jointly owned by Eni and Kuwait Petroleum Italy. Residents ignored assurances from the emergency services that it would not spread and hundreds took to their cars in the darkness, causing long tailbacks on the island's roads. The fire was still burning today, giving off a thick cloud of smoke. Firefighters said it would burn until the tank was empty. Maintenance work was being carried out at the refinery when the blaze started, but the cause was not immediately clear. Seven workers were killed at

the refinery in an explosion in 1993.

Related Stories

- [Huge Blaze at Sicily's Oil Refinery Sparks Panic, Prompts Locals to Flee](#)
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<http://www.themalaymailonline.com/world/article/italy-refinery-fire-causes-panic-in-sicily>

USA, HI, HONOLULU, SEPTEMBER 27 2014. HAWAII OFFICIALS INVESTIGATE FIRM HEADED BY EXECUTIVE WITH TIES TO 2011 FIREWORKS EXPLOSION CASE

duane shimogawa

Hawaii officials are investigating Hawaii-based Delta Environmental Technical, a company headed by [Charles Donaldson](#), who is facing charges related to a fireworks explosion in a storage bunker in April 2011 that killed five men. [William Kuntsman](#), spokesman for the Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, confirmed the latest investigation to PBN. He said a PBN inquiry led to the department's investigation. Kuntsman said Delta Environmental Technical is being investigated because of Donaldson's ties to the company. Delta Environmental Technical has a certificate of fitness from the state to use, store or deal in explosives, with some limitations on the types of materials it can handle. The certificate is valid for one year, from April 27, 2014, to April 27, 2015. Donaldson also was director of operations for Donaldson Enterprises, which is facing charges including the improper handling of fireworks without a permit, stemming from an accident more than three years ago. On the morning of April 8, 2011, an explosion and fire in a storage bunker being leased and used by Donaldson Enterprises in Waikale in Central Oahu killed five Donaldson employees. The bunker was being used to store seized fireworks and other materials waiting for disposal, according to the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board. The board determined



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that changes in Donaldson Enterprises' fireworks disposal process resulted in the accumulation of a large quantity of explosives just inside the entrance to the bunker, creating the essential elements for an explosion. Attempts by PBN to reach Donaldson, his lawyer, or Donaldson Enterprises were unsuccessful. The company's listed phone number has been disconnected and the business isn't in good standing, according to the Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, which also noted that the registration for the name of the company has expired. In the meantime, [a new trial date has been set](#) for Donaldson Enterprises and its two executives, Donaldson and [Carlton Finley](#), who were indicted by a federal grand jury two years ago on hazardous waste charges in connection with the fireworks explosion. The case was initially set for trial Oct. 21 in U.S. District Court in Honolulu. The trial date was changed to July 7, 2015, after both the plaintiffs and defendants asked for more time to review new charges and details in the case, according to the order issued by Chief U.S. District Judge [Susan Oki Mollway](#).

<http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/news/2014/09/26/hawaii-officials-investigate-firm-headed-by.html?page=all>

ENGLAND, LONDON, SEPTEMBER 27 2014. RURAL AREAS LOSE 900 PETROL STATIONS

nick collins



Competition from major supermarkets will force more closures and leave rural communities in "fuel deserts", retailers warn

Rural communities have lost hundreds of petrol stations over the past six years leaving residents increasingly isolated, according to new figures. The [Petrol Retailers Association](#) warned that 886 forecourts closed between 2008 and 2013, about 10 per cent of all those in the UK, with the loss of almost 6,000 jobs. More than a third of these were in rural areas, creating the risk of "fuel deserts" in isolated areas where people depend on their vehicles to get around, the PRA said. They blamed the problem on supermarkets which they claimed have caused a drop in sales at rural sites as some customers choose to top up the car while doing the weekly shop. This results in the closure of local petrol stations and shops which other customers, such as the elderly, rely upon for both fuel and food, it was claimed. Brian Madderson, chairman of the PRA, said: "The closure of each and every petrol forecourt means the loss of local jobs for local people and has a negative impact on the economy in the area. "It is also the loss of a local convenience not just for those seeking to purchase fuel but other every day essentials that so many sites now offer their customers. "We are particularly concerned with the 332 sites in rural locations which have closed, creating 'Fuel Deserts' in those communities which rely on the service the most." Smaller businesses such as petrol stations are more heavily hit by regulations on products such as alcohol and tobacco than major retailers and could be further hit by the Government's plans to introduce plain packaging for tobacco products, he added. Ministers have [pledged to bring the plan into force next year](#) despite accusations from Conservative backbenchers that it is a "nanny state" measure.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/road-and-rail-transport/11123785/Rural-areas-lose-900-petrol-stations.html>

USA, HI, HONOLULU, SEPTEMBER 27 2014. NATIONAL FUEL DISTRIBUTOR TO TAKE OVER ALOHA PETROLEUM



Aloha Petroleum gas station, Waikiki

A national fuel distributor is in the process of purchasing Aloha Petroleum, the state's largest independent gasoline marketer. Sussler Petroleum Partners is planning to acquire 100 percent of Aloha Petroleum's outstanding common stock in a deal estimated at \$240 million, the company announced Thursday. The acquisition is subject to regulatory approvals, consents and other customary closing conditions, and is expected to close by the end of the year. Not much is expected to change. Sussler Petroleum says it will continue to operate under both the Aloha and Shell fuel brands and the Aloha Island Mart convenience store brand, and current management and employees will be retained post-close.

"Aloha Petroleum has a long history in Hawaii and we are extremely proud of the outstanding business we have built together as a team," said Aloha's president and CEO Richard Parry. "The depth of industry expertise and financial strength that Sussler brings to the Company will allow Aloha to better serve our retail, wholesale and fuel terminal customers." "Hawaii is a great new market for us with an economy that has grown faster than the overall U.S. economy in the last few years," said Bob



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Owens, Susser Petroleum Partners' CEO. "Aloha Petroleum has an impressive legacy of growth, profitability and operational excellence. Aloha Petroleum will allow us to expand our current geographic footprint and extend our overall business capabilities into refined products terminals." Aloha employs more than 500 Hawaii residents and markets through almost 100 Shell, Aloha and Mahalo branded fueling stations and 44 Aloha Island Mart convenience stores throughout the state.

Related Stories

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- [Houston-based Par Petroleum to acquire local '76' licensee for \\$107M](#)
- [Par Petroleum completes purchase of Tesoro Hawaii for \\$75M](#)

<http://khon2.com/2014/09/25/national-fuel-distributor-to-take-over-aloha-petroleum/>

PHILIPPINES, BARANGAY LAMAO, SEPTEMBER 27 2014. 1 DEAD, AT LEAST 22 HURT AS LPG TANKER COLLIDES WITH BUS IN BATAAN

joel locsin

At least one person was killed while at least 22 were injured after a tanker truck collided with a bus in Limay town in Bataan province early Friday. The collision took place at 6:35 a.m. along a portion of the Roman Highway in Barangay Lamao, GMA News stringer Junjun Sy reported on dzBB radio. Citing initial information from police, the report said the bus driver had just fetched his passengers - workers at a local company - shortly before the collision. The driver of the tanker truck was killed on the spot. A separate report by GMA News stringer Ernie Esconde said the truck was a liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) tanker.

<http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/380972/news/regions/1-dead-at-least-22-hurt-as-lpg-tanker-collides-with-bus-in-bataan>

INDIA, KERALA, KONDOTTY, SEPTEMBER 27 2014. LPG TANKER LORRY OVERTURNS

A bullet tanker lorry carrying LPG overturned at Morayur here on Thursday morning, creating panic among the local people. However, the timely intervention and disaster management skills of police and Fire and Rescue Services personnel averted a major mishap. District Collector K Biju has declared holiday for the schools near the accident spot, VMHSS Morayur and GMLP School Morayur. The tanker of Hindustan Petroleum was on way to Palakkad from Mangalore when it overturned at 5 am on NH 213 near Morayur. The accident occurred when the lorry hit a tree and electric post on the road side. The leakage of the gas from the tanker created panic in the area. "We have shifted the local people around 300-metre area to safer places and also disconnected the power supply to avert the disaster," K Sreekumar, Sub Inspector of Kondotty said.

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/states/kerala/LPG-Tanker-Lorry-OvertURNS/2014/09/26/article2449652.ece>

INDIA, TAMIL NADU, MADURAI, SEPTEMBER 27 2014. HC ORDERS CBI PROBE INTO SALE OF CHINESE FIREWORKS

Search, seize and destroy. This, in effect, is the crux of an order by the Madras high court, which ordered CBI probe into illegal import of China-made crackers. It asked customs, revenue intelligence and other enforcement agencies to undertake concerted efforts to 'prevent, check and detect' Chinese crackers flooding the country, putting the nation's economy and children's safety in peril. A division bench consisting of justices N Kirubakaran and S Vaidyanathan, delivering a judgment on a PIL filed by A Muthukrishnan of Sivakasi on Wednesday, said: "As safety, security and economy of our country is involved in this matter, CBI alone is competent to investigate the offences." Asking the CBI director to take over a pending case registered by Sivakasi police, the bench said even if the local police had laid chargesheet in the matter, it should be transferred to the CBI and the central agency must do re-investigation. "The crime, importing of Chinese crackers involves not only offences under the Explosive Substances Act and its connected Rules, but also under the Customs Act. Similar prohibited goods were already seized in Mumbai, Ghaziabad, Mundra (Kutch), Gujarat and Chennai on various dates. The clandestine import of Chinese crackers has become all-India racket perpetrated by organized groups, and the state police authorities may not be in a position and jurisdiction to conduct the investigation. Therefore, only a central agency would be in a position to conduct an investigation properly throughout the nation," justice Kirubakaran, who wrote the judgment for the bench, observed. "All importers, stockists, distributors and retailers of Chinese fireworks have to be forthwith identified. Their places should be raided and Chinese crackers seized," the bench said adding that agencies must register FIRs and arrest them forthwith. On May 14 this year, Sivakasi tahsildar seized the banned Chinese fireworks from a sales depot in Sivakasi, and registered an FIR on May 17. During the previous hearing, the court was informed that in 2011-12 six cases were filed, in 2012-13 a total of nine cases were filed. Six cases in 2013-14 and two in 2014-15 were registered in the country. After going through the



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counter-affidavit filed by the customs, the court said there was a lack of coordination and cooperation among various government agencies, and added that they should take emergent steps to install proper mechanism/safeguards in all sea ports and airports to scan a majority of containers so as to rule out any contraband goods at the point of entry itself. "Instead of taking appropriate safeguards to verify/check goods at the entry point itself, there is no point in conducting investigation after allowing the prohibited items in, and after facing consequences," Justice Kirubakaran observed. He also wanted the government to government publicise the dangers of Chinese fireworks and undertake awareness campaigns on the issue. Chinese fireworks contain prohibited chemical substances, chlorides and penchlorides which give more colours and better display, but they are highly volatile, friction-sensitive, dangerous for environment and users. Hence, the Centre's Petroleum and Explosive Safety Organization is against the use of such fireworks, and has negated fireworks imports from China, the court has been informed.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/HC-orders-CBI-probe-into-sale-of-Chinese-fireworks/articleshow/43480849.cms?prtpage=1>

ZIMBABWE, MANICALAND, CHISUMBANJE, SEPTEMBER 27 2014. TRAGEDY AT CHISUMBANJE ETHANOL PLANT



Tragedy at Chisumbanje ethanol plant

Human life, animals and underground water are at the mercy of extinction and pollution by waste matter discharged by Green Fuel's ethanol production in Chisumbanje, with some people in the area reportedly now partially blind, while others are developing feet sores, parliament heard yesterday. Appearing before a parliamentary committee on Youth, Indigenisation and Empowerment, Environmental Management Agency (Ema) head Mutsa Chasi said the Billy Rautenbach-owned company was flouting environmental laws such that human lives and animals were at risk of death. "Green Fuel is aware of what needs to be done yet it has remained adamant in not complying. From what we have seen

of its attitude, it seems it has become a matter of 'it is better to pollute than to comply,' Chasi said. "From the effluent that it is discharging into Save River, it is acidic and lacks the required quantity of oxygen. From tests carried out by an independent professor from the University of Zimbabwe, it was shown that the fish in the Save River will die because of the waste the company is discharging." Chasi said the company was told to construct a bio-digester and ensure that the effluent they were discharging was less toxic and harmful to livestock and human life. "In 20 to 30 years to come, we are likely to have a total extinction of life in the area, the people in that community would be worse off than they were before the project because they will be unable to do anything," she said. Ema head revealed to the committee that since 2010, Green Fuel has "adamantly refused to comply with environment laws, saying some senior officials of the company were in the tendency of belittling the state-owned environmental watchdog. The committee visited the community early this year where people showed them sores on their feet, while others claimed to have become partially blind because of consuming water polluted by the effluent discharged from the ethanol plant. Committee chairperson Justice Mayor Wadyajena asked Chasi to confirm if reports they received during the public hearing in July in Chisumbanje that some people were now partially blind because of the water and photographs of people with feet sores were true. "We will go back with the ministry of health officials to carryout extra tests on the people you are referring to," Chasi replied. "What we can confirm is that the acid level in the water is unhealthy for human consumption and has adverse effects on human beings and we can't rule out that (impartial blindness). Chasi continued: "The acid levels being released directly into the river and underground water has the potential to affect the digestive system of human beings and cattle in the area have been finding it hard to drink water from the rivers around the area because it is harmful and dangerous to the livestock. "We have issued three tickets and fined them and also an order has been made so they stop their operations until they fulfill the environmental laws of the land, but they have just refused to comply." Green Fuel is currently producing 300 000 litres of ethanol per day which equates to \$300 000 per day and \$108, 6 million per year. The MPs took Chasi and her team to task as to why they were not enforcing the law by ensuring the closure of the fuel company, to which she said Ema was limited on how to punish "such wayward" companies that disregard the law. "In one of our board consultations with the company, they told us they have no money to comply and are fully aware of what they are doing," Chasi said. She told the committee that Ema has tried, to no avail, to force Green Fuel to implement environmental laws and has now opened a criminal case against the company, which was also taking too long to be processed. The MPs ordered Ema to start issuing daily tickets to the company until it complies, a move that if implemented would mean that the company would fork out \$1,8million in ticketing fines in the next year starting today. For operating without the Environment Impact Assessment



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(EIA), Ema should fine Green Fuel \$5 000 daily until it complies, according to an order from MPs. Chasi said Ema ordered Green Fuel to shut down on February 16 2011, but the company ignored its order, prompting the opening of a docket with the police.

<http://nehandaradio.com/2014/09/26/tragedy-at-chisumbanje-ethanol-plant/>

ENGLAND, LONDON, SEPTEMBER 27 2014. SHELL PLANNING TO SELL UP TO 250 COMPANY OWNED SITES IN THE UK TO INDEPENDENT DEALERS



Retailers have been told that while the UK market is important to Shell and that it will continue to grow its business in the UK to ensure it remains a leading retailer, this growth requires further investment. According to Forecourt Trader magazine, the company has therefore decided to focus on fewer company owned sites and as a consequence plans to sell part of its company owned network (up to 250 sites), to independent dealers who will retain the Shell brand and offer the same products and service to customers, and who can make the investments needed on those sites to ensure they remain competitive. Shell has begun a confidential commercial process to pursue sale of the sites and aims to conclude this in 2015. In Forecourt Trader's Fuel Market Review 2014 published in June Shell reported that it had 789 company owned sites and 231

dealers, giving a total of 1,020 supplied sites. The company's estate experienced a substantial boost in numbers in June 2011 when it acquired 253 sites from Rontec as the forecourt operator took over Total's retail business in the UK.

<http://www.petroplaza.com/news/industry/MiZlbiYxNzI1NSYmMQ==>

THE NETHERLANDS SEPTEMBER 27 2014. SHELL REVIVES PLAN TO SELL EUROPEAN LPG BUSINESS

Anglo-Dutch oil group Royal Dutch Shell has appointed Credit Suisse to advise on the sale of its European liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) business, the Financial Times reported on Friday, citing four people with knowledge of the decision. The business, which it previously tried to sell in 2010, could be valued at as much as 1 billion pounds (\$1.63 billion) and is expected to attract bids from private equity firms as well as trade buyers, the FT said, attributing sources. The newspaper said buyout groups PAI Partners, CVC Capital, Ardian, First Reserve and Advent International had submitted bids for the business in 2010. Shell representatives could not immediately be reached for comment.

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/09/12/shell-lpg-idUKL3N0RD4UW20140912>

USA, N.M, ALBUQUERQUE, SEPTEMBER 28 2014. WIPP RADIATION LEAK LEADS TO LANL SHAKEUP

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Four top officials at Los Alamos National Laboratory have been reassigned and the lab's private operator is losing the job of cleaning up nuclear waste as fallout from the lab's role in a radioactive leak at the country's nuclear waste dump near Carlsbad. A lab official confirmed lab director Charlie McMillan's reassignment of four managers in reaction to LANL's transuranic waste handling miscues linked to the radiological release at the underground Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. The affected managers include Dan Cox, LANL deputy associate director of environmental programs; Jeff Mousseau, associate director of environmental programs; Kathy Johns-Hughes, director of the LANL TRU (transuranic waste) Program; and Tori George, program director for regulatory management. Also – in a move that should impact the size of the government's contract with lab operator Los Alamos National Security LLC – the Department of Energy confirmed that it will pull "legacy environmental cleanup work" at LANL away from the National Nuclear Security Administration and give that job to DOE's Office of Environmental Management. The Los Alamos National Security (LANS) consortium's contract under the NNSA is worth about \$2 billion annually. About 10 percent – or \$200 million – goes toward cleaning up waste, some of it decades old, at the Los Alamos site. The LANS group includes the huge Bechtel company and the University of California. It was unclear Friday how the change will affect subcontractors, such as the company hired to process waste for shipping to WIPP, or employees at LANL and whether LANS could still bid for cleanup work under the new arrangement. A statement from a DOE spokeswoman said the switch will allow LANS to "focus on the core national security missions." The lab has faced intense scrutiny after a waste barrel from LANL that had been sent to WIPP popped open in February because of a high-temperature



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chemical reaction, causing a radiation leak that has shut down the storage facility indefinitely. Some radioactivity also was released into the atmosphere but not at levels that can cause harm, officials have said. The cause of the reaction still isn't known, but the lab has said the mix of waste and other materials in the barrel – including an added wheat-based kitty litter that hadn't been used in the past – and a lead-laden nuclear worker's glove possibly helped set it off. Other barrels at WIPP and in Texas also are considered at risk, including one with the same mix of materials and a glove.

Being 'Self-Critical'

McMillan sent lab workers a memo Friday that said in part: "It is time for us to be introspective and self-critical to ensure we fully learn from this event. In the coming days and weeks, we will be taking additional actions to ensure we address the underlying causes and strengthen our processes to prevent future upsets or events." "Understanding the breached drum at WIPP continues to be a significant challenge to the Laboratory, but I believe we have our best people working on these issues," McMillan wrote. He said deputy associate lab director Enrique "Kiki" Torres will serve as acting chief of environmental programs "while the Lab works with DOE to develop a path forward." "Although the exact causes of the leak are still under investigation, I have determined that today's changes are necessary now as part of our continued recovery actions."

'Deeper than Individuals'

Lab watchdog Greg Mello of the Los Alamos Study Group said in an email the changes wouldn't solve LANL's management problems. "The reason this is happening is because LANS's errors shut down WIPP, which has shed a glaring light on dangerous violations of hazardous waste law at LANL," Mello said. "LANS has been desperately trying to focus on 'uncertainty' and 'mystery,' when the acknowledged role of the LANL drum in shutting down WIPP has been clear for a long time. "Dr. McMillan is right to take drastic action, but the problems at LANL go deeper than a few individuals. Handing off cleanup to DOE is one way to get rid of a risky project, but that impulse – splitting it off via subcontracting – was a main source of the problem in the first place. It's an understandable corporate move, to get rid of risk and accountability by giving it to somebody else, but it remains to be seen if that's a good idea." New Mexico Environment Department spokesman Jim Winchester said NMED is optimistic about the transfer of cleanup to Environmental Management. "NMED feels EM is better equipped to handle the complexities of environmental cleanup at generator sites," he said. "NMED had been pushing DOE to make this change for a long time." At WIPP, officials are working on a plan for decontamination and sealing off the rooms with the suspect waste. DOE officials have said it could take up to three years to reopen the multi-billion-dollar site.

<http://www.abqjournal.com/469185/news/wipp-leak-leads-to-lanl-shakeup.html>

RUSSIA, KRASNODAR KRAI, SOCHI, SEPTEMBER 28 2014. RUSSIA'S LUKOIL TO SELL FUEL STATIONS SALE IN UKRAINE BY END OF SEPTEMBER



In July, Lukoil reached an agreement to sell 100% in Lukoil-Ukraine, an owner of the stations, to Austria's AMIC Energy Management

September 19. /ITAR-TASS/. Russian oil company Lukoil will close a deal to sell its 240 filling stations in Ukraine for US \$300 million until the end of September, CEO Vagit Alekperov said Friday at an investment forum. "We expect that the deal will be closed by the end of this month," Alekperov said, adding that the deal is now being considered by Ukraine's antitrust authority. In July, Lukoil reached an agreement to sell 100% in Lukoil-Ukraine, an owner of the stations, to Austria's AMIC Energy Management. Lukoil is holding talks with oil pipeline monopoly Transneft to get access to an oil products pipeline in Ukraine operated by Transneft's PrikarpatZapadtrans, the CEO said. "We want to have access to

this pipeline. Unfortunately, this pipeline is not in operation yet, that is why we are now in negotiations with Transneft to get a right to administrate the firm with the right to purchase it later," Alekperov said.

Lukoil amid Western sanctions

Lukoil needs no state support amid Western sanctions, Alekperov also said. "I hope, we can cope on our own," he said. Alekperov said separately in a broadcast of the Rossiya 24 television channel that oil prices on the world market are likely to decrease and stabilize. The company used to include a U.S. \$100 per barrel price in its forecasts earlier and now it has reduced the price estimate to \$95 per barrel.

<http://en.itar-tass.com/economy/750282>



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USA, FLA, DELRAY BEACH, SEPTEMBER 28 2014. CHEMICAL LEAK FORCES EVACUATION OF DELRAY GROCERY STORE; NO ONE HURT

A chemical leak filled a grocery store with an explosive vapor cloud and forced the shop's evacuation Saturday morning, Delray Beach Fire Rescue said. No one was injured. Shoppers and employees were told to leave the Monterrey Supermarket at South Congress Avenue and Linton Boulevard just before 9 a.m., said Capt. Kevin Saxton, Delray Beach Fire Rescue spokesman. The leak of a refrigerant chemical, mixed with an unknown additive, created the vapor cloud, Saxton said. Conditions were extremely hazardous, he said, noting that the refrigerant can create respiratory distress and irritate skin. Fire Rescue's Special Operations Team also found the additive had explosive characteristics. The leak was traced to one of the store's refrigerator motors. Those motors will remain off until the leak is repaired, Saxton said. Once the leak was contained and no trace of the chemical was found, occupants were allowed to return to the store, Saxton said.

<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/local/chemical-leak-forces-evacuation-of-delray-grocery-/nhW7c/>

CANADA, ONT, MIDLAND, SEPTEMBER 28 2014. MAN WHO LIT HIMSELF ON FIRE AT ONTARIO GAS STATION DIES

roberta bell

A man who doused himself in gasoline and lit himself on fire at a Midland, Ont., service station looked like a fireball running from the scene, a witness said. Cole Hunter, 31, of Collingwood, Ont., walked up to the gas bar at 1 p.m. Wednesday, set himself ablaze and ran off. He made it as far as a nearby churchyard, where he collapsed. People who ran after him doused the man in water in an attempt to put out the flames. Hunter died overnight in hospital. "When I got outside, I saw this giant fireball," said Paul Northcott, who lives nearby and had run downstairs to investigate when he heard the commotion. "At first, I thought someone was pushing a car away from the pumps, but then I realized it was a person." The flames threatened the gas station as well. Six fuel pumps, including one almost charred beyond recognition, were damaged in the ensuing fire. The coroner is to conduct a post-mortem.

<http://www.torontosun.com/2014/09/26/man-who-lit-himself-on-fire-at-ontario-gas-station-dies>

USA, CA, LOS ANGELES, SEPTEMBER 28 2014. EXTENSIVE HARBOR CLEANUP BEGINS AFTER PORT OF L.A. FIRE

tony barboza

Key Points:

- It will be weeks before we get the bulk of this wood debris out of the harbor
- Naphthalene levels were so high they couldn't be measured by an AQMD device "but were definitely over 100 [parts per billion]"

Photo's [3] [Cleanup Begins after Port of L.A. Fire](#)



Los Angeles fire crews battle a fire at the Port of L.A. that burned lumber soaked in creosote, releasing toxic chemicals into the air.

Port of Los Angeles authorities are beginning an extensive harbor cleanup in the aftermath of a fire that burned through much of a wharf and released toxic gases and smoke into surrounding communities. The largest fire at the port in decades erupted Monday night, devouring 800 feet of a 1920s-era wharf and damaging a warehouse. It burned and smoldered through Tuesday before firefighters declared it extinguished Wednesday afternoon. The blaze left behind a tremendous amount of charred wood from the wharf that broke off during the fire, port officials said, and it will take weeks to clean. The extent of the impact

from chemicals that the fire released into the air, however, is less certain. Wood fragments, ranging in size from popcorn kernels to 10 feet in length, were dispersed by the tide and are scattered throughout much of the harbor. "It will be weeks before we get the bulk of this wood debris out of the harbor," said Mike Christensen, deputy executive director of development for the Port of Los Angeles. Boats are scooping up the burned wood and monitoring for material that could pose a navigational hazard. But Christensen said no lasting environmental damage is expected from the fire, and water quality in the harbor is good. Because the fire ate through highly flammable, creosote-treated timbers, it posed difficulties for firefighters, prompted air quality advisories for two dozen cities in Los Angeles and Orange counties and led to school evacuations in adjacent Wilmington. Air quality officials said the blaze generated levels of smoke that might typically be seen near a large wildfire. It also emitted naphthalene and benzene, chemicals released by the treated wood. Naphthalene, a compound found in the coal tar used in creosote, was detected at unusually high levels at the fire and in the surrounding community, South Coast Air



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Quality Management District officials said. The agency sent a portable air quality monitoring instrument into a smoldering warehouse with a firefighter. Levels of naphthalene were so high the device could not read them, "but were definitely over 100 [parts per billion]," according to a five-page report released after the fire. At 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, the compound was measured at 50 parts per billion about a mile from the blaze at De La Torre Jr. Elementary School in Wilmington, where students were evacuated because of the smoke and fumes. It remains uncertain what, if any, danger firefighters or people in nearby communities faced from breathing naphthalene during the fire, because air quality officials do not know the level at which it poses an acute, or short-term, health risk. When high readings of the chemical were detected in the air, "we did our best, fastest research to find what levels are safe," said Philip Fine, assistant deputy executive officer for the South Coast Air Quality Management District. They searched for emergency response guidelines for naphthalene. They consulted state and federal authorities for a recommended limit for short-term exposure to the chemical, Fine said, "and it just doesn't exist." The state Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment confirmed that no such limit has been established for naphthalene. The only recommended limit for naphthalene — 2 parts per billion — is for chronic exposure over many decades, Fine said. Typical concentrations in the region are below 0.05 ppb. Air quality officials also detected benzene at 11 parts per billion late Monday less than a mile from the fire in Wilmington. Those readings exceed the recommended 8-ppb limit for short-term exposure, Fine said, adding that typical levels of benzene in the region's air are about 0.5 ppb. By Tuesday evening, air quality in the area had returned to normal levels, the air district's measurements show. Port of Los Angeles officials said that in coming weeks they will conduct a structural review of the wharf and the warehouse affected by the blaze, which is used to store imported steel. They did not have an estimate of the cost of the damage and said they are many months from determining what will become of the wharf. Pasha Stevedoring & Terminals, the company that leases the 3,300-foot wharf from the publicly owned port, is back to work moving cargo, Christensen said. The company has been able to dock ships at nearby berths that were not affected by the fire. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation.

<http://www.latimes.com/science/la-me-port-fire-20140928-story.html>

USA, ARK, CLINTON, SEPTEMBER 28 2014. GAS SPILL IN CLINTON CAUSES MAJOR TRAFFIC DELAY

On Friday, Highway 65 was blocked off due to a gasoline spill. Danny Straessle with the State Highway Department told THV11 that there is a major northbound traffic delay. The tanker spill took place around 4 p.m. at the Flash Market Citgo gas station in Clinton. According to Tony Parish with the Clinton Police Department, the driver caught his tank on some construction and ripped a hole in it, causing it to leak ethanol. Highway 65 is currently blocked off and traffic is being diverted onto old Highway 65 through town. It could take over an hour to complete the clean-up. There were no injuries in this accident, but the gas station was evacuated.

<http://www.thv11.com/story/news/local/2014/09/26/gas-spill-in-clinton-slowng-traffic/16286811/>

ENGLAND, BIRMINGHAM, SEPTEMBER 29 2014. HUGE KINGSBURY OIL TERMINAL LEAK COULD HAVE EXPLODED, COURT TOLD >> BRITISH PIPELINE AGENCY ORDERED TO PAY £88,000 AFTER PETROL SPILLAGE WENT UNNOTICED FOR NEARLY 90 MINUTES

paul beard



Kingsbury Oil Terminal, near Tamworth

A pipeline company has been ordered to pay £88,000 following a spillage of thousands of litres of petrol which could have exploded at Kingsbury Oil Terminal. British Pipeline Agency Ltd had been pumping fuel through a modified pipe at the site near Tamworth for nearly an hour and a half before the leak was discovered, Warwick Crown Court was told. BPA pleaded guilty to failing to discharge its duty under the Health and Safety at Work Act so that employees were not exposed to risk. The company, which is a joint venture between BP Oil and Shell UK, was fined £30,000 and ordered to pay the Health and Safety Executive's costs of £58,606.58. Tim Green, prosecuting on behalf of the HSE, said the case concerned BPA's site at the Kingsbury Oil Terminal, near

Tamworth, after work was carried out on a pipeline in 2010. It began to run fuel through the modified section of pipe at just after midnight on October 20 that year. And it was not until an hour and 26 minutes later that it was realised a joint had failed. By that time, 37,500 litres of unleaded petrol had gushed out. Mr Green pointed out: "The leak could have led to a cloud of fuel vapour which, if there had been a source of ignition, could have exploded." He said BPA, which operates a network of oil



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pipelines throughout the UK, distributes fuel to various sites where it is stored, including Kingsbury. It handles a number of fuels including petrol, diesel and aviation fuel, sent in 'parcels' along the same pipeline. That can sometimes lead to two fuels mixing, known as an interface, which is diverted to 'slop' or interface tanks from where it can be separated and then re-introduced. With the introduction of biofuels it was decided to adapt the system to minimise contamination, and in April 2010 the work was put out to tender. The contract to modify the pipeline was won by a company called Pipework and Welding Contracting Services which, after 16 weeks, finished connecting re-injection pipework on October 13. "BPA had a duty to monitor the work. It transpired that the work on the manifold was defective. "This defect led to the leakage of the fuel - and it could have been identified had their own commissioning process been adopted." "There should have been a proper commissioning process, but there was not," said Mr Green, who pointed out that it was not properly tested with a safe substance such as water. At 1.33am on October 20 an alarm sounded and staff found fuel gushing three feet high from the pipework, so measures were taken to close it and a clean-up operation began at 8am. Although there was no visible vapour cloud, a supervisor at the neighbouring Warwickshire Oil Storage Ltd site said a detector there was giving off a warning. Bernard Thorogood, defending, said: "A case like this, in which a company like this which takes its responsibilities seriously, should start, and does start, with a public apology." But he submitted it was 'very clear the escape was the fault of other companies'. BPA's fault was in not following the commissioning procedure. "The fluids were released because of very and unusually shoddy work by somebody else. Only three of the threads had been engaged in connecting the vertical pipe with the horizontal pipe. That was never going to be enough." Of the actual leak, he said: "There is no aspect here of risk to the public. The actual risk is qualified by the experts. It is a long way short of providing a substantial risk." Recorder Charles Foster said he accepted BPA generally had a responsible attitude towards health and safety, and it has carried out 'an earnest and systematic review of what went on,' and its response has the approval of the HSE.

<http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/huge-kingsbury-oil-terminal-leak-7846078>

USA, TX, MARION, SEPTEMBER 29 2014. EXXON MOBIL CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR MARION OIL LEAK >> CREWS WORK TO CLEAN UP MESS LEFT FROM PIPELINE LEAK

cory smith

 **Watch the Video:** [Exxon Mobil Claims Responsibility for Marion Oil Leak](#)

Crews continued the cleanup effort Sunday on an oil leak from a pipeline in Marion. The leak was first reported Wednesday in the 1500 block of Gemblar Road near FM 78 in Guadalupe County. More than two dozen men have been working in the rural area to remove much of the dirt that was soaked with refined oil. There are two pipelines that run through the area: one belongs to the Koch Company and the other to Exxon Mobile. Both companies had investigators in the area to determine what company was responsible for the leak. Late Saturday night Exxon claimed responsibility in a statement. "An estimate on the total amount of the release is unknown, and an investigation is under way," part of the statement read. Exxon officials also said the line is shut down and will not be reopened until they are confident it is safe to do so. The pipeline delivers refined products from Baytown to South Houston and San Antonio. Crews on the scene have installed booms to keep the product from seeping into a nearby tributary that feeds into the Santa Clara Creek. No timetable has been established as to when the cleanup will be completed and the pipeline can reopen.

 **Related Stories** [Pipeline companies respond to 'refined product' release in Marion](#)

<http://www.ksat.com/content/pns/ksat/news/2014/09/28/exxon-mobil-claims-responsibility-for-marion-oil-leak0.html>

USA, VT, RUTLAND, SEPTEMBER 29 2014. GOOD NEWS ABOUT GROUNDWATER



Vermont officials are taking advantage of a legal principle, the public trust doctrine, to protect the state's groundwater sources, such as the Lamoille River shown here.

With so much bad news circulating about our society's — and our government's — inability to confront the enormous environmental challenges that we face, it is important to recognize the good news when the system works as it should and laws that were passed to protect the health and safety of citizens are put to good use. In recent months, both the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and the state's attorney general have taken advantage of an important legal principle to help protect groundwater. It's known as the public trust doctrine, which means that Vermont's groundwater is held in common to serve the public interest of all Vermonters. This

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is an important concept, and critical to the state's future, considering that over two-thirds of Vermonters rely on groundwater for potable water — and considering that many large areas of the planet suffer a water crisis that results in deprivation, conflict and hardship. Worldwide, more than 780 million people lack access to clean water. That's one in nine people. And 3.4 million people die every year from water-related illness. Granted, global overpopulation is a large part of the problem, and that will only bring more pressure to those corners of the earth — such as Vermont — that have seemingly plentiful supplies of clean water. Defending our common interest in protecting groundwater is just what Attorney General William Sorrell did when he sued some of the largest refiners of gasoline in the country — including Exxon/Mobil, Irving and Shell among others — for polluting Vermont's groundwater with methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE). MTBE was, but is no longer, used as an additive in gasoline. In several instances throughout the state, gasoline containing MTBE leaked out of underground storage tanks and contaminated groundwater. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has said that while data are lacking on long-term exposure to ingesting MTBE, there is evidence to suggest that MTBE is a potential human carcinogen. In his filings in federal court, the Vermont attorney general's office refers repeatedly to the fact the state holds groundwater resources in trust for the benefit of the public and alleges that the oil companies have interfered with those rights. "As a proximate and direct result of Defendants' acts and omissions as alleged in this complaint, MTBE has unreasonably interfered with the trust rights caused by the statewide contamination of groundwater, drinking water supplies, public drinking water supply wells, private wells, and other waters and property of the state." The lawsuit against gasoline refiners relies in large part on the state's Groundwater Protection Act of 2008, a law that declared groundwater to be a public trust resource and created a regulatory system for managing commercial water extraction. The origins of that law go back at least to 2006, when the Vermont Natural Resources Council, partner organizations, and concerned Vermonters from the towns of Randolph, Dorset, East Montpelier and elsewhere began a campaign to protect Vermont's groundwater more fully. In 2008, lawmakers passed the law protecting groundwater. And just last week, the Department of Environmental Conservation incorporated important public trust provisions into a new groundwater protection rule that further builds upon the 2008 law. The so-called Underground Injection Control rule, which goes into effect in the near future, explicitly affirms that the state has an obligation to protect groundwater for all Vermonters. This is one of several rules that will be updated to ensure that the property of all Vermonters — our groundwater — is protected for the common good. Lots of Vermonters teamed up to push for the bedrock law to safeguard groundwater by declaring it to be a public trust resource. Lawmakers considered the arguments for and against, and passed legislation to do just that. Elected officials turned to the courts to enforce the law when that trust was violated. And bureaucrats in Montpelier are applying the law through a variety of available programs. That's all good news. Brian Shupe is executive director of the Vermont Natural Resources Council.

<http://rutlandherald.com/article/20140928/OPINION06/712049853>

FINLAND, HELSINKI, SEPTEMBER 29 2014. POLICE STEP UP MEASURES TO PREVENT CONTAMINATION OF GROUNDWATER



Crime scene technicians from the Itä-Uusimaa Police Department took soil samples after detecting an oil spill underneath a tractor last week in Tuusula.

The far end of the lot is a burial site for old machines and equipment. A few dozen metres away, oil has leaked into the ground – right next to a groundwater observation well. A crime scene technician from the Itä-Uusimaa Police Department sticks a small shovel into the ground to take a sample, while other investigators talk with the owner of the premises. Environmental inspectors disappear into the forest to examine a nearby ditch. We are at an important groundwater recharge area in Tuusula, Uusimaa. Parts of the lot were cleaned up as recently as five years ago, reveals Juha Tuovinen, the officer in charge of the investigation. However, the mayhem is yet again of such proportions that the police have opened a pre-trial investigation into suspected impairment of the

environment. Overall, officials at the Itä-Uusimaa Police Department are looking into nearly three dozen cases in which companies are suspected of environmental offences and may yet launch inquiries into ten additional ones. No more than a handful of similar cases have been investigated in recent years. The high incidence of suspected environmental offences in the region is no coincidence. Roughly 18 months ago, the police departments in Eastern and Western Uusimaa launched a project to improve co-operation between law enforcement and environmental authorities in an attempt to bring more offences to the attention of the police and to ensure that criminal liability is imposed more effectively. "There has been notable variation



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in the types of incidents that are reported to the police," reveals detective inspector Minna Immonen from the Länsi-Uusimaa Police Department. The project utilises a survey carried out by the Police College of Finland in which environmental officials expressed their frustration at not knowing what happens to a criminal complaint after it has been filed. Police officers, in turn, expressed their frustration at the attempts of authorities to address flagrant offences with administrative measures, instead of filing a criminal complaint. The objective is to improve co-operation by enhancing communication. "Co-operation has truly improved," lauds Saku Nurminen, an environmental inspector at the Environment Centre of Keski-Uusimaa. At the Itä-Uusimaa Police Department, a unit of five investigators has been established to focus solely on environmental offences. At the Länsi-Uusimaa Police Department, economic crime investigators look into suspected environmental offences alongside their regular workload. The authorities, Tuovinen says, all agreed to place particular emphasis on groundwater areas. "The contamination of groundwater is no small beer. It must be prevented," he stresses. "In addition, it's good to bear in mind that environmental offences are usually committed in an attempt to obtain a financial advantage and that those violating the law gain an unhealthy advantage over their competitors," adds Immonen.

Different Faces of Environmental Offences

Impairment of the environment carries a minimum punishment of fine and a maximum punishment of two years' imprisonment. The aggravated form of the offence, in turn, carries a minimum punishment of four months' and a maximum punishment of six years' imprisonment.

1. Police are currently looking into several cases in which fuels have leaked into the ground near groundwater areas due to negligence in storing. In one case, toxic chemicals were stored illegally in close proximity to a groundwater plant.
2. Another common environmental offence is the dumping of waste, especially construction waste.
3. A number of pre-trial investigations indicate that waste has also been illegally disposed of by incineration.

<http://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/finland-news/domestic/12134-police-step-up-measures-to-prevent-contamination-of-groundwater.html>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, HOLBROOK, SEPTEMBER 29 2014. HUME HIGHWAY CRASH VICTIM PHIL RIDDELL 'A GREAT DRIVER WHO COULDN'T AVOID CRASH'

breanna tucker

 [Photo's \[8\] 'A Great Driver Who Couldn't Avoid Crash'](#)

 [Photo's \[7\] Driver Riddell Killed after Broken-Down Truck Stops on Hume Highway](#)



The truckie who was killed in a crash on the Hume Highway at the weekend was a highly experienced driver who had no chance to avoid the smash, his family have said. Ulladulla man Phil Riddell was killed on Friday evening after his truck collided with a stationary petrol tanker on the Hume Highway, 4km north of Woomargama. Mr Riddell's son, Paul, said the accident had come as a shock to his family. "Dad's been driving for 25 years and was highly experienced, there was nothing he could have done to avoid this," he said. "The tanker was just sitting in the middle of the road. He had nowhere to go." Police said Mr Riddell was travelling northbound and was 20km from Holbrook when he collided with the back of the stationary tanker about 7.30pm. Acting Inspector Daniel Finch confirmed the tanker had broken down due to mechanical faults and was stuck in

the middle of the lefthand lane. "The tanker was travelling at 100km/h when it lost all power and lighting," he said. "The driver of the tanker attempted to pull the truck up in a straight line but it is our understanding that the tanker was in lane one and partially across lane two. "The driver of the tanker got out to try and alert other people - because he had lost all electricity - but unfortunately the second truck has come around the bend and just couldn't stop." Paul Riddell said the accident had devastated his close-knit family. "Dad drove for his family, that was his passion," he said. "He was a proud father of five children, a grandfather of four and trucking was his life. That is what he loved. "The Riddell family thanks everybody for their love and support."

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-  [Hume Highway Woomargama Crash Kills Truck Driver, Closes Highway](#)

<http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/2591010/phil-riddell-a-great-driver-who-had-nowhere-to-go/?cs=4067>



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CHINA, HUNAN PROVINCE, LILING, SEPTEMBER 29 2014. DEATH TOLL RISES TO 14 IN CENTRAL CHINA FIREWORK PLANT BLAST

The death toll of a blast in a fireworks plant in Liling, central China's Hunan Province, has risen to 14, according to the State Administration of Work Safety on Sunday. The blast happened at around 3 p.m. last Monday at the Nanyang Export Fireworks Factory in Baofeng Village of Liling, when 47 workers were on duty. Liling is a major production base for China's fireworks, which play an important role in traditional celebrations. The administration held a tele-meeting on Sunday on national firework production safety and vowed to crack down on illegal operations in the sector. Five officials in Hunan Province have been removed from their posts over the accident.

<http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/xinhua-news-agency/140928/death-toll-rises-14-central-china-firework-plant-blast>

USA, ILL, MARISSA, SEPTEMBER 29 2014. FUEL TRUCK OVERTURNS, CLOSING ILLINOIS 4 IN MARISSA FOR 12 HOURS

Watch the Video: [Fuel Truck Overturns.](#)

Photo's [6] [Fuel Truck Overturns.](#)



Illinois 4 re-opened about 6 p.m. Sunday after being closed the previous 12 hours because of a gasoline spill that occurred when a fuel truck overturned, spilling 2,800 gallons of gasoline. Workers closed off the stretch of Illinois 4 between Mud Creek Road and School View Drive to allow the cleanup to occur. No one was hurt in the accident and no evacuations were necessary, said Herb Simmons, director of St. Clair County's Emergency Management Agency. The truck belonged to the Casey's General Store convenience store chain, Simmons said. The fuel truck's driver lost control of the vehicle about 5:30 a.m., Sunday, causing the vehicle to run into a ditch and overturn, rupturing the fuel tank. About 1:15 p.m. an environmental restoration crew arrived to begin siphoning about

6,000 gallons of fuel remaining in the truck tank. First responders that showed up at the fuel spill scene included the Marissa, New Athens and Fairview Heights fire departments, St. Clair County Emergency Management Agency, MedStar Ambulance and a unit from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

<http://www.bnd.com/2014/09/28/3426166-fuel-truck-overturns-closing-rte.html?rh=1>

PAKISTAN, BALOCHISTAN, QILLA ABDULLAH, CHAMAN, SEPTEMBER 29 2014. FIRE ERUPTS AT A PETROL STATION IN CHAMAN



5 shops and 3 cars have been burnt down in the fire at petrol pump.

Fire erupted in a petrol station on Bogra road in Chaman. Three cars and five shops have been burnt down due to the fire. According to initial reports, the fire erupted after a cigarette was flamed at petrol pump. The fire soon spread across the nearby areas. As a result, 5 shops and 3 cars were burnt down in the fire. The firefighters and rescue teams were called in immediately. However, it took them nearly one hour to bring the fire under control. No loss of life has been reported in the firing incident.

Related Stories [Fire in Petrol Pump Kills Teenager](#)

<http://dunyanews.tv/index.php/en/Pakistan/238656-Fire-erupts-at-a-petrol-station-in-Chaman>

PAKISTAN, NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE. PESHAWAR, SEPTEMBER 29 2014. MAN KILLED IN CYLINDER BLAST

A person was killed and two others sustained injuries when a gas cylinder exploded in Kohat on Saturday. The explosion occurred at a gas filling station on Kohat-Rawalpindi Road while gas was being filled in a gas. Resultantly, a worker of the shop died while two others sustained injuries in the blast. The injured were rushed to the DHQ hospital where their condition was stated stable.

<http://nation.com.pk/national/28-Sep-2014/man-killed-in-cylinder-blast>



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USA, TX, TYLER, SEPTEMBER 29 2014. FIRE ERUPTS AT TYLER EXXON AFTER DRIVER LEAVES WITH HOSE IN TANK

Watch the Video: [Fire Erupts at Tyler Exxon](#)

A gas pump caught on fire after a driver left the gas hose in their vehicle and drove off. A fire started at the Exxon off of East Commerce Street near Loop 323 in Tyler Sunday afternoon. The Tyler Fire Department says a driver forgot to take the gas hose out of the car and proceeded to drive off. It pulled the entire gas pump with the vehicle and caused the blaze. The situation is still under investigation, but does appear accidental. No injuries have been reported. Video of the fire was sent in by a witness.

[http://www.ktre.com/story/26647688/fire-erupts-at-tyler-exxon-after-driver-leaves-with-hose-in-tank?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+ktre%2FaABF+\(KTRE+-+East+Texas+News\)](http://www.ktre.com/story/26647688/fire-erupts-at-tyler-exxon-after-driver-leaves-with-hose-in-tank?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+ktre%2FaABF+(KTRE+-+East+Texas+News))

USA, TX, LUBBOCK, SEPTEMBER 30 2014. HAZMAT LEAK CONTAINED AT SERVCO CHEMICAL

Watch the Video: [Servco Chemical > Hazmat Leak Contained](#)

Lubbock Fire Rescue, Lubbock EMS, and representatives from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality are on the scene of a hydrochloric acid vapor release at Servco, 2701 E. 66th Street. LFR says the leak, coming from a vent pipe to a tank containing 3,000 gallons of hydrochloric acid, has been stopped. The contents of the tank are being offloaded after which repairs to the pipe will be made. There are no injuries and no evacuations are expected.

<http://www.ktre.com/story/26653093/ld-at-scene-of-hazmat-leak-at-servco-chemical>

USA, MD, ABINGDOM, SEPTEMBER 30 2014. TANKER JACKKNIFES, BLOCKS ROUTE 924 IN ABINGDOM MONDAY

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Map [Emmorton Road & Holly Wreath Drive, Abingdon, MD 21009, USA](#)



A tow truck stands ready to remove a tanker truck that jackknifed and got stuck across all four lanes of Route 924 (Emmorton Road) in Abingdon around 4:45 p.m. Monday

A tanker truck jackknifed and got stuck across busy Route 924 in Abingdon in the middle of the evening rush Monday. Maryland State Police at the scene were still investigating and did not know exactly what happened, except the truck ended up splayed across the highway near the intersection of Holly Wreath Drive north of Singer Road. The mishap occurred about 4:45 p.m. Sgt. Reiner of the State Police Bel Air Barrack no injuries had been reported, but troopers were still on the scene an more than hour later and the southbound lanes of Route 924 (Emmorton Road)

remained closed. Northbound traffic was able to get around the disabled tanker through Holly Wreath. The tanker belongs to S. Coraluzzo Co. A Harford County Hazmat team was called to the scene, according to monitored emergency radio dispatches, but the tanker itself did not appear to be leaking any of its load. Reiner said no injuries had been reported.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/harford/abingdon/ph-ag-tanker-jackknifes-emmorton-1001-20140929,0,7388717.story>

USA, UT, SPANISH FORK, SEPTEMBER 30 2014. SEMI-TANKER DODGES DEER, ROLLS ON US-6 NEAR SPANISH FORK >> TANKER'S LOAD OF CARBON DIOXIDE VENTED.

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A semi-tanker truck driver, reportedly trying to avoid hitting a deer, overturned early Monday morning on US-6, about 20 miles east of Spanish Fork. The Utah Highway Patrol said the westbound big rig toppled after it slammed into a concrete barrier wall about 3:30 a.m. The driver escaped with minor injuries, but the accident completely closed down the highway for nearly three hours. As of 6 a.m., traffic flow was restored to one lane, with eastbound and westbound motorists taking turns getting through the area of mile post 202. About two hours later, crews had vented the tanker's load of carbon dioxide and righted the big rig, allowing all lanes to reopen.

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/58467276-78/highway-tanker-deer-driver.html.csp>



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