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USA, CT, BRIDGEPORT, SEPTEMBER 22 2014. WAREHOUSE FIRE UNDERSCORES NEED TO TRACK CHEMICALS

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 **Photo's [29]** [Warehouse Fire underscores need to Track Chemicals](#)



Firefighters battle a massive fire which erupted at an industrial site along Seaview Avenue in Bridgeport, Conn., on Thursday Sept. 11, 2014. Fire crews from Fairfield and Stratford responded with equipment and manpower to help battle the blaze.

Like many of her neighbors along Seaview Avenue, [Gladys Fernandez](#) said she had no idea potentially explosive chemicals were stored in the old industrial buildings across the street. "Nobody knew that was going on," Hernandez said. Then a five-alarm blaze literally blew the lid off what, intentionally or not, had been the [Rowayton Trading](#) Co.'s quiet operation as purveyors of pigments, fragrance oils, dyes and other materials to manufacturers worldwide. Hundreds of metal drums of chemicals burst, accompanied by loud booms and fireballs, turning the dense residential neighborhood into what some witnesses described as a war zone. Now questions are being asked about who knew what about Rowayton's operation, whether the company followed all state and federal reporting requirements for what was kept on site, and whether those go far enough. "Rowayton Trading -- I don't know anybody who knew what it was," said [David Dobbs](#), a fire union vice president. Councilwomen [Lydia Martinez](#) and [Milta Feliciano](#), D-137, who represent the area, said they were in the dark. "To some extent, we should know what's taking place in the community, especially when it's so close to where people live," Feliciano said. The fire may have not only exposed gaps in what residents know, or should know, about local businesses, but in getting lifesaving information to emergency responders who charge into chaotic conflagrations. For example, according to city officials, firefighters arrived on the scene at 6:45 p.m., but did not have good data on whether there might be hazardous substances inside until the owner showed up around 9:30 p.m. "It's critical to note a fire scene is fluid, especially that of a five-alarm fire in a difficult area," said [Brett Broesder](#), spokesman for Mayor [Bill Finch](#). "Like every city agency, the fire department continually evaluates and re-evaluates internal police procedures and incident command at specific events such as this," Martinez said, "We need to dig into the laws of Connecticut and of the city to see what else this calls for."

Scary & Unknown

Nearly a week after flames demolished Rowayton's storage facility on the evening of Sept. 11, dozens of 55-gallon drums stood exposed amid the collapsed brick walls, charred timbers and twisted metal. The investigation into the fire is in the early stages because it took a few days to extinguish the smoldering debris. Rowayton's owner, Carl Westhella, did not return requests for comment for this story. But in a brief interview following the disaster, Westhella said the drums held "concentrated fragrance oils." So far, state environmental officials, focused on what might have been released into the air and water have, through air samples and other initial analysis, found nothing to disprove Westhella's explanation. "All those factors point in a good direction," said [Dennis Schain](#), spokesman for the state [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#). The state [Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Aquaculture](#) is also testing clams and oysters harvested just outside of Bridgeport after a reddish foam flowed into the waters from the fire into the harbor. But unofficially, that odd, wine-like color has been attributed to a dye from Rowayton Trading. Fernandez said the incident was made even scarier for neighbors because it fell on the 13th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington. "They were saying it was perfume," Fernandez said. "I know it was blowing up a lot in there."

Delays & Confusion

Authorities said their investigation will make sure Rowayton previously shared all the information required under state and federal laws about the substances at the Seaview Avenue facility. According to a timeline provided by Broesder and prepared by Bridgeport emergency responders, the city's emergency management office had a file on Rowayton Trading with some information on what was inside. But, Broesder said, there was a delay of several hours in locating it because of confusion surrounding the industrial complex's exact address. The initial phone call came from 2101 Seaview Avenue but the exact address of the fire for the purposes of researching the building and its contents remained unknown. Just after 8 p.m., while engaging the fire, evacuating the area, closing off streets and shutting down power, firefighters witnessed chemicals spilling into the water adjacent to the property, Broesder said. The search for any data on hazardous materials began within the city's [Office of Emergency Management](#), but the address was still in question. The DEEP, the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the [U.S. Coast Guard](#) were all contacted, per protocol. Broesder said a second call for hazardous materials



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information was made to emergency management at 9 p.m. and a call was also placed to the [Fairfield County Hazardous Incident Response Team](#). Between 9:30 and 10 p.m., Westhella arrived on scene with a brief explanation of the chemicals inside and the HazMat team provided a storage diagram. By 11 p.m., the city's file on Rowayton Storage was brought to the scene. Dobbs said from the start that the department, lacking details, smartly treated the blaze like a HazMat call. "We had competent people working and made good decisions," he said. Norwalk Fire Chief [Denis McCarthy](#), former chairman of the HazMat team, agreed. He said when a blaze is severe and the conditions are in question, "You treat everything as if it is an imminent threat to life and health."

Hazard Tracking

City Councilwoman [Michelle Lyons](#), D-134, is a co-chairwoman of the Council's public safety committee and has a brother-in-law employed with the [Bridgeport Fire Department](#). "All buildings that have flammable material should be on a list and that list given to the fire department," Lyons said. "Their lives are at risk. ... This way they know what equipment to bring and they're aware." There are different levels of reporting criteria that apply to businesses. The federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act requires companies dealing in certain types and amounts of hazardous materials to make that information available to emergency responders and the public. The EPCRA was passed by Congress in the wake of a 1984 [Union Carbide](#) disaster in Bhopal, India, that killed or severely injured more than 2,000, according to the EPA. "Rowayton Trading was not a reporter to us," the DEEP's Schain said. "So now we're looking to review, 'What did they have? How much? And was it OK they did not report?'" There are also notification requirements under the [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#). And state statutes also require the local fire marshal be told of any hazardous materials. State Fire Administrator [Jeffrey Morrisette](#) said, "Oftentimes companies try to fall just under the (reporting) threshold so they don't have to report." "It doesn't necessarily take the hazard away," he said. "It somewhat minimizes it. If there is an incident, it won't be as big ... It's not illegal. They're not storing a huge amount on property. They're having it shipped in as needed." And how quickly information is available can depend on an individual community. "While (businesses) are supposed to get permits to do certain things, that information doesn't always flow as freely as one would like it to," Morrisette said. Then there is the question of whether the data is stored on computers or on paper. "Years ago a lot of companies might have sent 50, 3-inch binders," Morrisette said. "Those get packed away in an office. The fire marshal works Monday through Friday. When you have an incident, no one has access."

Outdated Data

McCarthy said ideally municipalities can pre-inspect any potential fire hazards. "That is a daunting task with all of the other demands," McCarthy said. Dobbs and Morrisette agreed that sometimes even the most aggressive pre-planning cannot keep up with changes, particularly in large, old buildings that have been converted for different uses. "You might have an old industrial building that's been chopped up and eight businesses operating out of one large factory, all doing different things," Dobbs said. "It gets a little hectic and hard to get your arms around what everybody's doing, what's being stored. It's just another hurdle we face in Bridgeport." Morrisette added, "And it's not always that companies are up front in terms of what they're doing." In July Bridgeport launched a pro-active Smart911 system, a voluntary initiative for households to create online computer profiles to provide emergency dispatchers details about the buildings and those living inside. Dobbs said that could be helpful with commercial properties as well. But McCarthy cautioned that, again, circumstances can quickly outpace the good intentions. "The database in a Smart911 system becomes dated very quickly," he said. "It tends to be unreliable" and only used as a secondary source of information.

<http://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Warehouse-fire-underscores-need-to-track-chemicals-5770188.php>

KENYA, KAMARA, SEPTEMBER 22 2014. HOTSPOTS WHERE YOUTHS WAIT TO ROB ACCIDENT VICTIMS AND TANKERS

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In what has become an allure for fast cash and reaping from where they have not sown, youths along the busy Nakuru-Eldoret Highway while away time waiting for accidents to occur so they may loot from victims. A recent tragic accident in Kamara, where seven people died when a tanker they were siphoning oil from exploded brought to the fore a major predicament among the youths in Kamara, Sachangwan and Salgaa areas. In Kamara, youths get to the trading centre from as early as 6am and hang around the roadside until past midnight hoping an accident occurs. When the oil tanker ferrying fuel from Nakuru to Eldoret overturned, more than 100 youths carrying jerry cans pounced on it immediately, pelting police officers who came to guard the scene with stones. In the end, seven of them died. "Most youths here are engaged in diesel cartels and whenever a oil tanker is involved in an accident, they strive to make a killing from it," says Paul Chepkwony, an elder. Chepkwony says the



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urge for freebies has made the youths unruly, even defying police warnings. In this particular incident, the police guarding the tanker fired in the air and lobbed tear gas at the advancing youngsters to scare them away in vain. An officer told The Standard on Sunday that the youths threatened to set the tanker ablaze if the police denied them access to the fuel. "They turned wild as we tried to stop them and when we did not give way, they set the tanker on fire killing seven people," says an officer. See Also: Jobs or slavery? Kenyans speak of abuse in the Middle East Kamara is 30 kilometres from Sachangwan, where 133 people were burned to death in 2009 as they siphoned fuel from an overturned tanker. According to a resident, the youths are always on alert and are well-connected such that when an accident occurs, they are the first to arrive at the scene. Posing as Good Samaritans out to help, they instead loot from accident victims and disappear before the police arrive. The dead are not spared either. They mostly target mobile phones, money, side mirrors and luggage. A young man was arrested recently with a bottle of wine he allegedly stolen from an accident scene where three members of a family died in a head-on collision. Samuel Mutai, a survivor of the tanker explosion, said joblessness drives them to the 'risky' habit.

<http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/lifestyle/article/2000135663/hotspots-where-youths-wait-to-rob-accident-victims>

USA, CA, SAN FRANCISCO, SEPTEMBER 22 2014. CREWS CLEAN UP FUEL SPILL FROM SS JEREMIAH O'BRIEN AT SF FISHERMAN'S WHARF



The United States Coast Guard and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife are investigating a reported fuel spill that occurred Saturday in the San Francisco Bay near Pier 45 at Fisherman's Wharf. Coast Guard personnel in San Francisco received a report at 10:56 a.m. that an undetermined amount of fuel oil was discharged from the SS Jeremiah O'Brien, a World War II ship, officials said. Crews were deployed Saturday to evaluate the spill and recover the discharged fuel. Officials said it appears the spill occurred during an internal transfer on board the vessel. Officials said a 100-by-150-yard sheen was located in the area of the spill, and crews worked Saturday evening, putting 5,000 feet of boom around the vessel and other environmentally sensitive areas. Officials said vacuum trucks and skimming vessels would be at the scene Sunday as part of the cleanup effort. The cause of the spill is under investigation.

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2014/09/21/crews-clean-up-fuel-spill-from-ss-jeremiah-obrien-fishermans-wharf/>

THAILAND, RAYONG, SEPTEMBER 22 2014. OIL SPILL HITS RAYONG BEACH

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An oil spill has hit a 1-kilometre stretch of Mae Ramphueng beach in Rayong's Muang district, triggering concerns about the impact on tourism in the province's popular beach. Fishermen alerted reporters Sunday to the oil slick, which resembles asphalt flakes on the beach, in front of Wang Thong Resort in Ban Kon Ao of tambon Phae. Officials said they are still trying to determine the source of the spill. A large number of small shellfish were found dead in the sand, and tourists were avoiding the area. Amnat Srichala, a 42-year-old fisherman, said he spotted the slick on Saturday afternoon. The spill is similar to one that washed up on the same beach several months ago. Mr Amnat expressed concern that the oil slick would prevent tourists from coming to Mae Ramphueng beach, which is one of the province's key tourist destinations. If tourists stay away, fishermen who catch crabs, shrimp, shellfish and fish for travellers could suffer a downturn in business, he said.

<http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/local/433504/oil-spill-hits-beach-in-rayong-province>

MEXICO, HERMOSILLO, SEPTEMBER 22 2014. WESTERN MEXICO STATE REPORTS NEW MINE SPILL

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Authorities in northern Mexico have issued a new alert of a toxic spill in the Sonora River basin from a copper mine operated by Grupo Mexico, the state director of civil protection said Sunday. The agency is urging some 25,000 residents of the area to avoid using the water after local municipalities complained of a toxic plume, said Carlos Arias, civil protection director for the border state of Sonora, where the spill occurred. Arias said the tributaries affected drain into the Bacanuchi River. A flyover of the area shows an abnormal orange stain, he added. He said his department is taking measures to ensure people or livestock don't come in contact with the water until it can be tested. A storm water overflow after excessive rains from Hurricane Odile caused toxic water from the Buenavista copper mine to leach into some creeks and streams, the company said in a statement Sunday. It said it contained the spill with pumps and suction. It didn't identify the leaked substance. Grupo Mexico operates the



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\$1 billion-a year Buenavista mine in Cananea, Sonora, producing 200,000 tons of copper. Mexico's top environmental official accused the mining company last month of lying about an early August spill of millions of gallons of acids and heavy metals that contaminated two rivers and a dam downstream. Officials have said the company also lied about the measures it took to control the effects. The company blamed heavy rains for the overflow of containment ponds, but officials have said lax supervision at the mine and construction defects appeared to have caused the accident. The spill sent about 10 million gallons (40,000 cubic meters) of copper sulfate and heavy metals into the rivers and on to a reservoir behind a dam that supplies water to the capital of Sonora. Grupo Mexico will set up a roughly \$151 million trust to pay for damage caused by the earlier spill. The company still faces fines.

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2014/sep/21/western-mexico-state-reports-new-mine-spill/>

USA, PA, FINLEYVILLE, SEPTEMBER 22 2014. DEP PROBES PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION SPILL INTO CREEK

Pennsylvania environmental regulators are investigating a spill of gray sludge into a southwestern Pennsylvania creek from a nearby pipeline construction project. Authorities said the spill into Little Spingo Creek appeared to be contained Saturday, two days after it was discovered. Department of Environmental Protection spokesman John Poister tells the Observer-Reporter of Washington (<http://bit.ly/1sfi0HF>) that agency officials believe the sludge is nontoxic bentonite clay. Poister said the DEP hadn't determined how much of the sludge entered the creek. He says the spill occurred upriver from a Pennsylvania American Water Co. intake pipe. Poister says the sludge is a drilling lubricant that sprayed into the creek when the drill bit encountered something in the ground. The pipeline is expected to ship natural gas liquids to a Sunoco refinery in the Philadelphia area.

<http://www.abc27.com/story/26588137/dep-probes-pipeline-construction-spill-into-creek>

AUSTRALIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY, DARWIN, SEPTEMBER 22 2014. MAN INJURED IN PETROL EXPLOSION

megan palin

A man is in an induced coma after he suffered severe burns in a petrol explosion, at Maryfield Station, approximately 65km north of Daly Waters on the Stuart Highway on Sunday. The 45-year-old station worker was working on a motorbike when the explosion took place. The CareFlight TIO Rescue Helicopter and rapid response trauma team were called to the scene to treat the man and airlift him to Royal Darwin Hospital. The CareFlight TIO Rescue Helicopter landed at Maryfield Station with a flight doctor and flight nurse. Careflight spokesman said the man suffered burns to 30-35 per cent of his body and has been placed in an induced coma "to assist his retrieval to Royal Darwin Hospital". He has reportedly suffered burns to his face, chest, arms and abdomen. The man is expected to arrive in Darwin at 8pm on Sunday where he will be taken directly to the Hospital's Intensive Care Unit.

<http://www.ntnews.com.au/news/northern-territory/man-injured-in-petrol-explosion/story-fnk0b1zt-1227065695344>

VIETNAM, HO CHI MIN CITY, SEPTEMBER 22 2014. PETROL SMUGGLERS IN OCEAN REGIONS SEE PROFITS SURGE



"Petrol smuggling occurs in many places, especially in sea regions in the central provinces of Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, the northern city and provinces of Hai Phong, Quang Ninh, Nam Dinh, and the southern provinces of Ba Ria-Vung Tau and Mekong Delta provinces,"

Petrol smuggling via sea waters has brought huge profits to illegal ships, and has become increasingly difficult to control, the Viet Nam Petroleum Association has said. "Petrol smuggling occurs in many places, especially in sea regions in the central provinces of Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, the northern city and provinces of Hai Phong, Quang Ninh, Nam Dinh, and the southern provinces of Ba Ria-Vung Tau and Mekong Delta provinces," Trinh

Quang Khanh, vice chairman of the association, was quoted as saying in Dau Tu (Viet Nam Investment Review) newspaper. The Viet Nam Marine Police discovered on Sunday that the "Hoa Binh 06" ship, which was docked at Sao Mai Bay in the southern coastal city of Vung Tau, was carrying 70,000 litres of diesel oil without proper legal documentation. In late August, the Viet Nam Border Guard stopped two ships, the My Hoa 03-AG10558H and PV Oil Trans 04-SG6413, which were illegally carrying 500,000 litres of petrol and diesel oil via sea waters near HCM City. The General Department of Customs, in co-operation with the Ministry of Public Security's General Department of Security II, broke up a petrol smuggling ring led by



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Nguyen Truong Son, deputy director of Hoang Son Limited company in the central city of Thanh Hoa. It had smuggled tens of thousands of tonnes of petrol. Smugglers have become more sophisticated and organised by setting up companies, and hiring gangsters to board boats masqueraded as fishing ships. In addition, smugglers carry blank receipts to cope with authorities in case of searches. Huge profits are driving the increase in smuggling. The price for diesel oil in Viet Nam is often higher than other neighbouring countries like Malaysia and Indonesia. In addition, taxes and fees account for 43 per cent of the petrol price. Smugglers can export petrol to countries which have higher petrol prices and import petrol from other countries which have lower prices like Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and China. Smuggling profits from each litre of diesel oil in the domestic market ranges from VND3,000 – 5,000 (15-25 cents). According to the Viet Nam Petroleum Association, in the southernmost province of Kien Giang, there are around 250,000,000 litres of oil being used for seafood exploitation and most of these were illegally imported. The State loses VND1.2 trillion (US\$60 million) a year in petrol taxes because of petrol smugglers, experts have estimated. The Hoang Son company illegally imports 5,000 – 10,000 tonnes of petrol each month, causing tax losses of VND20 – 25 billion (\$1 – 1.2 million). The State budget has lost tens of millions of US dollars. In another case, the Ninh Thuan NT90139 TS ship bought petrol from Thailand's Nang Nual for VND18,000 (85 cents) per litre and sold it for VND22,000(\$1). Each year, the Ninh Thuan ship can smuggle 600,000 litres of oil and earn a profit of VND240 billion (\$12 million). "Management policy on petrol imports is still loose and State offices must become more strict," said Nguyen Van Can, deputy head of the General Department of Customs. Under current regulations, if authorities discover and hold commodities without receipts, they must check them within three days. "This is a good chance for smugglers to fulfill all necessary papers," Can added. Recently, the Viet Nam Petroleum Association asked authorities to review all policies concerning management of petrol imports. "A central committee should be created to cope with the increased petrol smuggling," Trinh Quang Khanh said.

<http://english.vietnamnet.vn/fms/society/112221/petrol-smugglers-in-ocean-regions-see-profits-surge.html>

MALAYSIA, KUALA LUMPUR, SEPTEMBER 22 2014. NAVY FOILS ATTEMPT TO SMUGGLE PETROL INTO PHILIPPINES

A Royal Malaysian Navy vessel, KD Sri Johor foiled an attempt to smuggle 51 barrels of petrol by boat to Sitangkai, Philippines, early Sunday. Commander of the Sandakan Base First Admiral Camp Ahmad Abdullah said the boat was detained about 22 nautical miles north of Matakang Island or about 4.4 nautical miles from Malaysia-Philippines international waters. "The boat was detained during a Sabah Eastern Security Command (Esscom) operation at 3.15am and upon further checks, we found that three crew-members aged between 18 and 22, did not have valid identification papers. "The checks also found 51 barrels of petrol. Each barrel contained 25 litres of petrol, altogether with a value estimated at RM 2,677 meant to be smuggled into Sitangkai, Philippines. "Currency worth RM1454, 2500Pesos (RM180) and four hand phones were also seized," he said in a statement. He added that the crew, the seized items and the boat were taken to the Bunga Mas 5 vessel for further action.

<http://www.thestar.com.my/News/Nation/2014/09/21/attempt-to-smuggle-petrol-into-Philippines-foiled/>

USA, CA, SAN FRANCISCO, SEPTEMBER 22 2014. COAST GUARD INVESTIGATES OIL SPILL FROM WORLD WAR II-ERA SHIP AT FISHERMAN'S WHARF

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Coast Guard personnel in San Francisco received a report Saturday that an undetermined amount of fuel oil was discharged from the SS Jeremiah O'Brien, a World War II ship.

A cleanup effort by multiple agencies is underway for an oil spill from a World War II-era ship that now serves as a tourist attraction in San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf. The United States Coast Guard and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife are investigating the fuel spill that occurred Saturday near Pier 45. Coast Guard personnel received a report at 10:56 a.m. that an undetermined amount of oil spilled into the bay from the [SS Jeremiah O'Brien](#), a fully functional World War II Liberty Ship. The Coast Guard said that it immediately dispatched a pollution response crew to assess the spill and recover the discharged fuel. The Coast Guard told NBC Bay Area that a barrel of crude oil ruptured causing the fuel to go overboard. No more than 50 gallons made it into the bay, officials said. The ship is currently closed to tourists. There



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is currently 6,000 feet of boom around the ship, the Coast Guard said. According to the Coast Guard, the fuel spill's source has been secured. A Coast Guard MH-65 helicopter and a small boat investigating the spill found a 100-by-150-yard sheen in the area of the spill. Vacuum trucks and skimming vessels carried out recovery operations Sunday, officials said. "On-scene coordinators are working diligently with Fish and Wildlife to ensure the SS Jeremiah O'Brien is taking every action necessary to achieve a prompt and satisfactory cleanup effort," the Coast Guard said in a statement. The cause of the fuel spill remains under investigation.

<http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Cleanup-Underway-After-San-Francisco-Bay-Fuel-Spill-275917381.html>

USA, N.C., JACKSONVILLE, SEPTEMBER 22 2014. WEBSITE DOCUMENTS LEJEUNE CONTAMINATION

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Gavin Smith talks about the paperwork that outlines a timeline from 1941 to 1989 on the water contamination at Camp Lejeune.

Six years ago, Robert Smith lost his battle with cancer. "He never had a health problem in his life as long as I know," said Gavin Smith, Robert's 41-year-old son. "Until 1996, just a couple of years before he retired." When his father eventually passed, Smith said it came as a shock to his entire family and left him with numerous questions about the circumstances of his father's death. According to Smith, his father was diagnosed with acute leukemia (AML), of which Smith said his family had no history. "He was always happy and jovial," said Smith about his father, Bob. "So when he started having problems we thought maybe it was natural." In 1971, Smith and his family moved to the coast and settled down in Emerald Isle. Smith said his father started off doing odd jobs before securing a job in 1974 in maintenance aboard Camp Lejeune. "When I was in high school, I would go over there," said Smith. "He would work second shift and I would probably go over on Friday nights and hang out." But in 1996, just a couple of years shy of retiring from his 25-year tenure as an employee with the installation, Smith said his father began having various health complications. By the summer of 2008, Smith who had just started a freelance business in Orlando, Florida, heard news of his father's diagnosis and immediately moved home. "As soon as I found out, I shut everything down and moved home," he said. "We kept going back and forth to Duke Clinic ... That went for about two or three months and then he passed."

Piecing the Puzzles

Smith was on a flight from Arizona to North Carolina a year ago when he heard news about Camp Lejeune's water contamination and began doing research on his own about the issue. "I started to notice some of the chemicals in the water supply had links to leukemia among other things," said Smith. In 1982, volatile organic compounds were discovered in two out of the eight water treatment plants aboard Camp Lejeune. According to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Diseases Registry, Tarawa Terrace was mostly contaminated with tetrachloroethylene, also known as perchloroethylene or PCE, while Hadnot Point had been contaminated with trichloroethylene or TCE. Other chemicals found in water samples include benzene and vinyl chloride or VC. "I kind of had a feeling that there was more to it connected to my dad's passing," said Smith. "My father was there 25 years and ingested the water on that base the entire time. I'm sure he made the coffee on base from that water." From 1957 to 1987, thousands of military members and their families along with civilians living and working on Camp Lejeune were exposed to several volatile organic compounds and carcinogens due to contaminated water aboard the installation. An ASTDR study that was published on Aug. 13 compared mortality rates of 4,647 full-time civilian workers employed at Camp Lejeune from 1973 to 1985 with employees at Camp Pendleton, California, during the same period. The water supply at Camp Pendleton was not contaminated during that time frame. The study concluded that Camp Lejeune workers were at a higher risk at developing various kinds of terminal illnesses. According to the study, Camp Lejeune workers had a higher incidences of death with causes relating to cancer of the breast, kidney, lung, oral cavity, prostate and rectum, kidney diseases, leukemia, multiple myeloma and Parkinson's disease. Smith, whose father worked in Building 1202 on Camp Lejeune, believes he was also exposed to toxic vapors seeping up from the ground. "Building 1202 was where the strongest



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vapors from the toxins were," he said. "... Based on the location where everything occurred, my father's leukemia was caused by exposure of over 25 years."

Civilian Exposure

Smith founded CivilianExposure.org, a website with media reports, studies and videos relating to the historic water contamination at Camp Lejeune. Smith said he eventually contacted Jerry Ensminger, a retired Marine stationed at the installation during the years of contamination, for help with his website. "I wanted to get more involved so I reached out to Jerry ...," said Smith. Ensminger led the fight for answers and to get legislation passed after discovering that the death of Janey, his 9-year-old daughter, could have been caused by exposure to the contaminated water. In 2012, the Janey Ensminger Act was signed into law by President Barack Obama, promising health care and aid to thousands of veterans and their families who were exposed to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune. Ensminger said civilians working at the installation at the time of the contamination could face health issues as well. "Well they were exposed just as much if not more than the military," Ensminger said. "Most of these people did not live on the base but some did. They had showers and locker rooms in many of these different facilities — they spent a much longer time at Camp Lejeune." Smith said he was recently nominated to be on a community assistance panel for the ATSDR with Ensminger, where the pair along with others discuss the latest studies or information surrounding the issue. "We have phone meetings once a month," he said. "It helps gives me access to the information." With the creation of the website and Smith's full-time dedication to filling it with updated information, Smith hopes to find more civilian workers who may also be exposed to contaminated water. "I'm trying to push for the civilian's side," he said. "He had crews that worked for him that were civilians and they were all exposed." Smith said he aims to notify former civilian workers who worked on Camp Lejeune about the contamination and the health risks associated with it so they can get the medical help they need. "I want to try to make sure there's enough light on it and it doesn't happen again," he said. For more information or to contact Smith, visit www.CivilianExposure.org.

<http://www.jdnews.com/news/local/website-documents-lejeune-contamination-1.375945>

TURKEY, MANISA, SEPTEMBER 23 2014. TURKEY'S WORST MINING DISASTER 'PREVENTABLE': REPORT



The Soma mining disaster which claimed 301 lives in May was "preventable" according to a report delivered to a Turkish prosecutor. The document, prepared after four months' investigative work by an academic team for the Soma Public Prosecutor's Office, was published on Sunday. Evidence in the report has been presented to the Soma Chief Prosecutor's Office in the Manisa district for consideration. It will form the basis of any future criminal investigation into the disaster which was the worst mining accident in Turkey's history. According to autopsy results quoted in the report, most of the deaths were due to a form of poisoning where red blood cells come into contact with carbon monoxide. This toxic gas was produced by a spontaneous fire which broke out

in coal dumped around a transformer. Carbon monoxide produced by this fire met fresh air from an inlet, fuelling a greater blaze. This spread to the mine's third and fourth corridors causing bands, timber supports, pipes and electric cables to catch fire. Water and cooling attempts to extinguish the blaze produced the deadly poisonous and suffocating gas, the report added. However, given the large size of the mine, the fire which broke out underground was not solely responsible for the 301 deaths. Poison gas and suffocation produced by the blaze was the main cause of death. The report said that former mine owners — state-owned TKI — which took over in 2006, had wanted to divest itself of the facility in 2009. The company said that it did not want to face any "non-recoverable problems" in the future. TKI could not produce coal from the mine because of fires and flooding breaking out during production. The report says that this statement from TKI showed that the coal mine had a high fire risk and that both the former company and current managers, Soma Coal Corporation, knew about it. Although the gas-detecting equipment warned of a coming accident in January, this was not heeded, the report stated. It added that construction of escape routes from the coal mine was also canceled without concern for workplace safety; this was cited as one of the reasons for the high number of deaths. The ventilation system was not developed although the number of workers and production had doubled; none of the mine's infrastructure was fire-rated and workers' gas masks had not been checked, the report said. Gas readings in the mine were taken "randomly". Records did not match gas-sensor data and nine pieces of gas-detecting monitoring equipment were not working properly. The report also claimed that in some parts of the coal field it was permitted to mine with a single chimney production by using a method called "black tipping". This made it possible to produce more coal but increased the number of workers in the field and associated risks. The report pointed out that while the mine



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was expected to produce 1.5 tons of coal in 2013, it actually produced more than double this figure – 3.5 tons. "These results have confirmed workers' comments that they have been forced to over work and there is over production," the report said. "Over production, along with not adopting measures that should be taken ... led to dangerous working conditions," the report added. The report also pointed out that not fulfilling the requirement that "ventilators and aspirators should be arranged to flow in the opposite direction when it was needed" had a negative impact on rescue efforts. It was also claimed that the electrical system of the mine was not safe. Faulty communication devices and lack of a central alarm system were blamed for a failure to evacuate the stranded miners. The report also claimed that exhausted coal areas were not under control and measures to prevent a possible coal fire were not taken. The report says a 32-hour vocational training course had not been completed properly and recap training had not been done at all.

<http://www.dailysabah.com/nation/2014/09/22/turkeys-worst-mining-disaster-was-preventable-report>

CHINA, HUNAN PROVINCE, XINHUA, BAOFENG VILLAGE, SEPTEMBER 23 2014. EXPLOSION AT CHINESE FIREWORKS FACTORY KILLS 12



In this Monday, Sept. 22, 2014 photo, a man looks after his wounded relative at a hospital after an explosion at a firework factory in Liling in south China's Hunan province. An explosion at a fireworks factory in southern China killed at least 12 people and injured dozens of others, the local government said Tuesday.

An explosion at a fireworks factory in southern China killed 12 people and injured 33 others, the local government said Tuesday. Two people were also missing following Monday's blast, which shook Nanyang Export Fireworks Factory, the city of Liling in Hunan province said. It revised the injured toll down from 38 because it said five people who had been transferred between hospitals were counted twice. It did not say what caused the explosion but said it was a work safety incident. The factory is properly licensed, it said. Workplace accidents are common in China because of lax enforcement of safety regulations, although safety standards are improving. China is the world's largest producer of

fireworks, which are widely used to celebrate the lunar new year. The festival falls in February in 2015.

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<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2014/sep/22/explosion-at-chinese-fireworks-factory-kills-6/>

USA, TX, HOUSTON, SEPTEMBER 23 2014. SIEMENS BUYS DRESSER-RAND FOR \$7.6 BILLION

Germany-based Siemens AG agreed to buy oilfield equipment company Dresser-Rand for \$7.6 billion in cash Monday. Siemens will pay \$83 per common share of Houston-based Dresser-Rand, \$3.09 over the company's closing price Friday. Siemens will assume Dresser-Rand's debt. Dresser-Rand has annual revenues of \$3 billion. Siemens hopes the acquisition will bolster its presence in the U.S. shale and hydraulic fracturing sectors. Dresser-Rand makes compressors, steam and gas turbines and engine compliments. It will continue to operate under its own brand name and its executive team will stay on board. Siemens expects to close the deal by the summer of 2015. Dresser-Rand has offices in Houston and Paris. The company employs 8,100 people. Lisa Davis, a member of Siemens' managing board, said: "Our aim is to become the leading rotating equipment and process system integrator for the oil and gas industry. Dresser-Rand has a strong presence in oil and gas, a reputation for technology leadership and innovation, and a talented and experienced leadership team."

<http://petroglobalnews.com/2014/09/siemens-buys-dresser-rand-for-7-6-billion/>

LIBYA, AL BAYDA, SEPTEMBER 23 2014. ACCIDENTAL BLAST AT LIBYA ARMY BASE KILLS 11 - SOURCE

ayman al-warfalli

At least 11 people were killed by an accidental blast at a Libyan military base in the eastern city of Al Bayda, a security source said on Monday. The source said a preliminary investigation showed the explosion may have been caused by high temperatures in a weapons storage area at the base. No other details or official comment were immediately available.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/09/22/us-libya-security-blast-idUSKCN0HH1Z120140922>



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USA, CA, SAN FRANCISCO, SEPTEMBER 23 2014. 30,000-GALLON TANK BURSTS IN VALLEJO, SPILLING LIQUID ASPHALT



Vallejo Fire truck.

Crews quickly controlled a small fire that broke out at an industrial plant in Vallejo Monday afternoon after a 30,000-gallon tank containing liquid asphalt burst, a fire captain said. The tank at the Syar Industries plant at 885 Lake Herman Road ruptured around 2 p.m., leaking asphalt oil, Vallejo fire Capt. Art Gonzalez said. The contents of the first tank seeped into a second large tank holding flammable oils, Gonzalez said. The ruptured tank caused a small insulation fire but the asphalt oil did not ignite and the spill was quickly contained, according to Gonzalez. No injuries were reported and there is no threat to the public. In addition to Vallejo firefighters, crews from Benicia, the nearby Valero oil refinery and Solano County Environmental Health were also called to the scene. The cause of the rupture remains under investigation. Officials at Syar Industries were not immediately available to comment on the incident.

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2014/09/22/30000-gallon-tank-bursts-in-vallejo-spilling-liquid-asphalt/>

USA, WYO, CHEYENNE, SEPTEMBER 24 2014. 4 INJURED IN NATURAL GAS TANK BLAST IN WYOMING

mead gruver

An explosion at a natural gas storage tank injured four workers on Tuesday in western Wyoming, authorities said. The blast occurred as a maintenance crew was cleaning out the tank in the desert about 30 miles northwest of Green River, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office spokesman Stephen Malik said. Three of the injured men were taken to a Salt Lake City hospital and the fourth was treated locally and released, said K Leonard, a spokeswoman for Houston-based EOG Resources, which owns the tank. Further details were unavailable. Two of the injured workers are EOG employees and the others are contract employees, Leonard said. Malik said firefighters quickly put out the flames. The cause of the blast remained unknown. In April, an explosion at a gas processing plant in western Wyoming prompted a daylong evacuation of nearby Opal, with a population of 100 people. Nobody was hurt in that blast but a fire burned for five days. The plant owned by Tulsa, Oklahoma-based Williams is about 15 miles southwest of the tank that exploded Tuesday. Western Wyoming is home to two of the biggest gas fields in the U.S. — the Pinedale Anticline and Jonah Field about 50 miles northeast of the EOG tank. Many more gas wells are scattered along the eastern slope of the Wyoming Range. Wyoming has ranked among the states with the worst rates of workplace injuries and deaths in part because of oil and gas industry accidents.

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/injuries-reported-wyoming-gas-tank-blast-25712311>

SOUTH AFRICA, PRETORIA, SEPTEMBER 24 2014. SEPTEMBER 23 2014. PASTOR TURNS 'PETROL INTO JUICE' FOR CONGREGANTS TO DRINK

godwin allotey akweiteh

 **Watch the Video:** [Pastor Turns 'Petrol into Juice' for Congregants to Drink](#)

Demonstration is at the 5 minute mark of the Viceo [Ed]



An acclaimed South African Pastor, Lesego Daniel, has made some of his church members drink a liquid believed to be petrol after claiming he miraculously turned it into pineapple juice. Lesego Daniel who founded the Rabboni Centre Ministries, had earlier in 2014 commanded his church members to eat grass to prove how humans can be controlled by the Holy Spirit. During the Sunday service on August 31, the man of God, Lesego Daniel, prayed for a bottle containing petrol to be turned into pineapple juice. According to the church's website, after the prayer, some of the members were supposedly led under the influence of the Holy Spirit to drink from the bottle. "They confirmed that they [had] tasted pineapple juice instead of petrol."

The pastor, Rabboni, has posted the video on Youtube with a disclaimer that

warned viewers to "Please Do Not Try This at Home".

<http://www.citifmonline.com/2014/09/23/pastor-turns-petrol-into-juice-for-congregants-to-drink/>



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USA, KS, RUSSELL CO, SEPTEMBER 24 2014. LIGHTNING STRIKES TANK BATTERY, CAUSES FIRE

david elliot



Lightning struck an oil tank battery Tuesday morning southwest of Bunker Hill causing a brief, but impressive fire. According to Russell County Emergency Manager Keith Haberer, the blaze was extinguished by fire crews in about 30 to 45 minutes. Fire District Five and Russell Grant crews responded as well as Russell County EMS. The fire was reported at about 7:30 AM Tuesday and was located near 190th and 4 Corners Road. No injuries occurred.

<http://www.krsl.com/local-news/4011-lightning-strikes-tank-battery-causes-fire>

USA, ID, RUPERT, SEPTEMBER 24 2014. RUPERT RESIDENT DIES FROM INDUSTRIAL WELDING ACCIDENT

paul johnson

 **Watch the Video:** [Rupert Resident Dies from Industrial Welding Accident](#)

An investigation continues following the death of a Rupert man Monday. Dayne Hansen, 30, died when the trailer he was welding on, exploded in flames. The accident occurred around 6am Monday at 349 East North Highway 24, Sheriff Eric Snarr said. The victim was welding on a trailer that had been backed into a shop through large doors. The trailer was connected to a truck that was outside. The explosion and fire, seriously damaged the shop structure along with three vehicles that was inside. The victim was part of the Hansen operated family dairy. Snarr described him as a family man operating a family dairy. There were no other injuries. Investigators have not found anything that would point to foul play. "This was just a tragic accident. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time," Sheriff Snarr said.

<http://www.kmvt.com/news/latest/Rupert-Resident-Dies-From-Industrial-Welding-Accident-276702691.html>

USA, ID, SANDPOINT, SEPTEMBER 24 2014. SPOKANE WOMAN SUES NORTH IDAHO RESORT OVER FIREWORKS INJURY

nick provenza

A Spokane woman has filed a lawsuit against a northern Idaho resort contending she suffered severe burns and disfigurement when a mortar shell firework struck her in the face during a Fourth of July display. The Bonner County Daily Bee reports in a story on Tuesday that Alivia Norwood filed the lawsuit Sept. 11 against Grandview Resort at Priest Lake and is seeking in excess of \$10,000. A Bonner County emergency response team reported that Norwood suffered third-degree burns to the side of her face. She was evacuated from the area by helicopter. The lawsuit also contends that the resort provided alcohol to individuals it knew or should have known were intoxicated but allowed to take part in the fireworks display.

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<http://blogs.seattletimes.com/today/2014/09/spokane-woman-sues-north-idaho-resort-over-fireworks-injury/>

USA, MA, HYANNIS, SEPTEMBER 24 2014. 8-YEAR-OLD BOY KILLED IN DARE FIRE IDENTIFIED , SAVVAS YIANASMIDIS KILLED IN HINCKLEY ROAD SHED FIRE, GAS THROWN ON FIRE

 **Watch the Video:** [8-Year-Old Boy Killed in Dare Fire Identified, Gas not Water Thrown on Fire](#)

 **Watch the Video:** [Witness: Gasoline Mistakenly Used in Hyannis Shed Fire that Killed Boy](#)

Friend says dare started blaze that killed boy. The friend of a little boy who was killed in a fire Monday evening said the blaze started as a dare. As the raging fire was tearing through the backyard shed on Hinckley Road in Hyannis, a friend of Savvas Yianasmidis, the 8-year-old boy trapped inside said, he looked back helplessly and was forced back by intense heat and powerful explosions. "I went to save my friend, but the fire came to my friend so I couldn't," a friend of the victim said. With his mother's permission, Savvas' friend recounted the horror and the dare to light paper on fire that he said came from another boy. "My friend dared me that if I did it he would give me \$100," the boy said. "So I did it." The young boy said he tried to put the fire out but the can he thought had water in it, was full of gasoline. "I thought I knocked over the water, but I knocked over the gas," the boy said. Neighbors said they tried to save Savvas but were forced back by explosions as they tried to throw water on the shed. "Me and him, we had hoses. We tried to get the hoses in there and everything. We were hoping he wasn't



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in there. The grief is overwhelming, and investigators said it was a tragic accident, claiming the life of a boy whose friend is now living with immeasurable pain.

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AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, CAIRNS, SEPTEMBER 24 2014. DISCOVERY OF TOXIC CANISTERS [aluminium phosphide] WASHING UP ON FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND BEACHES SPARKS WARNING



Washing Up: Canisters containing toxic gas have been found all along the Queensland coastline.

Emergency services are renewing warnings about toxic canisters washing up on the Queensland coastline after one was handed into Smithfield police station yesterday. The canisters, which contain toxic gas, have been found all along the coastline, although this is believed to be only the second one found in the past six months. Smithfield police officer-in-charge Sen-Sgt Ed Lukin said it had been handed into the station by a man who had found it while paddling near Double Island on Saturday. He said members of the public were warned not to handle the devices. Fire crews collected the canister (pictured below) from the station yesterday around 11am. A Queensland Fire and Emergency Services spokeswoman said they disposed of it around 4.30pm. It is believed the 30cm canisters contain a toxic gas known as aluminium phosphide. The gas can be

fatal if inhaled or ingested. Residents who find them are urged not to touch them and immediately call 000.

<http://www.cairnspost.com.au/news/cairns/discovery-of-toxic-canisters-washing-up-on-far-north-queensland-beaches-sparks-warning/story-fnjpusyw-1227067628101>

USA, CO, DENVER, SEPTEMBER 24 2014. DERAILED: RAILROAD DELAYS FIRST RESPONDERS ON RIVERSIDE OIL SPILL

chris halsne

 **Watch the Video:** [Railroad Delays First Responders on Riverside Oil Spill](#)

FOX31 Denver has confirmed a May 9 crude oil train car derailment near LaSalle, Colorado polluted area groundwater with toxic levels of benzene. Environmental Protection Agency records from July show [benzene](#) measurements as high as 144 parts per billion near the crash site. Five parts per billion is considered the safe limit. Federal accident records also show six Union Pacific tankers ripped apart from the train and flipped into a ditch due to a "track misalignment caused by a soft roadbed." One of the tankers cracked and spilled approximately 7,000 gallons of Niobrara crude, according to the EPA. FOX31 Denver's investigative team also confirmed the oil car accident location, only about 75 yards from the South Platte River, is in the same spot as another Union Pacific derailment four years ago. Reports show four rail cars full of wheat/grain derailed in October 2010. The cause of that accident was very similar: "roadbed settled or soft" and "other rail and joint bar defects." "They did have a derailment at the exact same point. I mean within feet!" witness Glenn Werning, a nearby farmer and local water supervisor, told FOX31 Denver investigative reporter Chris Halsne. Werning wonders if Union Pacific was negligent in repairing the area after the first crash telling Halsne, "It would have been devastating if it had gotten into the water and flowed down. It would have been, whew! The oil spill would have been a mess to clean up because it would have been on both sides of the river for miles." Union Pacific declined FOX31 Denver's repeated requests for an on-camera interview, but a spokesperson, Mark Davis, sent a statement which says in part: "The line where the derailment occurred is visually inspected one time per week. The maximum speed limit on the line is 20 mph. Prior to the derailment the track was visually inspected on April 26, April 28, May 1 and May 5 with no exceptions taken. Our track team visually inspects about 15,500 miles of track daily on our 32,000 mile network in 23 states – this translates into 5.7 million miles annually of visual track inspections." There is currently no way to double-check the accuracy or completeness of Union Pacific's statement because private railroads are allowed to conduct their own safety inspections and keep such records private. Federal law only allows the Federal Railroad Administration to audit railroad inspections to make sure "the owner of the track" is conducting them appropriately. However, at least in Colorado, that has not been done for at least three years. FOX31 Denver's investigative team sent Freedom of Information Act requests asking how often the FRA audited private railroad safety inspections in Colorado. The answer: From January 1, 2012 to March, 2014 is zero. San Francisco-based Environmental Attorney and Sierra



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Club activist, Devorah Ancel, says the fact that private railroads conduct their own rail line and rail car safety inspections with very little federal oversight is a growing problem. Ancel told FOX31 Denver, "The rail industry wants to get as much of this crude to market as quickly as possible. The more the federal government cracks down on safety standards, inspections, on audits, the more they are going to push back because it's going to affect their bottom line." Ancel is part of a group also pressing the Department of Transportation for improvements in the design of hazardous liquid-carrying rail cars. Currently most crude oil travels across tracks in older-model containers called DOT 111's. According to federal authorities, the Union Pacific oil tanker which rolled, cracked and then spewed thousands of gallons of crude onto the ground in May's accident is considered a DOT 111 design. "This is extremely volatile crude. The tank cars have thin shells. They have thin head shields that are known to puncture during derailment. They have valves that sheer off and puncture during derailment," Ancel says. As if multiple derailments in the same place, unverified safety inspections, and outdated oil tanker containers were not enough of a reason for public concern, FOX31 Denver also discovered that Union Pacific officials are being accused of delaying telling local emergency responders about the latest oil car derailment. According to Weld County Emergency Manager Roy Rudisill, Union Pacific first rallied its own crews to the scene before putting local firefighters in the loop. Halsne asked, "Were they a little late to let you know?" Rudisill answered, "In my opinion, yes!" We checked. According to a federal report, the accident happened at around 8 a.m. on May 9. FOX31 Denver pulled call logs surrounding the accident and found Union Pacific first notified the state Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management at 9:10 a.m. Radio traffic shows Weld County fire crews and emergency managers were still scrambling another hour later, trying to figure out exactly where the accident had occurred and whether oil was leaking into the South Platte River. Rudisill told FOX31 Denver, "A quicker phone call, quicker communication, faster communication to local jurisdiction would have been prudent in my opinion. Now we've had two incidents out there. What can we do to make sure the proper actions are taking place so we don't have another one?" Werning hates to lay blame entirely on Union Pacific admitting "accidents do happen," but he's closely watching their latest track repair efforts, never again wanting to count on "pure luck" as a disaster prevention plan. "Had they perhaps done a better repair (after the first derailment), they wouldn't have dropped those cars," Werning said. The Environmental Protection Agency said it continues to monitor the groundwater contamination issue. Monitoring wells have been installed in the area surrounding the oil spill. Benzene is a common chemical in oil and gasoline and it does naturally dissipate over time.

<http://kdvr.com/2014/09/22/derailed-railroad-delays-first-responders-on-riverside-oil-spill/>

USA, CT, NORTH CANAAN, SEPTEMBER 24 2014. CHEMICAL SPILL AT NORTH CANAAN FARM SENDS TWO TO HOSPITAL



Barbagallo Crews respond to a chemical spill at Elm Knoll Farm, located at 294 East Canaan Road, in North Canaan Tuesday. The state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection was on scene to handle cleanup, as well as several area fire departments.

Two people were sent to the hospital Tuesday after a spill of cleaning chemicals at a local farm created a vapor cloud. The spill at Elm Knoll Farm, located at 294 East Canaan Road, was reported to be under control shortly after 4:30 p.m. According to emergency radio reports, the chemicals involved were sodium hypochlorite and phosphoric acid. According to Norfolk Public Information Officer Jonathan Barbagallo, "inappropriate amounts" of the chemicals were mixed after a pump malfunction at the farm. "[They were] two common cleaning chemicals that they use to clean the milking equipment in the barn," said Barbagallo, who said two workers in the area spotted the vapor cloud from the

chemical reaction and called the fire department. Barbagallo said that the two individuals were taken to the hospital as a precaution and were not visibly injured or showing symptoms at the scene. Firefighters responded from several Litchfield County area departments, including North Canaan, Norfolk, Falls Village, Torrington, Winsted and Sheffield, Massachusetts, among others. Dwayne Gardner, spokesman for the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, said the chemicals in the spill are used in a two-step process to clean dairy equipment. Gardner said when Torrington fire crews arrived, they cut power to the barn where the incident happened, stopping the chemical reaction. In an email at about 4:40 p.m. Tuesday, Gardner said crews had entered the barn and determined two byproducts they were concerned about—chlorine and phosphine—weren't present after the barn was ventilated. He said that DEEP crews had cleared the scene. Gardner said



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there was little or no environmental damage. Barbagallo said that no evacuations were needed at the scene and that Route 44 was kept open during the incident with one lane of traffic. "Things went very smoothly for the seriousness of the call," he said.

<http://www.registercitizen.com/general-news/20140923/chemical-spill-at-north-canaan-farm-sends-two-to-hospital>

USA, ALA, AUTAUGA CO, SEPTEMBER 24 2014. STOLEN TANKER CRASHES IN AUTAUGA COUNTY; LEAKS ETHANOL

matt okarmus

Chief Deputy of the Autauga County Sheriff's Office Joe Sedinger identified the driver of the tanker truck that crashed into a ditch as Anthony Crum, 44, of Autauga County. Sedinger said it appears Crum stole the tanker truck from Florida Rock and Tank Lines Inc. on Shafter Street in Montgomery in the early hours of Tuesday, sometime before 1 a.m. He added it appears Crum is not a current employee of the company, but might have been previously. Once the truck crashed into the ditch, Sedinger said Crum left the scene. A local newspaper delivery driver reported the scene to authorities. Sedinger said the sheriff's office was able to gather evidence and locate Crum and bring him in for questioning. He is now currently at the Montgomery Police Department where Sgt. Denise Barnes, a MPD spokesperson, said detectives are currently processing Crum.

Read the story from earlier in the day below:

Authorities say a tanker truck was stolen before it crashed and leaked ethanol Tuesday morning in Autauga County, closing down a road. The initial call came about 3 a.m. that the tanker truck had crashed into a ditch on Pearson Road off County Road 85, according to Ernie Baggett, director of the Autauga County Emergency Management Agency. There were no injuries reported. Baggett said they contained the leak with no damage. He said the closest homes were about a half-mile away but there was no danger to the homes. Pearson Road was closed off to the public for safety precautions. Sgt. Jarrett, a spokesman with Alabama State Troopers, confirmed the truck was stolen. He said the Montgomery Police Department and Autauga County Sheriff's Office would be handling the theft portion of the case. Shortly after 11 a.m., Baggett said crews were transferring the ethanol to another tanker. He estimated it would take about two hours to complete.

Related Stories

- [Stolen tanker crashes in Autauga County; leaks ethanol](#)
- [Tanker leaking ethanol from crash was reported stolen](#)
- [Tanker leaking ethanol from crash reported stolen](#)

<http://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/story/news/local/progress/2014/09/23/stolen-tanker-crashes-in-autauga-county-leaks-ethanol/16101009/>

IRELAND, CO MAYO, SEPTEMBER 24 2014. MAYO MOTORISTS' CARS DAMAGED BY DILUTED PETROL >> MAYO MOTORISTS' CARS DAMAGED BY DILUTED PETROL

ciara galvin

Over 100 motorists in east Mayo are expected to be left out of pocket to the tune of thousands of euro, after their cars were extensively damaged by 'petrol stretching'. The practice of petrol stretching involves adding up to 10 percent of kerosene to petrol, thereby 'stretching' or diluting the fuel. Contaminated fuel has reportedly been sold in recent weeks in the Swinford and Foxford areas, and many motorists who unwittingly put it into their vehicles are now facing repair bills of several thousand euro.

Public Meeting

Almost 400 people attended a public meeting on Tuesday last in Swinford to voice their anger and share their stories. People from all over the county, as well as parts of Galway and Sligo, attended, all seeking answers after their vehicles were damaged. The meeting was chaired by local man Paddy McNulty, who says his car engine has been destroyed by diluted fuel. Speaking to The Mayo News yesterday (Tuesday), Mr McNulty said he 'lost' the engine of his 05 Toyota Corolla three weeks ago. "I'm completely out of pocket and there doesn't seem to be any redress. My car was making funny noises at the end of August, so I brought it to my local garage. They didn't think anything was wrong, but when I brought it back after doing a bit more mileage they said the engine was gone [due to] fuel contamination," said Mr McNulty, adding that he got all his fuel in a filling station in Swinford. Mr McNulty said he believes the stretched petrol, or 'jungle juice' as he calls it, was delivered in June and that the damage to most cars has only coming to light in the last number of weeks. "The newer the car the quicker they went," he said. The Swinford man, who has spent €2,000 repairing his car, explained that he was lucky to get his hands on a secondhand engine. Other people with newer cars are facing bills of up to €7,000 for replacement engines, he said.



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Information gathered at the meeting about when cars began to fail and where fuel had been purchased has been passed on to the Gardaí. Sergeant Richard Taheny of Swinford Garda Station has urged anyone affected to visit the station to make a statement. They should also supply as much information about the vehicle – such as service history, NCT, fuel receipts – as possible. Though fuel samples have been taken from filling stations in east Mayo, Mr McNulty believes there is no contaminated fuel left. "I don't know will we ever get to the bottom of it. Forecourts are getting samples taken now but they're ok, the [contaminated] fuel is gone," said McNulty. "The horse has bolted and there's a mess left."

Out of Pocket

According to Mr McNulty, Aviva Insurance is the only insurance company that covers fuel contamination under its policies. However, Cllr Annie May Reape has indicated that AXA Insurance may also now be prepared to deal with claims. "AXA I think have had a change of heart and contacted policy holders and told them to send in their details," said Cllr Reape. Following her attendance at the meeting last week, Deputy Michelle Mulherin tabled a motion for debate in the Dáil, asking the Minister for Finance to 'provide assistance' to car owners who are 'significantly out of pocket'. Nevertheless, Mr McNulty said he and many others affected are not confident that a fund, similar to that rolled out in Dublin to deal with pyrite damage, will be established.

Symptoms

According to After Sales Manager with Tim Hastings Ltd in Westport, Jimmy Moohan, petrol and kerosene burn at different rates during combustion, causing a build up of residue and carbon inside the combustion area and on the piston crown and valves. This residue makes its way down the cylinder walls causing the piston rings to stick, resulting in low engine compression. Symptoms of damage to engines due to fuel contamination include loss of engine power; the engine management warning light coming on; engine misfiring; a knocking noise after engine starts up from cold and excessive blow back through the oil dipstick and oil filler cap when the engine is running. According to Mr Moohan, most engines that have been run on stretched petrol are so damaged they have to be replaced. Kerosene is used as a fuel for heating and is available for as little as 80 cent per litre. Petrol is often close to double that. A retailer who buys in 10,000 litres of petrol, could pay out €15,000 for the fuel, while a competitor illegally adding ten percent kerosene to 9,000 litres of petrol will pay only €14,300, saving €700.

http://www.mayonews.ie/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=20700:mayo-motorists-cars-damaged-by-diluted-petrol-&catid=23:news&Itemid=46

CANADA, ONT, EMSDALE, SEPTEMBER 24 2014...TANKER FIRE CLOSURES HIGHWAY 11

rob learn



Ruptured: Fire crews from the Perry Township fire department are part of the investigation into the early morning tanker fire.

Highway 11 in Emsdale was closed in both directions briefly this morning as fire crews fought to bring a tandem fuel tanker fire under control. The Almaguin Highlands OPP reported the closure shortly after 5 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 23. The tanker truck was parked between the Highway 518 and Fern Glen Road interchanges in Emsdale in the northbound lanes. Shortly after 6 a.m. the southbound lanes were reopened to traffic. Northbound traffic was rerouted onto the old Highway 11 route through Emsdale. By 7 a.m. this morning police, highway maintenance staff and company officials were all part of an investigation of the fire that appears to have ruptured both tanker trailers of the northbound vehicle. Police are not reporting any injuries at this time and an estimate has not been given for re-opening the northbound lanes as of 8:30 a.m. A cause for the

fire has not been released and it appears there were no other vehicles involved in the incident.

<http://www.muskokaregion.com/news-story/4875019-tanker-fire-closes-highway-11/>

KENYA, NAKURU, SEPTEMBER 24 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



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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.

<http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/thecounties/article/2000135909/residents-siphoning-fuel-from-overturned-tanker-clash-with-police>

USA, N.D, JAMESTOWN, SEPTEMBER 24 2014. TANKER ROLLOVER RESULTS IN INJURIES



Firefighters with the Jamestown Rural Fire Department work on a semitrailer hauling 6,400 gallons of water byproduct that rolled over on a sharp turn on Stutsman County Road 40 Monday afternoon, about 2 1/2-miles east of Jamestown.

A Jamestown man was injured after a semi pulling a tanker trailer rolled over Monday on Stutsman County Road 40 2 1/2 miles east of Jamestown, according to the North Dakota Highway Patrol. The patrol said Dana Reidburn, 50, Jwas driving a 1994 semi pulling a tanker trailer hauling 6,400 gallons of water byproduct from Jamestown to Spiritwood at 4:20 p.m. The semi entered a sharp left turn, and as the semi slowed down, the liquid load shifted, causing the semitrailer to rollover. Jamestown Rural Fire Department responded to the scene to extract Reidburn from under the front seat of the semi. Jamestown Area Ambulance transported Reidburn to the Jamestown Regional Medical Center. The patrol said Reidburn was not wearing a seat belt. The semi was totaled. The crash remains under investigation by the patrol. The Stutsman County Sheriff's Office, Jamestown Rural Fire Department, Jamestown Area Ambulance and the NDHP responded to the scene.

<http://www.jamestownsun.com/content/tanker-rollover-results-injuries>

USA, HI, HONOLULU, SEPTEMBER 24 2014. CHEVRON SEEKS BUYER FOR HAWAIIAN REFINERY

rhannon meyers



Chevron hired an investment banker to gauge buyer interest in its Hawaiian operations.

Months after Chevron announced plans to divest \$10 billion in assets, the company may be considering selling a refinery in Hawaii, one of five Chevron refining operations in the United States. The company hired an investment banking firm to identify potential buyers interested in its Hawaiian facilities, which include the refinery in Kapolei on the island of Oahu, a pipeline that connects the refinery to a terminal in Honolulu and five terminals across the Hawaiian islands. "No decision has been made at this time other than to determine the level of interest of potential buyers," spokesman Braden Reddall said. With a capacity to refine 54,000 barrels of crude per day, the Kapolei plant is among the smallest of Chevron's refining operations, Reddall said. The multinational corporation headquartered in San Ramon, California operates refineries in El Segundo and Richmond, California, Pascagoula, Mississippi and Salt Lake City, Utah, as well as three refineries overseas. The Kapolei plant started production in 1961 and employs about 200 people. Chevron for years has indicated that the refinery does not perform as well as other Chevron

assets, and that the plant may need to be closed, according to a report by the Hawaii Refinery Task Force. Hawaiian refineries have a competitive disadvantage because they are forced to buy expensive sweet crude to meet the islands' unusual demands: primarily low-valued residual fuel oil, which is used in steam-powered vessels and power plants, the task force report found. About 25 percent of crude oil processed by Hawaiian refiners goes to make residual fuels versus 4 percent for U.S. refineries as a whole, according to the report. That configuration makes profitability challenging, the task force said. Last year, San Antonio-based Tesoro Corp. [sold its 94,000-barrel-per-day Hawaiian refinery](#) to a subsidiary of Houston-based Par



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Petroleum Corp. after more than a year of trying to sell the refinery and distribution assets. Chevron in March announced plans to divest \$10 billion by 2017 as part of the company's regular re-shifting of its portfolio, Reddall said. That decision comes after the company's \$7 billion divestment from 2011 to 2013. During that period, Chevron shed about \$2.5 billion in downstream and chemicals division assets.

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2014/09/22/chevron-seeks-buyer-for-hawaiian-refinery/>

USA, GA, RINCON, SEPTEMBER 24 2014. RINCON MAN RECOVERING FROM FUEL TANKER ACCIDENT IN BIBB COUNTY

marla rooker



A Rincon family is banding together after father Mark Godfrey was involved in an accident while driving a fuel tanker in Bibb County on Saturday night. According to Bibb County Sheriff's Office the accident happened around 11 p.m. when the fuel tanker driven by Godfrey lost control crashing at the intersection of Houston Avenue and Pio Nono Avenue. The fuel tanker exploded after flipping on its side near a vacant building on Pio Nono road leaving Godfrey with serious injuries. Godfrey is described as a family man with three children and now the family is facing financial hardship because of expensive medical bills from the burns and lacerations he suffered in the accident Saturday. The family is concerned since he will be off work for awhile as he heals causing financial stress. Godfrey was not cited during the incident but the accident is under investigation by the Bibb County

Sheriff's Office. To donate to the Godfrey family during their time of need [Click Here](#).

<http://www.wtoc.com/story/26595177/rincon-man-recovering-from-fuel-tanker-accident-in-bibb-county>

PAKISTAN, LAHORE, SEPTEMBER 24 2014. JUST IN TIME: CATASTROPHIC FIRE AVERTED AT LALAK CHOWK



Flames engulfed an oil tanker at a petrol station at Lalak Chowk on Monday. It was put out by fire fighters.

Two major fire incidents took place in the city on Monday. The first took place at around 12:15pm in the basement of Central Model School on Ratigan Road, which had been rented out to the Election Commission of Pakistan as a storage room. The second took place in a fuel tanker parked at a petrol station at Lalak Chowk, Defence House Authority. Rescue-1122 officials said that an oil tanker was in the middle of pumping fuel to the main underground oil tank at the fuel station in the afternoon when it caught fire. Rescue-1122 Spokesperson Jam Sajid said they received the first call about the fire at around 3:45pm. Four fire brigades, a water bowser and an ambulance were rushed to the scene. Cantonment Superintendent Nadeem Khokar said the driver of the oil tanker managed to drive the tanker away from the fuel station. He parked the tanker a few metres away next to a construction site on Lalak Chowk. He said it appeared as if the fire had erupted due to the use of mobile phones at the petrol station. Khokar commended the driver's courage in driving away a burning fuel truck and said he had averted a major fire hazard. Sajjad said that the fire fighting squad managed to put out the fire in the tanker after hectic efforts for an hour. He said more than 24,000 litres of petrol had gone up in flames and the tanker had burned down completely. The Rescue-1122 spokesperson said that the cooling mechanism at the fuel station had been damaged. The walls and sign boards at the front of the fuel station's mart were burnt as well. Sajjad said that no one was reported injured in the incident. Timely action on the part of the driver had averted a possible tragedy. Separately, Central Model School's administration said that children and staff were evacuated as soon as the fire broke out. A fire brigade and relevant

officers of the provincial election commission rushed to the scene. The fire was put out after an hour. The ECP spokesperson



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said that stationery, spare forms and cloth bags had been kept at the storage room. Investigations are under way to determine the cause of the fire. Central Model School Principal Liaquat Ali Kharil told The Express Tribune that the basement was rented out to the election commission for past few years. "Everything stored in the basement belonged to the ECP... the school administration was not involved in it," he said. Education Minister Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan has instructed the EDO to submit a report on the incident as soon as possible.

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/765882/just-in-time-catastrophic-fire-averted-at-lalak-chowk/>

USA, IK, MADISON, SEPTEMBER 24 2014. FIREFIGHTER DOUSE BLAZE AT ETHANOL PLANT

Firefighters spent four hours containing a fire that began in a corn silo at a metro-east ethanol plant. The Madison Fire Department responded to the blaze at Abengoa Bioenergy in Madison about 9:45 a.m. Tuesday. Chief Ed Hoover said an electrical shortage sparked the fire atop the grain silo. Hoover said no one was injured and there was no major damage. The Chesterfield, Mo.-based company, a division of Abengoa SA in Spain, went into production at 395 Bissell St. within America's Central Port in 2010. Today, the ethanol plant employs 65.

<http://www.bnd.com/2014/09/23/3417182/firefighter-douse-blaze-at-ethanol.html>

ENGLAND, BRISLINGTON, SEPTEMBER 24 2014. BOC LTD FINED £175,000 FOR BRISLINGTON GAS CYLINDER BLAST

geoff bennett



The scene on Feeder Road in St Annes in January 2010 after a gas explosion at the BOC Gases depot.

Owners of a gas depot where employees were hurt when a 75-year-old gas cylinder exploded have been fined £175,000. BOC Ltd admitted failing to discharge a duty under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 after the incident at its dissolved acetylene filling plant in Brislington in January 2010. Bristol Crown Court heard that worker Alan Garton bore the brunt of the blast as he disconnected the cylinder to check it was full. He suffered physical and psychological injuries, while his colleagues, Dale Roberts and Craig Knight,

suffered less serious injuries. Judge Michael Longman said: "There must be a fine. It must send out the appropriate message to employers and members of the public." The judge ordered BOC Ltd to pay court costs of £85,000. Mr Garton, 59, a retired father-of-one from Headley Park, had only taken two days off from BOC Ltd in 22 years of service. He told the Post: "It was a split second, just a whoosh, and the next thing was a bang. "I was in hospital for 21 days and my burns were horrendous to my thigh, hands, groin, head and back. "I feel extremely lucky to be alive, bearing in mind the cylinder was a foot away from me. "I've always maintained I enjoyed working for BOC. I would go back tomorrow, but I can't because of my injuries. "I enjoyed my time there, I have no animosity." He added: "Whatever the fine, it won't make much difference to a multi-million pound company. "I just hope something comes from it and lessons have been learned." Anna Vigars, prosecuting, said the plant – which was not re-opened – refilled cylinders with acetylene for customers, a process which was "potentially extremely dangerous". Mrs Vigars said the system used at the plant was unchanged from the 1930s and that the extreme cold weather played a part in the explosion. The court heard that when Mr Garton disconnected the cylinder from a rack he heard a click. Mrs Vigars read his account, in which he said: "I knew something was desperately wrong. I knew I was in trouble. I definitely recall a bang. I knew there had been an explosion." At first, Mr Garton thought he wasn't too badly hurt and walked to a door and hit an emergency stop button. Mrs Vigars said: "He realised his trousers were smouldering and he tried to take them off. "Help arrived and he started to feel pain to his groin and he was carried off. He was taken to an ambulance." The court heard that the blast caused serious disruption to roads and rail services and the resultant fire burned on under control for eight days. It was the prosecution case that the cylinder's only moving part was its valve, and although the company replaced rather than repaired faulty ones, it did not learn from data to pick up on trends and avoid problems. Mrs Vigars said in December 2009 a valve manufacturer issued a report regarding failure in valves, but it appeared the company had done nothing in response in the short time up to the accident. The court also heard that the company previously checked cylinders every two years, but moved to a five-year testing regime and the cylinder in question was due to be tested the next month. James Leonard, defending, said: "The company very much regrets the injuries caused to its employees and disruption and inconvenience caused to members of the public and businesses. "All were compensated where a claim has been made." Mr Leonard said the incident was the first occasion when stress corrosion cracking caused the failure of a valve. He said: "It was something of a



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perfect storm. Even if the valve fails the cylinder is specifically designed to withstand pressures created by an event. "For both to fail is not only unforeseeable, but rare to the point of vanishing." The blast caused Avon Meads shopping and leisure park to be evacuated, with businesses including Showcase cinema forced to shut down.

<http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/Firm-fined-pound-175-000-Brislington-gas-cylinder/story-22216915-detail/story.html#ebfTpOXu1jsXzl2W.99>

USA, WYO, LA BARGE, SEPTEMBER 25 2014. UPDATE: CONTRACTOR DIES FROM WYOMING 'FLASH FIRE' INJURIES

One of the four workers injured in a "flash fire" at a Wyoming refinery owned by Houston-based EOG Resources has died. EOG Resources confirmed that a contractor working at the site's natural gas storage tank when a fire broke out Tuesday succumbed to his injuries. The victim's name hasn't been released. Two contractors and two EOG employees were taken to the hospital Tuesday after the accident. One of the workers was treated in an outpatient facility and released. The two other surviving workers remain hospitalized. The severity of the workers' injuries haven't been disclosed. EOG said one of the two wells at the facility was shut in after the fire. The blaze broke out Tuesday as two EOG employees and two contractors were cleaning a natural gas storage tank south of La Barge around 2 p.m. The fire was quickly extinguished by local firefighters. An EOG spokesman said the incident was a "flash fire" and not an explosion. The cause of the fire is being investigated. EOG didn't disclose the extent of the damage to the facility or if the incident will disrupt operations. EOG is an independent crude oil and natural gas company with total estimated net proved reserves of approximately 2.1 billion barrels of oil equivalent with U.S. assets accounting for 94 percent of its reserves.

 **Related Stories** [Flash fire at Wyoming storage facility injures four](http://petroglobalnews.com/2014/09/update-contractor-dies-from-wyoming-flash-fire-injuries/)
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USA, MD, LEXINGTON PARK, SEPTEMBER 25 2014. HAZMAT CREWS RESPOND TO RESIDENCE FOR LEAKING FUEL TANK

According to sources close to the story, the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, Patuxent Naval Air HAZMAT team as well as the St. Mary's County HAZMAT team responded to a residence on Hancock Road in Lexington Park at 6:53 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24 for a leaking fuel tank. Units arrived to find a fuel oil tank that was full had leaked into the basement of the house. The Red Cross was requested. Additionally, Metcom and the Maryland Department of the Environment were reportedly en route to the scene.

<http://www.thebaynet.com/articles/0914/hazmat-crews-respond-to-residence-for-leaking-fuel-tank.html>

SCOTLAND, LINWOOD, SEPTEMBER 25 2014. SAFETY FEARS AFTER ASDA PETROL STATION TRAGEDY



Calls are being made to improve safety at a petrol station where a teenager was killed after being run over.

Tragedy struck at the forecourt of the Asda station in Linwood when 17-year-old Eilish Herron was struck by an elderly driver. Horrified onlookers said the 81-year-old gentleman reversed his silver Ford Focus estate in a panic and hit the young netball star, as well as her blue Renault Clio car, before dragging her across the forecourt into bushes. Emergency services attended the Asda garage at around 2.30pm on Wednesday, September 10, but it's understood Eilish died at the scene as a result of her injuries. However, despite the heartbreaking incident, the petrol station remained open the following day. Sally Erskine, who was Eilish's netball coach for 14 years, said the community was shocked that Asda decided against closing the doors of the station as "a mark of

respect." She said: "A lot of people are angry that Asda didn't decide to close the station the day after the tragedy. "I understand that it's a business but surely they should have closed it as a mark of respect to the family. "It's a bit insensitive. The circumstances are horrible, such a freak accident." And in the wake of the tragedy, local councillor Audrey Doig made calls for improvements to be made at the un-manned petrol station where Eilish was killed. The SNP woman, who represents the Linwood area, said: "I am concerned that there wasn't very good CCTV on the court to basically cover all the angles. "I would hope that Asda will be looking at improving their services to ensure fully that such a tragic accident doesn't happen again. "I assume that the health and safety executive will be looking at all angles of the case and the accident to look for



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improvements in the area of the petrol station. "I also hope that their report will be looked at in detail especially by Asda. But my main concern is that this family are suffering the loss of a lovely girl and my condolences go to them." When our reporter visited the site last Thursday, one Linwood resident, who asked not to be named, also said there were "concerns" over the safety of the station. She said: "The fact that you have to drive through the station to pay when it's sometimes unmanned is a worry. There has already been a few near misses there as it's such a tight space and so many lanes for cars to go through. "My heart goes out to that poor girl's family. I think Asda should look into improving the safety at the petrol station before something else like this happens." However, an Asda spokeswoman said that their 'pay at the pump' facility has been closed and remains closed at the present time. She added: "This was a tragic accident and our sympathies go out to the families involved. We are helping police with their investigations." Police Scotland say a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal and they are appealing to anyone who may have witnessed the accident to contact the traffic policing unit by calling the non emergency number 101.

<http://www.the-gazette.co.uk/news/roundup/articles/2014/09/24/510679-safety-fears-after-asda-petrol-station-tragedy/>

USA, N.J, NEWARK, SEPTEMBER 25 2014. HAZMAT SITUATION AT NEWARK GAS COMPANY

A leaking container of potentially explosive gas was contained safely after prompting the evacuation of a Newark gas company Wednesday morning, a fire battalion chief said. The fire department's hazardous materials team responded at 7:13 a.m. to the Matheson Tri-Gas facility at 6775 Central Ave., Alameda County fire Battalion Chief Stephanie Radecke said. An alarm indicated a 5-foot gas cylinder containing diborane was leaking and there was condensation on the tank and other evidence it was leaking, Radecke said. The building was evacuated and the tank was contained inside so there was no threat to the environment, Radecke said. The hazmat team then entered the building to move the tank to a secure containment area. After determining the gas had been properly contained and stabilized, Matheson employees were allowed to reenter the building and resume work, Radecke said. Streets were shut down in the area as firefighters responded. No injuries were reported in the incident.

<http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Hazmat-Situation-at-Newark-Gas-Company-276951561.html>

FINLAND, SOTKAMO, SEPTEMBER 25 2014. FOUR CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPAIRMENT IN FINLAND TOXIC LEAK CASE

Four people representing the Talvivaara nickel mine were indicted on Monday by the Eastern Finland public prosecutor on charges related to the 2012 nickel leaks. The charges levied include criminal negligence in the design and research phase of the nickel mine, as well as negligence in the environmental and water management permit application. Operators in charge of the construction and commission of the gypsum pond that was the source of the leaks and the mine's waste treatment and disposal are also charged with criminal negligence. Heikki Ylisirniö, district prosecutor for Eastern Finland public prosecutor's office, and Kimmo Vakkala from the Oulu district prosecutor's office filed the charges. The defendants -- Chief Executive Officer Pekka Perä, former CEO Harri Natunen and Lassi Lammassaari and Ville Heikkinen -- have been charged with aggravated environmental impairment. The company's operating subsidiary Talvivaara Sotkamo has also been charged a corporate fine. According to the summons, the plaintiffs in the case are several local fishing waters associations, the state-owned forest administrator Metsähallitus, the Kainuu ELY Center and two property owners. A press release from the Eastern Finland public prosecutor's office says the prosecution concerns criminal negligence in the Talvivaara mine's design and research phase, operator negligence in the associated environmental and water management permit applications, operator negligence in waste handling and disposal, operator negligence in the construction and commission of the gypsum pool, and the controlled and uncontrolled leakage of water containing toxic levels of sodium, sulphate and manganese discharges into the surrounding terrain. The prosecution chose not to press charges for dust, noise or hydrogen sulphide emissions or the omission of an environmental and water management permit for the first phase of the subsequent uranium recovery. The case will proceed with a written preparation from the Kainuu district court, where the plaintiffs' demands will be outlined and the accused will be given the opportunity to respond to the charges against them. The district court will then decide how to proceed. The Finnish online magazine Long Play recently reported that the mine's senior management ignored warnings about environmental problems at the site.

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CHINA, HUNAN PROVINCE, LILING CITY, SEPTEMBER 25 2014. CHINA FIREWORKS PLANT BLAST: 5 OFFICIALS SACKED

Five officials in central China's Hunan Province have been removed from their posts following a deadly fireworks plant explosion this week. The blast ripped through the Nanyang Export Fireworks Factory in Pukou Town of Liling City on Monday afternoon, leaving 13 workers dead and one missing. Another 33, including three passersby, were injured. The sacked officials are a vice governor of Liling, the Party chief and the governor of Pukou Town, and two officials with the Liling municipal work safety department. Further officials may be punished following an investigation, local authorities said on Wednesday. The Hunan provincial government on Tuesday set up a work team to conduct a thorough investigation. Xia Xuexiang, the legal representative of the licensed fireworks plant, has been detained by police. Liling City is a major production base for fireworks, which play a major role in traditional festival celebrations like the Chinese Lunar New Year.

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USA, TX, ARLINGTON, SEPTEMBER 25 2014. ARLINGTON MAN FACES CHARGE IN DEADLY FIREWORKS BLAST

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Arlington fire officials warn that it's against the law to take consumer-grade fireworks and use the flash powder to make an explosive device.

An Arlington man faces a felony charge after a bungled attempt to create a homemade explosive device killed a friend in August. Dustin Louis, 23, turned himself in at the Tarrant County Jail on Saturday and was later released on \$2,500 bail, according to the Sheriff's Department. On Aug. 28, Arlington firefighters responded to 911 calls about an explosion, smoke and flames at a house in the 2600 block of Hedgeapple Drive. Firefighters found Louis in the front yard with serious burns and puncture wounds, according to court documents. Inside the burning garage, firefighters found the body of Jared Scott Backus, 24. Louis, who was treated at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, told investigators that he and Backus had been taking apart consumer-grade fireworks when the flash powder they had placed inside a metal container ignited. "When you start using stuff for what it's not designed for, that is when the danger begins," Arlington Deputy Fire Marshal Darin Niederhaus said Wednesday. "They had no business cutting them open." Louis did not respond to a message left at his home. Backus' mother, Tracy Backus, said Wednesday that her family is "extremely disappointed" that Louis faces a criminal charge. "My son and Dustin were best of friends, like brothers," she said. "I can honestly say these boys were not aware of the dangers of what they were doing or they would never have done it. It was a very unfortunate accident. I've asked repeatedly not to have any charges against Dustin. He's already suffered enough." After weeks of investigation, the Arlington Fire Department issued an arrest warrant Sept. 18 for Louis on suspicion of possessing a prohibited weapon, an explosive device, which is a third-degree felony. The case has been submitted to the Tarrant County district attorney's office for consideration, Niederhaus said. "There is nothing to believe they had any ill intent to use it against any property or person," said Niederhaus, who said Louis told investigators that he and Jared Backus had intended to detonate the device in an open field. "They made an explosive device. Regardless of what they were going to use it for, that is illegal." Backus, who graduated from Martin High School in 2009, had dreams of becoming a firefighter and emergency medical technician, his mom said. He also had a passion for building and had taken several courses on electrical engineering at Tarrant County College. Tracy Backus said Louis and her son were hanging out that night when they spontaneously decided to combine some "odds and ends" fireworks. "They decided, 'Let's put it together and make one firework.' That is how that happened," she said. "They never dreamed it would blow up without igniting it. They were not making a bomb. They weren't going to target anybody. They were boys being boys." Possessing fireworks is illegal within the Arlington city limits. Niederhaus said the department investigates cases involving homemade explosive devices more often than the public might think. "In some ways, an explosive device is more dangerous than a gun. With a gun, you have to pull the trigger several times to hit several people," Niederhaus said. "With an explosive device, it has to go off one time and it has a 360 [degree] effect. You can hit several hundred people."

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