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USA, WA, WALLA WALLA, SEPTEMBER 30 2014. STRETCH OF MYRA ROAD CLOSED AFTER AMMONIA TANKER TIPS OVER

alfred diaz



Walla Walla fire crews check out the overturned tanker on Myra Road early Monday.

A tipped over tanker truck carrying 15,000 gallons of anhydrous ammonia prompted the evacuation of hundreds of people in College Place and Walla Walla early this morning. The tanker, owned by Crop Production Services out of Pasco, tipped onto its passenger side around 5:35 a.m. on the southbound lane of Myra Road just south of Dawson Street. The driver suffered minor injuries and no other vehicles or people were involved. What caused the tanker truck to tip over was not immediately available this morning. Police reported there was no

leaking of the ammonia gas but still asked hundreds of people living within approximately 700 feet of the wreck to evacuate. "Anytime you have a hazmat with a potential vapor cloud, you want everybody out," Walla Walla police Capt. Chris Buttice said. At 7 a.m., dozens of College Place residents of Sunset Villa Mobile Home Park could be seen leaving their homes. Across Myra Road in Walla Walla, police also evacuated what were primarily single family residences and the Kenwood Apartments near Rose Street. "I just looked out and I thought what the heck," Sondi Kleffner said. "I look out the back window and it is all crazy." Walla Walla, College Place police, Washington State Patrol troopers and area fire fighters responded to the wreck. Police said an empty tanker was called to be used to remove the hazardous material. The evacuation could last up to 6 p.m. today as tanker is emptied of it's contents and righted and then checked once more to ensure all of the ammonia has been removed, at which point residents would be able to return and the street will be opened. The American Red Cross of Walla Walla was opened for evacuees.

<http://union-bulletin.com/news/2014/sep/29/stretch-myra-road-closed-after-ammonia-tanker-tips/>

CANADA, ONT, TORONTO, CALEDON, SEPTEMBER 30 2014. \$845,000 PORSCHE SUPERCAR CATCHES FIRE AT GAS STATION

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Just saw my dream car exploded and I've never been so heart broken

This is not the way you want to burn through \$845,000. A rare, Porsche 918 Spyder supercar caught fire at a gas station in the Toronto suburb of Caledon Sunday night, mostly destroying the vehicle and damaging a fuel pump. The aftermath of the incident was caught on video by a passing motorist and shows the car engulfed in flames under the edge of the Esso station's canopy. Caledon Fire Chief Dave Forfar told FoxNews.com that the fire was apparently the result of a refueling overflow issue, but that the vehicle is currently in police custody and an investigation is ongoing. There were no injuries and the inferno was quickly extinguished with foam when firefighters arrived on the scene. The 918 is a mid-engine plug-in hybrid that features exhaust pipes exiting above the engine, just next to the B-pillar mounted gas cap, but investigators have not yet determined the ignition source. Forfar says officials from the Technical

Standards and Safety Authority will be visiting the scene to determine if there was an issue with the pump that could have led to the overflow, or if it was operator error. A Porsche spokesperson said the company has "no comment pending further investigation." According to CaledonEnterprise.com, the car is owned and was being driven by Michael Wekerle, a Canadian financier and star of the CBC show "Dragon's Den," which is the Canadian version of ABC's "Shark Tank." When contacted by FoxNews.com, the media representative at Wekerle's firm, Difference Capital, said the company has no comment on the reports at this time. The 918 has 887 horsepower, a top speed of 214 mph, and a fuel economy rating equivalent to 67 miles per gallon. Porsche plans to build just 918 units of the car, each of which may have just become slightly more valuable.

[http://www.foxnews.com/leisure/2014/09/29/845000-porsche-supercar-catches-fire-at-gas-station/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+foxnews%2Fmost-popular+\(Internal+-+Most+Popular+Content\)](http://www.foxnews.com/leisure/2014/09/29/845000-porsche-supercar-catches-fire-at-gas-station/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+foxnews%2Fmost-popular+(Internal+-+Most+Popular+Content))



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USA, TX, SAN ANTONIO, SEPTEMBER 30 2014. PIPELINE LEAKED FUEL IN GUADALUPE COUNTY

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Crews prepared to resume pumping fuel through an underground pipeline in which a small leak was discovered in Guadalupe County last week, officials said. The puncture was located off Gembler Road outside Marion and repaired overnight Sunday. Officials were unsure if the leaked fuel was gasoline or diesel. It posed no threat to the public, the county's emergency management coordinator, [Dan Kinsey](#), said Monday. Contractors hired by [ExxonMobil Pipeline Co.](#) were still working to mitigate any environmental contamination, he said. "They mobilized a small army out there to take care of it, so I am completely confident that they will do it right," he said. Company spokesman [Andrew Smith](#) said dead vegetation spotted during a routine flyover inspection Wednesday revealed the problem. The pair of side-by-side buried pipelines transports gasoline and diesel from refineries in Baytown to fuel terminals in San Antonio. The [Texas Commission on Environmental Quality](#) is investigating the incident, agency spokeswoman [Lisa Wheeler](#) said. Crews were quickly dispatched and, by the weekend, had identified a small leak, Kinsey said. "We're validating the repairs right now and preparing for a safe restart of the pipeline," Smith said late Monday morning. It had not been determined what kind of fuel leaked or how much, he said.

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/Pipeline-leaked-fuel-in-Guadalupe-County-5788140.php>

INDIA, UTTAR PRADESH, VARANASI, SEPTEMBER 30 2014. 7 CHARRED AS PETROL SPILLED FROM TANKER CATCHES FIRE IN BALLIA

Seven people were killed and 11 suffered serious burns after the petrol spilled from an overturned tanker caught fire near Navin Krishi Mandi in Rasra locality of Ballia on Saturday night. According to reports, a tanker, carrying petrol, turned turtle in mandi area under Rasra police station. As the petrol spread, people came rushing with buckets to collect the fuel. Heavy police force was rushed to the spot and mild force was used to disperse the crowd. Police chief Raju Babu Singh said, "The fire started after son of a local resident lit a lamp after returning home which was close to the accident site. The fire soon reached the spilled oil and engulfed a large area leaving 18 people, including labourers sleeping in mandi, injured. Fire fighters managed to douse the flame but by then three had already succumbed to burns."

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NIGERIA, ANAMBRA, ONITSHA, SEPTEMBER 30 2014. 3 KILLED, 30 INJURED AS TANKER EXPLODES IN ONITSHA



Three persons died yesterday while about 30 sustained various degrees of injuries when a 40-foot tanker loaded with automotive gas oil skidded off its track and hit the protector pillars and immediately burst into flames. Daily Sun gathered that the Tanker experienced brake failure while on top of the flyover near Nkpor market in Idemili North Local Government Area. Witnesses told Daily Sun that when the Tanker hit the iron railing of the bridge its tank immediately burst open with fuel gushing inflame fire. While these were happening, traders and buyers in the market scampered to safety and in the

process

<http://sunnewsonline.com/new/?p=83926>

USA, GA, FOREST PARK, SEPTEMBER 30 2014. EPA: ARMY MUST MOVE FASTER ON OLD BASE CONTAMINATION TESTING

shannon mccaffrey

It's been more than a month since the U.S. Army tested the air in Chad Partin's Forest Park home for toxic chemicals and known carcinogens seeping off nearby Fort Gillem, a now-closed base where Army personnel regularly dumped solvents into the soil. Partin still hasn't been told the results. And he's fearful for his 4-year-old son. "It absolutely worries me, because even if the results come back negative, what about the air my son is breathing when he plays outside? What about the creek behind my house?" On Wednesday, impatient federal regulators moved to help Partin and other residents get answers. Warning of an imminent danger to human health, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ordered the Army to move faster in testing homes, informing residents of the results and providing help to those homes where risky levels of hazardous chemicals are detected. The EPA gave the Army 10 days to respond. The order is the third attempt to get the Army to act on behalf of



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residents. Gov. Nathan Deal wrote a letter to prod Army officials Sept. 4 and state regulators at the Environmental Protection Division also urged quick action after tests revealed a threat to public health. State officials said the Army has already missed a key deadline, which gave them 21 days to install mitigation measures – like ventilation systems – in homes with high levels of contaminants. “EPA believes that an Order is necessary to protect the health of the community and the environment,” said a statement from the the federal agency. The Army said it is considering how to address the order and will host public information sessions to address community concerns. “Prompt action to address risks to human health resulting from the Army’s past activities at Fort Gillem remains our top priority for this cleanup effort,” the Army said. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution began reporting on the environmental problems at the base last year. At the time, the EPA was considering making a portion of the base a Superfund site, a designation that would have put it on a list for federal funds created for the cleanup or eradication of toxic waste. But it backed off as state and Army officials appeared to make progress in the cleanup efforts. That effort will impact a planned redevelopment, which officials are hopeful will bring badly-needed jobs to Clayton County. Kroger has planned a distribution center on a portion of the base, which closed in 2011. Fort Gillem, south of Atlanta, was for decades an Army transportation hub where many military vehicles were repaired and housed. There is a mustard bomb buried on the base but the military maintains it was deactivated. With no laws forbidding it, workers on the base freely dumped motor oil and industrial solvents, saturating the soil and groundwater with hazardous chemicals that have now spread off the base in several plumes. The most worrisome is one that oozes for nearly one mile into an adjacent residential neighborhood. Residents there have long been warned not to drink the well water. But state officials this summer finally persuaded military brass to conduct vapor intrusion studies of air in the homes near the base to see if chemicals in the groundwater had spread into the air residents breathe. The initial results were alarming. The EPA said in its order Wednesday that data has been evaluated for 17 homes and that at least nine homes warrant immediate mitigation. Six require monitoring and two require additional testing. Air samples have been collected from 56 homes and business so far, the EPA said. Dozens more homes must still be tested. Among the chemicals found in the homes that need attention is 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene, a volatile organic compound used as an additive in aviation fuel and gasoline. Acute exposure can lead to headaches and fatigue. Chronic exposure can affect the reproductive system and developing fetus. The EPA filed the order Wednesday under the Resources Conservation Recovery Act, which is designed to address imminent and substantial endangerment to public health due to past waste handling activities. The executive director of Greenlaw, an Atlanta-based legal environmental advocacy group, applauded the EPA’s move.

“Residents need to be informed and engaged in this process,” said Stephanie Stuckey Benfield, the group’s executive director.

<http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/metro/2014-09-28/epa-army-must-move-faster-old-base-contamination-testing>

INDONESIA, WEST TIMOR, SEPTEMBER 30 2014. MONTARA OIL SPILL: INDONESIA REQUESTS AUSTRALIA'S COOPERATION ON RESOLVING DISPUTE OVER IMPACT ON COASTAL COMMUNITIES

george roberts

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Map: [West Timor](#)



The Montara oil platform ruptured in 2009, spilling oil into Australia's part of the Timor Sea.

The Indonesian government has formally requested Australia’s cooperation in resolving a dispute over an oil spill that it says had a devastating impact on coastal communities. In August 2009 the wellhead blew at the Montara platform in Australian waters and crude oil spewed out into the Timor Sea for 74 days. Some estimates put the rate of leakage at 500,000 litres per day as the company worked to cap the well and sprayed chemicals on the ocean to disperse the oil. The company responsible, PTTEP Australasia, is a Perth-based subsidiary of a Thai-owned company. Indonesia has little or no power over the company as it was operating in Australian waters, and Australia previously said it had not received a request from Indonesia for help. Now, five years after the disaster, the

ABC’s Lateline program has obtained a letter sent by the Indonesian environment ministry last week formally requesting cooperation from Australia. “The devastating impact of the Montara incident has been strongly felt by the people living in the coastal area[s] ... as oil from the Montara well spilled over and crossed into [the] Indonesian EEZ (economic exclusive zone),” the letter said. It asked for Australia’s cooperation, also saying negotiations with the company had not been successful. “After



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the incident, efforts to obtain appropriate compensation from the responsible parties in the incident for the economic social and environmental impacts has proven to be a difficult and complicated matter... " the letter said. It asked Australia to "encourage" PTTEP Australasia to resolve the matter. A statement from PTTEP Australasia said:

"Permission was not received from the Indonesian government to conduct research within Indonesian waters.

"Modelling shows no oil reached the Australian or Indonesian mainland and that 98 per cent of oil remained within Australian waters, most of which was within 23 kilometres of the wellhead."

But some experts disagree with that assessment. California-based expert Dr Bob Spies advised on the clean-up after the Exxon Valdez and Gulf of Mexico spills. "I'd estimate about 20 per cent went into Indonesian waters," Dr Spies said, looking at satellite imagery of the Montara oil spill. He also travelled to Kupang in West Timor and said the anecdotal evidence suggested the communities there were affected. "Without a good study, we don't know how it stacks up against the Gulf of Mexico BP spill or the Gulf of Alaska Exxon Valdez spill," Dr Spies said. Even though the amount of oil that haemorrhaged from the Montara wellhead was far less than those spills, Dr Spies said smaller spills could have bigger impacts, depending on the marine environment they affected. "It could've had a big impact. It could've been similar to the Gulf of Mexico. In fact, the environments are not dissimilar," he said. Dr Spies backed the community's argument for an independent scientific study.

Dead Fish, Dolphins and a Whale Witnessed by Australian Expert

Australian Fisheries Management expert Richard Mounsey was in the area at the time of the spill, working as a consultant to the East Timor government. He said he witnessed the effects of the oil spill first hand, with the water turning murky from a combination of oil and the chemical dispersants used to break the oil slick down. "I was in a small enclave [belonging to East Timor] that's in West Timor, Indonesia. I used to go the beach on my small boat every morning," Mr Mounsey said. "And I noticed in early September 2009, when I jumped in the water to have a snorkel and to look around at the fish and the corals, it was like jumping into foggy water, it was all milky. "I hadn't seen that and I'd been in East Timor off and on for the last eight years." He said he did not realise there had been an oil spill. "At the time I had no idea, I thought, you know, 'what's going on?'," he said. "Then I moved the boat ... three or four kilometres somewhere else and the water was the same, and then I went in to the fishermen, they said there [were] small fish dying along the beaches. "But everywhere I jumped in the water, there was nothing, it was like a dessert, except for this milky sort of fog. "I found out later after going to Indonesia and finding out what was going on, and it appears that it was a dispersant that was mixed with the oil ... so it was this film that had spread." Mr Mounsey said a pod of dolphins native to the area disappeared and some turned up dead on the beach as well as a blue whale. "I don't think Indonesia's to blame or Australia's to blame, but the company's playing them against each other which gives them a way out," he said. The Australian Lawyers Alliance sent a delegation to Kupang in West Timor last year in order to investigate the claims of ongoing problems. The group found anecdotal evidence of medical conditions such as rashes, cysts and other complaints that allegedly began occurring after the spill. "However, we believe that claims that no oil reached the Indonesian coastline no longer have credibility in the face of the evidence in East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia," the Alliance said. "East Nusa Tenggara is one of the poorest provinces in Indonesia and is ranked as one of the top five priority provinces by the Australian aid program." The Alliance also referenced a report by Dr Mukhtasar of Indonesia's Centre for Energy and Environmental Studies, which found more than \$1.5 billion is being lost across the region every year since the spill.

Local Communities Still Claim Effects

Lateline travelled to West Timor earlier this month to interview people living along the coast. A 54-year-old seaweed farmer, Marlens Lauwe, has been tending his crops in the shallow waters of Tablolong, West Timor, since the start of the century. "Before 2009, around 2007-08, our income [was] increasing. Each time we harvested we [could] get four to five tonnes and the price at that time ranged between 15,000 to 20,000 per kilogram," Mr Lauwe said. He said after the oil spill the growth of the seaweed was stunted and a white substance appeared on the crops, particularly affecting the most prized variety known as "green gold". The bright green seaweed is valued for an extract that is used in cosmetics and pharmaceuticals. Seaweed crops have started to recover, but their growth is stunted and is contaminated with a strange white substance. "We still can earn money but not much, the money is small. We only can get 500,000 to 1 million rupiahs per month," Mr Lauwe said. His wife, Rin Lauwe, breaks down in tears explaining how it has become hard to feed the family. "Not to mention the need for education, from elementary school, high school to the college... my heart is broken ... [it's] so painful," she said. "It is not enough," Mr Lauwe said, showing an itchy rash that he says began to appear after 2009. Further along the West Timor coast at Lifuleo, Arbet Saketu said he and other farmers and fishermen get irritated skin. "The itchiness which we experience [is] around April when the east wind rises," Mr Saketu said, pointing in the direction of the Montara oil field. "From this direction," he said. "That's in April when fisherman and seaweed farmers here experience that." West Timor businessman Ferdi Tanoni



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has been appointed by the local government to represent the coastal communities and has spent five years arguing for a scientific study into the impact on Indonesian communities. "We have to be fair. The oil company has to be fair," Mr Tanoni said. "If [they] find nothing, they pay nothing, but if they find something they have to be responsible, either the oil company or together with the Australian Government." Mr Tanoni estimates 100,000 people have been affected across the surrounding islands. He is travelling to Canberra, with the backing of the Indonesian government, in order to take up the matter directly with the Australian Government and argue the case to make the company pay for an independent study. "If there is nothing happening out here, why are they afraid to conduct the study? This is only a simple question," he said.

Australia Confirms Another Request for Help

Lateline asked the Australian Government for a response to the letter from the Indonesian environment ministry. A spokesman for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade confirmed another request for help from Indonesia, saying it: "... is aware that the Indonesian ministry of transport wrote to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) on September 19, 2014 seeking information and assistance in relation to the settlement of claims arising from the Montara oil spill of 2009. "The department will be discussing the issues raised in the letter with AMSA and other relevant Australian agencies. "Scientific studies were conducted in Australian territory following the oil spill. "We understand that remote sensing indicated that oil did not reach the Indonesian coastline. "These studies have been shared with Indonesia by the department."

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- [Reports of skin disease from Montara oil spill](#)
- [Lawyers back call for independent Montara spill review](#)

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-09-29/indonesia-pleads-for-australias-cooperation-on-montara-oil-spill/5777840>

SCOTLAND, LERWICK, SEPTEMBER 30 2014. SHELL EVACUATES 54 WORKERS, SHUTS DOWN TWO NORTH SEA PLATFORMS AFTER LOSING CONTAINER



The Brent Bravo platform.

Royal Dutch Shell evacuated 54 workers from its Brent Alpha platform in the UK North Sea Monday after a container fell off the platform, threatening nearby pipelines. The container was being moved onto a support vessel Sunday afternoon when it slipped and landed dangerously close to a subsea pipeline network that connects to the Far North Liquids and Associated Gas System (Flags) pipeline, the Evening Express said. The Brent Alpha platform is located about 115 miles northeast of Lerwick, Scotland. Brent Alpha and Brent Bravo, an adjacent platform, were depressurized and shutdown as a precautionary measure. Shell said 28 workers will stay on Brent Alpha and 18 have been transferred to the nearby Brent Bravo, Charlie and Delta platforms. An additional 36 workers are being taken to Aberdeen, Scotland. Shell said the evacuation was a non-emergency evacuation of non-essential personnel. The container has been attached to a rope and is suspended about 20 feet below the sea surface. Shell said the operator of the crane was able to safely maneuver the container away from the platform and support vessels. A mechanical

failure is thought to have caused the accident. "An effort to recover the container and transfer it to a vessel is currently being planned. A support vessel is currently travelling to the Brent field," Shell said. The UK Health and Health and Safety Executive and Maritime and Coastguard Agency were informed of the incident.

<http://petroglobalnews.com/2014/09/shell-evacuates-54-workers-shuts-down-two-north-sea-platforms-after-losing-container/>

USA, WASHINGTON DC, SEPTEMBER 30 2014. AUDITORS FAULT EPA FOR LAX CHEMICAL SAFEGUARDS

timothy cama

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) doesn't do enough to stop hundreds of hazardous chemicals from getting into waterways via sewage plants, a watchdog [report](#) found. The EPA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) said the agency uses the Clean Water Act to regulate only 126 toxic chemicals that could flow to sewage plants, leaving about 300 chemicals that are considered hazardous under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. "These regulations are not effective in controlling the discharge of hundreds of hazardous chemicals to surface waters such as lakes and streams," the OIG concluded. The



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Clean Water Act gives the EPA the authority to regulate any pollutant, but it hasn't updated its list of chemicals to regulate in sewage plants since 1981. Auditors also found that the EPA may not be consistently enforcing the requirement that industrial polluters file reports on the chemicals they discharge to sewage plants. "Not only is there no database of the information, we found that no compilation of the notification forms was available in the regions and states we interviewed," OIG officials said. The OIG found regional variations in the chemicals that industries had to report to the EPA or states and that programs to monitor chemical treatments and permitting sometimes do not coordinate. "As a result, sewage treatment plants may not be adequately treating wastewater entering their facilities and are at risk of discharging hazardous chemicals into receiving bodies of water such as rivers and streams," the office said. Auditors suggested that the EPA reevaluate which chemicals it regulates in sewage systems. They also recommended that the agency improve communications internally and externally and boost its compliance monitoring, among other changes. The EPA told the OIG that it agreed with nearly all of the recommendations and would work to implement them within a year.

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UK, LONDON, SEPTEMBER 30 2014. INDEPENDENTS WELCOME SHELL SELL-OFF

john wood



Independent fuel retailers have welcomed the announcement from Shell that it is planning to sell up to 250 of its company owned sites to independent dealers. Michael O'Loughlin, managing director of Petrogas UK, which was ranked sixth in the Forecourt Trader Top 50, Indies said: "Everyone is upbeat about it and excited about the opportunity to expand. We have a couple of Shell sites and we will definitely be putting in a bid for some more. "Shell will benefit from this because they will see bigger volumes, and independent retailers will benefit from the opportunity to expand, but the real winners will be the consumers. "Independent retailers really understand their customers and know what UK consumers want and will adapt the offer to them." Referring also to the Esso divestment of sites, which is drawing to a conclusion, he added: "The longer this game goes on the more independents are taking control of the market." Nick Lloyd, managing director of another Top 50 Indie Symonds Forecourts, which has two Shell sites, said: "The reasons put forward by Shell make complete sense. They have a clear strategy and they are implementing it, and as a dealer that gives me confidence in them. "They have been very open and taken a very professional approach. They will still have a strong presence in the company owned sector, and they have some exciting developments coming through which

we can learn from." Asked whether Symonds would be interested in acquiring any of the sites he said: "Every dealer in the UK is interested in acquiring sites at the moment." Earlier this week Shell revealed that it had decided to focus on fewer company owned sites and as a consequence, it plans to sell part of its company owned network – up to 250 sites – to independent dealers who will retain the Shell brand, and who can make the investments needed on those sites to ensure they remain competitive. Shell has begun a confidential commercial process to pursue sale of the sites and aims to conclude this in 2015.

http://www.forecourtrader.co.uk/news/fullstory.php/aid/8893/Independents_welcome_Shell_sell-off.html

ENGLAND, STAFFORDSHIRE, SEPTEMBER 30 2014. FIRM IN COURT AFTER MAJOR PETROL ESCAPE AT STAFFORDSHIRE FUEL SITE

A company which distributes fuel across a national network of pipelines has been fined after 35,000 litres of unleaded petrol erupted from pipework due to a joint failure. The fuel, which escaped under high pressure and rained down on the site, owned by British Pipeline Agency Ltd near Tamworth, could have resulted in a major fire and possible explosion. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) investigated the incident and prosecuted the company on Friday (26 September) for safety breaches at Warwick Crown Court. The leak at the Kingsbury fuel terminal operated by BPA led to a significant clean-up operation, including the specialist decontamination of land. The court was told BPA co-ordinates the movement of fuel through



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underground high pressure pipelines to its customers. All types of petroleum based fuel are delivered through one of several pipelines which originate from oil refineries and fuel storage terminals around the country. At midnight on 20 October 2010 the company started to pump petrol from the pipeline into a large storage tank on a neighbouring fuel storage site. About an hour and a half later alarms sounded and operatives who went to investigate found a fountain of fuel erupting from an overground section of pipe. A secondary line feeding into the main pipework had broken loose and enough fuel to fill a road tanker was escaping under pressure, spraying into the air and running across the site. HSE found that the pipework involved had been reconfigured and replaced as part of a major engineering project finished a week before. However, before being put to use the joints and fittings were not properly commissioned and tested. British Pipeline Agency Ltd, of Alexandra Road, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, was fined £30,000 with costs of £58,606 after pleading guilty to breaching Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974. After the hearing HSE inspector Alex Nayar said: "This was a very serious incident with the potential to be extremely dangerous. It was also one that could have been avoided very simply. "When plant is changed or modified it has to be tested and commissioned before being put into operation. That did not happen. If done properly it could have identified the fault. "The leak posed two major hazards, a fire or a vapour cloud explosion. It is extremely fortunate that neither happened in this case as the outcome could have been much worse."

<http://press.hse.gov.uk/2014/firm-in-court-after-major-petrol-escape-at-staffordshire-fuel-site/>

TURKEY, ANTALYA, SEPTEMBER 30 2014. ACID IN POOL AT ANTALYA HOTEL POISONS 17



17 people affected by the poisonous gas were taken to hospitals in Kemer.

Seventeen people, including four tourists, grew sick after being poisoned by acid accidentally pumped into a swimming pool at a five-star hotel in the popular resort town of Beldibi in Antalya. Workers in charge of pool maintenance accidentally put acid in the pool instead of the chlorine used to keep the pool clean. The acid being pumped into the pool caused a poisonous gas to be released, the private Doğan news agency reported. It did not specify what kind of acid had been used. Four Russian guests and 13 hotel personnel were affected by the poisonous gas and were taken to hospitals in the Kemer

district for treatment. All 17 were in good condition and many have already been discharged, Doğan said.

http://www.todayszaman.com/national_acid-in-pool-at-antalya-hotel-poisons-17_360210.html

USA, IA, LE MARS, OCTOBER 1 2014. TANKER HAULING ACID IN AN ACCIDENT IN LE MARS

There was a scary situation in Le Mars Monday. A tanker truck hauling sulfuric acid got stuck while making a right turn from Hawkeye Avenue onto 12th street just before 12:30 Monday afternoon. The tanker portion became stuck on a cement pillar before the driver could complete the turn. Nobody was injured and no acid leaked from the tanker. Another tanker came to offload the acid so the stuck trailer could be moved later.

<http://www.siouxlandnews.com/story/26659301/tanker-hauling-acid-in-an-accident-in-le-mars>

NEW ZEALAND, AUCKLAND, OCTOBER 1 2014. PROTESTERS KICKED OUT OF OIL INDUSTRY CONFERENCE AT SKYCITY

 **Watch the Video:** [Protesters Kicked out of Oil Industry Conference](#)

A small group of Greenpeace activists have been ejected from the Petroleum Summit in Auckland this morning. Six activists set off an alarm device and disrupted the opening speech by Energy and Resources Minister Simon Bridges at the conference at the Sky City Convention Centre. The group, which also held up signs reading "no deep sea oil" and "stop Statoil", were removed by SkyCity security staff, and no arrests were made. Mr Bridges appeared unfazed by the incident, and told ONE News that the Norwegian oil company Statoil's plans for exploration in Northland could bring huge benefits to the community like those seen by exploration in Taranaki, including new jobs for locals. The protesters refused to say how they were able to gain access to the conference today. Greenpeace protester Zach Penman said he would not comment on whether they would be open to having conversations with Statoil. Hundreds of Kiwis marched up Auckland's Queen Street yesterday in a hiki against Statoil, which plans to begin seismic mapping of the Northland seabed in December. Protesters say it's a notoriously dangerous industry that regularly breaks down and could lead to oil spills. The Petroleum Exploration and Production Association's CEO told TV ONE's Breakfast today he cannot guarantee there will not be any accidents. However, Cameron Madgwick said the industry has strict regulations, adding "we don't have cowboys coming into this country". Mr Madgwick said



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a response to a major oil spill is global and New Zealand would be able to cope should the worst happen. Meanwhile, Statoil says it won't be swayed from exploring Northland's coast by the protests but intends to consult with the community over its plans.

<http://tvnz.co.nz/national-news/protesters-kicked-oil-industry-conference-skycity-6095979>

USA, TX, AMARILLO, OCTOBER 1 2014. TOXIC SPILL DELAYS TRAFFIC

 **Watch the Video:** [Toxic Spill Delays Traffic](#)



We now have more information on the chemical spill that happened off I-40 on Friday. It was a semi traveling to California from Pennsylvania, using the hazardous cargo route to deliver over a dozen corrosive materials. "Another truck driver pulled up along side of him and waved him down that he was having an issue with something leaking with his trailer and that's what caused him to pull over and stop and investigate it," says Kevin Starbuck, Emergency Management Coordinator. The semi then stopped off the shoulder of the highway. About a 150ft of this access road was closed off for most of the day causing road delays and slow traffic for businesses in this area. "It was not hazardous for people to breathe, it was a hazard if you came in contact with it, so like skin contact or

irritation to your eyes or if you were to ingest it," says Starbuck. It took about 5 hours before the highway opened up and just after 9:30 p.m. before all the roads were cleared and cleaned up. "It was very complicated, the tote that was actually leaking was up in the front of the truck and there was a dozen totes between that and where the leaking tote was. So every one of those totes had to be off loaded to where they could get to the leaking tote to remove that one and get it secured and or pumped off into another container," says Starbuck. Starbuck also says the City of Amarillo is lucky to not have many hazardous cases such as this one but all local and state agencies train for these type of situations on a regular basis anyway. "Hazardous material is a part of the Amarillo Fire Department and they train on a regular basis and they receive training throughout the year and new training as new techniques and information comes out." No injuries were reported and the driver of the semi will not be facing any charges.

<http://www.newschannel10.com/story/26658514/update-toxic-spill-delays-traffic>

MEXICO, MEXICO CITY, OCTOBER 1 2014. MEXICO DETAINS 5 IN ALLEGED OIL THEFT RING, INCLUDING HEAD OF COMPANY WITH PEMEX CONCESSION

Mexico says it has nabbed five suspected members of a ring believed to have stolen over 1 million gallons (4 million liters) of oil per month in a northeastern state. The Attorney General's office says the suspects include the head of a company that since 2011 has had a \$370,000-a-month transportation concession with state oil firm Pemex. The company was identified Monday as Petro Bajio. It allegedly paid criminals in Tamaulipas state to steal crude from at least two pipelines. The oil was allegedly then resold to paper companies, metal foundries and tequila producers. Authorities seized several tanker trucks. Pemex says thieves have drilled 2,481 illegal pipeline taps so far this year, up more than a third from the same period in 2013, costing the company an estimated \$1.15 billion.

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2014/09/29/mexico-detains-5-in-alleged-oil-theft-ring-including-head-company-with-pemex/>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, POKOLBIN, OCTOBER 1 2014. DRAYTONS WINES FINED OVER \$200,000 FOR ETHANOL BLAST THAT KILLED TREVOR DRAYTON, EDDIE ORGO

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 [Map: Drayton's Family Wines, Pokolbin, N.S.W, Australia](#)
 [On The Web Drayton's Family Wines, Pokolbin, N.S.W, Australia](#)

Drayton's Family Wines has been fined more than \$200,000 over the explosion that claimed the lives of winemaker Trevor Drayton and welder Eddie Orgo. Workcover NSW prosecuted Drayton's, and Mr Orgo's employer, Perfab Engineering, in the District Court's criminal jurisdiction for two breaches each of the Occupational Health and Safety Act. The explosion blew the roof off the Pokolbin winery and was felt at various locations around the Hunter Valley on the morning of January 17, 2008. Mr Orgo, 59, had been helping install an upgraded cooling system in the winery when he began welding on a stainless steel tank without knowing that it contained 9000 litres of ethanol known as SVR. Vapours in the tank ignited causing a series of explosions that instantly killed Mr Orgo and Mr Drayton, 52, while assistant winemaker William Rikard-Bell suffered serious



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burns. Judge James Curtis fined Drayton's Family Wines a total of \$210,000 and ordered them to pay the prosecutor's costs after finding them guilty of failing to provide a safe workplace. Perfab will face a sentencing hearing in December. The prosecution came after an inquest in 2011 that identified a series of "latent conditions and active failures" that led to the explosion. Deputy State Coroner Hugh Dillon heard evidence that the winery lacked an occupational health and safety plan and had not conducted a fire safety audit. There was no indication that the 27,000-litre tank was holding SVR, which had been delivered to the winery eight days earlier, the inquest heard. The SVR had been pumped into tank 104 because welders were working on tank 106 when the delivery arrived. A former assistant winemaker told the inquest that he had warned the Draytons in 1999 or 2000 that they should be careful about storing SVR while a former Cessnock City Council fire inspector told police that he attended the winery in 2002 to conduct an audit, but was refused entry. Winery manager John Drayton disputed this claim at the inquest. He declined to comment on the sentencing yesterday.

<http://www.theherald.com.au/story/2576765/draytons-fined-200000-over-fatal-blast/?cs=305%20>

USA, N.Y, ULSTER CO, MOUNT TREMPER, OCTOBER 1 2014. JUNKYARD OWNER CHARGED WITH FELONIES FOR MOUNT TREMPER SPILL



A baffle installed in a tributary of the Esopus Creek near 1420 Wittenberg Road in Shandaken, the site of a chemical spill, on July 11, 2013.

William Hrazanek, the [embattled owner of multiple Catskills junkyards](#), was arrested on Tuesday, Sept. 23 in connection with a [chemical spill on Wittenberg Road in the Ulster County hamlet of Mount Tremper last year](#). The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation charged 68-year-old Hrazanek with two felonies, according to Peter Constantakes, a DEC spokesman, in an email to the Watershed Post. The charges were endangering public health, safety and the environment in the 2nd and 3rd degree and criminal mischief. Hrazanek was arraigned on Sept. 23 before Shandaken Town Justice Thomas Crucet and was released on his own recognizance that same day, according to Constantakes. Reached via telephone today, Hrazanek had no comment about the arrest. The spill in Mount Tremper has been [under investigation since June 13, 2013](#).

Neighbors had noticed strong chemical fumes coming from 1420 Wittenberg Road for about a week. "All of a sudden, one day, there was this really strong smell," Joshua Luborsky, a realtor who lives down the street from the spill site, [told the Watershed Post last year](#). "It smelled like acetone. Something really chemical-ey. As soon as you got that section of the road, you could smell it. It was intense." First responders from multiple agencies, including the DEC and the DEP, arrived on the scene on June 13 to investigate. One police officer became light-headed from the fumes, according to a New York City Department of Environmental Protection police report. According to the police report, two witnesses told police that they had seen vehicles coming and going on the property. One said he had seen young men who worked for William Hrazanek, while another said he had seen cans and barrels in one of the vehicles. Preliminary tests conducted on the substance spilled at the site found "glyoxalin," a gasoline additive, as well as other chemicals, according to the police report. The DEC [later identified the spill substance as waste gasoline](#). An independent contractor conducted a large environmental cleanup at the site last year. Citing the fact that its investigation is ongoing, a DEC spokeswoman refused to release more information about the extent of the spill today. The Mount Tremper property was the longtime home of Hrazanek's family, and is now technically owned by a former girlfriend of Hrazanek's. Last week's arrest is the second time that Hrazanek has been charged with environmental violations in 2014. In February, the DEC [charged him with eight misdemeanors and three violations](#) after finding leaky drums of oil and piles of tires on three of his Delaware County junkyards [during a raid in 2013 on August 26](#). Steve Hood, the director of Delaware County Emergency Services, told the Watershed Post in an email today that the fire was an accident caused by demolition workers who were removing items from the building: The final cause of the fire at the VW Parts building was determined to be accidental in nature, caused by workers from Euro-Nuts using a demolition saw to cut heavy pipes. The saw created sparks which went down into the wall on the side of the building next to the school. That property and Hrazanek's warehouse at 102 Depot Street in Fleischmanns, both of which allegedly had environmental violations, are [in the process of being purchased](#) with federal with federal disaster funds as part of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) buyout program.

<http://www.watershedpost.com/2014/junkyard-owner-charged-felonies-mount-tremper-spill>



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CANADA, ONT, TORONTO, OCTOBER 1 2014. UPDATES IN OIL TANK LITIGATION >> WILL WE BE OUT OF A JOB?

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Will oil tank leak litigation be a thing of the past? Not likely, but it is interesting that in 2013 TSSA mandated that all new tanks installed must be double-walled to help prevent fuel oil leaks. This is not to say single-walled tanks are not still in use and in fact comprise the majority of installations in residences throughout Ontario and Canada. Unless specifically required by changes to the Fuel Oil Code, pre-existing conditions which met requirements of previous versions of the Code do not need to be retrofitted. They are grandfathered in and the equivalent of a legal non-conforming use. The Fuel Oil Code (CSA B139) is not exactly a joy to read for the lawyer, let alone a home owner and yet, places obligations on home owners, not just on parties in the industry who are frequently sued such as fuel distributors, tank installers and tank manufacturers. Because litigation which arises now frequently deals with installations from years ago, it is often relevant to look at the various Fuel Oil Code changes over time and the manner in which they have evolved in terms of their requirements. The common element in most cases involving tank leaks due to internal corrosion is water leading to what is called MIC (microbial induced corrosion). The issue is whether tanks were designed properly, installed properly and tested properly for water. What you do if you encounter water is another issue in terms of practicality, but there is much blame to be laid about who should have tested for water and when. Just going back as far as 2001, at that time the Fuel Oil Code made no mention of testing tanks for water. As of 2002 there was no specific tank age at which point the Code mandated that a tank should be replaced. In 2004 manufacturers of oil tanks began to indicate that tanks should be inspected for water. By 2006 the Code required only side discharge tanks to be tested for water. In 2007 metallic end outlet tanks installed outdoors were to be tested for water and where water is found the Code required that it be removed. How that was to be done was not specified. The new version of the CSA Standard was issued in 2009 but that was not adopted by TSSA. The next significant development was the directive issued by TSSA in 2013 indicating that all new tanks need to be double-walled to help prevent leaks. That leaves ample scope for litigation with respect to existing tanks. Industry experience shows an increasing number of tank failures with respect to tanks of 10 years of age or less. Most insurers now require that an oil tank be replaced every 10 years. Even with that, it appears likely that for years yet to come there will be leaks from tanks resulting in environmental contamination and subrogated claims from insurers against the variety of usual defendants. We are not out of a job yet.

http://www.millertomson.com/en/blog/mt-litigation-blog/updates-in-oil-tank-litigation?utm_source=Mondaq&utm_medium=syndication&utm_campaign=View-Original

USA, GA, BAINBRIDGE, OCTOBER 1 2014. GASOLINE SPILL CONTAMINATES PROPERTY ON SIMS STREET

An undetermined amount of gas was spilled on a property on North Sims Street near the railroad, and dirt in the area is being removed. "We don't really know how the gas got into the ground," Bainbridge City Marshal Keith Pollock said. "All we know is that there has been a semi tanker truck that has been parking on that property, and now there's a large amount of gas contaminating the ground." Pollock referred to the incident as "suspicious" and said that CSX, the transportation company that owns the property, is conducting an investigation. CSX also contacted the trucking company that owned the semi truck that was parked on the property, and the company is assisting with cleanup, Pollock said.

<http://www.thepostsearchlight.com/2014/09/30/gasoline-spill-contaminates-property-on-sims-street/>

USA, CT, NEW HAVEN, OCTOBER 2 2014. OIL SPILL CLEANUP PLANNED AT NEW HAVEN'S FORMER ENGLISH STATION POWER PLANT

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English Station brownfield site in New Haven.

The Coast Guard is preparing for an environmental cleanup inside the [former English Station power plant](#) after oil from the facility apparently went into the Mill River last month. The Coast Guard was contacted Sept. 15 by the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection after several oil slicks were spotted on the river near the plant, which sits on an island, said Cmdr. Jonathan Theel, response chief for the New Haven Coast Guard station. Although oil was discovered in a catch basin on the island, Theel said it is possible it may not have come from the former power plant or the island. "It is an industrial area, so it could have come from a number of sources," he said. Dennis Schain, a DEEP spokesman, said the state agency contacted the Coast Guard because of the potential that the oil could make



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its way into Long Island Sound. DEEP is working jointly with the Coast Guard on the clean up effort, he said. Nevertheless, the Coast Guard considers the oil slicks "a substantial and imminent threat" and has deployed containment and cleanup booms in the river to contain the pollutant, Theel said. It also investigated the power plant site, including the building where the generators once were located. The building floor is covered with a film that appears to be from spilled oil, he said. In addition, a number of aging 55-gallon drums of fluid were found. "We hope to begin cleaning that up over the next several days," Theel said. "We want to proceed quickly, but not so quickly that we don't have time to assess the best way to protect the safety of those performing the cleanup, as well as making sure that we don't track any contamination from the site outside of it," Theel said. The grounds of the former power plant are heavily [contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs](#), a cancer-causing agent, as well as heavy metals and other contaminants. The owners of the former power plant, Asnat Realty of New York and Evergreen Power of Wilmington, Maryland, were cleaning up the site several years ago. That work came to a halt in December 2012 when state Attorney General George Jepsen and the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection went to court. They charged that the contractors hired by Evergreen Power and Asnat to do the cleanup weren't taking the necessary precautions to protect public health and safety. What started out as litigation between the state and the property owners over the cleanup is now bogged down in mediation, said Dennis Schain, a DEEP spokesman, and Ann Catino, an attorney with Halloran & Sage, a Connecticut law firm representing Evergreen Power and Asnat. Catino said Wednesday that the "deteriorating environmental condition of the property rests squarely with the United Illuminating Co." UI, of Orange, paid another Connecticut company, Quinnipiac Energy, \$4.15 million in 2000 to assume ownership of the site and buildings in order to get out from under liabilities that came with the plant, and included funding that was dedicated for environmental cleanup. "There are a lot of conditions associated with the history of the site that all lead back to UI and the buck stops with them," Catino said. "They have the technical expertise, the knowledge of the history of the plant to make sure this is done right." The current owners bought the site from Quinnipiac Energy in December 2006. UI built the original structures and operated the plant from 1929 to 1992, when it stopped producing electricity there. James Torgerson, chairman, president and chief executive officer of UI, told a New Haven community forum in June 2010 that the company was willing to be part of a cleanup of English Station if it was determined it was responsible. Ed Crowder, a UI spokesman, said Wednesday the company's position "hasn't changed much" since then. "If somebody comes forward with a responsible plan to redevelop that site that includes environmental cleanup, we're willing to be part of it," Crowder said. "But we haven't owned the plant for 14 years and we have no way of knowing what has gone on at the site since then."

<http://www.nhregister.com/general-news/20141001/oil-spill-cleanup-planned-at-new-havens-former-english-station-power-plant>

USA, TX, CORPUS CHRISTI, OCTOBER 2 2014. SHIP CHANNEL OIL SPILL CLEAN-UP ALMOST COMPLETE

 **Watch the Video:** [Ship Channel Oil Spill Clean-Up almost Complete](#)



The Coast Guard reports a spill in the ship channel is mostly cleaned up as of Tuesday night. The spill was reported near the Harbor Bridge Monday morning around 7 a.m. NuStar has accepted responsibility for the spill. A spokesman with the Coast Guard said there was a spill at the facility and the oil was collected into a containment ditch. A valve that would normally be used to drain rainwater failed, causing oil to leak into the ship channel. The Coast Guard tells KRIS 6 about 50 gallons of lightweight crude oil was spilled. NuStar has hired a cleanup crew and said most of the oil has been picked up. They said about 1,800 feet of boom is in place to contain the problem. No one was hurt.

<http://www.kristv.com/news/ship-channel-oil-spill-clean-up-almost-complete/>

USA, TX, AMARILLO, OCTOBER 2 2014. CONTRACTOR KILLED AT APACHE TEXAS WELL

A contractor working at an Apache-operated drilling site in Texas was killed September 26 while digging a ditch around an oil rig for spill control. Cody Elston, 42, was working in Crawford Ranch near Amarillo, Texas as a contractor with Oklahoma-based Redneck Services. The Potter County Sheriff Department received a call around 11:30 a.m. Friday reporting the accident. Sheriff officials said Elston's leg got caught in a ditch-digging machine, causing fatal injuries. "It tore him up pretty bad," Potter County Sheriff Brian Thomas said. Emergency responders provided assistance but Elston died at the scene, Amarillo Globe News said. No other workers were injured during the accident. Houston-based Apache and The U.S.



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Occupational Safety and Health Administration are investigating. "Apache regrets the loss of life and will investigate this incident. The safety of employees and contractors is Apache's top priority," Apache said.

<http://petroglobalnews.com/2014/09/contractor-killed-at-apache-texas-well/>

USA, OH, STARK CO, CANTON, , OCTOBER 2 2014. CHEMICAL SPILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

The Stark County Hazardous Materials team was trying to locate the source of a chemical spill Wednesday in the Nimishillen Creek. A Hazmat crew set a boom in the water by Cook Lagoon and one farther south by Allen Avenue SE. The booms help absorb the chemical. Bart Ray, an on-scene coordinator for the state Environmental Protection Agency, said the chemical appeared to be motor oil, but additional testing was needed to confirm the substance. Ray said it was a "guessing game" as to the source, adding it could be from someone who changed their car's oil at home and dumped it down a drain or from a local industry. "Chances are it's not a large amount or there would be a thickness to it," Ray said after looking over waters near Cook Lagoon. Garra said the EPA will return Thursday morning to see what was absorbed by the booms. "It's some kind of hydrocarbon," he said, "but beyond that we don't know the source."

<http://www.cantonrep.com/article/20141001/NEWS/141009937>

USA, ARK, EL DORADO, OCTOBER 2 2014. MURPHY OIL SOLD A THIRD OF MALAYSIA ASSETS FOR \$2 BILLION IN CASH

Arkansas-based Murphy Oil sold a third of its Malaysian oil and gas assets to Indonesia's state owned company Pertamina for \$2 billion in cash. The transaction will be effective as of January 1, 2014. Closing will take place in two phases. Murphy expects the first phase of closing to be complete by the fourth quarter of 2014. The second phase is projected to be complete by the first quarter of 2015. Murphy received bids from multiple companies including bids from Vietnam's state owned Petrovietnam, Japan's Mitsubishi Corporation and Indian state oil companies, Reuters said. The transaction is subject to, among other things, the approval of Petronas. Murphy will remain the operator of the assets and continue to execute its development plans as well as undertake further exploration in both deepwater and shallowwater Malaysian sites. Houston-based Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co advised Murphy on the deal. California-based Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher served as legal counsel. Murphy holds a majority interests in seven separate production sharing contracts in Malaysia: Block K, Block H, Block P, SK 309, SK 311 and SK 314A, and three gas holding agreements in PM 311. Murphy's net production from its Malaysian assets is about 86,000 boepd with total proved reserves of 125 million barrels of oil and 460 billion cubic feet of gas.

<http://petroglobalnews.com/2014/09/murphy-oil-sold-a-third-of-malaysia-assets-for-2-billion-in-cash/>

AUSTRALIA, A.C.T, CANBERRA, OCTOBER 2 2014. REVLON, ACT GOVERNMENT PAY OUT \$6.6 MILLION AFTER MEN BURNT IN EXPLOSION



SteriHealth's northside waste disposal facility - three employees were taken to hospital after an explosion there.

Cosmetic giant Revlon and the ACT government have paid \$6.6 million to three men critically injured after an explosion at a northside medical waste disposal facility. The men received burns to their faces, hands and bodies when aerosol cans exploded in a machine at the SteriHealth facility in Mitchell in December 2009. The men and two of their mothers launched legal action in the ACT Supreme Court over the incident that resulted in their being taken to the Concord Hospital burns unit for treatment. The case had been listed for a three-week trial in the court, starting on Tuesday. But the plaintiffs instead accepted settlements

after feverish backroom negotiations on Tuesday and Wednesday. It is understood the three men received a cumulative \$6.6 million, and the two mothers received six-figure payouts each as carers. The SteriHealth facility disposed of medical waste, using an industrial shredding machine located in the basement. On Tuesday the court heard that the machine was mainly used to destroy heavily contaminated clinical waste. Once shredded, the waste was deposited in a compactor unit, contained and disposed of in landfill. On December 15, 2009, about lunchtime, the three men - all electrical contractors - were moving cable through a tunnel connecting the SteriHealth building with a neighbouring property. At the same time cosmetic waste from Revlon's Hume premises was fed in to the shredder for disposal. The three men stopped near the machine after noticing an unusual odour, which they described as a sweet perfume-like smell. The chemicals exploded and injured the three men. The explosion and fire also damaged a window, melted a tarpaulin and burnt nearby bales of hessian. The trio suffered major



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external and internal burns when they inhaled the combustible and combusting material. The skin damage is still visible. The men launched legal action on the grounds of physical and psychiatric damage which caused a loss of income and economic capacity, and the need for past and future care. Lawyers alleged Revlon did not tell SteriHealth that cosmetic waste in the bins collected on the day of the incident included pressurised aerosol cans. Barrister Dennis Wheelahan told the court that the cosmetic giant did not have a sorting system to segregate cosmetic waste in order to prevent pressurised cans entering the disposal stream, they claimed. He argued Revlon knew, or ought to have known, the risks involved in the disposal of the products. The men also alleged Revlon had not provided instruction or training to its employees on the risks of disposal of certain products. It was also alleged SteriHealth failed to take practical steps to ensure that pressurised aerosol cans were not shredded.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/revlon-act-government-pay-out-66-million-after-men-burnt-in-explosion-20141001-10opq7.html>

USA, ORE, EUGENE, OCTOBER 2 2014. CHEMICAL EXPLOSION IN WEST EUGENE SENDS PERSON TO THE HOSPITAL



Firefighters arrive at the Life Technologies building in West Eugene after getting reports of an explosion.

One person was taken to the hospital this morning after a chemical explosion in West Eugene at the Thermo Fisher Scientific complex. Emergency crews were called out to the Life Technologies building in West Eugene at around 10:15 a.m. Wednesday on reports of a chemical explosion at the Thermo Fisher Scientific Corp. complex. Firefighters blocked off the area around [the complex near West 11th Avenue](#) for a few hours while handling the chemical explosion. Fire officials at the scene said one person was taken to the hospital. A Northwest Hazmat

vehicle also responded to the scene, our reporters said.

<http://www.kval.com/news/local/Crews-respond-to-reports-of-chemical-explosion-in-West-Eugene-277784491.html>

INDIA, PUNJAB, AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 2 2014. 3 KILLED IN EXPLOSION AT SCRAP DEALER'S HOME

Three people were killed and four were injured in an explosion at a scrap dealer's house in Gaziwal Maini village in Amritsar district on Wednesday. The explosion occurred when they were unloading scrap collected from an Army range at the house of Tarsem Singh. Police suspect some unexploded ammunition in the scrap may have triggered the explosion, which took place around 6.30 pm. The deceased include Parkash Singh (60), a resident of Seron Bagha, and Swaran Singh (45) and Ramesh Singh (42), both residents of Bhaini Ram Dial. Among the injured are Tarsem Singh's son Komalpreet, Surta Singh, Balwinder Singh and Bakhtawar Singh. According to Amritsar (Rural) SSP Jasdeep Singh, Komalpreet sustained minor injuries, while Balwinder Singh suffered leg injuries.

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/amritsar-3-killed-in-explosion-at-scrap-dealers-home/>

ENGLAND, PEMBROKESHIRE, MILFORD HAVEN, OCTOBER 2 2014. MURCO PETROL STATIONS SALE CONFIRMED



The firm selling the Murco oil refinery in Milford Haven has sold all its UK petrol stations. Murphy Oil have sold 228 petrol stations - 78 of them in Wales - to Motor Fuel Group (MFG) in a deal Reuters say is worth £200m. The company revealed in July that a deal for the refinery had been signed with the Klesch Group, safeguarding 400 jobs at the site. The petrol stations will retain the Murco brand and name. Bryan Kelly, of Murphy Oil Corporation, said: "We are pleased to announce the completion of this transaction, in line with the company's strategic priorities."

Related Stories

- [Murco fuel stations deal agreedWatch](#)
- [Murco petrol stations sold](#)

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-29441082>



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USA, N.Y, ROCHESTER, OCTOBER 2 2014. FIRE AT ROCHESTER RECYCLING YARD CAUSED WHEN GASOLINE IGNITED -

Watch the Video: [Gasoline caused Fire at Rochester Recycling Yard](#)

Firefighters said 200 gallons of flammable liquid ignited Wednesday afternoon at a scrap metal business on Rochester's west side. Firefighters said around 1 p.m. Wednesday. gasoline ignited while being drained from a car about to be recycled at a scrap metal business on Steel Street, near Lyell Avenue. The fire was knocked down about 15 minutes later. No one was hurt. <http://rochester.twcnews.com/content/news/773782/fire-at-rochester-recycling-yard-caused-when-gasoline-ignited/>

ENGLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE, OCTOBER 2 2014. PETROL STORAGE RULES CHANGE AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT YOU IN LINCOLNSHIRE

The legislation around the storage of petrol has changed today and you may have to inform Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue. Petrol is allowed to be stored at home but only in strict compliance with safety guidelines. New Petroleum (Consolidation) Regulations 2014 came into effect today, October 1, and replace existing petrol storage legislation which will be withdrawn. Part of the new legislation is if you store more than 30 litres of petrol in your home, club or non-work premises, you must notify Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue. There is no requirement to inform Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue. Can be stored in:

- suitable portable containers
- one demountable fuel tank
- a combination of the above as long as no more than 30 litres is kept
- Storing More Than 30 Litres & Up to 275 Litres

You must notify Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue in writing, providing name and address of the occupier and the storage place.

Can be Stored In:

- suitable portable containers
- demountable fuel tanks
- a combination of the above as long as no more than 275 litres is kept

Storing More than 275 Litres

A license is required. You must notify Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue in writing, providing name and address of the occupier and the storage place including a plan. This must be received annually in January each year after initial notification. Common storage requirements for these amounts:

- Petrol is not stored in living accommodation
- Petrol is not dispensed* at the storage place
- If the storage place is not in the open air, it has a direct exit to the open air and is ventilated to it
- All reasonable precautions are taken in the storage place to prevent any sources of ignition or heat that would be liable to ignite petrol or its vapour

Petrol is Not Used in the Storage Place other than:

- in the fuel tank of any internal combustion engine;
- in quantities (not exceeding 150 millilitres at any one time), for cleaning or as a solvent for repair purposes.
- Dispensing means manual or electrical pumping of petrol from a storage tank

To notify Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue, you Must Write to the following Address:

Petroleum, Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue, Skegness Resource Centre, Churchill Avenue, Skegness PE25 2RN

Further details on how the new regulations will affect you can be [found here](#).

Related Content: Health and Safety Executive

What is the Law on Storing Petrol Safely?

- [The Petroleum \(Consolidation\) Regulations 2014 \(PCR\)](#) which came into force on 1 October 2014 apply to:
- workplaces that store petrol where petrol is dispensed, ie retail and non retail petrol filling stations; and
- non-workplace premises storing petrol, for example at private homes, or at clubs/associations (or similar).
- [Petroleum Enforcement Authorities \(PEAs\)](#), formerly Petroleum Licensing Authorities (PLAs) are responsible for enforcing the Petroleum (Consolidation) Regulations 2014. They also continue to enforce DSEAR at workplaces covered by PCR. This means that there is no change to the current enforcing arrangements.



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- The safe storage and use of petrol in workplaces is also covered by the [Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2002 \(DSEAR\)](#).

Who does this Apply to?

Information on how the Petroleum (Consolidation) Regulations 2014 applies to the following groups:

- [If you are an owner/employee of a petrol filling station](#)
- [If you store petrol at home, or at a club/association or similar premises](#)
- [If you design, manufacture or supply portable petrol storage containers](#)
- [If your workplace stores but does not dispense petrol](#)

What does this Legislation Replace?

The Petroleum (Consolidation) Regulations 2014 combine, update and replace all previous legislation on petrol storage. The existing health and safety responsibilities remain the same; anything that is still relevant is included in the 2014 Regulations.

What has been Withdrawn?

List of [old petroleum legislation](#).

- Approved Code of Practice (ACOP) COP6 – Petroleum-Spirit (Plastic Containers) Regulations 1982. Requirements for testing and marking or labelling.
- Approved Document L93 – Approved tank requirements. The provisions for bottom loading and vapour recovery systems of mobile containers carrying petrol.

New Guidance

- New guidance on [portable petrol storage containers](#) is available giving practical advice on the design, construction, materials and marking or labelling of containers as required by the regulations.

<http://www.lincolnshireco.co.uk/Petrol-storage-rules-change-affect-Lincolnshire/story-23026767-detail/story.html>

USA, W.VA, CHARLESTON, OCTOBER 2 2014. W.VA. TANK TALLY: 45,500 AND GROWING UNDER NEW LAW



File - In this March 15, 2014 file photo, workers at Freedom Industries prepare to dismantle chemical storage tanks in Charleston W.Va.

State environmental officials had tallied more than 45,500 aboveground storage tanks as a Wednesday deadline to register them approached. Despite the deadline, the [Department of Environmental Protection](#) expects to register thousands more, even after Wednesday. It's the first major cutoff date in a new law aimed at pinpointing tanks, regulating them and protecting public water supplies. "If you're in the process of attempting to register, or we're working with you to get you registered, we're not going to run out with enforcement and start hammering on people," said [Scott Mandirolo](#), director of the state's Division of Water and Waste Management. The law follows a January spill that

contaminated 300,000 people's tap water for days. It includes new tank registrations, inspections and other requirements. Many specifics are spelled out in proposed agency rules. A small portion of tanks - about 5.7 percent - are close enough to water sources to be considered a threat to water supplies, officials said. The state had estimated 50,000 to 80,000 tanks could match the registration requirements: hold at least 1,320 gallons, be at least 90 percent above ground and sit in a fixed spot for at least 60 days. In [Charleston](#) on Wednesday, tank owners - from natural gas producers to coal companies- made it clear they have questions about what's next under the law. At the [department's](#) daylong stakeholder meeting, owners wondered how much registering tanks would cost annually. [Mandirolo](#) said one flat fee paid by owners would cover the whole program, which could cost as much as couple million dollars. The fee amount hasn't been determined and needs lawmakers' approval. The [department](#) hasn't added staff or resources to deal with the law yet. Officials are waiting to see how many tanks exist so they can set fees, which may cost more for tanks that could pose a greater risk. "You're not talking thousands of dollars," [Mandirolo](#) said about the fee amount. The tank rule in discussion Wednesday will be officially filed in December. That gives lawmakers time to consider it during the 60-day legislative session starting in January. In a separate proposed rule, state officials sought to ease initial inspections for tanks that don't hold hazardous materials, contain less than 50,000 gallons or aren't near water supplies. First inspections are due Jan. 1. The proposal will be discussed at an Oct. 9 public meeting. An informational session on the tank law also is being held Thursday in Martinsburg.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/oct/1/wva-hosting-meetings-this-week-on-tank-law/>



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USA, OK, TULSA, OCTOBER 2 2014. DRIVER BURNED, HOSPITALIZED AFTER TANKER TRUCK HAULING HOT OIL OVERTURNS ON HIGHWAY 75

 **Watch the Video:** [Tanker Truck Hauling Hot Oil OvertURNS on Highway 75 >> Driver Burned, Hospitalized](#)



The driver of a tanker truck carrying hot oil was hospitalized late Wednesday morning after overturning the truck. Troopers responded to the accident just before 11 a.m. in the southbound lanes of Highway 75 between 31st and 41st streets. Troopers say a cable barrier prevented the truck from crossing into the northbound lanes. The driver, who was transported to a local hospital in critical condition, said he either blacked out or passed out and doesn't remember the accident. Troopers say he had burns from the accident. The truck was hauling asphalt oil, which is heated to about 800 degrees. Firefighters prevented the oil from spreading by creating a dam, and a contractor is cleaning the spill and removing contaminated dirt. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

<http://www.kjrh.com/news/local-news/driver-burned-hospitalized-after-tanker-truck-hauling-hot-oil-overtURNS-on-highway-75>

INDIA, PUNJAB, OCTOBER 2 2014. TANKER EXPLODES AT ATTARI CHECKPOST, PROBE ORDERED

navjeevan gopal



The Remains of the truck after the blast on Wednesday.

A blast was reported at Attari Integrated Check Post (ICP) on Wednesday morning when a tanker carrying hydrogen peroxide exploded. No casualties were reported. A magisterial probe has been ordered into the incident by Amritsar Deputy Commissioner Ravi Bhagat. Also, import of chemicals from Pakistan was stopped with immediate effect. The blast occurred moments after the vehicle was weighed and its driver told to park at a distance owing to "some leakage in the truck", said a Customs official. "A Pakistani tanker had brought 20 tonnes of hydrogen peroxide around 3.34 pm on Tuesday. The trans-shipment of the chemical into an Indian tanker was completed around 7.40 pm," said an

official of Central Warehousing Corporation. It was an intense blast as the tanker containing the chemical detached from the main body and hit a wall about 100 meters away. A major tragedy was, however, averted as the it did not go in the direction of the passenger terminal or where the staff were working. A team of forensic experts, requisitioned from Chandigarh, would gather the samples and analyse circumstances leading to the explosion.

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/tanker-explodes-at-attari-checkpost-probe-ordered/>

USA, OK, LAWTON, OCTOBER 2 2014. TOPPLED AMMONIUM NITRATE TANKER SHUTS DOWN ROGERS LANE

joe fisher

 **Watch the Video:** [Toppled Ammonium Nitrate Tanker Shuts Down Rogers Lane](#)



A one-mile stretch of Rogers Lane, near NW 82nd Street, was shut down for more than five hours Tuesday night after a tanker overturned. The tanker is believed to have been traveling east on Highway 62 when trouble struck as the driver initiated a turn to stay on Rogers Lane. The 18-wheeler landed on its side around 4:30 p.m. "At some point in time his load shifted, or the wheel hung a curb," says Lieutenant Donnie Hanson, Lawton Police Department. More than 5,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate was inside the damaged tanker. Police are fire officials called the carefully orchestrated recovery effort a success. Hazmat crews kept a close watch on the flammable chemical. "If it comes in contact with fire then it increases the intensity of the fire. If it comes in contact with a

hydrocarbon it could become explosive." says Major Joel Abbe, Lawton Fire Department. The clean-up continued under lights to remove the minimum amount of chemicals that spilled onto the street. Police say the added layers of safety were essential.



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"There was nothing extremely dangerous at the time, but it had to be handled accordingly," says Hanson. The driver did not require medical attention. He's now working closely with police as the investigation into how the tanker overturned continues. All lanes on Rogers Lane are back open.

<http://www.kswo.com/story/26672138/toppled-tanker-shuts-down-rogers-lane>

USA, TX, SAN ANTONIO, OCTOBER 2 2014. FIRE AT SOUTH SIDE REFINERY

Watch the Video: [Fire at South Side Refinery](#)

Workers inside a South Side oil refinery managed to put out a small fire Tuesday morning before firefighters arrived. The fire broke out at the refinery located in the 7500 block of South Presa. The San Antonio Fire Department said the cause of the fire was electrical. Workers put out the fire, but firefighters stayed for a short time to offer support. The plant manager says operations will be suspended for a couple days as a precaution.

<http://www.foxsanantonio.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/fire-at-south-side-refinery-6829.shtml#.VC0Cgsanrww>

USA, N.Y, WOODSTOCK, OCTOBER 2 2014. UNDERGROUND OIL TANKS NEAR WOODSTOCK AQUIFER LEAKED OIL, TOWN COUNCILMAN SAYS

william j. kemble

Leaks have been found in two of the last six underground oil tanks in Bearsville that have been of concern because of their proximity to a town aquifer. Councilman Jay Wenk, in an interview Wednesday, said it's unclear how big the leaks are or how much soil must be removed to remediate contamination. "The (state Department of Environmental Conservation) will come down when the tank is removed and they will inspect the soil to determine the extent of any oil permeated into the soil," he said. The tanks were emptied and cleaned to determine the amount of corrosion. "They have to first pump it," Wenk said. "Then they make a hole and the guy goes into it with a haz-mat suit and a flashlight, and he scrapes it until the tank is really clean. Then he inspects." Wenk estimated the cost of replacing each of the tanks without remediating the contamination is between \$1,700 and \$1,900. "One of the six the owner got RUPCO (the Rural Ulster Preservation Co.) to pay for the whole thing," he said. "Another, the owner is paying for the whole thing. The other four I've raised funds for part of the cost." Finding a leaking tank will lead to the property owner paying the cleanup costs beyond the replacement, Wenk said. "The contracts with the property owners in relation to getting the tanks cleaned and legally abandoned indicate that anything other than this is not my responsibility," he said. Wenk has raised about \$5,900 in private donations toward the cost of removing the 275-gallon tanks. He had warned officials for several years that the tanks were a risk to the aquifer that serves the town water system. "That whole area is over an aquifer, and that's why this is so important," he said. "All those tanks were put in around the same period. In my estimation, it was about 55 years ago." Wenk said there is a concern that some of the other tanks may be found to be in even worse shape when they are examined this week. "I have an inkling because the tank that's due to be cleaned (Wednesday) is downhill from the (damaged) one," he said. "So I'm thinking that with surface water running down, there is a lot of rust possible."

<http://www.dailyfreeman.com/general-news/20141001/underground-oil-tanks-near-woodstock-aquifer-leaked-oil-town-councilman-says>

USA, OH, WILLOUGHBY, OCTOBER 2 2014. FOUR CARS, BUILDING DAMAGED IN GAS STATION CRASH

Watch the Video: [4 Cars, Building Damaged in Gas Station Crash](#)



Willoughby paramedics remove a woman from a Honda Odyssey minivan after the driver of a gray Infiniti smashed head on into her vehicle, causing a four-car crash in the parking lot of Speedway on Mentor Avenue in Willoughby. The woman driver of the Infiniti also collided with the building and three cars at the gas pumps. Four cars and a gas station building were damaged in a crash in Willoughby on Oct. 1. At about 9:15 a.m., Willoughby Police and Fire departments responded to the Speedway gas station at 38700 Mentor Ave. for the crash. A Willoughby police officer at the scene said a woman driving a four-door Infiniti was in a parking spot when she drove forward, striking the building. She then backed up, colliding with a Ford SUV that was at a gas pump. The Infiniti then drove forward, hitting a Honda mini van and a four-door Chevrolet car before coming to rest. Police were not sure why or how the woman lost



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control, but they are looking into if she had a medical issue, the officer said. More than one child was in the van but did not appear injured. One woman in the van was fitted with a neck brace, put on a stretcher and put into a Willoughby Fire ambulance. At least two of the vehicles needed to be towed from the scene. The crash remains under investigation.

<http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20141001/four-cars-building-damaged-in-willoughby-gas-station-crash-with-video>

AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE, OCTOBER 2 2014. BULK TANKER SAFETY DAY GIVES HANDS-ON DEMONSTRATION



Victorian CFA members throw foam around during the simulated tanker emergency exercise.

National Bulk Tanker Association also launches guide to help operators better understand roll stability retrofitting. A petrol tanker emergency response and recovery scenario was one of the highlights of the recent bulk tanker safety day in Melbourne. Firefighters from the Victorian Country Fire Authority sprayed foam onto leaking 'fuel' to starve it of oxygen before industry experts showed how to safely 'transfer' the fake fuel. The National Bulk Tanker Association (NBTA) in conjunction with the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC) organised the event. NBTA executive director Rob Perkins points out while there are a low number of incidents considering the high volume of dangerous liquids carried in Australia, the consequences when a tanker crashes can be high. "If things go wrong they go very badly wrong and are very

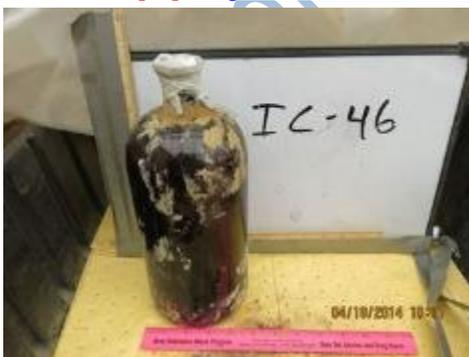
noticeable," Perkins says. "Therefore our tolerance for failure is very low. We have to be an industry that is absolutely risk averse." Hands-on safety-critical maintenance sessions were also held on the bulk tanker day, which is an annual event. The safety day also saw the official launch of a question and answer document on roll stability written by brake manufacturing experts. There were also demonstration sessions on retrofitting roll stability equipment. In the wake of two multiple-fatality petrol tanker crashes in New South Wales in the past few years, the NSW Government has announced that all tank trailers will require roll stability function within a five year period. The NBTA and the Australian Road Transport Suppliers Association (ARTSA) have been jointly lobbying for this sort of measure for several years. Rob Perkins – who is also the executive officer of ARTSA – welcomes the unilateral NSW decision and says it mirrors what former Victorian premier John Brumby did with cars. "He decided that Victoria would not register motor cars unless they had passenger side airbags and electronic stability control, and he forced all the other states to fall into line," Perkins says. He adds the functionality and benefits of roll stability are "absolutely proven". "It's time for the debate on that to end and for action to be taken." The ARTSA frequently-asked-questions document was put together by representatives from major braking equipment companies including Wabco, Knorr-Bremse, Haldex and BPW. ARTSA says the advice – available on its website – was developed in close co-operation with the NSW Environment Protection Authority to help operators to better understand retrofitting.

<http://www.fullyloaded.com.au/news/industry/1409/bulk-tanker-safety-day-gives-hands-on-demonstration/>

USA, WASHINGTON DC, OCTOBER 2 2014. WWI TOXIC MUNITIONS CLEANUP IN D.C. FACES 2-3 YEAR DELAY

neal augenstein

 **Photo's [17]** [Images of Items Uncovered in the Spring Valley Munitions Cleanup](#)



Glass containers, including mustard gas and lewisite, have been recovered in the Spring Valley cleanup.

The cleanup of a World War I chemical weapons testing site found under a house near American University will take almost three years longer than anticipated. When the crucial and potentially risky step of excavating under the foundation began a year ago, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers estimated the project would be restored to residential standards by the end of this year. Now, the Army Corps tells WTOP neighbors in the pricey Spring Valley neighborhood have been told the project likely won't be completed until spring 2017. "Overall, we've seen several schedule delays," says Brenda Barber, project manager for the Army Corps of Engineers Spring Valley cleanup. "A lot has been on the amount of debris we've encountered, in addition to some site conditions based



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on how the house was constructed." The house at 4825 Glenbrook Rd. NW was removed in 2012, after investigations dating back to 2000. The Spring Valley project began in 1993, when a contractor unearthed buried military ordnance on nearby 52nd Court NW. Barber says in the year since the digging began under the foundation, crews have discovered 39 intact glass containers. "The containers did contain amounts of mustard and lewisite, in addition to other industrial compounds that were used here at the experiment station during World War One," says Barber. Mustard gas and lewisite -- an arsenic-containing blister agent -- were used in chemical weapons during World War I. Despite the dangerous chemicals involved, Barber says neighbors were not at risk from the discovery of the glassware. "They were intact, so the liquids were contained inside," says Barber. "There was no risk to the residents." Barber says that during the so-called "high probability" dig under the home, real-time monitoring has detected dangerous gases inside the huge tent which covers the area where crews are digging. "The engineering control structure is under negative pressure at all times, and the chemical agent filtration systems process and treat all the air that's being pulled from the tent," says Barber. "So, if there's an active release going on, those systems are in place to protect the public." In cases where monitors inside the tent determine a release, crews cover the area being excavated to stop the release, then wait for air monitoring to clear before resuming the dig and packaging the contaminated materials for disposal, says Barber. Barber says the elaborate monitoring system has prevented any leaks of dangerous substances into Spring Valley air. "It has shown there has been no release to the public at any time during our operations here at the site," says Barber. The slow-but-steady skimming of soil has continued down to solid bedrock. "We did confirmation sampling on the floor of the excavation, and all the confirmation samples showed there was no contamination left," says Barber. With that portion remediated, crews are now moving the enclosure to begin the second of three excavation zones. The Army Corps of Engineers now estimates the project could be completed by early 2017.

 **Related Stories** [Critical stage of WWI munitions cleanup starts Monday \(Photos\)](#)

<http://www.wtop.com/256/3711855/WWI-toxic-munitions-cleanup-in-DC-faces-2-3-year-delay>

USA, PA, CLEARFIELD, OCTOBER 2 2014. ETHANOL PLANT GAS LEAK LEADS TO EVACUATION

A natural gas discharge at the PGP Clearfield ethanol plant briefly shut down Bigler Avenue, U.S. Route 322, Sunday afternoon. According to Plant General Manager Eric Meeuwsen, excess pressure in a natural gas line caused a safety system to discharge the gas into the air to relieve the pressure. The problem was corrected in 10-15 minutes; as a precaution employees were evacuated from that section of the plant and the fire department closed Bigler Avenue for approximately 30 minutes, Meeuwsen said. Several residences near the plant were also temporarily evacuated as well, according to Clearfield Borough officials.

<http://www.theprogressnews.com/default.asp?read=40173>

USA, CA, SAN FRANCISCO, OCTOBER 2 2014. BAY AREA FISHERMEN SUE PG&E OVER FISHERMAN'S WHARF CONTAMINATION

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 **Watch the Video:** [Bay Area Fishermen Sue PG&E over Fisherman's Wharf Contamination](#)



Some Bay Area fishermen are suing Pacific Gas & Electric, claiming the utility is responsible for massive contamination in and around Fisherman's Wharf. Gashouse Cove Marina got that name for a reason. In 1896, long before the Golden Gate Bridge, a large manufactured gas plant turned coal and oil into gas here. It also left behind a mess. Now, herring fishermen are suing PG&E, demanding they clean it up. "The fact that it's been causing environmental damage for the last hundred years does not mean there's a license to do it for a hundred more," said attorney Stuart Gross. They claim old residue is causing harm to the fish, to the environment and to the Marina neighborhood. "What PG&E did was dump all of the waste from those manufactured gas plants on site essentially and in the Bay," Gross said. The attorney said PG&E is aware of the problem. "They've known about it since the 70s. They've been doing piecemeal and avoiding some major questions," Gross said. Nicole Liebelt of PG&E told KPIX 5, "In the Marina District, we have successfully investigated 23 properties and completed remediation on six." The utility said they are reviewing the lawsuit, but they are aware of the issues involving old manufactured gas plants in the Bay



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Area. "We are responsibly managing historic operations and we've been doing so in the San Francisco Marina District since 2010," Liebelt said. A brand new fight over a century-old operation, and herring fishermen say all they want is for PG&E to clean it up.

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2014/09/30/bay-area-fishermen-sue-pge-over-fishermans-wharf-contamination-pacific-gas-electric-pollution-gashouse-cove-marina-san-francisco/>

SCOTLAND, GRANGEMOUTH, OCTOBER 2 2014. GRANGEMOUTH OIL REFINERY EVACUATED AS GAS LEAK SPARKS EMERGENCY ALERT



Emergency services at the refinery after a major incident was declared this morning.

Part of the site was evacuated and roads were closed after the alert at 10.09am but the major emergency response was stood down soon after with no injuries reported. A gas leak at the [Grangemouth](#) oil refinery sparked a major response from the emergency services. Fire, police and ambulance crews were called as part of a multi-agency response to reports of a butane gas leak at the terminal shortly after 10am today. Part of the site was evacuated after the alarm was sounded and road closures were put in place nearby as a precaution. The emergency response was stood down a short time later and there were no injuries as a result of the incident. The [Scottish Fire and Rescue Service](#) said it sent around eight appliances to the scene - a standard response to such alerts. A

spokeswoman said they were called at 10.09am to a small gas leak in one of the vessels of the oil refinery. She said: "Ineos have their own fire team there. They took gas readings and phoned us as a precaution but we actually weren't required." Crews are now away from the scene, the spokeswoman added. The Scottish Ambulance Service said it had "multiple ambulances" and a special operations response team at the site but they did not have to treat any patients. Grangemouth operators Ineos confirmed that an "incident" occurred at the site. "The on-site incident management team were mobilised and managing the incident, which has now been stood down," a company spokesman said. "As a precaution, we asked the police to close the Bo'ness Road. The road has now reopened." [Police Scotland](#) said the incident was now finished and the road closures have been lifted. A spokesman said: "Police in Forth Valley Division can confirm that the incident at the Ineos site in Bo'ness Road, Grangemouth, is over. "A multi-agency response had been initiated following a report of a butane gas leak and temporary road closures had been implemented. "These have now been removed and the incident passed without any injury or wider risk to the public."

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/grangemouth-oil-refinery-evacuated-gas-4351223>

USA, N.Y, ROCHESTER, OCTOBER 2 2014. DEVELOPER, CITY TO STUDY VACUUM OIL SITE CONTAMINATION

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The properties around the old Vacuum Oil site in the Plymouth-Exchange neighborhood have a long history of pollution. And though it's probably going to take a long time to clean them up, there is some progress to report in what's known as the Vacuum Oil Brownfield Opportunity Area. The owner of 5 and 15 Flint Street — a private development company called One Flint St. LLC — is preparing to resume an investigation into contamination at the properties, according to a notice sent out yesterday by the State Department of Environmental Conservation. The DEC says that One Flint St.'s study will include the site's soil, surface water, and ground water. The work is meant to confirm the findings of past site investigations and to provide a better characterization of contamination at the site, says the DEC notice. The findings will be used to develop a cleanup plan. The site includes a former auto salvage yard and part of the old Vacuum Oil refinery. Mark Gregor, the city's manager of environmental quality, said in an e-mail that he views the new investigation work as important progress. Gregor says that the city has applied to the state's brownfield cleanup program so that it can investigate several parcels around 5 and 15 Flint Street. He says that the application will enter a public comment period next week. Once the investigatory work is done, he says, the city plans to perform some remedial work, Gregor says. "Together, these two BCP projects are a significant step toward cleanup and redevelopment," he says.

<http://www.rochesternewsnewspaper.com/NewsBlog/archives/2014/10/01/developer-city-to-study-vacuum-oil-site-contamination>



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