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CANADA, AB, EDMONTON, SEPTEMBER 18 2014. MORE THAN 1,000 LITRES OF DIESEL FUEL SPILLS FROM SOUTH-SIDE INDUSTRIAL COMPANY

andrea sands

An estimated 1,000 to 1,500 litres of diesel fuel overflowed Wednesday morning from a 20,000-litre tank at Wajax Power Systems, prompting authorities to shut down power and evacuate the complex, said a spokeswoman for Edmonton Fire Rescue. Firefighters were called to the hazardous materials spill around 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, at 10025 51 Ave., said Laura Ruddock. Staff at Wajax Power Systems discovered the spill when they arrived to work Wednesday morning and evacuated the building and shut down power, she said. "Staff explained that a night-shift employee was filling up a holding tank with diesel and forgot to turn the valve off before he left," Ruddock said. "The tank overflowed and ran into their drainage system and then into the sewer." Wajax Power Systems serves customers in oil and gas and other industries and works in power systems, diesel engines, transmissions, generators and parts and service, according to the company website. Firefighters sent nine trucks and a jet boat to work with city drainage crews and Alberta Environment to contain the spill. "There was some concern that the fuel could run into the river," Ruddock said. "Luckily, drainage services was able to confirm that the leak did not reach the river and it was contained to the sewer system." The contaminated water is expected to run through the sewer to the Gold Bar Water Treatment Plant where it will be cleaned, Ruddock said.

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/More+than+litres+diesel+fuel+spills+from+south+side+industrial+company/10211363/story.html>

USA, LA, BATON ROUGE, SETEMBER 18 2014. SHELL OIL, MOTIVA TO PAY \$4.5 MILLION IN BACK WAGES TO REFINERY WORKERS

jennifer larino

[Shell Oil Co.](#) and [Motiva Enterprises](#) have agreed to pay nearly \$4.5 million in back pay to 2,677 current and former employees after regulators found the companies in violation of federal labor laws. More than 200 Shell employees in Louisiana will receive payments. According to a Tuesday (Sept. 16) [statement](#), inspectors with U.S Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division discovered the violations after visiting eight Shell and Motiva facilities in Alabama, California, Louisiana, Texas and Washington. Motiva markets Shell gasoline and other products. One of the facilities found in violation was Shell's [Geismar Plant](#), located about 20 miles down the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge. Regulators found Shell and Motiva failed to pay refinery workers for time spent attending mandatory pre-shift meetings, breaking overtime pay rules under the Fair Labor Standards Act, the statement said. The Labor Department said workers were required to attend the meetings before their 12-hour shifts, though that time was not recorded. Shell spokeswoman Kim Windon said in an email Shell and Motiva were aware of the reviews as they occurred, and both have cooperated fully with the Labor Department in its audit. Shell and Motiva have individually reached settlements with regulators, she said. "Shell and Motiva each remain committed to compliance with the FLSA and both have consistently demonstrated their own compliance efforts involving the FLSA," Windon said. Shell and Motiva have agreed to pay \$4,470,764, or about \$1,670 per employee, in back pay to workers. Of the workers owed back wages, 216 work at the Geismar Plant, according to the Labor Department. In addition to back pay, Shell and Motiva have agreed to training for managers, payroll personnel and human resources personnel on requirements under federal labor law.

http://www.nola.com/business/index.ssf/2014/09/shell_oil_motiva_to_pay_45_mil.html

NIGERIA, CROSS RIVER, CALABAR, SEPTEMBER 19 2014. FUEL TANKER EXPLODES IN CALABAR, KILLS TWO



Two unidentified persons were killed on Wednesday following an explosion that occurred after a tanker laden with petrol exploded close to the Eburutu Army Barracks end of the Murtala Mohammed Highway in Calabar, Cross River State. The incident, which happened at about 1.30pm, left pedestrians, commuters and transporters stranded for hours as the intensity of the inferno, which also spread to nearby buildings, slowed down movements in and out of the state capital. Punch Metro learnt that the two dead victims were the driver and the conductor of one the petrol laden tankers. The driver was burnt to ashes on his seat, while the conductor was flung out of the vehicle. A large number of sympathisers gathered helplessly to watch the inferno before the arrival of fire fighters 40

minutes after the accident had occurred. Two buildings and two vehicles — Audi 80 and Peugeot 505 — were also burnt by the fire. It took the joint intervention of fire services from the Cross River State Government, Calabar Free Trade Zone and Nigeria



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Ports Authority, to put out the inferno which lasted for over two hours. An eyewitness, Pastor Godwin Nsa, said the tanker driver tried to overtake another tanker that was loaded with diesel at a tight end of the road when the accident happened. He said, "A tanker loaded with petrol tried to overtake another with diesel, unfortunately the former hit the latter from behind and both skidded off the road and their tankers fell. Immediately, the petrol tanker exploded. The driver and his conductor died on the spot." Another eyewitness, Mr. Evans Bishop, said the accident happened when the two trailers were trying to avoid some parked trucks owned by a transport company that obstructed the free flow of traffic. Bishop said in the process, both trailers loaded with petroleum product collided, which resulted in the explosion. He said, "I came out the moment it happened. A transport company has a terminal close to the scene of the incident and the firm's trucks were parked by the side of the road. This caused the accident. "Government ought to have done something about the parking arrangement of these vehicles. It is not right to park on the highway. Other road users should be free to use the road." A firefighter from NPA, who craved anonymity, said they responded immediately they got the signal. No fewer than 12 fire fighting trucks were deployed to put out the inferno.

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=187139>

USA, ORE, EUGENE, SEPTEMBER 19 2014. DUMPING OF FIREWORKS WASTE ON RIVER BANK A LESSON FOR THE CITY

ben stone

In mid-July, Eugene resident David Nickles was at the canoe landing below the River House on the Willamette River, a stretch of water he visits with his son two or three times a week, when he alleges he saw the city essentially "dumping trash into the river." On the normally rocky bank of the Willamette, Nickles witnessed a "pretty bizarre" sight. He says dump trucks were depositing small dunes of sand littered with trash just a few feet away from the water. A friend talked to one of the drivers, who said that the truck was commissioned by the city of Eugene and that the sand was from a fireworks display. Nickles registered a complaint with Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on July 21, and after a clean-up and short period of discussion, the city is now determined not to make the mistake again. Richard Zucker, maintenance supervisor with the Park Operations section of the city's Parks and Open Space Division, says that the incident, while not fully thought through, was backed by good intentions. The sand had been used by the Active 20-30 Club as fire suppressant for their fireworks display at Alton Baker Park on the Fourth of July. "In our effort to recycle, we've agreed to take that sand and reuse it," Zucker says. "This year we thought we could use some of that sand on the canoe landing, because over the years, especially during high water periods, a lot of material is washed away." He says this was the first time the city had done this. Nickles says that the sand contained small bits of foil, chunks of fuse, plastics and other shrapnel from the fireworks. He points out that fireworks often contain perchlorate, a chemical that, according to the EPA, "can disrupt the thyroid's ability to produce hormones needed for normal growth and development." The city's plan, Zucker says, was to later spread out the mounds of sand and then pick out any waste. But when Nickles reported the dumping to the DEQ, a representative from the DEQ contacted Zucker's division and said, though the waste in the sand was not hazardous, it would need to be tested and proved to be "perfectly clean" before it could be dumped next to or in a natural waterway. Rather than go through the process of testing the sand, Zucker's division decided to gather all the sand back up and dispose of it at a solid waste facility. Though Nickles was frustrated by having to deal with both the DEQ and the city to handle the situation, he says that he approved of the cleanup: "There was hardly a trace of it left." Zucker says that this scenario will not be repeated. "We thought we were doing something that was environmentally responsible, but not according to state regulations," Zucker says. "So now we've changed our practices."

<http://www.eugeneweekly.com/20140918/news-briefs/dumping-fireworks-waste-river-bank-lesson-city>

USA, AKA, VALDEZ, SEPTEMBER 19 2014. BOAT EXPLOSION IN VALDEZ HARBOR LEAVES MAN WITH BURNS

A 30-foot fishing vessel exploded and caught fire in the Valdez small-boat harbor Wednesday evening, leaving a man with burns on his face and hands. He was released from the local hospital and returned to the harbor before city officials removed the boat from the water. Coast Guard officials said they received reports of an explosion aboard the docked fishing boat Fireman shortly before 8 p.m. Wednesday. There was one person on the vessel at the time. He was able to walk off the boat and was taken by ambulance to Providence Valdez Medical Center, Coast Guard officials said. They did not identify him. City of Valdez public information officer Allie Henderickson said Thursday the man was treated for "non-life-threatening burns to his hands and face" and cuts. "He was back down by the small-boat harbor before the boat was even out of the water," she said. First responders, including the Coast Guard and Valdez police and fire departments, found that while the Fireman remained afloat, it had "the majority of its wheelhouse torn apart by the explosion," according to the Coast Guard release. The explosion



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shot debris in a 200-foot radius. Pieces of the wheelhouse and mast were scattered in the harbor waters and landed on floats and in a parking lot, Henderickson said. The Coast Guard reported starting a pollution investigation, but by 8:30 p.m. Wednesday the fire department declared the area safe. What caused the explosion is still under investigation. Henderickson said the Coast Guard secured propane found aboard the boat. At this point, foul play is not considered a factor in the incident, she said. A boom truck lifted the wheelhouse and mast -- the remains of those structures had toppled and were partially resting on a float where the Fireman was moored -- before a harbor skiff towed the boat to a lift and it was removed from the water around midnight, Henderickson said.

<http://www.adn.com/article/20140918/valdez-small-boat-harbor-explosion-injures-one>

USA, FLA, TAMPA, SEPTEMBER 19 2014. TANKER TRUCK HITS AUDI IN TAMPA AND OVERTURNS

 **Slideshow [8]** [All Lanes Reopened on I-75 after Tanker Crash](#)

 **Photo's [12]** [All lanes reopen after tanker truck accident closes southbound I-75 in Tampa](#)



A tanker truck collided with an Audi A6 on Interstate 75 in Tampa this afternoon.

A tanker truck collided with an Audi A6 on Interstate 75 in Tampa this afternoon. Andre Whitehead, 43, was driving the truck southbound on I-75 near the 272 milepost, the Florida Highway Patrol said. Whitehead, from St. Petersburg, changed lanes and failed to yield to the Audi, driven by 77-year-old Warren Sisson of Venice, troopers said. The truck collided with the Audi, and then Whitehead over-corrected, losing control, troopers said. Troopers said the tractor trailer overturned onto its side. The tanker was carrying used vegetable oil that was going to be converted into biodiesel, troopers said. Whitehead sustained injuries and was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, troopers said. He was ticketed for

making an improper lane change. Neither Sisson, nor his passenger, Margaret Sisson, 75, of Venice, were injured, troopers said.

<http://tbo.com/news/breaking-news/tanker-truck-hits-audi-in-tampa-and-overtURNS-20140918/>

USA, OH, CELINA, SEPTEMBER 19 2014. EXPLOSION AT CELINA FARM CO-OP SERIOUSLY INJURES 2 CONTRACTORS

jill drury

 **Watch the Video:** [Explosion Seriously Injures 2 Contractors](#)



Damage after explosion at Mercer Landmark in Celina.

Two contractors were seriously hurt after an explosion rocked a Mercer County company Thursday. Firefighters rushed to Mercer Landmark at 417 West Market Street just after 11:00 a.m. Fire crews say the explosion and dust fire happened in a grain elevator. Brandon Adams lives one block away from the facility. He tell us the explosion was strong enough to shake his home. "I've lived beside a grain elevator for 20 years and never had anything like that happen," he tells 2 News. No word on the condition of the victims, but they were transported to Ft. Wayne Hospital for treatment. Firefighters are investigating what caused the explosion. They are looking into whether the recent installation of a dust pan contributed. Ben Snyder, Safety Director for Mercer Landmark, says the incident is a rare occurrence. "It's extremely rare for something like this to happen. We try to have processes and procedures in place to make sure. Housekeeping

procedures, preventative maintenance to make sure stuff like this doesn't happen." We're digging deeper into OSHA inspection reports on Mercer Landmark. In 2013 the company received two serious violations. One for failure to develop and implement a written housekeeping program to reduce accumulations of dust. Another violation for wiring locations inside the facility to be intrinsically safe. The company was fined \$6,300. OSHA again found a violation in July of 2013. Citing the grain was unable to stop being fed if the dryer reached excessive temperatures. Currently the fire is under investigation by OSHA and local fire officials. They tell us they don't suspect foul play. Mercer Landmark is a farm cooperative with 18 facilities throughout west central Ohio.

<http://wdtn.com/2014/09/18/explosion-at-celina-farm-co-op/>



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USA, WA, SEATTLE, SEPTEMBER 19 2014. BOAT EXPLOSION SURVIVOR: 'I WAS SCARED TO DEATH'

mark miller

 **Watch the Video:** [Boat Explosion Survivor: 'I Was Scared to Death'](#)



Ben Bailey

Focusing intently on every small step, Ben Bailey walks slowly down the hallway of the burn unit at Harborview Medical Center. You can see the pain on his face as he tries to muffle the involuntary grunts that come with such intense pain. Just three days ago, a fun excursion on a friend's power boat turned into what felt like a life-or-death struggle. "At that very moment I realized, you know, that this could be, this could be the very end," said Bailey. "The whole floor and the panels and the cover of the engine just blew up my body and into my face." Bailey was on a friend's boat at the dock on Blake Island near Seattle last Sunday when an explosion severely burned his legs from the knees down. He recounted his ordeal

from a room at Harborview, with a view of Puget Sound that allows him to almost see the place where this life-altering accident happened. "It's something I've reflected on as I look out across the water," he said. "It's a reminder that you have no idea what any given day may bring. I didn't wake up Sunday morning expecting to have a serious accident that would put me in the hospital. His bandaged legs cannot hide all of the damage from the flames that engulfed him as he stood on the rear deck and started to untie from the dock. His doctors are encouraging him to walk several times a day to help keep his skin more elastic as it heals. "I don't want this accident to limit what I can do in my life," Bailey explained. "I want to do everything I can to overcome this. I want a full recovery and I'll do whatever it takes." He and seven others were departing Blake Island when it happened. Bailey and a female passenger were standing at the stern near the engine. The captain and other guests, including an 8-year-old child, were up on the power boat's flying bridge. One other person was still on the dock. "Maybe the experience I went through with these injuries may have saved someone else who may have been down on that back deck. I can't imagine that mother and child having to go through this," he said. The woman who was on the lower deck with him also sustained burns, but she was released from the hospital that same evening. Bailey does not know how long he'll be hospitalized. He will find out tomorrow whether his burns will require skin grafts. It appears the explosion, more like a powerful flash, occurred when gasoline fumes ignited as the captain engaged the ignition. The boat did not catch fire and there is no visible damage on the exterior. A fire-suppression system may have prevented an outright fire. "This could easily be a news story about eight people dead in a boat explosion on Blake Island," Bailey said. This engineer from Woodinville says he's grateful to be alive and feels like this freak accident has transformed his outlook on life. "I've spent the last three days in this bed reflecting on what's really important out there and how we need to not be concerned with some of the small stuff," he said. "That resonates with me very deeply. We were given a second chance."

<http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Boat-explosion-survivor-I-was-scared-to-death-275552691.html>

USA, N.M, ALBUQUERQUE, SEPTEMBER 19 2014. AIR FORCE OUTLINES PLANS TO CLEAN UP SPILL

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Representatives of the Air Force met with Albuquerque officials Wednesday to discuss plans for keeping an old jet fuel spill from reaching the city's water supply.



Representatives of the U.S. Air Force met with both municipal and federal representatives from Albuquerque to outline plans for keeping a jet fuel spill from reaching the city's water supply. Under the plan, which would be executed in three phases, the Air Force proposed to begin removing contaminants by installing several "pump and treat" extraction wells in the area around Kirtland Air Force Base. The first of the wells is to be operational by June 2015. Albuquerque Mayor [Richard Berry](#), along with representatives of the State Engineer's Office, the New Mexico Environmental Department, the Albuquerque Water Utility Authority, the Bernalillo County Commission, the Albuquerque City Council and others met with Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Environment, Safety, and Infrastructure Mark Correll to hear about the plan Wednesday. "Today's important briefing with Deputy Assistant Secretary Mark Correll and

leaders from the local, state, and federal levels marks a significant milestone in the efforts to clean up the Kirtland Air Force



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Base fuel spill," Berry said in a statement. "I appreciate the efforts of all involved to tackle this critical issue in our city and I am confident that meaningful progress is being and will continue to be made" said Mayor Berry. Meanwhile, Sens. [Tom Udall](#) and [Martin Heinrich](#), and U.S. Rep. [Michelle Lujan Grisham](#) met with U.S. Air Force Acting Assistant Secretary for Installations, Environment and Logistics Kathleen Ferguson in Washington, D.C. "The briefing today is a better indication that the Air Force is planning to take more immediate steps to address the fuel spill," Lujan Grisham said in a statement after the meeting. "However, significant work remains to be done. Without a robust effort and a significant and effective plan to clean up the spill, the Albuquerque community has lost faith in the Air Force's willingness to address the problem. I will continue to hold the Air Force accountable and will not be satisfied until I know that Albuquerque's water supply is safe."

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<http://www.bizjournals.com/albuquerque/blog/morning-edition/2014/09/air-force-outlines-plans-to-clean-up-spill.html>

USA, GA, DEKALB COUNTY, DEKALB COUNTY, SEPTEMBER 19 2014. I-20 REOPENS AFTER TANKER FIRE

Eastbound Interstate 20 in DeKalb County has reopened after a tanker accident Thursday morning. The tanker caught fire and spilled fuel all over the highway just past the Flat Shoals Road exit. There were no immediate reports of any injuries.

<http://www.11alive.com/story/news/local/east-atlanta-village/2014/09/18/tanker-fire-i20/15815797/>

COLOMBIA, ARAUCA AND ARAUQUITA, CAÑO LIMÓN, SEPTEMBER 19 2014. TWO ECOPETROL WORKERS KILLED BY GUERRILLA SNIPER ATTACK

Two contractors working for Colombia's state owned Ecopetrol were killed Sunday by a leftist guerrilla sniper attack at the Caño Limón Coveñas crude pipeline in northwest Colombia. The Colombian military said the attack was most likely staged by a group associated with the National Liberation Army (ELN), Reuters said. The names of the workers have not been released. ELN is Colombia's second largest rebel group. The contractors were attacked while performing maintenance work at a portion of the 478 mile pipeline located in Norte de Santander, a department of Colombia that borders Venezuela. The sniper was stationed in a house across a river from where the two men were working. The killings are part of a recent upsurge in attacks against oil infrastructure by the ELN and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). The attacks have dropped oil production below the government's target of one million barrels per day. Colombia's president Juan Manuel Santos said in June that his administration would negotiate a formal peace process with the ELN but details about the plan have not been disclosed. In late June, ELN staged an attack in the Arauca department that injured 13 oil workers and their family members after the group set off homemade explosive devices.

<http://petroglobalnews.com/2014/09/two-ecopetrol-workers-killed-by-guerrilla-sniper-attack/>

NIGERIA, NIGER DELTA, SEPTEMBER 19 2014. 'NIGERIA HAS RECORDED 600 OIL SPILLS THIS YEAR'

stanley opara



The German Development Minister, Mr. Gerd Müller, has slammed the Federal Government for what he describes as rising cases of oil spill in the Niger Delta. According to him, over 600 cases of oil spill have been recorded in the area so far this year. Müller was on Tuesday quoted by the Stakeholder Democracy Network as denouncing oil production methods in Nigeria. "If you went to the Niger Delta and saw the standard of oil extraction, none of you would use the petrol stations of that oil firm," he said following a recent visit to the region. The Executive Director, SDN, Mr. Joseph Hurst-Croft, in the report, maintained that the network's digital mapping project provided the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency with a state-of-the-art web-based tool to manage its data on oil spills, making the data public and accessible across the world. Citizens and

communities can use the oil spill monitor for compensation claims and disputes, while government departments can gain strategic insight based on accurate and verified data, he said. Traditional livelihoods (subsistence agriculture and fishing) for local populations of over 30 million across the Delta, the report added, had been destroyed as a result of oil spill pollution, noting that the situation had increased vulnerability to extreme poverty in the region through a dramatic reduction in the opportunities available to citizens to earn a living, thus affecting young, old, male and female alike. The SDN's prototype digital mapping and data visualisation software is used to quickly locate, visualise and gain strategic insight into the data it contains. The system runs in the browser (online and offline) and is designed to work across unreliable mobile data connections. It



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actively promotes transparency and accountability of oil spills, allowing anyone to analyse the data and take action based on the information.

<http://www.punchng.com/business/business-economy/nigeria-has-recorded-600-oil-spills-this-year/>

USA, CA, ALAMEDA CO, SEPTEMBER 19 2014. T.J. MAXX, MARSHALLS FINED NEARLY \$2.8 MILLION IN HAZMAT CASE

TJX Companies Inc., which owns retailers T.J. Maxx, Marshalls and HomeGoods, has been court-ordered to pay nearly \$2.8 million to settle an environmental civil prosecution, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley announced Tuesday. The Massachusetts-based company was ordered to pay by a Monterey County judge to settle a civil prosecution led by O'Malley's and 34 other DA offices in the state. Prosecutors last week filed a civil enforcement against TJX Companies that alleged that its 286 stores in California have been disposing of hazardous materials illegally. T.J. Maxx, Marshalls and HomeGoods all have stores in Fremont.

http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_26560024/t-j-maxx-marshalls-fined-hazmat-case

THAILAND, BANGKOK, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. CALTEX OPERATOR CHEVRON (THAILAND) HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO OPEN 30 NEW PETROL STATIONS AND OVERHAUL 20 PLUS OTHERS BY THE YEAR-END

It is believed that upgrading existing stations is aimed at keeping pace with changing behaviour and demand by motorists. Chevron announced a significant retail investment plan that included opening new outlets, refurbishing petrol stations, and offering non-oil-related products at its Caltex stations. Chevron, which has built close to 60 new retail outlets during the past three years, has committed to its plan announced late last year to add close to 100 stations within the next three to four years. Chevron plans to introduce a loyalty programme by the end of this year and is also looking to launch an online campaign to enhance consumers' (space missing) experiences. Chevron has become the last of the major oil companies to enter the premium diesel segment, It plans to double the number of its retail stations that offer Power Diesel, aiming to tap the niche segment of luxury diesel vehicle owners, to 50 by year-end.

<http://www.petrolplaza.com/news/industry/MiZlbiYxNzIzMyYmMQ==>

USA, WA, SPOKANE, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. BAKKEN SHALE SPECULATOR IS CHARGED WITH ARRANGING MURDERS

david voreacos & alex nussbaum

James Henrikson and Doug Carlile dreamed of getting rich off the North Dakota oil boom. Now federal prosecutors have accused Henrikson of hiring a masked gunman to kill Carlile in his kitchen in Spokane, Washington, last December. Henrikson, 35, orchestrated the murder of Carlile, his partner in a hydraulic fracturing or fracking venture, according to an indictment unsealed Sept. 17. Henrikson, a felon with drug and weapons arrests, also is charged with arranging the murder of a trucker who vanished in 2012. He faces the death penalty or life in prison. As Bloomberg News reported in June, both men invested in a 640-acre parcel in the Bakken oil fields, where drilling has brought newfound wealth and also a sharp surge in crime. Henrikson and Carlile had a falling out over the land, and Carlile became increasingly frantic to raise \$400,000 that he said he needed for the deal, witnesses told Spokane police. "The oil boom has brought great prosperity to North Dakota," Tim Purdon, the U.S. attorney in North Dakota, said in an e-mail. "But it has also attracted drug runners, sex traffickers and grifters, and our home towns are developing big city crime problems as a result." Carlile was shot dead after being ambushed by a masked gunman last year in his home. Before that, according to a Spokane police affidavit, he told one of his sons: "If I disappear or wake up with bullets in my back, promise me you will let everyone know that James Henrikson did it."

Others Charged

The nine-page indictment against Henrikson and five other men offered scant details about the Carlile murder, the possible motive, or the means. Two of those indicted with Henrikson were previously charged for their role in the crime by Spokane police: Timothy Suckow, the accused triggerman, was charged with first-degree murder; and Robby Wahrer, the suspected getaway driver, was charged with second-degree murder. Three hours after the shooting, a Spokane detective called Henrikson in North Dakota, police records show. Henrikson said "he is very angry with Carlile" and he was frustrated that he "does not pay people the money they are owed," according to an affidavit. Henrikson said that Carlile owed him \$1.88 million. He denied killing Carlile or knowing why anyone would hurt him. At the time of Suckow's arrest in January, Spokane Police Chief Frank Straub said the shooting was probably motivated by "business transactions that went bad" in the oil fields.



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Bakken Crime

Unlocked by fracking, the Bakken oil fields are producing more than 1 million barrels of crude a day, surpassing Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries members such as Qatar and Ecuador. They also have led to a spike in drug gangs, meth labs, violent crimes, prostitution and investor fraud, according to police. After the Carlile murder, federal authorities arrested Henrikson and charged him with possessing weapons as a felon in an unrelated matter. They also filed a civil forfeiture complaint claiming he defrauded partners in various trucking companies that sought to cash in on the Bakken boom. In a separate forfeiture action, authorities seized the parcel of drilling acreage he sought to develop with Carlile on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in western North Dakota, claiming Henrikson engaged in fraud. He pleaded not guilty to the weapons charge. Henrikson remained in federal custody in North Dakota on the gun charge, and is scheduled for an initial appearance on the murder charges today by video conference, court records show. Suckow and Wahrer entered not guilty pleas Sept. 17, as did the other men charged, including Lazaro Tomas Pesina, who was arrested on Sept. 5. His arrest complaint remains sealed.

Driver's Murder

Henrikson attorney Chad McCabe and Suckow attorney Roger Peven declined comment. Attorneys for Wahrer and Pesina didn't immediately return calls seeking comment. The indictment also charges Henrikson with arranging for Suckow to murder Kristopher Clarke, once a driver for a Henrikson trucking company, Blackstone LLC. Clarke disappeared in February 2012, and his mother, Jill Williams, launched a Facebook campaign blaming Henrikson. Henrikson filed a defamation lawsuit against Williams in Washington in October 2012, saying he had nothing to do with Clarke's disappearance. He said the bad publicity resulted in the loss of the company's largest client, an oil-services business owned by Tex Hall, the long-time chairman of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

'Heinous, Cruel'

As with the Carlile murder, the bare-bones indictment doesn't say how or why Clarke was killed. It's not clear if authorities have recovered his body. The indictment charges both Henrikson and Suckow with acting "in an especially heinous, cruel or depraved manner," which could lead to the death penalty if they're convicted. The Justice Department will decide later whether to seek the death penalty or life in prison. The indictment also charges Henrikson with conspiracy to commit the murder for hire of three other men: Jay Wright; Jed McClure, and Tim Scott, a building contractor in Ephrata, Washington. Henrikson also is charged with conspiracy to distribute heroin. Scott told Bloomberg News in June that Henrikson had cheated him in a business venture. He also said he introduced Henrikson to Carlile. In an interview yesterday, Scott said he had been threatened by Henrikson who "owes me a lot of money" for a trucking venture in North Dakota.

Charmed Investors

Former partners who did oilfield work with Henrikson remember his eager, can-do attitude. He courted investors along with Sarah Creveling, his third wife, who helped him run several trucking companies. By the summer of 2013, Henrikson was dogged by complaints from investors who said he cheated them. Court records show that the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Internal Revenue Service and the Homeland Security Department were investigating possible wire fraud, mail fraud and money laundering by Henrikson and Creveling. Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms later joined the probe into Henrikson's activities. Henrikson surrounded himself with violent men who intimidated others, Spokane police affidavits state. Witnesses told police that Henrikson threatened to kill Carlile.

Family Threat

Around Labor Day last year, Henrikson showed up in Washington at the office of Carlile's son, Skyler, and demanded \$400,000. Skyler told police that Henrikson warned him "something bad could happen to me and my family" if Carlile didn't find the money. On Dec. 15, Doug Carlile and his wife Elberta came home from church at around 7 o'clock in the evening. Elberta walked upstairs and heard voices from the kitchen, according to an account she gave police. She came back downstairs to see a man dressed in black, with a facemask, pointing a large black semiautomatic handgun at her husband. "Don't do anything, don't do anything," Doug Carlile pleaded. Elberta ran upstairs and heard five or six shots as she reached the top step. She hid in a closet and called 911. The gunman fled as Doug Carlile lay dead on the kitchen floor.

To-Do List

Suckow, who has assault and burglary convictions, had dropped a glove behind the Carlile home that led to a DNA match, police said after his arrest. Police searched Suckow's SUV and said they found a hand-written list with entries including "glove," "wheel man," "wipe tools down," and "practice with pistol." After Henrikson's arrest on Jan. 18 for possessing seven guns illegally, postal inspector Thomas Irvin said at a bail hearing that Creveling was "in fear for her safety and not returning home." Creveling contacted federal agents and told them that investors in their companies were defrauded through ownership



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transfers, prosecutors said in an April 8 court filing. Profits were funneled away from investors who received phony financial statements, Creveling said. She also said she bought guns for Henrikson, who would "meticulously" wipe them down to remove finger prints. Creveling could not be located for comment. Federal prosecutors in North Dakota will dismiss the weapons charges against Henrikson, Purdon said. The Henrikson indictment follows a multi-agency, multi-state probe. Michael Ormsby, the U.S. attorney in the Eastern District of Washington, wouldn't discuss details of the case, which also involved Purdon's office. The case is U.S. v. James Terry Henrikson, 14-cr-124, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington (Spokane).

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2014/09/19/bakken-shale-speculator-is-charged-with-arranging-murders/>

USA, PA, PITTSBURGH, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. RANGE RESOURCES TO PAY \$4.15M PENALTY

don hopey



A blue Sunpro container sits at Range Resources' Carter Impoundment in Washington County.

Range Resources will pay a \$4.15 million penalty to settle violations related to six Marcellus Shale gas drilling and fracking wastewater impoundments in Washington County that contaminated soil and groundwater, state officials said. It's the largest fine ever imposed against a Marcellus Shale gas drilling company, according to the state Department of Environmental Protection. The consent order will result in the closing of five of the football-field-sized impoundments and require Range Resources to upgrade its operations at two others to meet more stringent, but as yet to be adopted, state standards. DEP Secretary E. Christopher Abruzzo said the consent order "reaffirms the

administration's unwavering commitment to protecting Pennsylvania's soil and water resources," and establishes higher standards for construction of new impoundments. Range Resources spokesman Matt Pitzarella did not return phone calls seeking comment but referred inquiries to a statement posted on the company's website that said contamination was limited to "elevated levels of chlorides, or salt, at some older facilities," and had no impact on an private water wells. State Rep. Jesse White, D-Cecil, said the problems at the drilling reservoirs, each capable of holding 13 million to-15 million gallons of wastewater, have been well known for a long time and DEP enforcement was long overdue. "This action is about looking good, not doing good," Mr. White said. "The DEP will try to spin this but the \$4 million is just the price of doing business for Range." Mr. White said the state should ban all new shale drilling wastewater impoundments because they are not considered an industry best practice and most drilling companies have stopped using them. The DEP news release said the violations include releases of "flowback water" from wells where hydraulic fracturing, also known as "fracking," occurred. DEP officials also said there has been no impact on local private drinking water supplies, a claim that anti-drilling activists question and that is the subject of several ongoing legal actions. The consent order requires Range to immediately begin closing the Hopewell Township 11 impoundment known as the Lowry impoundment; the Cecil Township 23, known as Worstell; and the Kearns impoundment, also in Cecil. Range also will continue its ongoing closure of the Yeager impoundment in Amwell, and must close the Bednarski impoundment in Hopewell by April 2015. The consent order said Range violated state permit requirements by failing to submit building plans to the DEP for six of the impoundments, and failed to contain spills of recycled water and fracking fluids at six impoundments. At the Kearns impoundment, the order said Range failed to control fracking fluid from flowing from a pipe, onto the ground and into a tributary of Brush Run, a state-designated High Quality stream, resulting in harm to aquatic life. Also at Kearns, in October 2011, the company failed to contain approximately 400 barrels of used fracking fluids, which was released into the ground and a nearby stream, Dunkle Run. At the Yeager impoundment, Range failed to contain fracking and other fluids in February 2013 and in April and May 2014. John Poister, a DEP spokesman in the southwest district office in Pittsburgh, said the consent order "makes it plain that we were seeing a pattern and we were concerned." He said the shale drilling industry has built 25 centralized impoundments to hold fresh and flowback water, and most of the problems are occurring at older reservoirs that don't have double liners or sophisticated leak detection systems. Although he agreed that many drilling companies have stopped using storage impoundments in favor of above-ground tank systems, he said the state is working with Range and other companies to make the impoundments work better. "We want to see if it can be done safely and if the new standards can work," Mr. Poister said. "If we see they don't work, we'll make changes." The order requires Range to upgrade the liner systems and leak detection mechanisms at two impoundments, one in Chartiers and the other Amwell. The DEP is also requiring Range to "investigate and remediate any groundwater



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contamination caused by the previous operation of the impoundments." Under terms of the consent order, Range must immediately begin soil and groundwater investigations at each of the closed impoundments to determine what environmental impact they had on soil and groundwater. "If contamination is found, the company is required to remediate the sites," the release said. Range's penalty is the largest assessed by the DEP against a shale gas drilling company. Previously, the DEP fined Chesapeake Energy \$1 million for a February 2011 Washington County tank fire and for a spill of hundreds of thousands of gallons of fracking fluid that contaminated several drinking water wells in Bradford County.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/local/2014/09/18/DEP-orders-Range-Resources-to-pay-4-million-fine/stories/201409180293>

USA, N.J, WRIGHTSTOWN, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. CONTAMINATED WATER FOUND AT JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, STILL SAFE TO DRINK

mike davis

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst officials reported high levels of a contaminant in the base's drink water Thursday but noted the water was still safe to drink. Although bioenvironmental specialists from the 87th Medical Group discovered high traces of Haloacetic Acid 5 (HAA5) in the water supply, base officials quickly noted there was minimal exposure. "The water in the United Communities housing area and across base is and has been safe to drink," 87th Civil Engineer Squadron commander Lt. Col. Gregory Morissette said. "We test for these contaminants and the results from those samples show that the water in housing does not violate the maximum contaminant level for the disinfection byproducts." The contamination was found in the 3600 area of the base, a remote location that does not include military family housing, child care facilities or facilities in highly populated areas, the base announced. The high concentration of HAA5 was reported to the state Department of Environmental Protection, who issued the base a notice of non-compliance. HAA5 can cause an increased risk of cancer after 70 years of continuous exposure. When the 87th Medical Group sampled the water before and after the high-HAA5 testing, levels were both well below the limit, the base said. There is no impact to the water systems in surrounding communities, as the base's water system does not connect to those areas. "While the contaminants do not currently present a health risk to the base population, our civil engineers are doing everything they can to ensure that the base's water supply remains safe to drink," said Col. James Hodges, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and 87th Air Base Wing commander. Since discovering the contamination, the 87th Civil Engineer squadron has flushed the system daily in the affected area, partially emptying the Sheridanville water tower each week to ensure adequate water flow, and blending in ground water to reduce carbon, the base announced. Additionally, base officials will dig three new wells, install three new water treatment systems, change chlorination methods and improve organic material removal over the next three years, the base announced.

http://www.nj.com/mercer/index.ssf/2014/09/contaminated_water_found_at_joint_base_mcguire-dix-lakehurst_still_safe_to_drink.html

INDIA, PUNJAB, LUDHIANA, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. 11 INJURED IN OIL MACHINE BLAST

raakhi jagga



At Shiva Tax Fab in Machiwara, where the blast occurred on Thursday morning.

Around 11 persons were injured in a blast in an automated oil machine of Shiva Tax Fab located in Machiwara on Thursday morning. Of the injured, five have been admitted to a hospital in Ludhiana, four are in CMCH, while one has been admitted to civil hospital. Two of them are in critical condition — Ajaypal (27) with 95 per cent burns and Suresh Chander with 98 per cent burns. Mukesh Kumar and Mohammad Noor Alam are also admitted in CMCH with 35 per cent and 20 per cent burns respectively. The workers had already worked at the same oil machine located on the third floor in the night shift as well and today when the morning shift staff came, the sensors of the machine stopped working,

due to which it stopped giving information about temperature on the machine. Later, due to excessive pressure inside the machine, a some oil turned into steam while the rest spilled on the workers when the machine burst and a fire broke out. Around 15 workers were present at the time of the incident. The workers standing close to the machine also caught fire and hence sustained more than 90 per cent burns. The rest of the workers were given first-aid and then sent home. The unit was making fibre out of plastic bottles. Already, the unit is having around five units in that area. As plastic was the raw material in this unit, it was already a highly inflammable product. Meanwhile, the fire brigade had to be called to control fire as the fire fighting systems of the unit were not adequate. Even as the incident occurred at around 9 am, the police arrived at 1 pm at the



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spot. When The Indian Express contacted Manvinder Singh, SHO Machiwara, he said: "We inspected the unit after the heat was controlled as it was not advisable to enter inside as fumes had spread."

<http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ludhiana/11-injured-in-oil-machine-blast/>

CANADA, QC, MAGDALEN ISLANDS, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. 100,000 LITRES OF DIESEL SPILLED IN MAGDALEN ISLANDS >> PIPELINE LEAK DISCOVERED LAST SATURDAY NEAR THE HARBOUR OF CAP-AUX-MEULES



Booms line the port waters in Cap-aux-Meules in the Magdalen Islands in an effort to contain spilled diesel that might have leaked into the port.

Hydro-Québec estimates that 100,000 litres of diesel were spilled near the Cap-aux-Meules harbour, in the Magdalen Islands, because of a pipeline leak, discovered last Saturday. The government-owned public utility says about 90 per cent of the diesel has soaked into the ground. The remaining 10 per cent is still

in the harbour. Hydro-Québec says cleanup is underway with 20,000 litres of oil already recovered. It is also waiting for the province's environment ministry to come up with a longer term cleanup and restoration plan. The company says it has also found the source of the leak along the pipeline, and is inspecting a three kilometre section to ensure the rest is in good condition.

 **Related Stories** [Magdalen Islands cleaning up diesel spill near port](#)

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/100-000-litres-of-diesel-spilled-in-magdalen-islands-1.2771983>

USA, CA, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. REDWOOD CITY, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. REDWOOD CITY GAS STATION, SERVICE CENTER OWNERS ORDERED TO PAY \$300,000 FOR TANK LEAKS

The owners of a Redwood City gas station and auto service center were ordered Tuesday to pay \$300,000 in civil penalties in a case over leaks in underground tanks, San Mateo County prosecutors said. The leaks were discovered in 1992 when three underground tanks capable of holding 5,000, 7,500 and 10,000 gallons of fuel were removed from the property at 590 Canyon Road, according to the district attorney's office. County Environmental Health Services staff saw holes in two of the tanks and fuel floating in the groundwater that accumulated in the holes left by the excavation, prosecutors said. The property's owners tested the groundwater and found gasoline and ether, prosecutors said. Environmental services staff instructed the owners to mitigate the contamination, but San Mateo County prosecutors filed a civil complaint in 2013 alleging that the property owners had not completed an appropriate survey, had not taken the necessary corrective actions, had not informed environmental services of ongoing groundwater monitoring and had not submitted a work plan. The owners are now in compliance and testing just prior to Tuesday's judgment showed that there is no threat to human health or the environment, according to the district attorney's office. The 590 Canyon Road property houses both the Oak Knoll Service Station and Canyon Gas and Propane. It has been owned since 1981 by Akbar Nazemian, Abbas Ali Nazemi, Mohammed Hossein Nazemi, Golnaz Agah Nazemi, Ali Asghar Nazemian and Shiran Agah Nazemian.

http://www.mercurynews.com/crime-courts/ci_26566689/redwood-city-gas-station-service-center-owners-ordered

USA, UT, CLEARFIELD, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. TIPPED TANKER WITH FLOURIDE CHEMICALS CLOSES CLEARFIELD AND LAYTON ROAD

ben lockhart

 **Watch the Video:** [Tipped Tanker with Flouride Chemicals Closes Clearfield & Layton Road](#)



A tanker carrying chemicals nearly tipped over Friday in Clearfield, causing major traffic delays as crews worked to prevent it from spilling. The vehicle was transporting the chemical hydrofluorosilicic to a large Clearfield water tank at the intersection of State Road 193 and University Park Boulevard around 11 a.m. when it tipped partially over on a steep embankment. At about 12 p.m., SR 193 was closed off between 1500 East in Clearfield to Hill Field Road in Layton in case of an acid spill. These roads were closed for about three hours, snarling traffic nearby. Hill Air Force Base, the Weber State University-Davis campus and Clearfield High School were affected by the gridlock. The fluoride ingredient is regularly added to that water tank, fire officials said, but can be hazardous if

spilled in large amounts. Hydrofluorosilicic is corrosive in high concentration; in extreme amounts, like the 36,000 gallons



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nearly spilled Friday, it can cause breathing problems if inhaled. "It can actually burn right through your hand," said Layton Fire Marshal Dean Hunt. The North Davis Fire District and Layton, Sunset and Syracuse fire departments responded to the scene. Hazardous incident specialists from Hill Air Force Base and Clearfield police also came to assist. The truck was in danger of tipping over as it tilted onto its right side, Hunt said, and put extra pressure on its right side tires. "They were beginning to bulge," Hunt said. A crane was brought in to stabilize the truck while the fluoride was carefully siphoned out. About 24,000 gallons — or two thirds of the hydrofluorosilicic — were removed before crews decided it was safe to pull the truck upright just after 3 p.m. Sixty nearby residents were advised to shelter in their homes and shut off their home ventilation systems during the four-hour ordeal.

<http://www.standard.net/Police/2014/09/19/4-hour-ordeal-after-chemical-tanker-tips.html>

RUSSIA, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. HILARIOUS MOMENT WOMAN DRIVER FILLS UP THE WRONG CAR AT PETROL STATION ... AND THINKS SHE'S BEING PRANKED BY THE REAL OWNER

trevor quinn

 **Watch the Video** [Hilarious Moment Woman Driver Fills Up WRONG Car at Petrol Station](#)

Key Points:

- Woman thinks somebody has been swapping the petrol pumps around
- Female motorist looks back angrily at passengers filming the incident
- Real owner then spots woman and she walks away embarrassed



A woman driver in Russia wrongly believes she is the victim of a prank when she fills up the wrong vehicle. The motorist mistakenly tries to fill up the wrong vehicle and she is convinced that someone is playing tricks on her until the real owner of the jeep shows up and informs her of the mishap. The amusing incident was caught on cameras as the man fills up his vehicle and he leaves the fuel nozzle in his jeep and walks into the petrol station. Moments later, a woman appears and inserts a different nozzle and leaves it in the jeep while she walks away. The man returns and replaces the petrol pump the woman placed in the vehicle with his preferred fuel. The passengers in the car behind the vehicle film the incident

and they laugh uncontrollably at the comedic confusion. The woman is visibly perplexed and somewhat annoyed when she returns to the vehicle a second time and she notices a different petrol pump nozzle in the jeep than the one she inserted. She turns around and looks at the passengers in the car directly behind the jeep, who are laughing hysterically, and gives them a dirty look much to their amusement. The woman is seemingly convinced that they have played a prank on her. After one minute and 47 seconds clarity is finally restored while the woman is standing at the vehicle when the real owner returns once again. The man seems to ask her what she is doing putting fuel into his jeep and then he points to his registration plate to provide further evidence that she has been filling up the wrong vehicle. The woman looks mildly startled as she realises her mistake and walks away in an embarrassed manner. The man shakes his head dismissively and then smiles over at the two people recording the footage who by now are laughing uncontrollably.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2762232/Hilarious-moment-woman-driver-fills-WRONG-car-petrol-station-thinks-s-pranked-real-owner.html>

USA, WA, YAKIMA, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. EPA FINES MOXEE PLANT \$206,900 FOR 2012 SPILL

kate prengaman /

A Moxee plant that turns industrial waste into zinc fertilizer is again facing hefty fines for improper handling of its hazardous wastes. The federal Environmental Protection Agency slapped Kronos Micronutrients, formerly known as Bay Zinc, with a penalty of \$206,900 for violations uncovered during a 2012 inspection, including hazardous waste dumped onto the soil. The most recent spill was cleaned up in the fall of 2012 after the EPA notified the company of its intent to take enforcement action, said Peter Magolske, an EPA enforcement officer based in Seattle. The amount of two toxic heavy metals, lead and cadmium, found in the soil was above the legal limit, according to EPA documents. However, EPA documents filed in the case did not spell out how far above the legal limit the metals were, nor were EPA officials able to immediately say Thursday. "We did identify other violations in addition to the hazardous waste disposal: record-keeping issues, personnel training, and poor maintenance of hazardous waste containers, but the land disposal was the most serious," Magolske said. Company owner Dick Camp said the inspection caught a "very minor spill" of hazardous waste material that had been filtered out of the finished



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fertilizer. "There was no release to either air or water and no impact on human health," Camp wrote in an email. "Kronos takes environmental issues very seriously and we are very sorry it happened but glad there was absolutely no harm." The company has taken steps to prevent such spills in the future, Camp said. This wasn't the company's first spill. In 2002, a much larger spill was discovered in the same area, contaminating soil and groundwater, and the company spent \$1.5 million cleaning it up. Since that cleanup, which removed over 12,000 tons of contaminated soil, the state Department of Ecology has been monitoring the groundwater below the site to ensure the contamination stays put. This time, the EPA says the company removed 84 tons of contaminated soil. However, Camp disputed that number, saying the amount removed was much smaller. Magolske says it's not known how much material was spilled or if spills occurred once or multiple times. Contamination was detected at two separate sites on the property, he added. Working with hazardous materials is a key part of the company's process. Fifteen years ago, it was one of several companies that came under fire for repurposing hazardous industrial waste as fertilizer. There were no regulations for heavy metals in fertilizer at the time. But, in the aftermath of public outcry and new regulations, the manufacturer changed its process, former General Manager Rick Camp told the Herald-Republic last year. To make its fertilizer now, the company buys a byproduct from steel galvanizing plants that is about 70 percent zinc. It also contains toxic lead and cadmium, commonly found in the zinc-rich ore, which is removed through a filtering process. The filtering removes the dangerous metals from the fertilizer, which is tested to ensure it meets state standards, but it also consolidates the hazardous waste. The company is supposed to ship that waste to a chemical waste landfill in Oregon for safe disposal.

<http://www.yakimaherald.com/home/2509838-8/epa-fines-moxee-plant-206900-for-2012-spill>

USA, ARK, MAYFLOWER, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. MAYFLOWER OIL SPILL HOMES COST MORE

jordan bontke

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The Mayflower homes that were evacuated after last year's oil spill and bought by ExxonMobil have been back on the market for several months, but the cost of the homes are now higher than before the spill. On Thursday, another 'sale pending' sign went up in front of a home on Starlite Road in Mayflower. 22 of 63 homes in the Northwoods subdivision were evacuated after ExxonMobil's Pegasus pipeline ruptured last year, spilling 210,000 gallons of oil in the neighborhood. Five ExxonMobil owned homes are on the market, four have sold, and at least two new home owners are tornado victims. "We need to look good compared to the competition, and that's what Exxon has done," said Coldwell Banker Broker, Robin Miller as she gives a tour of a new home. Miller tells us

Exxon has worked to enhance their properties with amenities like new appliances and flooring. Outside the house, Exxon paved new streets and improved the drainage system. But in an e-mail statement to KATV, Exxon said home sales in Northwoods are consistent with current market values in the surround area. According to a [Zillow.com](http://www.zillow.com) listing, the four bedroom Starlite Road home is for sale at over \$219,900, in September of 2013, the house was last sold at \$195,000. Exxon also said their homes are also eligible for a rural development housing loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provides 100 percent financing to approved buyers. "When you can match somebody to the property that helps them achieve the American dream which is home ownership, it doesn't get better than that, I've got the best job ever," said Miller. Here is more on what ExxonMobil had to say on the Northwoods subdivision: "We are happy to see so many people showing an interest in the neighborhood and the improvements that have been made. Seeing families move back in and purchase homes, especially those impacted by the recent tornado, is very gratifying. Access to the area's fantastic schools as well as the subdivision's proximity to Lake Conway and Little Rock make it an attractive place to consider and live. Our goal is to ensure the Northwoods subdivision remains a vibrant and desirable community for generations to come."

<http://www.katv.com/story/26572920/mayflower-oil-spill-homes-cost-more>

USA, ORE, PASCO, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. BNSF CONTAINS DIESEL SPILL NEAR COLUMBIA RIVER

BNSF Railway has contained a diesel spill along its tracks between Pasco and McNary dam, near the Columbia River, state officials said. The engine's fuel tank was punctured early Friday morning by a large rock near railroad mile 203, according to the Department of Ecology. The diesel leaked to the rail bed, but has not reached the river. BNSF hired spill response contractors to contain the spill and drain the remaining fuel from the tank, officials said. The contractors will also develop a



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plan to remove contaminated soil from the rail bed. "BNSF responded quickly to the spill, and so far no sheen has been spotted in the river," said Central Region Spill Response Manager Jeff Lewis. It's estimated that between 2,000 and 2,500 gallons of diesel spilled. The river will be monitored over the weekend to look for a fuel sheen. The train originated at Pasco and was hauling general freight to Seattle.

<http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2014/sep/19/bnsf-contains-diesel-spill-near-columbia-river/>

USA, N.D, POWERS LAKE, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. OIL SPILL REPORTED IN BURKE COUNTY

About 20 barrels of oil and five barrels of brine have spilled in Burke County after an equipment failure at an oil well. Kris Roberts, an environmental geologist with the state Department of Health, said Oasis Petroleum owns the well on land it leases about nine miles northeast of Powers Lake. A barrel of oil is equal to 42 gallons. Roberts said the spill sprayed onto a wheat field and wetland. All but two barrels of oil have been recovered, he said. Absorbent booms have been deployed to contain the spill in the wetland. Inspectors from the Department of Health and the Division of Oil and Gas are on site and monitoring the company's response.

http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/oil-spill-reported-in-burke-county/article_368c6fce-404c-11e4-a88d-ff390cb4dd10.html

USA, WASHINGTON DC, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. GUSHER OF CASH FOLLOWS CHEMICAL SPILL

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A storage tank on the Elk River leaked coal-washing agents in January. Current bills to toughen regulation of chemical tanks near water supplies are being heavily lobbied by chemical companies.

On Thursday, Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) presented a new version of legislation to overhaul chemical safety regulations, dissenting from a bipartisan bill that was still being negotiated more than a year after it was introduced. But Boxer, who chairs the Environment and Public Works Committee, isn't the only one putting up a fight: Several big players in the chemical industry have been laying out record amounts of money to influence regulatory legislation. Despite its name, the Chemical Safety Improvement Act, an effort to overhaul the 1976 Toxic Substances Control Act, has been criticized by several environmental groups — and heartily approved by the American Chemistry Council. Since the bill was first introduced last year, the ACC's spending on lobbying shot through the roof, reaching a record \$12.3 million in 2013 and \$6 million during the first two quarters of 2014. The Council, a major lobbying force in the chemical industry, has clearly made proposed changes to TSCA a top priority, citing the bill in nine lobbying filings just this year. Also weighing in on the bill: Eastman Chemical, maker of the coal-washing agents that leaked into Elk River in January, leading to a cutoff in the water supply for 300,000 West Virginians. As we have reported on OpenSecrets Blog, the bill was modified drastically after the late Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg (D-N.J.) introduced a first version in April 2013, replaced by a version cosponsored by Lautenberg and Sen. David Vitter (R-La.). Vitter's largest contributor by far is the oil and gas industry, which typically is no friend of more regulation. He counts Dow Chemical, Koch Industries and Murray Energy among his top 20 donors. Since the Elk River spill, Eastman and the chemicals industry have had to play defense on another front as well. Within a month of the incident, legislators sought to tighten safety restrictions on chemical storage facilities. In late January, Boxer and the two Democratic senators from West Virginia, Joe Manchin and Jay Rockefeller, introduced the Chemical Safety and Drinking Water Protection Act, a plan to impose yearly inspections on chemical tanks located near water supplies and require clear emergency response guidelines. Meanwhile, Eastman's lobbying costs floated up. Eastman spent \$680,000 lobbying between April and June of 2014, which is more than the company has logged in a single quarter since 2008, when those expenses were first tallied on a quarterly basis. Its total for the first six months of this year: \$1.2 million. Last year, the company spent \$1.9 million, its largest lobbying tab on record. Eastman spokeswoman Maranda Demuth said in an email that the expenditures were unrelated to the spill. Nevertheless, a new topic appeared on Eastman's lobbying filings this year: the Chemical Safety and Drinking Water Protection Act of 2014 — the bill to regulate chemical tanks. The firm has also lobbied since last year on the TSCA overhaul bill, the Chemical Safety Improvement Act, which it publicly supports. The American Chemistry Council has been more outspoken on the tanks bill, applauding modifications made in committee. "We welcome the progress that has apparently been made by Senators Manchin, Boxer and Vitter to refine the bill," the company wrote in an



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April [press release](#). "ACC looks forward to working with the Senate as the bill makes its way to the floor." Vitter, the leading Republican on the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, is not a cosponsor of the bill. Erik Olson, an expert on toxic chemicals at the Natural Resources Defense Council who weighed in on the chemical tanks regulation bill, said the changes were a mixed bag but were mainly intended to get Republican lawmakers on board. "They wouldn't have been our first choice...[but] they clarified a few things," Olson said. "We have learned through the negotiating process that substantial strengthening amendments were going to lose bipartisan support." The modifications include narrowing the scope of the bill to chemical tanks instead of a broader range of facilities and increasing the frequency of inspections — but also allowing some of them to be conducted by industry-hired engineers. Environmental advocates had stronger words for the ACC- approved Chemical Safety Improvement Act, the TSCA overhaul that they say could weaken states' authority to regulate chemicals and also allow thousands more to remain untested. The bill "would be compounding one environmental disaster with another," wrote Daniel Rosenberg, another NRDC researcher, in a blog post. Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families, an advocacy group backing stricter regulations, supported the earlier version of the bill introduced by Lautenberg. But it criticized the bill in its modified form, and told OpenSecrets Blog that the measure "continues the status quo" with regards to providing health safety information to the public. Duke Energy, the owner of the North Carolina electricity plant that leaked coal dust into the Dan River in February, has lobbied on both bills as well. Duke has spent \$3.3 million lobbying this year, not out of line with previous outlays, but its political contributions have spiked up dramatically during the 2014 cycle. Duke's PAC has given out \$648,000 to federal candidates so far — more than it has ever doled out even in a full two-year cycle. These trends are in line with the chemical industry's growing interest in influencing bills through the avenue of K Street. It spent a record \$62 million on lobbying in 2013 — an amount it is on track to beat, with \$36.2 million already dropped in the first half of the year.

<https://www.opensecrets.org/news/2014/09/gusher-of-cash-follows-chemical-spill/>

USA, CA, SAN DIEGO, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. NB I-15 CLOSED IN FUEL TANKER SPILL >> CRASH CLOSED NORTHBOUND INTERSTATE 15 FROM POWAY ROAD TO TED WILLIAMS PARKWAY

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 [Watch the Video Overturned Fuel Tanker & Fuel Spill Shuts Down Northbound I-15 For Several Hours](#)



An overturned fuel tanker and fuel spill shut down a North County highway early Friday. Northbound Interstate 15 was closed from Poway Road to Ted Williams Parkway for several hours, officials said. The tanker truck was traveling northbound along I-15 at 11:30 p.m. when the driver lost control and crashed, San Diego Fire Rescue officials said. Approximately 2,200 gallons of gasoline spilled onto I-15 and into nearby storm drains. Firefighters used sand to stop the flow of fuel while other workers brought in another tanker to offload the remaining fuel. California Highway Patrol officers anticipated several lanes of NB I-15 would be reopened to morning commuters, but did not expect to clear the crash scene until 10 a.m.

<http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Fuel-Tanker-Overturns-Northbound-Interstate-15-Ted-Williams-Parkway-275725241.html>

INDIA, MAHARASHTRA, CHINCHWAD, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. 1 CRITICAL AMONG 5 HURT IN CHINCHWAD CYLINDER EXPLOSION



Police and Anti-Terrorism Squad officers inspect the explosion site on Friday.

A massive explosion at a residential building in Walhekarwadi area of Chinchwad caused panic, besides injuring five people, of whom one is reported to be in a critical condition, on Friday morning. The Chinchwad police, along with a team of the state Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS), visited the spot. The police said leakage of gas from a domestic LPG cylinder is likely to be the cause behind the explosion. Sharad Nagnath Pawar (26), Pramod Shahji Bhosale (26), Moreshwar Sudam Manmode (45), Basavraj Hanumant Marde (32) and Prasant Devkar (28), all residents of Walhekarwadi, Chinchwad, were injured. The police said Pawar was in a critical condition. The explosion took place in room number B-7 on the first

floor of a two-storey chawl in Walhekarwadi area of Chinchwad around 6.50 am. The impact was so severe that around 15



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rooms in the building were damaged. Kiran Gawade, the fire brigade chief of Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC), said, "We believe the gas that leaked out of a domestic LPG cylinder came in contact with fire, causing the explosion." Another fire brigade officer said there was a crack in the pipe connecting the LPG cylinder. "Gas that leaked from this crack accumulated in the room, which did not have proper ventilation. So the accumulated gas exploded after it came in contact with fire. There was fear and panic for sometime as residents were unaware of the reason behind the blast," he added. A fire brigade team rushed to the spot and vacated residents. They conducted a proper check to prevent further damage. The situation was brought under control in sometime and those injured were immediately taken to hospital. The police confirmed that even though the ATS team visited the explosion site, no terror activity was reported.

<http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/pune/one-critical-among-5-hurt-in-chinchwad-cylinder-explosion/>

USA, OH, CANTON, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. LAKE TWP. MAN PLEADS NOT GUILTY IN WAKE OF WORKSHOP EXPLOSION >> THOMAS W. COTTEN FACES TWO FELONY CHARGES STEMMING FROM AN EXPLOSION NEAR HIS HOME IN FEBRUARY

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A Lake Township man pleaded not guilty in court Friday on charges related to a February explosion that destroyed a garage workshop and shook the homes of neighbors. Thomas W. Cotten, 57, 3314 El Camino Circle NE, was recently indicted on felony charges of illegally manufacturing or processing explosives and inducing panic. Cotten entered his not guilty plea at an arraignment in Stark County Common Pleas Court. On Feb. 15, a stand-alone shop building, located several yards behind Cotten's home, exploded. The building appeared to contain materials used for making fireworks, according to the Stark County Sheriff's Department. The Summit County Bomb Disposal Unit had been called in to make sure the materials were disposed safely. The state fire marshal's office investigated the explosion, which occurred near a cul-de-sac west of Seven Hills Golf Course. Agents of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives also had been at the scene. According to the secret indictment issued by a Stark County grand jury, Cotten manufactured or processed an explosive without having been issued a license, certificate of registration or permit from a fire official. The explosion injured Cotten, who spent three months in a coma while hospitalized, said Cotten's attorney, Jeffrey Jakmides. Cotten's home also was damaged. The explosion caused other houses in the area to shake, making pictures fall from the walls of a home at El Camino and El Dorado Circle NE, according to witness accounts. Neighbors reported hearing multiple explosions. The porch of a neighboring house was damaged. The defense has filed a motion seeking evidence from the Stark County Prosecutor's office. "I just don't have any information about the case at this point," Jakmides said Friday morning. Cotten is "on his feet (and) his memory is slowly coming back," the attorney said.

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NEW ZEALAND, TAURANGA, SEPTEMBER 21 2014. MAN'S BURNS SELF-INFLICTED

 **Watch the Video** [A man set himself on fire at the Z Service Station on Cameron Road](#)



A man is in critical condition after dousing himself in petrol and setting himself on fire this afternoon. Police, St John Paramedics and Tauranga Fire Brigade were called to the incident at the Z Service Station on Cameron Road about 3.30pm. Tauranga Police say the man was badly burnt with self-inflicted injuries after setting himself on fire. Police are investigating the circumstances of the incident and are expected to release further information once it becomes available.

Earlier:

A man is being taken to Tauranga Hospital in critical condition after suffering major burns in a fire at the Z Service Station on Cameron Road. Tauranga Fire Brigade has been called to the petrol station along with police and St John Paramedics. Northern Fire Communication shift manager Jaron Phillips says the man has been badly burnt. "I don't have much information but we are at the scene and have been helping treat the man." It's unclear how the man came to be on fire.

<http://www.sunlive.co.nz/news/83035-man-badly-burnt-at-petrol-station.html>



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USA, ALA, ANNISTON, SEPTEMBER 20 2014. SICK VETERANS WHO SERVED AT SHUTTERED, TOXIC ARMY BASE TURN TO CONGRESS, VA FOR HELP

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 **Photo's** [Archived images of the old Fort McClellan.](#)



An archived image of the old Fort McClellan headquarters building.

Sue Frasier spent the first six months of her military career at Alabama's Fort McClellan. But that short stint -- 44 years ago at an Army base the EPA later would find so toxic it would shut it down -- was all it took for her to start getting sick, she says. Her problems began shortly after completing boot camp in 1970 at the Anniston, Ala., base. Today, she says she's coping with asthma, a life-threatening gastrointestinal disease that required surgery, and fibromyalgia that results in long-term pain and tenderness in her joints and muscles. "It hurts everywhere, but at least I can still walk and talk," she told FoxNews.com. Frasier is among thousands of veterans who were stationed at the former Army base

who believe they were exposed to dangerous polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs. They repeatedly have turned to the Department of Veterans Affairs for help, seeking aid for medical treatment and a formal study of their ailments -- but say their pleas have been largely ignored or buried in red tape for decades. Today, they're looking to fresh leadership at the VA, and allies in Congress, to finally take on their case. The true cause of the veterans' ailments has never been officially determined. Fort McClellan housed several Army components, including a division for chemical weapons training and research. But many veterans suspect they were sickened by chemicals dumped near Anniston by Monsanto Co., which had facilities in the area and disposed of chemicals near the base. The veterans, while not engaged in any legal action against the government, have tried to draw attention to their cause before by lobbying and social media advocacy including Facebook pages describing their conditions. Their reported illnesses and ailments range from heart issues to cancer to reproductive problems. Frasier's military career would eventually lead to a job as a telecommunications clerk at the Department of Veterans Affairs in D.C. There, she took part in history. On Aug. 8, 1974, Frasier was tapped to send out the message to military personnel across all branches of service that President Richard Nixon had resigned. "It was all pretty neat," she told FoxNews.com. But these days, when she speaks about her time in the military, her voice fills with frustration. "When I go down [to Washington] to look for answers, I get crickets chirping in the woods," Frasier said. Still, she is not giving up. Frasier, who now lives in Albany, N.Y., boarded a bus to Washington earlier this week and on Thursday afternoon, met with Christopher O'Connor, the VA's acting assistant secretary for congressional and legislative affairs. Frasier says she is cautiously optimistic about her face-to-face with O'Connor, given the agency's recent promises to rebuild public trust following a scandal-scarred summer that culminated with the [resignation of VA Secretary Eric Shinseki](#). In July, Robert McDonald, former Proctor & Gamble Co. CEO, took the VA helm. Since then, he has been busy touring various VA facilities around the country and trying to change the agency's image. Frasier and other veterans want to put McDonald's pledges for more transparency and better treatment of vets to the test. But they say they need Congress' help. Two pieces of legislation have been introduced to deal with the veterans' medical claims. A proposed [Senate bill](#) would establish a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces. The bill has not advanced. Over on the House side, a bill more specific to Frasier and similar veterans' claims, and backed by [Rep. Paul Tonko, D-N.Y.](#), would require the VA to create a registry of everyone who served at Fort McClellan from 1935 to 1999. It then would require the department to reach out to those veterans and offer health exams and information about the effects of toxic exposure. It also would open up disability payments to the veterans. The House bill, though, has been stuck in congressional gridlock for five years and hasn't made its way out of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. "They are the brick wall standing in our way," Frasier said. Tonko says he understands her exasperation. "This is a critical bill that deserves an up-or-down vote and we continue to work overtime to get this passed," he told FoxNews.com. "Our nation promises our troops the world when they sign up and enter the service, and this is one of many arenas where a very substantial portion of veterans seem to have been forgotten." Currently, Tonko's bill has 78 co-sponsors: 59 Democrats and 19 Republicans. Alabama Republican Rep. Mike Rogers, whose district includes Anniston, has not signed on. Beginning in the 1930s, Fort McClellan was home to the Military Police as well as those who signed up for the Army's Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Corps. It was also the primary training campus for the Women's Army Corps. When pressed in the past, the VA has said it's looked into the Fort McClellan claims and has not found a conclusive link between the health issues vets reported and toxic exposure in the area. But in 1999, the base was deemed so toxic the Environmental Protection Agency labeled it a hazardous site and forced it to



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shut down, though it, too, did not conclude where the toxins came from. While veterans no longer are housed there, parts of the base still are used as a training facility by local, state and federal agencies. Many veterans who have lived or worked near the military campus believe their ailments were caused by PCBs. In 2003, more than 20,000 Anniston residents sued the [Monsanto Co.](#) and Solutia Inc. over PCB contamination. The companies reached a \$700 million settlement in the class-action suit with residents, but the military members stationed on the base were not part of it. PCBs are manmade chemicals that once were used as insulants and coolants for transformers, heat exchangers and various kinds of electrical equipment. They can be colorless and have no smell or taste, according to the EPA. Many believe that they were contaminated through the air. PCBs were commercialized in North America in the late 1920s by companies like Monsanto because of their high boiling points, chemical stability and electrical insulating properties. In 1976, Congress banned the manufacture of PCBs in the U.S. because of their toxicity. In 1979, the EPA phased them out. More than two decades would pass before worldwide production of PCBs came to a halt via the 2001 Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. But by then, many argue, the damage already had been done. PCBs have been linked to melanoma, liver cancer, gall bladder cancer, and brain and breast cancer. An investigation by CBS' "60 Minutes" brought the Fort McClellan and Monsanto issue to light in 2002. Internal company memos reportedly showed that Monsanto had known about the dangers of PCBs when they dumped the chemicals. When contacted by FoxNews.com Monsanto spokeswoman Charla Lord distanced the company from the two bills in Congress. "We have great respect for our veterans and it is tragic whenever people suffer from health problems," Lord said. "However, it is not clear to us that these bills have a connection to Monsanto." Calls to the VA and Rogers' office for comment were not immediately returned.

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ENGLAND, WORCESTER, SEPTEMBER 21 2014. TESCO, ST PETER'S, PETROL STATION SHUT AFTER CAR HITS PIPEWORK

david cosgrove



Crash: Emergency services at the incident at Tesco, St Peter's.

A cordon has been put up at a petrol station after a car hit piping. The incident took place at about 1pm this afternoon at the Tesco store in St Peter's Drive. A fire crew from Malvern attended the scene, with a fire service spokeswoman confirming there were no injuries. The cordon was erected while emergency services waited for a fuel tank to arrive and remained in place. Crane has now arrived to lift the car clear from pipework. Police say there will be no access to garage for fuel for a while. There are reports of traffic hold-ups around the filling station, and of difficulties getting in to the Tesco car park. Sasha Louise McNeilly said: "Waited for 45 minutes in the queue to get out of Tesco car park! "Credit to emergency services and Tesco staff, who managed the situation well and gave out chocolates whilst we waited!" Peter Ryder said: "The car was driven by an elderly man. He collided with two cars before ending up crashing over the grass verge into the filler pipe." Latest (5.54pm): Police have left Tesco now but cars

still won't be able get into the car park for at least next couple of hours. Store is open for pedestrians.

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INDIA, UTTAR PRADESH, LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 21 2014. EXPLOSION AT NORTH INDIA FIREWORKS FACTORY KILLS 5

 **Watch the Video:** [Blast in fireworks factory kills 5](#)

An explosion ripped through a makeshift fireworks factory in northern India on Saturday, killing at least five people who were making the pyrotechnics for a popular festival to be held next month, police said. The owner of the factory was among those killed in the blast, which also injured 20 people, said senior police superintendent Praveen Kumar. Some of those injured were in critical condition, including a schoolgirl who was passing by on the street when the explosion occurred on the outskirts of



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Lucknow city, in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Authorities were investigating the cause of the blast. The small, makeshift factory was manufacturing fireworks for October's Diwali festival, an ancient Hindu celebration also known as the "festival of lights."

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UKRAINE, DONETSK, SEPTEMBER 21 2014. HUGE BLAST DEVASTATES MUNITIONS FACTORY IN REBEL-HELD DONETSK

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A powerful explosion occurred at a military plant in the rebel-held Ukrainian city of Donetsk after a shell hit it. A fire is now ravaging the damaged facility. The plant was used for producing explosives and ammunition as well as for dismantling unexploded munitions collected on the battlefields. On Saturday morning, residents of the war-torn city heard a powerful blast, which was followed by a huge cloud of white smoke rising into the sky. A neighborhood official told Ukrainian 112 television that a shell hit the plant. "There was a direct hit at the No 47 industrial explosives shop, where some explosives were present. It detonated and caused another explosion. Luckily it didn't hit the main storage facility where we have some 2.5 tons of explosives," said Ivan Prikhod'ko, deputy chair of the local community council.

He added that while the incident caused considerable damage, nobody was hurt. The plant itself was not working at the time, so no one was there. Also, it was built

far from any residential areas specifically for safety purposes.

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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, CLAXTON BAY, SEPTEMBER 21 2014. FIVE GUYANESE ON ABANDONED OIL TANKER FOR 19 MONTHS

Five Guyanese who have been living for the past 19 months on a Nigerian oil and gas vessel docked in Trinidad waters, have vowed not to leave the ship unless they are paid US\$215,000 in wages. The M T Tumini has been docked a mile off Trinidad Cement Limited's jetty with the Guyanese holed up in there since July last year, coming to shore only every three weeks to fetch drinking water and food. With little funds remaining, however, having been paid July, 2013 wages in January this year, the Guyanese are pleading for intervention by the Trinidad and Tobago government to seize the ship under International Maritime Law. Attorney Nyree Alfonso has written to the vessel's former owner in Nigeria, Petroleum Brokers Shipping Services Limited, threatening to arrest the vessel and sell it in order to meet the wages of the Guyanese crew. With the crew running out of funds to even purchase drinking water, the Guyanese made a desperate plea for local intervention yesterday, telling Newsday that they sought assistance from the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) in London, who advised them not to leave the vessel, for fear that they would lose their wages. M T Tumini was first purchased by Petroleum Brokers Ltd of Nigeria in 2008, from a Florida-base company which worked the vessel in the Caribbean, transporting fuel. However, after the Nigerian company purchased the vessel, it never sailed due to extensive repairs that were needed. A Nigerian bank — Eco Bank, took over the mortgage on the vessel and continued to finance its operations in Trinidad. A five-member crew from Guyana was hired to man the vessel. They are: Rakesh Jim (Chief Officer); Roy Fredericks (Chief Engineer); Lawrence Daniel (second Engineer); Mohammed Gadwah (second officer); Neil Rampersad (Assistant Engineer/oiler). These men are still aboard the vessel, and up to yesterday, spoke to Newsday seeking this government's intervention, claiming that it seems that Eco-Bank has abandoned the vessel in Trinidad. "We have not been hearing anything from the authorities in Nigeria, especially the Chief Officer, Rakesh Jim, about the fate of the vessel, and our salaries for the past 19 months. We are the crew maintaining the vessel," one of the men told Newsday yesterday. The Guyanese crew has



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not left the vessel since July last year, except to use a dingy to get on shore at Claxton Bay to purchase water and foodstuffs to take back to the vessel. Newsday was shown written correspondence from the ITF, dated February 6, 2014, in which Angie Robinson (Maritime Operations, London)) advised the five Guyanese crew members not to abandon the vessel as it would be difficult for them to recover their wages. Alfonso's letter threatened that under Trinidad and Tobago law, if the vessel remains in local waters, judicial arrest proceedings could be taken out to move the court for an order for sale of the M T Tumini, in order to settle the crew's wages.

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MEXICO, TAMAULIPAS, SEPTEMBER 21 2014. FEDERAL POLICE SECURE 56,000 LITERS OF STOLEN FUEL IN TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO



A total of 2,523 fuel theft cases were reported in 2013, Pemex said.

A Pemex refinery in the city of Minatitlan, Veracruz State, Mexico. A number of different groups are active in hydrocarbon theft, including corrupt Pemex workers, analysts say.

Federal Police units in the Mexican state of Tamaulipas confiscated 56,000 liters of fuel, a vehicle and found an illegal oil tap, presumably for the illicit distribution and sale of hydrocarbons. The fuel was discovered in a tank with a double trailer that was abandoned on the side of the highway in the Gulf of Mexico area. It was found by agents while the engine still running. When searching the area, the authorities found a dirt path where they stumbled upon an oil pipe with an illegal fuel dispenser hidden under a pile of branches. In Tamaulipas, a state rich

in crude oil and plagued with organized crime, fuel theft is quite common. This year, 2,481 illegal fuel tanks have been found — and 2,612 in 2013 — all over Mexico, indicating losses of US\$1.2 billion in 2014 for Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex). The states with the highest incidence rates of fuel theft are Tamaulipas, Sinaloa, Jalisco, Sonora, Veracruz and Puebla, according to the petroleum company. U.K. based NGO, the International Institute for Strategic Studies, says that despite a decline in cartel related homicides, criminal activity related to the energy sector has been increasing in Mexico. The criminal underworld has evidently been adding fuel theft to its "diversification" into extortion, oil heists, and smuggling. According to the Gulf News, 50 Pemex workers were kidnapped between 2001 and 2010 by drug cartels so they could show them how to siphon fuel. Pemex said it is investing US\$282 million to build an automated fuel theft detection system to cover its more than 35,000 kilometer (21,750 mile) pipeline network. The system is called SCADA, and it instantly alerts Pemex to drops in pressure along the pipeline in order to respond rapidly to illegal taps. Pemex said it has already invested US\$85 million in the system and that the remaining US\$197 million will be spent over the next two years.

<http://www.telesurtv.net/english/news/Federal-Police-Secure-56000-Liters-of-Stolen-Fuel-in-Tamaulipas-Mexico-20140921-0001.html>

USA, N.M, SANDOVAL CO, SEPTEMBER 21 2014. OIL TANK FIRE CONTAINED IN SANDOVAL COUNTY

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Four Corners firefighters contained an oil tank fire burning on U.S. 550 in rural Sandoval County around 12 p.m., according to WPX Energy. The fire started around 10:20 a.m. and involved three tanks containing water and a "small quantity of oil," a WPX Energy spokesperson wrote in an email. The three oil wells at the location were shut in immediately as emergency responders worked to extinguish the fire. WPX Energy says there were no injuries during the incident. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

<http://www.kob.com/article/stories/S3566617.shtml?cat=500#.VB4qXsanrww>



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USA, OH, LAYTON, SEPTEMBER 21 2014. TIPPED TANKER, POTENTIAL CHEMICAL SPILL CLOSES ROADS NEAR HILL AIR FORCE BASE



A tipped tanker caused a chemical spill scare and traffic delays near Hill Air Force Base on Friday. The truck, carrying hydrofluorosilicic acid used to fluoridate water, hit a soft spot on the shoulder of the road and tipped as it was backing up on near the tank where the chemical was being delivered about 12:30 p.m. None of the acid spilled, but it caused concern about a potential chemical hazard. "Like most chemicals, chlorine and everything else at certain concentrations is hazardous to human health and human life. So that's the precaution," said Dean Hunt, Layton fire marshal. State Route 193 and Hill Field Road were closed near the base for several hours as crews contained the potential spill, emptied the tank and righted the truck, causing heavy traffic delays in Layton and Clearfield into the Friday afternoon commute.

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865611371/Tipped-tanker-potential-chemical-spill-closes-roads-near-Hill-Air-Force-Base.html>

USA, LA, BATON ROUGE, SEPTEMBER 22 2014. OVERTURNED TANKER IN GAS STATION PARKING LOT SPILLS DIESEL FUEL



The St. George Fire Department was called to a gas station at the corner of Bluebonnet and Burbank Sunday morning after a tanker trailer loaded with diesel fuel overturned. Officials say the trailer was not connected to the truck at the time, and it happened at 9:15 a.m. Baton Rouge Fire Department HazMat, Louisiana State Police and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality were called out because of the diesel spill. Diesel only spilled out from one of three compartments in the tanker. There was no fire, but St. George Fire Department was on hand just in case. There is no word on how the tanker overturned. The remaining diesel was offloaded onto another tanker truck.

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USA, GA, ATLANTA, SEPTEMBER 22 2014. TRUCKER INJURED IN FIERY CRASH AFTER FUEL TANKER LANDS ON SIDE, STRUCK BUILDING

 [Watch the Video: Fuel Truck Loses Control, Causes Fire in Bibb](#)

A 57-year-old truck driver was injured Saturday night after his tractor-trailer fuel tanker landed on its side and burst into flames, damaging a building and shutting down a Macon intersection for several hours. No one else was injured in the wreck, which deputies believe may have occurred because the driver was speeding. The incident happened around 11 p.m. at the intersection of Pionono and Houston avenues, according to the [Bibb County Sheriff's Office](#). Mark Godfrey, of Rincon, was traveling north on Ga. 247 in a tractor-trailer fuel tanker, the sheriff's spokesman Lt. Sean DeFoe said. He told deputies he was driving too fast when he approached the intersection and lost control of the tanker, DeFoe said. The vehicle flipped onto its side coming to a stop near a vacant building at 4685 Pionono Ave., DeFoe said. The tanker exploded into flames, damaging the building, deputies said. The [Macon-Bibb Fire Department](#) responded to the scene to battle the fire while Godfrey was transported by ambulance to the [Navicent Center of Central Georgia](#) where he was listed in stable condition Sunday, they said. The intersection of Pionono and Houston avenues was closed for several hours while officials clean up the fuel spill and debris from the fire, deputies said. The road was reopened about 5:30 a.m., they said. So far Godfrey has not been cited, but it was noted on the report that he was traveling too fast for conditions, deputies said. Still, the investigation is on-going and anyone with information on the wreck is asked to contact the Bibb Sheriff's Office at (478) 751-7500 and ask to leave a message for the on-call accident investigator.

<http://www.examiner.com/article/trucker-injured-fiery-crash-after-fuel-tanker-lands-on-side-struck-building>



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