

Listing of Oil and Gas Incidents in Ohio.

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9/29/08 Granger Township OH

Medina County couples file federal lawsuits over problems with wells

<https://www.ohio.com/akron/business/medina-county-couples-file-federal-lawsuits-over-problems-with-wells>

Two Medina County couples have filed lawsuits in federal court in Cleveland against a gas-drilling company for allegedly contaminating their wells and exposing them to toxic chemicals (Mark Managan and family included)

7/12/12

Weekend brine water spill reported in Fowler

<http://ohiocitizen.org/weekend-brine-water-spill-reported-in-fowler/>

A spill of brine water from a truck has officials with the Trumbull County Engineer's Office concerned.

It happened on Warner Road near an injection well site over the weekend. The rust-colored substance has evaporated, but a trail of it can still be seen on Warner Road and on State Route 305. There is dead grass in the area where the engineer's office said the spill happened.

Fracking Fallout in Ohio: 'Throwing Up Until the Blood Vessels in My Eyes Burst'

August 16, 2012 By [Jon Bowermaster](#)

<http://www.takepart.com/article/2012/08/15/how-fracking-can-make-you-very-very-sick>

11/15/12 Cadiz, OH

Reported Frack Blowout at Hess Site, Cadiz, OH

<http://www.studentsforafairsociety.org/1/post/2012/11/reported-frack-blowout-at-hess-site-cadiz-oh.html>

Portage County: Family concerned over methane in water

<http://archive.wkyc.com/news/health/article/277495/7/Portage-County-Family-concerned-over-methane-in-water>

Jan. 10, 2013

1/17/13 Cadiz, OH

Harrison watching stream, spring pollution

a stream near Fife Road that empties into Tappan Lake becomes discolored during periods of rainfall or melting snow. The stream is located near the Chesapeake Energy Dodson well site, Fisher said. - See more at:

<http://www.heraldstaronline.com/page/content.detail/id/582230/Harrison-watching-stream--spring-pollution.html?nav=5010#sthash.hcP6PhBW.dpuf>

<http://www.heraldstaronline.com/page/content.detail/id/582230/Harrison-watching-stream--spring-pollution.html?nav=5010>

4/6/13 Damascus, OH

Oil and gas storage tank explodes in Damascus

4/13/13

Damascus, OH

<http://www.vindy.com/news/2013/apr/06/oil-and-gas-storage-tank-explodes-in-dam/>

4/15/13 Chippewa Township, OH

Well explodes in eastern Wayne County

<http://www.ohio.com/news/break-news/well-explodes-in-eastern-wayne-county-1.381615>

5/13/13

Pipeline construction in shale boom alters countryside

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2013/05/13/pipeline-construction-in-shale-boom-alters-countryside-risks-spills.html>

EPA records show that about 800 gallons of clay slurry spilled from a MarkWest Energy pipeline project into an unnamed stream near Barnesville in Belmont County on May 4.

The Denver-based company faces likely EPA orders and fines for six other spills in Harrison and Belmont counties since Sept. 17. A Nov. 4 spill near Cadiz in Harrison County polluted 1.5 miles of Boggs Fork and took more than three months to clean up.

“We Can Light Our Water on Fire,” Says Fracking Victim [Carroll County, OH]

May 19, 2013, 01:30:00PM. By [Jane Mundy](#)

http://www.lawyersandsettlements.com/articles/hydraulic-fracturing-water-contamination-epa-fracking-hydrofracking/interview-hydraulic-fracturing-water-contamination-4-18735.html?opt=b&utm_expid=3607522-2&utm_referrer=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2F%2FhAQFbiQgDAQF2m5JJodZik5YS94e0fAsdxFqiJyGkgmLtNg%2Fwww.lawyersandsettlements.com%2Farticles%2Fhydraulic-fracturing-water-contamination-epa-fracking-hydrofracking%2Finterview-hydraulic-fracturing-water-contamination-4-18735.html#.UaKdZZyTssw

6/5/2013:

<http://www.ohio.com/news/local/companies-facing-state-charges-over-illegal-brine-dumping-in-ohio-s-belmont-county-1.403745>

Companies facing state charges over illegal brine dumping in Ohio's Belmont County

6/25/13

Two Dead in Ritchie County Collision of Frackwater Truck

<http://www.frackcheckwv.net/2013/06/25/two-dead-in-ritchie-county-collision-of-frackwater-truck/>

6/26/13 Auglaize County, OH

St. Mary's Oil Leak Investigated By EPA Amid Doubts Over Ohio Chemical Reporting Law

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/06/26/st-marys-oil-leak-ohio-epa_n_3504354.html

6/5/13:

Companies facing state charges over illegal brine dumping in Ohio's Belmont County

<http://www.ohio.com/news/local/companies-facing-state-charges-over-illegal-brine-dumping-in-ohio-s-belmont-county-1.403745>

The state agency said evidence was found that the company was illegally disposing of oil field waste at a Belmont County farm.

The state was also critical of Oklahoma-based Gulfport Energy Corp. that had contracted with Harch Environmental to dispose of the wastes.

The fact that the wastes were illegally dumped indicates that Gulfport Energy failed to meet its responsibility to monitor oil field waste from inception to injection, the state said.

The state agency is consulting with the Ohio Attorney General's office regarding any civil or criminal penalties both against Harch Environmental and Gulfport Energy.

7/22/13

New Franklin: Pipe failure mistaken as explosion

<http://www.wkyc.com/news/article/307400/33/New-Franklin-Gas-well-explosion-reported>

NEW FRANKLIN, Ohio -- Police say the early morning failure of a high-pressure pipe at a New Franklin gas well was mistaken for an explosion and led to the evacuations of hundreds of residents.

Detective Mike Hitchings said the failure of a high-pressure gas line at a Dominion well caused a loud noise that some residents reported as an explosion.

None injured in Clark Co. natural gas-fueled fire

Aug. 13, 2013 Bethel Twp. Clark County

<http://www.whio.com/news/news/local/crews-working-to-tame-natural-gas-fire/nZM7Q/>

8-27-13 Grayville, OH

A TANKER TRUCK WAS DISCOVERED DUMPING BRINE WATER ONTO THE ROADWAY.

<http://alerts.skytruth.org/report/14e9e586-d90b-31dc-9667-fa480891ecf1#c=stae>

Officials looking into explosion

Tanker truck engulfed in flames at Carrollton area gas, oil well

September 29, 2013

By STEVE RAPPACH - Staff Writer , Salem News

<http://www.salemnews.net/page/content.detail/id/568109/Officials-looking-into-explosion.html?nav=5007>

Spills reach wetlands

<http://www.morningjournalnews.com/page/content.detail/id/548629/Spills-reach-wetlands.html?nav=5006>

EPA says situation under control, no environmental damage expected

November 2, 2013

6/23/14

Multiple Injuries Reported in Ohio Explosion

Belpre, OH

<http://www.wtrf.com/story/25856570/multiple-injuries-reported-in-ohio-explosion>

6/28/14

6/28/14

Monroe County OH

Fish kill in eastern Ohio might be linked to fire at fracking well

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/06/30/fish-kill-in-eastern-ohio-might-be-linked-to-fire-at-fracking-well.html>

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/06/29/glitchsparks-smoky-fire-at-gas-well.html>

8/18/14

Harrison County, OH

Harrison County hit by positive magnitude fracking quakes in 2013

<http://www.ohio.com/blogs/drilling/ohio-utica-shale-1.291290/harrison-county-hit-by-positive-magnitude-fracking-quakes-in-2013-1.513784>

10/28/14

Cross Creek Twp, OH

Evacuations lifted, Scene Secured at Jefferson County Well Pad Site

<http://www.wtrf.com/story/27148009/mandatory-evacuations-in-place-after-natural-gas-well-head-sheered-off-in-jefferson-county>

10/28/14

Beallsville, OH

Monroe County Pipeline Fire Scene Cleared; Investigation Continues

<http://www.wtrf.com/story/27055643/crews-responding-to-pipeline-explosion-on-mellotts-ridge-monroe-county>

11/13/15

Noble County, OH

UPDATE: Victim ID'd in Fatal Oil Well Drilling Accident in Noble County

<http://www.wtrf.com/story/27372541/crews-respond-to-fatal-oil-well-drilling-accident-in-noble-county>

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3/10/16

<http://www.timesleaderonline.com/page/content.detail/id/587124/Brine-water-dumped-into-Barnesville-reservoir.html?nav=5010>

Brine water dumped into Barnesville reservoir

BARNESVILLE - Gulfport Energy contractors may not be drawing any water from the village reservoir, but an Ohio Environmental Protection Agency spokesman said the company is responsible for 5,000 gallons of brine that leaked into a stream leading to the reservoir Wednesday.

Officials with Ohio EPA and the state's Department of Natural Resources joined local emergency authorities to investigate the scene along Ohio 800 south of Barnesville on Wednesday after a tractor-trailer overturned around 3 a.m. Barnesville Fire Chief Bob Smith said emergency workers flew the truck driver to a Columbus area hospital for unspecified injuries via medical helicopter. No other vehicles were involved in the crash, he said.

NOTE: At the scene the Ohio EPA explained to one of the fire chiefs who responded, that the brine had no chemicals in it. This would be extremely improbable, as hydrofracking uses many

chemicals during 100% of frack jobs. This truck was delivering radioactive toxic brine liquid waste from a frack pad to an injection well.

4/18/16

<http://www.cantonrep.com/news/20160504/state-federal-officials-investigating-illegal-dumping-on-towpath-road-in-lawrence-township>

State, federal officials investigating illegal dumping on Towpath Road in Lawrence Township

Investigators with the Ohio and U.S. Environmental Protection agencies are on the scene of an illegal dumping incident on Towpath Road in Lawrence Township. A foamy substance was found at two different locations between the highway and the Towpath

Trail along the Tuscarawas River between Zoar and Bolivar. Sgt. Ed Jones of the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office said his department got a call about the dumping at 8:45 a.m. The truck was gone when Jones arrived on the scene.

10/29/2016:

Jefferson County - Adena

COMPANY REPORT OF AN INADVERTENT RETURN OF BENTONITE SLURRY DURING PIPE BORING OPERATIONS. PIPE WAS BEING INSTALLED UNDERNEATH A ROAD. DRILLING HAS BEEN STOPPED WHILE SAND BAG CONTAINMENT IS DEPLOYED. OSC WOLFE NOTIFIED AT 1545.

11/3/2016:

Jefferson County

500 gallons Bentonite clay and water spilled into Thompson Creek.

11/3/2016:

Harrison County –Nottingham Township

2 SLIPS FOUND ALONG PIPELINE RIGHT OF WAY. LINE CONNECTS A WELL TO A COMPRESSOR STATION. 35 LINEAR FEET TOTAL IMPACTED.

11/3/16:

Monroe County - Woodfield

RREPORT OF A COMPRESSOR STATION FIRE. COMPANY CONTACT ON SCENE IS 304-918-3131. LOCAL FD IS ON SCENE. LIMITED DETAILS AT TIME OF CALL. OSC KNERR NOTIFIED

11/3/16:

Jefferson County – Smithville Township

CALLER REPORTED THAT THEY RELEASED 500 GAL OF BENTONITE CLAY AND WATER INTO THOMPSON RUN WHILE DRILLING. CALLER STATED THAT ONCE

THE RELEASE WAS DETECTED THE DRILLING OPERATIONS WERE SHUT DOWN. CALLER STATED THAT THEY WERE DRILLING UNDER A STREAM AND A WETLAND WHEN THE RELEASE HAPPEN ON THE BANK AND THE MATERIAL FLOWED INTO THE WATERWAY. CALLER STATED THAT THEY HAVE THE SPILLED CONTAINED AND ARE DOING THE CLEANUP. CALLER STATED THAT THERE WERE NO ADDITIVES. OSC KNERR NOTIFIED.

4/2/17

Monroe County OH - Graysville

3.0 earthquake in drilling region

<http://www.dispatch.com/news/20170404/ohio-investigates-cause-of-weekend-earthquake-in-drilling-region>

4/20/17

Navarre OH

Pipeline construction spill sends 2 million gallons of drilling mud into two Ohio wetlands

<http://www.dispatch.com/news/20170420/pipeline-construction-spill-sends-2-million-gallons-of-drilling-mud-into-two-ohio-wetlands>

5/24/17

Vinton County, OH

3.4 Magnitude Earthquake Hits Vinton County

<http://radio.wosu.org/post/34-magnitude-earthquake-hits-vinton-county>

6/2/17

Belmont County, OH

Southeast Ohio earthquake sets off alarms, causes no damage

<http://www.dispatch.com/news/20170603/southeast-ohio-earthquake-sets-off-alarms-causes-no-damage>

3.4 earthquake near Whiskey Run Golf Course (W. of Batesville)

8/1/17

OH

Tanker Truck Rollover in Belmont County

http://www.yourohiovalley.com/story/36015099/tanker-truck-rollover-in-belmont-county?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook_WTRF_7News

The driver claimed his brakes went out, but an investigation is pending.

8/6/1

OH

Pipeline Drilling Causing Landslides in Jefferson County

<http://wtov9.com/news/local/pipeline-drilling-causing-landslides-in-jefferson-county>

Just days ago, a landslide pushed dirt and debris near houses at the bottom of the hill, forcing families to evacuate.

8/9/17

OH

Perry residents dealing with discolored water

<http://www.cantonrep.com/news/20170809/perry-residents-dealing-with-discolored-water>

Rover Pipeline drilling mud was dumped into the Beach Street Quarry, which is located near the city's Sugarcreek wellfield. The wellfield is one of the main sources of Canton's drinking water.

10/23/17

Wooster man dead in Stark County gas line incident

<http://www.cantonrep.com/news/20171023/wooster-man-dead-in-stark-county-gas-line-incident>

Reports of an explosion in the 8400 block of Beth Avenue SW came in around 10:15 a.m., and the odor of natural gas soon drifted over Navarre more than 4 miles away.

The incident happened during maintenance work at a metering station on part of the Columbia Gas Transmission System, but the cause is unknown, according to the owner, TransCanada.

11/2/17

OH EPA Sues Rover over pipeline spills

<http://starkpoliticalreport.blogspot.com/2017/11/breaking-news-ohio-epa-sues-rover.html>

According to the lawsuit, Rover has illegally discharged drilling fluids and sediment-laden storm water on numerous occasions and in various counties while constructing a 713-mile interstate pipeline across Ohio. In April, it discharged several million gallons of drilling fluids into wetlands in Stark County. Rover is accused of violating state water pollution control laws and failing to comply with Ohio EPA Director's Orders.

11/19/17

Brine truck accident shuts down traffic on US 50

<http://www.thenewscenter.tv/content/news/Brine-truck-accident-shuts-down-traffic-on-US-50-458637853.html>

According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, brine from the truck spilled into the Little Hocking Creek.

10/4/17 OH Noble County

Noble County Victims Overcome by Gas Improving

<http://www.daily-jeff.com/news/20171011/noble-county-victims-overcome-by-gas-improving>

Contrary to this article, as of 11/20/17, Kevin Saliba is braindead at OSU. His father confirmed it was hydrogen sulfide or sour gas and they were in a water cistern on Miley property, adjacent to the Rock Water oil/gas waste facility on Windy Ridge Road.

11/16/17 OH Ashland County

Ohio asks Rover pipeline to stop horizontal drilling

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-5116913/Ohio-asks-Rover-pipeline-stop-horizontal-drilling.html>

to halt drilling after 200 gallons of slurry spilled into a river in Ashland County on Nov. 16.

12/11/17 OH Summerfield

Rollover Crash on Rte 78 Injures Driver

<http://www.daily-jeff.com/news/20171211/rollover-crash-on-route-78-injures-driver>

1/12/18 OH Stark County

Officials worry about possible new Rover Spills

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-energy-transf-ohio/ohio-officials-worry-about-possible-new-spills-from-rover-natgas-pipe-idUSKBN1F128N>

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency said in a filing with the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) that it learned this week that 148,000 gallons of drilling fluid were “lost down the hole” that ETP is drilling under the Tuscarawas River in Stark County, Ohio.

1/31/18 OH Noble County

Pipeline explodes in Noble County; no injuries reported

<http://www.record-courier.com/news/20180131/pipeline-explodes-in-eastern-noble-county-field/1>

A 24-inch section of the Tallgrass Seneca Lateral Pipeline exploded 3 miles north of Summerfield along rte 513.

2/15/18 OH Belmont County

<http://wtov9.com/news/local/well-pad-explosion-fire-forces-evacuations-in-powhatan-point-area>

Well Pad Explosion, Fire Forces Evacuations in Powhatan Point Area

An XTO spokesperson says at approximately 9 a.m., XTO lost containment on a gas well pad on Cat’s Run.

We’re going to evacuate a 1-mile radius of this area

3/23/18 OH Old Washington (Guernsey County)

<http://yourradioplace.com/local-news/firefighters-battle-oil-well-pad-blaze-near-old-washington/>

FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE OIL WELL PAD BLAZE NEAR OLD WASHINGTON

The Eggleston oil well pad was badly damaged by the huge fire that could be seen for miles and was visible from I-70, which runs alongside Easton Road.

6/4/18 OH Belmont

No one injured in well pad fire

<http://www.timesleaderonline.com/news/local-news/2018/06/no-one-injured-in-well-pad-fire/>

EQT Iron Warrior well pad fire. Shut off valve and fire extinguished.

1/21/19 OH Noble County (Summerfield)

Pipeline explosion in Noble County injures one, destroys 2 homes

<https://www.daily-jeff.com/news/20190121/pipeline-explosion-in-noble-county-injures-one-destroys-2-homes>

At least one person has been injured and two homes are believed to have been destroyed by a gas line explosion Monday morning on Smithberger Road in Noble County.

https://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2019/01/21/world/americas/21reuters-enbridge-gas.html?fbclid=IwAR1ePd5VglxEy0roul6_X-GzRzh0C-NJWsV2u0eEePMu-dCXeH1xI9yfUgl

6/2/19 OH Woodfield

<https://alerts.skytruth.org/report/4451f245-31c7-247a-1ed2-d7c4a27de6ca/>

Brine tanker rolled and DISCHARGED ONTO THE GROUND AND POSSIBLY INTO A NEARBY CREEK (UNKNOWN). THE TANKER WAS REPORTEDLY CARRYING 80 BARRELS OF DRILLING BRINE