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Gulf storms force crude to almost \$82 a barrel

UK hauliers face a 'winter of discontent' with the news that storms in the Gulf of Mexico have halted oil production in the region. As a result, crude oil had traded at a record high, almost \$82 a barrel, in mid September. In the UK, PetrolPrices.com quoted a national average of £0.971 a litre.

Kevin Taylor, MD of LMS said:

"Operators need to start taking the rising prices seriously, it is not good enough to simply complain about costs increasing.

The key is to identify areas in which cost reductions can be made, such as cutting dead mileage or storing diesel on-site." He concludes: "Our advisors have a wealth of knowledge in this field due to the numerous governmental contracts we have been involved with".



Poor practice EXPOSED!

Many thanks to E Davies, a self employed contract haulier from the North East. He spotted this precarious looking fuelling facility whilst on a site which cannot be named!

A £20 M&S voucher is on it's way to Mr Davies, so for your chance to also get your hands on a voucher, forward your images to:
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Salvesen's choose SAFED

Christian Salvesen's Food and Consumer division have implemented the Safe And Fuel Efficient Driving (SAFED) course at their Grantham depot. LMS recently developed one of the company's driver trainers in the techniques, which he will now instruct his colleagues in.



SAFED not only offers an average fuel consumption reduction of over 10%, but reduces vehicle wear and tear whilst also improving safety. Visit liquidms.co.uk for more information.



Mercedes-Benz vans took the fuel-efficiency honours in the latest AA/ALD Automotive MPG Marathon.

In the category for medium-sized vans between 2.6 and 2.99 tonnes, Mercedes Vito took the first two places. The winning Vito 109CDI returned a stunning 55.04mpg, the highest figure ever recorded by a panel van in an MPG Marathon.

FfT now goes monthly!

Due to popular demand, Fuel for Thought will now be published on a montly basis.

In addition to this, industry specific variations will also be published, focusing on logistics, quarrying and construction sectors.

Although we cannot accomodate every story, you may have something you want to share with your industry. If you wish to supply editorial, please contact:
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In addition to this, an Optilevel tank gauging system, also manufactured by Hectronic, will ensure accurate reconciliation of tank stocks.

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