

Qingdao Sinopec Petroleum Pipeline Leakage and Explosion Unveils

Safety is always First

At 3:00 a.m., Friday, Nov 22nd, 2013, the petroleum pipeline of Weifang branch of Qingdao Sinopec petroleum pipeline became broken all at once, which was located in the intersection place of Qinghuangdao Road and Zhaitang Road in Huangdao District. After almost 15 minutes later, the company closed the pipeline. As a consequence, the road area polluted by raw petroleum reached about 1000 square meters; moreover, partial raw petroleum even flowed into the Jiaozhou Bay under the action of rain, which made the polluted sea surface reach 3000 square meters. And thus Huangdao district government immediately appointed personnel to set two containment booms on the sea immediately. At 10: 30 a.m., an explosion occurred in the intersection of Yanhaihe Road and Zhaitangdao Road, and then the polluted sea surface started to catch on fire. Such an accident led 62 deaths as of Dec. 2nd, and the hospital accepted 136 injured.

At present, the cause of the accident is still under investigation. Undoubtedly this accident has caused terrible losses, which unveils that the planned deployment of petroleum pipeline and urban drainage pipeline networks are unreasonable. It is the deficient management on petroleum pipeline that led the raw petroleum leakage directly, and then the inappropriate emergency rescue measures expanded the accidental losses to a large extent.

However Anxin-China always keeps the faith that life is priceless. Also, we can acknowledge that governments and corporations should formulate emergency rescue measures in an earlier stage, so as to reduce accidental losses to the minimum extent. Safety is the fundamental premise of social development. For enterprises, it's required to cooperate with governmental departments to ensure safety production with high quality. Moreover, urban residents have the rights to know all kinds of dangerous indexes and defense notices clearly. Feeling so sad for such a petroleum leakage and explosion accident in Qingdao, Anxin-China strengthens its power to make more contributions to

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