

**“Is it difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends upon his NOT understanding it”**

**ENGEN** (PICTURES RIGHT) OCT. 2001  
Confirmed leak of about 15000 – 25000 litres of Diesel from an Underground pipeline close to houses in Pine Rd, Wentworth. American scientists report that 52% of children at Settlers Primary School are Asthma sufferers. School is 700m away from Engen. South Durban is home to **285 000 people.**



Above: A The 2007 fire at **ENGEN** burned for five days clouding South Durban with black smoke.



### Beyond the Grave: Umlazi Landfill

Dumping ground, often illegally, for hazardous-chemical, medical and household waste since 1986. The landfill was shut down in 1996, thanks to community-based protest and negotiation initiatives. However, effects of the landfill remain for the residents of Umlazi and Isipingo.

### Environmental Racism

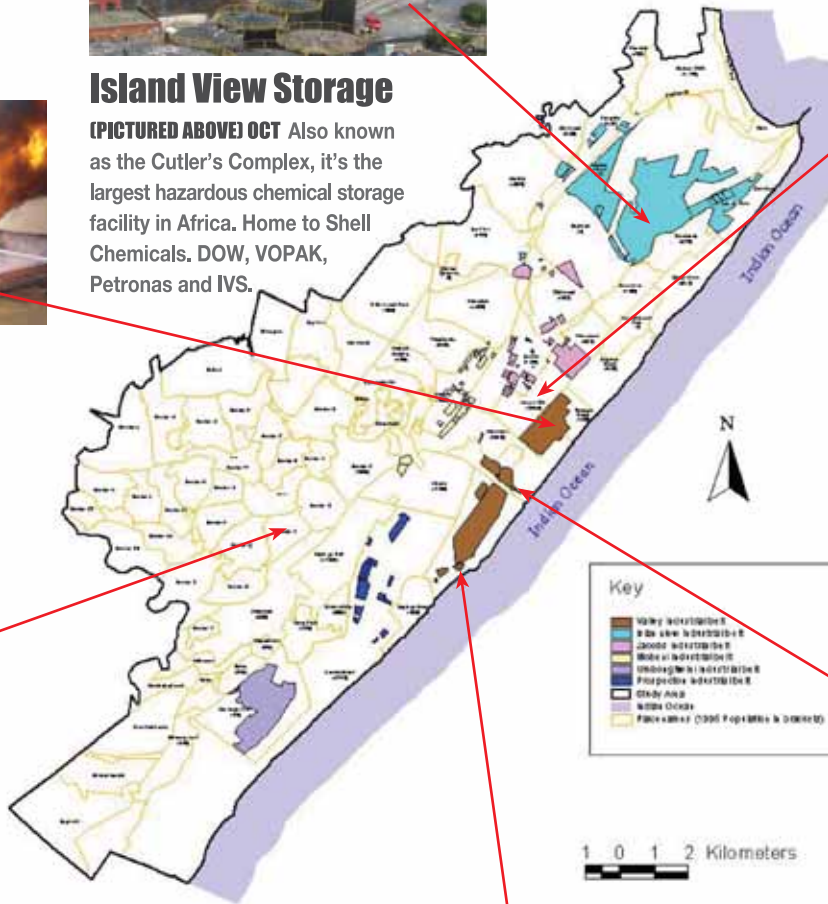
**SAPREF is one of many guilty organizations that make use of outdated technology in comparison with the rest of the world. If such factories operated this way in countries like Denmark, they would be closed down. In fact such conditions would never be allowed anywhere in Europe or America. This is only one example of the double standards that exist largely along racial lines.**



### Island View Storage

(PICTURED ABOVE) OCT Also known as the Cutler’s Complex, it’s the largest hazardous chemical storage facility in Africa. Home to Shell Chemicals, DOW, VOPAK, Petronas and IVS.

Left: September 2007 Island View explosion endangered the lives of Bluff residents. Investigations still underway as to the cause of the explosion.



### SAPREF (SHELL & BP) JUNE

2001 – SAPREF confirms 1 million litre petrol leak from rusty underground pipeline next to houses & Bluff Nature Reserve.

Left: SAPREF and ENGEN refuse to replace their over 40 year-old pipelines, which show deterioration of over 50% of wall thickness. In 2007 such leakages occurred.

### The Price Residents Pay

Right: Children in Austerville play happily outside their homes flanked on each border by sprawling factories. At night they suffer with breathing problems.



- Increasing number of **environmental incidents** such as spills and flares
- Living amidst nauseating **odours**, disruptive **sounds**, and repulsive **sights**
- **Burning eyes, nose and throat, headaches, coughing, and dizziness**
- Increasing rates of **Leukemia and Cancers**
- High percentage of people, especially children with **Asthma**
- **Removals** from the area
- Contaminated ground water and gardens

### Mondi Paper and Pulp Co.



Mondi is situated in-between two residential areas. It has already forced numerous market gardeners to move and continues to talk of expansion plans.

**“Economic advance is not the same as human progress”**