

# ERLA ANNOUNCES AUDIT OF AIR LIQUIDE

Dallas, Texas, CAS [Dallas Morning News]

The Extraterritoriality Registration and Liaison Agency (ERLA) announced that they are going to audit the security and environmental practices of Air Liquide, Inc (A) at their facilities throughout the Confederation. The announcement was made at press conference earlier today. Deputy Inspector Alice Worthington said, "the recent accidents at their facilities indicates that they are not complying with their requirements under the Business Recognition Accords. Therefore, ERLA is invoking our audit and review clause."

The announcement comes after last month's leak at an Air Liquide facility in the DFW Metroplex. While the rupturing of their liquid oxygen tank resulted in zero fatalities, questions still remain. Air Liquide has blamed the accident on "anit-corp terrorists and sabateurs," which apparently did not impress ERLA's Worthington: "They are required to take adequate precautions to prevent accidents, which they are manifestly not doing. The only reason Air Liquide doesn't have a few dozen fatalities on their hands is that the tank that ruptured was just oxygen."

Air Liquide has indicated that they will appeal the decision to the Corporate Court. However, in an interview last week Justice Baisma Oriol Diasruiz (Saeder-Krupp) indicated that the CC was unlikely to consider the appeal: "It is not the responsibility of this Court to shield members from compliance with their contracted obligations. If Air Liquide can't maintain the security and safety of their facilities as required by the directives of this Court and the Business Recognition Accords, that is *their* problem - not Zurich Orbital's. ERLA performing the audit means we don't have to."

Sources that wish to remain anonymous indicate that several complaints have already been registered with the Corporate Court, regarding violation of contracts by Air Liquide involving contaminated materials. "They've been shipping stuff that isn't what they say it is, and it's caused some huge problems."

The audit is expected to take up to three months, and will involve onsite inspections, as well as management and process audits. Air Liquide's stock valuation dropped 3% on the news. Air Liquide has also announced that they are severing their relationship with Hard Corps, and are soliciting bids for a new security provider,

# AZTLAN HOLDS NAVAL EXERCISE IN GULF

Tenochtitlan [CNN]

Aztlan officials have confirmed that they are holding a naval exercise in the Gulf of Aztlan as part of an "annual training exercise and wargaming experiment." CAS and the Carribean League have formally protested the exercise, citing that live missile firing pose a threat to international maritime and aviation traffic in the area.

These concerns were dismissed by Aztlan Admiral José de Tilmatzin in a press conference yesterday afternoon prior to rites at the Huitzilopchtli Teocalli : "We have held these exercises for years, and each time the CAS and their League

lackeys protest. And each time we carry out the exercises without incident. We have a duty to protect our homeland, on the land, in the air, among the spirits, and on the water. I will not let my sailors go untrained because the Confederates have no stomach for fire."

# SAEDER-KRUPP RECALLS IMPLANT SUITE

Zurich Orbital [CCNW]

Citing a signal incompatibility between Cyberdynamics' Cranholder sim module and the Prodigy DOC 4.01 cognitive encephalon system, Saeder-Krupp has issued a recall on all recipients of their top-selling Cyberlogician suite of implants for surgical repair and replacement.

This is an unusual move for Saeder-Krupp, which has not issued a surgical recall since 2072, when their Prodigy 2.07b system was found to be defective. That recall was extremely costly for the European megacorp, resulting in a charge of over €523 million (2080 adjusted), and is widely cited as the cause of a loss of 15% in the headware market to Universal Omnitech and Renraku.

This new recall will require all recipients of the Cyberlogician suite from July 2076 through November of 2079 to visit their local Saeder-Krupp authorized installation surgeon within the next 60 days. Saeder-Krupp will pay all expenses, and is offering a credit of €500 for lost work time.

To confirm if your suite is affected, visit Cyberdynamic's recall site [here](#) and execute their diagnostic utility.

- > This one is pretty nasty - certain visual patterns cause the encephalon to jam the sim module. A full reboot is required.  
TechmOnkey
- > Kind of scary that SK took this long to issue the recall - there's been exploit code in the wild for quite a while now.  
Nocrimo
- > No kidding. It doesn't just jam the sim module - it goes unstable. Scared the hell out of me the first time it happened. I started tasting blue wherever I went, and the 'cephalon wouldn't let me stop thinking about how weird that was. Fortunately, alcohol helped a lot with that.  
Ain't Tellin'
- > Must be something really weird going on that a patch can't fix it. Their QC needs some work.  
TechmOnkey
- > From what I hear, they need a new VP of Quality over at Cyberdynamics. Evidently the boss wasn't very happy about this, and was a bit hungry. Bad combination.  
Nocrimo
- > Drek, I know people that spend a lot of money on some very interesting compounds to get that kind of synesthesia. Sign me up!  
- MEESA
- > Oh wiz! The diagnostic utility uploads via QR code. You just have to look at the image, and it auto-parses the identifier routines and the result pops up in an AR window. That is some serious swag right there.  
TechmOnkey
- > No way that could be abused...  
Nocrimo