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NOTES AND QUESTIONS

1. In the Siegler v. Kulman case to which the opinion refers, the Supreme Court of Washington found that strict liability applied to the transportation of gasoline as freight in a tanker truck. The case arose out of an accident in which a high school student on her way home from her after school job came upon a gasoline spill that had just occurred on the highway when the tank trailer separated from the truck and overturned. The gasoline spill burst into flames as she reached it.

2. Activities (in addition to blasting) that have been held to be abnormally dangerous include transportation and storage of toxic chemicals and inflammable liquids, pile driving, crop dusting, fumigation with toxic gases, testing of rockets, fireworks displays, operation of oil wells, and storage of large quantities of water. Note, however, that some of these activities were not subject to strict liability. Compare Northglenn v. City of Boulder, 618 P.2d 175 (Colo. 1981) (strict liability applied to storage of highly toxic chemicals in underground tanks at service station near residential area); Langan v. Valicopters, Inc., 88 Wash.2d 855, 567 P.2d 218 (1977) (strict liability for crop dusting) and Lawler v. Skelton, 241 Miss. 274, 130 So.2d 565 (1961) (negligence for crop dusting); Klein v. Pyrodyne Corp., 117 Wash.2d 1, 810 P.2d 917 (1991) (strict liability for fireworks display at 4th of July celebration) and Cadena v. Chicago Fireworks Mfg. Co., 297 Ill.App.3d 945, 697 N.E.2d 802 (1998) (using same §§ 519–520 analysis, court reaches opposite result).
9. Many of the courts rejecting Rylands v. Fletcher by name have accomplished much the same result by calling the defendant’s activity or condition an “absolute nuisance.” See page 808 and Prosser, Nuisance Without Fault, 20 Tex. L. Rev. 399 (1942).

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certified question. A point of law on which a federal appellate court seeks guidance from either the U.S. Supreme Court or the highest state court by the procedure of certification. [Cases: Federal Courts 392, 463.]
§ 463. Defining and Illustrating Private Nuisance

Definitions of private nuisance. A private nuisance today is a condition or activity that interferes with the possessor’s use and enjoyment of her land by incorporeal or non-trespassory invasions to such an extent that the landowner cannot reasonably be expected to bear without compensation. What the plaintiff can reasonably be expected to bear it often determined by the character of the neighborhood, but the utility of the defendant’s activity is also relevant. The interference may cause tangible harm to the land, diminution in its market value, or personal discomfort to its occupants. The interference must be one that would defined as anything done to the hurt, annoyance, or detriment of the lands or hereditaments of another, and not amounting to a trespass. Such broad definitions are un-

17. See § 467.
Briefly, how do torts relate to environmental law?

Environmental Law. Recent years have witnessed a dramatic awakening of interest in protection of the environment against certain abuses, principally resource depletion and pollution. Pollution frequently causes physical harm, and thus those harmed have looked to tort law—especially the law of nuisance—in their search for legal remedies to combat it.
What are the elements of private nuisance?
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