

Re: Gas Explosion Shakes Texas

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On Sun, 18 Dec 2005 09:14:47 -0500, jonathan wrote:

- > Ya know that explosion in Britain, they've claimed it was
- > an accident, but that conclusion seems suspicious coming
- > so soon. Even while the fires were still burning.

Yes, I do know that major oil depot explosion in England that registered 2.9 on the Richter.

The fires are not still burning. A new one did break out after the original one and those that started as a result of a chain reaction were put out, but the new one is contained and is being allowed to burn itself out.

The investigations are still going on but a lorry driver detected a vapour leak and flicked an isolation switch. He thinks that maybe a spark from the switch ignited the vapour. That there was a vapour leak from somewhere is supported by a security guard working at Fujifilm who could smell fumes strongly inside the building. When he opened a window, he could smell it even stronger. The driver hasn't been blamed and what he's said has been noted while the investigation is continuing. No firm conclusions have been drawn as yet and the possibility of terrorism is only one thing that is being considered. At the moment there is nothing to suggest that it was terrorism. If it wasn't deliberate, then it was an accident.

Vapour leaks happen and you should already know that it's the vapour that burns, not the fuel. As a trained motor race marshal, who's also been trained as a motor race fire marshal, I've seen cigarettes put out in petrol many times without any explosions or the ignition of the vapour – but it has to be done very quickly.

- > Damaging oil pipelines and setting off oil wells is something
- > that has a long history in the Middle East.

England isn't in the Middle East. It's a long way away from there. Our oil pipelines are mostly under the sea and our oil wells in the North Sea.

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> Hmm, I wonder!

Wonder away but you're well wide of the mark.

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