



RECENT COMPRESSOR STATION EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES

1. Explosion rocks Missouri natural gas plant (November 29, 2013)

<http://fox2now.com/2013/11/29/explosion-rocks-missouri-natural-gas-plant/>

“... the blast ... could be seen for miles around ... some living nearby were evacuated from their homes as a precaution...”

2. Two injured in explosion at Williams gas pipeline facility Branchburg (May 31, 2013)

http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20130530/NJNEWS/305300063/?nclick_check=1

“The workers were welding a portion of a nonactive pipe at the compressor station at the time of the explosion, about 7 p.m. Emergency responders, including firefighters and ambulances, rushed to the scene.”

3. Fire, possible explosion at Susquehanna gas compressor station thought to be accidental (May 16, 2013)

<http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/fire-possible-explosion-at-susquehanna-gas-compressor-station-thought-to-be-accidental-1.1489789>

“A fire and possible explosion at a Susquehanna County gas compressor station late Tuesday night remain under investigation but is thought to be an accident, a state police fire marshal said ... bulging walls in the building indicated there may have been an explosion.”

“DEP air quality engineer/emergency response team member Shailesh Patel discussed specific air quality issues with Williams Site Operations Manager Mike Dickinson and recommended an air quality program follow up.”

3. Ohio worker killed after West Virginia natural gas explosion (April 14, 2013)

<http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20130414/ohio-worker-killed-after-west-virginia-natural-gas-explosion>

"Two other workers were injured in Thursday's accident at a Eureka Hunter Pipeline operation near Wick. The sheriff's office says it doesn't have any information on them. Authorities have said the incident was an explosion at a compressor station. But Eureka's parent, Magnum Hunter Resources, says it was a flash fire at a "pig receiving station."

4. Explosion at Gas Compressor Station in Oklahoma (April 12, 2013)

<http://earthfirstjournal.org/newswire/2013/04/05/explosion-at-gas-compressor-station-in-oklahoma/>

"An explosion at a natural gas compressor station near the Logan and Lincoln County lines has forced the evacuation of homes within one square mile of the incident, Thursday night." "Crews from Lincoln, Payne and Oklahoma Counties have responded to the scene." "...it is unclear how long residents in the area will have to remain evacuated."

5. Arkansas Gas Explosion – Evacuations – BHP compressor station at Fracking operation (March 5, 2013)

<http://sincedutch.wordpress.com/2013/03/06/352013-arkansas-gas-explosion-evacuations-bhp-compressor-station-at-fracking-operation/>

"A fire that followed a blast at a natural gas compression station in Van Buren County led to several dozen homes being evacuated..."

6. Explosion at Susquehanna County gas compressor station (February 16, 2013)

<http://www.timesleader.com/stories/Explosion-at-Susquehanna-County-gas-compressor-station,130704>

"Vera Scroggins, an anti-drilling activist who lives in the area, said she saw thick clouds of black smoke billowing from the site."

"The compressor station pressurizes natural gas taken from the Marcellus Shale formation for movement along the pipeline system. "Once it's safe to return to the station, we'll begin a thorough investigation..."

"... a fire department from South Abington Township, Lackawanna County, was called in to spray a foaming agent onto the site."

7. Fire at Harrison County Compressor Station Kept Under Control (December 7, 2012)

<http://www.wdtv.com/wdtv.cfm?func=view§ion=5-News&item=Fire-at-Harrison-County-Compressor-Station-Kept-Under-Control7030>

"Several Harrison County fire departments were on the scene of a fire at a compressor station in Good Hope Friday night." "They said crews were on scene to make sure the fire stayed under control until Antero and Enervest workers got there to shut down the compressor's pressure."":

8. Explosion, fire rage through natural gas compressor station

(November 22, 2012)

http://www.sunad.com/index.php?tier=1&article_id=26535

“An explosion and fire ripped through a natural gas compressor station in remote eastern Carbon County Tuesday morning, injuring two workers and engulfing the entire facility in flame. The injured workers were evacuated by medical helicopters ...”

“Fire fighting units from every city in Carbon County responded.” “...the fire was contained but not extinguished as of 1 p.m. ...” “... the main compressor station and several other buildings at the site were consumed in the blaze.”

9. Lightning Likely Cause of Natural Gas Pump Station Fire (July 23, 2012)

Fox 40

“Windsor resident Bert Scherer told Fox40 he was watching the storm when he noticed a lightning strike very close to the pump station which is about a half mile away from his home. Scherer said within a minute he saw a blazing fire above the tree line and called 9-1-1. “They were huge flames. I mean really big. It was kind of scary,” said Scherer. Patterson Road was closed off while fire crews including a foam truck from Vestal Fire Department worked to contain the blaze. As a safety precaution, people living within a quarter mile of the fire were asked to evacuate until further notice.”

“Lount and other neighbors told Fox40 they’ve had issues with the pump station. They say the station is very noisy and can be very loud in the middle of the night.”

10. BP gas compressor station explosion in Colorado kills one (June 26, 2012)

<http://www.hazardexonthenet.net/article/51303/BP-gas-compressor-station-explosion-in-Colorado-kills-one.aspx>

“BP said a contractor was killed and two others injured after an explosion at a gas compressor station in Durango, Colorado.”

11. Explosion reported at Susquehanna compressor station (March 30, 2012)

By Laura Legere (Staff Writer)

“SPRINGVILLE TWP. - An explosion at a natural gas compressor station in Susquehanna County on Thursday morning blew a hole in the roof of the complex holding the engines, shaking homes as far as a half-mile from the compressor complex and drawing emergency responders from nearby counties. The 11 a.m. blast at the Lathrop compressor station off Route 29 in Springville Township sent black and gray clouds billowing from the building for several hours...”

“The DEP has permitted seven compressor engines for the site, although it was unclear Thursday how many were running at the time of the fire.” “We’re going to begin a full-scale investigation into how this happened,” she said, “what was going on up there and the situation with the permits - how many compressors were operating up there and how many they were allowed to operate.”

"Springville Volunteer Fire Co. Assistant Chief Jason Rinker said more than seven fire companies responded to the explosion. "It was hectic," Rinker said." "Burton Miller, who lives about half a mile across a field from the compressor station, heard a "big bang" that shook his house. "I looked out the window and I saw the building all blown apart up there and smoke," he said. "A lot of the roof and metal siding is all gone."

12. Fire destroys Mercer County compressor station housing (February 4, 2012)

http://triblive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/regional/s_779962.html#axzz2nJDYVKpl

"An early morning fire on Friday destroyed the housing of a compressor station that serves 11 natural gas wells and a fuel-gas pipeline in Mercer County." "A few nearby homes were evacuated briefly as a precaution, Mercer County emergency officials said. Firefighters extinguished the flames by 6:30 a.m. No one was injured."

13. Two suffer injuries due to fire at Wyoming natural gas site (December 6, 2011)

http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/two-suffer-injuries-due-to-fire-at-wyoming-natural-gas/article_1e7e73ac-e3a0-563a-bff1-0b6a716457da.html

"A fire at a natural gas compressor station in southwest Wyoming on Tuesday set off two explosions, sent smoke billowing into the sky and caused two people to be taken away by ambulance, authorities say." "Reports indicated venting gas ignited and set off two explosions, the sheriff's office said in a news release. Firefighters, medical personnel and sheriff's deputies responded to the scene."

14. Gas explosion, fire forces evacuations (November 3, 2011)

<http://www.times-news.com/local/x459214584/Gas-explosion-fire-forces-evacuations>

"ARTEMAS, Pa. — Two buildings were destroyed and several others damaged when fire broke out early Thursday at the Columbia Gas Transmission compressor station. Residents in the area were evacuated ..." "Bedford County Emergency Management Director Dave Cubbison said it took four hours to control the fire. Flames reportedly shot hundreds of feet into the air when the fire occurred. The Allegany County 911 center was inundated with calls about the fire. "We probably received about a hundred calls," said acting 911 director Roger Bennett. Sixteen volunteer fire units remained at the scene at 10:30 a.m. Between 40 and 50 homes were evacuated because of the fire."

