

New London School Explosion

New London, Texas
March 18, 1937

On March 18, 1937, the London School of New London, Texas was leveled by a huge explosion. Unfortunately, many people were in the school on the afternoon of the explosion and an estimated 280 students, 15 teachers, 2 visitors and a school secretary were killed. This tragedy remains the worst catastrophe to occur inside a school in American history.

As a result of this horrendous accident, all natural gas in the United States is treated to have an odor, usually with mercaptan which smells like rotten eggs, so that leaks can be detected by smell.

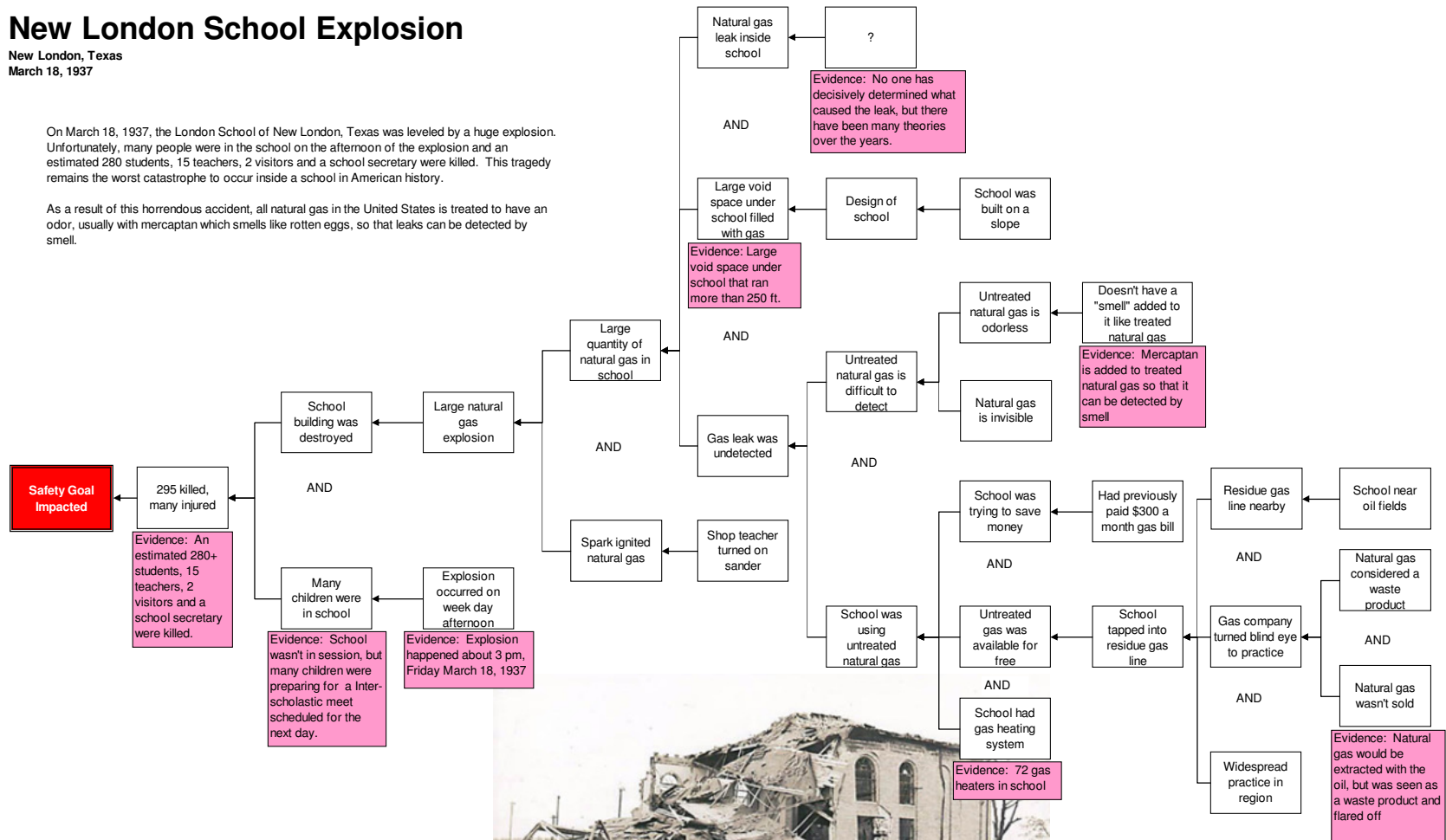


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Cause Map High Level

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