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Drilling disaster On November 20, 1980, when the disaster took place, the Diamond Crystal Salt Company operated the Jefferson Island salt mine under the lake, while a ...

TIL that in 1980, a Texaco oil rig drilled into the top of a salt mine underneath Lake Peigneur in Louisiana, causing the lake to drain into the sinkhole -- swallowing 11 barges -- and a nearby ...

The Draining Begins Lake Peigneur's beauty and peacefulness were abruptly interrupted on November 20, 1980. Something strange began that day, and it all started with a drilling ...

In 1980, Texaco drilled down to look for oil beneath Lake Peigneur. A little too far down. The mistake drained the entire lake like a bathtub, ...

November 20, 1980, was a calm day at Louisiana 's Lake Peigneur, located about nine miles north of Vermilion Bay in the Gulf of Mexico, until a Texaco oil drill bit struck a large salt dome beneath the water, causing a cataclysmic disaster. Within three hours, a giant ...

Geologists and the Army Corps of Engineers were trying to determine what caused the hole in Lake Peigneur, causing it to drain into the mine Thursday. No one was injured but ...

On November 20, 1980, a Texaco oil rig accidentally punctured the salt mine beneath Lake Peigneur. This caused the lake to drain rapidly, creating a massive whirlpool that sucked in ...

The Lake Peigneur drilling disaster saw an oversight result in a dramatic reshaping of the Louisiana landscape. The resulting sinkhole ...

In November of 1980, a whirlpool caused by Texaco in Louisiana's Lake Peigneur swallowed 11 barges, a tugboat, trees, 65 acres of land & turned the 10-foot ...

Explore the astonishing story of Lake Peigneur's 1980 disaster in our video, where a Texaco drilling error led to a cataclysmic whirlpool.

Lake Peigneur Disaster: On the morning of November 21, 1980, a Texaco oil rig team on Louisiana's Lake Peigneur noticed that their drill had ...

Diagram showing Lake Peigneur over salt mine At that time, Diamond Crystal Salt Company operated the Jefferson Island salt mine under the lake, while a Texaco oil rig was drilling down ...



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As such, Texaco was doing some drilling in the lake. On November 20, 1980, crews on the oil rig in the lake ran into a problem. At just over 1,200 ...

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On November 20, 1980--44 years ago exactly-- an oil drilling accident caused the formation of Lake Peigneur, a sinkhole that remains the largest of its kind ...

The Lake Peigneur drilling disaster drained an entire lake, 65 acres (260,000 m²) of surrounding land and created the biggest waterfall of Louisiana.

Texaco said the rig had reached a depth of 1,228 feet when it apparently punched a hole into the roof of a cavern in a salt mine operated by Diamond Crystal Salt Co. of St. ...

In 1980 Texaco was doing exploratory drilling for oil in Lake Peigneur, a shallow man-made lake near New Iberia, LA. Although many of ...

The residents of Lake Peigneur in Louisiana found out on 20 November 1980. That day, oil giant Texaco had been drilling in the lake, when it pierced the bottom.

This video from the History Channel shows how Lake Peigneur in Louisiana disappeared in 1980 when the location of a salt mine was miscalculated during exploratory oil ...

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On the morning of November 20, 1980, the crew of the oil rig was probing the lake bed when they ran into a small problem--their 14-inch drill bit ...

Drilling disaster The backwards flow of the normally outflowing Delcambre Canal temporarily created the biggest waterfall in Louisiana. On November 20, 1980, an oil rig contracted by ...



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On the bulletin board outside my professor's office appeared an article about a Texaco drilling rig that was sucked down a hole, draining a lake in the process.

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