

## Soviet drilling rig accident in 1971

How did Soviet crater avert a natural disaster?

Geologists devised an audacious plan to avert a natural disaster and stop the fumes from poisoning the residents of neighboring villages. Soviet scientists set the crater on fire shortly after it erupted in the hopes that the flames would burn off the methane gas in a few weeks.

What happened to a gas hazard pit?

It was spewing toxic gases. In order to contain the hazard, the gases were set alight, with the expectation that the gas would burn off in a few days. A few decades later, though, the pit is still on fire.

Did the Soviets burn a fire in the Karakum Desert?

There are no written Soviet records, no logs, no official drilling reports, and no confirmation that they'd lit it intentionally - but there's no disputing a ~100-foot-deep (~30-m), 226-foot-wide (69-m) pit of relentless fiery fury that's been burning for around 50 years in the Karakum Desert of Turkmenistan.

Did explorer George Kourounis ever descend to the bottom of the pit?

Explorer George Kourounis, the first man to descend to the bottom of the pit in November 2013, tells Sarah Durn of Atlas Obscura that even seemingly logical fixes might prove futile.

Elliott Davies Gas prospecting gone wrong, however, is the accepted explanation - Soviet engineers in 1971 bit off more than they could chew, drilling and hitting a gigantic ...

The hole is the outcome not of nature but of an industrial accident. In 1971 a Soviet drilling rig accidentally punched into a massive underground natural gas cavern, causing the ground to ...

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When a Soviet drilling rig unintentionally punched into a large subterranean natural gas cavern in 1971, the ground collapsed and the drilling ...

The Darvaza gas crater formed in 1971 when Soviet geologists were drilling for natural gas in Turkmenistan's Karakum desert. While accounts vary slightly, the most widely accepted ...

The "Gateway to Hell" or "Darvaza Gas Crater", a popular tourist attraction in the Karakum desert in northern Turkmenistan, is likely to be shut ...

It is said that while drilling in 1971, the Soviets oil rig tapped into a massive underground natural gas cavern, causing the ground to collapse and ...



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&quot;The Gates of Hell&quot; a 230 feet wide hole that's been burning since 1971 after a Soviet drilling accident. It is also known as "Darvaza Gas Crater" or "Door to Hell" and is a natural gas field ...

It originated from a Soviet drilling accident in 1971, when a rig collapsed into an underground natural gas cavern Image: Unsplash

Soviet Drilling Accident (1971) The origins of the Darvaza Gas Crater date back to 1971 when Soviet geologists were conducting drilling ...

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The Darvaza gas crater was believed to have been started in 1971 when a Soviet drilling rig punched through a natural gas pocket while drilling an exploratory well.

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The answer takes us back to the Soviet era, when an ambitious drilling project turned into one of the most surreal landmarks on Earth. The ...

The ceaseless fire, which can be seen for miles in the distance, is not a natural phenomenon. It's the result of a Soviet drilling rig accident in 1971.

The story goes that in 1971 Soviet geologists were drilling for oil in the desert when they hit a pocket of natural gas. This caused the earth to collapse, forming three large sinkholes.

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Fire eventually goes out, right? Not when the accelerant is natural poisonous fumes caused by a Soviet drilling rig accident. This crater caused ...

Burning since 1971: In 1971, while drilling for **natural gas**, a Soviet drilling rig collapsed into an **underground cavern**, creating a massive crater. The decision was made ...

Burning since 1971, the "Gates of Hell" gas crater in Turkmenistan remains a fiery marvel, formed after a Soviet drilling accident ignited the methane-rich natural gas beneath.

In 1971, Soviet geologists were conducting a drilling expedition in the Karakum Desert in search of oil and natural gas reserves. Turkmenistan, then part of the Soviet Union, was known for its ...

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In 1971, a Soviet drilling team near the small village of Darvaza (also spelled Derweze) set up a rig to tap what they believed was a substantial ...

The most prevalent theory states that the crater was formed in 1971 when a Soviet gas drilling rig struck a natural gas reservoir by accident. ...

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