

Kenneth Westgate. *Flixborough. An analysis of the Human Response*. Bradford, England: University of Bradford Disaster Research Unit, 1974, 30 pp.

This is a brief report based on 20 un-systematic “statements” of 20 survivors, obtained a month after a chemical plant in England was devastated by an explosion which killed 28 persons. The findings are very unsurprising (e.g., fleeing persons stopped to help injured or trapped persons as they evacuated), and the report presents nothing new to disaster

researchers. Similar case studies written as early as the 1950s by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago and by the field team headed by Killian at the University of Oklahoma, have far more detailed descriptions and more sophisticated analyses than presented in this account (the report cites no disaster literature). Perhaps the report's major value is that it illustrates that immediate emergency responses differ very little in England and the United States.

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