

**Tank Farm Fires?**

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Random historical question. What tank farm fires have occurred in North Carolina? Lightning started one on Radio Island in Carteret County in the early 1980s, if memory serves. Have there been others? Heck, how many tank farms are present in North Carolina?

If memory serves me correctly, there was a fire several years back at the tank farm adjacent to Interstate 40 near the Piedmont-Triad Airport in Greensboro.

**Olson** - 12/31/09 - 14:53

Charlotte responded as mutual aid to one in Rock Hill, SC, on October 8, 2003. They sent three tankers and a bulk quantity of foam, reported FireNews: <http://www.carolinasfirepage.com/firenew..>

**Legeros** - 12/31/09 - 15:01

Chem-Serv, Wilmington, NC Late 80's early 90's? Ethanol Tank.

**Ryan** - 01/02/10 - 21:17

Found via Google:

April 15, 1992, Wilmington; North Carolina, USA. Tank vapours ignited resulting in fire and explosion in storage tank containing 340 000 litres of methanol. Cause not known. Some methanol spilt into nearby river and there was fear [fire?] after breaching stepped bank.

Which leads to this Times-News article, via Google: <http://news.google.com/newspapers?id=DeY..>

The gist:

- o Monday morning
- o ChemServe storage terminal in Wilmington
- o 800,000 storage tank, containing about 340,000 gallons of methanol
- o explosion blew top off tank
- o No injuries
- o Over 100 responders, plus various environmental officials
- o Fire allowed to burn out that evening
- o Small amount escaped into northeast Cape Fear River
- o Evacuation plans readied, but never used
- o Terminal had 30 outdoor tanks

**Legeros** - 01/02/10 - 21:58

Also, from my same Facebook query on tank farm fires, one person remembers Angier-Black River FD sending their foam unit to the scene, via highway patrol escort.

**Legeros** - 01/02/10 - 21:59

Another Facebook query respondent remembers a tank fire in eastern Johnston County with Brogden Fire Department, circa 1993 or 1994 on Worley Road, at a place or company called Kornegay's.

**Legeros** - 01/04/10 - 21:36

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