

**S0591 Monsanto Texas City Explosion
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On April 16, 1947 the freighter SS Grandcamp exploded at a Monsanto pier in Texas City, Texas, killing 576 people. A discarded cigarette ignited its cargo of ammonium nitrate fertilizer. The blast set off a series of fires. This claim's cover page calls it the largest single risk loss in the history of insurance.

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