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# Blast Shatters Store; 23 Hurt



A massive blast, caused by gas leaking from the ground during the course of an experimental oil field, shattered a store in California.

## Explosion May Be Tied to Abandoned Oil Field

By Associated Press Staff Writers and Los Angeles Times Staff

At least 23 people were injured and a store shattered by a massive explosion in California on Monday, which may have been caused by gas leaking from an abandoned oil field, officials said.

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### Health Officials

Health officials are monitoring the health of the 23 people injured in the explosion. Some of the injuries are serious, but most are expected to be minor. The explosion occurred at a store in a residential area in the city of Long Beach, about 10 miles from the city of Los Angeles. The store, which was a grocery store, was completely destroyed. The explosion was heard for miles around the city.

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