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SAFETY DEVICE QUELLS OIL BLAZE

At Paulsboro, New Jersey, a huge tank of oil is set alight to demonstrate a new fire-fighting technique. Two million gallons of oil (the largest amount ever used for such a purpose) become a raging inferno.

Now for the test. A system of pressure valves forces the cooler oil at the bottom of the tank to the surface, smothering the fire by reducing the inflammable vapours.

It's all over in just two minutes, proving that oil itself can be used to fight an oil blaze.