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## [Dallas Morning News - Experts: Smoke from Waxahachie fire may be threat, despite early discounting of toxic risk](#)



Early results from air monitoring around Monday's chemical plant fire in Waxahachie showed no elevated levels of toxic chemicals in the thick, black smoke, the [Environmental Protection Agency](#) said.

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[Texas Tech University](#) toxicologist Ronald J. Kendall agreed that more sources than the chemicals reportedly at the plant were involved in the fire.

He said the smoke appeared to come from a burning petroleum substance and warned that such fires create highly toxic polyaromatic hydrocarbons.



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