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Gas and salty water were coming out of a shallow core hole (CF-9) drilled in the late 1930's by a crew supervised by W. Pike (now in New Orleans) in Sabine County, Texas.

The core hole (contra-flush hole CF-9) is located on the right bank (Texas side) of the Sabine River on north end of John Moore Survey, at the beginning (or western end) of 1.8 mile-long West-East reach of the river. The hole is marked on aerial photograph (mosaic) 11 N-51 E made by Edgar Tobin Aerial Surveys, copy is on file at Shell Oil Company, Houston. It is east of Hemphill, the county seat, and is probably still accessible by an old road from the vicinity of Sabine-town, Low's Mill, Gomer School, and Harper's Chapel. The area is covered by topographic map "Negreet Quadrangle, Louisiana-Texas, U. S. Geological Survey."

If it is planned to visit the place, the aerial mosaic should be taken along for orientation and finding of roads. When visited by me in 1937, the gas could be ignited and kept burning, until a gust of wind would blow out the flame.

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