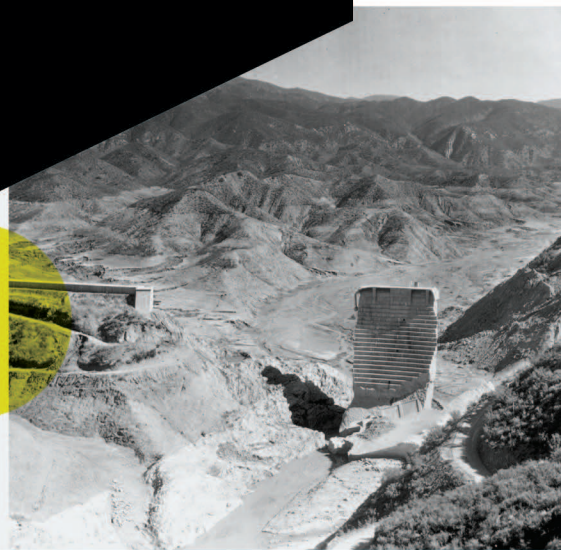




1919 A 25-foot wave of molasses flooded Boston streets after the collapse of a steel tank, killing 21 people.

1928 Failure of the St. Francis Dam killed more than 500 people along the Santa Clara River.



1937 Hundreds died when a school in New London, Texas, exploded due to a natural gas leak.



1986 The space shuttle *Challenger* and its seven-member crew were lost when a ruptured O-ring caused an explosion soon after launch.

2013 An explosion at a fertilizer facility in West, Texas, killed 15 and injured hundreds.



2015 More than three million gallons of untreated wastewater spilled into the Animas River in Colorado after a "blowout" at the Gold King Mine.



2015 Flint citizen LeeAnne Walters contacts the Environmental Protection Agency about high levels of lead found in her home's drinking water.

2016 In an unprecedented move, the Washington, D.C., metro is shut down for 29 hours for an emergency safety inspection.

