

# AN ACCOUNT OF THE KERMIT CRATER

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## Abstract:

In the oil field activity near Kermit, Texas, a crater formed on June 3, 1980. The event raised considerable interest and received local and national news coverage. SMRI's interest was a technical concern from the standpoint of determining similar factors to other subsidence and cratering to evaluate the mechanism involved in these occurrences. The crater near Kermit overlies bedded salt formations. The question remains as to what possible impact the oil field water flooding operation or uncontrolled dissolution of the salt may have had on the formation of the crater.

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