LACQ GAS FIELD, A SULFUROUS STORY (The)

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This is the story of an industrial success, but also of a public health scandal.
Nearly 60 years ago, a large gas deposit was discovered in the grounds near Lacq, a small village in France's Béarn region, at the foot of the Pyrenees. The first scientific findings highlight the dangerousness of the gas that escapes from the drilling. Despite the warnings, extraction on the site started in 1957.
Within a few years, "Lacq gas" was supplied to all of France and became the flagship of the French petrochemical industry. However, the gas extracted at Lacq contains a high amount of hydrogen sulphide, an extremely toxic chemical compound.
Today, the time of reckoning has come: residents and employees of the extraction site have decided to break the silence, trying to make everyone face up to their responsibilities.

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"Archive images, testimonies, hidden camera ... all the documentary tools show the powerlessness of associations in the face of the contempt and bad faith of the CEO's of the multinationals (Total, Sanofi, Arkema) as well as the inaction of the regional health agency (ARS). "
Marion Michel (Télérama, 28/10/20)

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