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## Northridge earthquake hits Valencia production: Joint efforts make resuming operations after only one month possible

In the early morning hours of January 17, 1994, an earthquake hit the greater Los Angeles area. The so-called Northridge earthquake was of the magnitude 6.7 and had a duration of 10-20 seconds. It killed more than sixty and injured more than 9,000 people and made many homeless. It caused widespread damage: Collapsed or heavily damaged buildings, crumbled freeways, power outages, broken water and burst gas pipelines some of which also caught fire, etc.

Even at distances more than 250 miles (400 km) away from the epicenter in the San Fernando Valley the shaking was felt. The quake covered an area of more than 200,000 square kilometers of the land of the United States and Mexico.

Also, the City of Santa Clarita, located 35 miles (55 km) northwest of the City of Los Angeles and the location of our US site (Valencia is a neighborhood in Santa Clarita) was heavily affected.

Our SIGRAFLEX production came to a halt. Cleanup and repair work were started as soon as it was safe to enter the site again. With the joint efforts of all site employees, it was possible to put the main equipment into operation again after a downtime of only four weeks.



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