Photos of the Twin Branch substation explosion and fire

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The first images of the black smoke over Michiana courtesy of Skyview16



On the ground, people could see the dense smoke billowing above the trees



NewsChopper 16 quickly took to the air and saw this cloud streaming across Mishawaka into South Bend



This photo was taken by eye witness Mark Manninen just moments after the substation exploded



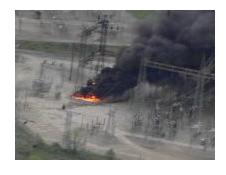
The smoke was so heavy it darkened the sky



Mishawaka Police Corporal Mike Thompson snapped this digital picture just moments after he heard the explosions



Hours after the fire, the substation continued to smolder



As NewsChopper 16 approached the scene, flames were cleary visible at the base of the smoke



NewsChopper 16 circled the area for a few moments and were able to see the flames leaping up to 150 feet in the air