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Widow of KS man killed in Evergy accident wins lawsuit

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A Texas jury has awarded \$222 million to the widow of a man who was killed in an accident at Evergy's Jeffrey Energy Center power plant in northeast Kansas.

The jury found Team Industrial Services, a Texas-based subcontractor for what was then called Westar Energy, was 90% responsible for the death of Jesse Henson, of Manhattan.

Henson and a co-worker, Damien Burchett, of Overbrook, were burned alive by steam at the plant near St. Marys in June 2018.

Westar, which is now called Evergy, was found to be 10% responsible. The men were engulfed by hot steam while checking on a loss of power. Burchett's relatives have filed a separate lawsuit.

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