

# [Time: Will Coronavirus Be the Death or Salvation of Big Plastic?](#)

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[Eric Smith](#), professor of practice and associate director of the [Tulane Energy Institute](#), was quoted in a [Time](#) story about the effect of the coronavirus pandemic on the petrochemical industry.

“It’s a sad scenario in West Texas,” Eric Smith, associate director of the Tulane Energy Institute, told industry news outlet 1020 Industry Report earlier this month. “This is perfectly good natural gas, but it’s being flared. The price is so low that there’s no incentive for them to do anything else.”

To read the article in its entirety, visit [time.com](#):

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