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## Fire causes costly damage at ethanol plant

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There were some tense moments Tuesday as a fire broke out at South Bend's New Energy ethanol plant. The fire was contained to an area called a "bag house," used to collect dust from drying corn. The fire began Tuesday morning around 2am. Firefighters managed to put out the fire in just over a half-hour.

### **\$20,000 in damages**

Fire investigators say plant officials thought they had the fire out earlier, using their own safety system. Firefighters blame spontaneous combustion for the fire rekindling. The fire caused more than \$20,000 in damages to a dust-handling unit that was just installed two weeks ago.

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