

Controversies: BASF

- BASF is on the list of top 10 polluting companies according to an index on air, water and greenhouse gas pollution released by the Political Economy Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts. BASF is ranked 10 on the [Toxic 100 Water list](#) and 7 on the [Toxic 100 Air list](#)
- In 2019, BASF was one of the companies named by environmental charity BUND, in an investigation which found that a number of major chemical producers [broke important aspects of the EU's key chemical safety regulation REACH](#) by not completing important safety checks.
- On 17 October 2016 a huge explosion and [fire at BASF's Ludwigshafen site](#) in Germany killed three people, seriously injured 8 workers and slightly injured 17 others. Investigations revealed that the blast was a result of a [contractor error](#). A video of the incident is available [here](#).
- In August 2017, BASF was implicated in one of the worst egg contamination scandals in Europe. Millions of eggs contaminated with the pesticide Fipronil were [recalled](#) after they were found to be tainted with the toxic chemical. The contamination initially surfaced in the Netherlands, which is a major producer and exporter of eggs in Europe. Following the scandal, BASF declared that it would not re-apply for [EU authorisation](#) for some uses of Fipronil pesticide.
- In February 2013, Shell and BASF agreed to settle with 884 workers exposed to pesticides at its plant in Paulinia, Sao Paulo for [620 million reais \(316 million USD\)](#).
- Furthermore, BASF has paid [5.3 million USD for 60 environmental violations between 2010 and 2019](#) according to the violation tracker project of Good Jobs First.