

Controversies: LyondellBasell Industries

- In June 2018, the Houston Refining LP and the Texas Attorney General's Office agreed to a settlement involving 680,000 USD in penalties, plus attorney fees and certain injunctive relief over air emission events at the refinery.
- In June 2018, LyondellBasell's Morris facility, the Illinois EPA and the Illinois Attorney General's Office agreed to resolve air pollution related matters for a penalty of 125,000 USD.
- In March 2018, the local court in Cologne, Germany, issued a regulatory fine notice of 1.8 million EUR arising from a pipeline leak at the company's Wesseling facility in Germany.
- In 2017, the US-based enforcement watchdog [Environmental Integrity Project](#) reported that, in 2016, the state of Texas had failed to penalise 97% of illegal air pollution releases. In its report, the watchdog highlighted five separate illegal releases at LyondellBasell's Houston Refinery, including one where a leak at the plant released 54,286 pounds of volatile organic compounds in less than an hour and a half. Short, intense pollution spikes like these pose a serious threat to millions of Houstonians, especially the 316,000 people living within five miles of the plant.
- In April 2016, a [fire](#) was reported in the cooker unit at the LyondellBasell's Houston refinery. The fire raged for nineteen hours before it was controlled. A first-person account of the incident from local resident is available on this [video](#).
- In March 2010, Lyondell Chemical Co., the US unit of LyondellBasell Industries AF, agreed to pay [162 million USD](#) to settle environmental claims by the US government and to fund hazardous waste clean-up, including six Superfund sites.
- Between 2010 and 2019, LyondellBasell paid almost 165 million USD in penalties for 64 environmental violations according to the violation tracker project of Good Jobs First.