

Controversies: Nutrien

- On 14 May 2019, an overnight fire left [63 people trapped](#) underground at Nutrien's Allan potash mine south of Saskatoon.
- In November 2018, Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc., agreed to pay a [penalty of 331,353 USD](#) imposed by the US EPA for the improper storage and labelling of agricultural pesticides. The EPA asserted that the company had multiple violations under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, which regulates the distribution, sale and use of pesticides in the United States.
- In March 2018, Crop Production Services (Canada) Inc. (CPS), a subsidiary of Nutrien Ltd., was fined [150,000 USD](#) for improper storage of petroleum hydrocarbons. CPS pleaded guilty to transferring petroleum products into unidentified storage tank systems. Storage of petroleum products in unmarked containers is a violation of the federal regulations.
- On 21 August 2016, an accident at the Vanscoy potash mine operated by Nutrien (formerly Agrium) left one worker injured. Agrium Inc. was [fined 490,000 USD](#) after pleading guilty to a single charge in connection with an accident.
- The highest penalty was incurred in 2014 in a settlement with the United States for harmful air emissions at eight US production plants. Though the three plants were required to spend an estimated [50 million USD](#) on pollution reduction measures and pay a 1.3 million USD civil penalty, another [fine of 2,968,750 USD](#) for environmental damage was again issued in 2015.
- Between 2010 and 2019, Nutrien and its subsidiaries have paid over [1.2 million USD in penalties for 15 environmental violations](#) according to the violation tracker project of Good Jobs First.