## CHEMSCORE

## Controversies: Mitsui Chemicals

- In July 2019, it was revealed that one of its subsidiaries, Shimonoseki Mitsui Chemicals, had failed to report 52 gas leaks between 2009 and 2019, although reporting is required by the Prefecture. The majority of the gas leaks happened in plants filling nitrogen trifluoride.
- Mitsui Chemicals' Osaka plant had a fire incident on 21 June 2018 (video clip here). No injuries or damages were reported.
- On 27 July 2017, another fire broke out in the company's Mobara plant, causing 4 injuries (watch video clip). The site was storing peroxides. There is a high school near the plant.
- On 22 April 2012, a huge explosion occurred at the Mitsui Chemicals Iwakuni plant, causing one death as well as injuries to 25 people (14 of which were neighbourhood residents) and damage to 999 houses in the neighbourhood. The plant was manufacturing resorcinol used for making tyre cords. A video clip of the explosion is shown here.