

Controversies: Arkema

- In November 2021, the North Carolina Attorney General [filed four separate lawsuits](#) against 14 manufacturers — including Arkema — due to PFAS-containing Aqueous Film Forming Foam.
- In May 2021, [four lawsuits against five companies — including Arkema](#) — were filed in the New Jersey Federal Court, alleging that chemicals emitted by these companies caused birth defects, cancers and other illnesses in dozens of people.
- In March 2021, a [fire broke out](#) at Arkema subsidiary Sartomer America’s chemical plant at the Tightsqueeze Industrial Park in Chatham, Virginia, creating a “chemical smoke cloud”.
- In November 2020, [the State of New Jersey sued](#) Arkema and another company over widespread pollution of drinking water and other natural resources by perfluorinated chemicals along the Delaware river.
- In February 2020, a [trial began regarding a fire and an explosion](#) at an Arkema plant in Houston, Texas, following a flooding in 2017. The incident resulted in the evacuation of 200 residents and that 21 people, including first responders, were sent to the hospital. Later, toxic substances were found in soil, water and ash samples [miles away from the plant](#). The company was accused of violating multiple environmental protection laws, and was subject to a state lawsuit that sought one million USD in reparations. The company, CEO and plant manager were accused of recklessly releasing chemicals into the air due to the fire. Arkema and its vice president of logistics each faced a felony assault charge for allegedly misrepresenting the danger that the unstable chemicals at the plant posed to the community, but [these charges were later dismissed](#). The plant has previously been penalised several times; Arkema was once fined 90,000 USD for ten serious safety violations found during an inspection.
- Between 2012 and 2021, Arkema paid [about 1.7 million USD in fines for 20 environmental violations](#), according to the violation tracker project of Good Jobs First.