

Controversies: Nutrien

- In November 2021, Nutrien was charged with a [\\$668,000 penalty by the US EPA](#) for applying dicamba illegally on farms in Kansas during the summer of 2020. The EPA says that the pesticide was deregistered by the federal government and that Nutrien applied it “in a manner inconsistent with the products’ labelling”.
- In December 2020, [a fire broke out](#) at a Nutrien plant in Oxnard, California, that took nearly a day to extinguish. No injuries were reported.
- In Mars 2020, [a fire broke out](#) at a Nutrien potash mine close to Vanscoy, Canada. No injuries were reported.
- In May 2019, an overnight fire left [63 people trapped](#) underground at Nutrien’s Allan potash mine, south of Saskatoon.
- In January 2019, [a fire broke out](#) at a Nutrien fertilizer plant in Mulberry, Florida.
- In November 2018, Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc., agreed to pay a [penalty of just over 330,000 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 September 2018, after a fire, [an explosion hit](#) a Nutrien plant in Dixon, Illinois. No one was injured in the incident.
- In March 2018, Nutrien subsidiary Crop Production Services (Canada) Inc. (CPS) was fined [150,000 USD](#) for improper storage of petroleum hydrocarbons. CPS plead 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 August 21, 2016, an accident at the Vanscoy potash mine operated by Nutrien subsidiary Agrium left one worker injured. Agrium Inc. was [fined 490,000 USD](#) after pleading guilty to a single charge in connection with an accident.
- In May 2015, [an ammonium release injured 16 persons](#) at a plant in Borger, Texas, operated by Nutrien subsidiary Agrium. The incident was triggered by a site glass failure on an ammonia pump.

- The highest penalty was fined in 2014, in a settlement with the United States for harmful air emissions at eight US production plants. Three subsidiaries of the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan (PCS), now a Nutrien subsidiary, were required to spend an estimated [50 million USD](#) on pollution reduction measures and pay a 1.3 million USD civil penalty. However, another [fine of close to 3 million USD](#) for environmental damage was issued in 2015.
- Between 2012 and 2021, Nutrien and its subsidiaries have paid almost [60 millions of USD in penalties for 37 environmental violations](#), according to the violation tracker project of Good Jobs First.