

Controversies: Showa Denko

- In July of 2021, [soil contamination was reported](#) at the Nabari Plant. The levels of cadmium, selenium and fluorine exceeded the environmental standards. The cause remains unknown. No major impacts observed.
- In 2020, [fluorine contamination of the soil and groundwater](#) at Showa Denko's aluminium manufacturing facility in Kitakata was revealed. The [fluorine levels well exceeded](#) the new environmental criterion from the law revision of 2019 by up to 120 times more than regulated. The levels of cyanogen, arsenic and boron also exceeded the criteria in a few places within the facility.
- Between 2012 and 2021, Showa Denko paid [no penalty for environmental violations, according to the violation tracker project](#) of Good Jobs First.