

## Controversies: Covestro

- In July 2022, a study by the USEPA to investigate whether permits given by the Louisiana Environment Department to industrial units violated the rights of African-American communities found that [more than 75 per cent of hazardous releases came from just five facilities](#), including Covestro and BASF.
- In May 2022, a re-evaluation by the US EPA of cancer risk due to exposure to ethylene oxide in Kanawha Valley, West Virginia, revealed that the [risk is 30 to 60-fold higher](#) than originally thought. The number of people at risk around Covestro's West Charleston plant went up significantly as per the re-evaluation.
- In November 2021, a study by independent investigative journalism organisation ProPublica found that [pollutants released by chemical companies, including Covestro, in Kanawha Valley increased cancer risks](#) for people living nearby.
- In July 2021, thirteen people filed a lawsuit against Covestro in a West Virginia Circuit Court alleging exposure to benzene and other pollutants. The [plaintiffs claim that chemical spills from Covestro's plant](#) in their neighbourhood have hurt their health.
- Between 2018 and 2022, [Covestro paid 112,000 USD in fines for environmental violations](#), according to the violation tracker project of Good Jobs First.