

Controversies: Evonik Industries

- In January 2022, in a complaint alleging environmental racial discrimination against the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, residents of St. John the Baptist Parish named Evonik as a source of ethylene oxide emissions that have [contributed to the high cancer risk faced by the community](#). In May 2022, a federal court in Louisiana severed the case filed by the 14 plaintiffs, [turned them into 14 distinct civil actions](#), and granted plaintiffs time to submit amended complaints.
- In April 2022, Evonik agreed to a settlement with USEPA in a case involving a violation of emission limits for ethylene glycol and ethylene oxide. The deal involving a [penalty of \\$75,000](#) will see the company slash emissions of air pollutants and spend \$335,000 on a supplemental environmental project.
- In April 2022, the area around Evonik's facility in Sedgwick County, Kansas, was [identified as a zone where residents face a higher cancer risk](#) due to chemical pollution, according to a 247 Wall Street study based on publicly available information.
- In April 2022, a USEPA assessment of ethylene oxide releases from Evonik's Reserve, Louisiana, facility concluded that [the emissions are associated with cancer risks that are six times higher](#) than what is considered "sufficiently protective of human health."
- In January 2022, [Evonik ranked 57 in the Political Ecology Research Institute's Toxic 100 Water Polluters Index list](#), with its facility in Pasadena, Texas contributing to 52% of the company's total water toxicity load.
- In January 2022, [Evonik ranked 42 on the Political Ecology Research Institute's Toxic 100 Air Polluters Index list](#), with its facility in Reserve, Louisiana contributing to more than 49% of the company's total air toxicity load.
- In December 2020, there was an [explosion and fire at the Evonik Oil Additives site](#) in Morrisburg, Canada in which one worker was injured.
- Between 2018 and 2022, [Evonik Industries paid about 65,000 USD in fines for environmental violations](#), according to the violation tracker project of Good Jobs First.