

## Controversies: Johnson Matthey

- In September 2022, residents of East Whiteland Township, Pennsylvania, called on JM to [buy back its former contaminated industrial site](#) and turn it into a nature reserve after it was cleaned up.
- In July 2022, [a fire broke out in a liquid metal room](#) at JM's facility in West Chester, Pennsylvania. No one was injured.
- In July 2022, [a fire and explosion](#) likely involving nickel aluminium powder occurred at a JM facility in Sevierville, Tennessee. No injuries were reported.
- In February 2022, the state pollution control board [issued notices to six companies](#), including Johnson Matthey Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd., responding to community complaints of noxious emissions from an industrial estate near Mumbai, India. The notices required the companies to demonstrate why they should not be shut down for violating norms.
- In March 2018, the UK Supreme Court, in a [landmark judgment](#), ruled that three former employees of Johnson Matthey's Royston and Brimsdown factories should be compensated after they had developed a sensitivity to platinum salts, which led to them losing their jobs on medical grounds. According to legal experts, this case redefined personal injury law.
- In June 2018, an [explosion](#) took place at the Johnson Matthey chemical plant in the Brimsdown business area in Enfield, London. Around 5,000 litres of toxic iron sulphate solution leaked out after the blast, covering an area of around 200 square metres.
- Between 2018 and 2022, [Johnson Matthey paid about 60,000 USD in fines for 18 environmental violations](#), according to the violation tracker project of Good Jobs First.