

## Controversies: Mitsui Chemicals

- In August 2022, [high levels of dioxin](#) (six times the environmental standards of Japan) were detected in several wells in residential areas in Kurume, Fukuoka. There used to be a pesticide plant of Mitsui Chemicals in this area until 40 years ago, which is supposed to be the cause, according to the city office. However, Mitsui Chemicals claims that the cause remains unknown.
- In July 2022, there was a leakage of phosphoric acid from a subsidiary plant of Shimonoseki Mitsui Chemicals in Yamaguchi. It is estimated that [76 liters of phosphoric acid spilt into the sea](#) while no obvious damages have been reported.
- In May 2021, [an employee was severely injured](#) by a caustic soda spill at the Iwakuni Otake Plant.
- In May 2021, the [death of an employee occurred at the Mobara plant](#). A male employee accidentally fell into a tank filled with used oil.
- In July 2019, it was revealed that one of its subsidiaries, Shimonoseki Mitsui Chemicals, [had failed to report 52 gas leaks](#) between 2009 and 2019, although reporting is required by the Prefecture. The majority of the gas leaks happened in plants filling nitrogen trifluoride.
- Mitsui Chemicals' [Osaka plant had a fire incident](#) on 21 June 2018 ([video clip here](#)). No injuries or damages were reported.
- Between 2018 and 2022, Mitsui Chemicals and its subsidiaries [were not fined for any for environmental violations](#), according to the violation tracker project of Good Jobs First.