

Controversies: Resonac

- In January 2022, [diluted sulfuric acid leaked out into nearby agricultural waterways](#) at the Showa Denko Kitakata Plant, Japan. However, the company did not inform residents until one week later.
- In 2022, the soil contamination around the Showa Denko Kitakata Plant [proved to be far more serious than what was first revealed in 2020](#). The level of fluorine in the groundwater exceeded the standards, not only inside the premises of the plant but also in the surrounding areas. The company still refused to conduct a more comprehensive pollution examination of hazardous substances, as requested by the residents.
- 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 were observed.
- In 2020, [fluorine contamination of the soil and groundwater](#) at Showa Denko's aluminium manufacturing facility in Kitakata was revealed. The [fluorine levels 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 2018 and 2022, Showa Denko [was not fined for any environmental violations](#), according to the violation tracker project of Good Jobs First.