

Controversies: Umicore

- In January 2021, Umicore [ranked 79 among the USA's Toxic 100 Air Polluters Index](#) prepared by the University of Massachusetts Institute based on 2019 public data.
- In October 2020, after reports of high levels of lead in children's blood, [Umicore offered to buy houses surrounding](#) its facility in Antwerp, Belgium.
- In Mars 2020, [a fire was reported](#) at Umicore's facility in Antwerp, Belgium. No casualties or injuries were reported.
- In July 2019, a [fire](#) was reported at Umicore's facility in Antwerp, Belgium. No casualties or injuries were reported.
- In September 2018, a man was reported killed after an [explosion](#) at Umicore Specialty Chemicals in Arab, Alabama.
- In September 2018, a [fire](#) was reported at Umicore's Hoboken facility in Antwerp. No casualties or injuries were reported.
- In July 2018, the prefect of the Gard, France initiated a formal notice procedure aimed at forcing Umicore to confine five former mining sites at Saint-Félix de Pallières and Thoiras. A study from [Public Health France](#) released earlier that month had shown a high body burden of arsenic and cadmium among the population around the mines in comparison to the general population.
- Between 2018 and 2022, Umicore and its subsidiaries [were not fined for any environmental violations](#), according to the violation tracker project of Good Jobs First.