

Controversies: Yara

- In October 2022, resident associations from around Yara's fertilizer plant in Saint-Nazaire, France, [called on residents to join a demonstration against the plant](#), demanding the company upgrade its plant and reduce risk at source as a first step in minimizing the risk of a catastrophic disaster. This happened following several chemical incidents that had already occurred.
- In September 2022, employees at Yara's Loire-Atlantique fertilizer plant had to be confined after a [sulfuric acid leak triggered an internal emergency operation plan](#).
- In June 2022, Yara [discharged nitrogen and phosphorus waste over permissible standards](#) into the Loire estuary in France, according to information based on Yara's self-monitoring data leaked by a whistleblower.
- In March 2022, a serious ammonia gas leak from Yara's fertilizer factory in Gironde, France, [injured 14 workers](#), including one who had to be airlifted.
- In December 2021, [injured by a fall](#) while tending to a leaky oil pump, a worker at Yara's factory in Trinidad filed a compensation lawsuit blaming the company for failing to fix the leak which had been resulting in spills since 2017.
- In September 2021, Yara's fertiliser plant in Montoir de Bretagne, France, [was fined €61,500 for discharging nitrogen and phosphorus](#) over the permitted levels into the waters.
- In July 2021, the Yara factory in Montoir de Bretagne was [placed under "enhanced vigilance"](#) as part of nine French companies subject to recurring incidents and non-compliance.
- In January 2021, Yara's factory in Montoir de Bretagne [was fined €28,500 for excessive discharges of pollutants to water and air](#).
- Between 2018 and 2022, [Yara paid 40,000 USD in fines for environmental violations](#), according to the violation tracker project of Good Jobs First.