

## Controversies: Bayer

- In June 2019, in a first of its kind lawsuit in Australia, a gardener [sued Bayer's Monsanto](#) over cancer link following the jury verdicts in the US. Self-employed gardener, Michael Ogalirolo, 54, said he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma after using Monsanto's Roundup for more than 20 years.
- On 30 May 2019, Los Angeles County sued Monsanto-Bayer, seeking payment for reducing [PCB contamination](#) in dozens of bodies of water. Before the merger with Bayer, Monsanto had already spent almost 1 billion USD to settle past PCB claims.
- On 13 May 2019, a California jury awarded [2 billion USD in punitive damages and 55 million USD in compensatory damages](#) to a couple who claimed Bayer AG's glyphosate-based Roundup weed killer caused their cancer, in the largest US jury verdict to date against the company in litigation over the chemical.
- On 25 March 2019, Bayer and Johnson & Johnson agreed to settle more than 25,000 lawsuits in the United States in which plaintiffs alleged injuries and death due to taking prescription blood thinner Xarelto. Since both the companies jointly developed the drug they agreed to share the [775 million USD settlement](#) amount.
- In August 2018, a [California jury awarded 289 million USD](#) to a former groundskeeper who said the popular weed killer Roundup gave him terminal cancer.
- In September 2015, Bayer committed to pay [5.6 million USD to resolve violations](#) related to an explosion that killed two employees in 2008 at the company's West Virginia facility. About 4.2 million USD of the settlement will be used to improve emergency preparedness and response at the facility and protect the nearby Kanawha River, with another 452,000 USD directed toward implementing safety measures at Bayer's chemical storage facilities across the United States
- In January 2010, BAYER, Baxter, Behring and Alpha paid [several million US dollars](#) (undisclosed amount) in compensation to haemophiliacs from 22 countries. These patients were infected with HIV or hepatitis C through the use of blood plasma products. In the 1980s, [Cutter Biological](#), a unit of Bayer, ignored federal law to recruit prisoners, intravenous drug users, and high-risk gay men as donors to manufacture their clotting product sold to haemophiliacs.

- Between 2010 and 2019, Bayer and its subsidiaries paid almost [30 million USD in penalties for 21 environmental violations](#) according to the violation tracker project of Good Jobs First.