

Controversies: LG Chem

- The company has been embroiled in the 2019 [emissions data scandal](#) wherein LG Chem was found to have colluded with four measurement agencies to rig air pollution data over four years. LG Chem was found to have manipulated data on its [vinyl chloride](#) emissions.
- In 2013, LG Chem was among [164 Korean companies](#) found to discharge toxic chemicals into the environment.
- In May 2020, a chemical disaster dubbed “Mini-Bhopal” by [UNEPs human rights expert](#) occurred at a LG Chem plant in India¹. [Toxic styrene gas leaked out from the plant](#), leading to twelve deaths and over a thousand people falling sick, according to the first reports. LG Polymers, a subsidiary of LG Chem, produces polystyrene and its co-polymers in the facility located in Visakhapatnam. The full impact of the disaster has to be examined in the weeks and month to come.

¹ This incident does not affect this year’s ChemScore rating for LG Chem since it occurred outside of the evaluation period.