

Controversies: Mitsui Chemicals

- In May 2021, [an employee was severely injured](#) by a caustic soda spill at the Iwakuni Otake Plant.
- In May 2021, the [death of an employee occurred at the Mobarra plant](#). A male employee accidentally fell into a tank filled with used oil.
- In July 2019, it was revealed that one of its subsidiaries, Shimonoseki Mitsui Chemicals, [had failed to report 52 gas leaks](#) between 2009 and 2019, although reporting is required by the Prefecture. The majority of the gas leaks happened in plants filling nitrogen trifluoride.
- Mitsui Chemicals' [Osaka plant had a fire incident](#) on 21 June 2018 ([video clip here](#)). No injuries or damages were reported.
- On 27 July 2017, [another fire broke out](#) in the company's Mobarra plant, [causing 4 injuries](#) ([watch video clip](#)). The site was storing peroxides. There is a high school near the plant.
- On 22 April 2012, [a huge explosion occurred](#) at the Mitsui Chemicals Iwakuni plant, causing [one death as well as injuries to 25 people](#) (14 of which were neighbourhood residents) and damage to 999 houses in the neighbourhood. The plant was [manufacturing resorcinol](#) used for making tyre cords. A video clip of the explosion is [shown here](#).
- Between 2012 and 2021, Mitsui Chemicals and its subsidiaries have paid [8,000 in penalties for 1 environmental violation](#), according to the violation tracker project of Good Jobs First.