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Controversies: AkzoNobel

- In June 2023, it was found that the air, noise, and water pollution caused by AkzoNobel has a negative impact on the health of nearby communities. The air quality is estimated to cause 4.2 million premature deaths a year.

- In May 2023, a fire damaged part of the AkzoNobel factory in High Point, North Carolina, and forced a temporary evacuation of the complex. No injuries were reported.

- In April 2023, a spill was reported inside an AkzoNobel facility in Northwest Houston. Officials said the chemical spilt was a solvent used in the manufacturing process. The AkzoNobel location is in a strip mall in a busy residential area with many homes and businesses, but neither workers nor nearby residents were harmed.

- In January 2023, AkzoNobel subsidiary International Paint was fined £650,000 after it was found guilty of releasing the banned chemical Tri Butyl Tin into the Yealm River by a crown court in Plymouth, United Kingdom.

- In 2023, AkzoNobel was ranked 67 on the USA's Top 100 Air Polluters Index. Nearly 100% of the emissions came from just one facility — AkzoNobel Aerospace Coatings in Waukegan, Illinois.

- In December 2022, AkzoNobel was fined £800,000 (US $976,512) by the UK Health and Safety Executive for a near-fatal 2020 explosion that caused life-changing injuries to one worker. The Executive found that the company had failed to establish sufficient measures to control risk in the workplace.

- In October 2022, AkzoNobel appeared before Plymouth Crown Court, where at the end of a nine-day hearing, they were found guilty on two charges for discharging a banned chemical into the Yealm estuary in Devon from its paint testing facility near Plymouth.

- In September 2022, a spontaneous chemical combustion led to an explosion at AkzoNobel's warehouse in Nashville, Tennessee. Firefighters said a consignment of explosive organic peroxide was wrongly delivered to the warehouse. The chemical was meant to be stored at low temperatures but was left unrefrigerated because of the mistaken delivery. This led to a temperature build-up and the consequent explosion. No injuries were reported.

- In June 2021, asbestos was found at a former AkzoNobel site in Rochdale, UK, earmarked for new housing buildings despite a "clean-up" of the land more than ten years ago.

- In August 2020, a fire at a coatings plant in Felling, England, operated by a subsidiary of AkzoNobel, caused serious burn injuries to one employee.

- In March 2019, a spill of ethyl acrylate was reported from an AkzoNobel plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

- Between 2019 and 2023, AkzoNobel and its subsidiaries paid over 60.000 USD in environmental liabilities for 2 cases, according to the violation tracker project of Good Jobs First.