

Historical incidents

VCM

Date: September 17 2006

Westlake, LA: Fire broke out inside a furnace at a vinyl chloride plant.

Date: November 10 2007

Lake Charles, LA: Fire damaged a vinyl chloride monomers plant.

Date: April 03 2004

Dahej Complex, India: A worker died after inhaling toxic gas at a vinyl chloride monomer plant.

Date: December 29 2008

Jemeppe-sur-Sambre, Belgium: A flammable cloud of vinyl chloride rose from a chemical plant but did not ignite.

Date: December 02 2004

Lower Pottsgrove, PA: A leak in a gasket in a PVC reactor caused the release of 360 pounds of vinyl chloride gas at a chemical plant.

Date: August 24 1999

Freeport, TX: A broken line at a chemical plant released more than 700 pounds of ammonia and 40 pounds of vinyl chloride in the atmosphere.

EDC

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Calvert City KY: A ruptured pipe leaking vinyl chloride monomer hydrochloric acid and ethylene dichloride at a chemical plant forced a shelter-in-place order.

Date: December 04 1998

Point Comfort, TX: More than two dozen workers were hurt in an explosion at a plastics plant. The blast occurred in a part of the plant that handles ethylene dichloride.

Ethylene

Date: March 02 2009

Mailiao, Taiwan: An explosion at an ethylene plant killed 1.

Date: January 22 2000

Minooka, IL: A release of ethylene vapors from a local plant was reported.

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New Castle County, DE: An explosion spread fire throughout an ethylene plant.