

Plastics Firm Agrees to Pay \$1M Civil Penalty

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MOUNT VERNON, Ind. (AP) — A company that operates plastics factories in Indiana and Alabama has agreed to pay a \$1 million civil penalty to settle allegations that its plants released hazardous air pollution.

Federal officials said Thursday that SABIC Innovative Plastics US LLC and subsidiary SABIC Innovative Plastics Mt. Vernon LLC agreed to pay the penalty and improve leak detection and repair practices at its Mount Vernon, Ind., and Burkville, Ala., plants.

A 15-count federal complaint filed Thursday in federal court includes the allegation SABIC violated Clean Air Act requirements by failing to monitor and repair equipment leaks that led to releases of hazardous air pollutants. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says such pollutants can cause cancer, birth defects and other serious health effects.

The consent decree is subject to final court approval.

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