

## Overview of the current issues surrounding Tata Steel

### Biggest Polluter

- In addition to PAH and heavy metals, the region around Tata Steel has to deal with [extremely high concentrations of particulate matter](#), the highest in the Netherlands.
- The steel factory is the [largest emitter of CO2](#), although aviation's collective impact (Schiphol & KLM) is not counted.
- The Netherlands are in a [nitrogen crisis](#). Tata Steel is also the [largest emitter of nitrogen in the Netherlands](#). This nitrogen causes damage to nature and air pollution over a very large area.

### Pollution

- [EenVandaag](#): Kookfabriek 2 has been leaking on all sides since it was built in 1972.
- [Graphite rain from Tata Steel](#) was investigated by the RIVM in 2019 and was found to be dangerous for young children. The company was [fined](#) for this.
- The snow around Tata [turned black at the beginning of '21](#), and Tata was again [fined](#).
- Poisonous clouds often come from Tata's Kookfabriek 2, again resulting in [penalty payments](#).
- FrisseWind.nu and Greenpeace launched the hotline in May: [Spot de Gifwolk](#).

### Transition

- Tata Steel makes a profit, but pays [no tax](#) on it
- Swedish '[Green steel](#) company' [refrained from takeover](#)
- With job loss Tata Steel, [other companies are queuing up](#) for the employees
- Tata Steel wants a [6.5 billion subsidy](#) to make it more sustainable.
- [Criticism of Tata Steel's plans](#) in a letter to the Provincial Council.

### Health

- More metal particles and carcinogenic PAHs are entering the environment, measured by the [RIVM](#): "These amounts are undesirable for the health of children." [No decrease](#) has been measured in recent years, despite assurances from Tata Steel.
- Local residents have a [50% higher risk of lung cancer](#).
- Waste product 'steel slag' is used in infrastructure projects but [poses risks according to the Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate](#).
- [Onderzoeksraad voor Veiligheid](#): Government fails to protect people against dangerous emissions from companies
- Tata Steel cleans playgrounds in Wijk aan Zee, [but refuses to do so](#) in other surrounding municipalities.

### Actions against the pollution

- In '22, the [Public Prosecution](#) announced that it would initiate a criminal investigation after [dozens of local residents and foundations](#) had reported the deliberate harm to the health of humans and animals. Lawyer Bénédicte Ficq assists them.
- Local residents and Greenpeace [joined forces](#) with Toxic Tata Tours and 'Spot de Gifwolk'. On 24 June, the campaign will reach new heights as local residents and Greenpeace will carry out the [People vs Polluters](#) action at Tata.