

Resolved: Shareholders request Honeywell International Inc. issue a report on environmental justice, updated annually, describing its efforts, above and beyond legal and regulatory matters, to identify and reduce heightened environmental and health impacts from its operations on communities of color and low-income communities. The report should be prepared at a reasonable cost and omit confidential or legally privileged information, including litigation strategy, and should be published on Honeywell’s website. Such a report should consider, at a minimum:

- Past, present, and future disparate environmental and health impacts from its operations;
- How responsibilities are allocated within the company regarding governance and management of environmental justice issues;
- Quantitative and qualitative metrics on how environmental justice impacts inform business decisions; and
- Whether and how Honeywell intends to improve its policies and practices in the future.

Whereas: Environmental racism is a systemic risk that exacerbates the climate crisis and racial inequities.¹ Failure to adequately assess and mitigate impacts on communities often results in litigation, project delays, and significant fines. For instance, Honeywell has reportedly incurred over \$276 million in fines since 2000.² The company is also ranked in the top 10 companies responsible for water pollution globally, according to a 2021 report.³ Recent controversies include:

- A New Jersey lawsuit for allegedly knowingly polluting the environment with PCBs, a probable human carcinogen.⁴ The community surrounding the Superfund site is qualified as an “overburdened community” under the New Jersey Environmental Justice Law⁵;
- \$2 million in cleanup costs in 2022 related to lead- and arsenic-contaminated soil in South Bend, Indiana. Residents allege Honeywell has contributed to environmental racism that has “destroyed the quality of life for many, many families generationally”;⁶
- Denial of a 2022 air permit renewal for a chemical facility which insufficiently responded to community concerns, whereas 81% of fence-line residents are people of color, and 64% are low-income⁷;
- A \$65 million settlement against Honeywell and peers in 2022 for contaminating New York’s water supply with PFOA, a long-lasting chemical associated with developmental and reproductive issues, cancer, and immunological effects⁸; and

¹ <https://time.com/6017907/climate-emergency-racial-justice/> ; <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2021/10/confronting-climate-crisis-requires-confronting-systemic-racism-say-un>

² <https://violationtracker.goodjobsfirst.org/parent/honeywell-international>

³ <https://peri.umass.edu/toxic-100-water-polluters-index-current>

⁴ <https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/environment/2020/11/10/honeywell-superfund-lawsuit-nj-over-edgewater-nj-and-hudson-river-contamination/6224306002/>

⁵ <https://www.nj.gov/dep/ej/docs/communities/bergen-edgewater-boro-maps-obc.pdf>

⁶ <https://www.southbendtribune.com/story/news/local/2022/04/04/south-bend-racism-honeywell-remediate-lasalle-park-black-community-environment-landfill/7216689001/>

⁷ <https://www.al.com/news/2022/05/epa-denies-air-pollution-permit-for-south-alabama-factory-near-africatown.html>

⁸ <https://topclassactions.com/lawsuit-settlements/medical-problems/cancer-medical-problems/residents-reach-65m-with-saint-gobain-3m-honeywell-over-tainted-water-supply/> ; <https://www.twincities.com/2022/02/05/judge-approves-65m-settlement-in-polluted-water-lawsuit/>

- A lawsuit in Georgia alleging insufficient cleanup for PCB contamination⁹ affecting a majority-Black community that houses multiple hazardous sites.¹⁰

Fenceline communities have criticized Honeywell for lack of effective community consultation surrounding pollution incidents, and for insufficient cleanup.¹¹ A legacy Honeywell pollution coke smoke stack in Tonawanda, NY is linked to decades of health impacts, including elevated cancer risks, cardiopulmonary disease, and birth defects.¹² Community members allege they have not been adequately consulted in cleanup efforts, and Honeywell is lobbying to reclassify the site, which may result in less comprehensive remediations.¹³

Honeywell faces increasing regulatory risk as the Biden administration has made unprecedented commitments around environmental justice,¹⁴ and numerous states where Honeywell operates have recently adopted environmental justice legislation.¹⁵

⁹ <https://www.wsoctv.com/news/local/honeywell-international-paper-commit-to-162m-cleanup-of-contaminated-site-in-nc/942112586/> ; https://thebrunswicknews.com/news/local_news/dnr-settles-with-honeywell-on-lcp-cleanup/article_33e82090-8bb7-5cdc-8f2c-019034491318.html

¹⁰ <https://prismreports.org/2020/07/03/the-georgia-town-that-was-home-to-ahmaud-arbery-has-an-environmental-racism-problem/>

¹¹ <https://indiancountrytoday.com/archive/onondaga-seek-voice-in-lake-cleanup-nation-wants-principled-negotiations>

¹² https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/usao-wdny/legacy/2013/09/25/Coke_49.pdf

¹³ <https://www.cacwny.org/2019/07/honeywell-responsible-for-tonawanda-coke-site-remediation/>

¹⁴ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/27/executive-order-on-tackling-the-climate-crisis-at-home-and-abroad/>

¹⁵ <https://dep.nj.gov/ej/policy/>