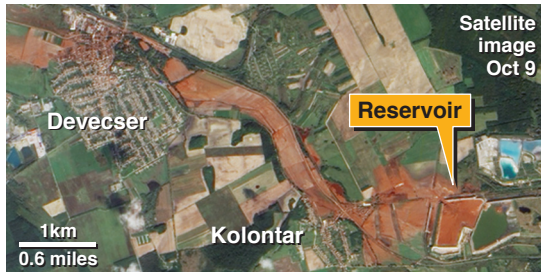


# Hungary's toxic sludge plant reopening

The alumina refinery at the centre of Hungary's worst chemical disaster has been cleared to start production again, as environmentalists warn of other potentially deadly accidents involving poorly maintained industrial facilities spread across Europe's Danube River region

## 1 Ajka alumina plant:

Reopening after repairs to reservoir, which spilled toxic red mud on Oct 4. Accident killed nine people, polluted Danube tributary and affected 40 sq km area, including spread of heavy metals to soil that could damage surrounding farmland



● Accidents

● Sites identified as hazardous

■ Danube basin



**2 Prahovo:** Oil spill from Serbian refinery in 2006 pollutes Bulgaria's Danube region

**5 Pancevo:** Oil refinery, fertiliser plant and vinyl chloride plant

**8 Alum Tulcea:** Red sludge pollution from alumina plant

**3 Baia Mare:** Massive cyanide spill from gold mine seeps into Danube tributaries in 2000, killing large quantities of fish

**6 Almasfuzito:** Storage reservoirs for alumina plant hold 12 million tonnes of red sludge

**9 Rosia Montana:** Proposal to extract gold using cyanide, similar to Baia Mare mine

**4 Novi Sad:** Oil refinery

**7 Chiprovtsi:** Tailings dam, one of almost 20 in Bulgaria

**10 Galati:** Concerns over waste storage at largest steel plant in Romania