

Dell jumps into the top-ten on the CITI rankings, new soil pollution efforts, Chinese property developers commit to green procurement standards & more [View this email in your browser](#)



China is re-focusing its attention on the dangers of soil pollution from industrial manufacturing [following a disturbing CCTV report in April](#) linking a range of illnesses among students at a newly opened school in Jiangsu province to the school's site next to three shuttered pesticide plants. In the wake of the incident, China's Minister for Environmental Protection, Chen Jining, [announced](#) that later this year, China will release an action plan for handling soil pollution, and will also conduct a [nationwide survey on soil pollution](#). China is set to pass its first national [Soil Pollution Law](#) in 2017. IPE's Founder and Director, Ma Jun, [spoke to China Radio International](#) about the government's soil pollution efforts.

To support these efforts, IPE released its first [soil pollution risk map](#), showing the location of industrial sites that run the risk of contributing to soil pollution. Factories' disclosure of pollutant release and transfer (PRTR) data can further expand transparency and guarantee the public's right to know about where hazardous chemicals pose a danger to human health.

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Dell's supply chain initiatives leverage the power of green choice, propel Dell to top-ten ranking on the CITI index

As part of [Dell's strategy to mitigate supply chain environmental impacts](#), Dell has integrated clear written requirements for its suppliers regarding interaction with IPE into the risk management portion of its Quarterly Business Reviews for key suppliers. The brand awards points to suppliers based on these criteria, with scores counting toward supplier performance evaluations. By incorporating supplier performance into procurement decisions, Dell leverages power of business consequences to push for environmental improvement and sustainability. For example, six Dell suppliers have already directly removed violation records, and four suppliers have removed records through on-site audits. Nine suppliers are also in the process of organizing a GCA audit to remove their records. After raising requirements for PRTR disclosure in March of this year, Dell has already seen at least 23 suppliers submit their annual emissions and PRTR information for disclosure on IPE's platform.



Moreover, Dell's requirements have helped extend green supply chain management by requiring ODM suppliers to screen their own sub-tier suppliers. Some of Dell's suppliers have contacted with IPE regarding their own supplier screenings. To track suppliers' progress, Dell conducts monthly calls with IPE and provides IPE with a detailed chart indicating communication status and next steps for suppliers and potential suppliers. Dell categorizes suppliers into different levels based on their need for follow-up and separates out potential suppliers or suppliers where business is about to be suspended. Dell's proactive supply chain management has boosted the brand to an overall ranking of #7 on the [Corporate Information Transparency Index \(CITI\) rankings](#), a huge jump from its original ranking of #56 in the inaugural CITI report in 2014.

Chinese property developers commit to green procurement

IPE and the [Society for Entrepreneurs & Ecology \(SEE\)](#) have launched a joint initiative aiming to green the supply chains of property developers in China and set standards for green procurement as a means of pushing for large-scale emissions reduction, especially of air pollutants that contribute to smog. The initiative will initially focus on using property developers' leverage to push for emissions reductions from raw materials suppliers with high environmental impacts, starting with cement, iron and steel, and glass manufacturers. The [China Urban Realty Association](#), an alliance of 64 major real estate companies in China, officially signed onto the initiative in January. Property developers will commit to adopting a set of green procurement standards and implementing them in purchasing decisions. The project will take advantage of information in IPE's Pollution Map Database and other publicly available resources to push suppliers to transparently and actively address issues of environmental noncompliance in property developers' supply chains.



MIIT Evaluates and Discusses Guidelines for Implementing "Made in China 2025"

China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) [organized a seminar](#) on April 19 to discuss and evaluate national standards for green supply chain management. At the meeting, representatives from MIIT's Department of Energy Conservation and Comprehensive Utilization introduced the background and general theory of green supply chain management work, and the technical committee on green manufacturing and technology standardization reported on the "Guidelines for Manufacturing Companies' Green Supply Chain Management" (referred to as the "Guidelines"). The Guidelines are intended to help implement "Made in China 2025," the Chinese government's ten-year action plan to promote manufacturing, by clarifying the management principles, framework and basic requirements for manufacturing companies' green supply chains. To support green supply chain development, the Guidelines integrate product life cycle, extension of producer responsibility, and green manufacturing requirements into supply chain management systems for manufacturing companies. IPE participated in the meeting, along with other key stakeholders from government departments, domestic and international NGOs, and the private sector.



IPE Green Supply Chain Project Manager Yingying Ma [presented on the value of transparency and benchmarking brands' performance](#) and participated in an expert panel at [Evocadis'](#) Sustain!16 conference in Paris, France, which convened over 350 procurement and CSR leaders to discuss sustainable procurement best practices. Also this month, IPE's Kate Logan wrote about [the value of real-time monitoring data](#) for managing supply chain water impacts for [China Water Risk](#).

POLICY UPDATES & RESOURCES

Policy Updates

- [Methods for Public Participation in Environmental Impact Assessments for Construction Projects](#) -- The Methods were originally passed in 2006 to support the implement of China's 2003 EIA Law; public feedback for revision was sought in April this year
- [PRC Law on the Management of Foreign NGOs' Activities Within Mainland China](#) (English translation, passed on April 28, 2016)
- [Guiding Recommendations on Promoting Green Consumption \(Chinese\)](#) -- Ten government agencies jointly release strategies to promote recycling, environmental labeling, and public awareness of other means for green consumption

Policy Resources

- [Amendments to PRC's Law on the Prevention and Control of Air Pollution \(passed in August 2015\)](#) (English translation)
- ["Water 10" Action Plan \(issued in April 2015\)](#) (English translation)
- [Made in China 2025](#) (policy summary)
- [EU-China Environmental Governance Project Policy Resource Center](#) (Bilingual)
- [China Hazardous Chemicals Management Resource Center](#) (Bilingual)
- [China Law Translate](#) (crowd-sourced English translations of Chinese laws)

IN THE NEWS

[China's new weapon against water pollution: its people](#) -- *Marketplace*, May 2

[China to unroll nationwide pollution survey](#) -- *Financial Times*, April 26

[Levi Strauss, MIT Partnerships Advancing Textile Innovations](#) -- *Sustainable Brands*, April 8

DETOX UPDATE

Following a series of upgrades, the disclosure for [Detox](#) data system is now up and running. While IPE will provide the platform for data publication, the disclosure process will be externally managed by Greenpeace. Any questions regarding Detox disclosure can be directed to detox-info-group@greenpeace.org.

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