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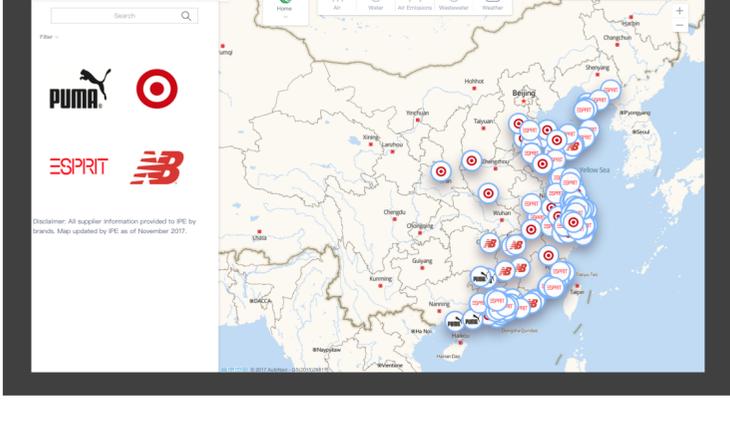
As environmental supervision in China strengthens, companies in industries that have traditionally neglected supplier sustainability – such as the automobile industry – are beginning to change their practices. To help brands more easily tap into the vast pool of public data, **IPE is developing a new IT-based system to synchronize alerts for environmental compliance information.** These tools aim to facilitate communication across multiple parties, enabling companies and suppliers to more cost-effectively track and transparently manage environmental performance.

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Supply chain transparency is trending – but how can transparency be leveraged to promote environmental accountability? To incentivize positive performance, IPE and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) are collaborating to launch an interactive supplier map that links environmental performance data with supplier lists. We invite more brands to join leaders including **Esprit, New Balance, PUMA,** and **Target** in voluntarily becoming part of this leadership initiative. Please contact Kate Logan (kate_logan@ipe.org.cn) or Xu Xin (xin_xu@ipe.org.cn) for more info.



Ford, Toyota and FAW-Volkswagen take steps to mitigate supply chain environmental risks

After IPE published an [article](#) in September exposing the automotive industry's long-term oversight of supply chain pollution, over the past two months, three automobile brands have taken steps to manage supply chain environmental risks.

Ford contacted IPE on October 17, expressing the intention to issue a public explanation in response to Changan Ford Automobile's environmental violation in 2016. **Toyota** also motivated a machinery factory to issue an explanation about its air emission violations, and pushed a bearing factory to conduct corrective actions. **FAW-Volkswagen** requested its component supplier to contact IPE and implement corrective actions for its solid waste violation.

Yet, other well-known automobile brands — including **Honda, Hyundai, Kia, BYD, Great Wall, Changan,** and **Chery** — remain silent in response to environmental groups' inquiries regarding supply chain pollution issues. We hope to see these brands follow the lead of Toyota, Ford and FAW-Volkswagen toward transparently addressing environmental violations in their supply chains.

Pushed surface treatment factory to conduct corrective actions for solid waste violation records.

This factory, through motivation from its customer brand Faw-Volkswagen, actively communicated with environmental groups to implement corrective actions for its violation record(s) from the year(s) 2017, and disclosed information on the status of its corrective actions.

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Pushed machinery factory to issue an explanation for air emissions violation records.

This factory, through motivation from its customer brand Toyota, actively communicated with environmental groups to issue an explanation for its violation record(s) from the year(s) 2017.

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Pushed car factory to issue an explanation for solid waste violation records.

This factory, through motivation from its customer brand Ford, actively communicated with environmental groups to issue an explanation for its violation record(s) from the year(s) 2016.

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Blue Map app adds new features: Push notifications for violation records & 72-hour air quality trend forecast

Push notifications for environmental violation records

Blue Map app registered users now can receive dynamic, instantaneous updates of enterprises' environmental violation records based on IPE's daily tracking of around 1,700 data sources. The new feature aims to increase the efficiency of brands' and enterprises' supply chain management and reduce management costs. With this function, **brands and suppliers can receive synchronized alerts of enterprise environmental violations** to facilitate prompt feedback about records and corrective actions in the Blue Map Database. For more information please contact Helen Ding (shanshan.ding@ipe.org.cn) or Bai Hui (hui.bai@ipe.org.cn).

3-day air quality trend forecast with real-time wind direction

The Blue Map app added another new function allowing users to see 3-day air quality trend forecasts for all cities in mainland China with real-time wind direction indicators, helping users to better understand the dynamic movement of smog before it hits.

The Blue Map app is [available for download on both iOS and Android platforms.](#)

Ma Jun discusses the role of data transparency in China's war on pollution

During a recent trip to the United States, IPE founder and director Ma Jun spoke at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs about pollution issues in China, the role of environmental data transparency, the power of citizen engagement, and the future of environmental regulation.

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