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As the Year of the Rooster draws to a close, we'd like to take this chance to pass along our sincere gratitude for your continuous support and attention to our green supply chain work. On behalf of IPE, we wish you and your family a happy Chinese New Year!

We have more exciting plans for the upcoming Year of the Dog, starting with our annual review of the CITI criteria. The updated CITI 5.0 criteria will be distributed soon to brands and experts for feedback.

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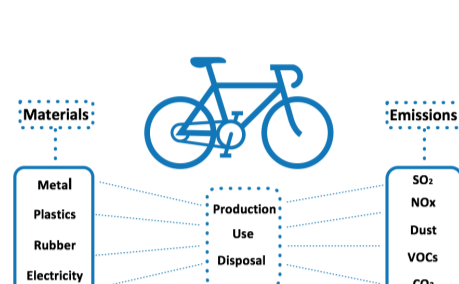
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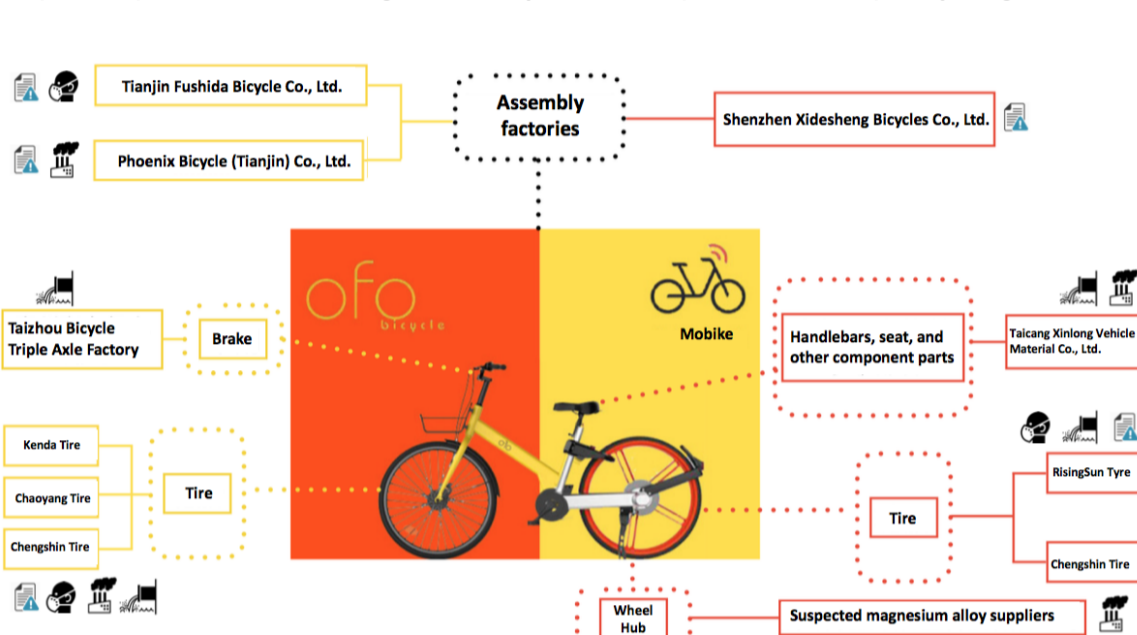
Investigation reveals pollution in shared bicycle supply chains

Since 2017, hundreds of millions of shared bikes have rolled out across cities in China, helping to ease traffic congestion and reduce consumer costs. However, the large scale of production and disposal of shared bikes have also given rise to pollution emissions and environmental risks.

A [report](#) (Chinese only) published last month by IPE reveals varying degrees of environmental violations in shared bike supply chains, ranging from air and water emissions exceeding legal standards to procedural violations and improper use of pollution control equipment in production processes.



Last year, in response to our [previous investigations](#), [Ofo](#) and [Mobike](#) each pushed one supplier to transparently address their environmental violation issues, but neither company took further actions against other suppliers exhibiting similar issues. We hope to see the shared bike industry take greater responsibility for the entire life cycle of their products, from component parts manufacturing all the way to bike disposal and scrap recycling.



China's largest aluminum producer cited for improper disposal of hazardous waste

In December 2017, Aluminum Corporation of China (Chalco) Lanzhou branch [hit the headlines](#) for illegal dumping of hazardous waste. According to media reports, thousands of tons of toxic cathode carbon blocks were disposed without proper treatment. This incident has once again highlighted a lack of supervision toward hazardous waste management in China.

IPE published a [WeChat article](#) after the incident, examining the urgent need to establish a mandatory pollutant release and transfer registry (PRTR) disclosure system in China. More than 8,000 enterprises in the Blue Map database have violations that touch on hazardous waste management and disposal. Yet, there remains a lack of stronger legislation clarifying mandatory requirements for enterprises to disclose hazardous waste release and transfer information.

IPE launched a voluntary [PRTR disclosure platform](#) in 2013 to foster accountability among high environmental impact manufacturers. We urge more brands to become part of the solution by requiring suppliers to [disclose PRTR data](#) on IPE's platform to publicly demonstrate their active compliance.

IPE shares green supply chain practices at Greenment Forum and JAC Forum



IPE presented at [the Greenment 2018 Supply Chain Environmental Management Forum](#), which convened over 110 brands' EHS representatives to discuss supply chain management challenges and share best practices. Also last month, IPE was invited to [the 7th Joint Audit Cooperation \(JAC\) Forum](#) to discuss CSR challenges facing telecommunications industry supply chains. At both meetings, IPE introduced [the push alert function](#) on [the Blue Map app](#) as a new approach to increase supply chain management efficiency and reduce management costs.

POLICY UPDATES & RESOURCES

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- [Administrative Measures on Pollutant Emissions Permits](#) (Trial) (Chinese) – Published by the Ministry of Environmental Protection on January 10, 2018.
- [Measures on National Environment Protection and Health](#) (Trial) (Chinese)— Published by the Ministry of Environmental Protection on January 24, 2018. (The trial measures aim to establish a technical system for monitoring and evaluating environmental health risks.)
- [Lists of Major Changes to Construction Projects in Fourteen Industries](#) (Chinese) — Published by the Ministry of Environmental Protection on January 29, 2018.
- [Classification Method for Environmental Accident Risk of Enterprises](#) (Chinese) — Published by the Ministry of Environmental Protection on February 5, 2018; goes into effect on March 1, 2018.

Policy Resources

- [Environmental Protection Tax Law of the P.R.C.](#) (English)
- [Soil Pollution Action Plan \("Soil Ten"\)](#) (Unofficial English translation)
- [Amendments to China's Air Law \(passed in August 2015\)](#) (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)

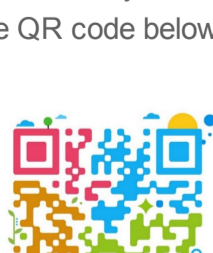
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