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China's 13th five-year-plan (FYP), released in March, reiterates China's commitment to environmental improvement by naming green development as one of its five main principles. The 13th FYP tightens targets for emissions reductions, adds volatile organic compounds (VOCs) – an air and climate pollutant with a putrid odor – to the list of pollutants for regulation through “hard” targets, and for the first time places limits on overall energy use. The concrete steps outlined in the FYP also provide a basis as [China prepares to sign the Paris climate agreement](#) in April and formalize its commitments to cut carbon emissions. The plan's [emphasis on environmental enforcement](#) was highlighted by Chinese Premier Li Keqiang in his annual work report to the National People's Congress.

This month at IPE, we [released the 3.0 version of our Blue Map app](#) for Android platforms (iOS version coming soon) and completed **key upgrades to the structure of the form for enterprises to disclose their annual emissions and PRTR information** on IPE's platform. Both tools facilitate brands' supervision of suppliers' emissions and provide a foundation on which factories can improve their environmental management.

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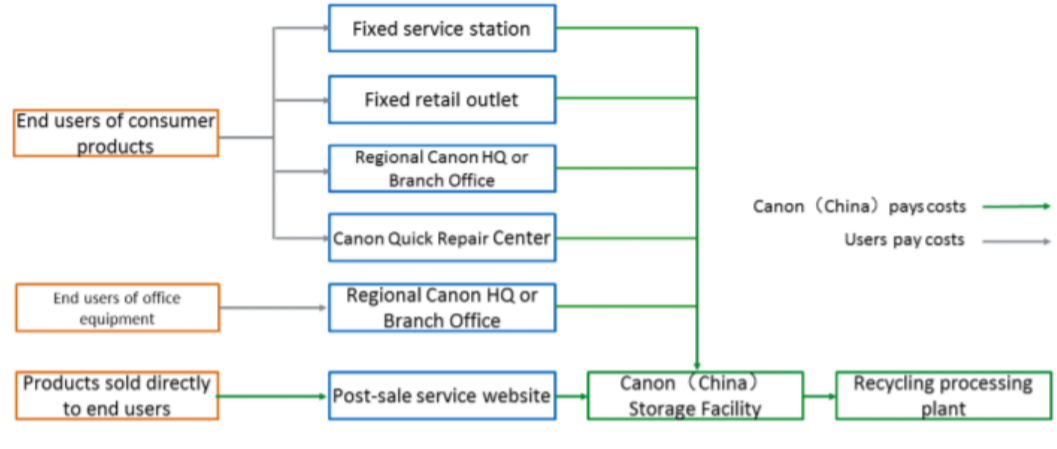
Apple highlights #1 CITI ranking in its 2016 Supplier Responsibility Report

Apple's newly released 2016 Progress Report for Supplier Responsibility [highlights Apple's #1 ranking among all brands](#) assessed in [IPE's 2015 Corporate Information Transparency Index \(CITI\) evaluation report](#). Apple's 2016 progress report ([download](#)) illustrates how the brand's hands-on involvement helps to ensure sustainability and safety throughout its supply chain, including at some facilities that have undergone Green Choice Alliance (GCA) audits. As Apple currently sits atop [IPE's CITI index rankings](#), the brand's remarkable progress also demonstrates the value of transparency in tackling supply chain pollution problems. Although Apple was at one point the only IT brand to not respond to IPE and other NGOs, Apple's conscious decision to work with NGOs and other stakeholders and openly address its supply chain pollution problems has led Apple to address over 150 environmental violation records from over 70 facilities. Moreover, the brand's decision to address pollution problems with transparency has contributed to Apple's reputation among consumers as a brand that genuinely values environmental responsibility.



Canon provides model for extending supply chain management to waste treatment facilities

Canon was one of the first brands to screen suppliers for violation records using IPE's Pollution Map Database. In an effort to work towards continuous improvement, [Canon has extended its screening scope from product manufacturers to recycling and treatment companies](#), utilizing the information in IPE's database to confirm the environmental compliance of the full waste treatment process for its factories and [recycled products](#). In its quarterly supplier screenings, Canon includes those waste treatment facilities, as well as high environmental impact facilities at the second-tier and below, such as welding, electroplating, assembly, resin, and other processing facilities. Moreover, Canon factories located in other countries, such as those in Vietnam, have begun using the IPE database as a tool to screen their suppliers and potential suppliers that are located in China. Canon's supply chain management illustrates how the IPE database can serve as a tool to address issues arising from the globalization of production and manufacturing and how it can be employed to target environmental management efforts across multiple tiers of supply chains, both upstream and downstream.



IPE releases version 3.0 of Blue Map App, upgrades form for annual emissions and PRTR disclosure



In March, IPE preliminarily released the [new version 3.0 of IPE's Blue Map app](#) for Android users, with the new version for iOS users to be released early this month. Of note, the new version incorporates a green choice module that contains information about brands' environmental supply chain management, including brands' CITI scores and real-time updates about which brands have pushed suppliers to implement corrective actions. Moreover, the app's pollution source maps now include historical data of daily average emissions values for enterprises' real-time air and wastewater discharges. Also in March, IPE completed upgrades to its form for facilities' disclosure of annual emissions and [PRTR information](#) on IPE's online platform. The new form aims to facilitate brands' estimation of facility-level carbon emissions and place a greater emphasis on setting targets for emissions reduction. The form is now [available for download](#) by logging on to IPE's website as a corporate user. For more information about [how suppliers can disclose their annual emissions and PRTR information on IPE's platform](#), please contact ipe@ipe.org.cn.

POLICY UPDATES & RESOURCES

Policy Updates

- [NRDC](#) and [ChinaFile](#) analyze the implications of the 13th FYP for the environment
- [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
- [2016 List of Key State-Monitored Enterprises \(Chinese\)](#) -- List of enterprises that must disclose real-time emissions monitoring data

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

- [Amid 'serious' situation, China eyes soil pollution law in 2017](#) – Reuters, March 9
- [Court in Hubei to Hear Case against a Major Chemical Producer](#) – Caixin, April 4
- [China issues guidelines promoting green consumption](#) – China Daily, March 1

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