



We look forward to releasing the **third annual Corporate Information Transparency Index (CITI)** evaluation results and report at the [2016 Green Supply Chain Forum](#) on **October 27** in Beijing. A number of leading brands will present on their best case practices at the conference, which will convene key stakeholders from companies, NGOs, academia, and government to discuss green supply chain management, procurement, consumption, and other related topics.

We kindly remind participants to confirm their attendance before October 17. We eagerly anticipate welcoming our partners to Beijing at the end of this month!

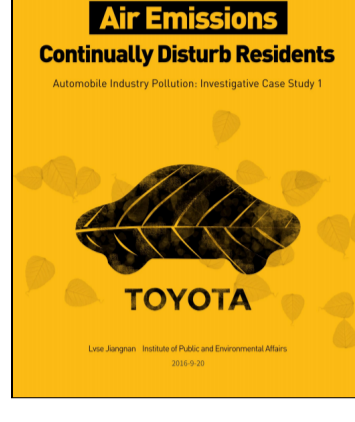
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Investigation finds air emissions from Toyota supplier continually disturb local residents

In September 2016, environmental groups Lvse Jiangnan and the Institute of Public & Environmental Affairs (IPE) conducted an investigative study into Toyota's supply chain environmental pollution. The investigation found that one of Toyota's subsidiary suppliers has long exceeded air emission standards and its pollution has continually disturbed residents living near the factory. Despite Toyota's proposed goal to "reduce negative factors associated with automobiles as close to zero as possible," Toyota has yet to address its supplier's violations and abide by its commitments to environmental protection. The groups' report was [first published on IPE's WeChat public account on September 20](#) and has since been [released for download on IPE's website](#) in both [English](#) and [Chinese](#).



Who has jumped to the top of this year's annual Corporate Information Transparency Index (CITI) rankings?

Which brands have shown innovation in transparency, and how?

See if you can figure out this year's **TOP 30** brands in the sneak peek below!

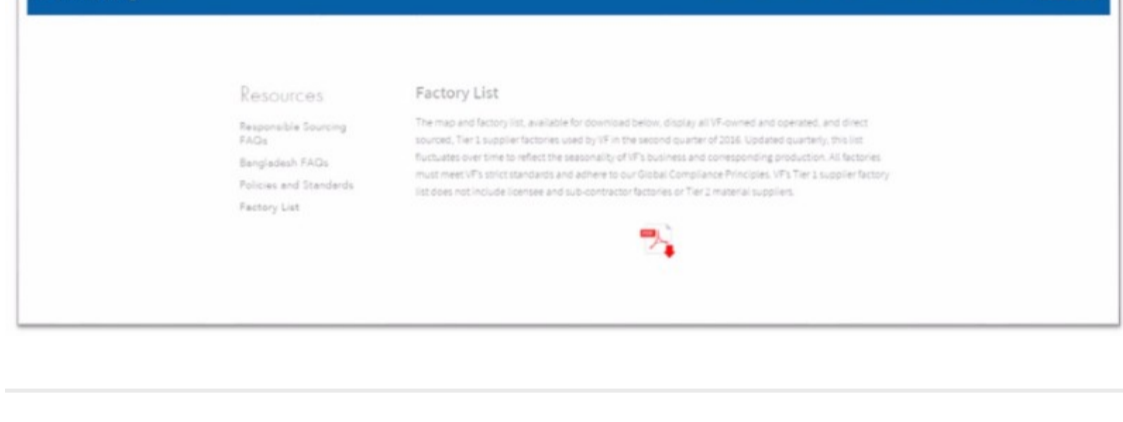
They'll be officially revealed on **October 27** at the **2016 Green Supply Chain Forum**, and unmasked in next month's newsletter. Stay tuned!

Gap Inc., VF Corporation and Esprit join the ranks of brands that disclose supplier lists

Over the past few months, three major apparel companies -- **Gap Inc., VF Corporation and Esprit** -- disclosed supplier lists for the first time, reflecting a growing trend toward transparency, especially within the textile and apparel industry.

Esprit disclosed its [supplier list](#) on August 19, including not only factory names but also specific addresses for each site. In September, Gap Inc. also published a [47-page list of its suppliers](#), which produce goods sold under such labels as GAP, Banana Republic, Old Navy and Athleta. VF Corporation, the parent company of several well-known brands including The North Face, Timberland and Lee Jeans, followed suit and published its [supplier list](#) soon afterwards, although VF does not yet include supplier addresses on its list.

In an article about the disclosure of Gap Inc.'s supplier list, Brett Matthews of Ecotextile News [wrote](#), "Given that many of the world's leading apparel brands are now disclosing their suppliers, the excuse of 'competitive reasons' by those that refuse to be transparent on this issue is beginning to look increasingly hollow." To date, IPE has counted a total of 17 brands ranked on the [CITI index](#) that publish supplier lists.



IPE launches test version of new website in Chinese

Last winter, IPE embarked on a massive undertaking: to redesign and revitalize our website, including the integration of our multiple databases into a unified user-friendly system. We're thrilled to share with our close partners that we've launched a [test version](#) of the new site in Chinese, which we welcome you and your colleagues to explore [here](#). In particular, the [user account system](#) has been completely revamped to simplify the means by which users can screen supplier lists for existing violation records, check the status of supplier follow-up and data disclosure, and track suppliers' real-time emissions data.

Since the new site is currently in test mode, we are well aware that there are still a number of issues and bugs to be worked out. We are working hard to improve the new site's user manuals, broken links and other incomplete areas. As you test the functions of the new site, we encourage you to provide us with feedback so that we can make it even better. The English version of the site is currently under development and we look forward to sharing it when it is ready to be launched.



POLICY UPDATES & RESOURCES

Policy Updates

- [Environmental Protection Tax Law \(Draft\)](#) (Bilingual) -- Public feedback sought through October 5, 2016
- [Ministry of Industry and Information Technology \(MIIT\)'s 2016-2020 Industry Green Development Plan](#) (Chinese)

Policy Resources

- [Soil Pollution Action Plan \("Soil Ten"\)](#) (Unofficial English translation)
- [Amendments to China's Air Law \(issued in August 2015\)](#) (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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