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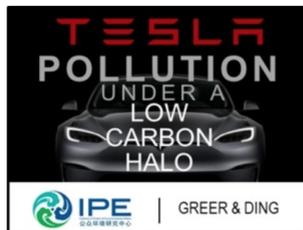
Media recasts spotlight on Tesla suppliers' environmental violations

China Water Risk and Southern Weekly pick up the story

Tesla: Pollution Under A Low Carbon Halo

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IPE's Greer & Ding share latest report findings that pierce Tesla's green halo



- Tesla's silence over an initial suspected polluting factory stirred IPE to dig deeper; they found subsidiaries of 14 suspected Tesla's suppliers in breach of environmental law
- One particular troubling factory discharged wastewater with 7x COD above standard & was fined US\$23k; sadly only one supplier has stepped forward to fix the problem
- Given EV's importance in combating climate change, IPE hopes that Tesla will join the ranks of ~100 brands using IPE's platforms to manage & green their supply chains

After IPE published the report "[Tesla: Pollution under the low carbon halo](#)", China Water Risk (CWR) interviewed IPE Global Senior Fellow Dr. Linda Greer and IPE Green Supply Chain Project Director Shanshan Ding. They talked about the background of the investigation, report findings, and changes needed for Tesla and other EV producers to be truly green.

Below are excerpts from the interview:

"[...] What remains to be resolved is the larger question of Tesla's green supply chain policies and the extent to which the company is properly overseeing environmental performance of its lithium battery and other manufacturers to ensure compliance as a qualification for business. To this date, Tesla continues its complete silence with us on this matter.

Here at IPE, we have worked on the [Green Supply Chain program](#) since 2014 and we've put many of the multinationals who source from China in motion to reduce the pollution of their suppliers. But many ignore our advances and some require more pressure than others.

Companies that do engage begin by first identifying and mapping out their suppliers and then searching our Blue Map database on our website. Nowadays, nearly [100 brands](#) from across textile and apparel, IT, personal care, chemistry, food, automobile, and real estate work with us in supplier oversight using our database system and tools; many employ our [Blue EcoChain](#) tool that automates oversight to enable companies to track hundreds or even thousands of suppliers in China in real time [...]"

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Chinese media outlet Southern Weekly also published the most detailed coverage of the report. From June 11 to June 21, Southern Weekly contacted the suppliers disclosed in the report. Eleven companies indicated that they were "unclear" (about the issue mentioned in the report) or refused to be interviewed; eight of the companies interviewed did not clearly explain the reasons for their previous environmental violations; none of the companies indicated that their brand customers, such as Tesla, had pushed them for rectification when environmental violations were recorded. Tesla did not accept interview requests from Southern Weekly, nor did it respond to inquiries from environmental organizations.

Read the original article published by Southern Weekly in [Chinese](#), or the [English](#) version translated by IPE.

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