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Tesla remains silent in the face of supply chain environmental pollution



In April, environmental groups IPE and SIP Lyse Jiangnan PECC published an investigative report on the pollution issues of Tesla's manufacturing supply chain in China. Our investigation showed that a number of suspected suppliers of Tesla, located on the shores of Yangtze River, Taihu Lake and Chaohu Lake, and in the key areas of atmospheric control of the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, had severe pollution issues. These include exceeding the wastewater discharge standards, suspected of discharging wastewater by evading supervision, directly discharging exhaust gas, storing hazardous waste without protective measures and causing hazardous waste dispersion and leakage.

IPE emailed Tesla in June 2019 and February 2021 inquiring whether Tesla is aware of its suppliers' violations and requiring those with violations to take corrective actions accordingly. But Tesla never replied. Now it has been 2 weeks since our report was released, and Tesla is still avoiding its environmental responsibility.

IPE and SIP Lvse Jiangnan PECC are further investigating the pollution issues in the electric vehicle industry. We call for Tesla to uphold its sustainability commitment and screen its suppliers for environmental compliance and require those with violations to take remediate actions.

Join our efforts by sharing the report (available in both Chinese and English) and shining a spotlight on the continued inaction of Tesla. If you have any questions or comments regarding the report please get in touch anytime: gsc@ipe.org.cn.

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