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WELCOME to *Environmental China*, PACE's electronic newsletter devoted to giving interested readers a comprehensive update of news concerning China's environment. Any comments, suggestions or questions can be directed to cc.huang2@gmail.com or timquijano@gmail.com.

OPINION

[Learning from Singapore's success](#) (China Daily, 3/9/2012) Chinese cities need to adopt holistic approach toward water resource protection. Last October, chromium residue, a toxic by-product from a chemical factory in Lianggou village of Yima city in Henan province, leaked into the soil and polluted groundwater. Villagers had no clean water to drink, and the local government had to transport water to them.

[Apple needs good, not just better, supply chains](#) (Reuters, 3/7/2012) Apple has taken its share of criticism lately over working conditions at the Chinese factories of suppliers like Foxconn Technology. Despite the bad press, workers preparing the iPad 3 – which Apple is widely expected to unveil on Wednesday – are treated less badly than many in the

electronics business. The sector in turn provides a noticeably better environment than, say, toy or clothing makers do, in the eyes of labor groups. But with Apple's iconic brand, roughly \$500 billion market capitalization and \$100 billion of cash, doing things relatively well isn't enough.

[What it's like to watch China's environment disintegrate firsthand](#) (The Atlantic, 3/5/2012) Beijing-based videographer and photographer Sean Gallagher has been documenting China's environmental problems from various perspectives since 2006 -- covering everything from wetland disappearance, desertification, air pollution, to endangered species like the giant panda. Often backed by Asia Society's Center on U.S.-China Relations and the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, Gallagher has raised awareness about the global impact of China's rapid development.

[Powerplant pollution is not a new concern](#) (David Booth, National Post, 3/2/2012) There's nothing like the angst of the truly offended to spur a dedicated columnist back to the keyboard and rumination. And none are more easily offended - at least judging by last week's column - than the dedicated proponents of the electric vehicle. Loud is their outrage any time their anointed savior is castigated.

RESEARCH/CIVIL SOCIETY

[Apple still exploiting Chinese workers, activists say](#) (International Business Times, 3/8/2012) As Apple Inc. (Nasdaq: AAPL) introduced the third version of its iPad tablet, activists in the United States renewed claims that the company's contract manufacturers in China exploit workers under what amount to slave-labor conditions.

[In Beijing, targeting polluters with Google Maps](#) (Smart Planet, 2/29/2012) China's transformation into a manufacturing superpower has left the country with a dire legacy of air and water pollution. But light punishments for polluters mean that Chinese factories often have little incentive to improve their behaviour.

CORPORATIONS

[China's steel appetite set to wane](#) (Financial Times, 3/8/2012) As a barometer for global growth, it is hardly encouraging. Steel demand in China, the world's biggest consumer, is set to slow this year as cooling construction demand damps appetite for the metal, according to industry experts and analysts.

[China lead pollution poisons 160 children: report](#) (Reuters, 3/5/2012) Lead emission from factories and the natural environment in China's manufacturing heart of Guangdong has

poisoned 160 children, Xinhua said on Sunday in the country's latest case of unfettered industrial toxins.

[Environment researcher calls for innovation of air monitoring equipment](#) (CRIENGLISH, 3/3/2012) China should speed up the research and development on air monitoring equipment in line with the rising demand after the country puts in place stricter air quality standards, an environment researcher said Saturday.

GOVERNMENT

[U.S. Delays Dumping Decision on China Solar Cells, Official Says](#) (Bloomberg, 3/9/2012) The U.S. Commerce Department said it delayed a decision on antidumping duties for Chinese solar-cell imports following three postponements in its separate decision on countervailing duties.

[Changchun to improve river environment](#) (China Daily, 3/8/2012) Changchun, capital of Northeast China's Jilin province, announced a deal in Beijing on Thursday to comprehensively improve the environment and upgrade flood control facilities of the river in the city.

[China vows to destroy, not relocate polluting plants](#) (Reuters, 3/8/2012) China will draw up a blacklist of obsolete polluting factories that must be destroyed into "iron scraps" to avoid being relocated to other provinces or even neighboring countries, China's industry minister said on Thursday.

[Building of nuclear plants to resume](#) (China Daily, 3/8/2012) China will soon resume the approval and construction of nuclear power plants, senior officials said during the plenary session of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) National Committee on Wednesday.

[Chinese lawmakers call for system to recycle e-wastes](#) (Xinhua, 3/7/2012) Lawmakers in China on Wednesday called for the establishment of a system to recycle discarded home appliances and electronic goods to reduce environmental pollution. "There is no time to delay for building the system in both rural and urban areas," said Li Dongsheng, a deputy to the 11th National People's Congress (NPC), on the sidelines of the parliamentary annual session.

[Planned dam won't hurt environment, say officials](#) (China Daily, 3/7/2012) Authorities from East China's Jiangxi province said the dam-building project in Poyang Lake will have little impact on the environment and a variety of species of fishes and migrating birds.

[China's missing pollution goals show failure to change – NDRC](#) (Reuters, 3/5/2012) China's continuing reliance on heavy industry meant it failed to meet its own targets for cleaning its air and water in 2011, the head of the top planning agency told journalists on Monday.

[China to compensate for sea pollution](#) (China Daily, 3/5/2012) China will establish a state compensation system for pollution in the marine environment, according to a NPC (National People's Congress) deputy, the Shanghai Evening Post reported on Monday.

[Majority of China's cities will fail to meet new air quality standards](#) (Global Post, 3/2/2012) A top Chinese environment official warned today that the majority of China's cities have poor air quality and would fail to meet new pollution standards.