

China EHS Roundtable 中国环境、健康和安全圆桌会议 A Forum for Compliance and Sustainability Leadership in China





## **China EHS Roundtable**

The China EHS Roundtable is a group of multinational companies, brought together by Beveridge & Diamond, that are committed to advancing compliance, responsible sourcing, and sustainability, as well as developing solutions to members' environmental, health, and safety (EHS) concerns in China.

Through this member-driven forum, participants identify and discuss recent legal and regulatory developments, share best practices, and leverage member resources to address common challenges and opportunities. The information exchanged may help inform advocacy efforts of Roundtable members.

"The China Roundtable is a great forum to benchmark and network with other companies within and across industries. The meetings cover emerging issues, regulations, and access to speakers and experts that we would not have access to without the Roundtable membership. Our company uses these meetings to maximize information-sharing, employee development, and emerging issue follow-up. Membership in the China Roundtable is very much worth the investment."

#### Laurie Zeinio

(Retired) Director - Environment, Product Safety Standards & Energy, Deere & Company

#### What We Do

- » Two in-person meetings per year to learn about what is happening in China from a regulatory standpoint:
  - » Spring Meeting in Washington, DC» Fall Meeting in China
- » **Two conference calls** to discuss emerging legal, policy, and enforcement trends in China
- » Monthly written reports by B&D that provide updates on and resources for tracking environmental enforcement and regulatory developments

#### Who We Are

Roundtable participants are typically EHS lawyers and senior managers from multinational companies with government relations, regulatory, facility, product, supply chain, or market-access responsibilities involving China.

Member companies come from a wide variety of sectors, including agriculture, apparel, heavy machinery, biotechnology, consumer products, IT, food and beverage, and renewable energy.

"We create a forum with participants from diverse sectors to regularly receive updates and exchange views. Many of the Roundtable members have decades of relevant China- specific experience, including practical insights on law and policy matters."

Weiwei Luo Of Counsel, Beveridge & Diamond PC





"The China Roundtable also serves as a great platform to hear from the central government's environmental, safety, and health leaders on existing and new regulations or key initiatives impacting our businesses and operations. Understanding what policy and regulation changes are coming and what are the thoughts behind those changes helps us be better prepared when dealing with local government agencies."

Chatchai Bhudsabourg Director, Asia Region EHS Services, Applied Materials

### Who We Meet With

We have hosted guest speakers from organizations such as:

#### **Chinese Agencies**

- » General Administration of Customs (formerly General Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine)
- » Ministry of Ecology and Environment, including Department of Law, Regulation and Standard, Ecological and Environmental Monitoring, Climate Change, Ecological and Environmental Enforcement and Center of China Solid Waste and Chemicals Management
- » Ministry of Emergency Management
- » Ministry of Industry and Information Technology
- » Ministry of Labor and Social Security
- » Ministry of Transport
- » Ministry of Water Resources
- » National Development and Reform Commission, including energy and environment
- » National Health and Family Planning Commission (former Ministry of Health)
- » National Institute of Occupational Health and Poison Control, under the Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- » National People's Congress, including the Legislative Office of Environmental Protection and the Resources Conservation Committee
- » Qingdao Environmental Protection Bureau, the lead drafters of China's Corporate Environmental Report Standard
- » Standardization Administration, under the Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine
- » State Council, including legal and social affairs
- » Supreme People's Court, Environment Court
- » Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area Environmental Protection Bureau

#### **U.S. Agencies**

» Environmental Protection Agency, including the Office of International Affairs and the Office of General Counsel

#### Chinese/U.S. Non-Governmental Organizations

- » CHWMEG, Inc., including independent reviews of commercial facilities that treat, dispose, recycle, or transport waste
- » Center for Legal Assistance to Pollution Victims
- » Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs
- » International Fund for China's Environment
- » Millennium Institute
- » Women's Federation
- » Woodrow Wilson Center, China Environmental Security Project
- » Xi'an 521 Hospital

#### **Multilateral Institutions**

» The World Bank, including the Global Environment Fund

"We appreciate the cohesive intercompany cooperation for emerging EHS issues and the legal and technical insights for burgeoning EHS laws and policies from the Roundtable. We believe the Roundtable is a great platform to address that need."

Qin Zhigang Director of Global Supply Chain and Sustainability Asia & Pacific, General Electric

» Xi'an Environmental Protection Bureau

#### What We Discuss

The Roundtable conducts two in-person meetings each year, typically in the U.S. during the spring and in China during the fall, on topics that directly affect the operations of our members. Roundtable meetings cover a wide range of topics, depending on the interests of members, including:

- » New EHS laws and policies
- » EHS enforcement trends
- » Citizen environmental suits and environmental NGO activities
- » Environmental reporting practices and standards
- » New project permitting requirements
- » Chemical import and chemical management requirements
- » Market access requirements (e.g., China RoHS)
- » Hazardous waste vendor programs
- » Water resource management priorities
- » Rare-earth metals export controls and regulation
- » Energy policy and regulatory priorities
- » Energy efficiency standards
- » Energy supply and efficiency strategies
- » Responsible sourcing and supply chain management
- » Recycling and takeback of waste electrical and electronic equipment (China WEEE)
- » Carbon emissions reduction

- » Industrial hygiene and workplace health and safety
- » Migrant labor
- » Process safety (corporate standards versus Chinese standards)
- » Local government updates, including technology development zone regulatory approaches
- » Circular economy regulatory and policy development
- » Emergency planning, including contagious disease planning
- » Health law and policy updates

"The Roundtable provides unparalleled access to governmental policymakers in a setting that fosters dialogue on key emerging topics. It provides valuable regulatory alerts and a forum for sharing best practices that have helped my team proactively meet new requirements - a real competitive advantage."

Kathleen Shaver Director, Supplier Responsibility Apple

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#### **For More Information**

Annual dues: USD 10,000

To learn more about the China EHS Roundtable and how you can become involved, please contact:

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