



# Supply Chain Environmental Responsibility

UL provides knowledge and tools to develop and manage effective environmental programs within the supply chain.

UL's environmental responsibility services and tools enable companies to identify potential issues within their supply chain and determine root causes. Our wide range of auditing and testing services help companies minimize environmental impacts and improve the sustainability performance of their supply chain. UL experts and state-of-the-art facilities provide companies with the knowledge and expertise needed to better assess environmental impacts.

## Environmental Assessments Based on GSCP Guidelines

As environmental and sustainability initiatives become more important to business, their stakeholders, investors, and partners need to show that they are responding to the demands of environmental protection. UL's Environmental Responsibility Audit, based on Global Social Compliance Programme (GSCP) guidelines, employs a set of step-by-step environmental management tools that help companies identify opportunities for improvement in raw material processing, manufacturing, and service facilities. Assessment components include: management and employee interviews, document and record reviews, and site inspections.

The following areas are evaluated:

- Environmental management system
- Air, water, energy, and greenhouse gas (GHG) management
- Wastewater management
- Industrial and hazardous waste disposal
- Contaminated land/soil and groundwater pollution
- Land use and biodiversity
- Emergency action planning and environmental emergency response
- Training breadth

Key insights from UL assessments help organizations identify if they and their partners have efficient and manageable processes and systems in place that comply with stakeholder requirements related to environmental responsibility.

## UL Wastewater Onsite Assessments and Testing Based on ZDHC Principles

To help minimize potential damage to surrounding ecosystems and communities from harmful wastewater discharge, UL offers wastewater onsite assessment and testing solutions based on the Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals (ZDHC) principles. The onsite wastewater assessment examines water use, wastewater management systems, and chemicals management systems in place to identify related risks in order to mitigate and establish supply chain best practices.

UL's wastewater testing service utilizes a methodical, scientific, and facts-based

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approach to determine chemicals present in a company's supply chain. The wastewater testing process uses state-of-the-art labs in Europe and Asia Pacific to safeguard against banned and high risk chemicals and ensure partners comply with company requirements. UL specializes in testing for the 11 priority chemicals of concern identified by the Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals (ZDHC) group.

#### **Environmental Program Development and Advisory Services**

The UL team advises clients throughout the supply chain in areas like environmental strategy and policy development, program benchmarking, program implementation, performance measurement, environmental risk assessment, natural resource management, and environmental and sustainability initiatives. Drawing from extensive industry knowledge and best practices, UL delivers innovative custom environmental responsibility management solutions that can establish, assess, track and measure supply chain sustainability programs.

#### **Environmental Capacity Building and Continuous Improvement**

We develop customized capacity building and continuous improvement programs, seminars, e-learning and resource materials to guide clients in addressing environmental challenges at global, national, and community levels.

**UL is a leading global provider of responsible sourcing auditing and advisory services, which include supply chain monitoring, research and program development, and training. UL's Responsible Sourcing team has the global footprint to provide services in several countries.**

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