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The environmental liability insurance information disclosure performance of key polluting enterprises in the Yangtze River Delta hazardous waste management is poor



#### Introduction

As the process of industrialization continues, hazardous wastes emitted from industrial production processes are increasing. It is estimated that 330 million tons of hazardous waste are generated worldwide each year. Because of their environmental pollution and potentially serious impacts, hazardous wastes have come to be known as "political wastes" in industrially developed countries.

In recent years, China's industrial development has been rapid, and according to the 2017-2021 *Annual Report on Ecological and Environmental Statistics released by the Ministry of Ecology and Environment* (MOE), the amount of industrial hazardous waste generated nationwide has fluctuated slightly, but the overall trend has been increasing year by year.

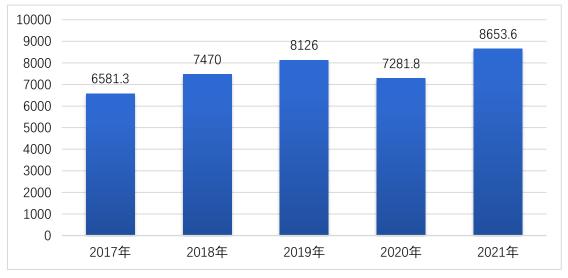


Figure 1 National Generation of Industrial Hazardous Waste, 2017-2021 (in tons)

In order to be able to effectively utilize and dispose of hazardous waste, the number of hazardous waste treatment enterprises is also climbing year by year, and according to the 2017-2021 Annual Report on Ecological and Environmental Statistics released by the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, the number of centralized hazardous waste treatment plants in the country in

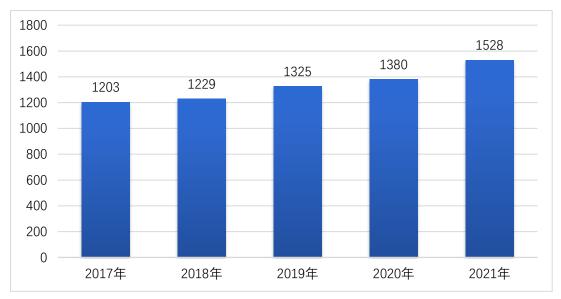


Figure 2 Number of centralized hazardous waste treatment plants in the country, 2017-2021 (in units)

In order to make hazardous waste management enterprises pay more attention to their own environmental responsibility and strengthen multi-party supervision, the state vigorously promotes hazardous waste management enterprises to take out environmental pollution liability insurance (hereinafter referred to as "environmental liability insurance"). Article 99 of the newly amended Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Environmental Pollution by Solid Wastes, which came into effect on September 1, 2020, stipulates that "Units collecting, storing, transporting, utilizing, or disposing of hazardous wastes shall, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the state, take out environmental pollution liability insurance", which is the first time that environmental pollution liability insurance has been incorporated into the law. In Article 2 (Basic Requirements) of the Measures for the Administration of Environmental Pollution Liability Insurance for Hazardous Wastes (Draft for Public Comments) published by the Ministry of Ecology and Environment on November 19, 2021, it is also mentioned that "Units collecting, storing, transporting, utilizing and disposing of hazardous wastes (collectively referred

to as the insured and the insured) shall take out environmental pollution liability insurance with insurance companies.

In order to raise enterprises' awareness of environmental information disclosure, and also to improve the information disclosure mechanism of environmental liability insurance to facilitate supervision and management, the *Administrative* Measures for the Legal Disclosure of Environmental Information of Enterprises (hereinafter referred to as the "Administrative Measures"), which came into effect on February 8, 2022, requires that the annual legal disclosure report of the enterprise's annual environmental information disclosed by the key emission units shall include information on environmental pollution and liability insurance since the date of its inclusion in the list of key emission units. Liability insurance information should be included in the annual environmental information disclosure report of key emission units. It also requires that "enterprises shall disclose the environmental information from January 1 to December 31 of the previous year before March 15 of each year." The Format Guidelines for Legal Disclosure of Environmental Information of Enterprises issued by the General Office of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment on January 4, 2022 (hereinafter referred to as the Format Guidelines) also emphasizes that "enterprises shall disclose information on environmental pollution liability insurance in accordance with the law."

In other words, hazardous waste management enterprises that are key sewage disposal units should disclose the status of environmental pollution liability insurance coverage in their annual corporate environmental information disclosure reports in accordance with the law.

Based on this, Lvse Jiangnan Public Environmental Concerned Centre (hereinafter referred to as "Lvse Jiangnan") summarized the hazardous waste management enterprises in the Yangtze River Delta region that are key

emission units, and observed the disclosure of environmental liability insurance in 2022 through the legal disclosure system of the enterprise environmental information of the enterprise where the enterprise is located in order to understand and compare the current situation of environmental liability insurance and disclosure of hazardous waste management enterprises in the Yangtze River Delta region, hoping to promote the enterprises to actively take out environmental liability insurance and make timely, effective and comprehensive disclosure. The purpose of this study is to understand and compare the current situation of environmental liability insurance coverage and disclosure of hazardous waste management enterprises in the Yangtze River Delta region, hoping to promote hazardous waste management enterprises to actively take out environmental liability insurance and make disclosure in a timely, effective and comprehensive manner, so as to drive the enthusiasm of the whole industry to take out and disclose the insurance and create a true, accurate and complete environmental database for environmental liability insurance, and to help the healthy and orderly development of environmental liability insurance.

#### 1. Research target

According to the *Annual Report on Ecological and Environmental Statistics* published by the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang and Anhui Provinces all accounted for more than 16% of the total industrial hazardous waste generated nationwide during 2017-2021, and the number of centralized hazardous waste treatment plants exceeded one-third of the national total. Therefore, the research object of this report focuses on hazardous waste treatment enterprises in the Yangtze River Delta region that are key discharge units. The Yangtze River Delta region consists of 26 cities in three provinces and one city, namely Shanghai, Jiangsu Province (9 cities including Nanjing, Wuxi and Changzhou), Zhejiang Province (8 cities including Hangzhou, Ningbo and Jiaxing) and Anhui Province (8 cities including Hefei, Wuhu and Maanshan).

The lists of hazardous waste management enterprises in Shanghai, Jiangsu and Zhejiang provinces were obtained from the legal disclosure system of enterprise environmental information in each province and city, which were then summarized and matched with the 2022 list of key sewage disposal units issued by the environmental protection departments to determine the final list; and the lists of hazardous waste management enterprises in Anhui province were obtained directly from the legal disclosure system of enterprise environmental information (Anhui).

After excluding the inability to determine the industry category, shutdown, sewage license withdrawal, etc., the finalized list of hazardous waste management enterprises totaled 605, of which 32 were in Shanghai, 353 were in Jiangsu Province, 174 were in Zhejiang Province, and 46 were in Anhui Province. See Table 1 for details.

Table 1 Number of Hazardous Waste Management Enterprises in Each

Province and City

province/cit y	city	Number of enterprise s	province/cit y	city	Number of enterprise s
Shanghai	/	32		Jiaxing	21
Jiangsu Province	Suzhou	81	Zhejiang Province	Huzhou	20
	Changzho u	65		Jinhua	17
	Wuxi	59		Shaoxing	16
	Nantong	43		Zhoushan	8
	Taizhou	34	Anhui Province	Hefei	19
	Nanjing	25		Wuhu	8
	Yangzhou	20		Chuzhou	6
	Zhenjiang	14		Tongling	5
	Yancheng	12		Chizhou	4
Zhejiang Province	Ningbo	43		Anqing	2
	Taizhou	27		Xuanchen g	2
	Hangzhou	22		Maanshan	0

# 2. Disclosure of environmental liability insurance for hazardous waste management enterprises in various provinces and cities

According to the 2022 annual environmental information report disclosed by 605 hazardous waste management enterprises in the location of the enterprise environmental information disclosure system in accordance with the law, Green Jiangnan found that a total of 164 hazardous waste management enterprises did not disclose the insurance information of the environmental liability insurance, of which 20 are in Shanghai, 43 are in Jiangsu Province, 64 are in

Zhejiang Province, and 37 are in Anhui Province.

In terms of quantity, among the 26 cities, the largest number of hazardous waste management enterprises that did not disclose environmental liability insurance information in the legal disclosure system for corporate environmental information in their respective regions was Taizhou City, with 23, followed by Shanghai City, with 20, and the smallest was Yancheng City, with only one undisclosed enterprise.

Table 2 Number of non-disclosures by location

province/city	city	Number of enterprises	province/city	city	Number of enterprises
Shanghai	/	20		Jiaxing	3
Jiangsu Province	Suzhou	15	Zhejiang Province	Huzhou	8
	Changzhou	5		Jinhua	4
	Wuxi	7		Shaoxing	8
	Nantong	5		Zhoushan	2
	Taizhou	2	Anhui Province	Hefei	14
	Nanjing	3		Wuhu	6
	Yangzhou	3		Chuzhou	4
	Zhenjiang	2		Tongling	5
	Yancheng	1		Chizhou	4
Zhejiang Province	Ningbo	9		Anqing	2
	Taizhou	23		Xuancheng	2
	Hangzhou	7		Maanshan	/

From the perspective of undisclosed rate, among the three provinces and one city, the undisclosed rate of hazardous waste management enterprises in Anhui Province is the highest, with as high as 80.43% of enterprises failing to disclose the information of environmental liability insurance in the annual environmental report, and the lowest in Jiangsu Province, with only 12.18%. See Figure 1 for details.

Among the 25 cities (excluding Maanshan City, which has no hazardous waste management enterprises belonging to key sewage disposal units), the hazardous waste management enterprises in Xuancheng City, Anqing City, Chizhou City and Tongling City have not disclosed information on environmental liability insurance in the legal disclosure system of enterprise environmental information in their respective areas, and the non-disclosure rate of the four cities is as high as 100 percent. This is followed by Taizhou City, with a non-disclosure of 85.19%, and Taizhou City with fewer non-disclosed enterprises and a non-disclosure rate of only 5.88%. See Figure 2 for details.

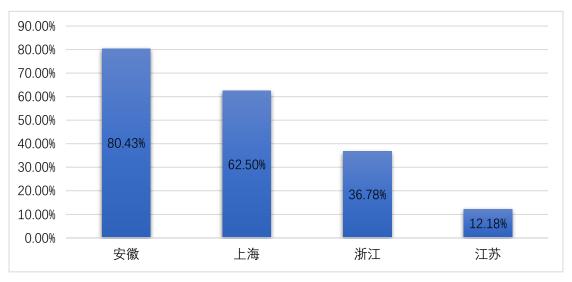


Figure 3 Undisclosed rates in three provinces and one city

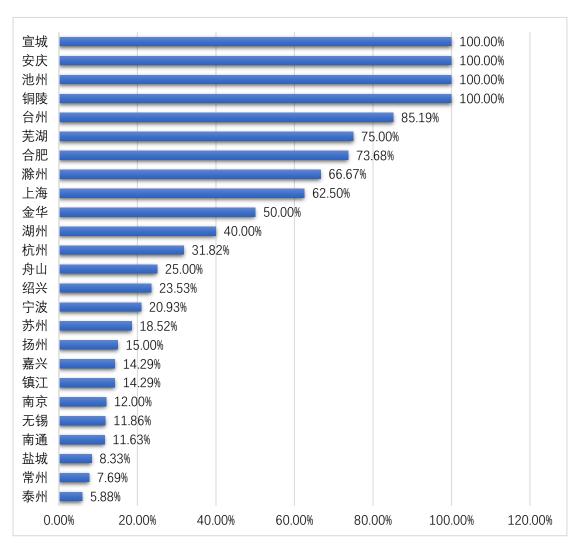


Figure 4 Undisclosed rates in 25 cities (except MaanShan)

#### 3. Issues and findings

### 3.1 Five companies failed to disclose annual environmental information in a timely manner as required

According to the search, Lvse Jiangnan found that there are five hazardous waste management enterprises in the enterprise environmental information disclosure system in accordance with the law shows "no data for the time being", that is to say, these five enterprises are not in accordance with the requirements of the "Management Measures" in March 15, before the disclosure of the 2022 annual enterprise environmental information.

Table 3 List of enterprises that have not disclosed their annual environmental information reports

location	Number of enterprises	location	Number of
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Hangzhou, Zhejiang	Hangzhou Baode Silver Co.	Changzhou, Jiangsu	Changzhou
			Environmental
			Sanitation
			Management
			Center
Ningbo, Zhejiang	Ningbo Donghai Hengyi Storage Battery Co.		Suzhou Huale Air
		Suzhou, Jiangsu	Pollution Control
			Technology
			Development Co.
Lluzbou	Deqing Eternal		
Huzhou, Zhejiang	Environmental		
	Protection Technology		
	Co.		



图表 5 Hangzhou Baode Silver Co. "Enterprise environmental information disclosure system according to law (Zhejiang)" search situation

Article 28 of the *Administrative Measures* stipulates that "If an enterprise fails to disclose environmental information, the competent ecological and environmental department at or above the municipal level of the district shall order rectification, notify and criticize the enterprise and may impose a fine of not less than 10,000 yuan and not more than 100,000 yuan. information beyond the prescribed time limit or fail to upload the environmental information to the enterprise environmental information disclosure system according to law, the competent department of ecological environment at or above the municipal

level of the district shall order rectification, notify and criticize, and may impose a fine of not more than 50,000 yuan." Based on this, Lvse Jiangnan suggests that the above hazardous waste management enterprises should disclose annual environmental information in a timely manner in accordance with the relevant requirements, so as to avoid being penalized by the ecological environment department.

### 3.2 159 companies failed to disclose information on environmental liability insurance

In addition to the hazardous waste management enterprises that did not disclose their annual environmental information reports, 159 enterprises disclosed their annual environmental information reports but did not disclose information on their environmental liability insurance coverage in their annual reports.

Hazardous waste management enterprises in Jiangsu Province and Shanghai Municipality that have not disclosed information on environmental liability insurance have a sub-column of "Environmental Pollution Liability Insurance" in their annual environmental information reports, but they are either left blank or written as "None". As shown in Figure 6 and Figure 7



Figure 6 Relevant disclosures of Nanjing Green Circle Waste Disposal Co.



Figure 7 Disclosure relating to Shanghai Huan Yuan Industrial Development Co.

Zhejiang Province did not disclose the environmental liability insurance of hazardous waste management enterprises, in addition to write "no" or "not involved" in addition to some enterprises in the annual environmental information reporting system does not see the "environmental pollution liability insurance" sub-column, some in the "environmental pollution liability insurance" column in the reasons for not involved in the "not included in the mandatory environmental pollution liability insurance scope".

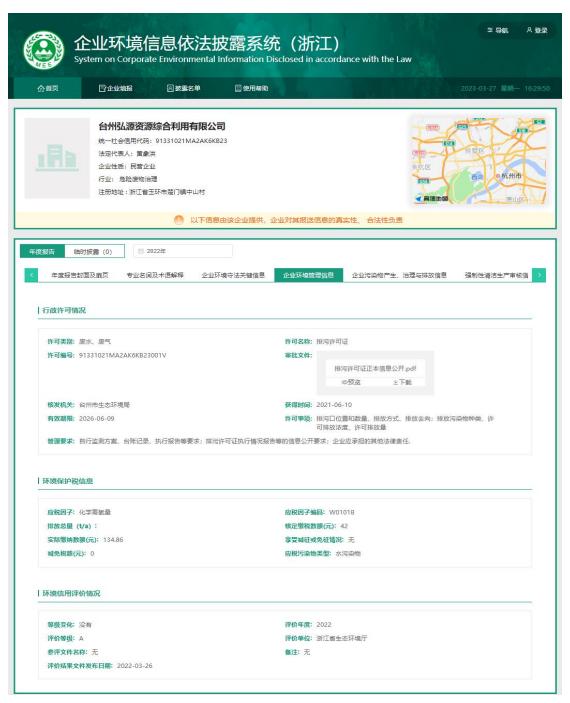


Figure 8 Disclosure relating to Taizhou Hongyuan Resources Comprehensive Utilization Co.



Figure 9 Relevant disclosures of Hangzhou Xianchi Trading Co.

Anhui Province did not disclose the environmental liability insurance of hazardous waste management enterprises, in its public annual environmental information report are not seen in the "environmental pollution liability insurance" sub-column, part of the enterprise's index column does not even cover the environmental liability insurance and other information of the "enterprise environmental management information" this item.

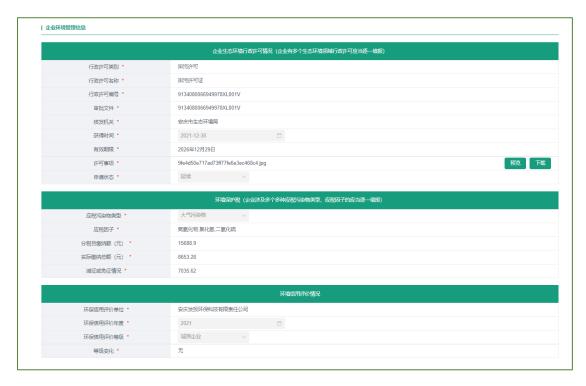


Figure 10 Disclosure relating to Anqing Fatou Environmental Protection Technology Co.



Figure 11 Disclosure related to the new plant of Anhui Tianqu Environmental Protection Technology Co.

It can be seen that although these 159 enterprises have the awareness of public disclosure of environmental information, they do not pay enough attention to the disclosure of information on environmental liability insurance. Article 10 of the *Format Guidelines* clearly requires that "key emissions unit enterprises shall disclose information on environmental pollution liability insurance in

accordance with the law." For the disclosure of environmental information does not meet the requirements of the *Format Guidelines*, the *Administrative Measures* stipulates that "the competent ecological and environmental department at or above the municipal level of the district shall order correction, notify and criticize, and may impose a fine of not more than 50,000 yuan." Therefore, as a hazardous waste management enterprise required by the *Solid Waste Law* to take out environmental liability insurance, it is reasonable to disclose the information of environmental liability insurance in the enterprise environmental information disclosure system according to the law, or else the competent ecological and environmental authorities have the right to penalize it.

#### 3.3 Significant differences in disclosures

According to statistics, the observation of the 605 hazardous waste management enterprises, more than 70% of the enterprises disclosed the environmental liability insurance insurance information, Shanghai, Jiangsu and Anhui Province, enterprises fill in the environmental liability insurance information, including the underwriting company, the insurance period, the main scope of coverage and the insurance liability limits, Zhejiang Province, on the basis of the increase of four items, including the policyholder, the issuing organization, the date of issuance of the document and the name of the document.

It is observed that there are differences in the disclosure contents among different enterprises. In addition to Zhejiang Province, the differences in disclosure between hazardous waste management enterprises in other two provinces and one city are mainly reflected in the "main coverage" item. According to rough statistics, the disclosure of this item can be roughly divided into three categories, one type of fill in the business scope or address of the

enterprise, one type of insurance company to fill in the specific scope of coverage, such as third-party personal injury or death or direct property damage, cleanup costs, additional insured, etc., and one type of direct to the "Environmental Pollution Liability (insurance)" a few words instead of. The words "Environmental Pollution Liability (Insurance)" are used instead of "Environmental Pollution Liability".



Figure 12 Relevant disclosure of Hefei Sangon Chemical Co.

环境污染责任网络		
承保公司 *	中国平安财产保险股份有限公司	
保险期 *	2021-11-26至2022-11-25, 共365天	
主要承保范围 *	平安环境污染责任保险、附加场所外清理费用保险、附加场所内清理费用保险	
保险赔偿责任限额 (元) *	480000	

Figure 13 Disclosure in relation to Wuhu Lansheng Centralized Medical Waste Disposal Limited Liability Company



Figure 14 Disclosure relating to Wuxi Hengjiu Renewable Resources Co.

Among the enterprises that filled in the report on "the specific scope of coverage by the insurance company", some enterprises disclosed in great detail not only the type of environmental liability insurance insured, but also the scope and limit of each liability insured.



Figure 15Relevant disclosures of Jiangsu Dianke Environmental Protection Co.

The disclosure of environmental liability insurance in the disclosure system of Zhejiang Province is twice as much as that of other provinces and municipalities, and there are even more differences in disclosure among enterprises, which are reflected in the coverage, issuing organization and name of the document, respectively. The content of coverage is similar to that of other provinces and cities, also focusing on three aspects, such as business address and specific content of coverage. The reporting contents of the issuing organization and the name of the document can be roughly divided into three categories, one of which is not filled in, one of which is the name of the insurance company underwriting the environmental liability insurance and the environmental liability insurance policy, and one of which is the name of the governmental department and the relevant document.



Figure 16 Disclosure relating to Connor New Materials (Hangzhou) Co.



Figure 17 Disclosure relating to Hangzhou Dadi Ocean Environmental Protection Co.



Figure 18 Relevant disclosure of Hangzhou Chengjie Environmental Protection Co.

It can be seen that when enterprises fill in the relevant contents of the environmental liability insurance, there is a lack of uniform knowledge and bias in the understanding of some of the fill-in items, resulting in a large difference in the content of the disclosure.

#### 4. Communication and Feedback

Among the 605 hazardous waste management enterprises observed in this issue of the report, 5 enterprises (3 in Zhejiang Province and 2 in Jiangsu Province) have not disclosed the annual environmental information report of the enterprises, and 159 enterprises (20 in Shanghai Municipality, 41 in Jiangsu Province, 61 in Zhejiang Province and 37 in Anhui Province) have disclosed the annual environmental information report but have not disclosed the information on environmental liability insurance. Accordingly, on May 26th, Green River sent letters to 157 enterprises in addition to the 7 enterprises that did not retrieve the information required for the letter, hoping to communicate with the

enterprises on the lack of disclosure of environmental liability insurance information in a friendly manner. Subsequently, Lvse Jiangnan South received 15 letters of return due to reasons such as no one was found, refusal to accept, and so on.

Up to now, a total of 52 enterprises have communicated with Lvse Jiangnan, and the reasons why enterprises have not disclosed their environmental liability insurance are roughly as follows:

### (i) Lack of mandatory environmental liability insurance by the Government

Although hazardous waste management enterprises to take out environmental liability insurance has been clearly written into the Solid Waste Law, but such as Nanjing Bashiq Environmental Protection Science and Technology Co. The enterprises did not take out environmental liability insurance on their own, and indicated that they would continue to judge whether they needed to take out environmental liability insurance according to the list of mandatory environmental liability insurance issued by local environmental departments. As a result, they do not fill in the information related to environmental liability insurance when they fill in the annual environmental information.

#### (ii) Lack of familiarity with legislation

Anhui Jiarui Environmental Protection Science and Technology Co., Ltd. said in communication that they do not understand the "Solid Waste Law" in the management of hazardous waste enterprises should be insured against environmental liability insurance related provisions, and the government has not issued a relevant document requiring enterprises to take out insurance, followed by the relevant information and local ecological and environmental

protection bureau to communicate.

#### (iii) Not on the pilot list

Although Changzhou Environmental Sanitation Management Center is a key sewage disposal unit, it did not disclose its annual environmental information report because the enterprise was not on the pilot filing list published by the local ecological and environmental departments, and the relevant government departments did not open the filing authority.

Subsequently, the enterprise will Lvse Jiangnan letter reflecting the situation feedback to the local ecological environment bureau, after further verification of the ecological environment department, the enterprise is not in the pilot fill in the list because of omissions in the list, and now the ecological environment department has re-opened for the enterprise to fill in the permissions, and the enterprise has successfully filled in the annual environmental information in 2022.



Figure 19Comparison of disclosures by Changzhou Environmental Health Management Center

#### (iv) Systemic issues

Kunshan City, Ningchuang Environmental Technology Development Co., Ltd. said in communication, as early as March 8, filled in the environmental liability insurance insurance information, and screenshots sent to the Department of Ecology and Environment to confirm, but recently opened the reporting system did not see the environmental liability insurance information, has now re-filled.



Figure 20 Disclosure Comparison of Kunshan Ningchuang Environmental Technology Development Co.

#### (v) Insured but not reporting

A number of hazardous waste management enterprises, including Hangzhou Xianchi Trade Co., Ltd, Zhejiang Jingcheng Renewable Resources Co., Ltd, Changzhou Dawei Environmental Science and Technology Co., Ltd, have indicated that their enterprises have been insured against environmental liability insurance for several years in a row, but have neglected to fill in information on environmental liability insurance when filling in the annual environmental information, and have indicated that they will supplement the information on environmental liability insurance in the system.



Figure 21 Disclosure Comparison of Changzhou Da Wei Environmental Technology Co.

However, the annual environmental information of 2022 in the enterprise environmental information disclosure system of Zhejiang Province can not be updated, and can only be disclosed in the form of interim report, but there is no option of "environmental pollution liability insurance" in the interim report, and can only disclose the information of environmental liability insurance in other options.



Figure 22 Supplemental disclosure of Taizhou Dechang Environmental Protection Co.

Hazardous waste management enterprises take out environmental liability insurance and make good information disclosure, which not only meets the requirements of national laws and regulations, but also helps to improve the enterprises' environmental protection awareness and sense of responsibility. However, through this communication, Green Jiangnan believes that some of the hazardous waste management enterprises still need to strengthen their autonomy in taking out environmental liability insurance and their enthusiasm in disclosing information on environmental liability insurance.

#### 5. Recommendation

As a special insurance product, environmental liability insurance is of great significance in strengthening enterprise environmental management and promoting enterprise environmental compliance. Doing a good job in disclosing information of environmental liability insurance is not only the need of enterprises themselves, but also the need of the public, government and environmental protection field, which is of great practical significance and long-term value. Therefore, we suggest:

## 5.1 Improve the reward and punishment mechanism, strengthen the publicity of the law, and enhance enterprises' awareness of insurance coverage and disclosure

Environmental liability insurance can transform the preventive, management and compensatory functions of insurance into green and low-carbon genes injected into enterprises at high risk of environmental pollution, which has a positive effect on improving the quality of the ecological environment. In the Solid Waste Law, it is clearly stipulated that "units collecting, storing,

transporting, utilizing and disposing of hazardous wastes shall, in accordance with relevant state regulations, take out environmental pollution liability insurance", but there is no mention of corresponding penalties for uninsured hazardous waste enterprises in Chapter VIII Legal Liability. However, in "Chapter 8 Legal Liability", there is no mention of the corresponding punitive measures for uninsured hazardous waste enterprises, which, to a certain extent, will reduce the enthusiasm of enterprises to take out insurance. Therefore, Lvse Jiangnan believes that the laws and regulations related to environmental liability insurance still need to be improved, and a clear system of rewards and penalties needs to be established to enhance the awareness of enterprises to take out insurance.

In addition, there is a certain lag in the reception of new laws and regulations by enterprises, therefore, the government can organize a unified legal training for local enterprises at the beginning of the introduction of laws and regulations related to environmental liability insurance, so as to clarify the responsibilities and obligations of enterprises, as well as the government's rewards and penalties, and to strengthen the awareness of the enterprises of taking out insurance and disclosure.

### 5.2 The Government plays a regulatory role and is strict in its requirements

Among the 605 hazardous waste management enterprises observed in this report, 164 of them have not disclosed the information of environmental liability insurance, and the non-disclosure rate is more than 27%. Through subsequent communication with enterprises, Lvse Jiangnan learned that many enterprises have not taken out environmental liability insurance because they are not on the list of mandatory insurance issued by the ecological environment department. However, it is a requirement of the Solid Waste Law for hazardous

waste management enterprises to take out environmental liability insurance. When compiling the list of mandatory insured enterprises, the government should include all the enterprises that meet the requirements into the list of insured enterprises in accordance with the requirements of the law and regulations, so as to ensure that they should be insured to the fullest extent.

There are also some enterprises that have actually taken out environmental liability insurance, but neglected to report the annual environmental information. After the enterprises fill in the information, they need to be audited by the ecological and environmental departments before the relevant information will be publicized, and there are corresponding penalties in the "Management Measures". Therefore, Lvse Jiangnan suggests that the ecological environment department should give full play to the supervisory function of the government department when reviewing the information reported by the enterprises, strictly review the information in accordance with the "Administrative Measures" and the "Format Guidelines", correct it in time, and start the penalty procedure to ensure the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness of the information of the enterprises, and urge the enterprises to do the disclosure of disclosure as much as they can.

#### 5.3 Improve interpretation and standardize disclosure

The Administrative Measures and Format Guidelines have standardized the content of environmental information disclosure of key emission units, and the reporting systems of provinces and cities have set up reporting items according to the requirements. However, according to Lvse Jiangnan's observation, the enterprises' understanding of certain reporting items varies during the reporting process, resulting in different reporting contents.

Anhui Province's filing system includes a "Manual for Enterprises Disclosing

Environmental Information in accordance with the Law - Annual Report", which includes notes and examples, but lacks detailed explanations of some of the filing items. Although the reporting system in Jiangsu Province has the "explanation of technical terms and terminology", it shows "no data available". The reporting systems in Shanghai and Zhejiang Province did not have publicly available manuals or explanations of terms and terminology.

Therefore, Lvse Jiangnan suggests that provinces and municipalities, while establishing the reporting system, should provide unified training to reporting enterprises and improve the "explanation of terms and terminology" in the system to standardize the disclosure content of enterprises and form an accurate and comparable database to facilitate the subsequent supervision and assessment.

### 5.4 Improvement of the information disclosure platform to facilitate public participation

In the process of combing through the legal disclosure systems of corporate environmental information of various provinces and cities in the early stage of this report, Lvse Jiangnan found that the filing systems of some provinces and cities lacked friendliness to the public, i.e., the relevant links could not be directly accessed by way of webpage searching, and they needed to be obtained by way of governmental public disclosure upon application.

Secondly, the original purpose of the Government in setting up the system for the legal disclosure of environmental information by enterprises was to be used for enterprises to centrally publicize the content of their legal disclosure of environmental information, so as to facilitate unified supervision by the Government and monitoring by the public. However, the filing systems in individual provinces and municipalities set limits on public access, so that once

the number of accesses exceeds the limit, the public will not be able to access the relevant data, which is contrary to the Government's original intent in setting up the system.

Therefore, Lvse Jiangnan suggests that all provinces and municipalities should set up enterprise environmental information reporting system, at the same time, it should be publicized in the government website, and there is no restriction on public access, so as to facilitate the participation of the public and stakeholders in the process of information disclosure, and to enhance the public transparency of information disclosure.

At present, although there are only laws and regulations relating to the disclosure of information on corporate environmental liability insurance, such as the *Administrative Measures* and the *Format Guidelines*, environmental protection and emission reduction have become important tasks faced by countries around the world in the context of the dual-carbon goal, and environmental liability insurance is an important means for enterprises to minimize environmental risks and protect the environment. Enhancing the disclosure of information on environmental liability insurance will help to improve the transparency and credibility of information on enterprises' environmental liability insurance, and will also help to promote the active fulfillment of environmental responsibility and protection of the environment by enterprises, thus facilitating the realization of the dual-carbon goal.

In this context, the state will continue to improve the laws and regulations on disclosure of environmental liability insurance information, and improve the relevant incentives and penalties. On this basis, the government will also gradually increase the supervision and enforcement of the disclosure of environmental liability insurance information, so that enterprises will realize the importance of environmental liability insurance information disclosure.

Therefore, enterprises need to take the initiative to disclose information related to environmental liability insurance while enhancing their awareness of environmental protection, increasing the transparency of their environmental information, promoting their environmental protection behavior, and realizing their sustainable development.