

Wal-Mart, China milk firm on most-criticized list

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BERLIN -- Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's biggest retailer, and Fonterra Cooperative Group Ltd. have been named to a list of the largest companies most criticized for their impacts on the environment, health and communities.

Wal-Mart was blamed for contaminants found in its bottled water last month while Fonterra, a New Zealand dairy, has been involved in a scandal over tainted milk in China, according to a study by RepRisk, a consulting firm that analyzes companies' exposure to controversial issues and news.

Other companies named in the study include BP Plc, whose refinery in Indiana was singled out by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for higher air pollution leading to asthma and heart disease, Exxon Mobil Corp., Monsanto Co. and BAE Systems Plc.

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