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Linda Greer is an environmental toxicologist who worked on toxic chemical and industrial pollution with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) for nearly 30 years. She left the organization in 2019 to oversee green supply chain initiatives with the Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs, the leading environmental NGO in China and now works as an independent consultant.

Linda spent most of her career on domestic environmental law and policy. As manufacturing moved abroad, however, she turned her attention global pollution matters, concentrating her work internationally. Focusing first on mercury pollution, Linda was a founder and leader of the NGO's community's successful effort to pass the Minamata Convention in the United Nations, a binding international treaty to reduce the use and release of this toxic metal around the globe.

Subsequently, Linda turned to China, creating NRDC's Clean by Design Program, a highly successful green supply chain initiative that promotes improvements in production efficiency to significantly reduce the use of energy, water, and chemicals in apparel manufacturing while saving money. She has continued focused efforts on sustainable apparel manufacturing around the globe for more than 15 years.

For more than a decade, Linda taught a popular summer intensive course, "Scientific Fundamentals of Risk Assessment" at Vermont Law School, and she has also taught short courses for the National Association of State Attorney Generals and the U.S. Department of Justice Department of Environmental Crimes. She served as the Interim Director of the University of Michigan Biological Station in 2017/2018 during a sabbatical break from advocacy.

Linda has served on many expert panels and commissions, including the National Academy of Sciences and the U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board. She currently serves on the board of the Cary Institute. Linda is the author of over a dozen technical and policy articles on environmental matters and has frequently testified before Congress. She has a Ph.D. in Environmental Toxicology (U of Maryland), a M.S.P.H. in Environmental Sciences and Engineering (UNC School of Public Health, Chapel Hill), and a B.S. in Biology (Tufts University).