

New report details lobby activities of water giant and underlines needs for transparency

(7 January 2009) A report was published by Corporate Europe Observatory on the Veolia Environment EU lobbying activities in the water sector, "Turning on the taps in Brussels", 17 December 2008. The report can be found at:

<http://www.corporateeurope.org/docs/turning-on-the-taps.pdf>

The report shows according to the CEO Press release that the water giant's environmental and "responsible lobbying" claims are far from matching the extent and content of its actual activities: Veolia has set up a considerable lobbying network and consistently pushed for a profit-oriented approach rather than water resources preservation. It promotes energy-intensive and costly clean-up technologies as the sole response to the water crisis and asked the European Commission to take action against public-public partnerships.

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