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## Revisiting the Sustainable Supply Chain

**What do you do when much of your environmental footprint is a result of activities that occur on your behalf but are not directly tied to your actual operations?**

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Hitachi Consulting officially started our sustainability-focused consulting practice a little more than a year ago, but we have been helping customers in this area for a few years. One of the team's first mandates was start to practice what we preach. We decided to implement an information system internally to track our environmental footprint. As part of this, we gathered up all the data we had that could be used to track our electricity, gas, water and paper usage in our office buildings as well as our employee air and car travel.

Going into this project, we expected that things like electricity use and air travel would be large contributors to our greenhouse gas footprint – and this turned out to be true. But, frankly, we were surprised at the results because the impact of one of these was so disproportionately large.

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