

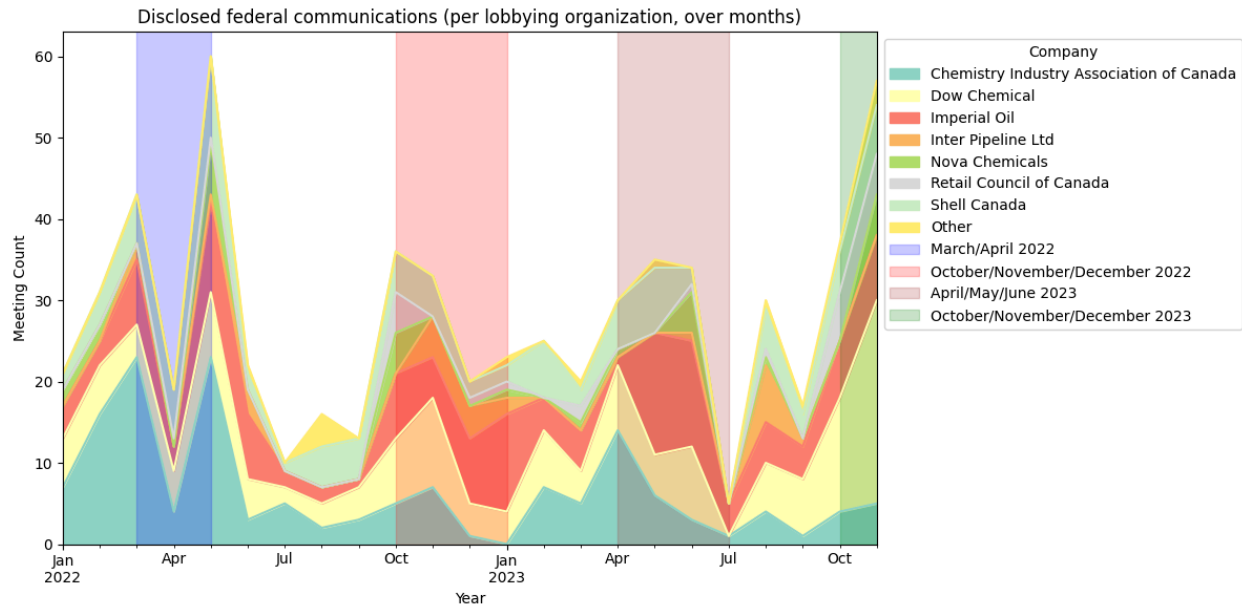


END THE AGE OF PLASTIC

What is the oil and plastic industry's response to the Treaty negotiations?

Research on industry lobby participation in the previous Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) revealed that there is significant participation by major industry groups with 143 registered fossil fuel and chemistry industry lobbyists [at INC3](#), and [196 at INC4](#)

Research¹ commissioned in January 2024 by Greenpeace Canada found that lobbying of the federal government spiked in advance of and during Plastics Treaty negotiations, as shown in the graph below.



The research also found that the federal government spent the equivalent of a month of time in direct conference with these organizations in 2023. The growth in plastics lobbying is mainly attributable to three actors: Dow Chemical, Imperial Oil, and the Chemistry Industry Association of Canada (CIAC). Dow is a plastic resin manufacturer and Imperial is a manufacturer of petrochemicals used to create plastics. CIAC is Canada's most prominent chemistry and plastics sector trade association.

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¹ Office of the Commissioner of Lobbying. (2024). Monthly Communication Reports [description: relational database of "oral and arranged" communications between lobbyists and federal Designated Public Office Holders (DPOH) since July 2, 2008, updated daily] Retrieved from <https://lobbycanada.gc.ca/en/open-data/>