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In the Faculty Finance Podcast, hosts Lily and David discuss the trend of corporate divestment from polluting assets and its implications for environmental sustainability. While divestment appears beneficial, they argue that it often merely shifts pollution rather than reducing it, as these assets are often sold to companies with less environmental scrutiny, thus continuing the pollution under new ownership. This video practice can lead to "greenwashing," where companies present a misleadingly eco-friendly image without making significant environmental changes.

They emphasize the need for consumers to critically evaluate corporate environmental claims and understand what happens to divested assets. The discussion highlights the importance of actual emissions reductions over mere ownership changes and suggests that investment in cleaner technologies or outright closure of polluting operations is necessary for substantial change. The hosts encourage consumers to remain informed, support genuinely sustainable companies, and advocate for policies focused on real environmental progress. Overall, the podcast calls for more engagement and critical thinking regarding corporate claims and environmental actions.