



# ENVIRONMENTAL CHINA

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Welcome to *Environmental China*, PACE's electronic newsletter devoted to giving interested readers a comprehensive update of news concerning China's environment. This newsletter will be sorted first with an Opinion section, and then a rundown of news divided into Public/NGOs, Government, and Corporations, with news about each sector's involvement in China's environment. Articles within each section are sorted chronologically. Any comments, suggestions or questions can be directed to [cc.huang2@gmail.com](mailto:cc.huang2@gmail.com).

## OPINION

[Jiangsu kicks off domestic solar race with provincial subsidies](#) (The Green Leap Forward, 4/1/2009) A look at Jiangsu Province's newly reported solar incentives and further reflections on the national Solar Roof Program.

[Dust storm/Acid rain pollution paradox](#) (Mark's China Blog, 4/1/2009) All of China's environmental problems come together in Beijing. Between its nearby desertification and the resulting dust storms or coal-powered power plants and their resulting smog and acid-rain, it's pretty much a "pick your poison" scenario living in China's capitol.

[Waxman-Markey and China: First take](#) (China Environmental Law Blog, 4/1/2009) House Energy and Commerce Chair Henry Waxman (D-CA) and

Energy and Environment Subcommittee Chair Ed Markey (D-MA) released their energy and climate billyesterday. The bill is 648 pages long, so we here at CELB haven't had time to make it through the whole thing, but here's our first take on the how the bill impacts China.

Pollution monitors: Lights, camera, inaction (Caijing, 3/31/2009) China's nationwide, online pollution monitoring system is a technological wonder but not necessarily an environmental remedy.

A call for action from China hands (Climate Progress, 3/30/2009) With global climate negotiators meeting in Bonn, this week will have more of an international flavor. Here's another guest post from Charlie McElwee, an international energy & environmental lawyer and Professor at Shanghai Jiao Tong University's School of Law.

CEF Director discusses domestic obstacles facing China in lowering greenhouse gas emissions (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Audio program, 3/28/2009) CEF Director Jennifer Turner joined Elliot Diringer, the vice president for international strategies at the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, Deborah Seligsohn, a senior fellow at the China Climate, Energy and Pollution Program for the World Resources Institute, and Charles McElwee, an international energy and environment lawyer for the Shanghai office of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey to discuss China's climate change policies on Earthbeat Radio.

Dawn of a new era: The Gansu solar concession and landmark solar roofs program (The Green Leap Forward, 3/27/2009) Its been a HUGE week for solar. Bidding details on the first solar farm concession were announced, while a new solar roofs program to popularize photovoltaics (PV) in rural and urban areas has been launched. The Green Leap Forward discusses the details both developments and their implications to China's domestic solar market.

Energy saving in Beijing (China Dialogue, Video, 3/26/2009) Conversations with a resident's committee, who are putting energy efficiency into practice.

## PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

[Climate change will hit China hard, says UK scientist](#) (China Daily, 4/2/2009) Hundreds of millions of Chinese people are likely to face extreme climate change and shortages of water, food and energy in the next few decades unless the emission of carbon dioxide and other polluting chemicals is checked, the UK's chief scientific adviser said in Guangzhou yesterday.

[Gates gives \\$33 million for tuberculosis in China](#) (IDG, News Service, 4/1/2009) Bill Gates announced a \$33 million grant from his charity foundation to help fight tuberculosis in China on Wednesday, deepening his organization's involvement in the country.

[Ensuring food security in China](#) (China Dialogue, 3/27/2009) Northern China is suffering its worst drought in half a century. Are drought-tolerant crops the solution? Jiang Gaoming reports.

## CORPORATIONS

[Lamex goes green](#) (Shanghai Daily, 4/2/2009) LAMEX, a wholly owned subsidiary of HNI Corp, became the first office-solution provider to receive Gold Certification for commercial interiors with LEED (LEED-CI, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) in China.

[Oz minerals, China's minmetals in new \\$1.2bn deal](#) (AP, 4/1/2009) Struggling Australian miner Oz Minerals has struck a new \$1.2 billion deal with China's Minmetals to work around government national security concerns about selling foreigners a mine on a sensitive military site.

[Toyota presents environmental protection grants in China](#) (Fox Business, 4/1/2009) TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION (TMC) announces that Toyota Motor (China) Investment Co., Ltd. (TMCI), together with the Central Committee

of the Communist Youth League of China and the All-China Youth Federation (ACYF) awarded grants under the FY2008 Toyota China Youth Environmental Protection Aid Program at a ceremony today in Beijing, China.

[The latest RFID ear tag for cattle management](#) (PR.com, 4/1/2009) DAILY RFID has recently unveiled a series of hygienic RFID Ear Tags operating in 125KHz, 134KHz frequency with low price at 0.76USD this month, specially designed for cattle and pigs. The RFID cattle ear tag ensures fully automated cattle management in processes such as disease management, feeding, breeding practices and immunity.

[A Chinese view on drywall issues](#) (China Journal – WSJ Blogs, 3/31/2009) On Monday, two U.S. Senators filed proposed a bill seeking a temporary ban on imports of some Chinese-made drywall, the latest attempt to address ongoing concerns about sulfurous odors in new homes around the southern United States.

[China in new Myanmar projects](#) (China Dialogue, 3/31/2009) China is to help Myanmar build a hydropower plant on the Irrawaddy River, adding to a number of joint hydropower projects in Myanmar, Reuters reported, citing officials in the capital, Yangon.

[Controversy simmers as China oil refinery plan decision nears](#) (Reuters, 3/31/2009) For the community of fish and shrimp farmers living off the Nansha islands at the tip of the Pearl River Delta, the possible building of Asia's largest oil refinery nearby is casting a shadow over their lives.

[WABAG finalizes sludge treatment plant in Beijing](#) (WABAG, 3/31/2009) The Xiaohongmen plant in south-east Beijing is the largest anaerobic sludge stabilisation plant ever to be completed by WABAG. Using the very latest technology, the sewage sludge from the wastewater treatment plant is dealt with in five bioreactors with a total volume of 60,000 m<sup>3</sup>. The five digester towers are impressive structures that now number among the technical sights in Beijing.

[Oil giant has new oil pipeline in operation](#) (China Daily, 3/31/2009) China oil giant PetroChina Co Ltd has started to operate a major pipeline to help transport fuel from the northwest to the energy-thirsty central regions, a company-run newspaper said on Tuesday.

[Tibetans developing new mineral water industry](#) (China Daily, 3/30/2009) Tibet Glacier Mineral Water Co Ltd captures water from a spring in Dangxiong country, processes it at a facility near Lhasa, capital of Tibet autonomous region and transports it on the Qinghai-Tibet Railway to cities such as Beijing and Shanghai.

[Environmental resources exchange opens in central China](#) (China Daily, 3/28/2009) China's first environmental resources exchange opened Friday in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei province. It is the country's first business to facilitate transactions of companies' pollutant quota. For example, a company has limits to how much it can pollute. If it does not reach that limit, it can now sell its excess allowance to smaller companies.

## GOVERNMENT

[China, Japan launch forest project to protect China's coastal environment](#) (Xinhua, 4/1/2009) Greening Foundations of China and Japan launched a forest project aiming at protecting coastal environment in Tianjin Municipality, the biggest port city in north China, an official of China Greening Foundation said on Tuesday.

[China vies to be world's leader in electric cars](#) (NYTimes, 4/1/2009) Chinese leaders have adopted a plan aimed at turning the country into one of the leading producers of hybrid and all-electric vehicles within three years, and making it the world leader in electric cars and buses after that.

[Solar panels banned in Chinese neighborhood](#) (Inventor Spot, 4/1/2009) One neighborhood in Hebei, China has somehow come to the conclusion that neat and tidy rooftops are more important than clean energy. Never mind

global warming or the economic crisis. City beautification seems to be the top priority.

SAIC to initiate special campaign on plastic bags (ChinaCSR, 4/1/2009) China's State Administration for Industry and Commerce has issued a circular in which it says that, before May 1, 2009, it will conduct a special check on the selling and use of plastic bags in retailing sites.

Cheap credit flows to Chinese solar manufacturers – For now (Wall Street Journal, 3/31/2009) Thanks to a push from the Chinese government, easy money is flowing to Chinese solar companies, but some worry that this is creating a dependency and a vulnerability should banks tighten up later.

Chinese satellites begin UN environment, natural disaster service (Xinhua, 3/31/2009) Two environment and disaster monitoring satellites officially began operating Monday, China's State Administration of Science Technology and Industry for National Defence (SASTIND) said.

More hair dye in China found to be harmful (ChinaCSR, 3/31/2009) Recently Guangdong Provincial Consumers' Commission exposed five kinds of hair dye as containing harmful chemicals.

Wanted: Mayor for accident-prone China coal-city (Reuters, 3/31/2009) China's practice of firing officials after major accidents is scaring away candidates for official posts, with the top two seats in one coal-producing city vacant for six months and counting.

Tibet's environment well preserved through sustainable development (Xinhua, 3/31/2009) Tibet's environment has been well preserved in its economic development and modernization, said a report published Monday by the Beijing-based China Tibetology Research Center. (Full report [here](#))

[China arrests nine people for selling tainted pork, Xinhua says](#) (Channel News Asia, 3/31/2009) Southern China's Guangzhou city police arrested nine people for selling pork tainted with clenbuterol in an investigation spurred by 70 cases of poisoning linked to the banned chemical, Xinhua News Agency said.

[China hails U.S. climate pledges, OPEC fears for oil](#) (Reuters, 3/30/2009) China and other nations hailed U.S. pledges to do more to fight global warming on Monday but OPEC dampened celebrations by predicting that a planned U.N. climate treaty would damage the economies of oil exporters.

[Ministry investigates HFMD epidemic](#) (Caijing, 3/30/2008) Three Ministry of Health officials were sent to Heze city in Shandong province on March 24 to investigate the outbreak of hand-foot-and-mouth disease, or HFMD, according to the Ministry of Health on the evening of March 26.

[China resorts to wind for green power](#) (Xinhua, 3/30/2009) Once confined to small, three-blade turbines that produced tiny volumes of electricity for remote cottages, wind power is again spreading across China's countryside.

[UN Official: China can act as role model on water resources](#) (Xinhua, 3/30/2009) A senior UN official said that while there are many problems with the management of global water resources, they are not insurmountable and China can act as a role model in the field.

[China's new environmental penalty opinion](#) (China Environmental Law Blog, 3/27/2009) The Ministry of Environmental Protection has issued a Notice (Chinese only version [here](#); accompanying Q&A [here](#)) which sets forth a regulatory opinion on the imposition of administrative punishment in environmental cases.

Lost radioactive component found in NW China city (Xinua, 3/27/2009) A missing radioactive component from a nuclear scale has been melted in a smelter in northwest China's Shaanxi Province, the local government said Friday

China spent 26.5 bln US dollars on Three Gorges project (Xinhua, 3/26/2009) As of the end of 2008, China had spent 181.5 billion yuan (26.5 billion U.S. dollars) in dynamic investment, and 122.9 billion yuan in static investment, on the Three Gorges Hydropower Project on the upper reaches of the country's Yangtze River.