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## OPINION

[Behind China's green goals](#) (China Dialogue, 3/24/2011) China has unveiled its energy and emissions-saving targets for the next five years – but how were they chosen? Feng Jie and Yuan Duanduan explain the process.

[The next five years of clean energy and climate protection in China](#) (NRDC, 3/23/2011) With the adoption of its Twelfth Five-Year Plan, the Chinese government has cemented key long-term strategies for greening GDP, controlling energy use, greenhouse gas emissions and key pollutants, and capitalizing on the growing low-carbon economy (full Chinese plan). Environment and climate are given the most prominent position ever in a Five Year Plan, aspirations that will be backed up by a number of concrete planning documents over the coming months.

[The Other Global Toxic Cloud: China's Pollution](#) (The Atlantic, 3/18/2011) As San Franciscans load up on potassium iodide pills against drifting fallout from the Japanese

nuclear reactor catastrophe -- unnecessarily, health authorities insist -- the April issue of Discover calls attention to a more serious menace: mercury and other pollutants from Chinese manufacturing and power generation.

## PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

[Burst of New Dams in Southwest China Produces Power and Public Ire](#) (Circle of Blue, 3/22/2011) Even in China, where power plants, coal mines, water-transport networks, and other big tools of industrialization are built at astonishing scale and with surprising speed, the hydropower dam construction program in Sichuan, Yunnan, Tibet, and other southwest provinces has no equal in China, or anywhere else for that matter.

[Oil Price Rally Won't Affect China's Energy Market Much: Expert](#) (CRI English, 3/22/2011) However, according to Mark Hughes, executive business editor of the China Daily, volatile international oil markets won't affect China much, even though the country imports much of its oil from overseas.

[Campaign to fight air pollution in Hong Kong gets visual](#) (New York Times, 3/21/2011) A leading anti-pollution campaign group in Hong Kong is deploying a new weapon in the fight for clean air in this Asian financial hub: art.

[China's Solar Greenhouses Allow Cheap, Efficient Growing in Winter](#) (Daily Tech, 3/20/2011) One perpetual criticism of China, the world's second largest economic super-power, is that it lacks the innovation found in the U.S., Japan, or European Union. Perhaps that is a bit of an exaggeration, however.

[Radiation leak would not affect environment, public health in China over next three days](#) (Xinhua, 3/19/2011) Radiation leaks following explosions at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Japan will not affect China's environment and the health of its citizens during the next three days, authorities said Saturday.

## CORPORATIONS

[CNPC in talks with Gansu province on oil and gas pipeline projects](#) (Xinhua, 3/25/2011) China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), parent of PetroChina (PTR.NYSE; 601857.SH; [0857.HK](#)), recently held talks with Gansu provincial authorities on cooperation in oil and gas pipeline projects in the province, the company said in a statement on its news website on Friday.

[China battery plant poisons more than 100 villagers](#) (Reuters, 3/25/2011) Lead emissions from a battery plant in eastern China have poisoned more than 100 villagers, including 35 children, state news agency Xinhua reported on Friday, the latest in a string of heavy metal pollution cases in the country.

[China's search for clean fuel leads to W.Va. Univ.](#) (BusinessWeek, 3/24/2011) China is turning to West Virginia University for cleaner, affordable, domestic option for transportation fuel.

[China Coal Seeks 150 Billion Yuan for Projects Through 2015](#) (Bloomberg, 3/24/2011) China Coal Energy Co., the nation's second-biggest producer of the commodity, is seeking to raise 150 billion yuan (\$22.9 billion) in funds to finance projects through 2015, the company's chief financial officer said.

[China Sunergy 4Q Swings To Profit On Higher Margins](#) (Wall Street Journal, 3/24/2011) China Sunergy Co. (CSUN) swung to a profit in the fourth quarter, rebounding from a year-earlier fourth-quarter loss caused by a bad-debt provision, and improved its margins.

[China seeking rapid shale-gas development](#) (MarketWatch, 3/24/2011) China's National Energy Administration is considering pilot exploration areas for shale gas and wants to industrialize the resource as early as possible, Xinhua News Agency reported Friday, citing administration chief Liu Tienan.

[China top grid firm's new UHV line gets environmental clearance](#) (Reuters, 3/23/2011) The State Grid Corp of China has gained environmental clearance for a new ultra-high voltage (UHV) alternating power line, paving the way for a final nod from Beijing as the country's top power distributor aims to expand its reach.

[Another solar plant to open up in Tibet](#) (CNET, 3/23/2011) Suntech Power, the China-based solar manufacturing giant, plans to build a 10-megawatt plant in Tibet. The plant will be located in the Tibetan village of Chek Kang, which is located in Sangri County, Shannan Prefecture, Suntech announced yesterday.

[China's CGNPC may cut bid for Kalahari](#) (Reuters, 3/23/2011) State-owned China Guangdong Nuclear Power may cut its proposed 756 million pound (\$1.2 billion) offer for uranium miner Kalahari Minerals (KAH.L) in light of Japan's nuclear crisis, a CGNPC official said on Wednesday.

[A-Power to construct biomass power plant in China](#) (Energy Business Review, 3/22/2011) A-Power Energy Generation Systems has signed an agreement to develop the first phase of a biomass power generation plant in Shandong province, China.

[Datang's 2010 Profit Rises 76% on Demand for China Power](#) (Bloomberg, 3/22/2011) Datang International Power Generation Co., a unit of China's second-biggest electricity producer, said profit rose 76 percent last year as demand for power gained in the world's fastest-growing major economy.

[Top Ten US and China collaborations in cleantech](#) (Reuters, 3/21/2011) A number of the cleantech efforts between the United States and China reflect the need for cooperation on issues surrounding climate change and clean energy as it is a major factor in the relations of these two countries. Although there are still issues to resolve in many of the collaborations, it is believed that if the United States and China can continue in their cleantech collaborations, that it will show the world that two major players on the international platform are serious about combating the challenge of climate change, and it will also encourage other countries to create alliances. Through collaboration, the two largest greenhouse gas emitters will be able to create technologies required to combat climate change. Not only that, but tangible benefits will be developed, not just for the United States and China, but the world as a whole.

## GOVERNMENT

[Nuclear safer than coal, Chinese atomic official says](#) (Reuters, 3/25/2011) Even in the wake of Japan's Fukushima nuclear crisis, nuclear power remains a safer and cleaner choice for China than coal, Pan Ziqiang, the chairman of the science and technology committee at the China National Nuclear Corporation, said on Friday.

[National standard to help clean up coastal pollution](#) (People's Daily, 3/25/2011) A national standard will be drafted that limits pollutant discharge into the sea as part of a campaign to protect the fragile maritime environment, a top administrator said.

[China To Extend Venezuela Another \\$4 Billion Loan In Joint Fund](#) (Dow Jones, 3/24/2011) China will inject \$4 billion next month into a joint development fund with Venezuela, according to a Venezuela government official, stepping up its lending to the South American country while securing a steady flow of oil.

[China warns against S. China Sea oil exploration](#) (AFP, 3/24/2011) China warned Thursday against any oil exploration without its consent in waters it claims in the South China Sea after the Philippines announced plans for possible drilling.

[China to improve innovative environment](#) (Xinhua, 3/21/2011) China will further strengthen regulations to protect intellectual property rights to create a more innovative environment for foreign businesses, government officials said in Beijing Monday.

[China to prioritize domestic demand: NDRC official](#) (Xinhua, 3/20/2011) China will strive to establish a long-term mechanism to boost domestic consumer demand in the next five years, Zhang Ping, minister of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), said on Sunday.