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OPINION

[Pollution plagues China's Baoding despite bid to clean up act](#) (Reuters, 05/13/2014)

Seven years ago, the Chinese city of Baoding launched an ambitious "low-carbon" plan using renewables like solar power to light its streets and heat residential buildings, putting it at the forefront of the country's battle to cut pollution.

[What makes people overturn police cars in authoritarian China?](#) (Public Radio International, 05/17/2014) When people in the city of Hangzhou got wind of plans to build a new trash incinerator, their response was swift. They drew up a petition to halt the project. Then they hit the streets, in violent protests that began last weekend outside of government offices and near the site of the planned incinerator.

[Environment? Forget the U.S. and Look at China and India](#) (Motley Fool, 05/20/2014)

The U.S. government is increasingly looking to regulate emissions from pollution-heavy energy sources like coal and gasoline. That's not a bad thing if new rules are judiciously imposed, but it misses the point. In fact, the United States is only a small part of the problem.

[China must confront pollution challenge](#) (Guelph Mercury, 05/21/2014) China's new leadership has confronted corruption at the top. Now it must save the nation's environment. China's national legislature has adopted sweeping changes to the country's Environmental Protection Law, revisions that have been hailed as major steps toward saving China's environment from rampant degradation.

RESEARCH AND CIVIL SOCIETY

[Chinese city erects giant dome over stinky former factory](#) (Straits Times, 05/14/2014) A Chinese company in the eastern city of Hangzhou has constructed a massive inflatable dome over the site of a closed down pesticide factory, state media reported on Wednesday.

[Expired drugs pose threat to human & environment in China](#) (CCTV, 05/15/2014) A recent survey by one of China's largest pharmaceutical companies says about 15,000 tons of drugs expire every year. These products pose a threat to both human health and

the environment if they're not disposed of properly. But so far, there is no state policy regulating that process. In recent years, some drugstores have taken on the task. But as our reporter Hu Chao found out, it has come at an increasingly high cost.

[Environmental groups slam sea turtle poaching by China](#) (InterAksyon, 05/16/2014) A group of 15 civil society organizations called for the application of the full force of the law on the poaching of 500 dead and live sea turtles by 11 Chinese fishers.

[Enel and the Italian Environment Ministry in Partnership to Train Civil Servants from China](#) (Newswire Today, 05/16/2014) The Enel Foundation (Fondazione Centro Studi Enel) will once again be taking part in the Advanced Sino-Italian Training Programme on Environmental Management and Sustainable Development for 2014, aimed at civil servants from China and promoted by the Ministry of the Environment and Land and Sea Management (MATTM).

[Scientists find alarming levels of antibiotics in China's rivers and lakes](#) (Asian Correspondent, 05/19/2014) A study recently published by Chinese experts has shown that of the country's rivers and lakes contain worrying amounts of antibiotics, pharmaceuticals and other chemicals.

[China's Appetite for Meat Swells, along with Climate Changing Pollution](#) (Scientific America, 05/20/2014) At a 27th-floor apartment at a high rise of this southwestern Chinese city, Zhan Li is making lunch for her family. She steamed fish and fried pork ribs, and took a pot of bubbling duck soup off the gas stove.

[Aquatic animals vital to river eco-system](#) (People's Daily Online, 05/22/2014) Finless porpoise, dace and another eight aquatic animals are set to become "business cards" of China's 10 major rivers, as was revealed during a press conference on Tuesday in Qingdao of Shandong Province.

CORPORATE SECTOR

[China steel mills have no cash to meet smog standards -industry body](#) (Reuters, 05/16/2014) Credit controls imposed on China's debt-ridden steel sector have left many producers unable to afford upgrades needed to survive the country's war on pollution, and 80 million tonnes of capacity could shut in two years, an industry official said.

[Protecting environment tops public concerns in poll](#) (Ecns, 05/16/2014) About 60 percent of Chinese want the government to give priority to environmental protection when boosting economic growth, according to a survey released on Thursday.

[India for stable maritime environment in Asia](#) (Business Standard, 05/21/2014) Amid fresh tension in the Southeast Asian region over China's push to lay claim over the South China Sea, India Wednesday said it supports a stable maritime environment in Asia, including the right of maritime passage and unimpeded commerce in accordance with international law.

[Chad suspends China's CNPC unit over environmental violations](#) (Reuters, 05/22/2014) Chad has suspended all exploration and drilling activities of the local unit of China National Petroleum Corporation for failing to take measures to meet environmental standards in its operations, its oil minister said on Thursday.

[Research Report on Environmental Protection Industry in China, 2014-2018](#) (WhaTech, 05/24/2014) The proportion of investment in environmental protection remains low in GDP though the amount keeps increasing in recent years. The amount of investment is expected to grow significantly in 2014.

GOVERNMENT

[China Cracks Down on Air Pollution, Slaps \\$48000 Fine on Company](#) (NDTV, 05/13/2014) Beijing has issued its highest-ever fine for air pollution to the city branch of Babcock Amp Wilcox, a US-based company, forcing it to pay out 300,000 yuan (nearly \$48,000).

[Domestic, foreign companies treated equally, Li says](#) (China Daily, 05/16/2014) Foreign enterprises enjoy vast room for development in China as the increasingly open country treats them on a par with domestic ones, Premier Li Keqiang said on Thursday. China is deepening reform and opening-up, and it provides an equal and fair environment for both Chinese and foreign enterprises, Li told the visiting chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce, Harold McGraw III.

[China's Tianjin to restrict vehicle use to curb pollution](#) (Reuters, 05/19/2014) The government of the industrial city of Tianjin in northern China will limit the number of vehicles allowed on roads during heavy smog, state media reported on Monday, in the latest attempt to fight pollution.

[China opens first environmental court](#) (Reuters, 05/23/2014) China opened its first environmental court on Friday, state media reported, as the country looks for new ways to tackle crippling air, water and soil pollution.