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OPINION

[The obstacle to treating China's contaminated soil is finding someone to pay](#) (Reuters, 09/16/2014) Nearly four years after a massive state-run steel mill on the outskirts of Beijing was closed to help cut smog in the Chinese capital, little has been done to clean up the contaminated site.

[China's Climate Change Paradox](#) (The Diplomat, 09/30/2014) The UN Climate Summit in New York, a key meeting before the much hyped United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change conference next year in Paris, has now concluded with the usual mix of strong rhetoric and limited action.

[Increased fears about environment, but little change in consumer behavior, according to new National Geographic/Globescan study](#) (Environmental Research Web, 10/02/2014) A new global analysis released today by the National Geographic Society and GlobeScan finds that concern about environmental problems has increased in most countries surveyed, and that more people now expect global warming will negatively affect them during their lifetime than in 2012.

[2 Reasons China's Surging Natural Gas Industry Could Be Worse Than Burning Coal](#) (Motley Fool, 10/03/2014) China's skies are filled with smog from coal-belching power plants, steel mills, and other industrial users. That's why China is making cleaner-burning natural gas a bigger piece of the equation. The only problem is that China doesn't have much experience with drilling, and that could make this natural gas experiment worse for China--and the world--than burning coal.

[In China, people are protesting about the government's rubbish policy on waste incineration](#) (The Conversation, 10/03/2014) Protests against a proposed waste incinerator power plant involving thousands of residents took place in southern China over two weekends in mid-September.

[Why China Will Go All-In on Nuclear Power](#) (Diplomat, 10/08/2014) China's declaration of a "war on pollution" sparked a drastic up-swing in Chinese investment in alternative energy sources, including solar, wind, and hydropower. But among all these clean energy options, nuclear energy in particular has caught Beijing's eye — even as

Chinese citizens themselves remain deeply uneasy about the safety of nuclear power in the post-Fukushima era.

RESEARCH AND CIVIL SOCIETY

[Police investigate into polluters in east China](#) (ECNS, 09/29/2014) Three chemical factories found illegally dumping wastewater into city sewage systems and the sea have had their cases turned over to police. After being investigated and fined by the local environment authorities, the three factories in Lianyungang city in East China's Jiangsu Province will now be probed for possible criminal charges.

[Save the Environment from the Socialists](#) (FrontPage Magazine, 09/30/2014) The USSR killed 338,000 whales. Its relentless illegal whaling fleets drove the blue whale into extinction in the North Pacific and caused population crashes in a number of other species. Some have labeled it the worst environmental crime of the century, but it was really just a slow day for the USSR whose other contributions to the environment included destroying one of the four largest lakes in the world.

[A Chinese Artist Confronts Environmental Disaster](#) (The New Yorker, 10/03/2014) What were all these sick animals—lions, wolves, camels, monkeys, gazelles, pandas, and zebras—doing on this dilapidated Chinese fishing boat, sailing past the famous frieze of colonial banks, trading houses, and clubs that make up Shanghai's Bund? The city's glass skyline of Pudong skyscrapers on the other side of the river only made this barnacle encrusted, almost Biblical ark filled with slumped, submissive creatures look more misplaced.

[Li Bingbing also acts on behalf of wildlife](#) (China Daily, 10/07/2014) When Li Bingbing talks about being one of the most popular superstars in China, the Transformers 4 actress humbly likes to start with where she is from, the root, as many Chinese people say. That root, says Li, has given her a strong awareness about nature and the environment.

[Wild panda land threatened by China's forest reforms](#) (New Scientist, 10/09/2014) China's 1600 wild pandas could suffer further losses thanks to legislation that would allow as much as 15 per cent of their habitat to be sold off for commercial uses. That's the warning from a team of researchers that has modelled the effects of the Chinese government's "forest tenure reform" legislation, which came into force in 2008 but is only now being introduced in selected provinces.

[Orange alert issued in China's north for heavy smog](#) (World bulletin, 10/09/2014) China's national meteorology agency has issued an orange alert – the second most severe warning - for extremely heavy smog and air pollution enveloping northern areas, including capital Beijing and Hebei province.

[Russia Hopes China Will Protect Rehabilitated Amur Tiger: Special Inspection Tiger](#) (RIA Novosti, 10/09/2014) Environmentalists are hoping China will look after Kuzya, the

Amur tiger that has made its way to the country after being rehabilitated and released into the wild in Russia's Amur Region, Vitaly Timchenko, Russian Environment Ministry head and director of the Special Inspection Tiger program, told RIA Novosti on Thursday.

CORPORATE SECTOR

[Report: US firms profitable in China, concerned about policies](#) (The Hill, 09/29/2014)

The majority of U.S. companies remain profitable in the China market, but increasing local competition and rising costs are pressuring profit margins, according to a new survey. The U.S.-China Business Council (USCBC) said Monday that nearly 50 percent of survey respondents reported double-digit revenue expansion — fewer than in prior years, but still strong results compared with other global markets.

[Survey: US firms still optimistic about China](#) (China Daily, 09/30/2014) The vast majority of US companies operating in China remain optimistic about their business prospects in the world's second-largest economy, according to a survey released Monday by the US-China Business Council (USCBC).

[Polluters in China play with fire amid lax inspection](#) (ECNS, 10/01/2014) Outrage runs high as polluters in China continue ignoring environmental damage, coveting maximum profits amid lax inspection laws. On Monday, the environmental department in Hechi City, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, shut down a zinc mine and fined the company for illegally discharging pollutants.

[Westinghouse Plasma selected for China gasification project](#) (Renewable Energy from Waste, 10/10/2014) Alter NRG Corp., Calgary, Alberta, has announced Westinghouse Plasma Technology, wholly owned by Alter NRG, has been selected by Hong Kong-based China Everbright International Ltd. for a proposed project in Nanjing, China. Everbright is a leading international company in alternative energy projects including waste-to-energy with assets of approximately \$6 billion.

GOVERNMENT

[Top polluter China makes its case at UN climate summit](#) (Asian Correspondent, 09/29/2014) With Chinese President Xi Jinping's absence looming large at the UN Climate Summit held in New York last week, showing Beijing's commitment to global environment fell on China's Vice Premier and, for the occasion, special envoy. He did not fail to deliver some powerful comments. Zhang Gaoli told the public that "China was the first among developing countries to formulate and implement a national climate change program," and said that "China will announce post-2020 actions on climate change as soon as possible."