Timeline



On April 24, 2014, the 8th meeting of the Standing Committee of the 12th National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China adopted the People's Republic of China Environmental Protection Law. (the EPL)

The EPL takes effect on 1st January 2015.

The EPL focuses on the purpose of protecting and improving environment, preventing and controlling pollution and other public hazards, safeguarding public health, promoting ecological civilization improvement and facilitating sustainable economic and social development.[[1]](#footnote-1)



image from <http://sinosphere.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/08/26/beijing-smog-gives-way-to-military-parade-blue-before-world-war-ii-event/?_r=0>

Sep 3, 2015 China celebrates World War II Victory by holding military parade. More than 10,000 factories and 9,000 construction sites in neighboring provinces had been suspended or shut down in order to reduce pollutant in the air. And the average level of PM2.5 was 19.5 micrograms per cubic meter in the five days before the parade, which was almost the lowest record for PM2.5 in recent years.



image from <http://www.bbc.com/zhongwen/trad/china/2014/01/140116_smog_beijing>

On Jan 16, 2014, the highest level of PM2.5 monitored in Beijing reached 623 micrograms per cubic meter with many other areas monitored level over 500 micrograms per cubic meter, which is more than 20 times of the suggested level evaluated by World Health Organization. That was the first heavy air pollution occurring in 2014.

1. “Environmental Protection Law of the People's Republic of China” unofficial translated by EU- China

   Environmental Governance Programme web: https://www.chinadialogue.net/Environmental-Protection-Law-2014-eversion.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-1)