

# China's EIA Law for Nuclear Energy-related Activities

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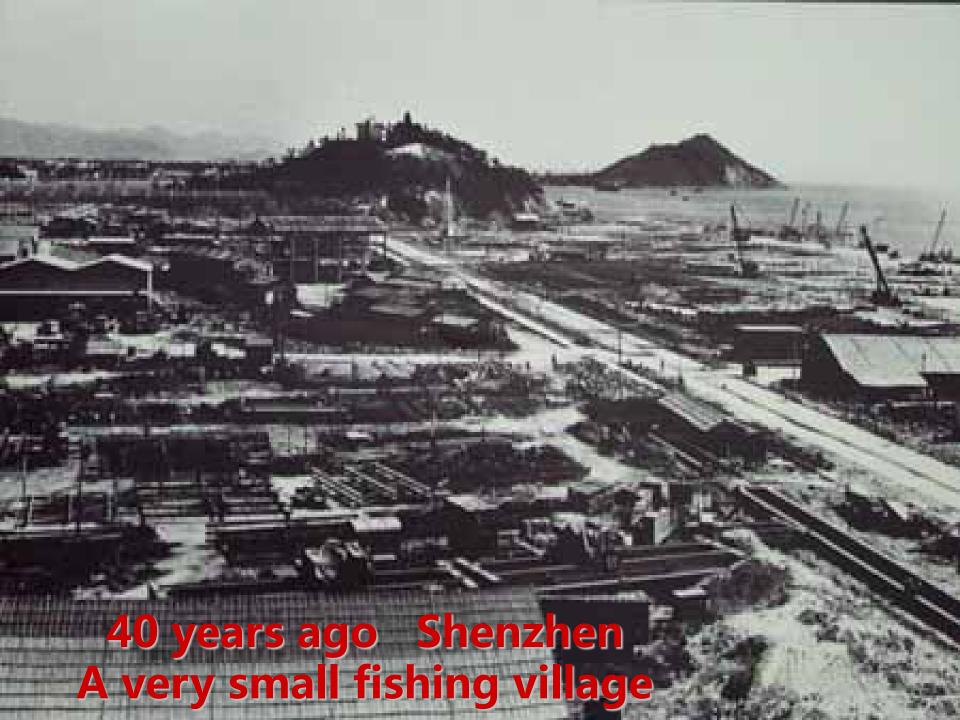






# Daya Bay Nuclear Power Plant

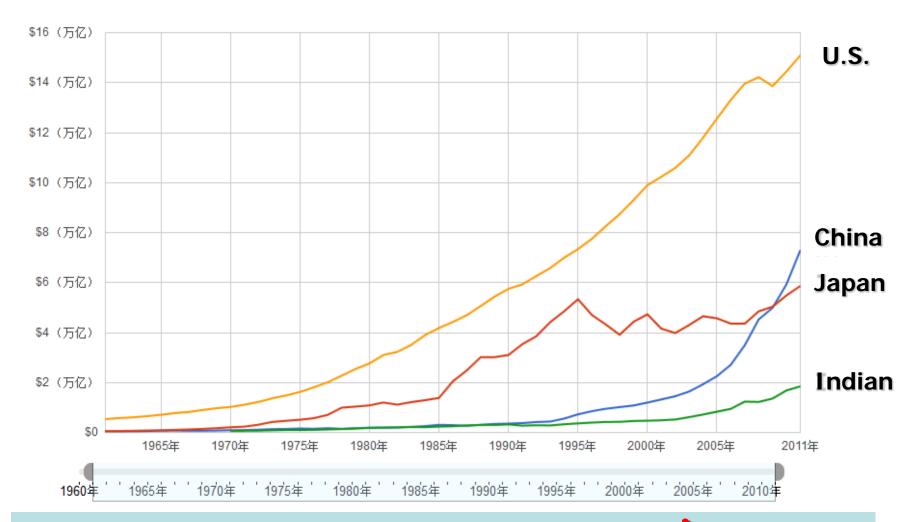






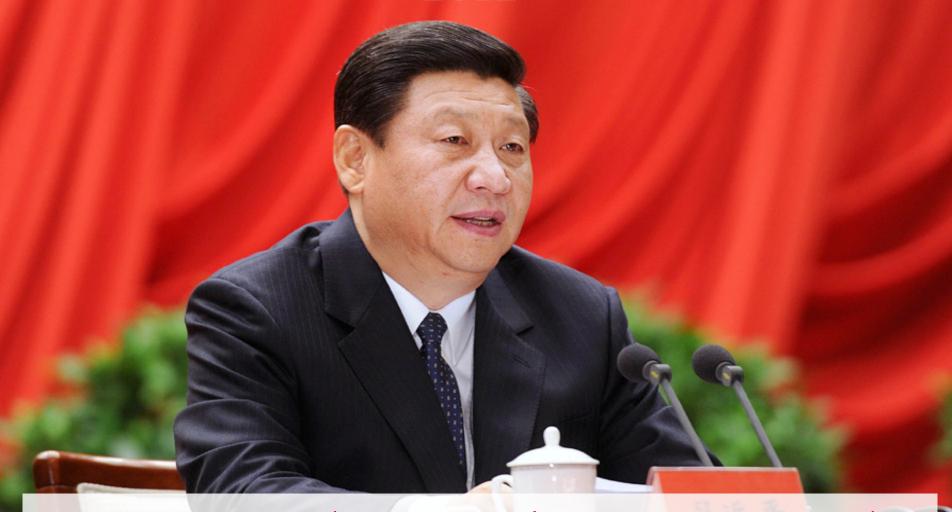
In the past 40 years, China's reforms have been successful in economic dev't and social progress

### **Gross Domestic Product Growth Rate**



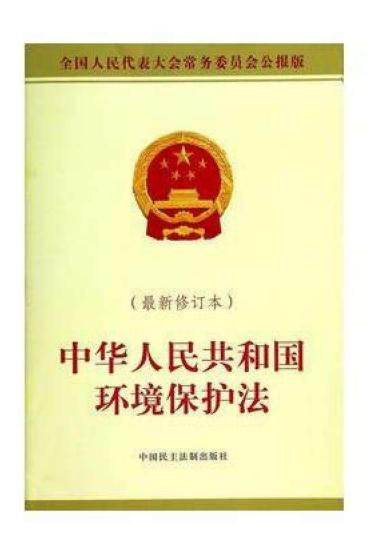
China's GDP: The World's Second-Largest Economy from 2011

Vows to "Build a beautiful China" in 2012



Xi Jinping, the general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central

## Environmental Protection Law



First Release: 1979-04-24

Newly Amended: 2014-04-24

Come into Effect: 2015-01-01

## Environmental Protection Law

# The Most Strict Env'l Law in China's History



# China's New Environmental Protection Law:



# The most Substantial Step Toward Fighting Pollutant



# China's New Environmental Protection Law:



# The Leadership Take Threaten by Pollution Seriously

# Fire Power Plant



# Fire Power Plant











# The Nuclear Power Plant in China



- Totally 56 Npp units in 13 sites
  - 45 NPPs are in operation
  - 11 NPPs are under construction
- China has world's largest nuclear power capacity under construction

# Nuclear Safety Law



No. 73 Order of the President of the P. R. C

Adopted: 2017-09-01

Come into Effect: 2018-01-01





# Env'l Impact Assessment Law



中华人民共和国环境影响评价法

First Release: 2002-10-28

Newly Amended: 2018-12-29

Come into Effect: 2018-12-29

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# Prevention and Control of Radioactive Pollution Law



Adopted: 2003-06-28

Come into Effect: 2003-10-01

# **EIA Relative Law**

- **Env'l Protection Law (2015)**
- **Env'l Impact Assessment Law (2018)**
- Nuclear Safety Law (2018)
- Radioactive Pollution Prevention and Control Law (2003)



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# **EIA Legal System**

- 1. Whole Process EIA
- 2. Information Disclosure
- 3. Public Involvement



# 1. Whole Process EIA



- Before conducting examination and approval procedures for the siting of a nuclear installation,
- an environmental impact report shall be drawn up, which the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE) shall evaluate and approve,
- if approval is not given, the competent department can not issue approval documents for the siting of the nuclear installation.

**Article 18** 

Prevention and Control of Radioactive Pollution Law



# 1. Whole Process EIA



- Before construction, loading fuel, operation or decommissioning of a nuclear installation,
- the operating organization of nuclear installation shall, in accordance with the relevant provisions on nuclear installation safety regulation
- apply for a nuclear installation construction and operating licence, as well as request evaluation and approval for fuel loading and decommissioning.

**Article 19** 

Prevention and Control of Radioactive Pollution Law



# 1. Whole Process EIA



- The operating organization of nuclear installation can only construct, load fuel, operate, or decommission a nuclear installation
- after the relevant licence has been issued and the approval documents have been received

**Article 19** 

Prevention and Control of Radioactive Pollution Law

## Whole Process EIA

- Siting
- Construction
- Loading fuel
- Operation
- Decommissioning

# Nuclear Installation

- Nuclear power plants (nuclear electricity plants, nuclear thermal plants, nuclear industrial heating plants, etc.)
- Other reactors (research reactors, experimental reactors, critical facilities, etc.)
- Nuclear fuel fabrication, processing, storage and reprocessing facilities
- Radioactive waste management
- Disposal facilities



### 2. Information Disclosure



- Gov't Information Disclosure
- Operator Information Disclosure



#### Gov't Information Disclosure



Article 63 The Environmental Protection Bureaus shall disclose nuclear safety supervision report, radiation monitoring, administrative permits, nuclear accidents.

Nuclear Safety Law



## **Env'l Radiation Monitoring**



1534 National monitoring Stations

Around NPPs and other important nuclear installations

Publication of the real-time monitoring data



## Operator Information Disclosure



Article 64 The unit that operates nuclear installations shall disclosure their types and concentration of radioactive nuclides in the environment surrounding the nuclear installations, annual nuclear safety report, and receive public supervision

Nuclear Safety Law



#### 3. Public Involvement



- Release Full Text of EIA Report
- Public Report Hotline



# Release Full Text of EIA Report



Article 56 The project owner of a construction project shall explain relevant situations to the potentially—affected public when preparing the env'l impact report, and solicit public opinions.

The department that is responsible for the examination and approval of EIA reports for the construction project shall make public the full text of environmental impact reports of the construction project upon receipt thereof with, exception of commercial secrets and confidential circumstances as specified by the State.

Law



#### Release Full Text of EIA Report



 Public have a right to worry about their safety and demand that the dangerous material is not in their backyard

 Communicate with the public patiently to earn their trust

New **CUAT LLOTECTION** 

Law





Disclose telephone number to facilitate public report



#### Public Report Hotline

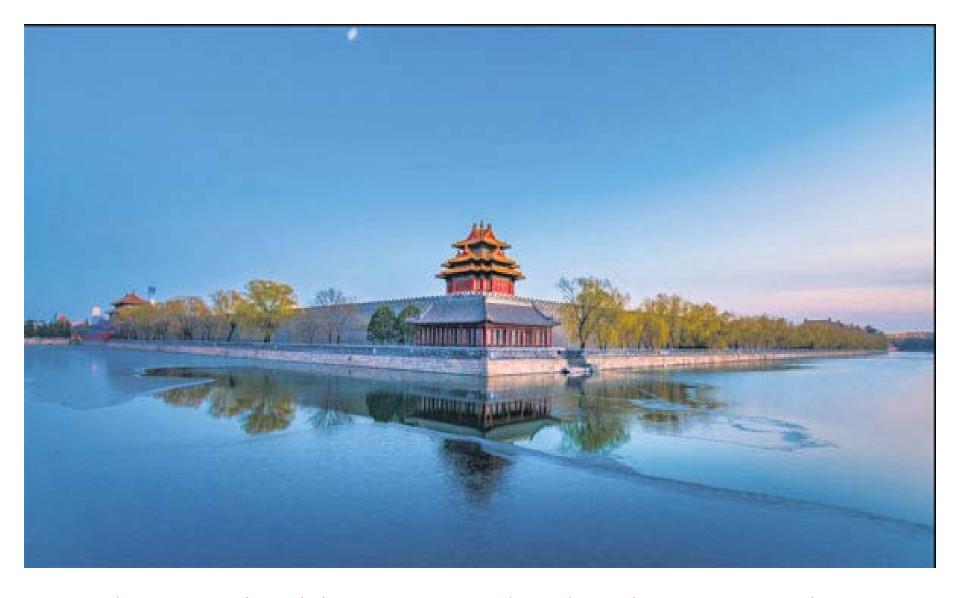


Article 57 Citizens, legal persons and other organizations shall be entitled to report and complain environmental pollution and ecological damage activities of any units and individuals to MEP, EPBs or other relative departments.

New Env'l Protection
Law



Air quality had been improved



The Forbidden City looks beautiful in the clean air on Nov 29, 2018



Tourists Pose in front of Tiananmen Square in Beijing on Dec 15, 2018

#### New York Times March 12th, 2018

- Following the encouraging news from the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC) last week
- The improvements in air quality in China have been "remarkable"
- China has achieved in 4 years what it took the US 12 years to make happen after the Clean Air Act of 1970.





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