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News

HCM City anti-pollution, canal cleanup efforts

In 2016-20 it targets collection and treatment of 100 per cent of industrial and medical liquid wastes and 90 per cent of industrial fumes and reduction of surface water pollution by 90 per cent and air pollution by 70 per cent in comparison with 2011. It plans to continue monitoring and regulating 100 per cent of wastewater treatment systems at industrial parks, processing zones, high-tech parks and industrial clusters, and setting up automatic wastewater measurement stations directly linked to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment. "To achieve these goals, the department has made some recommendations like increasing monitoring and tightening oversight of plants, factories and other sources of waste, severely penalising and shutting down polluting plants and moving out those not listed in the master plan," Nguyen Toan Thang, the departments director told Nhan Dan (People) newspaper. Factories and industrial parks which discharge over 1,000 cubic metres of wastewater a day must set up automatic measuring stations directly link to the department, he said. Others would be encouraged to install automatic measurement equipment, he said. Besides, the department has sought more investment in concentrated urban wastewater collection and treatment plants, more efficient canal dredging and improvement projects and education of local residents to improve their awareness of environmental protection. [.Read more...](#)

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Three-quarters of people living in cities want clean air zones, poll finds

The UK may be on its way out of the EU but more than three-quarters (76%) of people want clean air zones to bring their cities into line with European standards, according to a YouGov poll. The poll comes as new forecasting suggests London will still breach the limits for another 14 years without further action and the mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, prepares to make a major speech on pollution-cutting measures on Tuesday. Around 40,000 Britons die early every year from exposure to pollutants such as nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and particulate matter, and many more fall victim to illnesses ranging from heart attacks to bronchitis. Dozens of British cities have been in breach of EU NO₂ limits since 2010. [.Read more...](#)

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Chinese cities can't hide water pollution

BEIJING • Chinese environmental officials are increasingly turning to naming and shaming cities that fail to bring down pollution levels. The latest effort involves water pollution which, like that of air and soil, has reached toxic levels across much of China. The Ministry of Environmental Protection has said it plans to release rankings of cities by water quality. It already does this with air quality, which is how ordinary Chinese know that coal-burning cities in Hebei province, surrounding the capital Beijing, are among the worst offenders when it comes to smog. Chinese media reported on the plans this week, after the ministry released a draft proposal last month. "The authorities will set up monitoring points in different cities to take samples of water to monitor the quality of rivers and lakes in 338 prefecture-level cities in 31 provinces," the ministry said. Municipal-level cities such as Beijing, Chongqing and Tianjin and autonomous regions would be included. The system will use 21 metrics to test the levels of metals, harmful chemicals and other pollutants which will help determine a City Water Quality Index. Each month, the 10 best and 10 worst cities will be announced. [.Read more..](#)

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'There is no escape': Nairobi's air pollution sparks Africa health warning

A minibus belches black smoke; the lorry behind it in the traffic jam billows white fumes. Eyes smart in the smog as diesel gases from thousands of 10 and 15-year-old vehicles fill Nairobi's hazy evening air, adding to pollution levels that are "beyond imagination", according to one resident. This jam could last for one, three, even five hours – last year, one stretched for 30 miles. [.Read more...](#)

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Environment group challenges ministry moves to tackle air pollution in Ostrava

Clear skies is the name of the environmental organization and it has now launched legal action against the Czech Ministry of Environment arguing that its programme to counter air pollution in Ostrava and the surrounding area is hot air without any real commitments or goals that would really bring the city's air pollution problem within reasonable bounds. Limits on so-called particulate matter that are believed to damage lungs or the cancer causing benzo(a)pyrene regularly exceeded several fold in the city and region. Anna Plošková is director of the organization and had this to say about the ministry's plan. "Mainly for the agglomeration of Ostrava, Karvina, Frydek-Mistek, it focuses on transportation and household heating but we guess that in a region such as our region, that is really polluted by heavy industry we need to have special steps taken for factories." Plošková says that for most air pollution around two-thirds comes from industry, around 30 percent from heating, and the rest from transport. But both the central government and regional government are not keen to put extra burdens on industry in the country's steel and engineering heartland where many companies are under pressure over costs and facing difficult competitive conditions. The court challenge lodged at the start of July could bring a verdict within around 90 days. Plošková hopes that the right decision could result in a more meaningful action plan to get to grips with air pollution.

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