

Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Soil Pollution 土壤污染防治行动计划

The Chinese State Council released the “Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Soil Pollution” on 28 May 2016. The Plan includes 10 chapters, 35 actions with 231 detailed measures dealing with monitoring, pollution prevention and remediation to be used in drafting laws and regulations.

Objectives

By 2020, curb the nation’s increasing soil pollution, achieve a sound and stable soil environment quality, ensure a safe soil environment for agricultural land and land used for construction purposes, and basically control the soil environmental risks.

The ten actions

1. Conduct survey on soil pollution, and get a better understanding of the baseline of soil environment quality

- (1) Intensify survey on soil environment quality
- (2) Construct soil environmental quality monitoring network
- (3) Enhance the level of soil environmental information management

2. Promote Legislation of Soil Pollution Control, Establish Sound Regulation and Standard System

- (4) Accelerate legislation process
- (5) Systematically establish standard system
- (6) Comprehensively strengthen supervision and enforcement

3. Manage agricultural land by categories to ensure a safe environment for agricultural production

- (7) Categorize agricultural land based on soil environment quality
- (8) Strengthen land protection
- (9) Focus on promoting safe utilization
- (10) Implementation comprehensively and control strictly
- (11) Strengthen soil management for forestland, grassland and garden land

4. Implement the access management for construction land, guard against the risk of livelihood environment

- (12) Specify requirements for the management
- (13) Implement supervision responsibilities
- (14) Tighten land use access

5. Strengthen the protection of soil that are not polluted, strictly control the pollution of new soil

- (15) Strengthen the Environmental management on unutilized land
- (16) Prevent new pollution on construction land
- (17) Enhance the spatial planning and management

6. Strengthen the regulation on pollution sources and emphasize the soil pollution prevention and control

- (18) Strictly control the industrial and mining pollutions and enhance the daily environmental supervision.
- (19) Contain agricultural pollution
- (20) Reduce municipal pollution.

7. Conduct pollution treatment and remediation, improve regional soil environment quality

- (21) Clarify main subject for treatment and remediation
- (22) Formulate treatment and remediation plans
- (23) Carry out treatment and remediation in an orderly manner
- (24) Supervise achievement of objectives and implementation of tasks

8. Increase efforts on technological research and development, advance the progress of environmental protection industries

- (25) Enhance research on soil pollution prevention and control
- (26) Increase efforts to promote applicable technologies
- (27) Advance the development of the treatment and remediation industry

9. Give full play to the dominant role of government and develop a soil environmental governance system.

- (28) Strengthening the dominant role of government
- (29) Give fully play to the role of market
- (30) Strengthen social supervision
- (31) Awareness-raising and education

10. Strengthen objective assessment and accountability

- (32) Clarify the responsibility of local governments
- (33) Strengthen inter-departmental coordination and cooperation
- (34) Fulfill corporate responsibilities
- (35) Enforcing Stricter Performance Evaluation and Assessment

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