

Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE)

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The Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE) is responsible for drafting and organizing the implementation of ecological and environmental policies, plans, and standards. These include ecological plans for key regions and water areas, as well as action plans for air, water, and soil pollution, and reducing imported waste. MEE is also charged with environmental monitoring and protection enforcement efforts, which includes leading local environmental inspection campaigns. MEE also oversees pollution prevention efforts, including supervising the implementation of emission reduction targets and administering licenses for pollutant emissions. It is responsible for reviewing environmental impact assessments for major economic policies and projects. Other areas of responsibility include nuclear and radiation safety, coordinating public education on environmental matters, and leading international cooperation efforts in related fields. It maintains the names of National Nuclear Safety Administration and National Ozone-Depleting Substance Import/Export Control Office for external purposes.

MEE was established in March 2018, combining functions of the former Ministry of Environmental Protection as well as six other government bodies. New functions include responsibility for climate change and emissions, river basin protection, agricultural pollution, oceanic environmental protection, and environmental protection in the south-to-north water diversion project.

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Department Responsibilities		
<p>General Office (办公厅) Responsible for office routine work, managing visits, publicizing office work, and the national ecosystem information network establishment and management.</p>	<p>Central Ecology and Environmental Protection Inspection (中央生态环境保护督察办公室) Responsible for ensuring both CPC committees and governments are held accountable and that officials take responsibility for workplace safety in performing their duties and drafting and implementing the eco-environmental protection supervision system.</p>	<p>Comprehensive Department (综合司) Responsible for proposing eco-environmental protection policies and plans, conducting eco-environmental statistics and general survey of pollution sources, undertaking total pollutant discharge control work, and formulating annual goals and assessment plans for ecosystem protection.</p>
<p>Law, Regulation, and Standards (法规与标准司) Responsible for drafting laws, regulations, and rules, the legal review of relevant regulatory documents, administrative reconsideration and administrative responses, and the management of national eco-environmental standards, benchmarks, and technical specifications.</p>	<p>Administrative System and Personnel (行政体制与人事司) Responsible for personnel management work, talent management, and the reform of the eco-environmental administrative system.</p>	<p>Science, Technology, and Finance (科技与财务司) Responsible for fixed assets investment and project management in the field of eco-environment, the finance of organs and subordinate units, the management of state-owned assets, and audit work, as well as guiding and promoting the development of the circular economy and eco-environmental industry.</p>
<p>Natural Ecology Protection (自然生态保护司, 生物多样性保护办公室, 国家生物安全管理办公室) Responsible for drafting ecological protection plans, conducting the national ecological status assessment, guiding ecological demonstration, supervising natural protection zones and the ecological protection red line, protecting of biodiversity and biological genetic resources, and managing biosafety.</p>	<p>Water Ecological Environment (水生态环境司) Responsible for supervising the surface water ecological environment, formulating and supervising the implementation of national key river basin ecological environment planning, establishing and organizing the implementation of a cross-provincial and national boundary water quality assessment system, supervising the ecological environment protection of drinking water sources, and guiding the sewage outlet placement.</p>	<p>Maritime Ecological Environment (海洋生态环境司) Responsible for supervising the national marine ecological environment and the discharge of land-based pollutants, preventing and governing coastal and marine engineering construction projects, managing marine oil and gas exploration and development, preventing pollution caused by marine dumping, and delimiting marine dumping areas.</p>

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<p>Atmospheric Environment, aka Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei and Surrounding Areas Atmospheric Environment Management Bureau (大气环境司, 京津冀及周边地区大气环境管理局)</p> <p>Responsible for supervising and managing pollution prevention and control for the atmosphere, noise, light, fossil energy, etc., establishing an assessment system for the implementation of atmospheric environmental quality improvement targets, formulating policies and measures for handling heavy pollution weather, coordinating the prevention and control of atmospheric non-point source pollution, and undertaking the work of the leading group for air pollution prevention and control in Beijing, Tianjin, and Hebei.</p>	<p>Climate Change Response (应对气候变化司)</p> <p>Responsible for analyzing the impact of climate change on economic and social development, leading the implementation of the promises under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, implementing the Clean Development Mechanism, undertaking the work of the national leading group on climate change and energy conservation and emission reduction</p>	<p>Soil Ecological Environment (土壤生态环境司)</p> <p>Responsible for supervising and managing soil, groundwater, and other pollution prevention and protection, guiding rural ecological environmental protection, and supervising and guiding agricultural non-point source pollution control.</p>
<p>Solid Waste and Chemicals (固体废物与化学品司)</p> <p>Responsible for supervising and managing the national pollution prevention and control of solid waste, chemicals, heavy metals, and other pollution, implementing the systems of hazardous waste business licenses and export approval, solid waste import licenses, toxic chemical import and export registration, new chemical substance environmental management registration, and other environmental management.</p>	<p>Nuclear Facility Safety Supervision (核设施安全监管司)</p> <p>Responsible for drafting laws, regulations, and policies about issues related to nuclear and radiation safety, coordinating the work related to nuclear safety, organizing radiation environmental monitoring, undertaking nuclear and radiation accident emergency work, managing nuclear materials and supervising the design, manufacture, installation, and inspection of civil nuclear safety equipment.</p>	<p>Nuclear Power Safety Supervision (核电安全监管司)</p> <p>Responsible for supervising and managing nuclear safety, radiation safety, and radiation environmental protection of nuclear facilities such as nuclear power plants, research reactors, and critical devices.</p>
<p>Radiation Source Safety Supervision (辐射源安全监管司)</p> <p>Responsible for supervising and managing nuclear fuel cycle facilities, radioactive waste treatment and disposal facilities, nuclear facility decommissioning projects, nuclear technology utilization projects, uranium (thorium) ore and associated radioactive ore, electromagnetic radiation devices and facilities, radioactive material transport, radiation safety and radiation environment protection, and radioactive pollution control.</p>	<p>Environment Impact Assessment and Emission Administration (环境影响评价与排放管理司)</p> <p>Responsible for planning environmental impact assessments, policy environmental impact assessments, project environmental impact assessments, coordinating and managing pollutant discharge permits, and developing and implementing an ecological environment access list.</p>	<p>Ecological Environment Monitoring (生态环境监测司)</p> <p>Responsible for conducting ecological environment, greenhouse gas emission reduction, and emergency monitoring, investigating and evaluating the national ecological environment quality status and undertaking early warning work, and constructing and managing the national ecological environment monitoring network.</p>

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<p>Ecology and Environment Enforcement (生态环境执法局) Responsible for supervising the implementation of eco-environmental policies, plans, regulations and standards, formulating emergency plans for major ecological and environmental incidents, guiding and coordinating investigation and handling work, resolving cross-regional environmental pollution disputes, and ensuring that environmental protection facilities are designed, constructed, and put into operation at the same time.</p>	<p>International Cooperation (国际合作司) Responsible for proposing suggestions about relevant issues in international ecological environment cooperation, leading negotiations on relevant international treaties, handling foreign-related eco-environmental affairs, and communicating with international ecological environment organizations.</p>	<p>Propaganda and Education (宣传教育司) Responsible for formulating and implementing guidelines for eco-environmental protection propaganda and education programs, organizing propaganda and education work for ecological civilization construction and environmentally friendly society construction, conducting news review and release, and ecological environment public opinion collection, research, and response.</p>
<p>The MEE Committee of the Communist Party of China (机关党委) Responsible for carrying out the CPC work along with non-party member related work of the Ministry, its Beijing-based regional offices, and affiliated institutions</p>	<p>Office of the Retired Officials (离退休干部办公室) Responsible for work related to retired officials; Formulate and implement the rules, regulations, and institutions on the management of the Ministry's retired officials; Administer and provide services to the Ministry's retired officials, guiding Beijing-based regional offices and affiliated institutions in such work and services.</p>	

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