Application of BAT in China

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- A total of 240,000 pollutant permits have been issued in 28 provinces

- “Implementation Plan for the Permission System for Controlling the Discharge of Pollutants” (No. 81 [2016], General Office of the State Council) was issued.

- Late 1980s

- September 2016

- November, 2016

- System positioning is not clear

- The responsibility is not fully implemented

- Supervision is insufficient

- To further improve the management efficiency and promote environment protection
## Part I: Pollutant control policies - pollutant permit

### The development of pollutant permit system

#### Policies and regulations

- In Nov. of 2016, Implementation Plan for the Permission System for Controlling the Discharge of Pollutants
- In July of 2017, Directory of Classified Management on Pollutant Permits of Stationary Sources (MEP 45)
- In Jan. of 2018, Measures for Pollutant Discharge Permitting Administration (For Trial Implementation) (MEP 48)

#### Technical standards

- From 2016, Technical specification for application and issuance of pollutant permit for different sectors
- From 2008 to 2014, incorporated Discharge standard of water pollutants for pulp and paper industry, Emission standard of air pollutants for thermal power plants and boilers, etc.
- From 2010 onwards, Guideline on BAT of pollution prevention and control for the power, iron & steel and paper making sector
Main subjects of Directory of Classified Management

Scope:
Covers three major industries, including 32 sectors, 78 small and medium subsectors, and 4 general processes

Types of pollutants:
Sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, soot(dust), COD, ammonia-nitrogen

Management methods:
Key management + simplified management

Implementation time:
From 2017 onwards, different time limits for different sectors, By 2020, covers all stationary sources.
Main subjects of Measures for Pollutant Discharge Permitting Administration

General requirements:
For the application, issuance, implementation, supervision and penalty.

Main contents of the pollutant permits:
1. Basic information
2. Production information
3. Pollutant sources and prevention
4. Pollutant information

Competent authorities:
MEP and local department of EP

Online application and management:
Management information platform of pollutant permits
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- Emission standards and technical guidelines for pollutants in the power sector

- Emission standard of air pollutants for thermal power plants (GB13223-2011)
- Comprehensive discharge standard of sewage (GB8978-2017)
- Technical specification for application and issuance of pollutant permit for thermal power industry (2017)
- Guideline on available technologies of pollution prevention and control for thermal power plant (HJ2301-2017)
- Self-monitoring guidelines for pollution sources—Thermal power generation and boiler (HJ 820-2017)
### Emission standard of air pollutants for thermal power plants (GB13223-2011)

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<th>Fuel and facility type</th>
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<th>Scope of application</th>
<th>Limits</th>
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<td>soot</td>
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<td>A chimney or duct</td>
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<td>Nitrogen oxides (in NO₂ terms)</td>
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<td>Mercury and its compounds</td>
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<td>Boilers or steam turbines fueled by gases</td>
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Note: (1) Thermal power boilers located in Guangxi, Chongqing, Sichuan Province and Guizhou Province implement this limit.
(2) This limit applies to thermal power boilers with W type flame, existing CFB thermal power boilers and thermal power boilers which have been put into operation or approved by environmental impact report before December 31, 2003.
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Key factors for the determination of emission standard

Research and forecast
1. Current situation and development trends for the power sector
2. Pollutant emission status and development as well as requirements for pollutant control

Compare with international standards
1. Standards in EU, US, Japan, etc.
2. EU: Directive on the limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from large combustion plants (2001/80/EC)

Technology development in the pollutant prevention and control
1. flue gas desulfurization and denitrification
2. flue gas dust removal
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- Comprehensive implementation of ultra-low emission and energy-saving mechanism of coal-fired power plants
  MEP (2015, No.164)

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1. Applied to newly built coal-fired power plants
2. For the existing coal-fired power plants, below the limits before 2020
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| flue gas dust removal     | electrostatic       | 1. Wide range application with low cost  
                            | precipitation          | 2. Dust removal efficiency is greatly influenced by the coal type and ash content and takes up large area | The dust removal efficiency is 99.2% ~ 99.85%, and the outlet soot concentration can reach below 20mg/m³. |
|                           | Electrostatic-fabric | 1. Stable low emission, low maintenance cost and takes up small area  
                            | integrated precipitation | 2. Wide range application, especially for the coal with high silicon, aluminum, ash, high specific resistance, low sulfur, low sodium and low moisture content. | The dust removal efficiency is 99.50% and 99.99%, and the outlet dust concentration can reach below 20mg/m³. |
|                           | Fabric filter       | 1. Stable low emission and takes up small area  
                            | dedusting system        | 2. Wide range application | The dust removal efficiency is 99.50% and 99.99%, and the outlet dust concentration can be controlled below 30mg/m³ or 20mg/m³ |
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| flue gas desulfurization   | limestone-gypsum wet flue gas desulphurization (FGD) | 1. Wide range application, technology is mature with stable operation  
2. Strong adaptability to the coal types and load capacity, and can meet the emission standard of $SO_2$ when the inlet concentration of $SO_2$ is lower than that of 12000mg/m³. | The desulfurization efficiency is 95.0%~99.97%. $SO_3$, particulate matter and heavy metals in flue gas can also be partially removed. |
|                            | circulating fluidized bed flue gas desulfurization | 1. Simple process flow, takes up small area, save energy and water, no waste water generation  
2. Suitable for CFD units, especially for water shortage areas. | The desulfurization efficiency is 93.0% to 98%. The emission limit can be reached when the inlet $SO_2$ concentration of flue gas in absorption tower is lower than 3000mg/m³ and the ultra-low emission limit can be reached with 1500mg/m³ |
|                            | ammonia-based flue gas desulfurization | 1. It is energy saving and the dust concentration for inlet flue gas should be below 35mg/m³.  
2. It has wide adaptability to sulfur content in coal. It is suitable for coal-fired units with stable nitrogen sources within 200 km, and without environmental sensitive targets such as schools, hospitals and residential areas. | The desulfurization efficiency is 95.0% to 99.7%. The emission limit can be reached when the inlet flue gas concentration is lower than 15000mg/m³ and the ultra-low emission limit can be reached with 10000mg/m³ |
|                            | Seawater desulfurization | 1. Using seawater as absorbent with easy maintenance  
2. Applicable for sulfur content in coal below 1% and the coastal plant | The desulfurization efficiency is 95.0% to 99%. The ultra-low emission limit can be reached when the inlet $SO_2$ concentration is below 2000mg/m³ |
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| Flue Gas denitrification   | Low nitrogen Combustion | 1. Easily modified, with low cost and easy maintenance.  
2. Wide range application and is the first choice to control NOx. | The emission reduction rate of NOx can be up to 20% to 50%. |
| SCR denitrification        |                     | 1. Located between economizer and air heater, with space requirement and higher initial and maintenance cost  
2. It has strong adaptability to the change of coal quality and the fluctuation of load capacity. | The emission reduction rate of NOx is 50% to 90%. |
| SNCR denitrification       |                     | 1. No need for catalytic reactor, takes up small area, with lower initial cost and easy maintenance.  
2. Strict requirement for temperature and poor adaptability to load capacity changes, suitable for small pulverized and circulating fluidized bed (CFD) boilers. | The denitrification efficiency is 30% to 40% for pulverized coal boilers, and 60% to 80% for CFD boilers |
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- BAT to reach ultra-low emissions for the coal-fired power plants

Pulverized Coal Boiler
- Low nitrogen Combustion
- SCR denitrification
- Electrostatic precipitation
  - limestone-gypsum wet flue gas desulphurization
  - ammonia-based flue gas desulfurization
  - Seawater desulfurization
  - circulating fluidized bed flue gas desulfurization

CFB boiler
- Low nitrogen Combustion +SNCR in furnace desulfurization
- SCR denitrification
- Fabric filter dedusting system
- Electrostatic-fabric integrated precipitation
- Selectable backup

Select a suitable system for wet electrostatic precipitator for backup.
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Development for the desulfurization and denitrification

At the end of 2017, the unit capacity with desulfurization takes up about 93.9% to the total coal-fired power plants.

At the end of 2017, the unit capacity with denitrification takes up about 98% to the total coal-fired power plants.
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- Effects for the application of pollutant control technology

1. The dust emission in 2016 is 0.35 million tons, less than 10% of 2006 summit
2. The SO$_2$ emission in 2016 is 1.7 million tons, 13% of 2006 summit
3. The NO$_x$ emission in 2016 is 1.5 million tons, 14% of 2011 summit.

1. The dust emission intensity declines by 90% in 2016 compared with 2010
2. The SO$_2$ emission intensity declines by 66% in 2016 compared with 2010
3. The NO$_x$ emission intensity declines by 75% in 2016 compared with 2010
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