

United States Environmental Protection Agency

Accomplishments in 2004 and 2005

Cooperation with China under the EPA-SEPA MOU: The inaugural meeting of the Joint Committee on Environmental Cooperation (JCEC), established under the Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) of the People's Republic of China on Scientific and Technical Cooperation in the Field of the Environment (MOU), was held in Washington, D.C. on November 8, 2005. The meeting focused on progress to date and priorities for future cooperation under the three annexes to the EPA-SEPA MOU on air pollution, water pollution, and pollution from toxic substances, as well as a new annex on hazardous and solid waste. New strategies under the water and toxic annexes were also developed and approved as part of the JCEC.

Plans for the 2006-2007 Reporting Period

EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson plans to visit China in April 2006. Administrator Johnson will attend important media events such as the EPA-SEPA project under the UNEP Mercury Partnership for Products, EPA-Beijing-SEPA Diesel Retrofit Project, Tsinghua University, In-Door Air Quality Pilot Project in Yunnan Province, Shanghai EPB on EPA air quality project on air quality characterization and forecasting. Other site visits will include a tour of Olympic Village Site, meeting with NGOs, and Shanghai Port Authorities.