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China Enacts First Ecological Environment Code on National Ecology Day

China put its first Ecological Environment Code into force, marking the second codified law after the Civil Code and consolidating scattered environmental statutes into one system. The legislation was adopted by the National People's Congress and took effect on the fourth National Ecology Day. The code covers pollution control, ecological protection and green low-carbon transition under a unified legal framework. **(Xinhua)**

National Carbon Market to Expand into Petrochemical and Chemical Sectors

The Ministry of Ecology and Environment said that the national carbon emission trading market will extend beyond power, steel, cement and aluminum smelting. The expansion into petrochemical and chemical sectors is designed to cover about 80% of China's total carbon dioxide emissions. The cumulative trading volume had surpassed 930 million tonnes by late July, showing the market's growing price signal. **(Caixin)**

China Unveiled 15th Five-Year Coal Plan With 87% Modern Mine Target

The National Development and Reform Commission and the National Energy Administration issued the 15th Five-Year Plan for coal industry development to balance energy security with green transition. The plan sets 2030 targets of 87% capacity from large modern mines and 75% from intelligent mines, with five supply bases exceeding 80% of output. The coal consumption is expected to peak this decade while clean and efficient use. **(Xinhua)**

Multi-User Green Power Direct Supply Rules Upgraded for Industrial Clusters

China refined rules on multi-user green power direct connection for wind, solar and biomass projects serving adjacent industrial users. The upgraded notice clarifies investment models, grid interface, market trading and renewable traceability for both grid-connected and off-grid configurations. The mechanism lets clusters source traced green electricity and cut scope-two emissions without full public-grid reliance. **(Xinhua)**

Ministry of Industry and Information Technology Issues 2026 Industrial Energy-Saving Audits

The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology published the 2026 national task list for industrial energy-saving and carbon-reduction diagnostic services across key manufacturing regions. The program sends third-party auditors into factories to map energy flows, benchmark equipment efficiency and propose retrofits for furnace, motor and compressor systems. **(Caixin)**