Integrated Improvement of Urban Black-ordor Waterbody Environment in China: Policy and Recent Advances

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Urban WWTP number and its capacity growth from 2007 to 2017





Water environment of main river basins in China in 2017

source: China's Ecological Environment Bulletin 2017













- The Ministry of Ecology & Environment and the Ministry of Housing and Urban-rural Development jointly launched the special inspection on the control of black-odor water bodies in 70 important cities in 2018.
- > 919 of 993 black and odorous water bodies reported to have been completed were certified to have been completed officially.
- > 274 new black-odor water bodies were found.

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- By 2020, the black-odor water bodies in the built-up area above the city level should be controlled within 10%.
- Black-odor water bodies should be basically eliminated before the end of 2017 in the built-up areas of 36 most important cities.
- By 2030, the black-odor water bodies in the urban built-up area were eliminated completely.

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National Policy

- On May 16, 2018, National Conference on ecology and environment protection was held in Beijing.
- The meeting suggested that China should fight and win 7 major battles in the field of pollution prevention and control.
- "Clean and fishable water body with beautiful bank"
- "Strengthening the Protection of the Ecological Environment and Winning Battles in Pollution Prevention and Control" was issued on June 16, 2018.

National Policy

- Implementation of urban sewage system "quality and efficiency" three-year action.
- > Full coverage, full collection and full treatment.
- Financial support to western regions from central government.
- Focusing on urban non-point source pollution reduction.
- By 2020, the elimination ratio of black and odorous water in the built-up area above the city level should more than 90%.

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In 2016, MOHURD released the "Technical guide for drainage outlets, pipelines and manhole"

- > The pollution phenomenon is in the water
- > The primary cause is on shore.
- > The core of the solution is sewer network.
- > The key is discharge outlet..

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(1) Imperfect sewer pipeline leads to directly discharge of domestic wastewater without treatment.

- (2) Misconnection of sewage and stormwater drainage.
- (3) Internal pollution sources from sediment.
- (4) Industrial wastewater pollution
- (5) Agricultural and rural related pollution
- (6) Poor CSO control.
- (7) Severe inflow and Infiltration.
- (8) Lack of urban non-point source pollution control
- (9) Poor self purification of water bodies.

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(6) Poor CSO control

- > 1/3 drainage is combined system in China .
- > No national policy, no technical guidelines for CSO control.
- > Low interception ratio, lack of storage facility, and lack of rainwater source control
- Frequent overflow in most combined sewer system

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Design capacity and influent concentration of WWTP in China from 2007 to 2017

weighted average influent COD concentration of WWTP of each province in 2017

weighted average influent COD concentration of WWTP of each province in 2017 Number of WWTP that weighted average influent COD concentration is less than 150mg/L in each province in 2017

(8) Lack of urban non-point source pollution control

> Air pollution, coupled with poor road cleaning and bad maintenance of the sewer system contribute to serious pollution caused by first flush.

(9) Poor self-purification of water bodies

Causes of Pollution and Solution

Primary solution

Sewage interception, source control

Dredging, internal pollution reduction

Ecological rehabilitation

water replenishing , ensuing base flow

River administrator mechanism

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- Sponge city construction could contribute significantly to urban water environment improvement, although most cities are still focusing on urban flooding mitigation in the sponge city initiatives.
- In the national policy document issued by the State Council in 2015, urban water environment improvement and black-odor water body elimination was set as one of the four objectives for sponge city construction.
- Black-odor water body elimination would be necessary concern for the final examination for the pilot city initiatives.

- The contribution of sponge cities to the water environment is manifested in two aspects:
 - > one is the control of Combined Sewer
 Overflow,
 - > the other is the control of urban non-point source pollution in the separated sewer area.

- Combined Sewer overflow will be triggered when too much rainwater enters the system that exceeds the discharge capacity of the interception pipeline and no storage facility is available.
- Sponge city can effectively reduce the overflow by keeping rainwater out of the system.

How does SPU address Combined Sewer Overflows?

SPU uses a three-pronged approach:

1. Fix it First - Sewer System Improvements

These are relatively simple improvements to the existing system that provide more capacity for storage or make the system operate more effectively. These solutions can be much more cost-effective than building new facilities. Some examples include raising overflow weirs and replacing mechanical parts that regulate gates.

2. Keep Stormwater Out -Natural Drainage Systems

Natural drainage, also called green stormwater infrastructure (GSI), consists of a variety of practices that keep stormwater out of the sewer system by using natural processes to slow, filter, and absorb stormwater.

3. Store What's Left -Underground Storage

If the first two types of solutions don't solve the problem, then additional underground storage facilities would need to be built. Underground storage can include tanks, pipes, or tunnels.

Location of Combined Sewer Overflow Outfalls Managed by Seattle Public Utilities. SPU manages 86 sewage outfalls, 36 of which are uncontrolled and overflow more than once per year on average.

Source : Seattle Public Utilities, CSO Progress Report 2013.

60% of New York 's sewerage system is combined system.

New York compiled the New York Green Infrastructure Plan in 2010 to address the problem of CSO problem.

NEW YORK CITY SEWER SYSTEM

Approximately 60% of New York City's sewer system is combined, meaning that it handles sanitary waste from homes and businesses as well as stormwater from streets and rooftops. This system includes more than 3,330 miles of sewers throughout the five boroughs.

Separate sewers make up the other 40% of the sewer system. In a separate system, sanitary sewers carry wastewater straight to the treatment plant, while storm sewers carry stormwater runoff in a separate pipe directly to a local waterway. The separated sewer system in New York City includes 2,220 miles of sanitary sewers and 1,820 miles of storm sewers. The City also has 138 miles of interceptor sewers which carry both stormwater and wastewater to treatment plants.

Some parts of the city do not have sanitary or combined sewers. Generally, these neighborhoods developed before the sewer system could be extended to reach them, and therefore have suburban-style septic systems that treat wastewater on-site. Recently DEP brought municipal sewers to Meadowmere in Queens, and continues to expand the sanitary and storm sewer network on the South Shore of Staten Island.

New York City proved that green strategy could provide a greener, more economical and more sustainable ways for CSO control.

Figure 6: Predicted CSO Volume*

Figure 3: Citywide Costs of CSO Control Scenarios (after 20 year

Source : NYC Green Infrastructure Plan. ³⁶

Washington, D.C., using a combination of green and grey infrastructure to control CSO

- Some cities in China mistakenly believe that the combined sewer system is a bad system, and the only solution is to separate sewerage and stormwater drainage, which will cost huge money.
- The two drainage systems have their advantages and disadvantages. The combined drainage system overflow problem, but the separated sewer system also has the problem of non-point source pollution.
- > Sponge city concept provides a new and more sustainable way to solve the problem of CSO.

- Sponge city is also significant for water quality improvement in the separated sewer area.
- The capture ratio of annual rainfall (about 25 mm) have less effect on flood mitigation, but more effect on nonpoint source pollution control.
- It is necessary to strengthen the construction of bioretention, especially the filter media.

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- Meishe River in Haikou was seriously polluted .
- Sponge city concept was employed
- source control, sewerage
 interception, ecological
 restoration, wetland
 construction, non-point
 source pollution reduction,
 CSO control so on.

In the construction of Fengxiang Park, sponge city concept was introduced. Facilities including infiltration, storage, purification and utilization were constructed to control the pollution

✓A vertical flow wetland covers an area of 14000m² was constructed.

 Treating 3500 tons domestic wastewater per day currently and 10000 tons of WWTP effluent in the future.

Monitoring data indicates that ammonia nitrogen,
 COD_{Cr} and DO concentration has already reached standard V for surface water.

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