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Quick Facts

Countries	China
Financial Institutions	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2017-12-08
Borrower	Beijing Gas Group Company Limited (Beijing Gas)
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 250.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 761.10 million

Project Description

According to AIIB documents, the "objective of the Project is to improve air quality and reduce air pollutions, such as CO2 emissions, particulate matters, SO2 emissions, and NOx emissions, through replacing coal with natural gas in rural villages in outskirts of Beijing. Upon completion, the Project will provide gas service connections to approximately 216,751 rural households, and reduce coal consumption of around 650,000 tons annually in Beijing."

The proposed Project will finance the construction of natural gas distribution networks in around 510 rural villages of Beijing, including the installation of low-pressure village gas pipelines, household connections, and household gas consumption meters.

The Project will be implemented over 4 years between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2021, and the loan closing date will be December 31, 2021.

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The Project is estimated to cost $761.10 USD million (or RMB 5,099.37 million equivalent). The AIIB is considering a loan of $250 USD million.

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ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF AIIB

The AIIB has established the Accountability Mechanism for Project-Affected People (PPM). The PPM provides “an opportunity for an independent and impartial review of submissions from Project-affected people who believe they have been or are likely to be adversely affected by AIIB’s failure to implement the ESP in situations when their concerns cannot be addressed satisfactorily through Project level GRMs or AIIB Management processes.” Two or more project-affected people can file a complaint. Under the current AIIB policy, when the bank co-finances a project with another development bank, it may apply the other bank's standards. You can refer to the Project Summary Information document to find out which standards apply. You can learn more about the PPM and how to file a complaint at: https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/project-affected-peoples-mechanism/how-we-assist-you/index.html.

The complaint submission form can be accessed in Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Bengali, Chinese, English, Tagalog, Hindi, Nepali, Russian, Turkish, or Urdu. The submission form can be found at: https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/project-affected-peoples-mechanism/submission/index.html.

Bank Documents

- Environmental and Social Management Plan [Original Source]
- Project Summary [Original Source]

Campaign Documents

- Learn more: This project is tracked by AIIB Watch.
- NGO Forum in ADB: Concerns relating to the AIIB standalone Beijing Air Quality Improvement Project