

Analysis of China's Industrial smoke and dust Emissions

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Abstract. With the use of environmental statistics, this paper studied the industrial structure of China's smoke and dust emissions. Meanwhile, it analyzed the changes of waste gas emissions, smoke and dust emissions and smoke and dust emission concentration of the six key industries, namely, the power, steel, building materials, chemical, nonferrous metal and petrochemical coking industries, as well as mining industry in 2014 in comparison with the condition of 2005. The aim is to provide a reference for the scientific determination of the main orientation of SO₂ emission reduction in China.

Introduction

Particulate matter is the main pollutant restraining the air quality in China. In 2015, among the days when the urban air quality standard was exceeded, 66.8% and 15.0% were contributed by the days when PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ were the primary pollutant respectively, which accounted for a total of 81.8%, far more than the days when O₃, NO₂ and other pollutants were the primary pollutant. And the industrial smoke and dust are the main source of PM₁₀ as well as an important component of PM_{2.5}. They have made a considerable contribution to air pollution. Moreover, smoke and dust will also affect public health. Studies have shown that the increase in PM₁₀ concentration can lead to an increase in the total mortality, respiratory system, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular disease mortality of Chinese population ^[1]; WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer has listed PM₁₀ into the first class of carcinogens ^[2].

As the largest source of smoke and dust in China, industry accounts for more than 80% of the total smoke and dust emissions. This paper analyzed the industrial structure of the smoke and dust emissions in China. The aim is to provide a reference for the scientific determination of the main orientation of smoke and dust emission reduction in China.

Industrial Structure of Smoke and Dust Emission in China

Smoke and dust emission amount of each industrial sector in China and their respective proportion in the total industrial emission amount in 2014 are shown in Table 1 and Fig.1. Different Chinese industrial sectors have remarkably different amounts of smoke and dust emissions, of which smoke and dust is mainly emitted by the following seven key industries: 42 (hereinafter referred to as power industry), 31 (hereinafter referred to as steel industry), 30 (hereinafter referred to as building materials industry), 32 (hereinafter referred to as chemical industry), 25 (hereinafter referred to as nonferrous metals industry), 26 (hereinafter referred to as petrochemical and coking industry) and 6 (hereinafter referred to as mining industry). The previous six industrial sectors are commonly referred to as "the six key industries" by national statistical offices. In 2014, the seven key industries discharged a total of 11.49 million tons of smoke and dust, accounting for 90.6% and 66% of the total industrial and national smoke and dust emissions respectively according to the statistics. Among the seven key industries, steel industry contributed to largest smoke and dust emissions. It was followed by power industry and building materials industry. The next two were chemical industry and petrochemical and coking industry. At last, nonferrous metals industry and coal mining industry emitted the least smoke and dust among the seven key industries.

Table1 Smoke and dust emissions of China’s industrial sectors and their proportions in 2014.

Code	Total/ 10 ³ t	Proportion	Code	Total/ 10 ³ t	Proportion	Code	Total/ 10 ³ t	Proportion
6	385.1	3.04	19	11.2	0.09	32	384.8	3.04
7	7.9	0.06	20	128.0	1.01	33	70.1	0.55
8	94.4	0.74	21	2.7	0.02	34	25.3	0.20
9	20.4	0.16	22	141.8	1.12	35	17.5	0.14
10	52.7	0.42	23	3.3	0.03	36	39.0	0.31
11	1.4	0.01	24	1.8	0.01	37	6.6	0.05
12	0.9	0.01	25	421.4	3.32	38	6.7	0.05
13	163.1	1.29	26	658.2	5.2	39	0.7	0.01
14	64.9	0.51	27	48.8	0.38	40	31.1	0.25
15	63.7	0.50	28	32.2	0.25	41	8.4	0.07
16	5.8	0.05	29	38.1	0.30	42	2724.2	21.5
17	83.5	0.66	30	2644.9	20.9	43	5.2	0.04
18	10.5	0.08	31	4271.8	33.7	44	0.0	0.00

Note: Industry codes in the table are the category codes in the *Classification of National Economy* (GB/T 4754-2011), for example, 06 for coal mining and washing industry and 07 for oil and gas extraction industry.

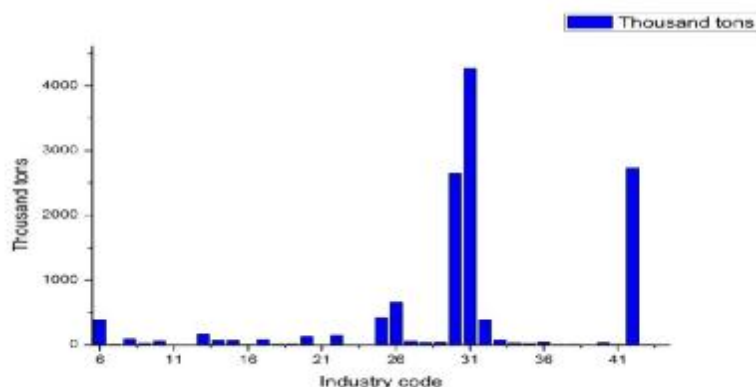


Fig.1 Smoke and dust emission amount of each industrial sector in China in 2014

Changes in Smoke and Dust Emissions of Key Industries and Their Contribution to the Whole Industrial Smoke and Dust Emission Reductions

Whether each sector has reduced its emissions or not? What are the changes of their emission reduction rates during this decade? Which sector has made the greatest contribution to the reduction in industrial emissions? Answers can be found by comparing the smoke and dust emission reduction status of the seven key industries in 2005 and that in 2014. Thus, the paper calculated the smoke and dust emissions of the seven key industries and analyzed their contribution to the whole industrial smoke and dust emission reductions and the national smoke and dust emission reductions, which is shown in Table 2.

It can be seen from Table 2 that compared with 2005, the seven key industries reduced 3.63million tons of smoke and dust emission in 2014, accounting for 91.35% and 102.87%of the whole industrial and national smoke and dust emission reductions respectively. This can indicate their decisive role in smoke and dust emission reductions. Most of the reductions were made by building materials industry whose emission reduction amount and rate were 4.35 million tons and 62.19% respectively, accounting for 109.48% and 123.29%of the whole industrial and national smoke and dust emission reductions respectively. The following was power industry whose emission reduction amount and rate were 1.44 million tons and 34.51% respectively, accounting for 36.12% and 40.68%of the whole industrial and national smoke and dust emission reductions respectively. The emission reduction amount and rate of petrochemical and coking industry and

chemical industry were 148.8 thousand tons, 26.1%, 52.7 thousand tons and 7.41% respectively, and their contribution rates to industrial and national smoke and dust emissions were 3.74% and 1.33% respectively. On the contrary, for steel industry, nonferrous metals industry and mining industry, the amount of smoke and dust emissions was not reduced, especially steel industry.

Table 2 Smoke and dust emissions of the seven key industries in 2005 and 2014.

Sector	2005		2014		2014-2005			
	Total/ 10 ³ t	Proporti on	Total/ 10 ³ t	Proporti on	Emissio n reducti on/10 ³ t	Emissi on reducti on rate	Contributionto industrial emission reductions	Contribution to national emission reductions
Building Materials	6995.9	42.01	2644.9	20.86	4351.0	62.19	109.48	123.29
Power	4159.9	24.98	2724.2	21.49	1435.7	34.51	36.12	40.68
Petrochemic al andcoking	570.2	3.42	421.4	3.32	148.8	26.1	3.74	3.22
Chemical	710.9	4.27	658.2	5.19	52.7	7.41	1.33	1.49
Steel	1949.5	11.71	4271.8	33.69	-2322.3	-119.12	-58.43	-65.81
Nonferrous	379.3	2.28	384.8	3.04	-05.5	-1.45	-0.14	-0.16
Mining	355.2	2.13	385.1	3.04	-29.9	-8.43	-0.75	-0.85
Total	15120.9	90.8	11490.4	90.63	3630.5	21.8	91.35	102.87

In summary, from 2005 to 2014, seven key industries played a decisive role in industrial and national smoke dust emission reductions. However, in fact, among the seven key industries, building materials industry and power industry played a main positive decisive role, while steel industry whose emissions increased significantly obviously impeded the reduction of industry and the national smoke and dust emissions.

Analysis of the Relationship among Smoke and Dust Emissions, Waste Gas Emission and Emission Concentration of the Key Industries

Smoke and dust emissions of various industries depend on their emission amount of waste gas and smoke and dust emission concentration. Therefore, the paper analyzed changes of waste gas emissions and smoke and dust emission concentration of the seven major sectors in 2005 and 2014, so as to analyze the reason for the changes in smoke and dust emissions of each key industry, as shown in Table 3.

As can be seen from Table 3, compared with 2005, the emission amounts of waste gas of the key industries all increased significantly in 2014 except for mining industry, while the average smoke and dust emission concentration dropped obviously with specific drop ranges being different in different industries. The emission growth rate of steel industry was as high as 223.36%, remarkably higher than that of the other six key industries, while its emission concentration reduction rate was only 32.23%, significantly lower than that of the other five key industries. This was caused by its notably increased smoke and dust emissions. However, the smoke and dust emission reduction rates of building materials industry and power industry were prominently higher than that of other key industries, while their emission growth rates were relatively low. This was caused by significant reductions in their emission amounts. Mining industry emissions showed a much lower increase rate than the other six key industries did, but its emission concentration remained basically unchanged, so its smoke and dust emissions increased.

Table 3 Smoke and dust emission concentration of the seven key industries in 2005 and 2014.

Sector	Waste gas emissions (10 ⁸ Nm ³)			Smoke and dust emissions (10 ³ t)			Smoke and dust emission concentration (mg/ Nm ³)		
	2005	2014	Change rate(%)	2005	2014	Change rate(%)	2005	2014	Change rate(%)
Building Materials	4986.0	12846.0	157.64	6995.9	2644.9	-62.19	1403.11	205.89	-85.33
Power	8834.7	21509.4	143.46	4159.9	2724.2	-34.51	470.86	126.65	-73.10
Petroche mical andcokin g	912.9	2129.1	133.22	570.2	421.4	-26.1	624.60	197.92	-68.31
Chemical	1588.7	4178.3	163.00	710.9	658.2	-7.41	447.47	157.53	-64.80
Steel	5619.0	18169.4	223.36	1949.5	4271.8	119.12	346.95	235.11	-32.23
Nonferro us	1318.3	3616.6	174.34	379.3	384.8	1.45	287.72	106.40	-63.02
Mining	193.5	208.8	7.91	355.2	385.1	8.43	1835.66	1844.58	0.49

According to the above analysis, from 2005 to 2014, China's industrial smoke and dust emissions decreased mainly due to the notable reduction in the emission concentration of key industries such as building materials industry and electricity industry. However, the small reduction of emission concentration and the excessively rapid growth of waste gas emissions of steel industry made it a giant holdback of industrial smoke and dust emission reductions.

Conclusions

In the paper, the industrial structure of industrial smoke and dust emission in seven key industries in China was analyzed. Besides, the changes in smoke and dust emissions, emission concentration and waste gas emission in the seven key industries in 2005 and 2014 were calculated and compared. Three conclusions were drawn in the study as follows. Firstly, in 2014, the smoke and dust emissions from the seven high-polluting sectors of steel, electricity, building materials, chemical, petrochemical and coking, mining and nonferrous industries accounted for 90.63% of the total industrial emissions and 66% of the total national emissions. Secondly, among the seven key industries, building materials industry and power industry, as the key to smoke and dust emission reductions, reduced emission amounts of 4.35 million tons and 1.44 million tons respectively, and contributed reduction rates of 109.48% and 36.12% respectively to industrial smoke and dust emission reductions and 123.29% and 40.68% respectively to national smoke and dust emission reductions. In contrast, the smoke and dust emissions of steel industry increased significantly. Obviously, it impeded the reduction of industrial and national smoke and dust emissions. Thirdly, from 2005 to 2014, the smoke and dust emissions of steel industry increased mainly due to its high emission growth rate of 223.36% which was significantly higher than that of the other six key industries; whereas, its reduction rate of emission concentration was only 32.23%, which was notably lower than that of the other five key industries. The remarkable decrease of emission reductions of power industry resulted from its great reduction rate of emission concentration, which was significantly higher than that of other key industries.

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