

## The Ministry of Environmental Protection Issued a List of Major Changes in Construction Projects for 14 Industries Such as Pulping and Papermaking

In order to further standardize the management of environmental impact assessment, in accordance with relevant regulations of the *Law of the People's Republic of China on Environmental Impact Assessment* and the *Regulations on the Administration of Environmental Protection of Construction Projects*, according to the requirements of *Notice on Issuing Major Changes list in Construction Projects for Certain Industries in Environmental Impact Assessment Management*, combining environmental impact characteristics of different industries, the Ministry of Environmental Protection has formulated a list of major changes in construction projects for 14 industries including pulp and papermaking (trial) and released it on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The 14 industries are as follows, pulping and papermaking, pharmaceutical, pesticide, chemical fertilizer (nitrogen fertilizer), textile printing and dyeing, tanning, sugar, electroplating, steel, coking chemistry, flat glass, cement, copper-lead-zinc smelting,

and aluminum smelting.

According to the list, major changes included expansion of project scale, relocation of construction sites, changes in production technology that lead to new pollutants or increased emissions of pollutants, and changes in environmental protection measures that lead to increased adverse impacts on environment, et al.

According to the requirement of the Ministry of Environmental Protection, construction projects in industries with severe overcapacity such as steel, cement, electrolytic aluminum, and flat glass should also comply with the *Guiding Opinions of the State Council on Resolving the Contradiction of Severe Overcapacity* (Guo Fa (2013) No.41), carrying out equivalent replacement or reduction replacement of production capacity. The environmental protection departments at all levels could not examine and approve the projects with increasing capacity in these industries. ❏