

Economic Impacts of Health Costs Induced by Air Pollution in China

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Background

- 1. Long-term environmental stress: more influence on health than capital
- 2. Direct effect: damages to 'stock', unit/stage-damage functions; Indirect effect: damages to 'flow' (health effects, inter-industrial/regional linkages), input-output (I-O)

3. PM_{2.5} concentration Beijing 2013: 40 times higher than

WHO standard

4. Serious health effect & high population density: high vulnerability

Methodology:

emission-health-economic interdisciplinary research

1. Integrated exposure-response (IER) model



a. mortality:**For** $z < z_{cp}$ b. PAF = 1 - 1/RR

$$RR_{IER}(z) = 1$$
 and

c.
$$E = PAF \times B \times P$$

For
$$z \ge z_{cf}$$
,
$$RR_{--}(z) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}$$

 $RR_{IER}(z) = 1+\alpha \{1-exp[-$

 $Y(z-z_{cf})^{\delta}$

morbidity: $RR = e^{\beta x}$

2. Labor time loss estimation



- a. provincial to labor mortality&morbidity counts
- b. labor to industrial mortality&morbidity counts
- c. industrial labor time loss as indicator for value added change (input for I-O model)
- 3. Supply-driven I-O model



x' = i'Z + v' or

x' = Bx + v'

when G = (I-B)-1

x = G' v and

 $\Delta x = \Delta v' G$

Findings

Concentrations

Macroeconomic

Implications
(Direct+Indirect

1. Total, regional, provincial economic losses

Jiangsu and Shandong provinces suffered most and total economic losses reached

346.26 billion Yuan in 2007, ~1.1% of GDP

and annual GDP for Vietnam in same year

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Industrial

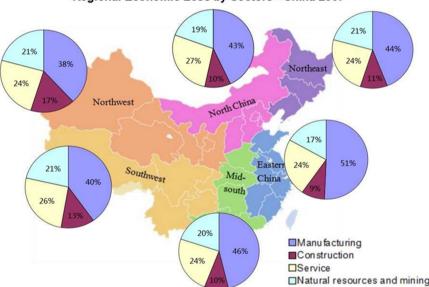
Labor Year



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2. Manufacturing has greater vulnerability to labor time loss in coastal regions In the Northwest and Southwest, the reduced value added had the greatest impact on the construction sector

Regional Economic Loss by Sectors - China 2007



3. Indirect economic losses outweigh direct losses across almost all 30 provinces

Direct and Indirect Impact Analysis (billion Yuan)



Emission

Inventories

Added

a. Indirect economic loss outnumber direct economic loss and thus, it is important to consider inter-industry/regional relationships

Reduced

Percentage

in Labor

b.It is crucial to consider labor constraints on production capacity, especially in the face of disruptive events with long-term impacts on human health

c.Integrating risk analysis, impact analysis and dependency analysis is significant for developing effective post-disaster economic recovery strategies and more sustainable policies

d. Give a favor to current industrial structure reforms, moving towards less-labor intensive sector focus

