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ACEF: All-China Environment Federation
ACLA: All China Lawyers Association
ALL: Administrative Litigation Law
BLA: Beijing Law Association
BPCs: Basic People’s Courts
CASS: Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
CCP: Chinese Communist Party
CLAPV: Center for Legal Assistance to Pollution Victims
CPPCC: Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference
EIA: Environmental Impact Assessment
EPB: Environmental Protection Bureau
HPC: High People’s Court
INGO: International Non-Governmental Organization
IPC: Intermediate People’s Court
MEP: Ministry of Environmental Protection
MoJ: Ministry of Justice
NAEC: Non-Litigation Administrative Execution Case
NGO: Non-Governmental Organization
NPC: National People’s Congress
SEPA: State Environmental Protection Agency
SPC: Supreme People’s Court