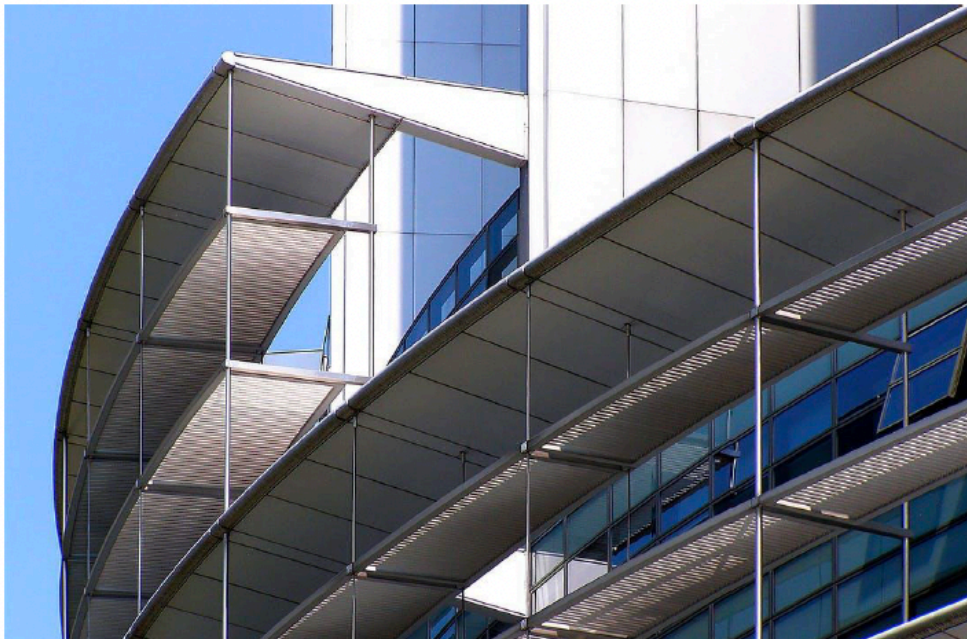


**The Government of Laoc is considering capping coal emissions to combat floods**

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For the past 10 years, the population of Laoc has been suffering from annual floods of increasing magnitude. Despite the continued efforts to build dams, levees and other types of protective constructions by the federal government of Laoc, the floods still take thousands of lives and cause millions of dollars in property damage every year.

Some time ago, the Government of Laoc formed a task force of environmental scientists in order to find the reasons behind this phenomenon. In their recently published report, the task force concluded that the most probable (out of several) explanations would be that floods occur because of greenhouse emissions made by numerous coal plants operated in Laoc. The task force observed that there was a direct correlation between the growth of coal emissions and the intensity of floods over the past years. Despite that, the task force also admits that there is no empirical evidence to show that floods are caused by the greenhouse emissions of the coal plants operated in Laoc.

In the next weeks, the Government of Laoc will consider whether it is necessary to prepare a draft law capping the amount of greenhouse emissions by coal plants in Laoc. However, experts say that preparing this law may take considerable time as it would require a careful balance between the needs of the public and the rights of the operators of the coal plants.