

TAB 5: DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

U.S. Department of the Interior Participation with China for 2004 Report to Congress --

Several Bureaus of the U.S. Department of the Interior actively participate with their Chinese counterparts and are submitting separate reports to the State Department to compile for the Report to Congress. The information below describes only those activities that are conducted at the Departmental level.

Agreements: Activities are conducted under an Understanding between the Department of the Interior and the Ministry of Land and Resources to Promote Cooperation on Natural Resources, which was signed on June 22, 2000. The Understanding is subject to the Science and Technology Agreement signed in 1979 as extended and amended.

Projects: Evaluation of Land and Minerals Management Systems

The only project conducted in 2003 was the arrangement for a trip to the U.S. in October by Professor Keding Fang and three officials of the Ministry of Land and Resources to study the organization of the Department of the Interior and its methods of coordinating and integrating efforts in implementing strategies and programs. In particular he evaluated the administrative system of land and minerals management in the U.S.

Chinese Participants by first name, surname, title, agency:

- Keding Fang, Professor, National School of Administration
- Jinxiang He, Researcher, Information Center, Ministry of Land and Resources
- Zhijian Li, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Land and Resources
- Qiming Peng, Dr, China Geological Survey

Future Projects: The only future project in a sufficiently advanced stage of planning is a trip to China in January 2004 by officials of the Office of Surface Mining to assess possible projects related to reclamation of lands that are subject to coal mining.

Equipment: No equipment or technology was exported to China

Estimated Cost of Administration: The estimated cost was 3 days of staff time to arrange the October meeting and 8 days of staff time to accompany them while in the U.S. All expenses were paid for by the Chinese (i.e. travel, hotels, food, etc). The estimated cost for staff time is \$5,000.

Constraints: There are no legal standards that constrain our work with the Chinese in promoting cooperation on natural resources. The only constraint is the lack of funding for participation on the U. S. side, unless there is a direct benefit to the mission of the Department of the Interior. The Chinese would like to receive more technical assistance and advice that we are unable to provide unless the Department can be reimbursed for this work.

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