

# INTRODUCTION TO LAND RECLAMATION POLICIES AND REGULATIONS IN CHINA<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract:** Land reclamation is a systems engineering, which involves a wide range of aspects. Improved policies and legislations could not only regulate reclamation work, but also ensure land reclamation implementation smoothly. China has experienced a long, sporadic, spontaneous reclamation development process. In 1988, China issued “Stipulation on Land Reclamation”(SLR). The SLR established land reclamation institution and greatly promoted the process of land reclamation work. In 2011, China promulgated “Land Reclamation Regulations” (LRR), which made the land reclamation further legalization and standardization. This paper introduces the development process of land reclamation policies and regulations in China and some important items in LRR, such as reclamation objects and reclamation obligations, reclamation funds, and incentive and supervision mechanism. Compared with SLR, there are many improvements in LRR, firstly, natural disaster disturbed and historically damaged lands are included; secondly, land reclamation plan is treated as an indispensable item for mining permit approve; thirdly, reclamation obligators are re-clarified; last but not the least, reclamation monitoring and management are identified and stressed.

**Additional Key Words:** Land Reclamation; Regulations; Reclamation obligator; Reclamation responsibility; China.

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