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Air quality in Beijing over the past week has reached horrifically bad levels. The U.S. Embassy's air quality tracker went from "Hazardous" to "Beyond Index" on Dec. 4. Check out the depressing details via [Treehugger](#) and [France 24](#). It looks like the [Great Smog of London](#) from 1952.

England passed its Clean Air Act 4 years later; perhaps it is time for China to rethink its air quality regulation?

And I am still waiting to hear how President Ron Paul would keep Los Angeles from Beijing's fate without the EPA and the Clean Air Act.