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Health and Climate Impacts of Rural Residential Energy Transition in China

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Over the last two to three decades, energy mix in rural China transit dramatically owing to rapid socioeconomic development. It is expected that such transition can result in changes in emissions of climate forcing components and air pollutants, consequently environmental and climate impacts. Such impacts were quantified by a nation-wide survey on rural residential energy consumption, compilation of a series of emission inventories, modeling of atmospheric transport of pollutants, assessment on health risk induced by exposure to ambient air pollutants, and evaluation on rural residential emission originated climate forcing components. Co-benefit of the transition on both health and climate is demonstrated.