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## CHINA'S LOCKDOWN-LED CARBON EMISSIONS DROP SHORT-LIVED, EXPERTS SAY

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The projected drop in carbon emissions in China because of its slowed economic growth due to pandemic lockdowns □ shown in a report released at the recent COP27 □ is likely short-lived, experts have told VOA.

Chinas carbon emissions this year are estimated to drop 0.9%, along with European Union countries, while the rest of the world are projected to see a rise, according to the annual Global Carbon Project report. The carbon emitted from coal in China is projected to go up 1%, but will drop 2.8% from oil and 1.1% from natural gas. For the dirty cement industry, carbon emissions are projected drop 7%.

China is still imposing lockdowns in COVID-stricken cities under its "zero-COVID policy, to which Chinese President Xi Jinping reaffirmed his commitment at the 20th Party Congress in October.

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