

Chemicals Administration, Ministry of Environment

Major Policy Implementations in May 2026

1. On May 7, the Chemicals Administration held the First Working Group Meeting of 2026 for Pathway 6 of the “National Integrated Epidemic Prevention Joint Action Plan.” The meeting outlined the planning of the working group meetings and the status of follow-up actions and plans management as advised by the Ministry of Health and Welfare.
2. On May 8, the Ministry of Environment teamed up with the Ocean Affairs Council to host a press conference titled “Land–Sea Collaboration: Monitoring and Controlling Microplastic Pollution.” By adopting strategies such as lifestyle changes, scientific monitoring, and pollution removal and cleanup, the government will continue to reduce the risks posed by microplastic pollution and safeguard drinking water as well as marine ecosystems.
3. Public health and epidemic prevention efforts should not be divided into central and local responsibilities. Although rodent control is carried out by local governments, the Ministry of the Environment adheres to the principle that “where there are local needs, the central government will

provide assistance.” First, the Ministry has repeatedly issued press releases urging local governments to strengthen public awareness and implement the Three Principles for Rodent Prevention: “Do not let rats come, do not let rats eat, and do not let rats stay.” The Ministry has also emphasized that the most effective methods for environmental sanitation and systematic, cross-agency rodent control involve “cutting off their food supply, blocking their paths, and eliminating their nests.” Subsequently, the Department of Environmental Information Technology of the Ministry established a Rodent Control Platform on the Ministry’s official website. It provides comprehensive information on rodent prevention and control for public reference, aiming to jointly protect public health and the citizens' quality of life.