

Supplementary Materials S1. Guidelines of air pollutant concentrations

Table S1. Ambient air quality standard in China (Source: Adapted by the Authors, data extracted from the Chinese Environmental protection Agency).

Category	Concentration Limit	
	Level-1	Level-2
Air quality index	50*	100*
PM2.5	35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	75 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
PM10	50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	150 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
Ozone (O_3)	100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	160 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
Nitrogen dioxide (NO_2)	40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	80 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
Sulfur dioxide (SO_2)	50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	150 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
Carbon monoxide (CO)	2 mg/m^3	4 mg/m^3

*The criteria value is from MEEC (Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China), 2012.

Table S2. WHO Guidelines value for air pollution (WHO, 2000)

Category	WHO Guidelines value	WHO Interim target-1
Air quality index	50*	100*
PM2.5	10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
PM10	20 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	70 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
Ozone (O_3)	120 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	160 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
Nitrogen dioxide (NO_2)	40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	/
Sulfur dioxide (SO_2)	20 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

Supplementary Materials S2. The mean level of air parameters

- In low-level districts

Table S3. Mean level of air indicators in low-level districts

District	Air quality parameters	Closure period	After closure	Increase percentage
Shangcheng district	O ₃	78.35 μg/m ³	96.97 μg/m ³	23.77%
	PM10	26.57 μg/m ³	52.44 μg/m ³	97.41%
	CO	0.84 mg/m ³	0.81 mg/m ³	-3.64%
	NO ₂	7.87 μg/m ³	28.41 μg/m ³	261.07%
	PM2.5	21.30 μg/m ³	27.07 μg/m ³	27.07%
	SO ₂	6.78 μg/m ³	7.08 μg/m ³	4.36%
AQI (air quality index)		39.26	57.43	46.27%

District	Air quality parameters	Closure period	After closure	Increase percentage
Xiacheng district	O ₃	86.65 μg/m ³	111.32 μg/m ³	28.47%
	PM10	43.30 μg/m ³	66.59 μg/m ³	53.78%
	CO	0.93 mg/m ³	0.79 mg/m ³	-15.64%
	NO ₂	20.57 μg/m ³	52.64 μg/m ³	155.95%
	PM2.5	33.43 μg/m ³	33.86 μg/m ³	1.28%
	SO ₂	6.74 μg/m ³	7.56 μg/m ³	12.14%
AQI (air quality index)		52.48	70.98	35.24%

- In mid-level districts

Table S4. Mean level of air indicators in mid-level districts

District	Air quality parameters	Closure period	After closure	Increase percentage
Xihu district	O ₃	91.32 μg/m ³	117.32 μg/m ³	28.48%
	PM10	36.44 μg/m ³	53.12 μg/m ³	45.80%

	CO	0.59 mg/m^3	1.07 mg/m^3	82.14%
	NO ₂	11.82 $\mu g/m^3$	34.32 $\mu g/m^3$	190.39%
	PM2.5	27.28 $\mu g/m^3$	28.60 $\mu g/m^3$	4.86%
	SO ₂	4.51 $\mu g/m^3$	5.54 $\mu g/m^3$	22.79%
	AQI (air quality index)	52.51	64.12	22.11%
Jianggan district	O ₃	74.37 $\mu g/m^3$	94.08 $\mu g/m^3$	26.50%
	PM10	37.98 $\mu g/m^3$	58.81 $\mu g/m^3$	54.85%
	CO	0.97 mg/m^3	0.75 mg/m^3	-22.71%
	NO ₂	13.20 $\mu g/m^3$	38.41 $\mu g/m^3$	191.11%
	PM2.5	29.56 $\mu g/m^3$	31.03 $\mu g/m^3$	4.95%
	SO ₂	5.02 $\mu g/m^3$	4.85 $\mu g/m^3$	-3.42%
	AQI (air quality index)	47.80	61.79	29.26%
	O ₃	82.96 $\mu g/m^3$	105.11 $\mu g/m^3$	26.70%
	PM10	35.13 $\mu g/m^3$	54.55 $\mu g/m^3$	55.28%
Binjiang district	CO	0.73 mg/m^3	0.74 mg/m^3	-0.29%
	NO ₂	10.70 $\mu g/m^3$	35.51 $\mu g/m^3$	232.04%
	PM2.5	26.93 $\mu g/m^3$	29.5 $\mu g/m^3$	9.52%
	SO ₂	5.54 $\mu g/m^3$	5.51 $\mu g/m^3$	-0.66%
	AQI (air quality index)	45.72	59.97	31.18%
	O ₃	86.28 $\mu g/m^3$	111.61 $\mu g/m^3$	29.36%
Gongshu district	PM10	44.43 $\mu g/m^3$	71.04 $\mu g/m^3$	59.88%
	CO	0.56 mg/m^3	0.74 mg/m^3	30.73%
	NO ₂	10.07 $\mu g/m^3$	33.36 $\mu g/m^3$	231.43%
	PM2.5	33.28 $\mu g/m^3$	34.62 $\mu g/m^3$	4.02%
	SO ₂	6.07 $\mu g/m^3$	8.14 $\mu g/m^3$	34.25%
	AQI	52.15	66.57	27.65%

- In high-level district

Table S5. Mean level of air indicators in high-level districts

District	Air quality parameters	Closure period	After closure	Increase percentage
Yuhang district	O ₃	90.89 μg/m ³	114.99 μg/m ³	26.51%
	PM10	43.39 μg/m ³	84.41 μg/m ³	99.11%
	CO	0.89 mg/m ³	0.88 mg/m ³	-1.12%
	NO ₂	13.43 μg/m ³	40.80 μg/m ³	203.70%
	PM2.5	32 μg/m ³	36.74 μg/m ³	14.80%
	SO ₂	5.26 μg/m ³	6.31 μg/m ³	20.02%
	AQI (air quality index)	53.33	71.34	33.79%
Xiaoshan district	O ₃	86.35 μg/m ³	109.65 μg/m ³	26.99%
	PM10	45.22 μg/m ³	66.06 μg/m ³	46.10%
	CO	0.57 mg/m ³	0.64 mg/m ³	12.72%
	NO ₂	16.22 μg/m ³	42.89 μg/m ³	164.49%
	PM2.5	36.63 μg/m ³	37.20 μg/m ³	1.56%
	SO ₂	6.35 μg/m ³	5.56 μg/m ³	-12.34%
	AQI	56.09	66.09	17.84%

Supplementary Materials S3. Pearson Correlations Coefficients

- In the lockdown period:

Table S6. Pearson correlation coefficient of Xicheng district in lockdown

		O ₃	PM10	CO	NO ₂	PM2.5	SO ₂	AQI
Construction site number	Pearson Correlation	0.306	0.129	-0.473	-0.323	0.080	-0.682	0.154
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.217	0.609	0.048**	0.192	0.753	0.002*	0.541
	N	18	18	18	18	18	18	18

Table S7. Pearson correlative coefficient of Gongshu district in lockdown

		O ₃	PM10	CO	NO ₂	PM2.5	SO ₂	AQI
Construction site number	Pearson Correlation	0.037	0.285	0.289	0.478	0.333	0.567	0.282
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.884	0.252	0.245	0.045**	0.177	0.014*	0.257
	N	18	18	18	18	18	18	18

Table S8. Pearson correlative coefficient of Xiaoshan district in lockdown

		O ₃	PM10	CO	NO ₂	PM2.5	SO ₂	AQI
Construction site number	Pearson Correlation	0.635	0.662	0.723	-0.051	0.668	0.635	0.702
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.005*	0.003*	0.001*	0.841	0.002*	0.005*	0.001*
	N	18	18	18	18	18	18	18

- After the lockdown

Table S9. Pearson correlative coefficient of Xiacheng district after the lockdown

		O ₃	PM10	CO	NO ₂	PM2.5	SO ₂	AQI
Construction	Pearson	-0.004	0.061	-0.039	0.400	-0.002	-0.103	0.180
site number	Correlation							

Sig. (2-tailed)	0.972	0.633	0.759	0.001*	0.985	0.422	0.158
N	63	63	63	63	63	63	63

Table S10. Pearson correlative coefficient of Gongshu district after the lockdown

		O ₃	PM10	CO	NO ₂	PM2.5	SO ₂	AQI
Construction	Pearson	-0.291	-0.098	-0.040	-0.560	0.212	-0.330	-0.211
site number	Correlation							
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.021**	0.446	0.753	0.000*	0.095	0.008*	0.098
	N	63	63	63	63	63	63	63

Table S11. Pearson correlative coefficient of Xiaoshan district after the lockdown

		O ₃	PM10	CO	NO ₂	PM2.5	SO ₂	AQI
Construction	Pearson	-0.430	-0.370	-0.075	-0.439	0.134	-0.222	-0.237
site number	Correlation							
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.000*	0.773	0.558	0.000*	0.295	0.080	0.062
	N	63	63	63	63	63	63	63

*Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

**Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

Supplementary Materials S4. Scatter plots

- In the lockdown period

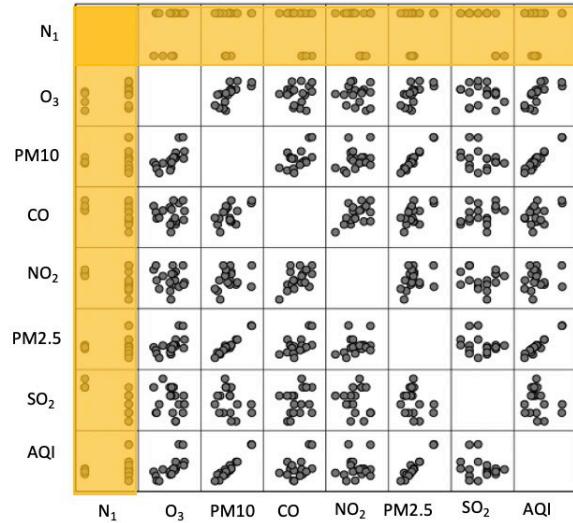


Figure S1. Correlative scatter plot of XiaCheng district

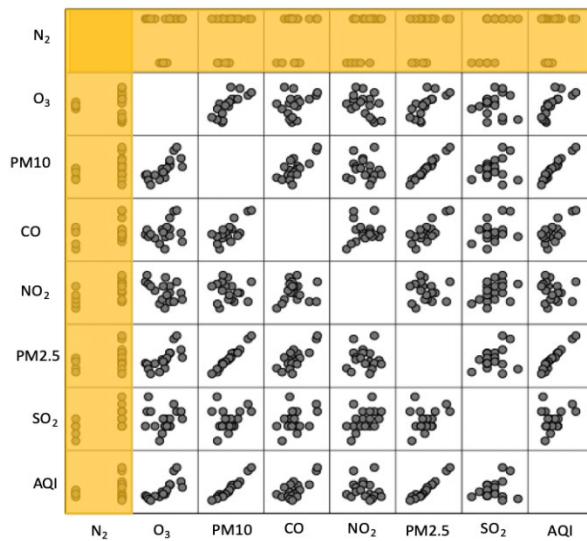


Figure S2. Correlative scatter plot of Gongshu district

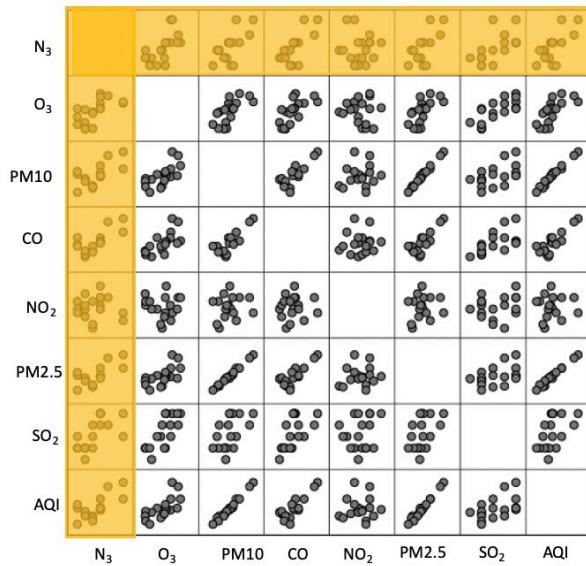


Figure S3. Correlative scatter plot of Xiaoshan district

- After the lockdown

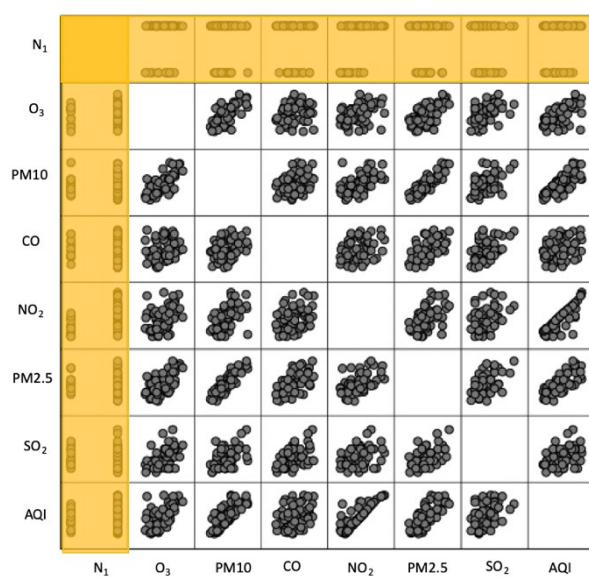


Figure S4. Correlative scatter plot of XiaCheng district

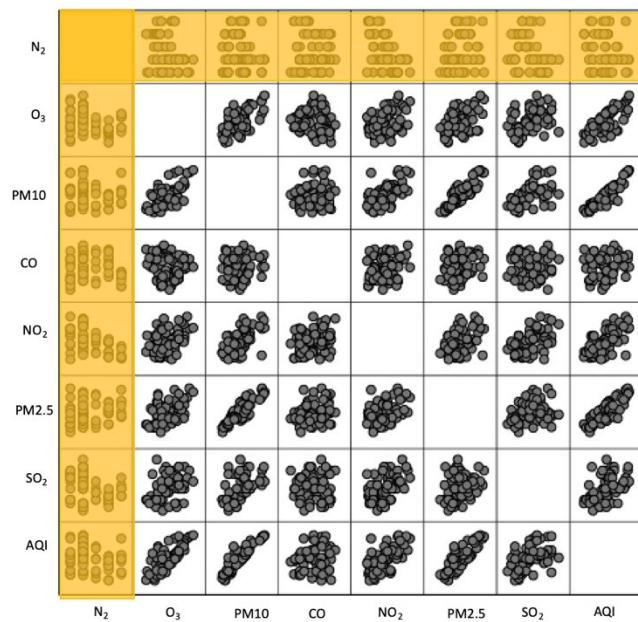


Figure S5. Correlative scatter plot of Gongshu district

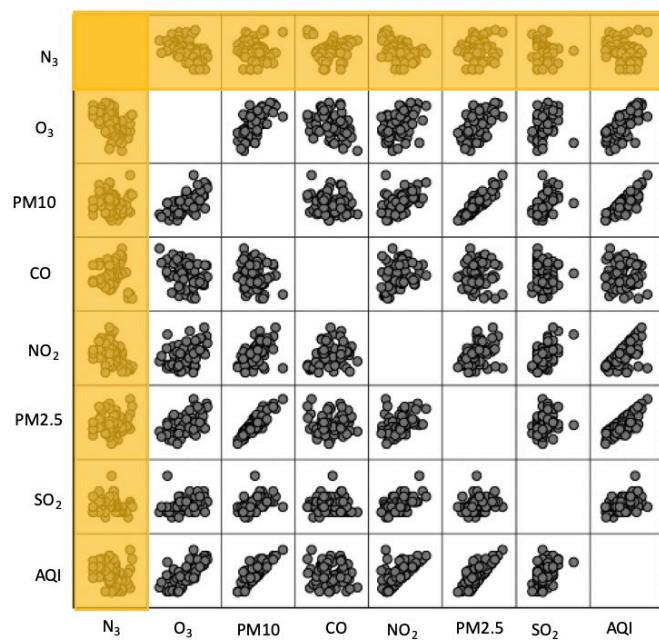


Figure S6. Correlative scatter plot of Xiaoshan district

***Note:** N₁, N₂, N₃ are the number of the construction sites in Xiacheng, Gongshu, Xiaoshan district respectively.

Supplementary Materials S5. Modelling Abstract

- In the lockdown period

Table S12. Model summary of Xiacheng district in the lockdown period

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the
				Estimate
1	0.814 ¹	0.662	0.617	0.265
2	0.829 ²	0.687	0.469	0.312
3	0.815 ³	0.664	0.643	0.256
4	1.000 ⁴	1.000	/	/

1: Predictors: (Constant), SO₂, NO₂.

2: Predictors: (Constant), O₃, PM10, CO, NO₂, PM2.5, SO₂, AQI.

3: Predictors: (Constant), NO₂*SO₂.

4: Predictors: (Constant), AQI, CO*SO₂, NO₂², O₃*SO₂, CO, O₃*NO₂, PM10*SO₂, O₃², PM2.5*SO₂, NO₂*PM2.5, AQI², NO₂*SO₂, SO₂*AQI, SO₂², NO₂, CO*NO₂, SO₂.

Table S13. Model summary of Gongshu district in the lockdown period

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the
				Estimate
1	0.567 ¹	0.321	0.279	0.39134
1	0.703 ²	0.495	0.141	0.42709
2	0.567 ³	0.321	0.279	0.39134
3	0.995 ⁴	0.990	0.832	0.18915

1: Predictors: (Constant), SO₂.

2: Predictors: (Constant), O₃, PM10, CO, NO₂, PM2.5, SO₂, AQI.

3: Predictors: (Constant), SO₂.

4: Predictors: (Constant), SO₂*AQI, NO₂, SO₂², CO, O₃², CO², PM10*NO₂, O₃*NO₂, CO*NO₂, PM2.5, NO₂*AQI, PM10², CO*PM2.5, SO₂, O₃*PM2.5, NO₂*SO₂.

Table S14. Model summary of Xiaoshan district in the lockdown period

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the
				Estimate
1	0.723 ¹	0.523	0.493	1.288
2	0.923 ²	0.853	0.750	0.905

3	0.779 ³	0.607	0.582	1.169
4	1.000 ⁴	1.000	/	/

1: Predictors: (Constant), CO.

2: Predictors: (Constant), O₃, PM10, CO, NO₂, PM2.5, SO₂, AQI.

3: Predictors: (Constant), CO*SO₂.

4: Predictors: (Constant), AQI, NO₂², SO₂, O₃², CO, PM10², O₃*NO₂, PM10*NO₂, NO₂, PM2.5, CO², O₃, PM10*SO₂, NO₂*SO₂, O₃*PM2.5, SO₂², O₃*CO.

- After the lockdown

Table S15. Model summary of Xiacheng district after the lockdown

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the
				Estimate
1	0.494 ¹	0.244	0.219	0.361
2	0.540 ²	0.291	0.201	0.365
3	0.496 ³	0.246	0.221	0.360
1	0.885 ⁴	0.784	0.521	0.282

1: Predictors: (Constant), NO₂, AQI.

2: Predictors: (Constant), O₃, PM10, CO, NO₂, PM2.5, SO₂, AQI.

3: Predictors: (Constant), NO₂, CO*AQI.

4: Predictors: (Constant), O₃, PM10, CO, NO₂, PM2.5, SO₂, AQI, O₃², PM10², CO², NO₂², PM2.5², SO₂², AQI², O₃*PM10, O₃*CO, O₃*NO₂, O₃*PM2.5, O₃*SO₂, O₃*AQI, PM10*CO, PM10*NO₂, PM10*PM2.5, PM10*SO₂, PM10*AQI, CO*NO₂, CO*PM2.5, CO*SO₂, CO*AQI, NO₂*PM2.5, NO₂*SO₂, PM2.5*SO₂, PM2.5*AQI, SO₂*AQI.

Table S16. Model summary of Gongshu district after the lockdown

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the
				Estimate
1	0.789 ¹	0.622	0.603	0.81460
2	0.794 ²	0.631	0.584	0.83347
3	0.811 ³	0.657	0.640	0.77589
4	0.958 ⁴	0.918	0.830	0.53243

1: Predictors: (Constant), NO₂, PM2.5, AQI.

2: Predictors: (Constant), O₃, PM10, CO, NO₂, PM2.5, SO₂, AQI.

3: Predictors: (Constant), NO₂, PM2.5, PM2.5*AQI.

4: Predictors: (Constant), O₃, PM10, CO, NO₂, PM2.5, SO₂, AQI, O₃², PM10², CO², NO₂², PM2.5², SO₂², AQI², O₃*PM10, O₃*CO, O₃*NO₂, O₃*PM2.5, O₃*SO₂, O₃*AQI, PM10*CO, PM10*NO₂, PM10*SO₂, CO*NO₂, CO*PM2.5, CO*SO₂, CO*AQI, NO₂*PM2.5, NO₂*SO₂, NO₂*AQI, PM2.5*SO₂, SO₂*AQI.

Table S17. Model summary of Xiaoshan district after the lockdown

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the
				Estimate
1	0.740 ¹	0.548	0.516	3.225
2	0.753 ²	0.567	0.512	3.240
3	0.811 ³	0.657	0.621	2.857
4	0.922 ⁴	0.850	0.679	2.629

1: Predictors: (Constant), NO₂, PM2.5, O₃, CO.

2: Predictors: (Constant), O₃, PM10, CO, NO₂, PM2.5, SO₂, AQI.

3: Predictors: (Constant), O₃*CO, PM2.5, AQI, NO₂*PM2.5, NO₂², NO₂.

4: Predictors: (Constant), O₃, PM10, CO, NO₂, PM2.5, SO₂, AQI, O₃², PM10², CO², NO₂², PM2.5², SO₂², AQI², O₃*PM10, O₃*CO, O₃*NO₂, O₃*PM2.5, O₃*SO₂, O₃*AQI, PM10*CO, PM10*NO₂, PM10*SO₂, CO*NO₂, CO*PM2.5, CO*SO₂, CO*AQI, NO₂*PM2.5, NO₂*SO₂, NO₂*AQI, PM2.5*SO₂, PM2.5*AQI, SO₂*AQI, O₃, PM10, CO, NO₂, PM2.5, SO₂, AQI.

Supplementary Materials S6. Correlative Coefficient

- In the lockdown period

For Xiacheng district:

Table S18. Correlative coefficients of XiaCheng district

Model	Unstandardised Coefficients	
	B	Std. Error
(Constant)	-3.509	0.000
O ₃	0.025	0.000
CO	9.975	0.000
NO ₂	1.035	0.000
SO ₂	1.692	0.000
NO ₂ ²	-0.006	0.000
SO ₂ ²	-0.064	0.000
4	O ₃ *NO ₂	-0.002
	O ₃ *SO ₂	0.003
	PM10*SO ₂	-0.001
	CO*NO ₂	0.548
	NO ₂ *PM2.5	0.004
	NO ₂ *SO ₂	-0.043
	PM2.5*SO ₂	-0.007
	SO ₂ *AQI	0.001

* Dependent Variable: construction sites number of Xiacheng district

For Gongshu district:

Table S19. Correlative coefficients of Gongshu district

Model	Unstandardised Coefficients	
	B	Std. Error
(Constant)	82.219	7.877
4	CO	7.725

NO ₂	-2.210	1.091
PM2.5	0.117	0.150
SO ₂	2.186	1.704
O ₃ ²	-4.375E-5	0.000
CO ²	-1.279	1.348
SO ₂ ²	-0.730	0.176
O ₃ *NO ₂	-0.003	0.003
O ₃ *PM2.5	0.001	0.001
PM10*NO ₂	-0.019	0.009
CO*NO ₂	-1.943	0.567
CO*PM2.5	0.013	0.052
NO ₂ *SO ₂	0.667	0.206
NO ₂ *AQI	0.010	0.004

* Dependent Variable: construction sites number of Gongshu district

For Xiaoshan district:

Table S20. Correlative coefficients of Xiaoshan district

Model	Unstandardised Coefficients	
	B	Std. Error
(Constant)	294.222	0.000
O ₃	0.005	0.000
CO	-57.723	0.000
NO ₂	-1.607	0.000
PM2.5	0.249	0.000
4 SO ₂	-4.927	0.000
AQI	-0.287	0.000
O ₃ ²	-0.001	0.000
CO ²	15.398	0.000
NO ₂ ²	0.045	0.000

PM2.5 ²	-0.004	0.000
O ₃ *PM10	0.003	0.000
O ₃ *CO	0.690	0.000
O ₃ *NO ₂	-0.018	0.000
PM10*CO	-0.253	0.000
PM10*NO ₂	-0.004	0.000
NO ₂ *SO ₂	0.221	0.000
SO ₂ *AQI	0.047	0.000

* Dependent Variable: construction sites number of Xiaoshan district

- After the lockdown

For Xiacheng district:

Table S21. Correlative coefficients of XiaCheng district

Model	Unstandardised Coefficients	
	B	Std. Error
(Constant)	14.725	3.217
O ₃	-0.005	0.021
PM10	0.016	0.053
CO	9.206	8.497
NO ₂	0.006	0.062
PM2.5	-0.234	0.115
SO ₂	0.051	0.369
AQI	0.072	0.076
O ₃ ²	1.006E-5	0.000
CO ²	-7.026	6.348
PM2.5 ²	-0.001	0.002
SO ₂ ²	-0.029	0.019
O ₃ *CO	0.038	0.028
O ₃ *NO ₂	-0.001	0.001

O ₃ *PM2.5	-0.001	0.001
O ₃ *SO ₂	-0.001	0.001
O ₃ *AQI	0.001	0.001
PM10*CO	-0.024	0.076
PM10*NO ₂	-4.310E-5	0.001
PM10*SO ₂	0.003	0.003
PM10*AQI	-0.001	0.001
CO*NO ₂	0.196	0.100
CO*PM2.5	0.254	0.162
CO*SO ₂	0.511	0.554
CO*AQI	-0.334	0.106
NO ₂ *SO ₂	-0.004	0.008
PM2.5*SO ₂	-0.003	0.007
PM2.5*AQI	0.003	0.002
SO ₂ *AQI	0.002	0.008

* Dependent Variable: construction sites number of Xiacheng district

For Gongshu district:

Table S22. Correlative coefficients of Gongshu district

Model	Unstandardised Coefficients	
	B	Std. Error
(Constant)	91.825	8.218
O ₃	-0.054	0.075
PM10	0.062	0.140
CO	-10.688	7.850
NO ₂	-0.271	0.176
PM2.5	0.509	0.198
SO ₂	-0.356	0.993
AQI	-0.316	0.227

PM10 ²	1.194E-5	0.000
CO ²	-0.958	0.779
NO ₂ ²	-0.005	0.002
PM2.5 ²	0.002	0.001
SO ₂ ²	-0.037	0.043
AQI ²	-0.001	0.001
O ₃ *PM10	-0.001	0.001
O ₃ *CO	0.023	0.081
O ₃ *NO ₂	0.001	0.001
O ₃ *PM2.5	-0.001	0.001
O ₃ *SO ₂	-0.010	0.005
O ₃ *AQI	0.003	0.001
PM10*CO	-0.132	0.143
PM10*NO ₂	0.007	0.002
PM10*SO ₂	-0.004	0.012
CO*NO ₂	0.825	0.241
CO*PM2.5	0.286	0.263
CO*SO ₂	0.749	0.734
CO*AQI	-0.394	0.272
NO ₂ *PM2.5	-0.012	0.003
NO ₂ *SO ₂	-0.005	0.012
NO ₂ *AQI	-0.002	0.003
PM2.5*SO ₂	-0.033	0.021
SO ₂ *AQI	0.048	0.016

* Dependent Variable: construction sites number of Gongshu district

For Xiaoshan district:

Table S23. Correlative coefficients of Xiaoshan district

Model	Unstandardised Coefficients	
	B	Std. Error
(Constant)	252.375	18.422
O ₃	-0.208	0.226
PM10	-0.117	0.499
CO	7.083	37.720
NO ₂	-1.652	0.642
PM2.5	0.583	0.821
SO ₂	4.943	5.000
AQI	0.417	0.659
PM10 ²	-0.002	0.001
CO ²	-25.430	27.422
NO ₂ ²	0.012	0.008
PM2.5 ²	0.005	0.008
SO ₂ ²	-0.185	0.550
AQI ²	-0.016	0.011
O ₃ *PM10	0.003	0.003
O ₃ *CO	0.102	0.207
O ₃ *NO ₂	-0.007	0.005
O ₃ *PM2.5	-0.005	0.005
4 O ₃ *SO ₂	-0.005	0.026
O ₃ *AQI	0.006	0.006
PM10*CO	-0.665	0.489
PM10*NO ₂	0.004	0.009
PM10*SO ₂	0.050	0.075
CO*NO ₂	0.795	0.736
CO*PM2.5	1.328	0.807

CO*SO ₂	-2.082	3.989
CO*AQI	-0.215	0.713
NO ₂ *PM2.5	-0.031	0.016
NO ₂ *SO ₂	0.087	0.099
NO ₂ *AQI	0.018	0.013
PM2.5*SO ₂	-0.081	0.122
PM2.5*AQI	0.013	0.014
SO ₂ *AQI	-0.078	0.094

* Dependent Variable: construction sites number of Xiaoshan district.