

## Skies Are Clearing

(NAPSA)—A report by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency shows that air quality in the nation has steadily improved since the early 1970s. Total emissions from trucks, cars, factories, power plants and other sources have been cut almost in half, compared with 30 years ago.



**Clearing The Air—Electric utilities reduce emissions by using special equipment and cleaner fuels.**

The air has gotten healthier even though the population has grown by almost 50 percent, people are driving nearly one and a half times as much and the total amount of energy the country uses has grown by about 50 percent.

One reason is America's electric power industry. Since 1980, it has cut air emissions by an average of 40 percent, according to Edison Electric Institute, even though the demand for electricity has grown by almost 75 percent. New regulations by the EPA and further efforts by electric utilities will lead to much greater emission reductions.

Utilities also generate electricity with a variety of fuels such as nuclear power and renewable energy. All of this helps to keep air emissions down. Using many fuels to generate power helps make electricity more reliable and affordable, too. To learn more, visit [www.eei.org/air-quality](http://www.eei.org/air-quality).