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Power Plant Ruling May Mean Cleaner Air

(NAPSA)—Revising a little known power plant regulation has the potential to improve the country's energy efficiency.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has revised the New Source Review section of the Clean Air Act. This program



Clarifying a regulation of the Clean Air Act may result in more energy and less pollution.

requires power companies and other industrial facilities to install additional emission controls, if they construct new plants or make major modifications that create significant new emissions.

During the past several years, however, there has been confusion over what was or was not a major modification. Recently, the EPA clarified this ruling. As a result, power plants are expected to make their plants more energy efficient.

According to the experts at the Edison Electric Institute, this will mean the plants can generate more electricity using less fuel. This can help power plants to reduce their emissions even more than the roughly 40 percent reductions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides that have been achieved since 1980.

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