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## Adirondack Council praises proposed new EPA acid rain prevention rule

The Adirondack Council on Tuesday praised a new Clean Air Interstate Rule the Environmental Protection Agency has proposed requiring “deep cuts” in sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions from electric power plants in 31 states east of the Rocky Mountains.

“These cuts are deep enough to halt most of the damage acid rain is causing in the Adirondack Park . . . , where previous emissions cuts have led to fewer acidified lakes and ponds,” said John Sheehan, a spokesman for the Adirondack Council, a regional environmental organization, in a press release.

The EPA estimates it would cost companies about \$2.8 billion to comply with the proposed rule in 2014.

That cost would be more than by an estimated \$120 billion in reduced health care costs by avoiding premature deaths, nonfatal heart attacks and cases of acute bronchitis and asthmas related with acid rain and smog, according to an EPA press release.

The proposed rule would replace a 2005 rule that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit ordered EPA to revise in 2008.

The EPA said in a press release it will take public comment on the proposed rule for 60 days after it is published in the Federal Register.

Public hearings will be “announced shortly.”

More information is available at <http://epa.gov/airtransport>