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Environmental Groups Praise New Air Pollution Rules

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CATSKILL, NY (WAMC) - Environmental groups say new air pollution rules approved by the Obama Administration will help plants and wildlife in the Catskills, Adirondacks and other northeastern mountains recover from decades of acid rain. WAMC North Country Bureau Chief Pat Bradley reports...

The Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday finalized rules governing air pollution from power plants that drifts across state lines. Adirondack Council Spokesman John Sheehan says the new cross state air pollution rule will stop acid rain emissions from other states.

"We think that this will essentially bring to an end the continuing damage from acid rain in the Adirondack," said Sheehan. "That is a milestone we've been trying to reach since 1975."

The new rule cuts sulfur dioxide by 73% and nitrogen oxides by 54% from 2005 levels by 2014.

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