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INNOVATIVE RESEARCH FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

AIR AND ENERGY NATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM

The Clean Air Act has resulted in one of the most effective public health programs in American history by providing the legislation to improve air quality in the United States. The legislation has led to millions of lives saved and improved public and ecosystem health.

Science at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has played a prominent role in protecting health and the environment from outdoor air pollutants, as guided by the Act and other legislation.

The EPA's Air and Energy National Research Program is advancing the science critical to improving air quality and addressing impacts that are influenced by changes to the nation's energy portfolio and environmental conditions.

Objectives include:

- Assess human and ecosystems exposures and effects associated with air pollutants at individual, community, regional, national, and global scales.
- Develop and evaluate approaches to prevent and



reduce air pollution now and in the future.

- Provide human exposure and environmental modeling and monitoring under changing environmental scenarios.
- Deliver state-of-the-art tools to inform decision making for current and future environmental issues at the national, state, tribal and local level.

In addition, wildland fire research is an integrated focus of the program. EPA is filling the scientific information gaps and developing tools and new approaches to prevent and reduce the public health and environmental impacts of wildfires and prescribed burns.

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