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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 239 x 180 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Section 169A of the Clean Air Act (CAA) sets as a national goal the prevention of any future, and the remedying of any existing, impairment to visibility in designated class I areas (e.g., national parks and wilderness areas). It requires 26 categories of major stationary sources of pollution - including electric generating units (EGUs) - in existence on the date of enactment (1977), but not more than 15 years old as of that date, to install best available retrofit technology (BART) if the state determines the source may reasonably be anticipated to cause or contribute to any impairment of visibility in any class I area. A key contributor to regional haze is very fine particles (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), to which sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) are important contributors. EGUs are major emitters of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was directed to issue regulations to assure that State Implementation Plans (SIPs) required (1) reasonable progress toward meeting the national goal and (2) compliance with specific provisions, including the BART requirements. However, EPA delayed issuing regional haze...



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