

ABOUT

MANE-VU

Mid-Atlantic/Northeast
Visibility Union

FACT SHEET

- Regional haze is air pollution that visually obscures mountain ranges, city skylines and scenic vistas. With regional haze diminishing pristine views of the Nation's national parks and wilderness areas, visitors may not experience the beauty seen in the past. Regional haze also poses risks to human health. An organization called MANE-VU, a coalition of air quality experts from nearly 20 federal, state and tribal agencies, is working to develop solutions to bring back beautiful vistas to the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions.
- MANE-VU, the Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union, includes representatives from Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, the Penobscot Indian Nation, Rhode Island, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, Vermont, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service.
- The federal Clean Air Act requires EPA to address impaired visibility caused by haze in federal Class I areas – certain national parks and wilderness areas. In 1999 EPA issued the Regional Haze Rule, which requires states and interested tribes to take steps to reduce haze-causing emissions from numerous sources over large geographic areas.
- In accordance with the Rule, all states in the nation are required to identify key sources of haze-causing pollution, develop plans to reduce emissions from those sources, and submit these plans to EPA by 2008. EPA established five regional planning organizations across the nation to coordinate this effort. MANE-VU is one of these regional organizations.



Acadia National
Park, Maine

- Seven Class I areas exist in the MANE-VU region. The Class I areas include, Moosehorn Wilderness Area, Roosevelt Campobello International Park, and Acadia National Park in Maine; Great Gulf Wilderness Area and Presidential Range - Dry River Wilderness Area in New Hampshire; Lye Brook Wilderness Area in Vermont; and Brigantine Wilderness Area in New Jersey.
 - The MANE-VU regional planning organization further leverages its efforts in partnership with the Ozone Transport Commission, the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association (MARAMA).
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