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**Press statement on finalized Cross-State Air Pollution Rule  
from David Marshall, Senior Counsel, Clean Air Task Force  
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“EPA’s finalization today of the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule is a solid victory for clean air and public health, as the agency estimates that at least 13,000 lives will be saved each year by requiring long-overdue pollution controls on many of the nation’s coal-fired power plants, including those in the Midwest.

“Not only will residents of those states whose coal plants are emitting highly dangerous NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and particulate matter benefit greatly from today’s final rule, but residents of states downwind from these sources will also see a significant improvement in their air quality.

“While applauding today’s rule as a good step forward, CATF emphasizes that the job of cleaning up air pollution from coal-fired power plants is not complete; further reductions will be necessary to protect public health through additional EPA rulemakings.”

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