

The Clean Air Act

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Clean Air Act?

The Clean Air Act, a law first passed by the federal government in 1970, regulates emissions from stationary sources like power plants and the manufacturing industry, as well as from cars and trucks.

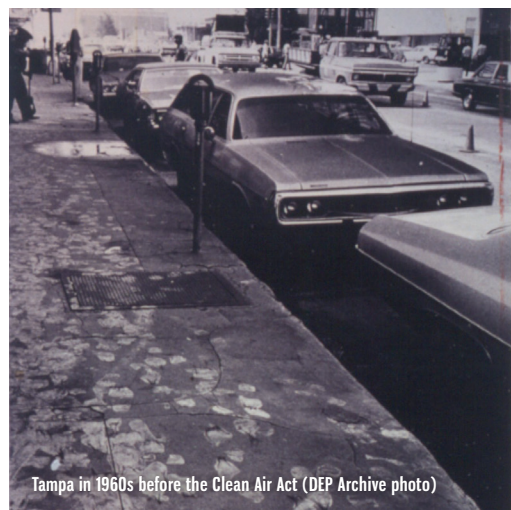
Why was the Clean Air Act created?

The goal of the Act was to set and achieve air quality standards by 1975 to protect health and welfare and reduce risks posed by

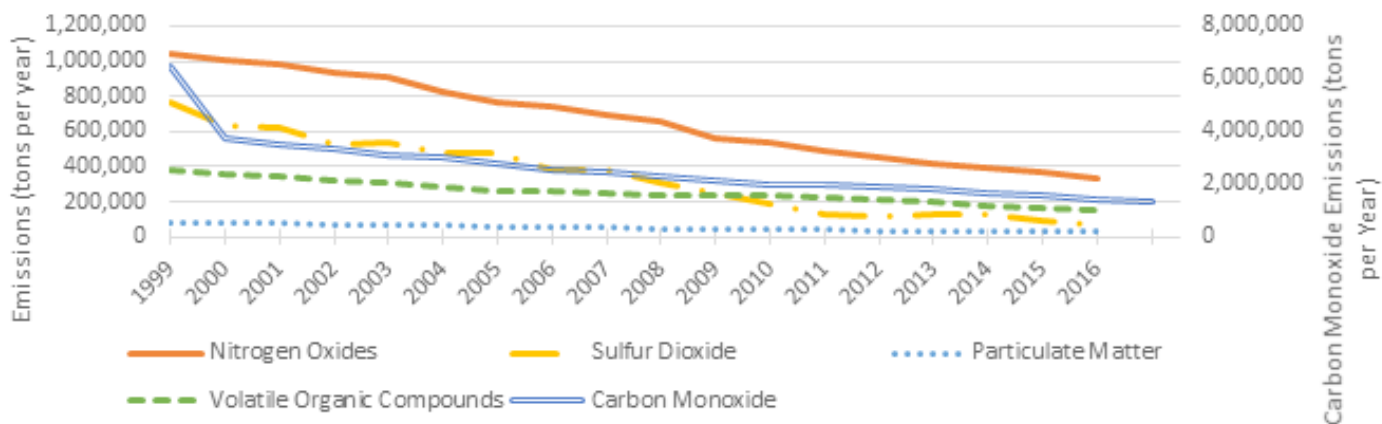
widespread pollutants. When the Clean Air Act was created, air quality could be very poor in areas with much industry.

Which pollutants were covered?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has established a National Ambient Air Quality Standard for six pollutants: carbon monoxide, lead, nitrogen dioxide, ozone, particulate matter and sulfur dioxide. More information about the drop in air pollutants in Florida is available at FloridaDEP.gov/air.



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