



# REGIONAL HAZE FACTSHEET NEW YORK

## CLEARING THE AIR

Air pollution remains one of the most serious problems facing national parks. It is threatening the health of park visitors, wildlife and neighboring communities, driving the climate crisis and compromising our views with hazy skies. In fact, nearly 90 percent of our more than 400 national parks are plagued by haze pollution caused mostly by coal plants, vehicles and other industrial sources, as well as oil and gas development and operations.

Fortunately, certain national parks and wilderness areas, labeled “Class I” areas, have the strongest clean air protections in the country, mandated by the Clean Air Act (CAA). The Regional Haze Rule is the CAA’s time-tested, effective program that requires federal and state agencies as well as stakeholders to work together to restore clear skies at Class I areas around the country. While New York doesn’t have any Class I areas in the state, air pollution from industrial facilities in New York contributes to hazy skies throughout the state and region.

New York has submitted its regional haze plan to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The plan outlines what pollution reductions the state will require from industrial facilities, if any. EPA must now decide to approve, partially approve, or disapprove the plan.



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Industrial facilities in STATE potentially affecting visibility in 20 regional Class I Areas.

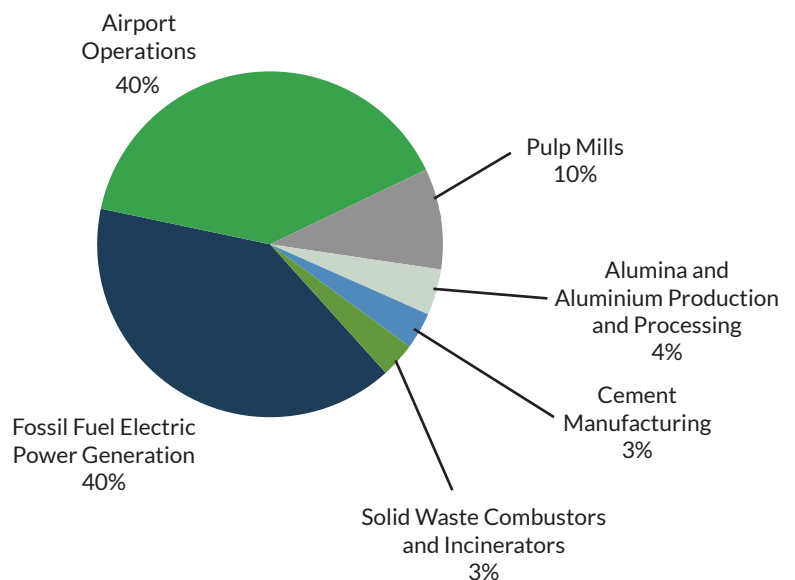
Gateway National Recreation Area Gateway National Recreation Area. Credit © Michel Falco

NPCA analysis of impact of industrial facilities based on publicly available emissions data from the EPA’s 2017 National Emissions Inventory (NEI) and the 2019 Air Markets Program Data (AMPD). Note that data regarding emission numbers and sources of pollution may have changed since the creation of this fact sheet. Please contact dorozco@npca.org for updated data information.

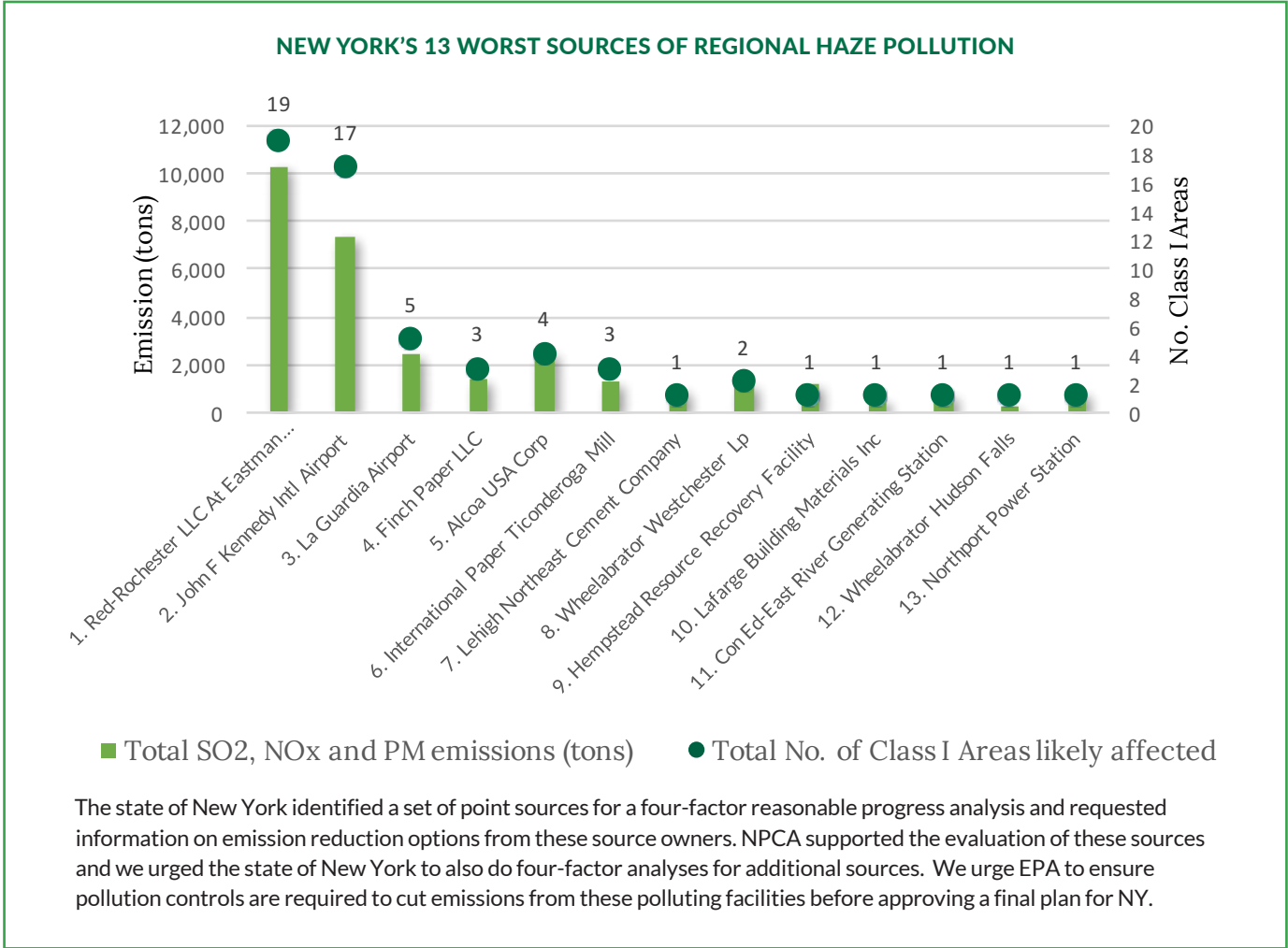
## NEW YORK’S INDUSTRIAL SECTORS OF HAZE POLLUTION

NPCA analyzed publicly available data to identify the worst sources and industrial sectors of haze pollution potentially affecting Class I Areas. We evaluated these emitters to determine which sources should be selected by the state for a four-factor reasonable progress analysis.

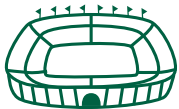
The chart on the right shows the industrial sectors emitting the most visibility impairing pollution in New York.



# Sources of Visibility Impairing Pollution in New York

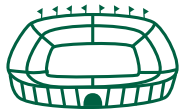


## HOW MANY FOOTBALL STADIUMS (8 STORIES HIGH) COULD EACH OF THE TOP FIVE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES IN NEW YORK FILL WITH THEIR EMISSIONS EACH YEAR?



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Red-Rochester LLC at Eastman Business Park  
Monroe County  
**10,260 tons**



**29**

John F Kennedy Intl Airport  
Queens County  
**7,368 tons**



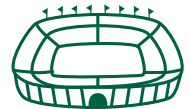
**10**

La Guardia Airport  
Queens County  
**2,425 tons**



**6**

Finch Paper LLC  
Warren County  
**1,407 tons**



**10**

Alcoa USA Corp  
St. Lawrence County  
**2,587 tons**

**TAKE ACTION:** We have an opportunity to achieve a regional haze plan for New York that protects people, parks, and our future. Please join our effort to ensure that all decision-makers and stakeholders, at the federal, state, and municipal level work to make this happen.

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