
Good News Department

Electricity Powers Progress, Healthier Air

(NAPSA)—The electric lightbulb Thomas Edison first demonstrated 125 years ago started a revolution that continues to benefit the world today. Every year, homes become more comfortable and convenient, industry more productive, thanks in part to electricity and new electric appliances. These are helping to improve the country's air quality, too.



Even though the demand for power has grown 75 percent since 1980, key power plant emissions have dropped by 40 percent, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. New regulations by the EPA and further efforts by electric utilities will lead to much greater emission reductions.

Electric appliances help the environment, too. For example, compact fluorescent lightbulbs use up to 75 percent less electricity to produce the same light as regular lightbulbs. New refrigerators use less than half the power of those built just 10 years ago.

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