



Emissions to our atmosphere of sulfur dioxide and nitric oxide from electrical power plants have decreased as a result of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1970 and 1990. By about 1998, the precipitation over New England began to show a decline in sulfate and by about 2000 a decline in nitrate. Lake Armington began to respond to the decrease in *acid rain* as evidenced by its Acid Neutralizing Capacity (ANC) that has been measured annually starting in 1987. The graph shows that from 2002 through 2014 the ANC of the lake returned to about the same level it was back in 1987. The trend is very clearly upward, and that is good.