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Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Mercury Emissions Reduction Strategy



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- Stakeholder Process Created by 2004 Presidential Order
- Overseen by: Federal Interagency Task Force; Mayors; Governors; Tribal Leaders; GL Congressional Delegation
- Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Executive Committee, October 2007, Charge to Great Lakes States and USEPA: Develop strategy to “produce institutionalized activities to sustain mercury emissions reduction”

Mercury Emission Reduction Strategy



- Consensus developed by workgroup including all GL States and EPA
- Finding: while long-range transport is an increasingly important contributor to mercury deposition in GLs, sources within the GL states are still significant
- 33 recommendations for action by states to address mercury emissions
- 60-day public review completed
- Sent to Governors' offices for approval as GLRC document



Other Mercury News

- Northeast States (including NY) have petitioned EPA under section 319 of the Clean Water Act to hold a “management conference” with 11 upwind states (including PA, OH, IN, IL and MI) that contribute to mercury water quality problems
 - Meeting will take place in Philadelphia June 22-23
- Meeting between EPA and States (ECOS) about cooperation on mercury issues– Washington, DC, June 24