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Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Mercury Emissions Reduction Strategy

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Great Lakes Regional Collaboration

- Multi-Stakeholder Process Created by 2004 Presidential Order
- Overseen by: Federal Interagency Task Force; Mayors; Governors; Tribal Leaders; Great Lakes Congressional Delegation
- June 2008: published “Mercury in Products Phase-Down Strategy,” including 58 recommendations for state and local government action

Great Lakes Emissions Reduction Strategy

- Called for by GLRC Executive Committee, October 2007
- Goal: to “produce institutionalized activities to sustain mercury emissions reduction” from unregulated sources, and regulated sources with potential for additional reduction
- Where consensus exists, develop recommendations for regulatory/non-regulatory approaches
- Where consensus is not possible, list available options
- Stakeholder input: “solicit input from stakeholders on an ongoing basis using the existing Great Lakes Binational Toxics Strategy mercury workgroup.”

Process

- Management and staff workgroups
- All Great Lakes States and Region 5 represented
- GLBTS Mercury Workgroup Involvement
 - ideas solicited at beginning of process
 - comments on draft outline, criteria for including source sectors to evaluate, evaluation of mercury emissions sources
 - Comments received from Council of Great Lakes Industries, Alliance for the Great Lakes, National Wildlife Federation, among others
- Currently undergoing 30-day review by Governors' Offices
- Will begin 60-day public review in October

Mercury Science and Policy Conference

- GLBTS Teaming with Northeast States on Mercury Science and Policy Conference
- Chicago, November 17-18
- Mercury health and ecological impacts, sources, environmental cycling trends, control programs and policies (including discussion of Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategies)