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# Great Lakes Mercury Phase Down Strategy

## The Illinois Perspective

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# Overview of Illinois activities for Mercury Product Strategy

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## 50 Recommendations Total

- 12 - Implemented
- 11 - Partially Implemented
- 4 - Planned
- 3 - In Consideration
- 20 - Not There Yet

# What We've Already Done - Effective Dates

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- July 1, 2004
  - Novelties
  - Thermometers
- July 1, 2005
  - Schools
- April 24, 2006
  - Auto Switches
- July 1, 2007
  - Switches and Relays
- July 1, 2008
  - Thermostats
  - Measuring Devices
  - Medical Equipment

# Other Things We've Done

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- Mercury containing products collected at HHW events
- Mercury containing products collected from schools
- Joined IMERC in 2005
- Joined Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse in 2007

# How We Prioritized Products – Order of Product/Issue Addressed

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1. NEWMOA Model Legislation
2. Fever Thermometers and Novelties
3. Switches and Relays
4. Schools
5. Auto Switches
6. Thermostats, Measuring Devices, and Medical Devices

# Implementing the Strategy – Things We're Hoping to Do (In the next few years)

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- Address Dental Amalgam
- Product End of Life Issues
- Product Labeling/Notification
- More Education and Outreach

# Implementing the Strategy – What We're not Going to Do (at least in the near future)

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- Hospital Projects
- R & D Funding for Non-mercury Products



# Things That Helped Us

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- Pioneering States
- IMERC
- ECOS/QSC
- Environmental NGOs
- Trade Associations
- Representative May and Senator Hunter

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