

# MERCURY POLLUTION IN NORTH CAROLINA

**Mercury standards under attack:** The Mercury and Air Toxics Standards are a lifesaving, fully implemented, effective pollution prevention program that specifically protects pregnant women and babies from harm. Since 2012, the mercury standards have helped to dramatically lower mercury emissions from coal plants. North Carolina moms want to know:

*Why is Trump's EPA trying to make it easier to add mercury to our air?*



## What does this mean for North Carolina?



**15**

Number of coal plants in North Carolina that have reduced mercury and air toxics pollution as a result of mercury standards.

**70%**

Amount that mercury pollution has decreased in North Carolina since 2011.



**14**

Bodies of water with fish advisories across North Carolina due to mercury contamination.



**\$3.9 billion**

Amount of health benefits to North Carolinians each year due to mercury standards.



## What does this mean for the United States?



**11,000**

Number of lives saved each year in the United States due to pollution controls required by mercury standards.

**81%**

Decline in mercury pollution in the United States since 2011.



**>80**

Number of toxic power plant pollutants targeted by the mercury standards.



**130,000**

Number of asthma attacks prevented each year in the United States due to mercury standards.

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We are a community of over 1,000,000 parents united against air pollution and committed to fighting for climate safety to protect our children's health.

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