

# MERCURY POLLUTION IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION



**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. Moms from the Great Lakes Region want to know:

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



**173**

Number of coal plants in the Great Lakes Region that have reduced mercury and air toxics pollution as a result of mercury standards.



**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.



**2072**

Bodies of water with fish advisories across the Great Lakes Region due to mercury contamination.



**\$26.2 billion**

Amount of health benefits to residents of the Great Lakes Region each year due to mercury standards.



**>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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