

# MERCURY POLLUTION IN MASSACHUSETTS

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.



What does this mean for Massachusetts?

95%

Amount that mercury pollution has decreased in Massachusetts since 2011.



170

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



\$1.1 billion

Amount of health benefits to Massachusettsans 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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