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 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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