

MERCURY POLLUTION IN WEST VIRGINIA

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 West Virginia?



10

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



75%

Amount that mercury pollution has decreased in West Virginia since 2011.



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Bodies of water **WITHOUT** fish advisories across West Virginia due to mercury and PCB contamination.



\$790 million

Amount of health benefits to West Virginians 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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