

U.S. Updates

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Clean Air Mercury Rule

- Implementation of federal requirement through state plans—states must meet budget. Can reduce more than the federal minimum.
- Model state plan:
 - allowance trading and banking
 - reductions phased-in 2010; 2018 and beyond
 - 70 percent reduction in ~ 20 years
- IL, MI, MN, PA, MA, CT, NH, MD— developing 90% control requirements
- Several other states are considering control requirements or participating in allowance trading, but distributing fewer allowances (requiring deeper reductions)

National Partnership for Environmental Priorities

- Outreach targeted to Mercury Device manufacturers
 - Honeywell– no more mercury thermostats, starting July 2006 (25,346 lbs/year)
 - Comus Intl– from 8,000 to 5,500 lbs/year by 2010
- Additional commitments re: low mercury lamps (Osram-Sylvania), mercury discharge (U.S. Navy), auto mercury switch collection (Virginia Auto Recyclers Association)

Vehicle Switches

- National Partnership– “Statement of Principles”
March 2006
 - Vehicle manufacturers: education, outreach, collection, transport, database for tracking switch removal,
 - Steelmakers: notify suppliers of clean scrap requirements
 - Dismantlers: recover switches
 - \$4 million for incentives, ½ from steelmakers, ½ from auto makers, over 3 years
 - Implementation through 2017
- Working on final agreement

Vehicle Switches *(con't)*

- Illinois Law
 - Two year voluntary program for auto recyclers, with support from auto industry: outreach, storage containers, transport, recycling
 - 50% capture by 7/07 and 70% by 7/08 or program becomes mandatory and auto makers must pay \$2/switch
- Electric Arc Furnace national standard– will be proposed in 2006. Iron foundry rulemaking will be revised to be consistent with EAF rulemaking.