

Great Lakes Mercury Phase Down Strategy

The Illinois Perspective

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Overview of Illinois activities for Mercury Product Strategy

50 Recommendations Total

- 12 - Implemented
- 11 - Partially Implemented
- 4 - Planned
- 3 - In Consideration
- 20 - Not There Yet

What We've Already Done - Effective Dates

- July 1, 2004
 - Novelties
 - Thermometers
- July 1, 2005
 - Schools
- April 24, 2006
 - Auto Switches
- July 1, 2007
 - Switches and Relays
- July 1, 2008
 - Thermostats
 - Measuring Devices
 - Medical Equipment

Other Things We've Done

- Mercury containing products collected at HHW events
- Mercury containing products collected from schools
- Joined IMERC in 2005
- Joined Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse in 2007

How We Prioritized Products – Order of Product/Issue Addressed

1. NEWMOA Model Legislation
2. Fever Thermometers and Novelties
3. Switches and Relays
4. Schools
5. Auto Switches
6. Thermostats, Measuring Devices, and Medical Devices

Implementing the Strategy – Things We're Hoping to Do (In the next few years)

- Address Dental Amalgam
- Product End of Life Issues
- Product Labeling/Notification
- More Education and Outreach

Implementing the Strategy – What We're not Going to Do (at least in the near future)

- Hospital Projects
- R & D Funding for Non-mercury Products

Things That Helped Us

- Pioneering States
- IMERC
- ECOS/QSC
- Environmental NGOs
- Trade Associations
- Representative May and Senator Hunter

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