

**116.915 MERCURY REDUCTION.**

Subdivision 1. **Goal.** It is the goal of the state to reduce mercury contamination by reducing the release of mercury into the air and water of the state by 60 percent from 1990 levels by December 31, 2000, and by 70 percent from 1990 levels by December 31, 2005. The goal applies to the statewide total of releases from existing and new sources of mercury. The commissioner shall publish updated estimates of 1990 releases in the State Register.

Subd. 2. **Reduction strategies.** The commissioner shall implement the strategies recommended by the Mercury Contamination Reduction Initiative Advisory Council and identified on pages 31 to 42 of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's report entitled "Report on the Mercury Contamination Reduction Initiative Advisory Council's Results and Recommendations" as transmitted to the legislature by the commissioner's letter dated March 15, 1999. The commissioner shall solicit, by July 1, 1999, voluntary reduction agreements from sources that emit more than 50 pounds of mercury per year.

Subd. 3. [Obsolete, 1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 161]

**History:** 1999 c 231 s 150