216B.684 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF MERCURY EMISSIONS-REDUCTION PLAN.

The Pollution Control Agency shall evaluate a utility's mercury emissions-reduction plans filed under sections 216B.682 and 216B.6851 and submit its evaluation to the Public Utilities Commission within 180 days of the date the plan is filed with the agency and commission. In its review, the agency shall (1) assess whether the utility's plan meets the requirements of section 216B.682 or 216B.6851, as applicable, (2) evaluate the environmental and public health benefits of each option proposed or considered by the utility, including benefits associated with reductions in pollutants other than mercury, (3) assess the technical feasibility and cost-effectiveness of technologies proposed or considered by the utility for achieving mercury emissions reduction, and (4) advise the commission of the appropriateness of the utility's plan. In preparing its assessment, the agency may request additional information from the utility, especially with regard to alternative technologies or configurations applicable to the specific unit, and the estimated costs of those alternatives.

History: *2006 c 201 s 9*