

**ACHIEVING MERCURY REDUCTION IN PRODUCTS & WASTE:
COORDINATING NATIONAL & LOCAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES
DETAILED AGENDA**

MONDAY, MAY 23, 2005

8:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 WELCOME

Terri Goldberg, NEWMOA

Room: Vermont/New Hampshire

9:10 OPENING REMARKS & WELCOME TO MAINE

Dawn Gallagher, Commissioner, ME DEP

9:15 - 10:30 SESSION 1 OPENING PLENARY SESSION

**Five Years Since the Baltimore Mercury Reduction Conference:
Looking Back – Looking Forward**

Moderator: Dawn Gallagher, ME DEP

Room: Vermont/New Hampshire

Speakers:

Robert W. Varney, Regional Administrator, EPA New England

Arleen O'Donnell, MA DEP & Quick Silver Caucus

Honorable Representative Tom Allen, Member of Congress

10:30 -10:45 BREAK/RESOURCE EXHIBIT SHOWCASE

10:45 – 12:15 SESSION 2 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 2A Dental Clinics: Reducing Mercury in Wastewater & Solid Waste

Moderator: Dave Carver, EPA HQ

Room: Vermont

- Dental Clinics: Reducing Mercury in Wastewater & Solid Waste
Speaker: Mark Stone, Naval Research Center
- Western Lake Superior Sanitary District Mercury Reduction Program
Speaker: Tim Tuominen, WLSSD
- Reducing Mercury in Dental Office Wastewater: King County's Experience 1990-2005
Speaker: Patricia Magnusen, King County Washington

GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

SESSION 2B U.S. EPA Mercury Rules, Policies, & Programs

Moderator: Ellie Clark, EPA HQ

Room: Connecticut/Rhode Island

- Mercury in Waste & Products

Speaker: Hugh Davis, EPA HQ

- EPA Air Rules & Other Actions to Reduce Mercury Air Emissions

Speaker: Chuck French, EPA HQ

- EPA Mercury Programs

Speaker: Denise Wright, EPA HQ

GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

SESSION 2C Phasing Out Sales of & Collecting Mercury-added Thermostats

Moderator: Gail Savina, King County Washington

Room: New Hampshire

- National Thermostat Product Stewardship Initiative

Speaker: Scott Cassel, PSI

- Phasing Out Mercury Switch Thermostats

Speaker: John James, ME DEP

- “Green for Green” a Pilot Mercury Thermostat Incentive Collection Program

Speaker: Jan Whitworth, OR DEQ

GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

12:00 - 1:30 LUNCHEON

Room: Casco Bay Hall

1:30 – 3:00

SESSION 3

PLENARY SESSION

Setting Mercury Priorities: What Do We Know About Sources of Mercury & Releases to the Environment?

Moderator: Jeri Weiss, EPA Region 1-NE Room: Vermont/New Hampshire

- UNEP's Global Mercury Program

Speaker: Chuck French, EPA OAQPS

- Mercury Product Life Cycle Tool: Uses & Results

Speaker: Alexis Cain, EPA Region 5

- Mercury Pollution in the Northeast: Sources, Impacts, & Role of Mercury Products

Speaker: Mark Smith, MA DEP

GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

3:15 – 4:45

SESSION 4

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 4A Mercury Cleanout of Schools

Moderator: Stephanie D'Agostino, NH DES

Room: Vermont

- Schools Chemical Cleanout Campaign - A National Perspective
Speaker: Kristina Meson, EPA HQ
- Mercury Cleanout of Schools
Speaker: Ann Pistell, ME DEP
- Clancy, the Mercury-Detecting Dog & Minnesota's Mercury-Free Zone Program
Speaker: Carol Hubbard, MN PCA

GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

SESSION 4B Status of State & Local Mercury Reduction Laws

Moderator: Peggy Harris, CA DTSC

Room: Connecticut/Rhode Island

- State Mercury Product Legislation – The Last Three Bienniums
Speaker: John Reindl, WI
- Mercury Product Legislation in Maine: Lessons Learned
Speaker: John James, ME DEP
- Implementing Connecticut's Mercury Products Laws
Speaker: Tom Metzner, CT DEP

GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Session 4C Reducing Mercury in Switches, Relays, & Measuring Devices

Moderator: Maria Victoria-Peeler, WA State DoE

Room: New Hampshire

- Overview on the Use of Mercury in Switches, Relays, & Measuring Devices
Speaker: IMERC Representative
- Reducing Mercury Switches & Relays in Illinois
Speaker: Becky Lockart, IL EPA
- Mercury P2 Program: Reducing Mercury Containing Equipment
Speaker: Pat Zombo, Consumers Energy

GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

5:00 – 7:00

RECEPTION & EXHIBIT SHOWCASE

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2005

8:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 9:30 SESSION 5 PLENARY SESSION

What Have We Learned from the Mercury-added Products Data?

Moderator: Amanda Babcock, EPA

Room: Vermont/New Hampshire

- Global Mercury Supply & Demand
Speaker: David Lennett, Private Consultant
- Demonstration of the Mercury-added Products Database
Speaker: Terri Goldberg, IMERC
- Using the Mercury-added Products Data
Speaker: Enid Mitnik, ME DEP

GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

9:30 – 9:45 BREAK/RESOURCE EXHIBIT SHOWCASE

9:45 – 11:15 SESSION 6 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 6A Reaching Small Businesses & Communities to Reduce Mercury Waste

Moderator: Doug Grosse, EPA ORD

Room: Vermont

- Plugging into Businesses – the Light Brigade, the Light Amnesty, & a Bright Idea
Speaker: Alexandra Thompson, King County Washington
- Developing a Community Mercury Reduction Program
Speaker: Bill Narotsky, OH EPA
- Municipal Mercury Reduction Programs
Speaker: Randy Case, WI DNR

GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

SESSION 6B Addressing the Mercury Stockpile Challenge

Moderator: Jeri Weiss, EPA Region 1-NE

Room: Connecticut/Rhode Island

- Addressing the Mercury Stockpile Challenge
Speaker: Essie Schloss, Deputy Administrator, Defense National Stockpile Center
- Mercury Stockpiles
Speaker: Peggy Harris, CA DTSC
- EPA's Global Mercury Commodity Assessment
Speaker: Linda Barr, EPA

GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

SESSION 6C Reducing & Collecting Mercury Auto Switches & Other Components of Cars

Moderator: Andy Bellina, EPA Region 2

Room: New Hampshire

- US EPA's Approach to Mercury Applications in Vehicles
Speaker: Tom Tyler, EPA
- Justification for Mercury Switch Removal Legislation in the States
Speaker: Chip Foley, Steel Recycling Institute
- Managing Motor Vehicle Mercury Switches in New Jersey
Speaker: Mike Aucott, NJ DEP

GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

11:15 – 12:30 SESSION 7

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 7A Emerging Products Issues: Neon Lamps, LCDs & Flat Panel Monitors, & Button Cell Batteries

Moderator: Jim Bryson, EPA Region 1-NE

Room: Vermont

- Mercury Reduction in Neon Lamps
Speaker: Henning von Margoldt, Eurocom, Inc.
- Emerging Product Concerns: Dell's Perspective on Managing the Mercury Reduction Initiative
Speaker: Roberto Lago, Dell World Wide
- Button Cell Battery Collection: When it Makes Sense
Speaker: John James, ME DEP

GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS, & ANSWERS

SESSION 7B Successes & Challenges with Mercury Product Labeling Laws

Moderator: Peter Pettit, NYS DEC

Room: Connecticut/Rhode Island

- The Progress of Mercury Product Labeling
Speaker: Karen Knaebel, VT DEC
- Legal Issues & Challenges with Mercury Reduction & Labeling Laws
Speaker: Jon Hinck, NCRM

GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

SESSION 7C Mercury Decontamination in Laboratories & Reducing Mercury in Vaccines

Moderator: Susannah King, NEIWPCC

Room: New Hampshire

- Assessment & Removal of Mercury Contamination in Laboratory Decommissioning Activities
Speaker: Ed Rau & James Carscadden, NIH
- Drugs & Mercury, Vaccines & Thimerosal
Speaker: John Gilkeson, MN EOA

GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1:30 – 3:00 SESSION 8

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 8A

Mercury Reduction in Health Care: Hospitals & Beyond

Moderator: Laurie Tenace, FL DEP

Room: Vermont

- Making Medicine Mercury Free
Speaker: Laura Brennan, H2E
- Mercury Elimination at Healthcare Facilities: Are We There Yet?
Speaker: Sara Johnson, NH DES
- Better Environmental Practices in Hospitals
Speaker: Camille Martin, WA State DoE

GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

SESSION 8B

Measuring the Impacts of Mercury Reduction in Products & Waste Programs

Moderator: Carolyn Hanson, ECOS

Room: Connecticut/Rhode Island

- An Approach to Update Trends in Mercury Products Waste Disposal
Speaker: Randy England, NJ DEP
- Proposed Mercury Reduction Indicators for NEWMOA States
Speaker: Rich Philips, VT DEC/NEWMOA
- Quick Silver Caucus Mercury Compendium
Speaker: Peggy Harris, CA DTSC
- Environmental Performance Measures & Indicators for Mercury Reduction
Speaker: Maria Victoria Peeler, WA State DoE

GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

SESSION 8C

Mercury-added Lamps

Moderator: Lauren Cole, King County Washington

Room: New Hampshire

- Mercury-added Lamps & Lamp Collection & Recycling Programs
Speaker: Ray Graczyk, Northeast Lamp Recycling
- Lamp Recycling Outreach Project & Influences for Change: Promoting Lamp Recycling Among Commercial Property Managers
Speaker: Meg Wilcox, NEWMOA & Jan Aceti, Aceti Associates
- Drum Top Crushing of Mercury Lamps
Speaker: Greg Helms, EPA OSW

GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

3:00 – 3:15 BREAK/RESOURCE EXHIBIT SHOWCASE

3:15 – 5:00

SESSION 9 PLENARY

**Facilitated Brainstorming Session & Conference Wrap Up:
Priorities & Actions for the Next Five Years**

Key Questions:

Room: Vermont/New Hampshire

What are some key issues & actions for EPA?

What are the issues & actions the states need to address?

How would you like to see limited resources directed to address mercury problems in products & waste?

Identify one or two concrete actions you would like to see as an outcome of this conference?

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

7:00 – 8:00

Full Buffet Breakfast

Room: Casco Bay Hall

8:00 – 10:00

DEMONSTRATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Roundtable Discussion on the Process of Drafting & Passing Effective Mercury Reduction Legislation

Roundtable Leader: Sarah Weinstein, MA DEP

Room: Vermont

Objectives of Discussion:

- *Identify Key Stages in the Process of Preparing & Enacting Effective Mercury Reduction Legislation*
- *Identify Important Communications & Information Sharing Efforts*
- *Identify Areas for Coordination & Follow-up*

Demonstration & Discussion on Lamp Collection & Recycling Programs

Roundtable Leader: Ray Graczyk, ALMR Representative; Room: Connecticut/Rhode Island

Brief Presentation by Peter Larsen, Mercury Waste Solutions

Objectives of Discussion:

- *Demonstrate Available Tools for Promoting Lamp Recycling*
- *Identify Key Barriers & Opportunities for Increasing Lamp Recycling*
- *Identify Areas for Coordination & Follow-up*

10:00 – 10:15

BREAK

10:15 – 12:15

DEMONSTRATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Roundtable Discussion on Mercury Spill Guidance & Addressing Consumer/Homeowner Questions & Concerns about Mercury in Products in Households & How to Manage them Properly

Roundtable Leader: Laurie Tenace, FL DEP;

Room: Massachusetts

Brief Presentations by Gary Lipson, EPA Region 1-NE & Terri Goldberg, NEWMOA

Objectives of Discussion:

- *Develop Critical Steps for Improving Communications & Coordination for Cleanup of Large Mercury Spills*
- *Identify Improvements in Cleanup Guidance & Advice for Homeowners & Small Businesses for Small Mercury Spills*
- *Identify Areas for Coordination & Follow-up*

Roundtable Discussion on Effective Auto Switch Removal, Collection, & Recycling Programs

Roundtable Leader: Becky Lockart, IL EPA

Room: Vermont

Objectives of Discussion:

- *Share Updates on the Various Mercury Car Switch Programs Around the US*
- *Identify Areas for Coordination & Follow-up*

Demonstration of the EPA Region 5 Tool for Assessing the Potential Impacts of Various Mercury-added Products & Wastes

Roundtable Leader: Alexis Cain, EPA Region 5

Room: Connecticut/Rhode Island