

Green Facts

CWS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN BASE METAL SMELTING

Mercury from Base Metal Smelting ~ New Facilities

General Accountability

Prince Edward Island's overall approach to new facilities will be to incorporate the Canada-wide Standard procedure to manage mercury emissions from new base metal smelters into the terms and conditions of the permits to operate pursuant to the Air Quality Regulations of the *Environmental Protection Act*. The Environmental Impact Assessment Section of the Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Environment will review all proposed projects under the *Environmental Protection Act* to address the management of mercury emissions, while in the project development stage.

Public Role

Under Section 9 of Prince Edward Island's *Environmental Protection Act*, the Environmental Impact Assessment process would notify the public of the proposal and provide an opportunity for comment. Public feedback would be received through written submissions or public information sessions.

Access to Information

Prince Edward Island has recently passed a *Freedom of Information and Protection of*

Privacy Act through the Legislature. The Act is expected to be proclaimed in November 2002. Until that time, all information will be considered confidential.

Verifiable Progress

New waste incineration facilities will require a Permit to Operate as an industrial source, which will specify annual stack testing to demonstrate compliance.

Co-benefits

Compliance for a number of contaminants besides mercury will be required.

Mercury from Base Metal Smelting ~ Existing Facilities

General Accountability

Not applicable to Prince Edward Island, as there are no existing facilities within the province.

Public Role

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Access to Information

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Verifiable Progress

Not applicable to Prince Edward Island, as there are no existing facilities within the province.

Co-benefits

Permits for existing incineration facilities in Prince Edward Island will specify limits for a number of other contaminants, including but not limited to particulate and dioxins and furans.