

FISCAL YEAR 2007 PROJECT Persistent, Bioaccumulative, & Toxics (PBT) & Other Priority Chemicals

Mercury Topic Hub

Project Strategy: Enable the states to establish effective mercury reduction programs by providing easy-access to information on the issues associated with mercury and its use in various applications and products.

There is an abundance of pollution prevention related information available online. However, this information is often scattered throughout the World Wide Web, is often not well organized, and is not compiled or placed into a logical context. To address this, the Topic Hub™ project, developed by the Pollution Prevention Resource Exchange (P2Rx™), provides collections of online publications related to a specific sector or topic that have been reviewed, annotated, organized, and placed into some context.

In Fiscal Year 2001- 2006, NEWMOA created and maintained a National Mercury Topic Hub™ that provides general background information on mercury and its use as well as detailed information on mercury in dental clinics, thermometers, thermostats, and cars. These areas of the Mercury Topic Hub™ include:

- an overview of the issues associated with the use of mercury
- background to give assistance providers and others information on these sources and where the products are used
- P2 opportunities and mercury-free alternatives to traditional products
- references to applicable compliance information or resources
- an annotative bibliography with links to publications
- information on mercury reduction activities of federal, state, local, and tribal programs pulled from the National Mercury Reduction Programs Database

In Fiscal 2007 NEWMOA plans to update and improve the Mercury Topic Hub™ by adding new resources as deemed appropriate, and checking the links on a monthly basis.

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To access the Mercury Topic Hub™ visit www.newmoa.org/prevention/topichub/. For more information contact: Andy Bray, NEWMOA, (617) 367-8558 x306; abray@newmoa.org.