**#ClimateFriday: Mercury Content**

*December 21, 2018*

**Suggested hashtags:** #ClimateFriday, #PoisonPlan

**High-res graphics:** [HERE](http://materials.actonclimate.com/folder/37/)

**REPORT ON MERCURY REDUCTION**

*From Center for American Progress*

* New report from @amprog: Mercury pollution from power plants declined by more than 81% nationwide since 2011, when mercury standards were announced. Now @EPAAWheeler wants to undo this progress. More: <https://www.americanprogress.org/?p=464269> No #PoisonPlan. #ClimateFriday
* Trump's @EPA is poised to roll back the mercury standards in a new #PoisonPlan. But those standards helped reduce mercury pollution for U.S. power plants by more than 81% since they were first implemented. 🤔<https://www.americanprogress.org/?p=464269> #ClimateFriday
* States like Texas, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Missouri have drastically reduced emissions of mercury and toxic air pollution. We don’t need @EPAWheeler’s #PoisonPlan. <https://www.americanprogress.org/?p=464269> #ClimateFriday
* Fractions of an ounce of mercury can poison a body of water. Rolling back protections for mercury and other toxic air pollution makes no sense: https://www.americanprogress.org/?p=464269 #PoisonPlan (via @sallyahardin) #ClimateFriday
* Mercury pollution from power plants has dropped a staggering 81% nationwide since 2011. @EPAAWheeler: That's a pretty good reason to keep these critical health safeguards in place. No #PoisonPlan. <https://www.americanprogress.org/?p=464269> #ClimateFriday

**IMPACT ON FISH/FISHERMAN OP-ED**

*From Center for American Progress*

* 🐟 "Not even fish are safe from Trump": one recreational fisherman's experience with mercury poisoning the fish he loves to catch and eat. More, via @CharlesWitek's op-ed in @NYDailyNews: <https://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-oped-not-even-fish-are-safe-from-trump-20181214-story.html> #PoisonPlan #ClimateFriday
* Trump's @EPA is poised to roll back the mercury standards that stop power plants from spewing toxins into our air. That's terrible news for recreational fisherman @CharlesWitek, who will have to contend with increased mercury levels in the fish he catches: <https://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-oped-not-even-fish-are-safe-from-trump-20181214-story.html> #PoisonPlan #ClimateFriday
* "I have participated in the recreational tuna fishery since the late 1970s...If the Admin goes through with its action, & eases restrictions on mercury emissions, the simple act of eating the fish we catch could put our health in danger." More: <https://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-oped-not-even-fish-are-safe-from-trump-20181214-story.html> #PoisonPlan #ClimateFriday
* The Trump administration is poised to roll back the mercury standards. @CharlesWitek, who has been a recreational fisherman for decades, writes in @NYDailyNews about why that's a terrible idea for 🐟: <https://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-oped-not-even-fish-are-safe-from-trump-20181214-story.html> #PoisonPlan #ClimateFriday

**MERCURY RESOURCES**

*From Moms Clean Air Force*

**Mercury action hub:**<https://www.momscleanairforce.org/mercury/>

**Master social media doc:** [HERE](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BJmxPN0Iq1lrWWkghH-yUaE1PgagDI7EkdfIUYXEsnw/edit?usp=sharing)

**TWEETS:**

* Since 2012, the mercury standards have helped to dramatically lower mercury emissions from coal plants. Why is Trump’s EPA making it easier to add mercury to our air? #ClimateFriday #PoisonPlan<http://ow.ly/VGyX30n1gP5>
* Be A Force For Clean Air! A How-To Guide to Defending the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (#MATS) from @CleanAirMoms:<http://ow.ly/K9tM30mBDQ4> #ClimateFriday #PoisonPlan
* Did you know that mercury can reduce IQ and interfere with normal brain development in babies? Learn what you can do to defend Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (#MATS) in this how-to guide from @CleanAirMoms:<http://ow.ly/K9tM30mBDQ4> #ClimateFriday #PoisonPlan
* The Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (#MATS) are now fully implemented and are reducing exposure to dangerous pollutants like mercury and lead. Rolling back #MATS will threaten the health of our babies. #PoisonPlan #ClimateFriday<http://ow.ly/GmoD30mksKu>

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FROM MCAF**

[How mercury poisoning works](https://www.momscleanairforce.org/how-mercury-poisoning-works/)

[Mercury pollution in the United States](https://www.momscleanairforce.org/mercury-pollution-united-states/)

[What you need to know the assault on MATS](https://www.momscleanairforce.org/5-things-about-trumps-epa-assault-on-the-mercury-and-air-toxics-standards/)

[Mercury infographic](https://www.momscleanairforce.org/mercury-scroll)

**HEALTH IMPACTS**

**Suggested Links:**

[*Mercury Matters 2018*,](https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/c-change/mercurymatters/) Harvard School of Public Health

[*Protect Babies’ Brains: Protect Limits on Mercury and Air Toxics*,](https://www.lung.org/assets/documents/healthy-air/protect-limits-on-mercury-and-toxics.pdf) American Lung Association

[*How Mercury Poisoning Works*](https://www.momscleanairforce.org/how-mercury-poisoning-works/), Moms Clean Air Force

* UNACCEPTABLE: @EPAAWheeler’s #PoisonPlan could result in up to 130,000 more asthma attacks and 11,000 more premature deaths every year. #ClimateFriday [LINK]
* Up to 11,000 more premature deaths.   
  130,000 more asthma attacks.   
  Every. Single. Year.  
  Our families can’t afford @EPAAWheeler’s #PoisonPlan to roll back mercury pollution standards. #ClimateFriday [LINK]
* We already know that mercury is dangerous – particularly to pregnant women and communities of color. The reality is that @EPAAWheeler’s #PoisonPlan benefits no one. #ClimateFriday [LINK]
* Mercury permanently damages babies’ brains. To ensure a healthy future for all, we must speak out against @EPAAWheeler’s #PoisonPlan. (via @LungAssociation) #ClimateFriday <https://www.lung.org/assets/documents/healthy-air/protect-limits-on-mercury-and-toxics.pdf>

**IMPACTS ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR**

* #Mercury standards were created to protect those most at risk of dangerous pollution, including communities of color. Any attempt to roll them back is an attack on our health. Period. #PoisonPlan #ClimateFriday <https://www.successfulblackparenting.com/our-children-need-health-protections-strengthen-not-rolled-back/>
* @EPAAWheeler’s #PoisonPlan puts our health and our kids’ health at risk. Full stop. (via @Alpha3bc of @GreenTheChurch) #ClimateFriday <https://www.successfulblackparenting.com/our-children-need-health-protections-strengthen-not-rolled-back/>
* African-American children are 4.5 more likely to be hospitalized for asthma than their white peers. @EPAAWheeler’s #PoisonPlan is a direct attack. #ClimateFriday <https://www.successfulblackparenting.com/our-children-need-health-protections-strengthen-not-rolled-back/>
* .@EPA’s own data recognizes the disproportionate health burden of pollution on communities of color. @EPAAWheeler’s #PoisonPlan is out of step. (via @Alpha3bc of @GreenTheChurch) #ClimateFriday <https://www.successfulblackparenting.com/our-children-need-health-protections-strengthen-not-rolled-back/>

**SEN. CARPER STATEMENT**

* .@SenatorCarper – thank you for speaking out against @EPAAWheeler’s dangerous #PoisonPlan. We cannot go backward on #mercury protections. #ClimateFriday <http://www.doverpost.com/news/20181214/carper-expresses-concerns-over-dismantling-of-mercury-and-air-toxics-standards>
* Mercury and other toxics like arsenic are undeniably dangerous. @EPAAWheeler’s #PoisonPlan would leave us vulnerable. #ClimateFriday <https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/1/f/1fb4eee3-9b77-4bcd-9fae-e8b0106188ce/7F75A74326B5D4F71B86AB644A29B78D.12.13.2018-omb-mats-appropriate-necessary-letter.pdf>
* .@SenatorCarper – you’re right to be concerned about @EPAAWheeler’s #PoisonPlan. We certainly are. #ClimateFriday <https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/1/f/1fb4eee3-9b77-4bcd-9fae-e8b0106188ce/7F75A74326B5D4F71B86AB644A29B78D.12.13.2018-omb-mats-appropriate-necessary-letter.pdf>

**PETITION PUSH**

* .@EPAAWheeler is pushing to roll back #mercury pollution standards that protect our families – particularly our children. Get loud to protect these vital standards: [LINK TO PETITION] #ClimateFriday
* #Mercury pollution permanently damages babies’ brains. We cannot let @EPAAWheeler’s #PoisonPlan move forward. We need your voice – our health is on the line. #ClimateFriday [LINK TO PETITION]
* Reducing #mercury and reducing dangerous air pollution go hand in hand. We’ve already made so much progress to clean up our air – we can’t let @EPAAWheeler’s #PoisonPlan push us backward. Raise your voice: [LINK TO PETITION] #ClimateFriday