

2020 Statewide Mercury TMDL Implementation Plan Oversight Committee Meeting Thursday & Friday, February 4th & 5th, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. WebEx Online Meeting

Day 2 - February 5th, 2021

10:50 a.m. Statewide Mercury TMDL Path Forward Group Discussion

During this agenda item, MPCA would like to hold an open discussion with the committee on two overall topics:

Taconite Mercury Reduction Plans

- What immediate actions should MPCA take between now and 2025?
 - o Long term actions?
 - Other regulatory mechanisms we should explore?
- Is there anything you think we're is missing?
 - o Is there anything we haven't thought of?
- If a reduction plan was approved for less than a 72% reduction, what actions would you want to see MPCA take?
 - o For that specific facility?
 - o For the taconite industry?
 - On the Statewide Mercury TMDL overall?
- How heavily should MPCA consider the economics of specific reduction strategies?

Statewide Mercury TMDL

- Is there anything we can learn from the reductions achieved by the energy production category?
 - How do we apply what we've learned from these reductions to the other categories (i.e., products/mining)?
- What about the mercury in products category?
 - Any additional actions MPCA should take regarding this category?
 - o Areas we should focus on?
 - What can we do about it as the next largest overall category?
- Are we missing out on any partnerships (e.g., state-level, national, international)?
- What additional actions would you like to see the MPCA take regarding mercury overall?