

TABLE 12: POTENTIAL CHANGES IN MERCURY REGULATIONS

Using Mercury

<u>Regulation Category</u>	<u>Fed/State</u>	<u>Potential Change</u>
Commerce: Import tax	Fed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mercuric oxide, a mercury compound used in military and medical batteries, will be exempt from all import duties under GATT effective July 1, 1995. • Bills introduced into the House and Senate would extend the duty waiver on mercuric oxide that expired at the end of 1992. • A bill introduced into the Senate would suspend the duty on equipment used to recycle mercury and other parts of fluorescent bulbs.
Government Stockpile sales	Fed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1995 Annual Materials Plan requests authorization to sell 20,000 flasks of mercury • DLA may offer long term sales contracts for mercury fiscal year 1994 mercury sales.
Products	Fed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills introduced into Congress would limit the mercury content and impose sales restrictions on batteries containing mercury, and limit the mercury content in packaging

Releasing Mercury

<u>Regulation Category</u>	<u>Fed/State</u>	<u>Potential Change</u>
Air emissions	Fed (CAA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mercury study: identifying sources of mercury, public health, and environmental effects, and available control technologies • Utility study: evaluating utility HAP emissions and public health effects; may recommend emissions limits • Municipal waste incinerator rules (CAA §129): may result in mercury emissions limits for municipal and medical waste incinerators • Great waters study: • MACT standards
	Fed (RCRA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazardous waste combustion rules, BIF rules
Water discharge	Fed (CWA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLI: uniform water quality standards for mercury • CWA reauthorization: proposed changes include discharge taxes and bans
Waste disposal	Fed (RCRA) MN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazardous waste combustion rules, BIF rules, lamp disposal rules • Solid waste incinerator standards
Reporting requirements	Fed (TRI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower thresholds, expanded reporting community