

TABLE 2A: Categories of Mercury Sources

Mercury releases occur as a result of intentional use or incidental release. This table shows the categories of anthropogenic mercury sources discussed in this report. For each category, the issues involving the origin and release of mercury are different. Therefore, the options for obtaining additional mercury reductions differ. Table 2B lists the specific mercury sources for each category shown in this table.

Intentional Use

Mercury is used as a product or process ingredient. Mercury release is a result of intentional mercury use.

**Producing or
Supplying Mercury**

**Use in
Manufacturing**
(products contain mercury or
processes rely on mercury)

**Waste
Disposal**
(mercury-containing products
or waste streams)

Incidental Release

Mercury is released incidentally as a result of using raw materials that contain traces of mercury. Mercury is not used intentionally in these sources.

**Manufacturing
Processes**

(raw materials
contain mercury)

**Energy
Production**

(fuel sources
contain mercury)