

1971 Assembly Bill 556

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CHAPTER 272, Laws of 1971

AN ACT to create 144.421, 144.422 and 144.423 of the statutes, relating to industries using mercury compounds or metallic mercury and granting rule-making power.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 144.421, 144.422 and 144.423 of the statutes are created to read:

144.421 MERCURY USERS. Every owner of an establishment using 50 pounds or more of mercury compounds or metallic mercury in any one year shall furnish the department with a materials balance statement for the mercury compound or metallic mercury. Such statement shall itemize the type and amount of mercury compound or metallic mercury used, the processes used in and the means by and the place where it is disposed. The statement shall be on a form prescribed by the department and shall be filed each January 1 for the preceding year.

144.422 AIR STANDARDS FOR MERCURY. The department shall, no later than 6 months after the effective date of this section (1971), prepare and adopt minimum standards for the emission of mercury compounds or metallic mercury into the air.

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144.423 MERCURY DISCHARGE INTO WATER. Discharge of mercury compounds and metallic mercury into the waters of this state by any person shall be limited to fifteen-hundredths of a pound of mercury per day averaged over a 30-day period, and not more than one-half pound in any one day. The department may establish lower maximum discharge limits by rule.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. 144.421 of the statutes, as created by this act, shall take effect 90 days after publication.
