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# Mercury Emissions: Environmental Integrity Project Report Reviews a Decade of Federal Toxics Release Inventory Data

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The environmental organization Environmental Integrity Project (“EIP”) has issued a December 3<sup>rd</sup> report titled *Mercury Falling – Emissions Decline Nationwide, But Some States, Facilities Buck Trend* (“Report”).

EIP generated information for United States mercury emissions for 2004-2014 using the following method:

Emissions data for mercury and mercury compounds was downloaded from EPA’s publicly available, online database TRI Explorer. Using the database, the Environmental Integrity Project looked at facility, state, and industry level data from 2004 and 2014. Total air emissions recorded in this report are combined totals of fugitive air emissions and point source air emissions reported to the TRI.

The *Report* notes that emissions of mercury from power plants declined from 94,526 pounds in 2004 to 43,877 pounds in 2014. Further, cement emissions declined from 13,191.9 pounds in 2004 to 7,553.5 pounds in 2014. Further, the chemical industry declined from 12,107.7 to 2,371.6.

The petroleum and primary metals industry showed an increase during the same period of time.

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