

# FACT SHEET

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## AMENDMENTS TO AIR QUALITY REGULATIONS

- The Department of Environment has amended air quality regulations that affect Nova Scotia Power, which contributes the majority of the province's mercury emissions.
- Amendments to the Air Quality Regulations will mean less mercury in the environment by 2020 – nearly halving the previous target, from 65 kg to 35 kg.
- Nova Scotia Power will be required to meet the 65 kilograms per year mercury cap by 2014.
- The emission caps will continue on a downward trend leading to a new 35 kilogram per year target for 2020:
  - 2010 cap is 110 kilograms
  - 2011 cap is 100 kilograms
  - 2012 cap is 100 kilograms
  - 2013 cap is 85 kilograms
  - 2014 cap is 65 kilograms
  - 2020 cap is 35 kilograms
- NSP will be required to submit a plan to the department by March 31, 2011 outlining how they will meet the new caps.
- NSP will be required to make up by December 31, 2020 for the amount of mercury that was emitted over 65 kg in the years 2010-2013.
- NSP will report their progress to the department annually.
- For more information on these amendments see our [news release](#).