



The U.S. Mercury Emission Inventory for the Arctic Council Mercury Project

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Project Objective

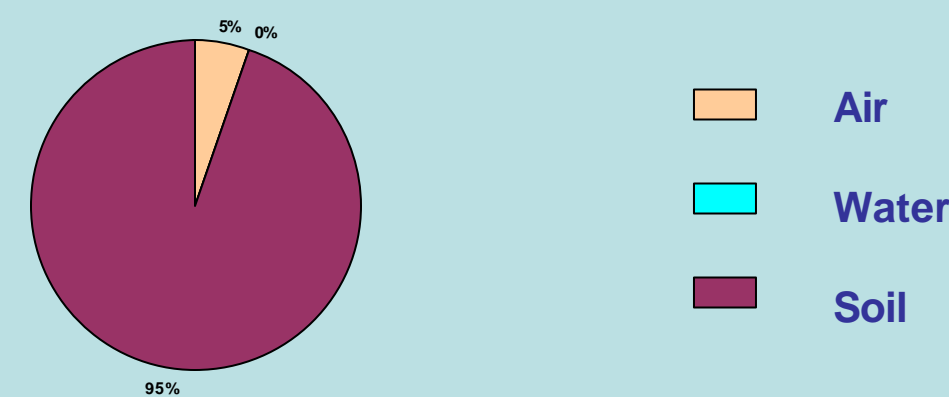
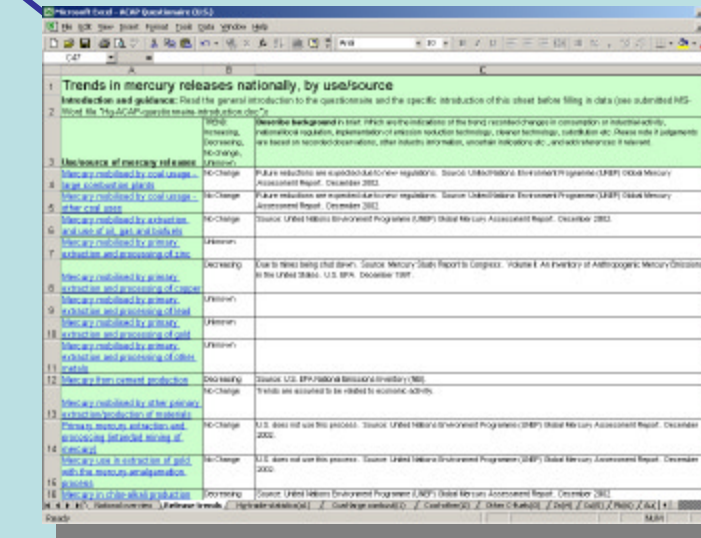
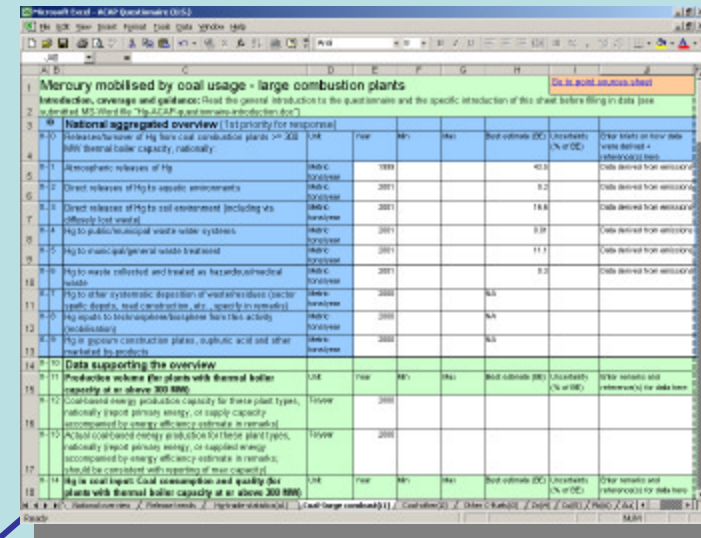
- To contribute to the decrease of Mercury releases from Arctic countries by:
 - Development of regional action plan
 - Evaluation of point sources for implementation of control sources
 - Development of regional emission inventory

Information Found in Inventory

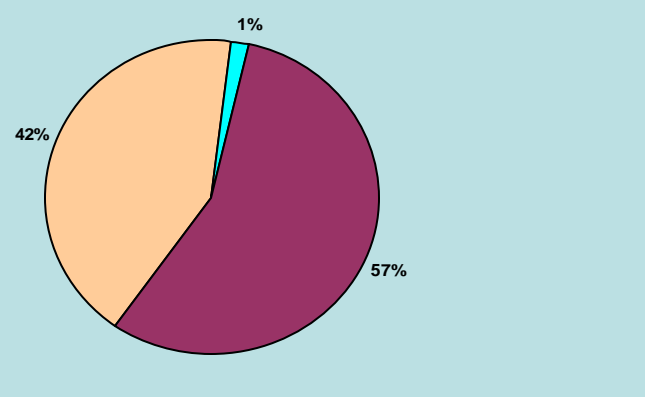
- Release
 - Air
 - Water
 - Land
- Trade Statistics
- Trends Data
- Transfer data
 - Waste transfer to public/municipal waste water systems
 - Waste transfer to general/municipal waste treatment
 - Waste transfer treated as hazardous/medical waste.

ACAP Mercury Emission Inventory

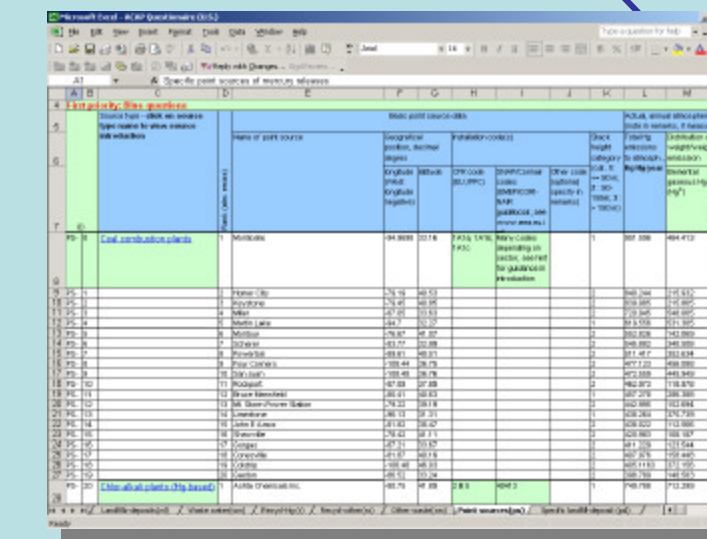
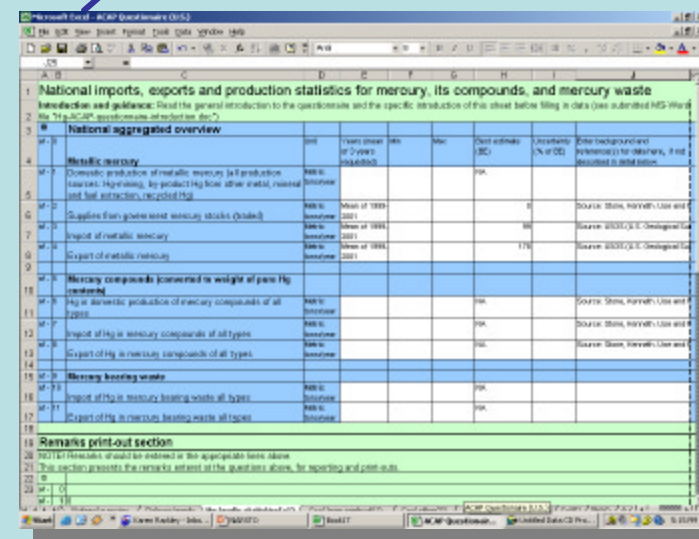
- In the format of a questionnaire provided by the Danish EPA in Excel format.
 - Used to characterize mercury usage
 - Provided modeling parameters
 - Created a common inventory



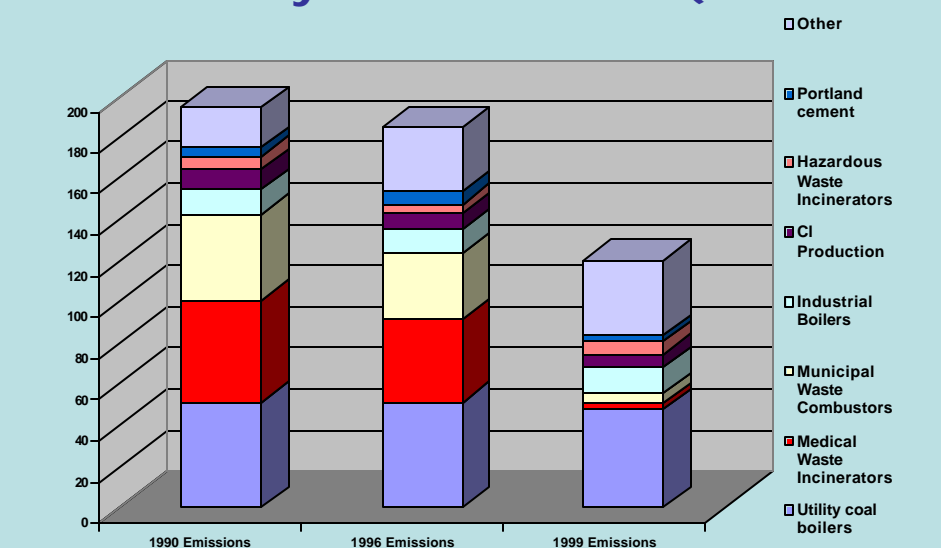
* Including gold mining (2117.8 tpy)



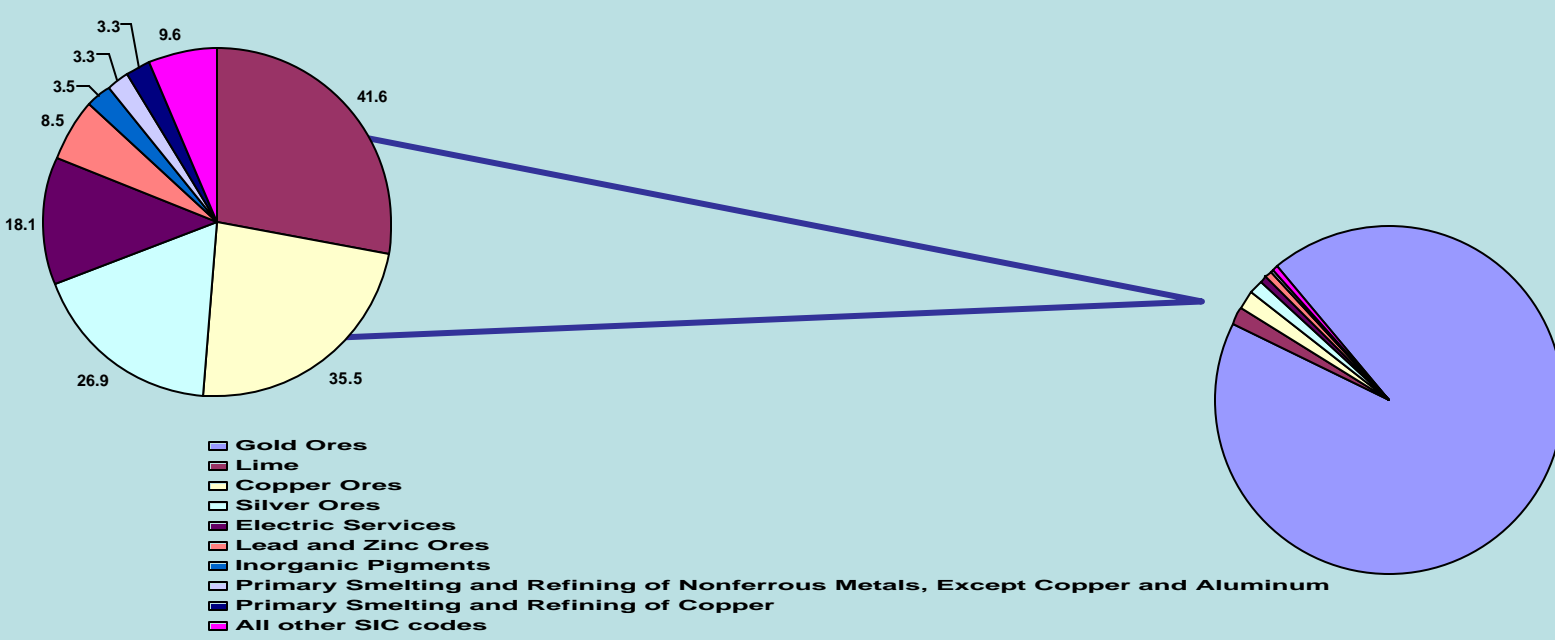
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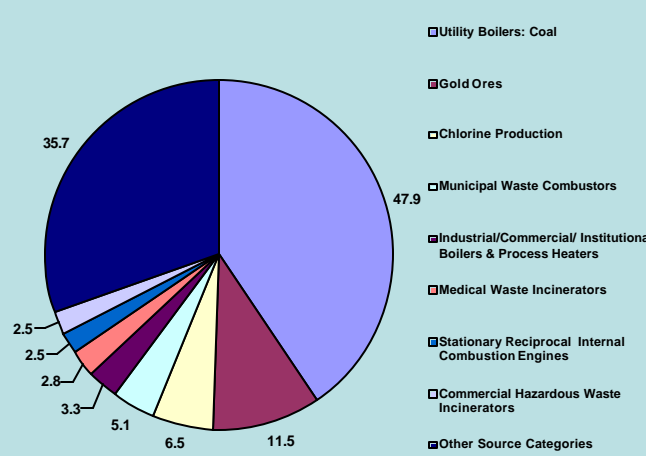
Trends in US Mercury Air Emissions (short tons)



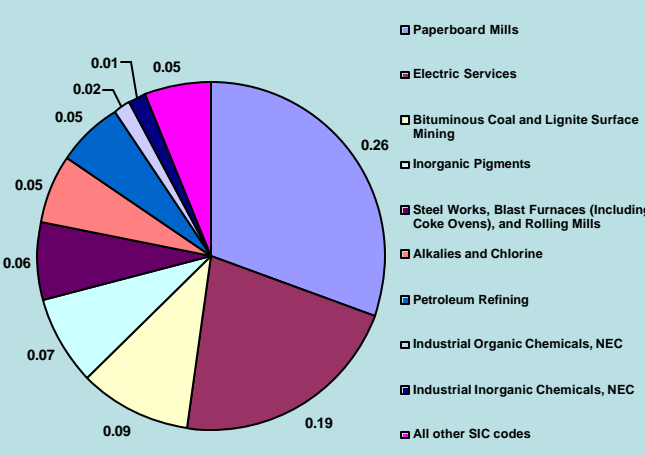
Total 2001 US Mercury Soil Emissions by Category (2232.8 tpy)



Total 1999 US Mercury Air Emissions (117.76 tpy)



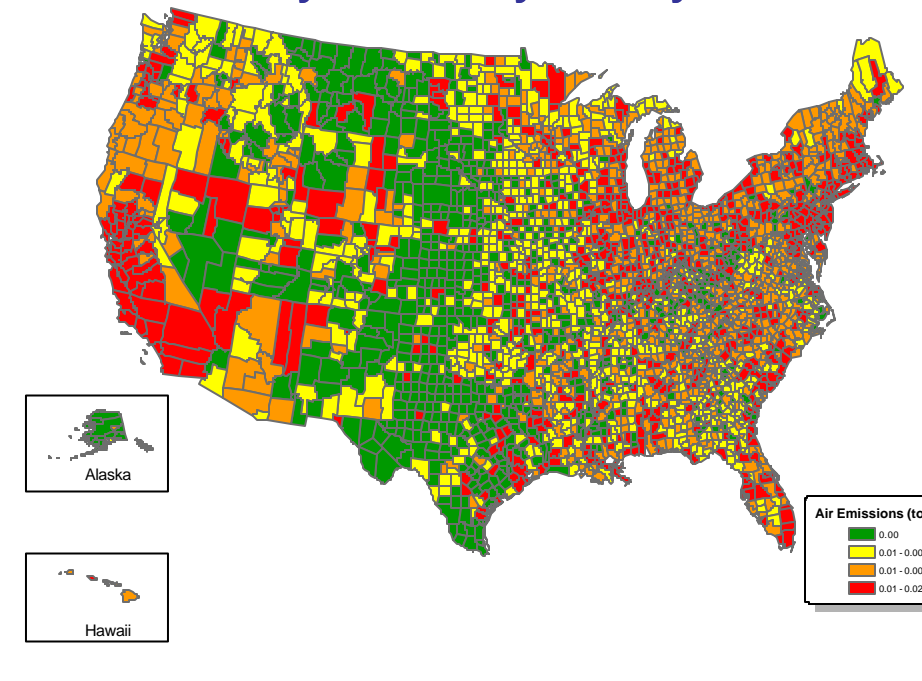
Total 2001 US Mercury Water Emissions (0.85 tpy)



Conclusions

- Multimedia modeling mercury inventory compiled
 - Developed by cooperation between EPA Offices
- Mercury air emissions have decreased due to implementation of standards
- Identified gold mining for further analysis to determine if controls are needed.
- Process can serve as a model for other countries.

1999 Mercury Stationary County Emissions



1999 Mercury Point Sources

