

Mercury Elimination

Because of the known health risks associated with mercury as well as the likelihood of exposure and contamination as a result of spills, the district will:

1. Prohibit the purchase of elementary mercury, mercury compounds and mercury-added instructional materials;
2. Eliminate all elemental mercury and mercury compounds that are maintained for educational purposes;
3. Eliminate the use of mercury-added instructional materials;
4. Eliminate the use of items and products containing elemental mercury or mercury compounds, as those items and products are replaced at the end of their normal useful lives with mercury-free alternatives; and
5. Dispose of mercury products in accordance with Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

Definitions

"Mercury-added instructional material" means an item or product containing intentionally added elemental mercury or mercury compound(s) used for educational purposes.

"Mercury compound" means a substance containing mercury chemically combined with another element or combination of elements, e.g. mercury oxide (HgO).

"Elemental mercury" means the silvery-white liquid metal with atomic number of 80 and an atomic mass of 200.57 represented by chemical symbol Hg.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)