

**Department of Environmental Quality Mercury Advisory Committee Meeting:  
DEQ Piedmont Regional Office  
4949-A Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060  
April 16, 2004**

**Agenda:**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Meetings Objectives**

**Presentations:**

**DEQ Opening Remarks and Introduction to the Issues:**

- Overview of Virginia's Fish Tissue Monitoring Program
- Increasing awareness of mercury issues over last several years prompted DEQ to investigate mercury in more detail
- Fish Consumption Advisories issued in 2003 for Dragon Run Swamp, Blackwater River and Great Dismal Swamp Canal
- Virginia Department of Health's Fish Consumption Advisory Guidance
- Introduction to issues involved with mercury fish contamination
- Traditional sources of mercury in the environment
- Other States' experiences
- Virginia DEQ Current Plans
- Formation of the Mercury Advisory Committee
- Identification of issues to be addressed by the Committee
  - a) Investigate potential land-based sources of mercury in the watersheds
  - b) Investigate the potential for airborne mercury to be a source of the mercury in these watersheds
  - c) Assist in developing a plan to address the related source assessment and remediation issues
- Air Perspective
  - Issues with mercury emissions
  - Others?

**Virginia Department of Health**

- Derivation of the mercury level of concern
- Issuing of new fish consumption advisories

**North Carolina Experience**

**Lunch Break:**

- Committee discussion of the issues
- Identification of needs for further investigations
- Plans for additional meetings