

Canada-wide Standards Implementation Plan
Mercury-Containing Lamps
Prince Edward Island

General Accountability:

Prince Edward Island intends to promote the recycling of fluorescent lamps. The Island Waste Management Corporation (IWMC) plans to incorporate the recovery of residential mercury containing lamps and other mercury containing waste within the current Waste Watch system. The development of a privately operated collector/disposal system to service the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors would be supported.

Milestones and Deliverables:

The success of the waste diversion program will be evaluated jointly by the Department and the IWMC. The Department will promote lamp recycling and the use of efficient low mercury lamps.

Public Role:

Since reductions in tube mercury content are to be pursued primarily via a federal tracking of industry commitments, provincial accounting of tube content is not anticipated. Residents and businesses may choose to select low-mercury lamps and so contribute to the achievement of this Canada-wide Standard. Residents may also wish to recycle lamps at household hazardous waste collection sites.

Access to Information:

Prince Edward Island will not directly track fluorescent lamp mercury content or recycling rates, however, this information may be made available through the agencies undertaking the work. At the present, there are no lamp recycling facilities on the Island and all waste is shipped out of province.

Verifiable Progress:

Efforts to promote recycling and early mercury reduction will be recorded and made available upon request.

Co-benefits:

Low mercury content, high energy efficiency tubes will reduce electricity use, electric power emissions and costs for the consumer.