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Mercury Emissions from a Synthetic Gym Floor

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Mercury Containing Synthetic Floors

- Resilient, rubber-like
- Gyms, tracks (mostly)
- 1960's to the mid-1980's
- Many 3M "Tartan" brand
- Release elemental mercury
 - Health effects
 - Students
 - Physical education teachers



Assessments

- Determine if gym floor is rubber-like
- If so, air monitoring can determine if there are exposures to mercury
 - Direct Read Instrumentation
- Confirmation that flooring contains mercury
 - Sampling of floor cores
 - Greater than 1 ppm



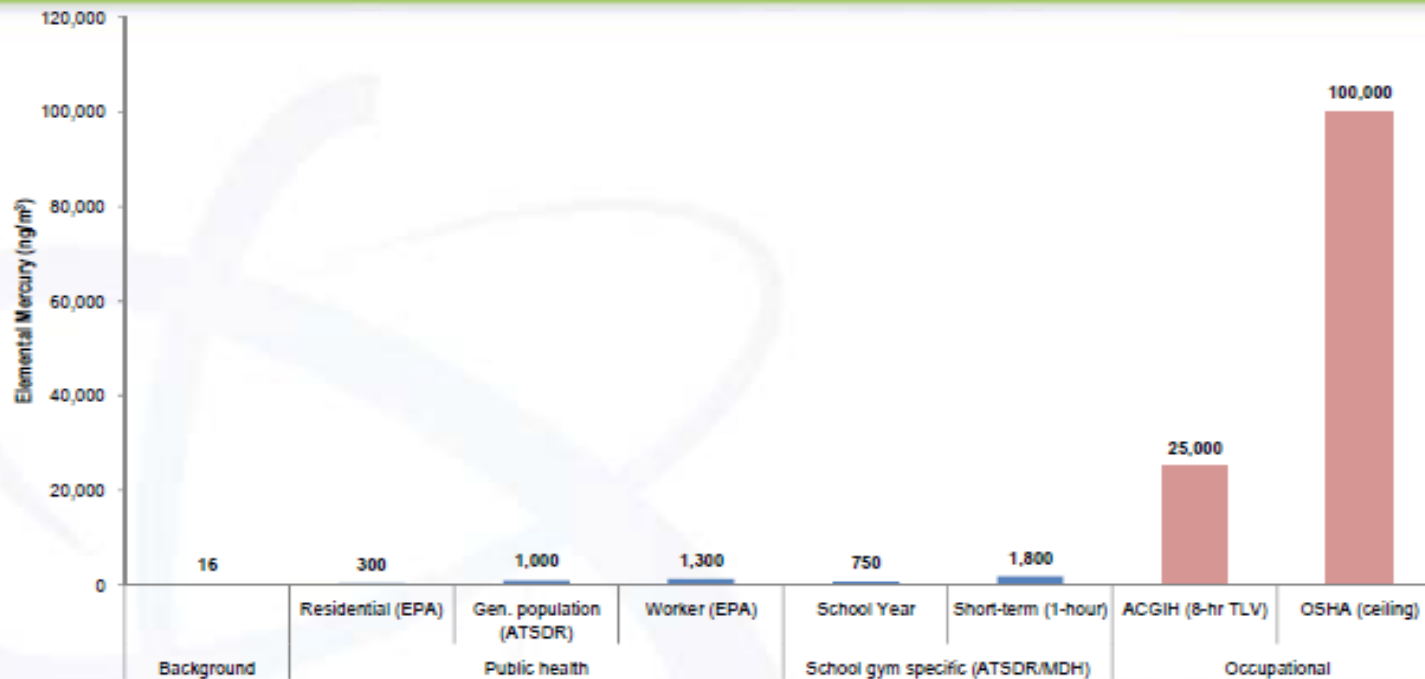
Considerations for monitoring

- Hot days in gyms
- Poor ventilation
- Cleaning of gym floors with abrasive cleaners
- Damage to flooring
- Fire damage
- Planned removal





Exposure Limits and Guidelines





Levels elevated?

New Jersey Education Association (NJEA),
New Jersey Environment Council (WEC),
and Healthy Schools Now (HSN) Coalition
suggested exceedance level:

- 60 nanograms of mercury vapor per cubic meter of air (ng/m³)
- Provide ventilation to reduce exposure



Still elevated?

- Removal necessary
 - Containment of removal area
 - Entrances sealed
 - HVAC-systems isolated and shut-down
 - Negative pressure exhaust systems
 - Segregated work zones
 - Pedestrian access restricted
 - Costs for removal can be significant



Need help?

- Complete questionnaire
- Hillmann employee will contact you to provide:
 - Direct Read air monitoring for mercury
 - Sampling of gym floor, if requested
 - Air monitoring during floor removal

