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Group Protests Mercury Polluters, Including Ohio Valley Plant

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New Oceana report targets plants as being among the top mercury polluters in the United States.

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CHARLESTON -- A new report from Oceana, a global organization dedicated to protecting the world's oceans, focuses on five chlorine plants including PPG Industries in Natrium.

The West Virginia Rivers Coalition and Oceana are working together to stop mercury pollution.

Officials said 115 plants have shifted from mercury based technology. The report is "Cleaning Up ... taking Mercury Free Chlorine Production to the Bank."

PPG Industries said it has made significant reductions in mercury emissions, and officials said they are working hard to reduce them further.

PPG said it has spent about \$1.5 million and will spend another \$1.5 million by the end of the year to reduce mercury discharges from their plant.

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