



Mercury Insanity

A few months ago I noticed an interesting article in the news. It quoted a study of mercury levels in an American river, reporting that mercury levels in the water were from coal burning in China. Very Strange. Not too soon after there were full page articles of congressional testimony that went on for weeks condemning emissions from American coal burning power plants as the cause of mercury levels in the water and in Americans.

I look at this in the context of the story from San Francisco where the sewage effluent was suffering under elevated levels of mercury making it supposedly unsuitable to empty into the sea. It was suspected that dental offices were contributing to the mercury levels. Dentists said that they would self regulate, they would voluntarily install mercury traps in their waste water lines. A year later the mercury levels were the same. The seemingly wise sewage district said that they would not force dentists to install mercury traps, but if not, they would have to buy mercury disposal permits for \$10,000. A year later the mercury levels in San Francisco sewage effluent were down 94%.

What do you think?

If someone claimed to have high levels of body mercury, and blamed the emissions from coal burning power plants. Would you think to look into their mouths to see in they had a source of continual mercury emissions, mercury fillings?