

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

Chapter 213 amends the law governing the frequency with which incinerators must test emissions for mercury. Current law requires incinerators to conduct stack tests for mercury quarterly. However, an incinerator whose stack test results indicate that mercury emissions have been below 50 percent of its permitted limit for three consecutive years may conduct future tests only once every three years, or according to applicable federal requirements, whichever is more stringent.

Chapter 213 provides that a new unit constructed at a facility that has previously met the latter requirement may elect the less frequent testing schedule if tests demonstrate that the new unit's emissions are below 50 percent of its mercury limit after only one year.