# Governor's Mercury Rule

Principles
Framework
Timing
Expected Results



#### **Principles of Hg Control:**

- Protect human health, fish, wildlife, & environment
- Control Hg to greatest level possible & as quickly as possible in a cost-effective manner
- Consider the latest control technology that has been shown effective & can be reasonably employed, in a cost effective manner, across the full fleet of Illinois power plants and coal types

- Recent advances in Hg control technology has improved control efficiencies and reduced costs to control Hg – notably, use of halogenated sorbents
- Control technology continues to rapidly improve performance at lower costs
- ✓ Ensure Hg reductions occur both in Illinois & at every power plant in Illinois to address local impacts

- Provide compliance flexibility to assist in widespread compliance & help reduce compliance costs
- Consistent with the Governor's proposal to reduce Hg emissions in Illinois by 90 percent
- Fuel neutral, without favoring coal from any particular region of the country common standard for different coal types



### By July 1, 2009

#### System-wide Average:

✓ 90% Reduction or 0.0080 lbs Hg/ GWh, and

<u>Plant-wide Average:</u>

✓ 75% Reduction or 0.020 lbs Hg/ GWh



#### By December 31, 2012

#### **Plant-wide Average:**

 ✓ 90% Reduction or 0.0080 lbs Hg/GWh



✓Phased In Approach

✓Averaging

Standard Options

**√Other Considerations** 

## **Standard Options**

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 Efficiency Standard
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Ibs Hg/GWh Output = Output Based Emission Rate Standard

### **Other Considerations**

Temporary Technology Based
 Standard or Extension

Shutdown/Replacement Commitment



✓ 12 month Rolling Total

✓ CEMS or Sorbent Trap

*Recordkeeping & Reporting*

Timing ~ 3/06 – Submit to Board (IPCB) 3/06 – Board files and schedules Hearings  $5/06 - 1^{st}$  hearing within 55 days of date filed  $5/06 - 2^{nd}$  Hearing within 30 days of  $1^{st}$  $6/06 - 3^{rd}$  Hearing within 14 days of  $2^{nd}$ 9/06 – Board sends to JCAR - have 45 days to review

11/06 – Submit to USEPA as part of SIP



#### **Current and Projected Emissions in Illinois**



## Expected Results (cont.)

- ✓ Reduction in Hg deposition
- Lower methylmercury levels in Illinois waters & fish tissues
- ✓ Fish caught in Illinois waters safer to eat
- Health Benefits improvements to IQ and less cardiovascular disease
- Job support in areas of pollution control, tourism and recreational fishing, Illinois coal industry

### Summary:

- Hg control needed for health and welfare of Illinois citizens & environment
- Power Plants largest source of man-made uncontrolled Hg emissions
- Technology has advanced since federal CAMR proposal – can do more, quicker
- ✓ IL proposed rule based on sound principles
- Cost effective control + Rule flexibility = Economically Reasonable
  - ✓ Urge the Board to Adopt the Proposed Rule