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**SCIENTIFIC STUDY REVEALS ELEVATED MERCURY ACROSS NORTHEAST
SONGBIRDS AND HOTSPOTS IMPACTED**

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005 — 10 A.M.

Findings from new research and new report, “Mercury Connections: The extent and effect of mercury pollution in northeastern North America”, include:

- Mercury inputs are higher in some areas than previously reported by EPA.
- First account of mercury in forest songbirds, and high levels found in mink & otter.
- New map of nine biological hotspots published.

This research is contained in 21 papers in the peer-reviewed journal *Ecotoxicology* which is available and will be published in a special double issue on April 1, 2005.

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**Embargoed copies of the report and scientific papers
Teleconference presentation materials
B roll of affected species**

All printed materials will go live on the website March 8, 9:00am: www.briloon.org/mercury