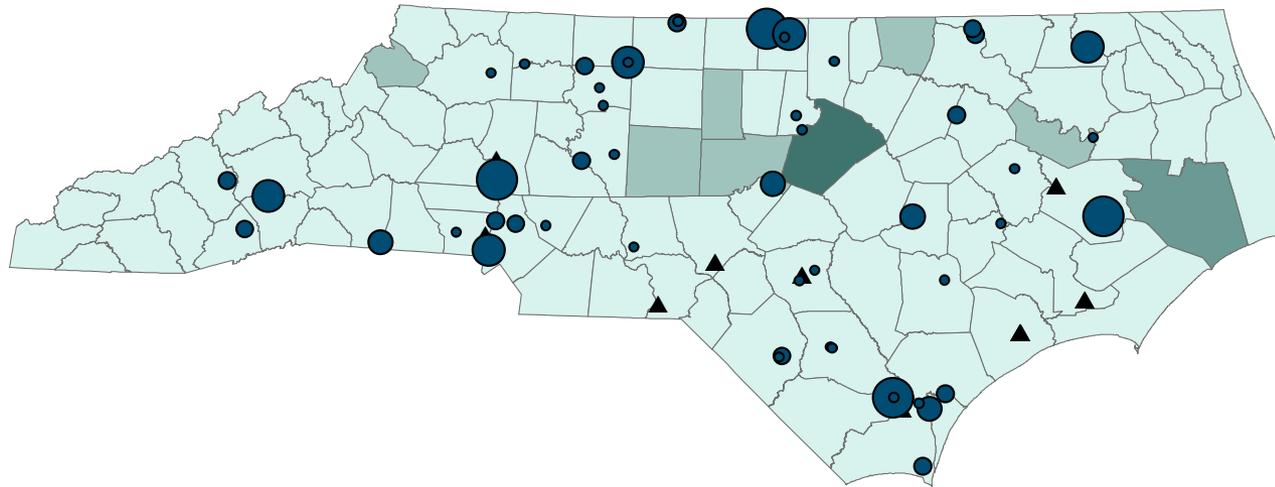


Concentration of Mercury Detected in NC Private Well Water ($\mu\text{g/L}$), Average 1998-2010

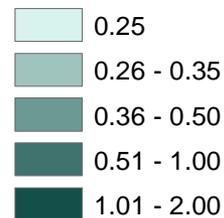


Mercury reported in Toxics Release Inventory (lbs.)

- 0.1 - 39
- 40 - 123
- 124 - 212
- 213 - 577
- 578 - 1,033

▲ National Priorities List sites reporting mercury

Concentration of mercury detected in private wells ($\mu\text{g/L}$)



Mercury MCL: 2 $\mu\text{g/L}$

Mercury can be present in drinking water from the erosion of natural deposits, discharges from refineries and factories, and runoff from landfills and croplands. Metallic mercury is used to produce chlorine gas and caustic soda, and is also used in some thermometers, dental fillings, and batteries.^{11,29}

[Health information about mercury.](#)

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