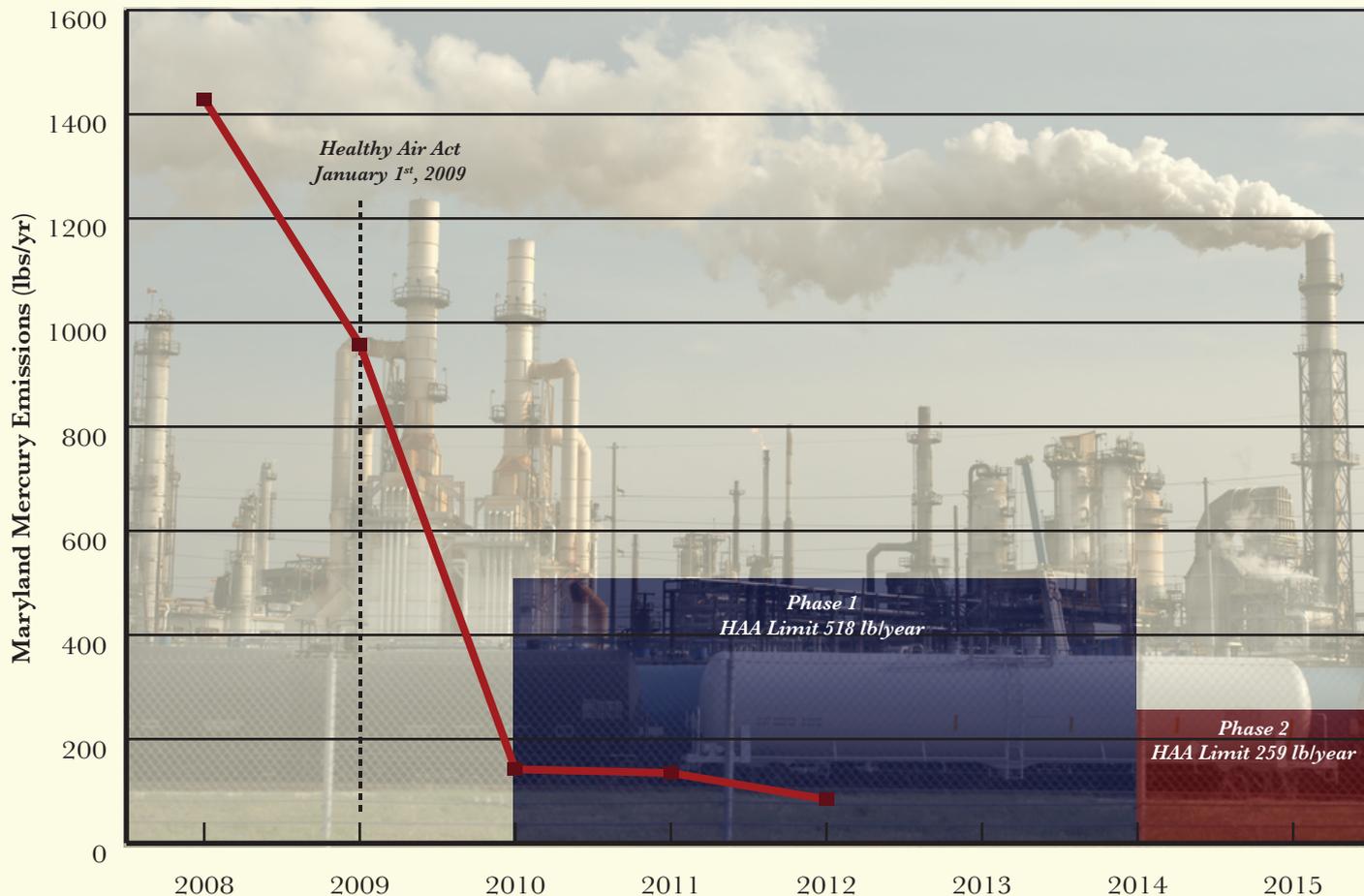


Mercury emissions drop from Healthy Air Act power plants



2008 data based on Emissions Certification Reports total mercury emission from each facility. 2009-2012 data based quarterly on continuous emissions monitoring (CEM) reports, includes only data from coal units. AES Warror Run not included in these totals because it was not part of the Healthy Air Act for mercury.

The Maryland Healthy Air Act, the toughest power plant emissions law on the east coast, requires reductions in emissions from Maryland's largest coal-burning power plants. The emissions reductions from the Healthy Air Act come in two phases. The first phase of required emissions reductions -- almost 70 percent for nitrogen oxide and 80 percent for sulfur dioxide and mercury -- are being met. Mercury is a toxic that deposits in waterways and bioaccumulates in fish and other aquatic life.