

11.214 Amalgam Management at Dental Offices

- (1) This section applies to any dental office that places or removes amalgam. If work in a dental office is limited to work that does not involve placing or removing amalgam, such as orthodontics, periodontics, oral and maxillo-facial surgery, endodontics, or prosthodontics, then this section does not apply.
- (2) All dental offices shall implement best management practices for amalgam as established by the Wisconsin Dental Association.
- (3) Within the shortest reasonable time, but not later than February 1, 2008, every vacuum system where amalgam is placed or removed shall include an amalgam separator that meets the criteria of the International Standards Organization (ISO 11143). Dental offices shall install, operate, and maintain the amalgam separator according to instructions provided by the manufacturer. The amalgam separator shall have a design and capacity appropriate for the size and type of vacuum system.
- (4) On or before February 1, 2005, each dental office shall submit a report that certifies the implementation of the management practices required by sub. (2) and identifies the contractors used to remove amalgam waste within the last twelve months.
- (5) On or before February 1, 2006, each dental office shall provide a schedule for the installation of the amalgam separator required by sub. (3).
- (6) On or before February 1, 2007, each dental office shall provide a report providing the following information.
 - (a) If installation of the amalgam separator is complete, then the report shall identify the installation date, the manufacturer, and the model name.
 - (b) If installation of the amalgam separator is incomplete, then the report shall briefly explain the delay, provide an installation schedule, and identify the manufacturer and the model name of the amalgam separator that will be installed.
- (7) If a dental office has provided a report according to sub. (6)(b), then the dental office shall notify the District of the completion of installation within five days after completion.
- (8) The District shall provide forms for reporting the information required by subs. (4), (5), (6), and (7).
- (9) From the contractors used to remove amalgam waste, dental offices shall obtain records for each shipment showing: the volume or mass of amalgam waste shipped; the name and address of the destination; and the name and address of the contractor. Dental offices shall maintain these records for a minimum of five years. Dental offices shall make these records available to the District for inspection and copying upon request from the District.

- (10) Dental offices shall allow the District to inspect the vacuum system, amalgam separator, and amalgam waste storage areas.
- (11) Inspections shall occur during the normal operating schedule of the dental office. The District shall inspect dental offices according to appointments made in advance, as long as this advanced notice does not impede enforcement of this section.
- (12) If a dental office is implementing the management practices required by sub. (2) and is operating and maintaining the amalgam separator required by sub. (3), then any numerical discharge limit for mercury established in any other section of this chapter does not apply.

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