

Section 5.1.5. Best Management Practices.

The District may require dischargers to follow best management practices (BMPs) developed or cited by the District for the discharge of any constituents, substances, materials, waters, or waste where the District determines that following these BMPs is necessary to meet the objectives of this Ordinance or the conditions of the District's WPDES permit.

Section 5.1.6 Discharges from Dental Clinics

- (a) This section applies to discharges from dental clinics where amalgam is placed or removed. For the purpose of this section, a dental clinic is a non-mobile facility dedicated to the examination and treatment of patients by health care professional specializing in the care of teeth, gums and other oral tissue. This section does not apply to orthodontics, periodontics, oral and maxillo-facial surgery, endodontics, prosthodontics or other practices that do not place or remove amalgam, or which are identified by the District as de-minimus contributors.
- (b) Within the shortest reasonable time, but no later than December 31, 2008, dental clinics that place or remove amalgam shall implement best management practices for amalgam as established by the Wisconsin Dental Association.
- (c) Within the shortest reasonable time, but no later than December 31, 2008, dental clinics shall install, operate and maintain an amalgam separator meeting the criteria of the International Standards Organization (ISO 11143) for every vacuum system receiving amalgam waste. Amalgam separators shall be installed, operated, and maintained 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.
- (d) If a dental clinic is implementing the requirements in 5.1.6(b) and 5.1.6(c), then any numerical discharge limit for mercury established in this chapter does not apply.
- (e) Starting February 1, 2009 and annually thereafter, dental clinics will submit reporting information to the District using forms provided by the District. Reporting information will include:
 - 1. The date the amalgam separator was installed
 - 2. The manufacturer name and model number of the separator
 - 3. Certification that the amalgam separator was installed and is being operated and maintained in accordance with instructions provided by the manufacturer.
 - 4. Certification that best management practices for amalgam as established by the Wisconsin Dental Association are being implemented.
 - 5. Any other information deemed relevant by the District.

- (f) From the contractors used to remove amalgam waste, dental clinics 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 clinics shall maintain these records for a minimum of two years. Dental clinics shall make these records available to the District for inspection and copying upon request by the District.

- (g) Dental clinics shall allow the District to inspect the vacuum system, amalgam separator, amalgam waste storage areas, and other areas deemed necessary by the District to determine compliance with this section. Inspections shall occur during the normal operating hours of the dental clinic.