



New US EPA Regulation on Dental Amalgam Waste

Regulation Effective Date: July 14, 2017



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What
you need to
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EPA's new
"Dental
Amalgam
Rule"

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“Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for Dental Offices”

Solmetex has been the leader in amalgam separation and amalgam waste solutions for over 16 years with the Hg5 family of products. Our products are designed to put the dental office at ease with amalgam waste and recycling made simple and easy. Solmetex has the experience and the products to ensure your dental practice is in full compliance with the recently published EPA regulation entitled “[Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for Dental Offices](#)”, commonly referred to as the Dental Amalgam Rule. Below are the key points from the new EPA regulation.

EPA Dental Regulation Implementation Period:

ALL dental practices are required to install either a ISO 11143:2008 certified amalgam separator or a certified ANSI/ADA Standard No.108 amalgam separator, both at a separation rate of 95%.

- **New dental practices** have 90 days to install an amalgam separator.
- **Existing dental practices** have until July 14, 2020 to install an amalgam separator.
- **Existing dental practices who already have an amalgam separator installed** have until July 14, 2024 to install an amalgam separator that meets all the regulation requirements.



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Exemptions:

The dental rule applies to offices, including large institutions such as dental schools and clinics, where dentistry is practiced that discharge to a POTW. The new EPA dental regulation does not apply to mobile units or offices where the practice of dentistry consists only of the following dental specialties: oral pathology, oral and maxillofacial radiology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, periodontics or prosthodontics.

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