

**Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District**

**Dental Amalgam Program (DAP)**

**700 West Liberty Street**

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Information Technology Solutions

***A Dentist’s Guide to Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District’s***

**WHAT IS IT?**

* The Environmental Protection Agency has mandated new rules that require Amalagam Separator Technology to be installed in every dental office in the United States that performs procedures with dental amalgam. This effort is expected to prevent over ten tons of toxic metals, particularly mercury, from entering our nation’s watersheds each year.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/06/14/2017-12338/effluent-limitations-guidelines-and-standards-for-the-dental-category>

**WHO DOES THIS AFFECT?**

* If your practice performs five or more procedures involving dental amalagam every year, then you are included in this policy. Dental clinics, orthodontists, periodontists, and maxillofacial surgeons that do not typically perform procedures involving amalgam are not affected. However, all dental facilities must submit a compliance report.

**WHEN DOES THIS GO INTO EFFECT?**

* Right now! MSD is striving to bring all new dentists into compliance as soon as possible. Existing offices are encouraged to plan for their transition. All dentists must comply by July 14, 2020.

**ARE CHAIRSIDE TRAPS AND VACCUM FILTERS GOOD ENOUGH?**

* No. Amalgam Separators are unique devices designed for one job only and are subject to rigorous testing.

**WHAT IF I ALREADY HAVE AMALGAM SEPARATORS INSTALLED?**

* If your device was tested by ISO 11143 at >95% removal efficiency and was installed in the last ten years, you may keep your current technology.

**How Do I Comply?**

1. **Apply for a DAP Permit. You can find the application on our website.**
2. **Install appropriately sized and certified Amalgam Separator Technology.**
3. **Train your employees on its maintenance and Best Management Practices.**
4. **Keep maintenance and training documentation on-site and available for inspection**

**Questions?**

**Contact Us!**

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