

Orange County Sanitation District &  
South Orange County Wastewater Authority remind you...

*...Be in Compliance with the Clean Water Act*

# THE DENTAL AMALGAM RULE APPLIES TO YOU!

## The Dental Amalgam Rule:

The rule, which became effective July 2017, is a new program from the Environmental Protection Agency that aims to eliminate the discharge of mercury-laden amalgam wastewater from dental offices. It requires dental offices to comply with various American Dental Association recommended practices including, the use of amalgam separators. If not recycled, amalgam must be treated as hazardous waste.

Dental offices in Orange County must submit a one-time compliance report to their local control authority. Visit the control authority web-page for your location, or call for more information. There is no cost for submitting the one-time compliance report, please start today.

## Who is affected?

The rule applies to any office where the practice of dentistry is performed, including schools, clinics, home offices, and any offices owned by the government.

## Who is exempt?

The rule does not apply to dental dischargers that exclusively practice one or more of the following: Oral Pathology; Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology; Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; Orthodontics; Periodontics; or Prosthodontics, and the rule does not apply to dental mobile units.

## How do you qualify for exempt status?

Specialty offices, or any offices that do not place or remove dental amalgams, except for emergency or unforeseen circumstances, must still submit a compliance report to their control authority to receive exempt status.

## Where can I get more information?

Please visit:  
[www.ocsd.com/businesses/  
dental-office-point-source](http://www.ocsd.com/businesses/dental-office-point-source)

Please visit:  
[www.socwa.com/industrial-waste](http://www.socwa.com/industrial-waste)

## YOUR LOCAL CONTROL AUTHORITY



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