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**BMP Dental #2**

**TITLE:** Mercury Spill Clean Up Procedures

**Regulatory Citation:** 6 NYCRR Part 371.1(g), Laws of 2002 Chapter 506

**Applicability:** Spills of mercury from mercury containing products

**Purpose:** Prompt response, clean up and disposal of mercury

**Person or**

**Department Responsible:** Dental Materials Instructor, Dental Hygiene Technical Assistant

**Schedule:** As needed

**Procedures:** In the event of a mercury spill, the following procedures will be followed:

- Put on nitrile disposable gloves
- Retrieve the mercury spill kit located in the dental materials lab
- Cover the spill completely with mercury clean up material
- Collect all waste in the waste container bag provided.
- Take off gloves only after spill is completely clean up. Place gloves in waste bag
- Seal waste bag and immediately notify the Coordinator of EHS. The waste will be properly labeled and transported to the hazardous waste storage shed at Cogan for pick up by the approved hazardous waste vendor.

The following practices will always be followed when elemental mercury is present:

- Elemental mercury will never be rinsed down the drain
- Elemental mercury will never be disposed in the trash, sharps container or as medical waste.

**Record keeping:** Director of Environmental Health & Safety – disposal/recycling records

**Record Location:** EPA Office environmental files

**Contact:** Dental Material Instructor (629-7442 or 7481)  
Dental Hygiene Technician  
Director of Environmental, Health and Safety (629-7163)

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