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The City of Prairie du Chien Wastewater treatment Facility established new rules related to the discharge of dental office wastewater to the sewage collection system and adopted the ordinance referring to mercury reduction in 2011.

These rules are being implemented to reduce the amount of mercury that enters our collection system and the treatment facility.

All dental offices that places or removes amalgam restorations must implement best management practices. Each year we will require certification that either your office has implemented these practices or that your office does not handle amalgam.

As of January 2007, it was a requirement that each office that places or removes amalgam needed to install a separator. Before this date, dental offices were required to report progress regarding installation, according to the PMP rules. Additional information can be obtained from the Wisconsin Dental Association.

All other commercial or industrial contributors must comply with the sewer use ordinance with regards to mercury removal from the waste stream.

This program is in response to requirements established by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), that the city Wastewater facility must comply with as part of our Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit that became effective January 1, 2005.

At this time we would like to thank you for your understanding and compliance with these regulations and encourage your facility contact the wastewater plant with any concerns or questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Prairie du Chien Wastewater Treatment Facility