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Recently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency finalized its federal effluent limits and standards for dental offices which includes a requirement for amalgam separators. Although Vermont law already requires amalgam separators, there is still a one-time reporting requirement to fulfill the “federal” requirements and only needs to be completed again if the practice is sold. This new federal rule applies to dental offices, including large institutions such as dental schools, clinics and also includes Endodontists (which VT currently exempts). The main benefit for Vermont Dentists is that federal reporting for Vermont must go to the state, and dentists are already reporting to the state under Vermont’s dental requirements. In order to make this less confusing, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is incorporating the additional questions required under federal rule into the Vermont on-line dental reporting due January 2019. Once the reporting is complete, DEC will send each reporting dental office a signature page certifying the information contained in their on-line report. That signed certification will be scanned and placed in the on-line file and with that, the federal requirement due by 2020 will be met.

This year DEC will be attending the annual Vermont Dental Conference September 20-21, 2018 and setting up a couple of computers for any office that would like help in completing their on-line filing early. More details will be provided as to what information an office should bring if they want to take advantage of help during the conference with the on-line reporting. If you would like additional information, please contact Karen Knaebel at karen.knaebel@vermont.gov.

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