

**CANADA-WIDE STANDARDS FOR MERCURY  
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR YUKON TERRITORY  
~ DENTAL AMALGAM ~**

**GENERAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

The Yukon intends to promote the CWS among Yukon dentists through contact with dental offices throughout the territory. All dentists will be encouraged to follow best management practices for the recovery of waste dental amalgam and the Yukon will negotiate a voluntary agreement to this effect. The Yukon will not prepare a public accounting for progress on this initiative, although individual dental offices may choose to do so.

**MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES**

While the CWS will be promoted among Yukon dentists, the territory has not set any milestones for this activity. The Yukon will, however, negotiate a memorandum of understanding with territorial dentists to reduce amalgam discharges.

**PUBLIC ROLE**

The public will have an opportunity to contribute to the success of the standard by choosing to deal with those dental offices that indicate their compliance with it. Residents may also aid in encouraging their practitioners to adopt best management practices in the collection and disposal of waste dental amalgam.

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

Yukon Department of Environment will not provide a public record of waste amalgam recovery efforts by individual dental offices; however, this information may be made available indirectly through the dentists themselves.

**VERIFIABLE PROGRESS**

The Yukon will have no specific program for which progress will be verifiable, but will encourage dentists to record their individual efforts.

**CO-BENEFITS**

The multi-pollutant benefits of this CWS are limited, as recovered amalgam often fails leachate tests and is therefore considered special waste. As such, it must be

transported to disposal facilities outside the territory, which results in additional emissions of pollutants.