**MassDEP ANNOUNCES IMPORTANT NEW DEADLINES for DENTAL FACILITIES**

**\*NEW CERTIFICATION DEADLINES\***

MassDEP announces the following important changes in the Dental Amalgam/Mercury Program. These changes were made to 310 CMR 73.00, Amalgam Wastewater and Recycling Regulations for Dental Facilities, and go into effect as of September 9, 2016.

* **New Deadlines for Certifications:** Instead of being due every five years, Certification Forms are now due every two years on March 31st of every even-numbered year. This coincides with the biennial dental license renewal to the Division of Health Professions Licensure.
* **Change in Certification Fee Change**: The certification fee has changed from a total of $460 every five years to $200 every two years.

For more information regarding forms, deadlines and other requirements, please visit MassDEP’s web page on the Dental Amalgam/Mercury Recycling Program, found at: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/toxics/programs/dental-amalgam-mercury-recycling-program.html>

Information on the dental certification forms, instructions for filing, and the filing schedule can be found at: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/toxics/programs/certification-forms-instructions-and-filing-schedule.html>

If you have further questions, please contact the dental helpline at 1-617-292-5647 and leave your name, phone number and a brief message, or email the dental program at dental.mercury@state.ma.us.

Thank you for your efforts in helping protect the groundwater and surface water sources in Massachusetts.