

The EPA reinstated its final rule specific to Best Management Practices for Dental Amalgam Waste on July 14, 2017.

**This rule does not adversely impact the use of DentaPure® Cartridge waterline products!**

The second best management practice (BMP) included in the EPA rule states: “Dental unit water lines, chair-side traps, and vacuum lines that discharge amalgam process wastewater to a POTW [publicly owned treatment works] must not be cleaned with oxidizing or acidic cleaners, including but not limited to bleach, chlorine, iodine and peroxide that have a pH lower than 6 or greater than 8.”<sup>1</sup>

The EPA provides the following clarification on what is a “dental unit water line” as specified in the second best management practice:

*For purposes of this rule and particularly with respect to the BMP specified in 40 CFR 441.30(b)(2), the term dental unit water lines is limited to waste water lines and does not include dental unit water lines that supply water to handpieces, ultrasonic scalers, air/water syringes, etc. for use in dental treatment. Accordingly, **the BMP does not place any restriction on the use of germicides, cleaners or other products for use in controlling contamination and/or microbial biofilm in dental unit water lines that supply water for dental treatment.***

This statement along with the complete rule, may be found on the EPA website:  
<https://www.epa.gov/eg/dental-effluent-guidelines>

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.epa.gov/eg/dental-effluent-guidelines-documents>

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