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BMP Dental #3

TITLE: SINK USAGE

Regulatory Citation: Rensselaer County Sewer District Number 1 Regulations (RCSD)

Applicability: The rinsing of any containers or disposal of their contents into the sinks in the Dental Clinic and Materials Lab. Routine hand washing is allowed.

Purpose: To ensure that sewer discharges do not violate the County sewer regulations or damage/clog receiving pipes

Person or Department Responsible: Dental Hygiene Technical Assistant
Materials Lab Instructor

Schedule: As needed

Procedure: The disposal of chemicals to the sink is prohibited, unless the material meets the properties listed below. Rinsing of empty containers is allowable, but disposal of chemicals from their original container by dumping in the sink is not allowed. Discharge of materials that can clog drains is also prohibited, such as food grease and other wastes which are to be disposed of in drums and dumpsters, respectively. In addition, RCSD prohibits:

- Discharges that by their nature cause fire or interferences at the treatment plant;
- Discharges at such a temp that would prohibit biological activity; and
- Discharges with a pH of less than 5.5 or above 9.5.

If chemicals, oils or a condition noted above has been or is suspect to have been discharged to the sanitary sewer then the Director of Environmental, Health and Safety must be contacted immediately.

Cleaners in use for cleaning x ray processor rollers and photographic chemicals will not be discharged to the sink until the Dental Assistant has checked the pH and adjusted it to between 5.5 and 9.5.

Record keeping: Not applicable

Record Location: Not applicable

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