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Dear Sirs,

The Environmental Pollution Agency requires me, as a dentist, to store mercury-silver dental amalgam scrap in an environmentally friendly container. Even the American Dental Association has very closely regulated guidelines regarding the handling of said amalgam. Many Americans have amalgam fillings in their mouths, and dental insurance companies are refusing to pay for the removal and replacement of these fillings, and in fact will pay to put amalgam in teeth today despite the existence of far superior alternative materials. This inconsistency is as glaring as the tobacco industry claiming that nicotine is not addictive. Is mercury a biohazard, or not?

Thank you for considering this.

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