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STATE OF MAINE
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June 4, 2008

Hon. John L. Martin, Senate Chair
Hon. Theodore S. Koffman, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources
123rd Maine Legislature
100 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Martin, Representative Koffman and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Environmental Protection is pleased to provide you with this report on the total quantity of mercury in amalgam supplied to dentists and dental offices in Maine in 2007. Resolve 2005, chapter 143 requires us to report this total for 2006, 2007 and 2008. A copy of the Resolve is enclosed.

The five suppliers listed below are the only companies we know of that supplied amalgam to Maine dentists last year.

Supplier	Location	Mercury in 2007 amalgam sales to Maine dentists
Benco Dental	Wilkes-Barre PA	4.2 lbs
Darby Dental Supply	Jericho NY	5.2 lbs
Endoco	Memphis TN	0.5 lbs
Henry Schein, Inc	Melville NY	140.3 lbs
Patterson Dental	St. Paul MN	<u>25.6 lbs</u>
TOTAL:		175.8 lbs

This total represents a 15% drop in mercury usage compared to amalgam sales reported for calendar year 2006.

Please feel free to call John James at 287-7866 or myself at 287- 2812 if the Department can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

David P. Littell, Commissioner

cc: Jeffrey S. Fister, DMD, President, Maine Board of Dental Examiners

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TWO THOUSAND AND SIX
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S.P. 465 - L.D. 1338

**Resolve, To Require the Reporting of Mercury Amalgam
Supplied to Dentists**

Sec. 1. Report concerning amalgam fillings. Resolved: That, annually by January 1st of 2007, 2008 and 2009, any person that supplies mercury amalgam to dentists or dental offices in this State shall report to the Department of Environmental Protection the volume of amalgam the person supplied to dentists and dental offices in this State during the prior year. Annually by February 1st of 2007, 2008 and 2009, the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Board of Dental Examiners, shall report the quantity of amalgam supplied to dentists and dental offices in this State to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters. For the purposes of this section, "person" means an individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity.