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“Being proactive about our waste now, saves us from being reactive later.”

Dr. J. Chris Bock

Congratulations to Dr. Chris Bock and Dr. Paul Hutchinson and their dental staff for their success in becoming a top rated 5 star EnviroStars business! The office became certified in November of 2003 at the four star level. The EnviroStar program recognizes businesses that properly manage and reduce hazardous waste. By handling their hazardous and solid waste in an environmentally responsible manner, the office is setting a fine example to other dental offices in the community.

The types of hazardous waste generated by dental offices include; amalgam, used for fillings, x-ray film fixative, lead foils, biomedical waste and cleaning solutions.

Brandi Sabol, a dental assistant at the office led the effort in getting the office certified, and together with Dr. Bock made improvements to their waste reduction efforts. Dr. Bock purchased an amalgam separator that will prevent mercury from entering the wastewater. This was a proactive choice on behalf of the office, since this type of equipment is not required in Kitsap County, although it is in King



Front row, *left to right*: Peggy, Crystal, Rhonda  
Back row, *left to right*: Tina, Ali, Sophia, Pam and Dr. Hutchinson

County. To effectively manage hazardous waste the office utilizes “best management practices.” These include written procedures, using secondary containment for spill prevention, discussing waste reduction at staff meetings, using less toxic cleaning products and instead of chemical disinfection they use an autoclave.

All of these steps are significant in reducing the amount of hazardous waste entering the environment.