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Food and Drug Administration
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RE: Additional response to the Food and Drug Administration's request for interested persons to provide information for a scientific literature review related to the health effects of dental amalgam in humans, 68 Fed. Reg. 25047-25048.

Dear Sir/Madam:

On May 19, 2002, in response to a Food and Drug Administration notice, the American Dental Association (ADA or Association) submitted for the FDA's consideration a bibliography of peer reviewed journal articles published from 1996 to 2002 that address the health effects of dental amalgam in humans. The ADA wishes to supplement its submission with the addition of very recently published review article that is highly pertinent to the FDA's request.

The article, "The Toxicology of Mercury - Current Exposures and Clinical Manifestations" appeared in the October 30, 2003 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM). The authors are Thomas Clarkson, PhD, Gary Myers, MD, and Laszlo Magos, MD.

The ADA appreciates the FDA's consideration of this additional information. Should you have any questions, please contact Jonathan B. McLeod, Manager, Legislative and Regulatory Policy at (202) 789-5176.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James B. Bramson" with a stylized flourish at the end.

James B. Bramson, D.D.S.
Executive Director

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