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The California Department of Public Health, Radiologic Health Branch, needs your assistance in letting your members know about the dental X-ray machine screening program we recently implemented. Please feel free to distribute the following information.

In March, 2009, the Department contracted with a commercial vendor – DIQUAD[®], LLC, to screen dental offices via a mail out self-testing program. The program utilizes a small device which is able to assess radiation dose and image quality for both film and digital intraoral imaging systems. This program complements our on-site radiation safety inspections, and fulfills specific regulatory requirements. **As with the on-site safety inspection, the cost of this service has been covered by X-ray machine registration fees. Participation in this program is mandatory as it is a vital component of the inspection program. The surveys must be completed and returned together with the test device according to the instructions provided by DIQUAD[®].**

To date, dental offices have been slow to return the DIQUAD[®] questionnaires and test materials. We recognize that sophisticated “junk” mail competes with important business correspondence, and offices may have difficulty in distinguishing between the two. Photocopies of how our mailer appears, and the enclosed letter of explanation, are provided here to assist dental offices in identifying our screening materials as correspondence not to be discarded.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the number below.

Sincerely,

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