

Watershed, dentists highlighted

The Superior Watershed Partnership's Natasha Koss, right, and Dr. Gary Asano, DDS, were featured speakers at the Environmental Protection Agency's Community Action for a Renewed Environment conference in Chicago recently. The SWP's pollution prevention efforts across the Upper Peninsula have become a model for other communities throughout the nation. Asano's dental office, along with nearly 30 other dentists from the Superior District Dental Society, agreed to install mercury amalgam separators to remove mercury from waste water. Since the units were installed, the Marquette Wastewater Treatment Plant has documented a 38 percent decrease in mercury from the effluent to Lake Superior. To learn more about the SWP's pollution prevention projects, visit www.superior-watersheds.org.

