

## Hg5<sup>®</sup> Series of Amalgam Separators Maintenance Guide

- Problem #1:** Solids reach full line of collection container.  
**Solution:** Change the collection container.
- Leave the vacuum running during the process.
- Problem #2:** Solids above full line of collection container.  
**Solution:** Change the collection container.
- Inspect the top chamber for solids.
  - Leave the vacuum running during the process.
- Problem #3:** Top chamber has some solids.  
**Solution:** System is backed up - can potentially damage the vacuum.
- Turn on vacuum
  - Remove pins
  - Tilt container towards manifold to allow air into top chamber
  - Place container back on and insert pins
  - Change collection container if full (see problem #1)
- Problem #4:** Top chamber is full with solids.  
**Solution:** System is in bypass.
- Reduce suction
  - Solids released into waste stream and environment
  - Top chamber needs to be replaced
  - Full top chamber needs to be recycled
- Problem #5:** Top chamber has some solids, but container is not full. Check what type of line cleaner is being used. The pH must be between 6 & 10 (MA 6.5 & 9).  
**Solution:** Clogs in top chamber.
- Turn on vacuum
  - Remove pins
  - Tilt container towards manifold to allow air into top chamber
  - Place container back on and insert pins
- Problem #6:** The equipment/utility room has poor lighting.  
**Solution:** Bring a flashlight to check the container.
- Using a flashlight from the backside of the system and shining it forward will help determine the level of sedimentation.
  - Top chamber can be inspected using the same procedure.

