Ida Bedioui, Legislative Assistant  
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Re: Water Fluoridation Comments for July 9th Meeting

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of my husband, myself and our three children, I wish to voice my opposition to water fluoridation in the Hamilton area.

We are among the growing number of people worldwide who now understand the issue of water fluoridation as it relates to the disposal of toxic waste. No matter how well this toxic fluoride product is diluted, it is still just that...diluted toxic waste! I have enclosed a copy of a letter from the US EPA which reinforces my statement.

Studies show this practice is ineffective in preventing dental decay as a consumed medicine. We would like to have a choice, rather than having it forced upon us. There are lots of sources of fluoride if we decide we need it. WE DON'T NEED IT IN OUR DRINKING WATER.

Thank you,

Yours truly

Mrs. Leah Myrden
Leslie A. Russell, D.M.D.
363 Walnut Street
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Dear Dr. Russell:

Thank you for your letter of March 9, 1983, in regard to the fluoridation of drinking water.

The information available to the Environmental Protection Agency is that fluoridation is a safe and effective means for reducing the occurrence of dental caries. The fluoridation process has been endorsed by several Presidents of the United States and by several Surgeons General, including the current Surgeon General, Dr. C. Everett Koop. A copy of Dr. Koop’s statement on fluoridation is enclosed.

Water treatment chemicals, including fluosilicic acid, have been evaluated for their potential for contributing to the contamination of drinking water. The Water Treatment Chemicals Codex, published by the National Academy of Sciences, prescribes the purity requirements for fluosilicic acid and other fluoridation chemicals.

In regard to the use of fluosilicic acid as a source of fluoride for fluoridation, this Agency regards such use as an ideal environmental solution to a long-standing problem. By recovering by-product fluosilicic acid from fertilizer manufacturing, water and air pollution are minimized, and water utilities have a low-cost source of fluoride available to them. I hope this information adequately responds to your concern.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca Hanmer
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water

Enclosure