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To: Ohio Community Water System: Please circulate to all water plant personnel

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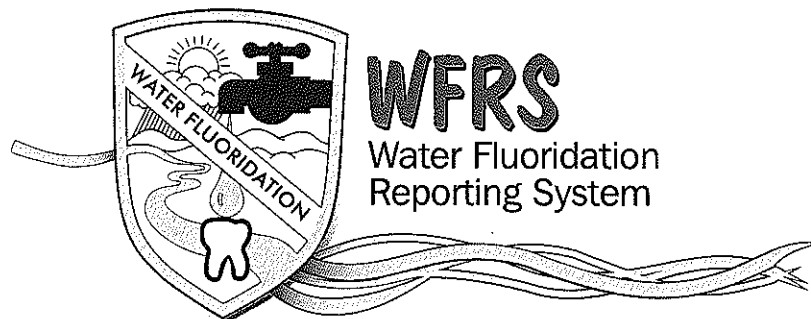
The Ohio Department of Health is pleased to provide you with the enclosed certificate. Your community water system has been awarded a **Water Fluoridation Quality Award** from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Fluoridation is the adjustment of fluoride in the water to a level that is optimal for preventing tooth decay. The award recognizes those community water systems that have maintained a consistent level of optimally fluoridated water for the 2014 calendar year. The criteria for qualifying for this award are as follows:

1. Average monthly fluoride levels were maintained between 0.8 and 1.3mg/L or ppm
2. A sufficient number of water samples were found within range. In Ohio, that means no more than three (3) times per month can the level be below or above the required range of 0.8 - 1.3mg/L or ppm.
3. A sufficient number of samples were taken. In Ohio that means daily testing at the plant tap.

Community water fluoridation is recognized by CDC as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century. Ninety-two percent of Ohioans served by public water systems are enjoying the benefits of fluoridated water. CDC and the Ohio Department of Health recommend water fluoridation as an effective and safe method of preventing tooth decay in people of all ages. In addition, fluoridating a community's water supplies is one of the most cost-effective public health measures—every \$1 invested in fluoridation saves approximately \$38 in costs for dental treatment.

The Ohio Department of Health maintains its strong endorsement for fluoridating community water supplies and stresses that this preventive measure is the single most important step a community can take to improve the dental health of its citizens. Congratulations for consistently maintaining optimal fluoride levels in your water system and thus improving the oral health of the residents of your community.

If multiple certificates are enclosed, they are for other plants in your water system. Please distribute the certificate(s) to the appropriate location. Thank you.



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Water Fluoridation Quality Award

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention commends this water system for its consistent and professional adjustment of the water fluoride content to the optimum level for oral health for 12 consistent months. Consistent, high-quality water fluoridation practice, as demonstrated by this water system, is a safe and effective method to prevent tooth decay, improving the oral health of community residents of all ages.

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