



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

DRINKING WATER SECTION

TO: Public Water Systems that Fluoridate in Connecticut

FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Services Manager
Drinking Water Section

DATE: January 24, 2011

RE: Fluoridation – HHS/CDC announcement and
CT Laws for adjusted water fluoridation

On Friday, January 7, 2011, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS/CDC) announced a proposed recommendation to lower the level of fluoride for adjusted fluoridation. The announcement does not constitute a final decision to revise the level for adjusted water fluoridation. HHS is requesting public comment over the next thirty days. HHS/CDC's final recommendation for community water fluoridation is projected to be released in the spring of 2011.

Our department is reviewing this proposal and intends to comment to HHS. If you have any comments that you would like to share with us, please email these to my attention at lori.mathieu@ct.gov.

Connecticut's current law concerning fluoridation includes requirements under both Connecticut General Statute Section 19a-38 and Regulation of CT State Agencies Section 19-13-B102(e)(7)(L). These laws require public water systems that serve over 20,000 or more persons to maintain fluoride levels between 0.8 mg/l to 1.2 mg/l. Please see the attached Fluoride Fact Sheet for more detailed information. This Fact Sheet can also be found on our web-site: www.ct.gov/dph/publicdrinkingwater

We will notify all fluoridating public water systems when or if any change is contemplated. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me directly to discuss at 860-509-7333 or by email as noted above.

Thank you.

CC: Local Health Directors