

From: [Deming, Amy](#)
To: [Water Utility Board](#)
Subject: FW: Fluoride in toothpaste warning
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:09:30 AM

From: Rummel, Marsha <district6@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Deming, Amy <ADeming@madisonwater.org>
Subject: FW: Fluoride in toothpaste warning

Please add to the legislative record.

Marsha Rummel
District 6 Alder
City of Madison

You can fill out the census from home. Everyone living in your household should be counted. Census data determines how more than \$675 billion in federal funds are distributed to communities across the country for affordable housing, childcare, healthcare, education, transportation, and more. That's over \$2,000 per person for Madison and Dane County every year. Please remind friends and family to be counted. By law your answers are confidential. Respond online at my2020census.gov, by [phone](#), or by [mail](#)—without having to meet a census taker.

From: [Jon standridge](#)
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 11:38 AM
To: [Rummel, Marsha](#)
Subject: Re: Fluoride in toothpaste warning

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Sure, you can forward this. I have not done any research on the social implications of how this issue affects underserved, immigrant and minority communities. These communities need to be included in the discussion. It would be very easy to have white privilege or racism get in the way of making a good decision. Everyone must keep in mind that while fluoride clearly prevents cavities, we need to decide, from a public health perspective, if delivering the chemical in drinking water is the best method. The Madison Water Utility has a long track record of excellence in owning the public health aspects of providing public water. I am glad to see the current Board is continuing this tradition.

Sent from Jon's iPhone

> On Aug 23, 2020, at 9:16 AM, Rummel, Marsha <district6@cityofmadison.com> wrote:
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> Hi Jon-
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> Thank you for reaching out. Would you be willing to send comments to the Board or can I share your email?

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> Marsha

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Aug 23, 2020, at 8:04 AM, Jon standridge <jonstandridge66@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> Marsha,

>> As former president of the Water Board, I like you, spent time looking at the fluoride in water issue. Take a look at the warning on a tube of toothpaste. It instructs you that if more than a therapeutic dose is swallowed, you should contact the poison control center. The therapeutic dose is a pea sized portion. This warning is due to the known toxicity of fluoride. Fluoride while toxic in other ways, clearly prevents tooth decay. Given all the other possible ways to get fluoride to kids, maybe water isn't the best. But if you do eliminate it from water, you need to start some other public health program to replace it.

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>> We worry about the other fluorinated compound in water (pfas) at the part per trillion level. Yet, we knowingly add Fluoride at levels 100,000 times higher.

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>> My Madison raised kids got fluoride applied by the dentist, Fluoride in toothpaste and fluoride in the tap water. My oldest daughter ended up with brown spots on her front teeth, a common dental issue from being over fluoridated.

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>> This is a tough issue. Wishing you and the Board good luck in working through it.

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>> Sent from Jon's iPhone

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