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Attachments: [Draft Water Utility Board Fluoridation Policy 2014.pdf](#)

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To the members of the Madison Water Utility Board:

Re: 61861 Reviewing the Water Utility Board's Water Fluoridation Policy (GUIDE 4)

I would like to know if those on your Board who will vote in favor of continuing 75 years of water fluoridation, drink fluoridated water yourself, either from the MWU or from fluoridated spring water that some companies sell.

Public Health Madison & Dane County: Policy Statement - Fluoridation of Public Drinking Water, Updated 21 August 2020:

"Careful review of the scientific literature and consultation with local and national experts has identified no evidence for adverse health impacts associated with water fluoridation at recommended levels. This fact and the continued high prevalence of dental caries and associated pain, expense and potentially serious medical consequences make the continuation and expansion of well controlled drinking water fluoridation a public health necessity in Dane County."

According to the last paragraph of your Policy Statement there is a "continued high prevalence of dental caries" in our community. If this is true then it demonstrates that your 75 of fluoridating the water has been very ineffective and should be stopped. Doing the same thing again and again and expecting a different result is stupid. Now that I think of it, fluoridation makes for stupid people, so it is all consistent with that fact.

I also want to know if the MWU will continue to leave the residents of this County in the dark about the negative side of effects of water fluoridation. According to the Draft Water Utility Board Fluoridation Policy 2014, that I have attached, the MWU has deliberately kept that information from the public. It crossed out the policy statement from 2009 in 2014. In 2009 it wrote:

"The Board does not recommend by the Madison Water Utility or Public Health Madison and Dane County the issuance of health warnings to the general or special populations when fluoride levels are maintained at the recommended levels. The Board supports the Madison Water Utility's public notification guidelines detailed in its standard operating procedures for fluoridation. These guidelines currently require notification whenever fluoride is detected in the distribution system at a level above 4 parts per million or if the running annual average at any entry point exceeds 2 parts per million."

So in 2014 it didn't even mention that it was hiding that information from the public, even though it knew there were issues back at least from 2009.

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Water Utility Board Procedural Guideline			
Title:	GUIDE 4 - Water Utility Board of Health for Madison and Dane County Fluoridation Policy (Resolution # 2009-22)		
Policy Number:	Relates to EL - 2A	Adopted:	Dec 17, 2009
Category:	Procedural Guideline	Revision #/Date:	<u>1/</u>

The benefits and safety of community water fluoridation are endorsed by Public Health Madison and Dane County, the American Water Works Association (AWWA), World Health Organization (WHO), American Medical Association (AMA), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Dental Association (ADA), and other professional organizations in the medical community.

The Madison Water Utility Board supports water fluoridation in a responsible, effective, and reliable manner. This includes monitoring and control of fluoride levels to meet the target levels recommended by Public Health Madison and Dane County and to comply with all applicable state and/or federal laws.

The Water Utility Board is committed to regular reviews of the most current research on fluoride. At minimum, the board will review its fluoridation policy every ten years.

~~The Board of Health Madison and Dane County, based on the review of the body of accepted scientific research and conclusions by national and international bodies charged with ensuring and advancing public health and safety, and staff analysis of the safety and effectiveness of fluoridating the public water supply to promote dental health, adopts the policy developed by Public Health Madison and Dane County (dated). The Board further directs a review and report to the Board every five years to make necessary changes or re-affirm the policy.~~

~~The Board further directs the Madison Water Utility to add, control and monitor fluoride in the public water supply within the US Environmental Protection Association recommended range of 0.7—1.2 parts per million to maintain optimum levels for dental health.~~

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