



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF  
WATER

Mr. Bill Osmunson  
President  
Washington Action for Safe Water  
1418 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue, N.E.  
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request HQ-FOI-01418-10

Dear Mr. Osmunson:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request of June 14, 2010. I wish to advise you that the Office of Water has no records responsive to your request. This is not a denial.

You may appeal this no records response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), FAX: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov). Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the FOI listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

The Safe Drinking Water Act prohibits the deliberate addition of any substance to drinking water for health-related purposes other than disinfection of the water. Decisions on whether or not to fluoridate drinking water are made at a state or local level and are not in violation of the EPA Maximum Contaminant Level for fluoride (4 mg/L). The certification of fluoridation chemicals for use in National Public Drinking Water Systems is conducted by independent organizations accredited by the American

National Standards Institute (ANSI) to certify drinking water additives against NSF International Standards/ANSI Standard 60: Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals: Health Effects. The states require that the chemicals used by drinking water treatment facilities be certified against Standard 60. These requirements are independent of the U.S. EPA .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. Behl", followed by a date "6/30/2010".

6/30/2010

Elizabeth Behl, Acting Chief  
Health and Ecological Criteria Division  
Office of Science and Technology



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention (CDC)  
Atlanta GA 30333

June 16, 2010

Bill Osmunson  
1418 112th Ave NE  
Bellevue, WA 98004

Dear Mr. Osmunson:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of June 15, 2010.

Your Freedom of Information Act request has been received by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and will be sent to the area(s) which may have pertinent records. Program officials will initiate a search, and we will provide a copy of all releasable agency records as quickly as possible. The cut-off date for your request will be the date the search for responsive records is initiated by program staff. All requests are handled on a first-in, first-out basis.

We will address your request for a fee waiver when we ascertain from program staff that the cost of the billable FOIA services will exceed the Agency's threshold.

Your request has been assigned #10-00870-FOIA. You may check on the status of your case by going to our FOIA webpage at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/od/foiastatus> and entering this number. The fiscal year is the first two numbers and the request ID is the second set of numbers.

Sincerely,

Freedom of Information Act Office  
Office of the Chief Information Officer  
(404) 498-1580  
Fax line (404) 498-1575

Re: water fluoridation