

PUBLIC NOTICE
IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR DRINKING WATER

East Dunkard Water Authority has submitted a permit to the Department of Environmental Resources to DISCONTINUE the use of fluoride boosting chemicals in your drinking water. This notice is not related to any drinking water violations.

East Dunkard Water Authority currently adds a chemical to your drinking water to increase the concentrations of fluoride present.

Research states that public water systems are not required to add fluoride to the drinking water. Once fluoride is put in the water it is impossible to control the dose each individual receives because people drink different amounts of water. The fluoride goes to everyone regardless of age, health or vulnerability. Fluoridated water is not the only way people are exposed to fluoride. Other sources of fluoride include food and beverages processed with fluoridated water, fluoridated dental products. It is now widely acknowledged that exposure to non-water sources of fluoride has significantly increased since the water fluoridation program first began (NRC 2006). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has now acknowledged that the fluoride's benefits are mainly topical, not systemic. There is no need whatsoever, therefore to swallow fluoride to protect teeth. Since the purported benefit of fluoride is topical and the risks are systemic, it makes more sense to deliver the fluoride directly to the tooth in the form of toothpaste. Since swallowing fluoride is unnecessary, and potentially dangerous, there is no justification for forcing people against their will to ingest fluoride through their water supply.

Fluoride is used as an additive in certain drinking water systems to aid in dental health. This notice is to make you aware of this change. If you have specific health concerns, please consult your doctor or dentist.

We will inform our customers of the official date of discontinuing the fluoride. We will also notify local dentists in our area of this information.

For more information, please contact Plant Manager; Jim Holbert
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