

Links to Access Key Documents On Community Water Fluoridation

April 2013 – Dr. Regina Benjamin, the U.S. surgeon general, issued this public statement in support of water fluoridation. The statement coincided with the convening of the annual National Oral Health Conference in Alabama.

<http://www.ilikemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Dr-Benjamin-CWF-Statement-2013.pdf>

April 2013 – Dr. Louis Sullivan, the former secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (1989-1993), gave a speech at the Campaign for Dental Health's meeting in Washington, D.C. This is a transcript of his remarks voicing strong support for community water fluoridation.

<http://www.ilikemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Dr-Sullivan-CDH-Speech-April-2013.pdf>

April 2013 – This PDF provides brief statements from five U.S. Surgeons General — including Dr. Regina Benjamin, the current SG — who express their support for community water fluoridation. Photos of most of the SGs are displayed.

<http://www.ilikemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Surgeons-General-CWF.pdf>

April 2013 – The deans (3) of the Harvard medical school, dental school and School of Public Health co-wrote this letter expressing their strong support for community water fluoridation. The deans wrote that fluoridation is “a safe and effective public health measure,” and they add: “Fluoridation has made an enormous impact on improving the oral health of the American people.”

<http://www.ilikemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Harvard-Letter-3-Deans-March-2013.pdf>

March 2013 – The deans (2) of the Harvard medical and dental schools co-wrote this letter voicing their enthusiastic support for community water fluoridation. The deans wrote that numerous studies “have consistently demonstrated that community water fluoridation is safe, effective, and practical.”

<http://www.ilikemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Harvard-Med-Dental-School-Deans-March-2013.pdf>

March 2013 – Dr. John Doull chaired the National Research Council committee on fluoride in water. This email states that he does not see “any valid scientific reason for fearing adverse health conditions” from drinking optimal water fluoridation.

<http://www.ilikemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Doull-Email-on-CWF-March-2013.pdf>

November 2012 – The National Black Caucus of State Legislators adopted this resolution, declaring that the organization “recognizes the importance of community water fluoridation as a safe, cost-effective public health intervention proven to prevent tooth decay and reduce oral health disparities.”

<http://www.ilikemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/NBCSL-Resolution-on-Fluoridation-2012.pdf>

October 2012 – The Irish Expert Body on Fluorides and Health (IEBFH) issued this analysis soon after a fluoridation critic named Declan Waugh circulated a report critical of this public health practice. In its analysis, the IEBFH stated that Waugh's analysis was flawed and added: “The Expert Body is satisfied having studied current peer reviewed scientific evidence worldwide that water fluoridation causes no ill effects to the health of adults or children.”

<http://www.ilikemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Irish-Expert-Body-on-Waugh-2012.pdf>

2012 – This year, the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) produced the 2nd edition of its “Oral Health Guide” and voices support for fluoridation. On page 6, the Guide explores the activities of anti-fluoride groups and notes that opponents “often contain outdated and misinterpreted studies and statements.”

<http://www.ilikemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/NALBOH-Oral-Health-Guide-2012.pdf>

2012 – This report by the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center offers a consensus statement for pregnant women. The report—produced with the cooperation of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists—makes this recommendation to pregnant women (page 10): “Drink water throughout the day ... Drink fluoridated water (via a community fluoridated water source), or, if you prefer bottled water, drink water that contains fluoride.”

<http://www.ilikemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Pregnant-Women-ACOG-Recommend-2012.pdf>

September 2011 – Dr. Raymond Gist, the first African-American president of the ADA, speaks to the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus about the importance of water fluoridation and dispels myths about this issue. He also clarifies what fluorosis is.

<http://www.ilikemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Dr-Gist-Speech-in-GA-2011.pdf>

2010 – Researchers conducted a study of risk factors for dental decay among Nevada teenagers and published this article in the journal *BMC Oral Health*. They concluded, “Participants living in areas without community water fluoridation in Nevada were almost 2 times more likely to [have] higher DMFT (decayed, missing and filled teeth) indices.” The article also notes, “The benefits of water fluoridation are proportionally higher for people who do not have regular access to other sources of fluoride.”

<http://www.ilikemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Nevada-Teens-2010-Decay-Prevalence.pdf>

April 2005 – John Carroll, an expert in freshwater science, wrote this letter to a local newspaper in Oregon, explaining why there is no scientific evidence to support claims that fluoridated water (discharged into local rivers or streams) would harm fish or aquatic life.

<http://www.ilikemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Water-Expert-Letter-Fish-Impact-2005.pdf>