

Dear City Leader,

We as citizens of this community are hereby putting you on notice that the addition of water fluoridation chemicals to our municipal drinking water poses a clear and immediate danger to our children.

We can state this with certainty because after decades of controversy over the safety of water fluoridation and a recently concluded 7-year legal battle brought by citizen groups against the Environmental Protection Agency, a federal judge has ruled that water fluoridation at the level currently considered optimal in the United States poses an unreasonable risk to the health of children.

In a detailed 80-page ruling which reviewed all the available peer reviewed studies on the subject and heard weeks of testimony from expert witnesses from both sides, Senior Federal Judge Edward Chen wrote: **“The Court finds that fluoridation of water at 0.7 milligrams per liter, the level presently considered ‘optimal’ in the United States, poses an unreasonable risk of reduced IQ in children. The Court finds there is an unreasonable risk of such injury, a risk sufficient to require the EPA to engage with a regulatory response.”** The Court also held that, **“In all, there is substantial and scientifically credible evidence establishing that fluoride poses a risk to human health; it is associated with a reduction in the IQ of children and is hazardous at dosages that are far too close to fluoride levels in the drinking water of the United States.”**

The Judge then ordered the EPA to commence rulemaking proceedings and the EPA is required to mitigate the now known risk. The way to mitigate the risk is to not let communities buy the toxic chemicals or add the chemicals for the purposes of “medicating” their populations.

Now that we know with certainty that there is a clear and present danger to our children from ingesting fluoridated water, we demand that the municipality act immediately to protect our children from harm by ending the practice of adding fluoridation chemicals to our water supply.

The Federal Judge’s decision is here for your reference and excerpts follow. We shall expect a prompt response to this letter.

Thank you!

Excerpts from the Federal ruling

The Court's ruling is 80 pages in total, and extremely detailed and thorough. Here are some excerpts from the FEDERAL ruling.

p. 2: the Court finds that fluoridation of water at 0.7 milligrams per liter (“mg/L”) – the level presently considered “optimal” in the United States – poses an unreasonable risk of reduced IQ in children.

p.2: "This order does not dictate precisely what that response must be. Amended TSCA leaves that decision in the first instance to the EPA. **One thing the EPA cannot do, however, in the face of this Court’s finding, is to ignore that risk.**"

Pg 6. Lines 13-16 *“In all, there is substantial and scientifically credible evidence establishing that fluoride poses a risk to human health; it is associated with a reduction in the IQ of children and is hazardous at dosages that are far too close to fluoride levels in the drinking water of the United States.”*

Pg 6. Lines 23-26 *“Thus, the Court finds Plaintiffs have met their burden in establishing, by a preponderance of the evidence, that community water fluoridation at 0.7 mg/L presents an unreasonable risk of injury to health under Amended TSCA and that the EPA is thus obliged to take regulatory action in response.”*

Pg 15. Lines 7-10 *“Key finding
The hazard identification step of the hazard assessment here is satisfied; exposure to the chemical fluoride is associated with the adverse effect of reduced IQ in children, and particularly in boys.”*

p. 77: **The scientific literature in the record provides a high level of certainty that a hazard is present;** fluoride is associated with reduced IQ. There are uncertainties presented by the underlying data regarding the appropriate point of departure and exposure level to utilize in this risk evaluation. But those uncertainties do not undermine the finding of an unreasonable risk; **in every scenario utilizing any of the various possible points of departures, exposure levels and metrics, a risk is present in view of the applicable uncertainty factors that apply.**

p. 78: **There is significant *certainty* in the data set regarding the association between fluoride and reduced IQ. Namely, there is a robust body of evidence finding a statistically significant adverse association between fluoride and IQ.**

p. 76: **The size of the affected population is vast.** Approximately 200 million Americans have fluoride intentionally added to their drinking water at a concentration of 0.7 mg/L. See Dkt. No. 421 at 206-07 (undisputed). Other Americans are indirectly

exposed to fluoridated water through consumption of commercial beverages and food manufactured with fluoridated water

p. 76: Approximately two million pregnant women, and over 300,000 exclusively formula-fed babies are exposed to fluoridated water. **The number of pregnant women and formula-fed babies alone who are exposed to water fluoridation each year exceeds entire populations exposed to conditions of use for which EPA has found unreasonable risk**; the EPA has found risks unreasonable where the population impacted was less than 500 people.

IV. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

121. Plaintiffs have proven, by a preponderance of the evidence, that water fluoridation at the level of 0.7 mg/L – the prescribed optimal level of fluoridation in the United States – presents an “unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment, without consideration of costs or other non-risk factors, including an unreasonable risk to a potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulation under the conditions of use.” 15 U.S.C. § 2620(b)(4)(B)(ii).

122. The Court thus orders the Administrator to initiate rulemaking pursuant to Subsection 6(a) of TSCA. *See id.* §§ 2605(a), 2620(a)

The Clerk of Court is directed to enter judgment in Plaintiffs’ favor.

IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: September 24, 2024