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To: Water Operators of Fluoridating Public Water Systems

From: Lynn Ann Bethel, RDH, MPH
Director, Office of Oral Health

Re: Current recommendations for adjusted water fluoridation in Massachusetts

On Friday, January 7, 2011, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS/CDC) announced a proposed recommendation to lower the level of fluoride for adjusted fluoridation. The announcement does not constitute a final decision to revise the recommended level for adjusted water fluoridation. HHS is requesting public comment over the next thirty days. HHS/CDC's final recommendation for community water fluoridation is projected to be released in the spring of 2011.

The Department of Public Health follows HHS/CDC recommendations in regard to the recommended level for adjusted water fluoridation; and at this time, the recommended level for all Massachusetts' fluoridating public water systems is 0.9ppm to 1.2ppm.

We will notify all fluoridating public water systems when a final decision is made and what the most up-to-date recommendation is. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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