



Statement on LCWSD's Continued Support for Fluoridation

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There is a great deal of science supporting the benefits of fluoridation. Fluoride has been proven to be beneficial to the dental health of our entire community, regardless of age, location, or income. LCWSD uses a proven safe and effective form of fluoride. It meets the standards set by the American Water Works Association, the National Sanitation Foundation, and the American National Standards Institute. Fluoridation at proven-safe levels continues to be strongly supported by the CDC and the American Dental Association. The South Carolina Department of Public Health (SC DPH) also supports fluoridation, as detailed on its fluoridation webpage: [Fluoridation | South Carolina Department of Public Health](#)

In September 2024, a decision by a US District Court in California required the EPA to review its fluoride guidance. While the judge's decision did not change federal regulations or require water utilities to change their fluoridation practices because it did not find that fluoride was injurious to public health, it was appealed by the EPA.

In May of this year, the judge's decision was overturned. The appeals court found the judge had "abused his discretion" when it came to the evidence in the case. <https://www.courthousenews.com/ninth-circuit-revokes-commandeering-judges-fluoride-ruling/>.

Since May, the EPA has stated it will continue with its review of its fluoridation guidance. LCWSD will continue its fluoridation and will review the EPA's new guidance along with our state regulators when it is presented.

Fluoridation FACTS

On average, communities with water fluoridation experience...

25% FEWER CAVITIES Less pain. Fewer fillings. Fewer teeth pulled.	2000% Return on investment. Saves communities \$\$\$. Saves families \$\$\$.
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