



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](#)

The 9/24/24 fluoride decision by the US District Court of the Northern District of California is currently on appeal. The EPA has not issued any new regulation(s) on fluoride. The judge's decision did not change federal regulations or cover water utilities. Utilities using fluoride remain fully compliant with all federal and state drinking water standards. LCWSD will continue to review the Court's decision and the appeal, as well as any responses made by the EPA and South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES), before determining if it will make a change in its fluoridation.

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 \$\$\$.

TOP 10 PUBLIC HEALTH ACHIEVEMENT OF THE 20TH CENTURY

Endorsed by...

- CDC
- dhec
- ADA American Dental Association