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Fluoride Chemicals Leach Toxic Lead into Drinking Water

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In the wake of the horror of the disaster taking place in Flint, Michigan, I feel compelled to write about my personal experience fighting against the irresponsible management of our Albuquerque water supply. It's important to know that critical decisions are being made on our behalf, without our knowledge nor consent; that prove very hazardous to our health and, as in the case of Flint, Michigan, prove to be potentially deadly.

My experience with fighting toxic drinking water decisions occurred on April 23rd, 2014, when "The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority board avoided voting on a resolution that would have required the utility to add fluoride to the water supply..." (April 24, 2014 *Albuquerque Journal*, by Olivier Utterbrouck).

I played a role in this ruling against fluoridating Albuquerque's water supply. I had spoken before to the Water Board—twice in April 2014 regarding water fluoridation, providing them research information that well-demonstrated both the lack of effectiveness of water fluoridation as a decay preventative, as well as the deleterious effects of fluoridating

drinking water. Additionally, I challenged the Water Board to provide certification from the fluoride additive manufacturer as to the safety and effectiveness of adding fluoride to the water supply. I also stated that without such evidence, the liability insurance carrier for the city of Albuquerque will want to know who is to be held accountable. If the fluoride supplier will not be accountable, then is the FDA, the EPA, or the CDC accountable? No. Water safety issues are local decisions made by the Water Board. I concluded by stating that it was the duty of the Water Board to protect and inform the public, and represent the will of the people.

Anti-fluoridation is an important timely discussion now, in light of the recent disaster in Flint, Michigan. Anyone paying attention to the news is aware that there has been a massive lead exposure from the leaching of leaded solder joints and pipes in Flint's plumbing, after the water supply was switched from the Detroit River to the Flint River (a much more polluted and corrosive inland water supply). A combination of chloramines (chlorine and ammonia, a water disinfectant) and fluorosilicic acid (the fluoride chemical used by over 91% of U.S. fluoridating communities) leaches lead from meters, solder, and plumbing systems. Richard P. Maas, PhD, of the Environmental Quality Institute states that tests have demonstrated that lead levels are three and four times higher in water treated with chloramines and fluorosilicic acid.

Studies have demonstrated a link between water fluoridation and elevated blood lead in children. "No amount of lead is safe for a young child's developing brain," says Paul Connett, PhD, professor of Environmental Chemistry and Toxicology. "If this new data is confirmed, it will further underscore the negligence of U.S. authorities using fluorosilicic acid as a fluoridating agent, in the absence of any research establishing the safety of this particular fluoride chemical. It really doesn't make any sense to ingest fluoride chemicals. Fluoridation is an outdated concept, wastes money, jeopardizes health and should be stopped everywhere," says Dr. Connet.

The general public doesn't get to vote on such very important health issues as the source and quality of our drinking and cooking water for you and your family, which reflects a major lack of informed consent. You can, however, contact the Albuquerque Water Authority Governing Board members at www.abcwua.org, in order to let them know how you feel about having fluoride added to Albuquerque's drinking water. Don't wait until this subject comes up again for a vote!

Fluoridation makes no health sense, and I will fight to help keep the public safe from this toxin, and continue to provide mercury free dentistry. Please call my office if I can be of assistance to you. 505-299-6950, www.drwolfe.com

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