From: **CDC** <removed>

Date: Thu, Jul 15, 2021 at 8:38 PM

Subject: RE: Your Inquiry Regarding Community Water Fluoridation

To: pconnett@gmail.com

## Dear Dr. Connett:

Thank you for your letter dated June 23, 2021, and your offer to meet with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to present findings from the latest analyses regarding the safety of community water fluoridation.

At this time, CDC remains at the forefront of the federal government's efforts to control the spread of COVID-19, with thousands of personnel volunteering to support the pandemic response. I am currently serving in the Emergency Operations Center and unavailable to meet with you. I will be in contact with you following my deployment.

As the nation's public health agency, CDC places primary emphasis on scientific evidence for developing policies, guidelines, and recommendations, which includes a commitment to transparency, honesty, and thorough consideration of research outcomes.

I appreciate your interest and your understanding for the delay as the agency works to mitigate the impact of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Karen Hacker, MD, MPH Director, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion