

information in a community before final consideration is asked is also necessary.

The next question: Should a community which does not have a successful record of operation of chlorination equipment be refused permission to fluoridate the municipal water supply? As a policy, fluoridation should not be used as a lever to force chlorination. In certain instances, if it is convenient and logical, it should be useful to aid in improving the standards of operations.

What precautions should be taken to prevent damage suits following fluoridation? Where the procedure is generally recognized as acceptable and desirable and in the public interest, and where the state board of health has approved the use of this procedure, the only way in which liability for damage could arise would be where the operation was conducted in a negligent manner or without complying with the state board of health regulations.

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