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Pare Calls on EPA To Get Back to the Basics — Science!

In testimony before the E.P.A.'s Office of Drinking Water on December 18 in Washington, D.C., C.H.A.'s Susan Pare pointed out the blatant misinformation and lack of respect for scientific objectivity in the E.P.A.'s document and the Federal Register pertaining to the safe level for fluoride in drinking water. Quoting Mr. Ruckelshaus, former E.P.A. Administrator, Pare said. "We (E.P.A.) must take great pains not to mislead the public regarding the risks to their health." "That is exactly what E.P.A. is doing — giving people the perception of safety with fluoride," said Pare.

According to her statement, the Surgeon General's "Blue Ribbon" Panel on the Non-Dental Health Effects of Fluoride also had many questions about fluoride's ability to harm health. She said, "It looks like the Panel's conclusions were rewritten creatively to make it seem like the Panel's conclusion agreed with the E.P.A.'s four part per million proposal for fluoride." Based on the Panel's transcript, they did view dental mottling as an adverse health effect and did have serious reservations about the bone changes caused by fluoride. At one point, one panel member spoke of the painful joints now being discovered in young diabetics even in low fluoride areas.

Representing C.H.A.'s thousands of supporters, Pare said that they are asking for Congressional Hearings to be held on E.P.A.'s scientific bungling of the fluoride level and to establish an unbiased, non-political Panel of Inquiry to evaluate the data on the basis of science alone, and not in response to political or policy implications. (See Actiongram — page five)

Petition Filed to Stop Rise In Fluoride Contaminant Level

Attorney Jacqueline Warren of the Natural Resources Defense Council filed a petition in the U.S. Appeals Court in the District of Columbia to asking for a review of the regulations issued by the Environmental Protection Agency on the Recommended Contaminant Level of fluoride.

The E.P.A. has raised the "health goal" for fluoride to 4 ppm which means that at that level they are telling us there will be no "known or anticipated adverse health effects." In their final ruling for fluoride at four parts per million, E.P.A. is knowlingly allowing a level of fluoride in the water which will cause dental mottling, incipient osteosclerosis, and other adverse bone changes, as well as put thousands in the population at increased risk due to their health conditions — diabetics and kidney impaired.

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