**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

Este informe contiene inforacion muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradu’zcalo o hable con alguien bien. (PN2)

**[SECOND PUBLIC NOTICE]**

**BEAT III GREENE COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION’S GOVERING BOARD HAS**

**VOTED TO STOP ADDING FLUORIDE TO ITS DRINKING WATER**

As of November 20, 2017, Beat III Greene County Water System will no longer add fluoride to the drinking water system. This action follows a previous public notice given to you to inform you of the Board’s proposed decision. As this decision will impact your oral health, as customers, you should know the following facts:

**While Community Water Fluoridation helps to prevent tooth decay and saves money for families and the healthcare system, this public water will lose:**

* The benefits of fluoride that are well documented and have been reviewed comprehensively by several scientific and public health organizations.
* An effective public health strategy for delivering fluoride to prevent tooth decay and a cost- effective way to reach the entire community.
* The essential method for the prevention of dental decay that helps all age groups.
* The prevention of tooth decay that treatment process of water fluoridation provides consistently. With fluoride, tooth decay is reduced by about 25% in children and adults.
* The $38 in potential savings for every dollar spent on community water fluoridation.

**In Response to the Loss of Water Fluoridation in your Community, you should:**

* Consult with your dentist, regarding this change with your water supply. They may propose additional supplements and suggest different treatment schedules. If you have children (starting at 6 months of age), their dentist may have alternative treatment suggestion to ensure the proper development of teeth as they grow. Be sure to talk to your dentist about in-office fluoride applications or dietary supplements.

To find a dentist in your community, please call 601-576-7500 (Mississippi State Department of Health-Office of Oral Health).

If you have questions about Community Water Fluoridation, please contact any of the following:

○ MSDH Office of Oral Health at 601.576.7500

○ Your Local Family dentist

○ [www.ILikeMyTeeth.org](http://www.ILikeMyTeeth.org) or [www.cdc.gov/fluoridation](http://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation) or [www.healthyms.com/fluoride](http://www.healthyms.com/fluoride)

If you have questions about the reason(s) as to why your water system officials chose to discontinue this public health practice, please contact this office at 601-989-2850.