

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua potable.

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BEAT III GREENE COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION HAS PROPOSED TO STOP ADDING FLUORIDE TO ITS DRINKING WATER

The Officials of Beat III Greene County Water Association are proposing to stop adding fluoride to your drinking water. As the customers of this public water supply; the following are facts which should be taken into consideration if this decision were to be moved forward.

- The safety and benefits of water fluoridation that are well documented and have been reviewed comprehensively by several scientific and public health organizations will no longer be available through your drinking water system.
- Community water fluoridation remains an effective public health strategy for delivering fluoride to prevent tooth decay and is the most cost-effective way to reach entire communities regardless of socioeconomic status.
- People in the United States are living longer and retaining more of their natural teeth than ever before. As the older population in America grows, and as more people keep their natural teeth for longer periods of time, dental decay may remain a significant health problem. Therefore, water fluoridation is an essential prevention method for all age groups.
- Water fluoridation reduces tooth decay by about 25% in children and adults.
- For every dollar spent on community water fluoridation, \$38 is saved and health and dental care cost.

The following are reasons as to why your public water systems governing board is proposing to discontinue community water fluoridation:

- "By not adding fluoride to Beat III Greene County Water System our customers have the option to use fluoride or not to use fluoride.
- Fluoride is available and many other ways (toothpaste, mouthwash, sports drinks, floss, and tablets).
- Chlorine added to water at the proper range kills the bacteria in the water.
- Lime added to water raises the waters pH.
- Fluoride added to the water doesn't do anything for the water.

If you have questions about community water fluoridation, please contact any of the following:

- The State Health Department at 601-576-7500.
- Your local family dentist, and/or www.ILikeMyTheeth.org or www.cdc.gov/fluoridation

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

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