



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY
AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

Michael Connett
Fluoride Action Network
3454 Vinton Avenue
Los Angeles, Calif. 90034

Dear Mr. Connett:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed its review of the petition you filed on November 23, 2016, on behalf of the Fluoride Action network and other parties identified in your petition, under section 21 of the Toxic Substances Control Act, requesting that the agency "exercise its authority under Section 6 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. 2605(a)(2), to prohibit the purposeful addition of fluoridation chemicals to U.S. water supplies."

Based on this review and careful consideration of your request, the EPA is denying the petition. The reasons for the agency's denial are set out in the enclosed, pre-publication copy of the notice, which will be published in the Federal Register announcing the EPA's decision.

You have the right to appeal this denial by commencing a civil action in a U.S. district court to compel initiation of the requested rulemaking proceeding within 60 days of the date of this denial letter. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Julie Shannon of my staff at shannon.julie@epa.gov or 202-564-8834.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy C. Hamnett".

Wendy Cleland-Hamnett
Acting Assistant Administrator

Enclosure