



January 2, 2014

Hi everyone,

**There are two time sensitive items that need your immediate attention.**

### **First - The Great FAN Poster Competition**

From the Fluoride Action Network Newsletter, December 31, 2014:

What a creative bunch of people we have among our supporters. As you may remember Ellen asked for people to submit posters to our **poster competition**. We have had some wonderfully creative entries. Individually they are great; collectively they are stupendous. We will be up against a wall of money in 2015 and art and creativity like this is what will steer us through. You can [see the posters here](#).

Please choose your top three in order and send your selection to [Ellen@FluorideAlert.org](mailto:Ellen@FluorideAlert.org) by **midnight Jan 5**. Please consider how FAN can best deploy these posters and/or billboards.

At the link to the posters you'll see the submission from our very own Fluoride Free Lethbridge artist, **William Woeger**. His poster is simple, easy to understand, and colorful.

Here are some comments from others about William's entry:

*Generally speaking, I prefer more simplistic drawings to capture a sentiment.*

*I find William's drawings give you more than something to think about, they also invoke feelings, which I think can provoke someone to action better than something that just makes you think.*

*Dena*

*What I like about William's art is that it pictures the true reality of what is happening and who is being affected by the poison of fluoride. I don't see it as harsh but a wake up call to reality. What is harsh is that fluoride is even allowed and promoted for use throughout the world and killing many.*

*Diana*

*I was impressed and even affected by William's picture, so I voted just for him. It looks vintage, as proving for how long they are poisoning generations of people, starting with newborns or even in the womb...this is not just about teeth...so the picture carries a just and important message!*

*At the same time, I think Will's picture is the only one drawn by hand without computer's interventions... I appreciate it a lot!*

*Marina*

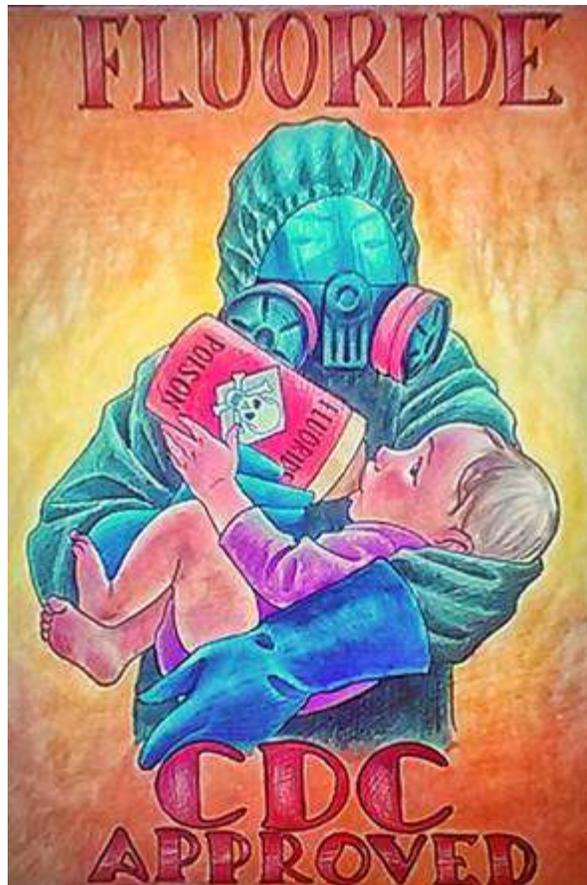
*I voted for William as #1. The poster says it all in just three words with a picture that needs no words to explain it; look at the garish colors depicting the poison we're ingesting.*

*Eric C.*

*Another thing I appreciate about William's poster is that one needn't stand there to read for long to get a message, even if only subliminally. Well suited for a T-shirt, but good anywhere. Truth hurts; the world hates it, and will do anything to suppress its expression. Time there were those willing to speak and live the truth, testifying against the niceness, diplomacy and social conventions of the world realm of death and hell?*

*Victor*

Please send your selection to [Ellen@FluorideAlert.org](mailto:Ellen@FluorideAlert.org) by **midnight January 5.**



## **Second - Tell HHS and EPA to Protect the People from Fluoride**

I received the following information and am asking you to take action on this very important initiative. New signers will be accepted until **January 4, 2015** at 9 PM PT (midnight ET).

Members of the Worldwide Alliance to End Fluoridation,

Liesa Cianchino of Concerned Residents of Peel to End Water Fluoridation gave me email contact information for you so that I could make a special request to you (and to your members/contacts if you will forward this email to them) to have you, your organization, and your members/contacts sign the proposed email to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Burwell and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator McCarthy asking them to reach a joint position regarding federal fluoridation jurisdiction that honestly protects the health of the public.

We are including people and organizations outside the U.S. because all countries may be influenced by what the U.S. does. As a person with an organization, you may sign for yourself and separately again for your organization. If you have already signed, you need not sign again.

The email below from FAN provides a copy of the proposed email and its attachments with an introductory explanation. The email below gives directions for signing the proposed email as a Concerned Citizen, Professional, or Organization. New signers will be accepted until **January 4, 2015** at 9 PM PT (midnight ET). Thank you.

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**To:** [geraldsteel@yahoo.com](mailto:geraldsteel@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Please Sign-on to FAN's First Campaign of 2015



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**DECEMBER 30, 2014**

Dear Gerald:

Today FAN is throwing its support behind an important initiative by attorney Gerald Steel to force the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) (which includes the Food and Drug Administration, FDA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to work together to comply with their statutory responsibilities under the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect the public from any harm that may be caused by fluoride in drinking water (either from fluoride added in fluoridation programs or present as a contaminant). These responsibilities have been muddled for 70 years.

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## Tell HHS and EPA to Protect the People from Fluoride Our First Campaign for 2015:

Please [sign on](#) to [the email](#) to HHS Secretary Burwell and EPA Administrator McCarthy asking them to reach a joint position regarding federal fluoridation jurisdiction.

### Introduction

Once again, citizens who are concerned about the practice of using the public water supply to deliver medical or human treatment (including fluoride to prevent dental caries [tooth decay] disease) are calling upon leaders of U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to follow their statutory duties to protect the health of the people.

### A contradiction over jurisdiction explained

#### HHS/FDA

Under the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) HHS/FDA are responsible for regulating drugs – which include any substances designed to treat, prevent or mitigate disease. We want – and have the right to expect – that HHS/FDA will regulate such drugs for both safety and effectiveness **when they are deliberately added to public drinking water**. Eventually, Congress or the Courts should prohibit such additions because of violations to the individual’s right to informed consent to medication.

In a [letter issued November 21, 2014](#), HHS quotes the FDA that “Congress did not intend for FDA to regulate the addition of fluoride to public drinking water for dental caries prevention as a drug under the FD&C Act.” The FDA bases this statement on its interpretation of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

#### EPA

The EPA interprets this Act differently. In a [letter issued February 14, 2013](#), EPA states that under this Act, “The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), acting through the FDA, remains responsible for regulating the addition of drugs to water supplies for health care purposes.” HHS and FDA are required by law to accept the interpretation of this Act (SDWA) by EPA unless either can show that the EPA interpretation conflicts with a statute. No conflicts with statute have been suggested by HHS or FDA.

## EMAIL TO HHS AND EPA

Attorney Gerald Steel, from Olympia, Washington, has [created an email](#) to HHS Secretary Burwell and EPA Administrator McCarthy asking them to reach a joint position regarding federal fluoridation jurisdiction. FAN is urging all our supporters and all those opposed to fluoridation around the world to sign on to this email.

Without prejudging the matter we believe that such discussions will force the HHS/FDA to regulate fluoridation chemical ADDITIVES as drugs that require New Drug Applications (NDAs). This in turn will require proof that fluoridation is safe and effective for all sub-populations who drink fluoridated water. We suspect that this will be very difficult to demonstrate – especially for subsets of the population like bottle-fed infants and the elderly - but that does not absolve HHS/FDA of their statutory requirements under the FD&C Act. A failure to make these determinations– or even to try -will demonstrate to both the public and Congress that they are willing to put the protection of the practice of water fluoridation over the well-being of the public.

Such discussions should also confirm that EPA has no direct role in any oversight of the fluoridation program as a medical procedure but it does retain the obligation under the SWDA to determine safe drinking water standards for fluoride as a natural or man-made contaminant (i.e. they need to determine a Maximum Contaminant level Goal or MCLG and Maximum Contaminant level, MCL). The US is still operating under the unprotective MCLG and MCL, determined in 1986. It is a matter of urgency that the EPA complete this new determination – and to do it using the most recent science.

Attorney Steel already has many signers on the [proposed email](#), but would like to add you and/or your organization to our list of signers to show broad public support. You can read the [proposed email](#), the attached [letter issued November 21, 2014](#) and the attached [letter issued February 14, 2013](#). If you are willing to be a signer, [click here](#).

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