



Protecting, maintaining and improving the health of all Minnesotans

September 16, 2010

Rochester Public Utilities
4000 East River Road NE
Rochester, MN 55906-2813

Dear 4000 East River Road NE:

The Minnesota Department of Health Oral Health Unit and Drinking Water Protection Section are pleased to present you with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) **2009 Water Fluoridation Quality Award**. This award recognizes those water systems that adjust the fluoride concentration in drinking water and achieve a monthly average fluoride level that is in the optimal range for 12 months of a calendar year, as documented in the Water Fluoridation Reporting System (WFRS).

The CDC initiated the Water Fluoridation Quality Award in 2002 to recognize outstanding performance by water systems. For calendar year 2009, Minnesota was one of 29 states using WFRS to earn this award.

Water utilities and their customers value the ability to demonstrate attainment of quality service. Awards can be a good tool for promoting water fluoridation and we hope that this award will provide you with an opportunity to highlight the excellent work being done by your system. To assist you in promoting this achievement, a press release template is enclosed that can be tailored for your community. An electronic copy is available upon request.

Congratulations on this outstanding performance and thank you for providing safe, dependable drinking water for your community. If you have any questions about the award or the press release, please contact either David Rindal at (651) 201-4660 and (david.rindal@state.mn.us) or Patti Ulrich at (651) 201-4230 and (patti.ulrich@state.mn.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Merry Jo Thoele".

Merry Jo Thoele, MPH, RDH
Director, Oral Disease Prevention Unit
Minnesota Department of Health

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Ellingboe".

Randy Ellingboe
Manager, Drinking Water Protection Section
Minnesota Department of Health



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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention commends this water system for its consistent and professional adjustment of the water fluoride content to the optimum level for oral health for 12 consistent months. Consistent, high-quality water fluoridation practice, as demonstrated by this water system, is a safe and effective method to prevent tooth decay, improving the oral health of community residents of all ages.

Presented by the
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
United States Department of Health & Human Services

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. J. Decker", is written over a horizontal line.

National Fluoridation Engineer, Division of Oral Health
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention
and Health Promotion

