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Governor Christine Gregoire
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Dear Governor Gregoire,

Please see the enclosed article entitled "Lead, Mercury, Arsenic, Fluorosilicates Added To Our Water."

I hope the allegations contained therein are not true. I fear they are all too true. I do not have the resources to confirm whether they are true or are not. As governor with a big staff, including toxicologists, you do.

The fluoride industry might admit that these elements and compounds are present in the fluorosilicates sold to our water systems, but they will probably say that the amounts are de minimis. Is there any amount of lead, mercury, or arsenic that can safely be added to water?

Could I ask that you have your experts respond to the important issues raised in the article? I suggest that your experts obtain samples of the fluorosilicates added to our water and have detailed assays done to determine what potentially toxic substances are present and in what concentrations.

A possibly related issue is lead and arsenic found in the water in some older Seattle schools. http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/291566_lead08ww.html. Reporters express complete bewilderment as to how lead and arsenic could get into the water.

The fluorosilicates themselves contain lead and arsenic. The hypothesis to be tested is whether the fluorosilicates sitting in the pipes over the summer dissolve the old lead solder, releasing even more lead.

Sincerely,

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