

Ms. Laura Burke, Director General EPA

15th June 2012

Dear Ms Burke

Subsequent to my previous communications and submission of my report titled "*Human Toxicity, Environmental Impact and Legal Implications of Water Fluoridation*" to the Agency on the 8th March 2012, you may be aware but the Expert Body on Fluoride and Health which was established by Micheal Martin T.D. in 2004, has taken the unprecedented step of issuing public statements and correspondence regarding my report to all local authorities and elected councillors..

This has been undertaken in an attempt to silence any legitimate concerns or research that demonstrates increased risk of harm to humans and the environment from untested synthetic chemicals known as silicofluorides which are added to our water supply in Ireland. As you are aware we are the only member state in Europe to pursue the mandatory systematic fluoridation of its entire population. Being attacked for publishing unpopular scientific findings is not unique to me or to anyone undertaking research in this area. However, the nature and scope of the attacks to which I have been subjected is quite unusual and needs to be documented and addressed. For such reason a rebuttal to their appraisal of my report was required and is provided here for your attention.

Overall the Expert Body has sought to undermine in a disturbingly inadequate and disproportionate response the quality of research undertaken by the Author as well as the scientific information presented in the report. However in pursuing this agenda they have demonstrated how as a supposedly 'independent body' they have deliberately hidden published scientific findings from the Government and intentionally misrepresented scientific facts in general to support their clearly biased beliefs regarding continued medication of the population with artificially fluoridated drinking water. As a publicly funded organisation there can be no doubt that this body have induced the Government of Ireland to continue with a policy that is based on a representation of science that is untrue. Included in my rebuttal is a section addressing environmental impacts of fluorides including published information from the EPA.

I include separately for your attention a report that was forwarded to me from Professor Roger D. Masters in the USA, in which Dr. Master's and Dr. Coplan demonstrate how silicofluorides in drinking water will increase the bioavailability of lead resulting a higher prevalence of learning deficits, substance abuse and violent behaviour within the community. Their research findings, published in the journal *Neurotoxicology* have been confirmed by research by Sawam et al. (2010) and Leite et al. (2011). As you are aware the EPA have identified numerous water authorities where the lead levels breached the water quality limits in 2010 and furthermore have identified some 5,500m of public water lead piping that needs replacement.

You may also be aware that Ireland has one of the highest incidences of substance abuse in the world, while violent behaviour and learning disorders amongst children

are rising dramatically. It is also now estimated that in Ireland over 40% of children under 16 years of age have dental fluorosis, a condition that represents chronic overexposure to fluoride. I earnestly hope that you will encourage the EPA to examine the information contained herein which is a major public concern and of which the public health authorities appear entirely unwilling to investigate.

I would be happy to discuss any of the issues addressed in this correspondence with you if you require. I would be obliged if you would confirm receipt of this correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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