

Email Correspondence with State Department of Health

Office of Drinking Water

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To: Dr. Eloise Kailin

From: Leslie Gates [speaking for her Director, Denise Addotta Clifford]
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Dear Eloise,

Denise asked me to respond to the recent questions you raised about the City of Port Angeles and water fluoridation in your e-mails of February 20, 21, and 22. As you know from our previous correspondence, the role of the Office of Drinking Water is to oversee the practice of fluoridation for those communities that choose to fluoridate their drinking water.

Does the State question whether NSF has violated its standards for performing an NSF Standard 60 review of fluorosilicic acid (FSA)?

We do not believe that NSF is in violation of its standards for judging the safety and applicability of FSA that is used as a drinking water additive. Our position is largely based on a July 7, 2000, letter from Stan Hazen (then General Manager for the NSF Drinking Water Additives Certification Program) to Representative Ken Calvert (then Chair of the U.S. Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment, Committee on Science). You may review the letter at: www.keepers-of-the-well.org/gov_resp_pdfs/NSF_response.pdf. The ANSI/NSF protocols for drinking water additives used by approved third-party entities such as NSF International satisfy our concerns that ancillary materials are not contributed at harmful levels when the additive is properly applied.

Was NSF's Executive Director for the Center for Public Health Education likely lying under oath when he testified that manufacturers of FSA have not complied with requirements to reveal contaminants and their toxicology as stated in Section 3.2.1.? Is your agency attempting to obtain records from NSF to verify or rebut his statement?

We do not know the basis for this testimony and cannot comment on it. Our agency has no role in setting NSF standards.

Where is the documentation that ANSI/NSF standard 60 provisions 3.2.1. have been met?

Please refer to [Stan Hazen's letter to Congressman Calvert](#). To our knowledge, there has been no subsequent departure from the responses presented in that letter.

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ps. Thank you for sending Mr. Pittman's letter to us. I have taken the liberty of passing it along to our Office of Environmental Health Assessments, as we at the Office of Drinking Water have neither a role nor expertise in toxicological assessment.