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Dear Dr. Kailin:

At the October 21, 2008 meeting of the Clallam County Board of Health you raised the question of whether or not the product used by the city of Port Angeles to fluoridate the city's water supply meets the regulatory requirements of the Washington State Department of Health. In follow-up we have confirmed that the city uses fluorosilicic acid provided from J. R. Simplot Company in Rock Springs, Wyoming. The product is NSF Standard 60 certified and does meet the requirements of our regulations.

At the Department of Health we do not have the resources that would allow us to do independent evaluations of water treatment products. As such we rely on national certification protocols to ensure the safety of water additives. Specifically, [Washington Administrative Code 246-290-220\(3\)](#), requires that: "Any treatment chemicals, with the exception of commercially retailed hypochlorite compounds such as unscented Clorox, Purex, etc., added to water intended for potable use must comply with ANSI/NSF Standard 60. The maximum application dosage recommendation for the product certified by the ANSI/NSF Standard 60 shall not be exceeded in practice." Since the fluoridation product being used by the city of Port Angeles is certified under NSF Standard 60, the city's use of this product is in compliance with state law.

Attached is a [July 2000 letter from Stan Hazan](#), general manager of the NSF Additives Certification Program, to US Representative Ken Calvert providing information on the NSF program. I hope you find this additional information useful.

Sincerely,

Gregg L. Grunenfelder, Assistant Secretary

Cc: Mary Selecky, Secretary of Health
Tom Locke, Clallam County Health Officer
Denise Clifford, Director Office of Drinking Water