

Fluoridegate: The Scandal Accelerates

Documents Come to Light Showing
Internal Communications between
Water Fluoridation Supporters



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Paper Trail Sources:

- Freedom of Information Act Requests
- Other Documents



Key Dates / Timeline in Fluoridegate

- 2005 and earlier: CDC website emphatically tells Americans that “extensive research” has shown water fluoridation to be safe



- 2007:

Complaint submitted to CDC ethics committees documents that the 2006 National Research Council report on fluorides listed volumes of basic, fundamental fluoridation safety research that was never conducted. CDC's response to the complaint refused to address its key, specific points, including the issue of disproportionate fluoride harm to African Americans.



- January 2011:

FOIA documents reveal that dental health directors alone were involved in CDC statements supporting fluoridation – no input was brought in from thousands of science professionals in other disciplines working at CDC

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- March 2011:

Nationally respected civil rights leaders call for a halt to water fluoridation

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- April 19, 2011:

American Dental Association leaders contact Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Health Howard Koh, saying harm to minorities has the “potential to gain traction”

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- June 6, 2011:

HHS and CDC kidney health, minority health, and other professionals meet with civil rights leaders Dr. Durley and Andrew Young who spoke out against fluoridation. Heavy involvement by ADA, and the National Dental Association coordinates the meeting.

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- July 1, 2011:

League of United Latin American
Citizens (LULAC) approves resolution
opposing water fluoridation

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- Sept. 17, 2011: ADA President tells GA legislative black caucus there is no issue with fluoridation
 - December 2011: National Black Caucus of State Legislators approves resolution “recognizing the importance of community water fluoridation.”



Four Freedom of Information Act Requests Tell a Shocking Story:

- Oral Health Staff Alone at CDC Have Been Doing CDC's Assessments and Crafting CDC's Statements that Water Fluoridation is Safe
- Private Sector, Vested Interest Dentists are Deeply Intertwined with the Centers for Disease Control
- The Issue of Disproportionate Fluoride Harm to Minority Communities Is a Problem Fluoridation Promoters Cannot Cover Up and Make Go Away

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- The Documents Provide Evidence that it is Time for Investigative Fluoridegate Scandal Hearings

What Do Fluoridation Proponents Do?

- They follow our actions, news releases, conferences, etc., and they know the names and locations of key leaders
- They coordinate responses, both within our federal government and with outside private sector groups . They are afraid that news stories and developments will get “legs”
- They spend their time defending fluoridation, doing damage control and crafting talking points, rather than objectively considering the idea that it could cause harm



FOIA 1

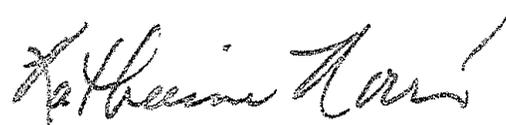
I would like to know if you could supply a copy of the names, job titles, and job descriptions of all persons in the CDC who are currently responsible for, and who in the past were responsible for, CDC's policy of support for water fluoridation. I would like this information concerning not only those in the Oral Health Division but also any other not in that division who nevertheless have input into the policy.

Dear _____

This letter is in final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of January 21, 2011 for the names and job description of those responsible for CDC's support of water fluoridation.

Enclosed are documents pertaining to your request (3 pages). CDC has not withheld any pages.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine Norris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

Katherine Norris
CDC/ATSDR FOIA Officer
Office of the Chief Information Officer
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FOIA Request No.

Below is a list of the Dental Activity/Division of Oral Health directors beginning when the fluoridation activity was moved from HRSA to CDC in the mid 1970s.

Attached is the recruitment notice for the Division Director, which includes basic job responsibilities (per request for director's job description).

TIMELINE OF FLUORIDATION ACTIVITIES AT CDC

- 1975 Fluoridation activities transferred from HRSA to CDC under directorship of William Bock. It is called the Dental Disease Prevention Activity and is housed in the Office of the CDC Director.
- 1984-86 Steve Corbin, Chief
- 1986-91 Larry Furman, Chief
- 1991-92 Paul Turner, Acting Chief
- 1991 Renamed Division of Oral Health
- 1992-97 Don Marianos, Director
- 1997-98 Dolores Malvitz, Acting Director
- 1998-2008 William Maas, Director
- 2008-09 Kathleen Ethier, Acting Director
- 2009-2011 William Kohn, Director
- 2011 – present William Bailey, Acting Director



**Division of Oral Health
Description of the Director's Position
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta, Georgia**

The Division of Oral Health (DOH) is located in CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP). The Division of Oral Health seeks to improve the oral health of the nation by extending the use of proven strategies to prevent oral diseases, strengthening the nation's oral health infrastructure, enhancing efforts to monitor oral diseases, and guiding infection control in dentistry. CDC works with numerous partners, including state, tribal, and territorial health agencies, voluntary and professional organizations, academia, other Federal agencies, and the private sector. The annual budget is approximately \$12 million, which supports the division's top priority areas: Prevention and Control of Dental Caries, Surveillance of Periodontal Diseases and Oral Cancer, Guidance on Infection Control, and Building Capacity and Infrastructure in State Dental Public Health Programs.

THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

The Director of DOH directs and manages the operations of the division under the broad and general administrative guidance of the Director, NCCDPHP, and has the primary responsibility for providing leadership, coordination, management, and guidance to the Division staff. The Director has line authority over the Deputy Director, Associate Director for Science, Health Communication Specialist, Informatics Specialist, two Team Leads, and approximately 30 other staff. The Director directs the development of appropriate goals and objectives for the Division, identifies and prioritizes the Division's research and program activities to reduce preventable oral health diseases, and oversees, in collaboration with other divisions, the surveillance of certain oral health issues. The Director confers, consults, and collaborates with and provides leadership to local, state, territorial, and other federal agencies, nongovernmental voluntary and professional organizations, and academia.

The Division is organized into the Office of the Director, the Program Services Team, and the Surveillance, Investigation and Research Team. Personnel under the Director's direction include dental officers, epidemiologists, statisticians, nurses, public health educators, behavioral scientists, health communication

specialists, program managers, public health advisors, computer specialists, and other professionals.

The DOH Director has full authority for the direction and operation of the Division and is authorized to make all related delegations, decisions, and commitments.

Candidates for this position will demonstrate many of the following professional qualifications and experiences:

- DDS/DMD in dentistry or MD in other relevant fields.
- National recognition within the scientific community as an authority in oral health as demonstrated by invited manuscripts, presentations, and consultations, receipt of honors and awards, or other recognition for performance or contributions to the field.
- Experience in developing and implementing national, state, or local policies and programs related to the promotion of oral health.
- Demonstrated impact on the public health field based on the number and quality of original contributions to the literature.
- Supervisory or administrative experience that demonstrates strong leadership and managerial abilities in a scientific or public health environment.
- Experience that indicates the ability to deal effectively with high-level governmental officials, the scientific and academic communities, national or international dental and health-related organizations, diverse community and non-governmental groups, and the public at large.



FOIA 2

- Documents the deeply intertwined relationship between the CDC Oral Health Division and the American Dental Association

→ Is it collusion?

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- Communications with other groups and individuals are shown in the FOIA...

Email from former CDC Oral Health Director Bill Maas, May 2011: p655

“...if there is kidney disease, then more fluoride stays in the body and is deposited in the bones. So, *after many years a person with [CDK] in a community with 1 ppm Fluoride in water might have bones that have the fluoride content of a person who had been living in a community with 4 ppm F in their water...*”



Dr. Maas email, continued:

“Is this bad? Well, the NRC has now said that a person living their entire life with 4 ppm F MIGHT have an increased risk of bone fractures. **There is a lot of uncertainty...**”



Key Point:

Dr. Maas admits that there is a lot of uncertainty, which is in contrast to CDC's statement on its website still today:



“The safety and effectiveness of fluoride at levels used in community water fluoridation has been **thoroughly documented** by scientific and public health organizations using scientific reviews and expert panels.”



How has fluoridation safety been “thoroughly documented” when Dr. Maas himself admits “there is a lot of uncertainty” and the National Research Council stated in 2006: “More research is needed to clarify fluoride’s biochemical effects on the brain”?



Note to Risk Assessment Professionals:

Since there is “a lot of uncertainty” ...
how did EPA manage to say that the
“uncertainty factor” in its fluoride risk
assessment calculations was equal to
one?

Look Who Said What to Who. P.326

Emphases added in the following slides.

- From: Duchon, Kip (CDC/CCHP/NCCDPHP) [mailto:cfx3@cdc.gov]
- Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 8:54AM
- To: McGinley, Jane
- Cc: Bailey, William (CDC/CCHP/NCCDPHP)
- Subject: FW: Webpage update
- Dear Jane,
- I recently tripped across the NIDCR website which I had not visited for the past few years, and contacted them about updating their links. **I thought I might clandestinely suggest to you** that you might want to contact them about posting an ADA fluoridation link on their pages since ADA is a partner to NIDCR. You might need to go through someone other than this web mistress since she likely is not responsible for content. Since links are part of what Google searches for as it tries to sort out which sites are credible sources, an additional link would further elevate the ADA page. **I would ask that you not indicate that you got this from me or CDC.**
- **Kip Duchon, P.E.**
- National Water Fluoridation Engineer
- (770) 468-6076

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- From: Duchon, Kip (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)
- Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 3:58 PM
- To: McGinley, Jane
- Subject: Special analysis

• Dear Jane

- **Since you have all these questions, and since you rank as a special friend with elevated consideration, I am sharing with you (confidentially, so don't pass on to anyone without asking me first if you can) my most recent review of this information that I prepared for a "special" and confidential use (wink-wink).**

- I've listed both the Natural systems by itself on the left and the Natural plus Variable systems on the right so you can see
- the differences.
- LIJ
- EPA Report
- 09-15-10.xls
- Kip Duchon, P.E.
- National Water Fluoridation Engineer
- (770} 488-6076

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- **Duchon, Kip (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)**
From: Duchon, Kip (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2010 9:25AM
To: McGinley, Jane
Subject: RE: Dr. Paul Connett coming to Denver in October

Between you and me, after the November release of the comprehensive EPA documents, the new PHS optimal level recommendations, and the coordinated “messaging” of the EPA with HHS that we are working on, I believe the message and public education effort will be clearer and a plus for our side ..

Kip Duchon, P.E.
National Fluoridation Engineer
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Phone 770-488-6076

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- **From:** McGinley, Jane [mailto:mcginleyj@ada.org]
- **Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2010 9:16AM
- **To:** Bailey, William (CDC/CCHP/NCCDPHP)
- **Subject:** RE: CA Prop 65-Fiuoride

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- I do miss talking with you and the folks at CDC on a more regular basis. Always good to talk vs these darn e-mafls.
- CAP!R meets next week. Hope to get back to you next month about a possible conference call
- Am also still thinking about the 65tu
- • Obviously we won't have anything tor next week. Am thinking now that NOHC might be a good opportunity for a united front
- Will keep mulling this over and talk more about it in the near future.

- **Would appreciate any "heads up" you might be able to provide re the CWF census in the upcoming MMWR. Have talked to ADA News about coverage of the item when it appears.**

- Take care.
- **Jane McGinley, RDH, MBA mcginleyj@ada.org**
- Manager, Fluoridation and Preventive Health Activities
- Council on Access, Prevention and InterprofessionaJ Relations
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- **From:**McGinley, Jane <mcginleyj@ada.org>
- **Sent:**Monday, June 28, 2010 9:28 AM
- **To:**Bailey, William (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Duchon, Kip (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Orgain, Linda S. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)
- **Subject:**Another PC Bulletin with Dr. Marcola
- **Attachments:** FAN Bulletin 2018 Mercola Connett Interview and the US EPA 6-26-10.doc

Note the plans for a media effort on July 3rd. With luck it will get lost some in the holiday weekend.

I've looked at the first You Tube segment. Note that they discuss targeting Canada (BC and Ontario) as well as San Diego and Austin.

We get frequent request from members to refute his newsletters. Folks bring them into offices off the Web.

- **Jane McGinley, RDH, MBA** mcginleyj@ada.org
- Manager, Fluoridation and Preventive Health Activities
- Council on Access, Prevention and interprofessiona! Relations
- 312.4-40.2862

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- From: McGinley, Jane <mcginleyj@ada.org>
- Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 4:44 PM
- To: Bailey, William (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Duchon, Kip (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)
- Subject: Book News
- Attachments: FAN Bulletin 2032 New Book is Out and Book Tour Begins 9~29-10.doc; End Notes Case Against Fluoride from FAN 9~28~10.pdf; Appendices Case Against Fluoride from FAN 9~28-1 O.pdf
- Importance: High

- **First of all, PC just issued a new bulletin giving his book tour agenda. I will let the appropriate state dental associations and ASTDD folks know ASAP.**

- Also included in this bulletin is a note about the book references which have been placed on FAN.
- I've attached the references and appendices as pdf files for your viewing pleasure.
- Jane McGinley, RDH, MBA mcginleyj@ada.org
- Manager, Fluoridation and Pr~ventive Health Activities
- Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessiona! R.etations
- 312-440.2862.

- **From:** McGinley, Jane <mcginleyj@ada.org>
- **Sent:** Friday, October 01, 2010 1 0:09 AM
- **To:** B Bailey, William (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Duchon, Kip (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Orgain, Linda S. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)
- **Subject: PC's Book Tour is Coming to California, Colorado and Texas**
- **Attachments: Case Against Fluoridation Connett.pdf; FAN Bulletin 2032 New Book is Out and Book Tour**
- Begins 9-29-10.doc
- I know you've seen part of this e-mail before with YouTube segments 1-6, but here's much more.
- **I wanted to let you know that I have notified my fluoridation contacts in the California, Colorado and Texas dental associations as well as the ASTDD folks in those states, Chris Woods and Pam Tolson about what would appear to be an upcoming visit from Paul Connett. I've heard back from everyone and they were grateful for the heads up.**
- **I also sent a note to the Ontario Dental Association.**
- Jane McGinley, RDH, MBA mcginleyj@ada.org
- Manager, Fluoridation and Preventive Health Activities
- Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations
- 312A402862

Page 633 Arkansas Dr.Mouden

- From: Lynn Mouden, DDS, MPH [mailto:Lynn.Mouden@arkansas.gov]
- Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:56AM
- To: Duchon, Kip {CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP}; McGinley, Jane
- Cc: ()Connor, P9ul; Bailey, Williejm (CPC/ONPIEH/NCCDPHP)
- .. Subject: RE: HB1205 . .
- Just to keep you all in the loop:

- **HB 1205 was on the agenda in House Public Health today. We met with ADH counsel, engineering and 'legislative liaisons' (because we can't say lobbyist) last night and again this morning. We were prepared to address this from the engineering, cost, and regulatory redundancy standpoints, and only the public health issues if questioned.**

- Then after we all show up in our Sunday finest, the sponsor decided not to run the bill today. With absolutely nothing to back it up, I think he pulled it because he couldn't get Crystal and her cronies to show on such short notice.
- Representative Mauch is a freshman Rep and is what is referred to as a 'card-carrying white supremacist.' He is part of a group called Secure Arkansas that originally started out to keep immigrants out of the state. Because Crystal is on their board, they are now against fluoridation.

FOIA 3

Fluoridation Civil Rights Communications in
Health and Human Services

→ The Important Question:

Why All the Redacted, Hidden
Communications Concerning The
Issue of Fluoride Harm to African
Americans and Other Minority
Populations?



FOIA 4

National Center for Health Statistics

Fluorosis Statistics “Publication 53”...

No racial data was collected on fluorosis, just age data?



Tell Your Senators and
House Representatives:

It's Time for Federal and
State Investigative
Fluoridegate Hearings!