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Mr. Joe Yannuzzi  
Chief Water Operator  
Binghamton Water Filtration Plant  
25 Broome Street  
Binghamton, NY 13903

Dear Mr. Yannuzzi:

The New York State Department of Health is pleased to inform you that City of Binghamton has been awarded a 2014 Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This award recognizes public water systems that were able to maintain a consistent, optimal level of fluoride in the water supply throughout the 2014 calendar year.

The CDC named community water fluoridation as one of the ten great public health achievements of the 20th Century because of its role in the decline of tooth decay in children and tooth loss in adults. CDC continues to recommend water fluoridation as a safe, effective, and inexpensive method of preventing decay.

Katherine Weno, DDS, JD, Director, CDC Division of Oral Health, states, "as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of community water fluoridation, CDC and groups such as the Community Preventive Services Task Force continue to reaffirm our commitment to water fluoridation as one of the most effective steps a community can take to prevent tooth decay and promote oral health." Due to the public health impact and cost savings provided by community water fluoridation, it is also a priority of Governor Cuomo. In this year's enacted Executive Budget, the Governor included legislation and funding to promote and support community water fluoridation.

Thank you for your commitment to the oral health of your residents. Please extend our appreciation to all of your fellow operators and coworkers.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Slade, RN, MS, MCHES  
Director  
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Roger C. Sokol, Ph.D.  
Director  
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cc: Hon. David  
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Enclosure: Award Certificate