**Excerpts From CDC/HHS/ADA Documents: Water Fluoridation Harm to Minorities**

1. ADA officials wrote to Asst. Secretary of Health Howard Koh asking for help on the issue of fluoridation harm to minorities, fearing the issue had “the potential to gain traction.” http://www.nidellaw.com/category/fluoride/

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Dear Assistant Secretary Koh:

Thank you for meeting with us recently to discuss the department’s plans to address various oral health

issues. We were pleased to learn that the department is moving forward on several oral health issues

and look forward to learning more about them and how the American Dental Association (ADA) can work

with you to advance them.

We were very grateful to you and your staff for partnering with the ADA earlier this year on the

announcement that the standard for fluoridated community water should be lowered. That is why we have

asked for your help in addressing the concerns raised by Former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young and

Pastor Gerald Durley regarding the safety of water fluoridation for minority populations. We believe that

this issue has the potential to gain traction. Being able to work with the Department to develop a

response that is mutually supported would again be instrumental for supporting the safety and

effectiveness of community water fluoridation.

2. FOIA 5, PP 42-43: About the issue of disproportionate fluoride harm to minorities, officials were clearly worried, and they kept developing “talking points,” avoiding addressing the science showing harm:



3. One of the two issues referenced, and the big fear of former CDC Oral Health Manager William Bailey, about “Andrew Young and Black Pastors Opposing Fluoridation” is at the bottom of page 43:



**4. This above is key: keeping people NOT looking at disproportionate harm to minorities from fluorosis.** Note no concern about harm, or intent to provide the whole story to the public. More evidence of the focus on stopping spread of information, not letting the situation “get out of hand” **(out of control**)- Pg 267: 

5. On page 90, we see Dr. Bailey talking about what parts of the dental fluorosis data are “appropriate” for **“messaging” (spin)**; why not tell the whole story and let the public decide what’s important?

6. Page 116, foia 5 **The FOIA process pulled out “unpublished” info from CDC.** Note below that all forms of dental fluorosis, including the very worst forms, are more prevalent in African Americans compared to Whites. But CDC emphasizes to the public only very mild and mild fluorosis, and also doesn’t share that the “very mild” fluorosis they dismiss as unimportant can affect 10-12 teeth, costing tens of thousands of dollars to fix!

7. FOIA 5 Page 59 Note below the admission: “Yes, non-Hispanic African Americans have a higher dental fluorosis rate than non-Hispanic Whites, but the levels of dental caries [cavities]remains the same.” And CDC official Beltran says it’s not due to toothpaste, but **“a more reasonable hypothesis would be higher consumption of fluoridated water earlier in life.”** He says it may be due to using “pow[d]er and concentrated infant formula diluted with fluoridated water.” How terrible, that thousands upon thousands of moms and dads are using fluoridated tap water to mix infant milk formula and don’t know it can affect brain development, teeth, kidneys, and bones.



8. Page 110 FOIA 5 The top quote here is taken from memo beneath it. **It appears the private sector Amer. Dental Assn. is dictating actions to take, telling govt. officials at HHS how to address fluoride opposition issue in GA** that deals with the subject of disproportionate fluoride harm to African Americans. U.S. Asst Secretary for Health Howard Koh is in this. Second from last paragraph confirms a 61% greater amount of fluorosis in nonhispanic blacks compared to nonhispanic whites (58% vs 36%). Note that all forms of fluorosis are worse, including the very worst “moderate” and “severe “ forms of fluorosis, but in communications to the public HHS doesn’t include that the disfiguring moderate and severe forms affect minorities disproportionately.



9. FOIA 5, PP 259-260: **Would the issue reach as high as the administration?** Fluoridation promoters met with Andrew Young and civil rights leader Rev. Gerald Durley at a meeting hosted at Atlanta’s Morehouse School of Medicine. The **medical school** at the time was, interestingly, **led by a dentist**, Dr. John Maupin DDS, who hosted the meeting. Afterward, a summary of the meeting was forwarded to ADA officials after it was sent to Bill Maas, of Pew Trusts, who was the former CDC Oral Health Director. Maas then sent the summary to ADA officials, asking that it be kept in confidence. 

Dr. Stanislav, who wrote the summary, said that Dan Stockin (who had broken the story about disproportionate fluoride harm to African Americans and who was on the road, coming to the meeting and almost arrived), “was finally asked not to be present prior to the meeting.” Stanislav concluded: “This is becoming a very large picture with a movement through the black ministries and, possibly, even as high as the administration.”



10. FOIA 2, page 655. Here we see an email from William Maas to CDC and ADA officials about fluoridation and kidney patients. CDC had said that “extensive research” over 60 years had shown fluoridation to be safe and effective, yet we see this from Dr. Maas about chronic kidney disease patients(emphasis added):

The issue is whether fluoride causes OTHER problems in people with CKD. In other words, they are a vulnerable population that the EPA should give some special consideration to when formulating policy.

We do know that half of all fluoride ingensted in a given day is excreted in the urine, in people with normal

kidney function. **But, 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 Fin their

water.

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….