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Blooming Prairie Water Superintendent 146 Third Avenue SE P.O. Box 55 Blooming Prairie, MN 55917

Dear Minnesota Public Water System Team,

Congratulations! The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Oral Health and Drinking Water Protection Programs are pleased to present you with the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Water Fluoridation Quality Award 2022.**

This award is presented to your Public Water System in recognition of significant contributions towards maintaining the optimal level of fluoride in drinking water for 12 consecutive months in a calendar year. By consistently monitoring and adjusting the fluoride levels in our water, you have played a crucial role in promoting dental health and preventing tooth decay among our residents. Water fluoridation has long been recognized as one of the most effective public health measures, and your commitment to upholding this standard is exemplary. Your efforts not only benefit current generations but also contribute to the long-term oral health of future generations.

We want to thank your team for their unwavering dedication and hard work. Included in this envelope is a template press release that provides you with an opportunity to highlight the excellent work being done by your program. For an electronic copy, please contact Ndekela Sakala, Community Oral Health and Equity Coordinator: ndekela.sakala@state.mn.us or 651-201- 5424. If you have questions about the award or would like further information, please get in touch with Maria Spitael, Community Water Fluoridation Engineer: maria.spitael@state.mn.us or 651-201-4710.

Once again, congratulations on this significant achievement!

Sincerely,

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