EPA Unions call for Nationwide Moratorium on Fluoridation

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As our readers know, we have always seriously warned not only patients, but the public, about the extreme dangers of fluoridation. In spite of the “scientific” report that fluoride is harmless when correctly applied, there is continuous additional information on the increase in cancer incidence, allergies, senior-citizen bone fractures, immune system damage and more. Much money is being made on water fluoridation -- not to mention the fluoride treatments by dentists, the fluoride added to toothpastes, pills being given to pregnant mothers, etc. Fluoride is a poisonous by-product of the aluminum industry and it used to be very expensive to try to dispose of it because of its toxicity. So between the former expense of disposition and the present huge income from selling the poison to the public, it is obvious why the industry puts a great deal of effort into its preservation.

A few weeks ago, at the Convention of the Cancer Control Society in Los Angeles, in the course of my lecture to some 8,900 people, I held up a carton of “Colgate” toothpaste, purchased at a supermarket, which has a printed (in tiny print!) warning that is now required to appear on every tube of toothpaste sold that contains fluoride. It reads:

“Keep out of the reach of children under 6 years of age. If more than used for brushing is accidentally swallowed, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center immediately.”

An additional item, under “Directions”, warns:

“Children 2-6 years: use only a pea sized amount and supervise child’s brushing and rinsing (to minimize swallowing)”

I asked the audience, by a show of hands, who watches their child under six years of age to make sure they spit out their toothpaste -- or, if they have not done so, have contacted the Poison Control Center? Not one hand went up. The message from our government seems to be, “Put poison into your child’s mouth!” Even if it is spit out, a good deal of it is easily absorbed. Further the dentist treats the child as a ‘preventive’ measure. There is no evidence that fluoride prevents cavities — but even if it did, is it worth risking cancer?

There is a large number of publications documenting the dangers of fluoridation. We described and distributed a book by Dr. John Yiamouyiannis, published more than 20 years ago, and recounting his fight to label fluoridation a ‘public nuisance’ in a Pittsburgh court. Strangely, the judge agreed, and after extensive hearings, ordered the fluoride removed, yet it never was!

A number of European countries, wiser than the “technological Americans,” have removed fluoride from their water supply. We, on the other hand, continue to spread it!

Finally, some good news:

As we can imagine, pressure for the withdrawal of fluoride will not come from the industry that profits from it, but from the public. On August 30, 2005, the Environmental News Service released a news item headlined, “EPA Scientists & Workers Call for an End to Water Fluoridation Because of Cancer Risk.” The article states that seven EPA employee unions representing over 7,000 health professionals of the Civil Service, have called for a moratorium on drinking water fluoridation across the country, and have asked EPA management to recognize fluoride as posing a serious risk of causing cancer. The unions acted following revelations of an apparent cover-up of evidence from Harvard School of Dental Medicine linking fluoridation with elevated risk of a fatal bone cancer in young boys.

It turns out that there are letters citing evidence supporting classification of fluoride as a likely human carcinogen, with other epidemiology results similar to those in the Harvard study, animal and biological reasons why fluoride can reasonably be expected to cause the bone cancer—osteosarcoma—seen in young boys and test animals.

The unions also pointed out that the Harvard study director, Chester Douglass, failed to report the seven-fold increased risk seen in the work he oversaw—instead wrote to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences that funded the Harvard study, saying there was no link between fluoridation and osteosarcoma! Douglass sent the same negative report to the National Research Council committee studying changes in EPA’s drinking water standards for fluoride. A paid cover-up?

To help and support the Unions, read and sign Citizens Petition at http://petition.powalliance.org/index.html for your, your family’s and the public’s health.

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