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Dear Water Quality Awardee,

I am pleased to present you with a *2015 Water Fluoridation Quality Award* from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A total of 51 Massachusetts communities received this award. Fluoridation of public water supplies in our country began more than 65 years ago. Today in Massachusetts 70% of our residents, more than 4 million people in 138 communities, are receiving the health and economic benefits of community water fluoridation. Each community's water system reports their fluoride level to the Office of Oral Health. We then monitor and document the results in the Water Fluoridation Reporting System (WFRS) managed by the CDC.

The CDC presents this Water Fluoridation Quality Award annually to public water systems that 1.) Adjust the fluoride concentration of their drinking water; 2.) Achieve a monthly average fluoride level that is in the optimal range for 12 consecutive months in a year; and 3.) Document their fluoride levels in CDC's Water Fluoridation Reporting System.

This award recognizes your investment in ensuring that every resident of your community receives the benefit of good dental health.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication and congratulations on this special recognition!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brittany Brown".

Brittany Brown, RDH, BSDH
Director, Office of Oral Health
Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health

Cc Board of Health
Cc Mayor



2015

Water Fluoridation Quality Award

Ashburnham Water Department State of Massachusetts

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention commends this water system for its consistent and professional adjustment of the water fluoride content to the optimum level for oral health for 12 consistent months. Consistent, high-quality water fluoridation practice, as demonstrated by this water system, is a safe and effective method to prevent tooth decay, improving the oral health of community residents of all ages.

Presented by the
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. J. Decker", is written over a horizontal line.

National Fluoridation Engineer, Division of Oral Health
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