

Joint Government of Canada Response to Environmental Petition No. 221  
to discontinue water fluoridation.

The Federal Dental Care Advisory Committee, an advisory body of oral health professionals, brings impartial and practical advice to Health Canada's Chief Dental Officer and to six federal departments. The approach is evidence-based. Advice reflects dental and scientific knowledge, current best practice and health care delivery appropriate to specific client health needs. The expert dental health professional advice assures federal clients that their dental programs will address their health and oral health needs, facilitates decision-making within resource allocations and fosters communications with practising dental health professionals.

The Federal Dental Care Advisory Committee at its May 2008 meeting expressed its support for the government of Canada's strong stand on the value of fluoridated water in Canada. We strongly endorse the policies and statements outlined in the Response to Petition No. 221. We also strongly support Health Canada's revised policies on fluoride.

Respectfully



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