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FLUORIDATION PUBLICATION BY THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress recently published a report entitled Fluoridation: A Modern Paradox In Science and Public Policy. The report was prepared by a Specialist in Life Sciences in their Science Policy Research Division. It is available to assist Congressmen in answering inquiries from their constituents. The summary supports the safety and effectiveness of fluoridation, and points out that "The scientific consensus in America is now well established and appears to be based on independent evaluation of the results of fluoridation over the past many years as well as on original trials.... Moreover, fluoridation is a classical example of both the proper execution of the scientific method in the acquisition of reliable knowledge and of modern epidemiological investigations."

This report is a resource document that should prove especially useful with elected officials. Only a limited number of this report have been obtained and are being distributed at this time to State Dental Directors and Regional Dental Consultants. Other interested persons may wish to try to obtain copies through their Congressmen.

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