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Subject: FDA Approval of Fluoride iin bottled water claim follow up

Dear members of the Steering and Rules Committee of the Milwaukee Common Council:

Please see the two links (FDA webpages) that I'm forwarding to you per your request at the public hearing on Thursday. You had asked that I follow up with you regarding the FDA and fluoride in bottled water claim that I discussed in my testimony last week. It was mentioned several times by Dr. Connett and Dr. Osmonson that Fluoride has never been approved by the FDA which I shared with the committee was untrue.

The FDA in 2006 (as was noted in the hearing by Ald. Davis) approved the claim "Drinking fluoridated water may reduce the risk of (dental caires or tooth decay)" could be placed on bottled water that contains between 0.6mg/L or ppm and up to 1.0ppm of TOTAL fluoride (either naturally occurring or through the addition of things like fluorosalicylic acid). This disputes the claim that fluoride hasn't been approved by the FDA and also shows that it does indeed have an impact on dental health.

Alderman Bohl had asked about the bottle of water he was drinking at the hearing which appeared to be a bottle of Dasani (bottled by CocaCola) which may have contained fluoride has he had stated however if the levels of total fluoride don't fall into the range discussed above they can't use the FDA claim and in fact don't even have to report that there is fluoride it in it all even in trace amounts.

- 1) <http://www.fda.gov/Food/LabelingNutrition/LabelClaims/FDAModernizationActFDAMAClaims/ucm073602.htm> - This link will take you to the page that discusses to approval of the health claim placed on bottled water that has fluoride in it or added to it.
- 2) <http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/GuidanceDocuments/FoodLabelingNutrition/FoodLabelingGuide/ucm064919.htm> - This link will take you to the page that discusses all health claims that the FDA approves, the one pertaining to fluoride is the second from the bottom and answers Ald. Hines question that was posed regarding the PPM of fluoride that must be in a bottled water in order for them to use this claim which is between 0.6ppm – 1.0ppm

As mentioned in the hearing we would be in support of the new resolution that was discussed to lower the amount of fluoride in the drinking water to 0.7ppm in Milwaukee since that would fall in line with the new HHS recommendations that are pending. I'm happy to answer any questions regarding this e-mail, don't hesitate to contact me directly.

I'd like to request this be added to the official record/file for this issue. Thank you.

-Matt

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