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Greetings,

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Oral Health Program would like to congratulate your water system for achieving the CDC's Water Fluoridation Quality Award for 2019. This is a great honor for your city and for our state. This award recognizes those public water systems that adjust the fluoride concentration in drinking water and achieve a monthly average fluoride level that is in the optimal range for 12 consecutive months in a year, as documented in the Water Fluoridation Reporting System (WFRS).

WFRS is a national health surveillance tool that assists states in managing their water fluoridation program. The Water Fluoridation Quality Awards were initiated in 2002 to recognize outstanding performance in fluoridation management by public water systems. Over the past four years, 36 states have had at least one public water system in their state receive the award. In calendar year 2019, there were 1,523 adjusted systems in 29 states recognized by the CDC. In Michigan, 72 public water systems received the award.

Water utilities and their customers value the ability to demonstrate quality service. There are several award programs related to drinking water, including those conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the American Water Works Association, and state drinking water programs. CDC's Quality Awards can be a good opportunity to promote community water fluoridation. We hope you display your awards proudly!

Once again, congratulations on this outstanding award and for your continuing commitment to public health of all Michigan residents.

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