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Dear Water System Owner,

The Minnesota Department of Health Oral Health Program and Drinking Water Protection Section are pleased to present you with the **2017 Water Fluoridation Quality Award**. This award, created by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), recognizes those public water systems (PWSs) 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 calendar year, as documented in the CDC Water Fluoridation Reporting System (WFRS).

CDC initiated the Water Fluoridation Quality Awards program to recognize outstanding performance in fluoridation management by public water systems. In Minnesota, 233 of 605 possible fluoridating community PWSs are receiving awards for 2017.

You can use your Quality Award to promote health through community water fluoridation. Receiving this award provides you with an opportunity to highlight the excellent work being done by your water system.

To assist you in promoting this achievement, an electronic copy of a press release that can be tailored for your community is available upon request at [health.oral@state.mn.us](mailto:health.oral@state.mn.us)

Congratulations on this outstanding effort and thank you for providing safe, dependable drinking water for your community. If you have any questions about the award or would like further information, please contact either David Rindal at (651) 201-4660 and [david.rindal@state.mn.us](mailto:david.rindal@state.mn.us) or Clare Larkin at (651) 201-4230 and [clare.larkin@state.mn.us](mailto:clare.larkin@state.mn.us).

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