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Department of Health Services

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Mauston Waterworks
303 Mansion Street
Mauston, WI 53948

Dear Randy Reeg:

Congratulations! On behalf of the Oral Health Unit in the Division of Public Health, we would like to present Mauston Waterworks with a Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Fluoridation is the adjustment of fluoride in the water to a level that is optimal for preventing tooth decay. The award recognizes those 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. Mauston Waterworks maintained a consistent level of optimally fluoridated water throughout 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Community water fluoridation has been recognized by the CDC as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th Century. Water fluoridation has helped improve the quality of life in the U.S. through reduced pain and suffering related to tooth decay, reduced time lost from school and work, and less money spent to restore, remove, or replace decayed teeth. Fluoridation is the single most effective public health measure to prevent tooth decay and improve oral health over a lifetime, for both children and adults. CDC recommends water fluoridation as a safe, effective, and inexpensive method of preventing tooth decay.

On behalf of the Oral Health Unit in the Division of Public Health, I would like to congratulate you again for your efforts to protect the oral health of your community. This award recognizes your commitment and dedication to provide the benefits of water fluoridation for the citizens in your community. Please forward our congratulations to other members of your community who support water fluoridation efforts in Mauston. Please do not hesitate to call our office with any questions regarding your award or community water fluoridation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Robbyn Kuester'.

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