



**Portland Water District**  
*FROM SEBAGO LAKE TO CASCO BAY*

January 12, 2011

Re: Drinking Water Fluoride Concentration Reduction

Dear Valued Customer,

On January 7, 2011 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) proposed that the recommended level of fluoride in drinking water be set at the lowest end (0.7 mg/l) of the current optimal range (0.7 to 1.2mg/l) to prevent tooth decay.

The Maine Drinking Water Program, which administers local enforcement of HHS policy, has issued interim guidelines that allow the proposed change to take place immediately. PWD will lower the fluoride target concentration from the current 1.20 mg/L to 0.70 mg/L, effective January 12, 2011. Depending on location in the distribution system, customers will realize the fluoride change in the next 24 to 168 hours. No other water quality parameters will be affected by this change.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns regarding this treatment change.

Sincerely,

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