

### **Fluoride Notice**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the American Dental Association and other leading public health authorities continue to recommend optimal community water fluoridation as a significant health benefit. North East Water Works (NEWW) has added fluoride since August 2009 to reduce the incidence of tooth decay in our community. On Friday January 7, 2011 the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) proposed that the recommended level of fluoride in drinking water be set at the lowest end of the current optimal range of 0.7 parts per million – 1.2 parts per million (ppm) to prevent tooth decay. The proposed recommendations properly take into account new scientific data and recognize that water is now one of many sources of fluoride. NEWW is aware of the proposed HHS recommendations and has modified our processes in light of the final recommendation. We will also pay close attention to regulatory developments and stand ready to respond. Should you have any questions, contact your dentist, physician, the Cecil County Health Department at 410-996-5168 or North East Town Hall at 410-287-5801.

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