

## Professionals call for an end to water fluoridation

Over 600 professionals urged Congress to stop water fluoridation until Congressional hearings are conducted, in a [statement](#) released August 9, 2007.

The group of 600+ physicians, dentists, scientists, and environmentalists cite evidence that fluoridation, long promoted to fight tooth decay, is ineffective and has serious health risks.

Signers include a Nobel Prize winner, three members of the prestigious 2006 National Research Council (NRC) panel that reported on fluoride's toxicology, two officers in the union representing professionals at Environmental Protection Agency headquarters, the president of the International Society of Doctors for the Environment, and hundreds of medical, dental, academic, scientific and environmental professionals, worldwide.

Dr. Arvid Carlsson, winner of the 2000 Nobel Prize for Medicine, writes in the statement, "Fluoridation is against all principles of modern pharmacology. It's really obsolete."

Paul Connett, PhD, executive director of the [Fluoride Action Network](#) (FAN), announced that an online petition to Congress in support of the professionals' statement will soon be available at the organization's Web site.

"The NRC report dramatically changed scientific understanding of fluoride's health risks," says Connett. "Government officials who continue to promote fluoridation must testify under oath as to why they are ignoring the powerful evidence of harm in the NRC report," he added.

An assistant New York state's attorney general called the report "the most up-to-date expert authority on the health effects of fluoride exposure."

Ken Cook, president of the Environmental Working Group, a Washington, D.C.-based watchdog organization, states, "It is time for the US to recognize that fluoridation has serious risks that far outweigh any minor benefits, and unlike many other environmental issues, it's as easy to end as turning off a valve at the water plant."