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Chuck Clarke, Director
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Dear Mr. Clarke,

The Public Records Act, RCW 42.56.080, Washington's version of the federal Freedom of Information Act, requires that all agencies make public records available for copying and provide copies of public documents at a reasonable charge. This is a request under the Public Records Act. When I refer to the "agency" I am referring to Seattle Public Utilities. When I refer to documents available to you, I am referring to documents in the possession of your suppliers and the experts you hire to test your water and available to you upon request.

I request that a copy of documents containing the following information be provided to me:

Documents in your possession or available to you identifying the commercial source from which your agency purchases fluoridation materials, including the names of companies providing said materials, their addresses, their telephone numbers, their e-mail addresses, and the names of contact persons who represent said companies;

Documents in your possession or available to you identifying the specific content of fluoridation materials which your agency adds to its water, including any trace elements or compounds found therein, and indicating which specific fluorosilicates are contained in the fluoridation materials;

Documents in your possession or available to you which would indicate that there are any trace amounts of mercury, asbestos, or lead included in said fluoridation materials;

Assays in your possession or available to you of the fluoridation materials which your agency adds to its water;

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Any analyses in the possession of your agency or available to your agency indicating the specific minerals, compounds, and chemicals which are part of the fluoridation materials in small or trace amounts, and the concentrations of said minerals, compounds, and chemicals;

Any documents in your possession or available to you listing the specific contaminants for which your agency tests, protocols for testing, and the maximum level of various contaminants considered acceptable, and the results of tests done by your agency over the past three years.

Note that I am not asking just for results of tests done on the water after fluoridation materials are added, but tests or assays done on the fluoridation material before it is added to the water.

In order to help to determine my status for purposes of determining the applicability of any fees, you should know that I am an attorney and author, and this request is made as part of news gathering, public education, scholarly and scientific purposes, and not for any commercial use.

I am willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of \$20.00. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please inform me first.

I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest. Information received will be disseminated through web site publication.

I request that the information I seek be provided in electronic format, and I would like to receive it on a personal computer disk or a CD-ROM or by e-mail addressed to JamesRobert@JamesRobertDeal.com.

You may call me at 425-771-1110, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., if necessary, to discuss any aspect of my request.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

James Robert Deal, P.S.

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