

## **NOTICE TO DESIST FROM MISREPRESENTATION UNDER PENALTY OF LEGAL LIABILITY**

**THIS NOTICE** is issued to:

1. The **ATTORNEY – GENERAL** and **SOLICITOR-GENERAL**, on behalf of:
  - a. **ALL EMPLOYEES** of **HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF NEW ZEALAND, HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF HER GOVERNMENT IN NEW ZEALAND** (“the Crown”); AND
  - b. **ALL PERSONS** working for any organization that is not part of “the Crown” and contracted to provide services for or on behalf of “the Crown”.

### **BACKGROUND**

1. In 2006 Dr Elise Bassin published research in *Cancer Causes and Control*, demonstrating that males exposed to fluoride, including fluoridated water, between the ages of 6 and 8 years inclusive, had at least a five-fold increased risk in developing osteosarcoma (bone cancer) in their teens.
2. In the same edition Dr Chester Douglass had published a letter to the editor, claiming that his larger study would refute Bassin’s findings.
3. That study was published as "An Assessment of Bone Fluoride and Osteosarcoma," in the *Journal of Dental Research* 28 July 2011.
4. The study was much smaller than Bassin’s and had significant methodological flaws.
5. More importantly, the study does not address Bassin’s core finding of age-related exposure risk.
6. Consequently, the study does not refute Bassin’s core finding of age-related exposure risk.
7. No other study has ever refuted Bassin’s core finding of an age-related exposure risk.
8. Consequently, Bassin’s study stands as the most reliable study on this risk, and establishes a likelihood that exposure of boys to fluoride, including fluoridated water, between the ages of 6 and 8 years inclusive, represents a significantly increased risk in developing osteosarcoma in their teens, with consequently mortality.
9. In 2010 Dr A K Susheela published research demonstrating an increase in premature births from fluoride exposure (A. K. Susheela, N. K. Mondal, Rashmi Gupta<sup>1</sup>, Kamla Ganesh, Shashikant Brahmanekar, Shammi Bhasin and G. Gupta “Anaemia in Pregnant Women” *Current Science*, Vol. 98, NO. 10, 25 May 2010, pp1320:1330).

10. In 2009, State University of New York research also showed an increase in premature births related to fluoridation. This was a particular risk to poor non-white mothers. (Reference: 197468 *Relationship between municipal water fluoridation and preterm birth in Upstate New York* Rachel Hart, BA, MPH, et al. Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, School of Public Health, University at Albany, State University of New York, Rensselaer, NY <http://apha.confex.com/apha/137am/webprogram/Paper197468.html>).
11. Other things being equal, an increase in premature births results in a corresponding increase in infant deaths.
12. Consequently there is evidenced that it is likely that water fluoridation is increasing infant mortality by an unknown number.

## **NOTICE**

13. **I THEREFORE** put you **ON NOTICE** that, following publication of:
  - a. Bassin EB, Wypij D, Davis RB, Mittleman MA. "Age-specific fluoride exposure in drinking water and osteosarcoma (United States)" *Cancer Causes Control*. 2006 May;17(4):421-8; and
  - b. Douglass C *et al* "An Assessment of Bone Fluoride and Osteosarcoma," in the *Journal of Dental Research* 28 July 2011; and
  - c. A. K. Susheela, N. K. Mondal, Rashmi Gupta<sup>1</sup>, Kamla Ganesh, Shashikant Brahmanekar, Shammi Bhasin and G. Gupta "Anaemia in Pregnant Women" *Current Science*, Vol. 98, NO. 10, 25 May 2010, pp1320:1330;
14. **GIVEN THAT**, on the strength of Bassin's unrefuted research, and official New Zealand figures showing three to four young men are affected by osteosarcoma each year, water fluoridation causes at least two of those cases of osteosarcoma, which is usually fatal;
15. **GIVEN THAT**, on the strength of published scientific evidence it is likely that water fluoridation is increasing infant mortality by an unknown number;

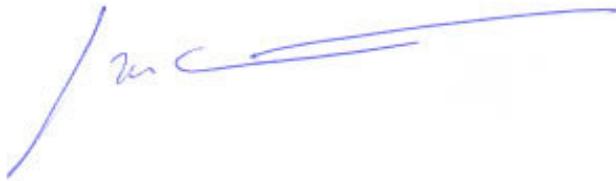
16. **IF YOU** commit any of the following acts I will pursue civil and/or criminal legal action against you:

- a. **MISLEAD**, or attempt to mislead, the public, or local government officials or elected representatives, by any statement that:
  - i. Chester Douglass' study refutes the findings of Dr Bassin's study; or
  - ii. Chester Douglass' study proves there is no causal association between water fluoridation and osteosarcoma in males; or
  - iii. That water fluoridation is proven safe; or
- b. **HAVING MADE** such a statement before the date of this Notice, or before receiving advice of this notice, fail to fully and comprehensively retract and correct such statement within 30 days of this notice.

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**NOTICE GIVEN** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord 2011.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Graham Mark: Atkin', written over a horizontal line.

Graham Mark: Atkin  
c/- 5 Tarras Grove  
Lower Hutt