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Aberdeen Receives Water Fluoridation Recognition

The Town of Aberdeen has been recognized for fifty years of fluoridating local water. On Monday, September 13, the Moore County Health Department presented a certificate of recognition to Aberdeen for its commitment to fluoridation.

The certificate of recognition was presented on behalf of The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), The American Dental Association and The Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. The certificate was presented to Ms. Betsy Mofield, Mayor of Aberdeen and the Aberdeen Town Board.

Presenting the certificate was Stephen Blecharczyk, Moore County Board of Health Chairperson, Dr. Sharon Harrell, Board of Health Dental Representative, Mr. Robert Wittmann, Health Director and Beverly Bizzell, Public Health Dental Hygienist.

Aberdeen began fluoridation of its water supply on September 1, 1959 and is now in the fifty-first year of fluoridating its water. Aberdeen is the second town in Moore County to receive this recognition. Southern Pines received the recognition in 2002. Other Moore County towns with fluoridated water supplies are Carthage, Robbins and Vass. There are additional towns and areas of the County that have varying levels of fluoride in the drinking water.

“Studies prove that water fluoridation is effective in dramatically reducing tooth decay,” said Stephen Blecharczyk, Board of Health Chairperson.

The CDC has recognized water fluoridation as one of the ten greatest public health achievements of the 20th Century. Healthy People 2010, the set of health objectives for the nation to achieve over the first decade of the new century, calls for at least 75 percent of the population nation-wide to be served by optimally fluoridated water systems. The national level as of September 2009 was 69 percent.

“The Health Department is proud of Aberdeen’s commitment to fluoridation,” said Robert Wittmann, Health Director.

The American Dental Association reports that the average cost for a community to fluoridate its water is estimated to range from approximately 50 cents per person in large communities to approximately \$3.00 a year per person in small communities. For most cities, every \$1 invested in water fluoridation saves \$38 in dental treatment costs.

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Pictured, Left to Right: Robert Wittmann - Health Director, Beverly Bizzell - Public Health Dental Hygienist, Dr. Sharon Harrell - Board of Health Dental Representative, Stephen Blecharczyk - Moore County Board of Health Chairperson, and Betsy Mofield - Mayor of Aberdeen.