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City of Durango Utilities Department  
Jason Fast  
949 E. 2nd Avenue  
Durango, Colorado 81520

Dear Jason,

Congratulations! Your facility is being recognized with the following award(s) (enclosed):

- 2021 CDC Water Fluoridation Quality Award
- 2021 Colorado Water Fluoridation Excellence Award

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Oral Health Unit (CDPHE OHU) is pleased to provide certificates for water facilities in Colorado that have received a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 2021 Water Fluoridation Quality Award. The OHU has also compiled data for the 2021 Colorado Water Fluoridation Excellence Awards. In 2021, 23 water treatment plants received the CDC Quality Award and 22 water treatment plants received the Colorado Excellence Award.

Community water fluoridation provides public health benefits that can be accessed by every member of your community. Community water fluoridation is:

- **Safe:** At optimal levels, there is no scientifically peer-reviewed credible evidence of a link between fluoride and any adverse health effects. Over 100 reputable organizations support community water fluoridation including the American Medical Association, the American Pediatrics Association, the American Water Works Association, and many more.
- **Beneficial:** Fluoridation prevents at least 25 percent of tooth decay in children and adults throughout their lifespan.
- **Cost effective:** Communities that invest \$1 per person per year in optimally fluoridated water save their population approximately \$32 per person per year in averted dental treatment costs. This equates to approximately \$1,124,800.00 in savings for your community.

The current U.S. Public Health Service recommendation for optimally fluoridated water is 0.7 mg/L. A water treatment plant is considered to be providing optimally fluoridated water when daily levels are maintained between 0.6 mg/L and 0.9 mg/L for 75 percent of the month. Fluoridating systems must also submit monthly reports to the OHU and monthly split samples to the State Laboratory. The Colorado Water Fluoridation Guidelines contain details of how public water systems can meet these operational and administrative guidelines.

*Facilities receiving both the 2021 CDC Quality Award and Colorado Award for Excellence:*

City of Aspen Water Department  
City of Boulder Reservoir 63rd Street Water Treatment Plant  
City of Cañon City Water Department  
Clifton Water District  
City of Craig Water Department  
Denver Water Foothills Treatment Plant  
Denver Water Marston Treatment Plant  
City of Durango Utilities Department

Evergreen Metropolitan District  
City of Fort Collins Water Treatment Facility  
City of Fort Morgan Water Treatment Plant  
City of Glenwood Springs Water and Wastewater  
City of Lafayette  
City of Longmont Public Works and Natural Resources  
City of Loveland Water and Power  
Pueblo Board of Water Works Whitlock Water Treatment Plant  
Snowmass Water and Sanitation District  
St. Charles Mesa Water District  
Ute Water Conservancy District

*Facilities receiving the 2021 CDC Quality Award:*

City of Boulder Betasso Water Treatment Plant  
Carter Lake Water District  
Town of Erie Water Division  
City of Trinidad Water Department

*Facilities receiving the 2021 Colorado Award for Excellence:*

City and County of Broomfield Water Treatment Plant  
City of Grand Junction Water Treatment Plant  
City of Greeley Bellvue Water Treatment Plant

The OHU is available to assist you with public communications regarding community water fluoridation, fluoride equipment grant funds, educational presentations and materials, and any issues with operational challenges. We look forward to continuing to support and recognize the great work you do. If you have any questions or other support needs, please contact [jennifer.lansing@state.co.us](mailto:jennifer.lansing@state.co.us).

Sincerely,



Maryam Mahmood, DDS, MPH  
Dental Director



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Oral Health Preventionist, Oral Health Unit




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# AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

For outstanding performance in the practice of water fluoridation.

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Presented by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Oral Health Unit



Dr. Maryam Mahmood, Dental Director



Jennifer Lansing, Oral Health Preventionist



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# Water Fluoridation Quality Award

## CITY OF DURANGO UTILITIES DEPARTMENT Colorado

*The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s support for community water fluoridation is based on more than 75 years of experience and research to show that water fluoridation is safe and effective for promoting good oral health. CDC commends this water system for providing high-quality water fluoridation for 12 consecutive months in 2021, representing a high level of operator care and accomplishment.*



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