

## Reasons Behind Fluoridation Movement

The reasons surrounding water fluoridation are multiple.

First, there was legitimate theorizing complicated by conflicting research.

Second, high hopes for reducing dental cavities played a part.

Third, the government's anxieties to produce an atomic bomb before Nazi Germany (Second World War) caused the poisonous downside of fluoride to be negated or covered up. It became an imperative to change the public image of fluoride from a negative to a positive.

Fluoride was essential to uranium processing and also to huge industrial interests; fluoride played a vital role in defense production. During the A-Bomb beginnings and during the Cold War there were many law suits claiming damage from working with fluoride in and around the factories. Lawsuits for health damages were becoming a real problem. National security imperatives and industrial interests in general demanded a public image of the safety of fluoride and this was created.

Fourth, the deleterious effects of water fluoride diluted to 1ppm (1 part per million) are, in most cases, slow to become evident and in the beginning hard to trace. A Belgium health official called fluoride a "slithering poison" during that nation's rejection of water fluoridation.

Fifth, add to these reasons the egos, professional careers and reputations, entrenched interests (plus industrial profits, distorted research, and huge potential for lawsuits) and one can easily see why there is official opposition to coming out against water fluoridation.