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Mr. Frederick W. Rogers
Southington Water Department
605 West Queen Street
P.O. Box 111
Southington, CT 06489

Dear Mr. Rogers:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health are pleased to provide the Water Fluoridation Award Certificate to you. This award recognizes public water systems that adjust the fluoride concentration in drinking water and achieve a monthly optimum fluoride level for 12 consecutive months in the year. Your water system successfully maintained optimum fluoride level for 12 consecutive months in 2013, as documented in the Water Fluoridation Reporting System (WFRS).

Community water fluoridation has been recognized by CDC as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th Century. CDC recommends water fluoridation as a safe, effective, and inexpensive method of preventing decay. In fact, every \$1 invested in fluoridation saves at least \$38 in costs for dental treatment.

Nearly three-quarters (74.6 percent)-or 210 million people-served by community water systems in the United States have access to optimally fluoridated tap water. Currently, ninety-one percent (91%) of Connecticut residents currently receive the benefits of optimally fluoridated water.

This award represents a high level of operator care and should encourage you to continue your commendable efforts. Congratulations on your outstanding efforts and accomplishment.

Enclosed, please find your certificate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jewel Mullen".

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention commends this water system for its consistent and professional adjustment of the water fluoride content to the optimum level for oral health for 12 consistent months. Consistent, high-quality water fluoridation practice, as demonstrated by this water system, is a safe and effective method to prevent tooth decay, improving the oral health of community residents of all ages.

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