


cc: State Board of Health Members
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Executive Director



Sincerely,

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If you have questions about this decision of the Board, please contact me at 360-236-4106 or

to the Governor within 30 days.

The Board handled your request as a petition for rule making under RCW 34.05.330 and Board Policy 2005-001, Responding to Petitions for Rule Making. The statute requires the Board to respond within 60 days of receipt of such a petition. According to RCW 34.05.330(3), you may appeal the Board's decision

you have requested.

cannot adopt rules that countermand state statutes, it has no authority to consider the rule changes vote on adding fluoride to its tap water. Since the Board cannot compel a federal agency to act and it granted each water district the authority to decide whether to ask the electors of the water district to water fluoridation in Washington. By enacting RCW 57.08.012, however, the Legislature explicitly additives and operate only within FDA-approved concentrations for fluoride would effectively rule out does not and will not regulate additives to tap water. Requiring water suppliers to use only FDA-approved petition for reasons stated at the meeting, at which you were present. In brief, the FDA maintains that it On June 9, 2010, the Board considered your request and unanimously approved a motion denying your

concentrations of fluoride when added to tap water.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as the approval agency for additive chemicals and allowable A public water supplies by amending WAC 246-290-220 and WAC 246-290-460 to designate the U.S. rule making you submitted by e-mail on May 11, 2010. You asked the Board to revise its rule for Group This letter provides formal notice that the Washington State Board of Health has denied the petition for

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