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Regional Chair and Chief Executive Office
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Regional Municipality of Peel
Office of the Regional Chair

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Dear Mr. Kolb,

Thank you very much for your correspondence regarding the regulation of fluoride in bottled water.

In Canada, bottled water is regulated as a food and therefore, it must comply with the *Food and Drugs Act and Regulations*. In particular, under Division 12, Part B, of the *Food and Drug Regulations*, there are specific requirements that bottled water products must meet before they can be sold in Canada. These include specific microbiological standards, acceptable treatments and labelling requirements.

The responsibility for the regulation of bottled water sold in Canada is shared by Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Health Canada establishes health and safety standards for bottled water and develops labelling policies related to health and nutrition. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency develops standards related to the packaging, labelling and advertising of these products and handles all inspection and enforcement duties.

I would invite you to visit the following website, for more details, including contact information for Health Canada and the CFIA : http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/facts-faits/bottle_water-eau_embouteillee-eng.php

In Ontario, the Ministry of the Environment is responsible for Water Taking Regulations for the purposes of manufacturing or producing bottled water. Please visit the MOE website for more information:
http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/industry/assessment_and_approvals/water_taking/index.htm

I trust this provides you with the information that you require.

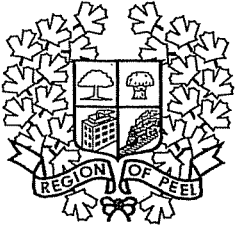
Thank you,

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Office of the Chair

February 21, 2012

Dr. Arlene King
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Dear Dr. King:

Subject: Regulation of Fluoride in Bottled Water

As Chair for the Regional Municipality of Peel, I am writing in follow up to the letter sent February 6, 2012 to also inform you that the issue of regulating fluoride in bottled water was raised at the January 12, 2012 Regional Council meeting. On behalf of Regional Council, I am seeking explanation of the regulatory regime with respect to fluoride in bottled water.

I look forward to hearing your reply and will communicate your response to Peel Regional Council. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information or clarification regarding the request of this letter.

Sincerely,

Emil Kolb
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer

c: Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health
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