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Dear Award Recipient:

The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Oral Health Program, congratulates the City of Sitka Water System on receiving a *2013 Water Fluoridation Quality Award* from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This award recognizes excellence in public water systems that adjust the fluoride concentration in drinking water and achieve a consistent monthly fluoride average 'optimal' level to prevent tooth decay.

Community water fluoridation has been recognized by the CDC as one of the ten greatest public health achievements of the 20th Century. Currently, nearly 75% - or 210 million people - served by community water systems in the United States have access to optimally fluoridated tap water. CDC recommends water fluoridation as a safe, effective and inexpensive method of preventing tooth decay. In fact, every \$1 invested in water fluoridation saves at least \$38 in costs for dental treatment.

We thank the City of Sitka Water System for their excellent work and for providing your community with a lifelong benefit.

Sincerely,

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Bradley Whistler, DMD
Alaska State Dental Officer



2013

Water Fluoridation Quality Award

City Of Sitka Water System

State of Alaska

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.

Presented by the
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
United States Department of Health & Human Services

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National Fluoridation Engineer, Division of Oral Health
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