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**Subject:** NTP study of fluoridation chemicals

Dear Dr. Masten:

Thanks for choosing hexafluorosilicic acid and sodium hexafluorosilicate (silicofluorides) for study by the NTP. It's so important to learn what health effects, if any, can be caused by these chemicals since they are added to most U.S. fluoridating communities in an effort to reduce tooth decay. Of course, it would make sense to impose a moratorium on the use of hexafluorosilicic acid and sodium hexafluorosilicate until your study is final.

It would be interesting, but not imperative, to include tooth decay studies conducted in silicofluoridated areas and compare them to tooth decay rates in sodium-fluoridated, naturally-fluoridated and non-fluoridated areas because that data may be readily available.

Researchers are reporting base-line studies of tooth decay rates in many cities across the country to check their progress in achieving long-term goals. The Fluoridation Census and a phone call will confirm whether the studied population is fluoridated and with which chemical.

Thank you for taking the appropriate action in this matter.

Sincerely,  
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