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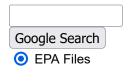
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The newer debate over fluoride in drinking water - which questions whether Mother Nature fluoridates water too heavily for good health in some parts of the country - has given rise to what an Environmental Protection Agency workers union calls a "protection Agency workers union calls a "protecting union calls a "protection Agency worke



National Federation of Federal Employees Local 2050, representing scientists, engineers, lawyers and other professionals at EPA headquarters has filed a friend-of-the-court brief in a lawsuit by the <u>Natural Resources Defense Council</u> to overturn EPA's new standards for fluoride in drinking water. What's remarkable is that he union filed on behalf of the environmentalists, and against the agency.



The union said that technical documentation for the new regulations "does not meet the high professional standards that should characterize EPA work, having been contracted out and done by people lacking expertise in the subject." After appealing in vain to EPA Administrator Lee M. Thomas to have the assessment reviewed, union President Robert J. Carton <u>concluded</u>, "Our responsibility to defend EPA professionals' reputations and to protect public health in this situation requires us to put loyalty to the public interest and to moral principle above loyalty to persons or to [a] government department."

See also:

- Natural Resources Defense Council Lawsuit Against EPA
- Natural Resources Defense Council Legal Brief (2) (pdf file) September 1986
- Natural Resources Defense Council Legal Brief (1) (pdf file) April 1986
- EPA Headquarters Union Amicus Brief (pdf file) September 1986

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