

## **FLUORIDATION COMES TO FLORIDA CITY**

On Tuesday, April 13th 2010, Resolution No: 10-09: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Florida City, Florida approving Fluoridation of the City's Water Supply was unanimously approved. Until now, Florida City has remained the only municipality in Miami-Dade County without a water fluoridated system. This is the first step the city has ever taken to install a fluoridation system. It represents a huge accomplishment for the city, and its ten thousand residents, and for public health as well.

Fluoridation has been practiced in the United States for the past 60 years. It has been listed by the Centers of Disease Control as one of the ten greatest public health achievements in the 20th Century. It is safe, effective, efficient, economical and environmentally sound and represents good public policy. Communities that have access to fluoridated water systems experience 40-60 % percent fewer dental cavities. Currently in the United States, over 162 million Americans drink water from community water systems with optimal fluoride levels.

The Florida Department of Health supports local communities through Fluoridation projects. State funds and technical assistance are available through the Public Health Dental Program to encourage communities to authorize fluoridation and apply for funds to help with start-up costs. Financial assistance for this project has also been offered by the Health Foundation of South Florida.

After the installation of this system, Miami-Dade County will have 100% of its community water systems fluoridated!