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# 840,000 Olympic-Sized Swimming Pools Full of Fluorosilicate-Contaminated Drinking Water is Returned to Source Water in Ontario Each Year

## Every tanker truck of fluorosilicates will add:

- up to 1 pound of arsenic
- up to 8 lbs of lead

#### Fluorosilicates are defined as:



- "Hazardous Waste" by Environment Canada, US Environmental Protection Agency, Basel Convention
- "Toxic Substance" by the Canadian Environmental Protection Act

### Toxic Substances defined: <u>http://www.ec.gc.ca/CEPARegistry/subs\_list/ToxicList.cfm</u>

- Bioaccumulative (accumulates in humans, animals/pets and plants)
- Toxic (dangerous immediate or long-term effects)
- Anthropogenic (made/released by humans)
- **Persistent** (stay toxic for a long time)

### > 99% of taxpayer money wasted: <u>http://www.awwa.org/</u>



"We drink very little of our drinking water. Generally speaking, less than 1% of the treated water produced by water utilities is actually consumed. The rest goes on lawns, in washing machines, and down toilets and drains."

#### Polluting Companies save \$8-10,000/ton

@ \$7-8,000/ton for the safe removal of these hazardous wastes (source: Dr. W. Hirzy, senior US EPA chemist)
@ \$1,500/ton received from municipalities (Toronto)

"The Priority Substances List (PSL) assessment on inorganic fluorides...(1993) by Environment Canada

and Health Canada concluded that these chemicals posed a risk to both aquatic and terrestrial organisms by way of water and air exposure respectively." <u>http://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca/internet/English/pet\_245\_e\_30941.html</u>