

# The Fluoride Action Network promotes a conspiracy theory

This theory links fluoridation to atomic bomb scientists during the 1940s

## FLUORIDE, TEETH, AND THE ATOMIC BOMB

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*Introduction: The following article was commissioned by the Christian Science Monitor in the spring of 1997. Despite much favorable comment from editors, and full documentation, the story remains unpublished by the Monitor. By any*

*yardstick, this report was an award-winning scoop for any national paper. The report offers a glimpse into the history of fluoride, a bio-accumulative toxic that Americans ingest every day. The authors, Griffiths and Bryson, spent more than a year on research. With the belief that the information should be withheld no longer, the authors gave their report to Waste Not, and others, with a short note: "use as you wish."*

This introduction is taken from Waste Not #414 (September 1997) where the article was first published. The article went on to be nominated as the year's 18th most censored story in the 1998 Project Censored Series.

*(Source: "Fluoride, Teeth and the Atomic Bomb," Fluoride Action Network, September 1997)*



# If so, the “conspiracy” started a long time ago

**1874**

Karl Erhardt, a German physician, studies fluoride as a vehicle for protecting tooth enamel.

**1902**

A Danish pharmaceutical company calls fluorine an element “of great importance to the enamel, which is the shield and protector of the teeth against all pernicious influences.”

**1934**

A U.S. patent is issued for a dental paste that contains fluoride and has “hardening properties” for enamel.

**1938**

Dr. Trendley Dean collects survey data showing fluoride levels and tooth decay rates are linked.