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Is the water in your beverage category fluoride free? In the three age groups represented in our data all of the water used to prepare the beverages was deionized distilled. I realize that would not explain why your values are always lower than those in the studies we selected. Our beverage values did come from a study conducted in the South during summer months.

In my opinion, 2 mg/L would not pass the logic test unless the dietary contribution of fluoride has not changed at all since the 1930's when it was about 13% of the total.

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All,

The mathematics being used by our two offices match up. The difference in the "allowable" level in water is due, primarily, to differences in the numbers being used for the contribution from foods and beverages.

For foods and beverages, we have the following differences (estimates in mg/day)

Office	0.5 - 1 year	1 - 4 year	4 - 7 year
OW	0.25	0.52	0.89
OPP	0.42	0.42	0.46

There are also a difference in body weight for the youngest group (OW = 9 kg, OPP = 11 kg) and a slight difference for the 1-4 year olds (OW = 14 kg, OPP = 14.6 kg).

In terms of the precision of the numbers available to us, I don't think there's any difference between 1.94 and 1.5 mg F/L that we should hang our hats on. I still maintain that given the different way that our two offices are deriving their estimates, the values are in remarkable agreement. There are strengths and weaknesses with both approaches, and I don't think that one is better than the other. My recommendation would be that for this type of determination, we round to the nearest whole number, in this case 2 mg/L.

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Elizabeth Doyle---11/19/2010 01:42:55 PM---Kelly, The concentrations by age for the mean intake are exactly that. We believe that your estimat

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Kelly,

The concentrations by age for the mean intake are exactly that. We believe that your estimate is too high in all cases.

Kelly Sherman---11/19/2010 12:55:49 PM---Thanks, Joyce. Your concentration calcuations are helpful, but they don't directly answer Sussman's

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Thanks, Joyce. Your concentration calcuations are helpful, but they don't directly answer Sussman's question, which is -- what changes have to happen to the other sources of fluoride exposure in order to keep the sulfuryl fluoride tolerances.

Specifically, he wants to know what the water concentration would have to be to keep the aggregate exposure estimate for children younger than 4 years below the RfD of 0.08 if we assume (1) no fluoride exposure from toothpaste; (2) mean water intake; and (3) SF is a source of exposure.

Our calculations show that the answer to that question is 1.97 mg F/L. Do you get the same answer to that question?

Re the population estimates - thanks for the information. We need to caucus here to figure out exactly what to relay back to Sussman.

Thanks!

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Joyce Donohue---11/19/2010 11:47:37 AM---Dear Kelly: Attached are our calculations for the three youngest age levels in our analysis. Our re

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Dear Kelly:

Attached are our calculations for the three youngest age levels in our analysis. Our results differ from those in your e-mail. We did the calculations using our 1 tooth brushing per day. Using two brushings would decrease the water concentrations left for drinking water. We also provided the concentrations at the 90th percentile drinking water intakes which are used by the Office of Water. Please let me know if you have any questions?

[attachment "Concentration and population estimates_wfm.doc" deleted by Elizabeth Doyle/DC/USEPA/US]

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