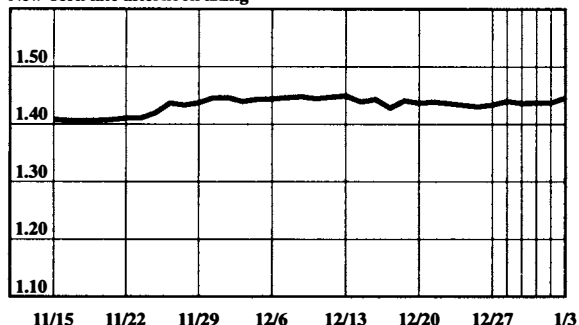


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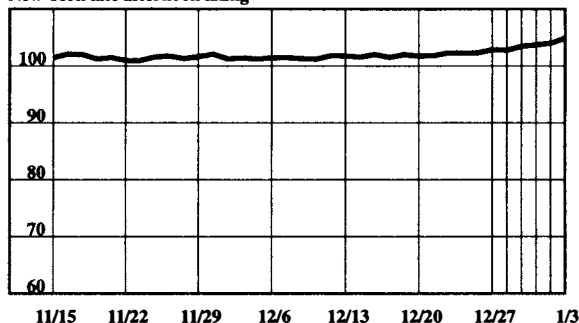
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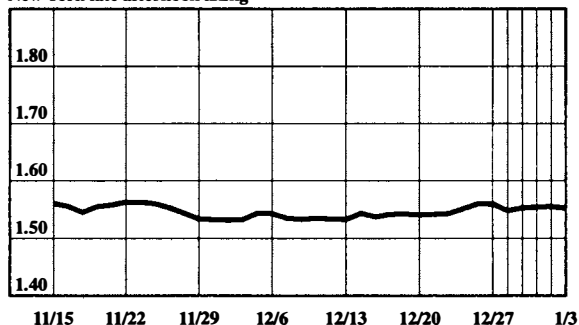
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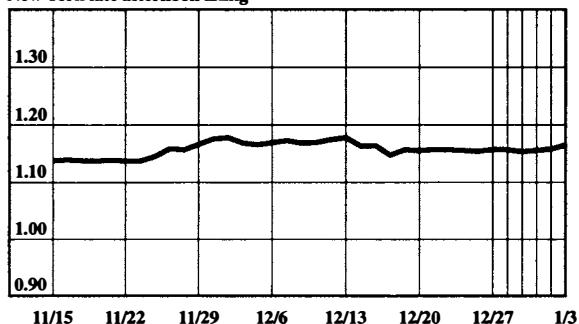
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of *Public Health*, before being published in the latter journal after a change of editor (“Chlorination, Chlorination By-products, and Cancer: A Meta-analysis,” by Robert D. Morris et al., *AJPH*, Vol. 82, No. 7, July 1992, p. 955). The analysis was also rejected by the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

Even assuming a cause and effect relation between chlorine by-products and cancer, according to the Congressional Budget Office, the average expenditure involved for each avoided case of cancer lies in a range between \$867,000 and \$19 billion!

No wonder that even the EPA’s own scientists question the need for this legislation. A fact sheet issued by the EPA in July 1992 reiterated that “this study does not demonstrate a causal association between chlorinated drinking water and cancer.” But there is more to the EPA than its scientists. In order to respond to political pressures, the EPA permits a “regulation negotiation,” in which the technical experts are no match for the NRDC’s slick, high-priced lawyers.

So, in an otherwise necessary and satisfactory Safe Drinking Water Act reauthorization bill, a so-called Disinfectants/Disinfection By-Products (D/DBP) rule, has been inserted, with the NRDC’s deliberate intention of causing tens of thousands of deaths annually, as one contribution to its not exactly secret vision of a North America without cities. “But hey,” they lie, “it’s good for the environment!”

Documentation

What the mayors and water engineers say

During the comment period on the proposed Disinfectants/Disinfection By-Products (D/DBP) rule, mayors and municipal water managers from around the country submitted many letters to the Environmental Protection Agency, which are compiled in the Drinking Water Docket (MC 4101). The following are excerpts from a few of these publicly available letters.

From P.L. Montgomery, R.S., Environmental Health Supervisor, Richmond County Health Department, Rockingham, North Carolina:

Upon reading a summary of EPA’s proposed . . . rule, the Environmental Health staff wonders, “Have you gone NUTS?”. . . To us, chlorination is one of the foundations of sanitation; public health; and perhaps, arguably, western civilization as we know it today.