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Grant to be used for fluoridation system

The Lansing Board of Water & Light has received a \$16,524 grant from the Michigan Department of Community Health to update its fluoridation system.

The grants were made possible through donations from the Delta Dental Foundation, the philanthropic affiliate of Delta Dental of Michigan.

"Michigan is a proven leader in water fluoridation, and the BWL itself has for many years demonstrated its progressive fluoridation program that helps prevent tooth decay," BWL General Manager **J. Peter Lark** said. "We are honored to be recognized for our fluoridation program."

"The grant money will ensure our fluoridation upgrades are accomplished on time and on budget. We thank the Department of Community Health for this grant, and we especially thank Delta Dental for its generous support of water fluoridation efforts throughout Michigan."

The BWL's water distribution system delivers approximately 23 million gallons of clean, safe drinking water each day to nearly 55,000 customers. Water comes from more than 120 deep-water wells. The water is treated at the BWL's two water conditioning plants, then distributed to customers through more than 780 miles of water mains.

According to the Michigan Oral Health Coalition, communities throughout Michigan serve about 90 percent of the state's population with fluoridated drinking water.