

“I wasn’t elected to sit idly by, or to provide political cover, for state legislators that rubber-stamp industry’s attempt to recycle hazardous waste by dumping it into our drinking water,” said Escondido Council Member Keith Beier.

“Our water department calculates that we would be buying more than **33 tons/year** of a substance that can’t be given to us for free because it is classified as a toxic hazardous waste; yet, we are supposed to accept that, if we pay \$0.35 per gallon and they slap a new label on the container, this same toxic waste can be shipped to us untreated, directly from the scrubber systems of the phosphate fertilizer industry that they use to keep fluorine from becoming airborne and killing everything in sight, and that on the truck-ride here it will magically be converted to a safe and desirable nutrient.

“The kicker to this scheme is that the amount intended for the targeted children is only **16 pounds of that 33 tons.**”

Councilman Keith Beier  
City of Escondido, California  
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