

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor ,

As a former member of the now "defunct" Medical Advisory Board (MAB) for the Ministry of Health, I was glad to read the article by Dr. Yeshak Worku and Sinknesh Ejigu on: Some Chemical Constituents of selected water sources in and around Addis Ababa (1).

The MAB, pursuant to the public Health Proclamation of 1972, had prepared a Legal Notice No. ID of 1972, regarding public water supply safety regulation. The advent of the "creeping coup" aborted its implementation.

To the interest of the authors, it envisaged the following levels of Chemical constituents:  
Substance Concentration Limit Arsenic

(as As) 0.05mg/l

Cadmium (as Cd) 0.01mg/l

Cyanide (as CN) 0.05mg/l Lead

(as Pb) 0.010mg/l

Mercury (as Hg) 0.001mg/l

Selenium (as Se) 0.01mg/l

I am enclosing a photocopy of the envisaged legislation, in the hope that the issue may be raised again with the concerned authorities.

References

1. Ethiopian J. of Health Development  
vol 8(2):97/1994
2. Legal Notice No. ID 972 \* Sincerely  
yours

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