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Fired EPA Scientist Gets His Job Back

A scientist fired from the Environmental Protection Agency after raising health concerns about fluoride has won a two-year battle to get his job back.

Labor Secretary Robert Reich ordered that William Marcus be returned to his \$87,000-a-year job and he paid back wages, legal costs and a \$50,000 penalty.

The ruling upheld an earlier decision by Administrative Law Judge David Clarke Jr., who concluded that Marcus actually was fired "because he publicly questioned and opposed EPA's fluoride policy."

EPA spokesman John Kasper said the agency would have no immediate comment.