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CHROMIUM-6 STATEMENT

CHESTER, PA – In response to various media articles referencing chromium-6, CWA would like to assure our customers and the public that our drinking water is safe. CWA did monitoring for chromium-6 as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). CWA is in compliance with the U.S. EPA regulations and a brief summary of CWA monitoring is below:

Chester Water Authority (CWA) is in compliance with a 2012 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rule to monitor for total chromium and chromium-6 (hexavalent chromium) for 4 consecutive quarters between 2013-2015.

CWA completed this monitoring during 2013- 2014. The state of California has the strictest standards in the nation for chromium-6. CWA's 2013-2014 monitoring for chromium-6 found that on average, CWA water is far below the legal limit of chromium-6 established by regulators in California. In addition, the level of total chromium found in CWA's water, has an average of 2.5 parts per billion (ppb), much less than the allowable national drinking water standard set by the EPA of 100 ppb.

CWA is committed to supplying its customers with high quality water and providing public health protection that goes above and beyond existing federal and state regulations. In keeping with that commitment, in 1995 the Authority joined the Partnership for Safe Water, a voluntary effort between some of the nation's leading drinking water organizations, including the Environmental Protection Agency. CWA is proud that its Octoraro Water Treatment Plant is one of the highest performing water treatment facilities in the country. It is one of just 16 water treatment facilities in the country to earn the prestigious Phase IV, Excellence in Water Treatment Award from the Partnership for Safe Water.

CWA annually publishes relevant water quality information in compliance with federal and state laws. The results of CWA's chromium monitoring can be found in our 2014 Annual Water Quality Report, which is published on our website,
<http://www.chesterwater.com/waterquality/CCR2014.pdf>