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### Wheeling Water Issues Response on Chromium-6 Levels

**WHEELING, W.Va.** – The City of Wheeling Water Treatment Plant has issued the following statement in response to recent reports on chromium-6 levels:

“The City of Wheeling Water Treatment Plant routinely tests our water supply for total chromium, which includes chromium-6, and all results have been in compliance with US EPA standards by a considerable margin.

The US EPA standard for chromium-6, or hexavalent chromium, is 10 parts per billion. Per EPA guidelines, Wheeling Water tested for chromium-6 at two sites in October 2013. The results were 0.24 parts per billion and 0.31 parts per billion, both significantly below the EPA maximum contaminant level of 10 parts per billion.

The US EPA standard for total chromium is 100 parts per billion. Wheeling Water most recently tested for total chromium on August 10, 2016, and the result was below the detection limit of 10 parts per billion.

To reiterate, the City of Wheeling is in compliance with current EPA standards for both chromium-6 and total chromium by a considerable margin. The Wheeling Water Treatment Plant staff performs testing according to EPA guidelines and will be diligent in continuing to comply with EPA standards.”

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